

Newport

SARA RUTH BERMAN, 81, of Newport Green, a nurse, teacher and activist in Jewish and community causes for six decades, died yesterday in the Grand Island Nursing Home, Middletown.

She was a lifelong resident of Newport. Mrs. Berman was instrumental in founding the Rhode Island State Nurses Association, District One, and served as chairperson for the Tucks Scholarship Fund, a nursing education foundation.

She was a graduate of the Newport Hospital School of Nursing in 1938. She was a staff nurse, supervisor, public health nurse and patient advocate. She was the hospital's first respiratory therapist, and a long-time clinical instructor in the nursing school. Upon retiring, she took on private duty assignments. In 1981, she was named a distinguished alumna of Newport Hospital. She was an active member of Touro Synagogue and donated her services to Newport's Jewish community.

She leaves two sisters, Eleanor Meierovitz Davis of Newport and Tema Siegel of Hartsdale, N.Y.; two sons, G. David Berman of Assonet, Mass., and Samuel Berman of Barrington; a daughter, Deborah Luster of West Hartford, Conn.; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Bertha S., Molly, Meier, Wolfe and David Meierovitz.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Hoffman Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

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