ROSEN, SELMA (COHEN)

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ROSEN, SELMA (COHEN), a long time supporter of the arts in Baltimore, died at her home in Providence on March 12th. She was ninety-three years old. She was the wife of the late Israel Rosen. Born in Baltimore, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Lena (Carter) Cohen.

Throughout her life she was deeply involved in fostering the arts in the community. With her late husband, she helped build the Selma and Israel Rosen Collection, a leading collection of Cubist and Abstract Expressionist paintings which introduced many Baltimoreans to Modern Art.

Mrs. Rosen was a member of the Women's Committee of the Baltimore Museum of Art for many years. She founded the Rental Gallery at the Baltimore Museum which enabled people to rent original works of art. She served as its first co-director in 1955.

Personally involved with music, she was a founding member of the Chamber Music Society on whose board she served for many years.

In 1995, Mrs. Rosen moved to Providence to be near her daughter, Linda Kushner. She is survived by her daughter; Linda Kushner, her son; Richard M. Rosen, her brothers; Sidney Cohen and Philip Cohen and her four grand-daughters; Diana Kushner, Nina Kushner, Rachel Rosen Rabinowitz, and Sherah Rosen.

Funeral services will be held in Baltimore, MD on Tuesday, March 15th. A gathering in her memory will be held in Providence, RI on Thursday, March 17th, from 4:00-7:00PM at her home, 355 Blackstone Blvd. Arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.