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Frances Siegal

PROVIDENCE — Frances Siegal, 95, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a long-time violinist and a store co-owner, yesterday at the home. She was the wife of the late Bennnett I. Siegal.

Born in New York, she was a daughter of the late Osias and Sophia (Goldberg) Berkowitz. She lived in Worcester, Mass., for 88 years before moving to Providence. Mrs. Siegal was co-owner with her husband of the former Corset Shop & Corset Outlet in Worcester for 50 years before retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Siegal attended the New England Conservatory of Music. She was a violinist from 1920 to 1950 and toured New England with the Frances Berkowitz Siegal Trio. She was conductor of the Frances Berkowitz Siegal All Girls Orchestra, and performed at weddings and social functions at the former Bancroft Hotel, Worcester.

Mrs. Siegal was a founder and charter member of the Beth Israel Synagogue, Worcester. She was social secretary for 25 years, and a member of the Worcester Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of the Worcester Chapter, Hadassah, and the Worcester Section National Council of Jewish Women.

She leaves two daughters, Carol A. Idlis of Cranston and Sylvia L. Kahn of Newton Highlands, Mass.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was to be held today at 11 a.m. at B'nai B'rith Cemetery, Worcester.

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In Providence and formerly of Worcester. October 4, 1992. Beloved wife of the late Bennett I. Siegal. Beloved mother of Mrs. George (Carol A.) Idlis of Cranston and Mrs. Peter (Sylvia L.) Kahn of Newton Highlands, MA. Cherished grandmother of 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. An accomplished violinist, she conducted the Frances Berkowitz Siegal Trio and The Frances Berkowitz Siegal All Girl Orchestra for over 30 yrs. before her retirement in 1950. Graveside services will be held today at 11 a.m. in B'Nai Brith Cemetery, Worcester. Due to Yom Kippur New Year observance, memorial wake will be observed through today only between 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. George Idlis, 42 Blue Ridge Rd., Cranston RI and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kahn of Newton Highlands Mass. Contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of the donors choice. Perlman Funeral Home, Worcester in charge of funeral arrangements.