

# *B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation*

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## JOIN US IN DECEMBER FOR

Friday, Dec. 4	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b> Service Leader: Ruth Swift	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 5	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayishlach</i> Gen. 32.4-36.43	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 11	<b>EREV SHABBAT HANUKKAH I SERVICE</b> Service Leaders: Judy Fruiterman and Hal Rosenthal	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 12	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i> Extended study until noon—with coffee and bagels	9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 18	<b>EREV SHABBAT HANUKKAH II SERVICE</b> Service Leader: David Liebschutz	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 19	<b>Erev Shabbat Dinner</b> —Details inside TORAH STUDY: <i>Miketz</i> Gen. 41.1-44.17	6:30 PM 9:30 AM
Friday, Dec. 25	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b> Service Leader: Judy Fruiterman	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Dec. 26	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayigash</i> Gen. 44.18-47.27	9:30 AM
Friday, Jan. 1	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Jan. 2	TORAH STUDY: <i>Vayechi</i> Gen. 47.28-50.26	9:30 AM
Friday, Jan. 8	<b>EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b> Service Leader: Debra Mock	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Saturday, Jan. 9	TEXT STUDY: <i>Prophets</i> Extended study until noon—with coffee and bagels	9:30 AM

*B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, a Reform Jewish synagogue, is a community that fosters individual, family and congregational spirituality by engaging in worship and prayer, promoting learning on all levels, supporting each others' needs, bettering our community and our world, and forging connections with worldwide Jewry.*

*We take pride in being warm, welcoming, informal, progressive, open-minded, diverse, and participatory.*

*We strive to create a vibrant Jewish present, linking our ancient traditions with the promise of the future.*

## **SHABBAT HANUKKAH II**

On December 18, we will celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah by lighting up our sanctuary with hundreds of candles. Each family should bring one menorah and 9 candles for a mass lighting. This service, and the dinner that precedes it, are a popular tradition at B'nai Sholom.

Reservations for dinner are limited so be sure to make yours soon by calling Susan Radosh at 439-4467! **Deadline for dinner reservations is Monday, December 14.** Everyone brings a dish to share (for approx. 8 people) and expert latke makers are especially welcome! Don't forget to bring your place settings and beverage.

## **Family Movie Night – December 24 Chinese Dinner and a Movie**

Join us on Thursday, December 24, for Chinese food and *The Prince of Egypt*, an Academy Award winning 1998 animated film from Dreamworks Studios about the life of Moses in Egypt. The film's culmination with the song, "Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim Adonai" is sure to grab your heart.

Dinner at 6pm, Movie begins at 7pm

Dinner and Movie Contribution: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Movie Only Contribution: \$2 per person

Reservations required by Dec 22 for dinner  
(no child care available)

### **Take Note! RABBI CASHMAN ON SABBATICAL**

November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

Rabbi Don Cashman will be on Sabbatical for three months beginning on November 1. During this time, he will have no congregational responsibilities. He will be working on a long-time project: reading and writing on the aspects of the 21<sup>st</sup> century American synagogue.

Services will be led and Divrei Torah will be given by members of the congregation.

Hospital visits will be under the supervision of the Caring Community. As always, it is best to call the office to notify us of a sick congregant.

Rabbi Cashman will be available to officiate at funerals when he is in town. For other times, substitute rabbinic coverage may be arranged.

Congregants are kindly requested to be respectful of the Rabbi's Sabbatical time.

## **COMING UP, SYNAGOGUE SCHOLARS' TALKS...**

**Friday, January 15** - Beth Strum will speak at Erev Shabbat services about Marc Chagall.

**Friday, January 22** – Martha Rozett will give a book talk at Erev Shabbat Services on the book, *A PIGEON AND A BOY*, by Meir Shalev. This 2007 novel by one of Israel's most distinguished contemporary writers won Israel's Brenner Prize. The story moves back and forth between the years leading up to Israel's War of Independence in 1948 and the reminiscences of the narrator, Yair Mendelsohn, about his life during the last half of the twentieth century. Homing pigeons play a large role, and the idea of home and what it means to create a home of one's own are recurring themes. Both comic and sad, told in a narrative style that contains Shalev's distinctive mix of magical and realistic elements, this is a powerful novel about families, friendships, and lovers.

