MEISTER, MELBA

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MEISTER, MELBA K. (KUPERSCHMID), 70, of Newport, died May 16, 2009. She was the wife of Herbert Meister for 49 years.

Born in Fall River, she was a daughter of the late Irving and Anna (Sacknoff) Kuperschmid.

Mrs. Meister was a dental hygienist for over 20 years before becoming a jewelry designer for Vogue Creations. She was a member of Temple Beth El of Fall River, Temple Beth El of Providence, and Touro Synagogue of Newport. Mrs. Meister was a past president of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El in Providence, and was a former member of the Temple Board of Directors. She was a life member of Hadassah, a former officer of the Jewish Federation Women's Division, a Docent for Newport Preservation Society, and a volunteer at Newport Hospital.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her children, Beth Salzman and her husband David of Stratham, NH, Andrew Meister of Baltimore, MD, and Elyse Thaler and her husband Fred of Rehoboth, MA; her sisters, Marcia Bigney-Starr of Boynton Beach, FL and Sue Rosenfield of North Providence; and her grandchildren, Rebecca, Jessica, Rachel, Joshua, Ethan and Marc.

A funeral service will be held Monday, May 18th, at 12:00 Noon at Temple Beth El, 385 High Street, Fall River, MA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Thaler, on Mon 7-9 and Tues 2-4 & 7-9 PM. Arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.