

BERNHARDT,
Helene

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BERNHARDT, 91, of 112 Elton St., the first president of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, died Saturday at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Bertram L. Bernhardt.



Born in Providence in the family home on Broad Street, the daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Moss) Donig, she moved to Elton Street in 1920. Mrs. Bernhardt was a graduate of Hope High School. She frequently played golf at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk.

She and her husband participated in amateur theatrical productions. She was a lifelong member of Temple Beth El, having been confirmed there in 1921. She was a past president of the

temple's Sisterhood, and chaired several committees.

She and her husband chaired the temple's 125th and 135th anniversary celebrations. In 1989 the temple's new history gallery was named in their honor. Mrs. Bernhardt supported the Talking Books Fund, established at Beth El in her mother's memory.

She was active on behalf of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Women's Committee of Brandeis University, the Red Cross, and Insight.

She donated the wedding dresses worn by her maternal grandmother and her mother to the museum of the Rhode Island School of Design.

Mrs. Bernhardt leaves her husband.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth El at 70 Orchard Ave. Burial will be in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue

**BERNHARDT, Helene F.
(Donig)**

June 13, 1998. Beloved wife of Bertram L. Bernhardt. Residence, 112 Elton St. Funeral service 2 p.m. Tuesday at TEMPLE BETH-EL, Orchard at Butler Avenues. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El. Memorial observance to be private. Arrangements by MT. SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL