

Leo Sevinor

When Leo Sevinor was growing up in Chelsea during the 1930s, his late father Ralph Sevinor purchased one of the last remaining farms in Marblehead. That farm spread from Wares Pond almost to Tent's Corner, where the Marblehead Bank is located today.

From the 1940s through the 1960s, the Sevinor family, primarily Leo, built almost five hundred residential homes on streets named Leo, Ralph, Sheldon, and Sevinor Road, in addition to another 10 streets along the length of Humphrey street.

Leo was born and raised in Chelsea. He was a 1935 graduate of Chelsea High School and attended.

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy but left before graduating to help his father build homes.

The Marblehead neighborhood of Clifton is a Sevinor family contribution to the great out—migration from inner cities after the Second World War to suburbs like Marblehead. This exodus was part of the Greatest Generation's desire to get married, start their families, and realize their portion of the American Dream with a single-family home.

JEWISH CHELSEA MUSEUM Leo helped make that dream come true for generations of Marbleheaders. He lived the full extent of that dream himself, settling in Marblehead a few years after he returned from the war, in a home he built, where he raised his family.