Get the book at the Temple's December 6 Book and Judaica sale.

### **IT'S SNOWING....ARE WE OPEN? IS THERE SCHOOL?**

You can find out quickly by listening to these radio stations:

WRVE, WFLY, WGY, WYJB

or watching these television stations:

WNYT TV, WRGB TV, WTEN TV, WXXA TV

We will also post cancellations on our web site and change the telephone message (by 8 am on Sunday mornings). Or go to our website and subscribe to cancellation e-mails.

#### **Weather-related Cancellations:**

You can find out, by two efficient methods, if a meeting, an activity, or the Religious School schedule has changed: our web page and the office answering machine. There is a cancellations link on the B'nai Sholom web site: [www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us](http://www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us). Check the update time on that page to be sure it reflects the current status. The synagogue office answering machine will have Religious School cancellation announcements by 8AM Sunday morning (if there is no cancellation message, there will be school as scheduled).

## **Welcome to our Newest Members!**

Mark Silverbush and Kelly Young and Family

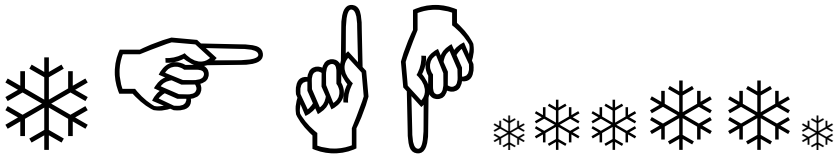
Joan Sheridan and Family

Howard Larson

### **COOKS NEEDED FOR CARING COMMUNITY**

The Caring Community provides food for congregants in time of need (death, birth, illness) and our supplies are low. This winter, when you make that pot of nutritious soup or stew; when you bake that delicious casserole, please make extra for our freezer. Storage containers are available in the labeled cabinet above the stoves in the synagogue kitchen. Please be sure to place a label on the filled

containers listing content and date before placing them in the Caring Community freezer in the kitchen.



# BSRC KIDS TAKE ACTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The 3/4th grade Jewish studies class is trying to take care of the earth by recycling with Terracycle. Terracycle is a company that recycles all kinds of trash and turns it into useful products such as: totes, backpacks, lunch boxes, pencil cases, and messenger bags. The 3/4th grade class has joined the juice pouch brigade. They are collecting juice pouches like Capri Suns and Honest Kids. They will send these to Terracycle to be turned into totes and backpacks. YOU CAN HELP.... If your family drinks these beverages, please bring your empty pouches to B'nai Sholom and deposit them in the white juice pouch receptacle located next to the food pantry bins. Terracycle will pay us 2 cents for every pouch. At the end of the year the 3/4th grade class will donate the money to an environmental organization to help take care of the earth.

## **CHORES FOR CHARITY 2009**

For the past seven years the children of the B'nai Sholom Religious School have been helping disadvantaged inner-city families in the Capital District enjoy complete soup-to-nuts holiday dinners. The project began as a way to help the students in Bible class understand how Abraham and Sarah welcomed and fed strangers and has grown to encompass all of the families in the Religious School. The concept is simple: the children and their parents choose a chore that the children can do for 2-3 weeks to earn extra money. This year raking leaves was the most popular chore, followed by "putting away my stuff," and cleaning up and doing the laundry without being asked.

Students bring in their earnings the money is pooled. Students create a shopping list of everything to be purchased and we peruse the Price Chopper circulars to create a budget to feed a family of six or more with lots of leftovers. We always start with purchasing the biggest turkey that we can find, then move onto soup, two kinds of potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, vegetables, juice, and of course, pie and whipped cream for dessert. Extra funds provide aluminum pans to hold the big birds, and turkey basters or cooking bags. Food is purchase and delivered to organizations identified by the Regional Food Bank.

The first year we provided food for just one family. Last year, because of the economy, the program was expanded to include all Religious School students and we increased the time allotted to earn the money. Subsequently, we were able to provide food for three families. This year 18 families participated and students earned \$198 in only two weeks, and again, we helped three families.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Chores for Charity a success again this year,  
*Shari Hoffman-Simsek*

**WISH LIST**

The Religious School is in need of a DVD player and “modern” TV with modern connection ports. If you can help, please call the office BEFORE bringing in donations.

