**Chevra Kadisha**

Congregation Shaaray Tefila’s **Chevra Kadisha** is a group of Jewish men and women who see to it that the bodies of deceased Jews are prepared for burial according to Jewish tradition and watched over and protected from desecration until burial.  In addition, the Chevra Kadisha performs the ritual cleansing of the body and subsequent dressing for burial.  These tasks are laudable, because tending to someone who has died is a favor that cannot be returned.

While there have been many dozen men and women members who have quietly served on the Chevra Kadisha, the following list identifies the person in charge during the past 40+ years.

**Chevra Kadisha Gabbi**

1974-1979         Joseph Gersten

1980-1993         Ralph Shapiro

1993-2000

2000                   Sanford Silverman

2001-2003         Sanford Silverman & Pinchas Shabat

2003-2006         Pinchas Shabat

2007                   Michael Gersten

2008-2015         Pinchas Shabat

2016                   Michael Gersten