



**SARA BEN-MEIR (nee Sara Zahavi), who spent the last 5 years at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home and the Florence Cohen Levine Assisted Living Estates, passed this past March 16th at the age of 94.**

**Before that she had resided in Brookline, MA for 46 years. Most of her life was dedicated towards Jewish Education and culture. She taught at Kehillath Israel, Ohabie Shalom and Temple Beth Avodah, and was a life time member of Temple Beth Zion. She was a committed fundraiser for the combined Jewish Philanthropies, NA'AMAT and other Jewish causes throughout her life.**

**She was born in Israel in 1921. Her family was pivotal in the creation of the modern Jewish state having emigrated from Russia with the first Aliyah in the 1880's. The family name is remembered in a street and park in Petah Tiqvah, which members of her family founded and helped develop. She met her, husband, Uri, a Holocaust survivor, on Kibbutz Tel Yitzchak, towards the end of WW II and they were married in 1947. He fought in the wars of Independence and Sinai Campaign. They had a daughter, Tmira and son, Izak. After Uri discovered two other surviving brothers from the Holocaust, who were residing in America, the family immigrated to the States in 1960. Her husband, Uri Ben-Meir, died in 1980.**

**Sara is survived by a beloved twin sister, Judith Kopel, and large extended family still residing in Israel; her daughter, Tmira Ring and husband, Marc, of West Peabody, MA; son, Izak Ben-Meir and wife, Sharon, of Santa Monica, CA; 3 grandchildren (Marni Wheeler, Jonathan Ring and Ilan Ben-Meir); 2 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Trudy Lovell of Bloomfield, CT; and her cherished plants.**

**Contributions in her honor may be made to the CJP, NA'AMAT, or JNF.**