



President's Message

Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh is very pleased to announce the implementation of plans for the future of its cemeteries. Ownership of the

congregation's three cemeteries has been transferred to Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association (a new nonprofit corporation), and we will work with this organization to achieve our mutual goals — maintaining and preserving our cemeteries forever.

As we have reported in many previous issues of this newsletter, we have learned — by attending national conferences of Jewish cemetery owners and managers — that it is very common for cemeteries to struggle when their founding communities relocate and leave the cemeteries behind. In many parts of our country, cemetery owners similarly have formed new entities and/or new alliances to prepare their cemeteries for a better and stronger future. Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh's transfer of cemetery ownership to Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association is part of a long-range plan that will protect and preserve our cemeteries in the tradition intended by our cemeteries' founders.

A substantial portion of funds transferred to Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association will be protected in an account that can be used only for maintenance and preservation of these cemeteries, following New Jersey Cemetery Law. Although religious cemeteries are not required to follow the New Jersey Cemetery Laws that apply to all other cemeteries in New Jersey, Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association has applied for and has received a Certificate of Authority from the New Jersey Cemetery Board, which will provide an added layer of regulation and oversight of our cemeteries long after we are gone. We will continue to raise funds for these cemeteries to ensure that funds will be sufficient because — as we have learned from cemetery leaders at national Jewish cemetery conferences — future needs and expenses are likely to exceed current expectations. We have already learned this and have described in previous issues of our newsletter — both verbally and photographically — unexpected

damage from trees, vandalism, weather, and other surprises. So, we hope we can count on your continued support for our cemeteries, as we work together with the new Cemetery Association. Your contributions to Friends for Preservation of Middlesex County Jewish Cemeteries, Inc. have been and will continue to be greatly appreciated.

Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association will be responsible for all landscaping maintenance, funerals, and plot sales at the cemeteries previously owned by Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh and will honor all perpetual care agreements of Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh. Plot owners who have previously paid for perpetual care will not be charged for maintenance of existing plantings or to plant or maintain new grass. They will be charged for new plantings other than grass (if they choose to plant something). For any such new grave plantings, they will have three options for future maintenance: perpetual care, annual care, or self-care. For more information about new plantings and their maintenance, please call the Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association office at 908-245-7100.

Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association provides the following services: plot sales; funerals; constructing, re-erecting, straightening, repairing, and acid-washing of monuments; and constructing, recapping, and repairing foundations. For questions or more information about any of these, please call the office at 908-245-7100.

The Trustees of Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association are Bennett and Ira Epstein, whose family has been managing, maintaining, and preserving cemeteries for 4 generations and more than 100 years. Their father (Sanford Epstein) and grandfather (Benjamin Epstein) devoted their lives to caring for NJ Jewish cemeteries and were well-known to and respected by the Jewish community. Bennett and Ira have continued the family tradition.

We look forward to working with this organization in the future, and we plan to provide our newsletter readers with more details about plans and progress in future newsletters.

— Mona Shangold

Cemetery Tours

Let us know if you can join us for one of our tours! All tours begin at noon at the Hebrew Fraternity Cemetery on New Brunswick Ave. in Hopelawn, followed by visits to the Shaarey Tefiloh and Beth Mordecai Cemeteries on Florida Grove Rd.

2019 Cemetery Tours

have been scheduled on the following Sundays:

- May 12 (Mother's Day)
- June 16 (Father's Day)
- October 6 (between Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur)

Although all tours are free, advance registration is recommended so that we can notify you of any changes.

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 FPMCJC@gmail.com. Check our Web site for more information about the tours, including any schedule changes.

Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association Contact Information

Office: 908-245-7100

The Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association office will provide information and answer questions about the following services at Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery Association cemeteries:

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

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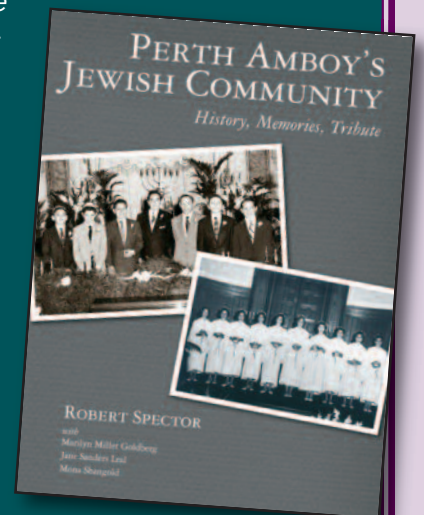
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