

Joseph L. Rosenbloom, Sr.
(August 1, 1871 - May 30, 1952)

- Born in Lithuania.
- He and several brothers established mercantile stores in Newbern and Jackson around the turn of the century. Later the Newbern store was moved to Dyersburg.
- Married Ray Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marks of Jackson, in 1905.
- Moved from Newbern to Jackson in 1906 where from small beginnings, he built a large department store which bore his name.
- Was a civic leader serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce and Community Chest Board.
- President of Congregation B'nai Israel for 22 years (1919-1941).

From an editorial in the Jackson Sun:

He was a humanitarian and idealist. He believed that in every man the good outweighed the bad. . .Mr. Rosenbloom was a builder of men.

Rabbi Kerman's tribute at Mr. Rosenbloom's funeral:

He led this congregation for over 20 years. He was its spokesman. He was its very soul. For long periods, he was its rabbi in all but name. One of his favorite sayings was: "The task is long and the day is short. You are not required to complete it, but neither are you free to give it up."

Zichrono Livracha
May his memory be for blessing



Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbloom (Joseph, Sr. and Ray) had three sons: Dr. Alvin Rosenbloom, Joseph L. Rosenbloom, Jr., and Irving Rosenbloom. Joe and Irving were associated with their father in business. Mr. Rosenbloom was Janice Riddler's father-in-law. She married Joseph L. Rosenbloom, Jr. and her sister, Pearle, married Alvin Rosenbloom.

