NEMTZOW, HELENE

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NEMTZOW, HELENE R., (ROTTENBERG), 83, of Pawtucket and Boynton Beach, Florida, died June 13, 2011 at the Miriam Hospital, where she was born in 1928.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Aaron R. Nemtzow, daughter of the late Isaac and Sadie Rottenberg, sister of the late Louis, Simon, and Jacob Rottenberg, and Irene Altman. Helene is survived by her children Ted (and his fiancé Ryann McElligott), Tema (and her husband, Kraig Steffen), and Marci. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was raised in a family steeped in the traditions of the secular cultural Yiddishist and labor activist Workmen's Circle; for over a half of a century Helene was a member of Temple Emanu-El. A 1949 graduate of Rhode Island College of Education, Helene taught elementary school for the City of Providence over several years. More recently she held staff positions at the State of Rhode Island Departments of Employment Security and Elderly Affairs. Over many years Helene was also involved in myriad charitable activities. An avid hobbyist, she began playing bridge in college and continued throughout her adult life.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 15th at 11:00 AM at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the charity of your choice. Shiva will be observed at 14 Lafayette St., Pawtucket on Wed following interment, Thur 1-9, Fri 1-4 and Sun & Mon 1-9 PM with minyan each night at 7.