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SOIFER BRAM, Bessie (Chansky)

March 21, 2000. Residence: Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, 1200 Centre St., Boston. Beloved Wife of the late Joseph Bram and the late David Soifer. Devoted Mother of Linda and Herbert Goldberg of Framingham, MA and Leon and the late Barbara Bram of Warwick. Loving Grandmother of Jill, Eric, Mark and Laurie. Cherished Great Grandmother of Gregory, Adam, Taylar and Abigail. Dear Sister and Sister-in-law of the late Ruthye and Nathan Knaiger. Adored Aunt of Fredda Sherman. Graveside Funeral Service Thursday at 10:30 AM in LINCOLN PARK CEMETERY, Post Rd., Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to The Bessie Bram Soifer Scholarship Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. Leon Bram, 8 Pilgrim Dr., Warwick, Thursday 7-9, Saturday 7-9 and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

BESSIE BRAM SOIFER, of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, Boston, formerly of Providence, who was honored for her commitment to the elderly, died yesterday at the center.

She was the wife of the late Joseph Bram, and the late David Soifer. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Leib Chansky and Jennie (Skuzinyetsky) Chansky Shnoper, she lived in Providence for 68 years before moving to Boston four years ago.

She was founder of the Mother's Association of the former Temple Beth David in Providence, and assisted in establishing its Hebrew School. She served as president of the association for many years before being named honorary president and a room was dedicated in her honor.

In 1981, she received the "Justice for All" award from the Rhode Island Bar Association and state Department of Elderly Affairs for her contributions in working in advocacy for the elderly.

Former Gov. John Chafee honored her for her years of service and commitment to the elderly.

She was treasurer of the Dietary Council of Project Hope for the City of Providence for many years, and had been a volunteer at Temple Emanu-El, the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, B'nai B'rith Women, the Jewish Community Center and Golden Agers, Temple Beth-El Leisure Club, and Meals on Wheels.

She leaves a daughter, Linda Bram Goldberg of Framingham, Mass.; a son, Leon Bram of Warwick; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Ruthye Knaiger.

A graveside service will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.