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January 1, 2001. Beloved wife of the late Max Leach. Residence: 196 Freeman Pkwy., Providence. Dear mother of David H. Leach, Susan Leach DeBlasio, Bruce A. Leach and mother-in-law of Peter F. DeBlasio, Jr., MD, all of Providence. Loving sister of the late Paula Rockowitz and Marshall Dauer. Devoted grandmother of Amy Page DeBlasio. Funeral Service 11:00 am Wednesday at Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Jewish Eldercare of RI, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Memorial observance at her late residence Wednesday 7-9; Thursday 2-4 and 7-9; Saturday 7-9; Sunday and Monday 2-4 and 7-9 pm. The Family was assisted with the arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

MURIEL G. LEACH, 87, of 196 Freeman Parkway, an award-winning community activist and volunteer, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital.



She was the wife of the late Max Leach. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Ernest I. and Sophie (Losch) Daurer, she was a lifelong resident of the city. A past president and treasurer of the former Jewish Home for the Aged (now the Jewish Seniors Agency), she was the first woman to hold those positions. She was a 35-year member of the agency's admissions committee, and a member of the endowment committee. In 1992, she was the recipient of the agency's first Alexander Rumpler Award.

Mrs. Leach was a past president of the Jewish Home Women's Association, a member of the board of Jewish Family Service, and a member of several committees of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, including its Women's Division Board.

She was a member of the Corporation of Women & Infants Hospital, a member of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

She was president of the Providence Chapter of Haddassah, treasurer of the Western New England Region Board, chairperson of the Region Fundraising and American Affairs Committee, a member of the executive board, and chairperson of the Wills and Bequests Committee. In 1995, she was named Women of the Year by the Providence Hadassah.

She was past president of the Providence Chapter of the the Junior Hadassah, president of the New England Region Junior Hadassah, and a member of the National Board of the Junior Haddassah.

A past president of the Rhode Island section of the National Council of Jewish Women, she was co-chairperson of the Russian Resettlement Committee.

She was a past chairperson of the Israel Bonds Women's Division of Rhode Island and a member of the Cabinet of Israel Bonds of Rhode Island. In 1999, she received the organization's Deborah Award.

Mrs. Leach was a member of Temple Emanu-El and a graduate of its Ben/Bat Torah Program.

In 1980, she was appointed by then-Gov. Joseph Garrahy to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference on Families. In 1982, she received a Community Service Award from the Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. And in 1986, she received a Medal for Community Service for her volunteerism in Providence.

She leaves two sons, David H. Leach and Bruce A. Leach, and a daughter, Susan Leach DeBlasio, all of Providence; and a granddaughter. She was the sister of the late Paula Rockowitz and Marshall Dauer.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.