

Final Rites at Temple Israel for Dr. Eli Romberg

A large gathering of representative citizens of Boston, leaders in medicine, education and of the arts, paid their final respects to Dr. Eli Charles Romberg, of 14 Parkman street, Brookline, one of Boston's most prominent pediatricians, at funeral services Wednesday morning at Temple Israel, Commonwealth avenue. Dr. Romberg, who was 62, died of a heart attack Monday night at his home.

In his eulogy, Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn referred to Dr. Romberg as a man of many facets who was renowned not only as a practitioner and teacher, but in other varied fields such as magic, art and prisoner rehabilitation. He was exemplary, the rabbi said, for his love for people, multitudes of whom cherished him as a doctor, teacher and friend. Born in Kharkov, Russia, Dr. Romberg came to this country in his youth and was graduated in 1909 from Boston Latin School. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1914 and then majored for two years in architecture, before turning his interest to medicine and receiving his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1920. For many years he taught at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital, principally in the field of pediatrics. He was a consultant to many leading New England hospitals. Through the years Dr. Romberg authored numerous articles on pediatrics. His hobbies included painting in water colors, etching and music, all of which he pursued with accomplishment. Recently he was chairman of the annual Art Exhibit sponsored by the Temple Israel Brotherhood. He was the founder, charter member and the grand consul of the Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity, a member of the Massachusetts and Greater Boston Medical Societies, New England Pediatric Association and the American Board of Pediatrics. He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Art Society, Shawmut Lodge of Masons, a past president of the New Century Club

and member of the Society of American Magicians, Harvard Faculty Club and the Sixteen Club. At his death he was president of the Boston Latin School Alumni Association, a Trustee of Temple Israel and a member of the Brotherhood's prison committee. He was also director of Camp Ousamequam and member of the Brookline Friends of Music Society. He leaves his wife, Natalie (Ackerman); a son, Henry Charles Romberg; a daughter, Elissa Lee Romberg; and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Mason of Dorchester and Mrs. William Blatt of Brighton. The services were conducted by Rabbi Gittelsohn and Rabbi Leon A. Jick. Interment was in Temple Israel Cemetery, Wakefield