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Assembly Regrets Death Of Mrs. S. Michaelson

The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations passed a resolution at the January session "expressing deepest regret upon the death of Mrs. Leah Michaelson, active business woman and prominent Jewish civic leader."

Mrs. Michaelson, the wife of Samuel Michaelson, "was the first president of the General Jewish Committee, women's division; the originator of Machlath Roger Williams Forest in Israel; and one of the originators of the D-Day fund raising idea of the General Jewish Committee," reads the resolution.

"The community has suffered a great loss in the death of so active, able, generous and hard working a woman . . ." Mrs. Michaelson died on May 9. The resolution was approved by the Governor on May 23rd.

MRS. SAMUEL MICHAELSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Leah A. Michaelson, 68, of 21 Cole Farm Court, who died Sunday, were held Tuesday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. She was the wife of Samuel Michaelson. She was active with her husband for more than 30 years at Heller and Michaelson Company on Charles Street, and was an officer and member of many Jewish organizations.

Born in Lithuania on July 15, 1897, she was a daughter of the late Solomon and Sarah (Block) Davidson. She had lived in Providence since 1908.

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She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood and from 1929 to 1931 was president of Hadassah and originator of the Hadassah donors' luncheon and shoppers' guide.

Mrs. Michaelson was the first president of the General Jewish Committee, women's division; the originator of Nachlath Roger Williams Forest in Israel, and one of the originators of the D-Day fund raising idea of the General Jewish Committee.

For many years she was chairman of the Jewish National Fund Council of Rhode Island. She was financial secretary of the Zionist Organization of America.

From 1934 to 1943 Mrs. Michaelson was president of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence. From 1956 to 1962 she was chairman of the Israel Bonds Drive campaign in Rhode Island.

Among her other memberships were the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid, Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Brandeis University Women's Association, B'nai B'rith, Pioneer Women, Mizrachi Women and Providence Hebrew Day School.

Besides her husband she is survived by a brother, Joseph Davidson of Lake Charles, La., and two sisters, Mrs. Abe Heller of Providence, and Mrs. Max Hariton of Brooklyn, N.Y.

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