

Judith Weiss Cohen dies at 73; editor, writer and consultant

PAWTUCKET — Judith Weiss Cohen, 73, of 97 Blaisdell Ave., editor of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes, a freelance writer and consultant, died Monday at Miriam Hospital in Providence. She was the wife of Aaron Cohen.



Born in Passaic, N.J., a daughter of Rose (Fineglass) Weiss of San Francisco, Calif., and the late Abraham Weiss, she had lived in Pawtucket for 60 years.

She was a *magna cum laude* graduate of Brown University with a degree in English, and also received a master's degree in political science from Brown.

Mrs. Cohen served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She worked in public relations for the New York Port of Embarkation and as assistant editor of the port's weekly Army newspaper.

She was an associate director for fiscal operation for the Blackstone Valley Community Action Program for eight years.

For 14 years, she was in charge of information services at the U.S. Bureau of Census in Boston. Mrs. Cohen was awarded the bronze medal of the Department of Commerce for superior service in developing and implementing a regional data dissemination and outreach program. She earned the exceptional achievement award from the Federal Executive Board for Public Service and the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts award for outstanding government service.

She was interfaith coordinator for the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Rhode Island for five years and was honored for outstanding service.

Mrs. Cohen was a past president of the League of Women Voters of Pawtucket and past president of the Boston Group of Government Librarians.

She was an active member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, Temple Beth-El, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the Pembroke Club of Providence, the Pawtucket Friends of the Library, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum Women's Association, the Jewish Home Corporation, the Pembroke Center Associations, the Rhode Island Historical Society, the Women's Military Museum and the Brown University Friends of the Library.

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two sons, Jeremy Cohen of Berkeley, Calif., and Stephen Cohen of Portland, Ore.; a daughter, Deborah Cohen of Alexandria, Va.; a brother, Arthur Weiss of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Ruth Soforenko of Palo Alto, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

COHEN, Judith (Weiss)

November 17, 1997. Residence 97 Blaisdell Ave., Pawtucket, RI. Beloved wife of Aaron Cohen. Loving daughter of Rose (Fineglass) Weiss of San Francisco, CA. Devoted mother of Stephen Cohen of Portland, OR; Jeremy M. Cohen of Berkeley, CA; Deborah L. Cohen of Alexandria, VA. Dear sister of Arthur Weiss of Los Angeles, CA; Ruth Soforenko, Palo Alto, CA. Adored grandmother of 3 grandchildren. Funeral services Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at

Temple Beth El. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to RI Jewish Historical Assn., 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906, Suzanne Soforenko Memorial Fund, c/o Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906, or Pembroke Center Associates, c/o Brown University, Providence, RI 02912. Shiva will be observed at her late residence Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Friday 2-4 p.m. and Saturday 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner Doyle Ave.), Providence.

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