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Sadie Riesman

Sadie F. Riesman of Boston and Vineyard Haven, widow of Joseph G. Riesman, founder of the Royal Electric Company in Pawtucket, RI, died in Boston on Friday, Dec. 26, following a brief illness, shortly after her 90th birthday. Born in Boston, daughter of Louis and Bessie Finkelstein, Mrs. Riesman was a 1915 graduate of Chelsea High School. She was a member of Temple Israel, Boston, and of the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Congregation. She was a life member of Hadassah, American Technion Society, the Women's Auxiliary of the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and the Community Hospital in Boca Raton, FL, where she spent her last five winters. Long an active member of the South Brookline Garden Club, she was an enthusiastic gardener and flower arranger, competing in and judging many contests.

She was associated with her husband's numerous philanthropies, including major gifts and chairs to Northeastern University and the Technion Institute of Haifa, Israel, as well as memorials in the Beth Israel Hospital, the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Temple Israel and the Riesman Center for Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel in Cambridge.

Mrs. Riesman leaves three sons, Robert of Providence, RI., Martin of Newton, and Eugene of Montreal, Canada; two brothers, Samuel Fink of Pawtucket, RI., and Bernard Fincke of Newton; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, December 28, at Temple Israel, Longwood Ave. and Plymouth Street, Brookline.

Donations may be made to the Riesman Center for Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, 74 Mt Auburn St., Cambridge, MA, 02138, or to the American Technion Society.

Services under the direction of the Levine Chapel, Brookline.

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