



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cicero said "The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living." The monument inscriptions at our cemeteries provide everlasting clues to help future generations remember the lives of those past. As we have devoted endless time and effort to raising funds for our cemeteries,

we have learned a great deal about the lives of those interred there, their connections to each other, and our connections to each other and to them.

We could tell many wonderful stories of family connections facilitated by cemetery monument inscriptions. One of the best involves the recent connection of Dale Einhorn Tebeleff and Harry Einhorn with Sue Kleimer Ast and Art Kleimer --- more than 60 years after Dale's and Harry's widowed maternal grandmother married Sue's and Art's widowed maternal grandfather. Although both sets of grandchildren had wonderful memories of the grandparents and step-grandparents they shared, the grandchildren had never met each other and had complementary memories of their interactions with the couple. Sue's and Art's donations to our organization in memory of Israel and Shifra Linetzky had been sent purely with unselfish motivation to help maintain our cemeteries and to honor the memory of their grandparents. Sue and Art never envisioned any benefit beyond the internal reward that results from doing a mitzvah. However, it was these donations in memory of Israel Linetzky and the related cemetery monument inscriptions that enabled me to help Dale and Harry connect with Sue and Art. They were kind enough to include me in their emails, as they reminisced and helped each other figure out some missing pieces of their family histories. Their excitement was thrilling and rewarding.



Top - Hebrew Fraternity Cemetery in Hopelawn, NJ



Bottom - Congregation Shaarey Tefilah Cemetery in Perth Amboy, NJ

We receive many requests for information about family ancestry and connections from people who know that our cemeteries hold many of the needed answers. In addition, we often receive requests for the names of descendants --- sometimes for bequests and other rewards. Unless family members have revealed their connections to us -- including updated contact information --- we are unable to identify or locate most descendants of those interred at our cemeteries. This problem increases with passing time and generations.

So --- it is for many reasons that we are reaching out to all of you for your help in maintaining our cemeteries and our records. We need your financial support, and we need the names and addresses of living relatives of those interred at our cemeteries --- not only to benefit our cemeteries --- but also very possibly to benefit you too.

Mona Shangold

CEMETERY TOURS

Our Cemetery Tours provide a special opportunity for us to honor and remember our loved ones together, and we hope you will be able to join us for one or more of these --- possibly arranging for a family reunion there. We have scheduled Cemetery Tours on the following Sundays during 2013:

- May 5 (the Sunday before Mother's Day)
- June 16 (Father's Day)
- September 8 (*between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*)

All tours will begin at noon at the Hebrew Fraternity Cemetery entry gate on New Brunswick Avenue in Hopelawn. After visiting the Hebrew Fraternity Cemetery, we will drive to the Congregation Shaarey Tefilah Cemetery and the Congregation Beth Mordecai Cemetery on Florida Grove Road. We will follow this Cemetery Tour with an optional visit to a local restaurant. Please let us know in advance, if possible, if you plan to attend, especially if you want us to help you locate any specific graves. If you can't visit in person, we will be glad to visit for you and will place stones on the graves for you too. Please contact us for more information through our Web site at www.friendsofjewishcemeteries.org, by phone at 856-222-1418, or by e-mail to friends@friendsof-jewishcemeteries.org.

SPECIAL PERTH AMBOY JEWISH HISTORY LECTURE

On July 8 and 17, the American Jewish Experience Lecture Series (sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey) will feature two lectures --- "Perth Amboy's Jewish Heritage: From Immigrants to Heroes and Celebrities" --- by book co-authors Marilyn Millet Goldberg, Jane Sanders Leal, and Mona Shangold. These will take place at the Monroe Township Jewish Center (Etz Chaim, 11 Cornell Drive, Monroe Township) on Monday, July 8 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) and at the Highland Park Conservative Temple (201 South Third Avenue, Highland Park) on Wednesday, July 17 (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon). Both lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Marilyn Millet Goldberg at 609-655-2351 or send an email to PAJewishBook@aol.com.

