

Our Message

Our cemeteries provide us with so many opportunities. In addition to permitting and inviting us to honor and respect the deceased who are interred there, our cemeteries encourage us to remember and reminisce about the communities built by the deceased. We are also reminded how fortunate we are that our ancestors came here and enabled us to have the wonderful lives we have had here. We are very glad we were able to resume our Cemetery Tours, and we were glad to meet all of you who were able to attend one or more of them. Visiting your family graves with you – and, in many cases, helping you locate them – was a rewarding experience for all of us. During the recent challenging times, our cemeteries continued functioning as usual, reminding us that our cemeteries will always need care.

At our Cemetery Tours this year, we had a chance to see the excellent condition of our cemeteries, and we were especially glad to see the extensive repairs that had been performed as a result of the generous support of our donors. Some of these improvements were shown in "before and after" photos in our Spring 2022 newsletter, and we plan to undertake additional repairs at our cemeteries as soon as sufficient funds permit us to do so. We hope we can count on your continued support. We are truly very grateful.

—Mona Shangold and Bennett Epstein

Remembering Our Jewish Communities



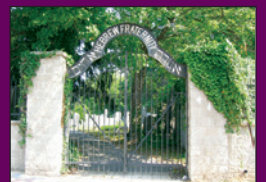
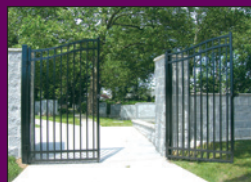
Jane Perlin Weinstein: Visiting our cemeteries always brings back so many wonderful memories of growing up in Perth Amboy's Jewish community, and I am sure those who grew up in other Jewish communities have the same experience when they visit the cemeteries representing the Jewish communities of their childhoods. I remember Perth Amboy's synagogues and the rabbis and cantors who led them, as well as our religious schools and teachers. I also remember all of our activities at the YMHA – Hebrew School, junior cotillion dance classes, BBG, AZA, swimming, volleyball, games on the roof garden, ping pong, bake sales, plays, and competitions with teams from other communities. Walking through our cemeteries and passing the graves of so many who guided us in these activities brings back vivid memories of the Perth Amboy Jewish community and all those who made it such a great place.



Brian Goldsmith: Visiting Samptown Jewish Cemetery during our recent Cemetery Tour gave all of us a chance to remember growing up in the Plainfield area. During the 1950s and 1960s, Plainfield was the center of economic and social activity for most of the surrounding municipalities. Our families shopped in Plainfield, and many of us attended one of the four synagogues in Plainfield. My friends and classmates at Hebrew school and the JCC day camp were from Plainfield as well as all of the surrounding towns (North and South Plainfield, Watchung, Berkeley Heights, Dunellen, Piscataway, Scotch Plains, Green Brook, Warren Township, and Middlesex). If you haven't visited our cemeteries recently, I encourage you to do so.



Phyllis Orgel Feinblum: Visiting the McClellan Street section of Newark Jewish Cemeteries during our recent Cemetery Tour gave us a chance to visit the graves of our relatives and community leaders and to reminisce about the wonderful communities in which we grew up. We also had an opportunity to locate many graves we hadn't been able to find earlier. All those who came were glad we did, and we look forward to visiting again soon.



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Cemetery Tours

Following our pandemic hiatus, our Cemetery Tours resumed at all of our partner cemeteries and took place on the following Sundays at the locations indicated:

- May 22 – Shaarey Tefiloh Cemeteries (in Perth Amboy and Woodbridge)
- June 26 – Beth David Memorial Park (in Kenilworth)
- July 10 – McClellan Street section of Newark Jewish Cemeteries
- July 24 – Samptown Jewish Cemeteries (in South Plainfield)
- August 28 – North Arlington Jewish Cemeteries (in Kearny)
- October 2 – Newark Jewish Cemeteries (joining the Community Relations Committee of Greater MetroWest NJ at its annual Newark Cemetery Visiting Day in Newark)

All tours (except Newark) began at noon and lasted approximately 2 hours; our Newark Cemetery Tour was held 10 am – 2 pm at the annual Newark Cemetery Visiting Day sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of Greater MetroWest NJ. All were welcome to attend these free tours, at which we visited graves of interest to attendees, discussed the cemeteries' histories, and honored and remembered those interred there.

We plan to continue our Cemetery Tours next year and will provide the schedule and other information on our website and in our Spring 2023 newsletter.

Contact Information for all Cemeteries

Cemetery Office: 908-245-7100

The cemetery office (for all of our partner cemeteries) will provide information about these and other services at all of the cemeteries:

- Purchasing cemetery plots
- Planting grave covers
- Arranging for perpetual or annual care of plantings
- Constructing or repairing cemetery monuments and/or foundations
- Cleaning (acid-washing) discolored cemetery monuments
- Inquiring about individual cemetery plots



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