

Obituary for Harold Wishna

Harold Wishna, 87, of Plantation and formerly of Tamarac, passed away on Wednesday May 4, 2016. He spent decades in community service, starting in his home state of New Jersey where, for 29 years, he was a teacher, guidance counselor, Director of Guidance and school principal in Linden, New Jersey where he grew up. While serving in these positions, he was also State Chairman of the School and College Division for the New Jersey Safety Council and Garden State Arts Center; Chairman of the United Way Cancer Drive; founding Volunteer Director of the Youth Employment Services for Underprivileged Teenagers; and Youth Director for the New Jersey Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Harold received a special citation from the New Jersey State Senate recognizing his service when he left New Jersey to move to Florida. He worked for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for a total of 22 years, including Senior Director of Youth Activities for the Southeast Region and Executive Director of the Southeast Region. While Executive Director, he spearheaded efforts for hurricane relief in his district. Harold was a member of numerous local and national committees, including the Holocaust Committee for the development and implementation of the Florida state law that includes the study of the Holocaust in the Florida public schools curriculum. He was a member of Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek in Tamarac. He received a BA from Seton Hall University, Masters Degrees in Education and Administration from Newark College, and in Guidance and Psychology from Seton Hall University. Preceded in death by his sons, Michael Wishna and Charles "Chuck" Wishna, and his beloved wife of almost 65 years, Helen Wishna.