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Mrs. Irving was a member of the development council of Brown University and served on a committee for raising funds for its medical school. She donated the lobby of Meehan Auditorium at Brown University in memory of her late husband.

She was a member of the president's committee of the University of Rhode Island for the religious needs of students. She was a board member of the National Committee of Women's Communal Service of the Council of Jewish Federations of the United States and Canada. In 1963, she was elected to the board of directors of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She was a fellow and a member of the finance committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In 1960, Radio Station WPRO honored her as citizen of the week.

Mrs. Irving served on the board of the Cerebral Palsy Association. She was an organizer of Hadassah in Fall River. She was a member of the corporation of Miriam Hospital, a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Temple Beth-El, the American Jewish Committee, the Pioneer Women, the Providence Council of Jewish Women, a supporting member of the Rhode Island School of Design, Technion, a charter member of Ledgemont Country Club, and a member of O.R.T.

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The funeral will be held tomorrow at noon at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel and David

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