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Obituary

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**Rita E. Markson** of New Hartford

Rita E. Markson, 94, of the Sitrin Health Care Center, and formerly of Paris Road, passed away May 18, 2007 at her residence. She was born on August 23, 1912, in New York City, the daughter of the late Morris and Esther Daniels Freudenheim. Rita was educated in New York City schools and was a graduate of the Utica School of Commerce. On February 12, 1930, she married Arthur Markson in Mt. Vernon, NY. Mr. Markson passed away in November of 1959. Prior to her retirement, Rita was employed as a secretary with the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center. She was a member and a strong supporter of Temple Beth El and a past president of Sisterhood. She was an honorary and founding member of the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center and past president of the NYS Regent of Women's League. Rita was well known in the Central New York area for her zealous leadership and work in the Jewish Community. She chaired the United Jewish Appeal for a number of years, traveling throughout the country, speaking on its behalf. She was past president of Bikor Cholim and raised significant funds for the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center and numerous programs and expansion projects. For many years later in her life, she volunteered many hours at the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center. In the surrounding community, Rita was very active with the Red Cross in their efforts to serve returning veterans of World War II recuperating at the Rhodes Hospital in Utica. She also hosted a radio program on WIBX for several years. She was well loved by those who knew her and will be greatly missed by everyone. Surviving is her daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Elazar Markson Kleeter of Israel; her grandchildren, David A. Markson, Deborah Markson, Nir Kleeter, Hadar Kapah, Hannah Mizarachi and Tal Kleeter; her ten great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Esther Markson of CA, and Lenore Freudenheim of NY; her daughter-in-law, Doreen Markson and her partner, Paul Baker. She was predeceased by her son, Robert (Bob) Markson; her brother, Marvin (Jay) Freudenheim. Her Graveside service will be 10 a.m., Friday, in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Wood Road, Whitesboro, with Rabbi Jeffrey Segall, officiating. Contributions in her memory may be offered to the Sitrin Health Care Center. Rita had been a resident of Sitrin for the past four years and the family wishes to thank the whole staff, especially the 40-E nurses and aides who so gently and lovingly cared for her. Her funeral arrangements are with Jacobson-Pizer Funeral Chapel, Inc., 1123 Court St., Utica.(797-9121)