

Tribute to Seda Margolus, of Blessed Memory

June 12th, 1974

Today, we pay tribute to a woman who lived in our midst too briefly. She was a lady of great beauty, both physically and spiritually. She lived with courage in adversity when she lost her husband, Wolfe. She was a devoted Mother who spoke with pleasure and pride about her family. Her ready smile, her contagious wit, her boundless energy and enthusiasm infected those who were fortunate enough to be associated with her. Such a lady was our beloved Seda Margolus, of Blessed Memory to whom this community owes so much.

Seda worked hard to build a better community and was generous in giving of herself as well as her resources. To each of us, she has meant something special - to me she was not only a friend, but a shining example of a devoted community leader. Seda left her mark in many organizations - as a founder of the Jewish Senior Citizens Drop-In-Centre; as Past President of Jewish Family Services and an active Board Member for many years; Past President of National Council of Jewish Women and other organizations too numerous to list.

Seda Margolus was a person with dreams and visions which she translated into reality. For over five years she worked with a joint committee of Jewish Family Services, National Council of Jewish Women and Golden Age Volunteers, studying and planning for meeting the needs of the growing number of aging in the Jewish Community. She was concerned for the lonely, the isolated, the shut-in - this segment of the community that is so easily forgotten. The idea of building a Drop-In-Centre that would provide a valuable service to Jewish Senior Citizens was born. Through her leadership, drive, skilfull harnessing of resources and manpower, overcoming all obstacles, Seda made this institution

a reality. She envisioned the Centre as only a beginning to a comprehensive geriatrics program but unfortunately, we lost her before she completed her dream.

Each of us carries our own memory of our relationship with our beloved Seda. Her family, her friends and the community share this great loss. We must not forget what she stood for as a communal leader and we can demonstrate our sincerity by taking over the task that she could not complete. Seda challenged us once to do what seemed impossible. The Drop-In-Centre is a symbol of what she stood for and hopefully in the future we can emulate her ability to make dreams a reality and complete her work.

May the Memory of Seda Margolus remain as a blessing to us all!

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Mrs. Margolus, formerly Seda Singer, was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She received her formal education there coming to reside in Edmonton as a bride 36 years ago.

Mrs. Margolus was an ardent community worker, giving leadership to many worthy causes in both the general as well as the Jewish community. She inaugurated one of the first safety programs for the Edmonton Safety Council; served on the Executive Council of the United Community Fund of Greater Edmonton assisting in two consecutive Campaigns in the early organization of the U.C.F.. She was active in the Edmonton Social Planning Council; Cancer and Heart Fund Campaigns and was a member of the Human Rights Committee.

In the Jewish Community Mrs. Margolus gave dynamic leadership. She was Past President of the Edmonton Section, National Council of Jewish Women and served as a National Board Member. She was a Past President of Jewish Family Services and continued as an active Board Member. She was founder and Past President of the Jewish Senior Citizens Drop-in-Centre. For many years she was an active member of Hadassah serving as Chairman of the Medical Services Campaign and was a past Youth Aliyah Chairman. She was active in the Women's Division of State of Israel Bond Drives; was a Chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal and was Past President of the Sisterhood of Beth Shalom Congregation.

Mrs. Margolus is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rona Cahen of Lawrence Township, New Jersey; 3 sons, Michael of Vancouver, David and Joel both of Edmonton; 3 grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Helen Singer, Saskatoon; a sister, Mrs. M. Aarons, Saskatoon; 2 brothers, Dr. Arthur Singer, Saskatoon and Mr. Henry Singer of Edmonton. She was predeceased by her husband Wolfe on December 31st, 1972.

Funeral services were conducted by Rabbi Sheldon Lewis, Congregation Beth Shalom, assisted by Cantor Fred Mannes with interment in the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were Jack Newhouse, Barry Singer, David Aarons, Saul Reichert, Fred Singer and Garry Margolus. Honorary Pallbearers were Mesdames Lillian Podersky, Zelda Kalensky, Ida Ostry, Celia Baltzan, Evelyn Kline, Sylvia Spaner, Fanny Newhouse and Ethel Marliss. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the charity of your choice.

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Mrs. Margolus' leadership in the Jewish community included past presidency of the Edmonton section, National Council of Jewish Women, and service on the national board. She was a past president of Jewish Family Services and continued as an active board member.

She was also past president of the Jewish senior citizens' drop-in centre, which she founded; the Hadassah medical services campaign and Youth Aliyah program; the women's division of the United Jewish Appeal; and the Sisterhood of the Beth Shalom congregation.

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Funeral services were conducted Monday from Beth Shalom Synagogue, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis officiating. Interment followed in the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery.