SPEAR, ESTHER (MARCUS)

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SPEAR, ESTHER (MARCUS), of 82 Hartshorn Road, Providence, widow of the late Alfred Spear, died on Wednesday at the age of 107.



Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, April 14, 1898, a daughter of Anna D. and Julius Marcus, and sister of the late Ira Marcus and Sarah Cohen, she has been a resident of Providence since 1901. She and her husband Alfred Spear, who predeceased her in 1964, were early and long supporters of Temple Emanu-El, Miriam Hospital, the Jewish Orphanage, and the Jewish Home of the Aged, her husband being a founder of the last mentioned.

She was a lifetime member of the Jewish Historical Association and long a supporter of Hadassah, Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Federation.

She was predeceased by her daughter Evelyn Anita in 1920 and her son Arthur S. of Los Angeles in 1995 and is survived by three sons, Harvey M. (Ruth) of New York, L. William (Shirley) of Miami, and Gerald S. (Ilene) of Newport Beach; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces Dorris Mendelsohn and Sandra Rose; and nephew Jerome Priest.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 10:00 AM at Temple Emanu-El, cor. Morris Ave. and Sessions St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Alfred and Esther Spear Fund at the Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Avenue, Providence, R.I., 02906. The family will be receiving at her late residence on Mon. 2-4 and 7-9, and Tues. and Wed. 7-9.