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OBITUARIES

Service Held



Ada Sydney

Mrs. Ada Sydney, 82, of Providence, Rhode Island, treasurer and secretary of Sydney Supply Co., and known for her philanthropic endeavors, died at the home of her son, Allan W. Sydney.

She and her late husband, Jacob T. Sydney, founded the wholesale plumbing supply firm on Union Avenue in 1934.

Born in Roxbury, and a Providence resident for more than 55 years, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Dora Shlager.

Mrs. Sydney was a major contributor to the Jewish Community Center Building Fund, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Temple Emanu-El, Providence Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, New England Academy of Torah, Brown University and Providence College.

The Sydney Family Library at PC, composed of Jewish literature, was established by Mrs. Sydney. She was the 1976 Amudim recipient of Providence Hebrew Day School, and had helped build a new kindergarten there in memory of Mr. Sydney. She and her children also set up the Sydney Family Endowment Fund at the school and at Temple Emanu-El.

Mrs. Sydney and the late Arthur Trudeau, with the help of the late Cong. John E. Fogarty, also organized plans that resulted in the opening of the Fogarty Center for Retarded Children, formerly on Academy Avenue, Providence. She served as its treasurer for 15 years.

She leaves two other sons, Irwin L. and Stanley H. Sydney, both of Brookline; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Rifkind of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Geffen of Brookline and Mrs. Isabelle Ablow of Salem; a brother, Manny Shlager of Waltham; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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