Sarah O. Webber

PROVIDENCE — Sarah O. Webber, 90, of Medway Street died yesterday at the Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home, East Providence. She was the widow of Dr. Joseph B. Webber.



Born in Pawtucket, she was the daughter of the late Max and Deborah (Shushansky) Olch.

Mrs. Webber attended the Rhode Island School of Design. She worked as a bacteriologist at the Rhode Island State Laboratories. She was the first Jewish probation officer for the Rhode Island State Public Welfare Commission.

Mrs. Webber was a soprano soloist at Temple Emanu-El. She was one of the founders of and soloist with the Kadimah Choral Society which she served as president. She was a soloist with the Providence Federal Orchestra, sang on local radio stations and taught voice.

She was a founder of the Providence Community Concerts Association and served as president. She was a founder of the Rhode Island Fine Arts Council and was a member of its board of directors. She served on the Rhode Island Committee for the National Cultural Center, Washington, D.C., which became the Kennedy Center. For many years, she was chairman of Occupational Therapy Volunteers at Butler Health Center. During World War II she served as an occupational therapist for the American Red Cross at Newport Naval Hospital, and was a member of the Volunteer Corps at Rhode Island Hospital.

She was a member and a past president of the Chopin Club. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, which she served as president. She was a member and past president of the Eden Garden Club. She was a member of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art where she was a docent. She was also a member of the R.I. Jewish Historial Society, the Jewish Home for the Aged Ladies Association, the National Council of Jewish Women, and a life member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

She leaves a son, Dr. Banice Webber of Providence; a daughter, Judith Meiselman of Providence; a brother, Jacob Olch of Worcester, Mass; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Benedict Olch, Isaac Olch, and Isaiah Olch.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Street, at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery.

WEBBER, Sarah O. (Olch)

November 20, 1991. Residence; 229 Medway St., Providence. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Joseph B. Webber. Devoted mother of Dr. Banice Webber and Judith Meiselman both of Providence. Dear sister of Jacob Olch of Worcester, Mass. and the late Dr. Benedict Olch, Dr. Isaac Olch and Captain Isaiah Olch U.S.N. Ret. Loving grandmother of Deborah Arem of Maryland, Daniel Webber of Florida, Rachel Ryser and Susan Gatto both of New York and the late Joel Webber. Adored great-grandmother of 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services Friday 1:30 p.m. at TEMPLE BETH-EL, 30 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mrs. Judith Meiselman, 45 Barbour Dr., Providence Saturday 7-9 and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Arrangments by the SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., (corner of Doyle Ave.) Michael D. Smith, Associate.

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