



Mariya Frenkel

February 10, 1915 - November 22, 2007

FRENKEL, Mariya

Mariya Frenkel, 92, passed away Thursday evening November 22, 2007 at Hebrew Home and Hospital. Born in Moscow, Russia on February 10, 1915, she was the daughter of Matthew Frenkel and Yelena Grossman. After spending her childhood in Odessa and graduating from a university in Kiev, Mariya worked as a civil engineer. She was decorated for her work in restoring power plants during World War II. An avid cultural enthusiast, Mariya particularly enjoyed Russian literature. Over the course of her lifetime, she made numerous donations of literary memorabilia and other cultural artifacts to Russian museums. Mariya immigrated to West Hartford in 1992. Already in her late seventies and without any previous knowledge of the language, she studied English and American history in order to pass her naturalization exam and became an American citizen in 1998. As much energy as she dedicated to her professional and intellectual pursuits, Mariya always had time for her family and was a devoted wife to Solomon Rivkin and a loving sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her husband and her older sister Vera. She is survived by her daughter Svetlana Rivkin of West Hartford; daughter Nadia Rivkin and her husband Boris Zaslavsky of Simsbury; grandson Dmitry Zaslavsky, his wife Leah Zaslavsky, and their children Andrew, Rachel, and David of Warren, NJ; grandson Sergei Zaslavsky of Boston, MA; and great-niece Yelena Bakhrusina and her husband Sergey Kondel of West Hartford. A funeral service will be held at

11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 26 at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT. Donations in Maria's memory may be made to Hebrew Healthcare 1 Abrahms Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06117 or Jewish Family Services 333 Bloomfield Ave, Suite A, West Hartford, CT 06117.