The American Jewish Experience Lecture Series, now beginning its 16th year, is sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey and runs from April through November. Lectures are held at on the second Monday of each month at the Monroe Township Jewish Center, 11 Cornell Drive, and usually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (occasionally 2nd or 4th) at the Highland Park Conservative Temple, 201 South 3rd Avenue. All talks are free and open to the general public. For more information, call the JHSCJ office at 732-249-4894, or visit the organization's website at www.JewishGen.org/JHSCJ.

UPDATING CEMETERY RECORDS

Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh is updating its cemetery records --- prompted both by our assistance in collecting data for the JewishGen JOWBR (Jewish Online Worldwide Burial Registry) and by inquiries from those seeking to purchase cemetery plots near their loved ones. Your assistance is needed for this project.

A number of vacant plots are currently listed as "reserved" for potential future use by family members. If you or anyone you know has reserved a plot at any cemetery owned by Shaarey Tefiloh, please let us know if you plan to use this plot --- or contact the synagogue directly at 732-826-2977 with this information. If you don't plan to use it, the synagogue would like to sell it to someone else. If you plan to use it, the synagogue would like you to purchase it now. If you have a deed showing that you have already purchased it, please let Shaarey Tefiloh know whether you plan to use it. If not, the synagogue will be grateful to have you donate it back to the synagogue.

In addition, some family plots are surrounded by concrete borders that increase landscaping expenses and, in some cases, extend onto neighboring plots. If your family plot is surrounded by a border, Shaarey Tefiloh would like your family to remove the border, pay Shaarey Tefiloh to remove the border, or pay a maintenance surcharge for the added maintenance costs created by the border.

Please contact Shaarey Tefiloh or us if you have any questions.

MONUMENT PHOTOS AND TRANSLATIONS

Please contact us if you would like our help in translating any Hebrew monuments --- at our cemeteries or elsewhere -- or if you would like a photo of any monument at

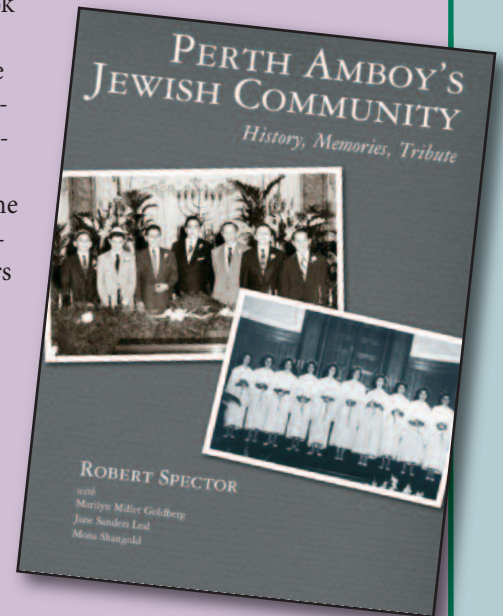


Sara Greenhouse

any of our cemeteries. We are happy to offer these services --- and we will certainly welcome any contributions you would like to send us in appreciation.

JEWISH COMMUNITY HISTORY BOOK – AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Perth Amboy's Jewish Community: History, Memories, Tribute has been available for sale since December 2012. The book is an elegant 9x12 coffee-table book that presents the complete and accurate history of the Perth Amboy Jewish Community --- with many photos, stories, tributes, and memories. According to the book's authors, it was written "to honor our ancestors and to provide a lasting record for our descendants." Many recent book orders have been from people who initially purchased books for themselves and now want books for their children and grandchildren so they can appreciate their



Perth Amboy legacy. To purchase the book --- while supplies last --- send your request for an order form to PAJewishBook@aol.com or call Marilyn Millet Goldberg at 609-655-2351.

The book's completion and availability were celebrated at a special book-signing event at Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Additional celebratory events and book sales are being planned at several select locations during the months ahead. If you would like to be notified about future events, please contact Marilyn Millet Goldberg at 609-655-2351 or send a message to PAJewishBook@aol.com.



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