# WOW! DECEMBER 6 IS A BUSY DAY!

## **18th "CHAI" BLOOD DRIVE: SUNDAY 12/6/2009**

### **APPOINTMENTS TAKEN ANYTIME**

Please take a minute to turn your calendar ahead and make a note of our B'nai Sholom blood drive scheduled for Sunday, 12/6/2009 from 8 am to 1 pm in our social hall. Even if you aren't a blood donor, you may enjoy meeting and greeting fellow congregants by volunteering your time to cover the canteen or registration desk for a half-hour or more during the drive. We hope to see you there! Only five percent of the eligible U. S. population donates blood - but as a congregation we can do better than that. Our social hall is a great place to become a first-time donor. Remember - sixteen year-olds are eligible to donate with parental permission. Please note that October 11 was the last day you could donate blood prior to our drive.

## ***IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL JUDAICA AND BOOK SALE***

**Sunday, December 6 only! 9 am to 1 pm**

Gelt      Jewelry      Toys      Books      CD's      Cards  
            Candles      Menorahs      Dreidles

**AND MORE!**

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY HARVEST PRODUCTS AVAILABLE**

### **Help end hunger while buying a great holiday gift!**

The Social Action Committee will sell Healthy Community Harvest products on December 6.

**BREAD SPREADS:** Roasted Pepper Bruschetta or Classic Italian Bruschetta

**GOURMET FRUIT & WINE JAMS:** Blackberry Merlot Jam or Raspberry Chardonnay Jam

Hunger Action Network of New York State has developed a non-profit food packaging and processing business. The goals of the project are to: 1) produce healthy and affordable food products 2) provide employment and economic development opportunities for low income residents 3) provide additional markets for local NY farmers.

## **CLOTHING DRIVE**

As winter approaches and you are getting out your long-johns and mohair sweaters please set aside those items you no longer want our need. Bring them to our Winter Clothing Drive on Sunday, December 6. Be sure to sort twice: first sort by sex...male/female/unisex. Then by age: adult/teen/child/infant.

## **2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE**

Books are available during office hours and on Sunday mornings during Religious School. Still only \$30.

Cut this out and clip it to your calendar to keep as a reminder!

**Save the Date –  
Upcoming Activities and Events  
from the Fundraising Committee**

**Mishloach Manot (Purim bag) – order form will be  
included in the January and February bulletins.  
Order deadline February 15.**

**B'nai Sholom Goods and Services Auction –  
Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7:30pm**

### **B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation Cemetery**

As our membership population ages, it becomes increasingly important that as individuals and families we are aware of the options available to us in order to make sure that our final arrangements meet our wishes and do not pose an undue burden to our loved ones in their time of grief.

One way to assure that this goal is met is to pre arrange for cemetery space. We are pleased to be able to offer this service to members of our Congregation and their families. The family makes arrangements with a funeral director and is responsible for other costs associated with monument purchase and engraving as well. B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation maintains a portion of the Elmwood Hill Cemetery at the end of Belle Avenue in Troy. Other Jewish congregations also maintain sections in the Cemetery.

A Question and Answer document with more specific information is provided with this Bulletin. Additional information is available at the Temple Office or from the congregation's cemetery committee members. Members include Bill Schwartz, Arthur Alowitz, Ben Marvin, and Bob Gordon.

Committee members urge you to contact them or the temple and begin the process now.

## **TIME TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS AND ISRAEL PROGRAMS**

To be eligible, applicants planning to attend approved Jewish summer overnight camps or summer Israel travel programs must have participated in our religious school as students, aides/madrichim, or teachers or attended a Jewish day school. Applicant's synagogue accounts should also be current. To apply for a scholarship, fill out an application for each child who will be attending camp or a travel program. (Application forms available in office and on bulletin board by offices). For more information about approved camps and travel programs and additional scholarship support available from the United Jewish Federation or Northeastern New York, contact Rabbi Cashman. For more information about the Scholarship Committee, contact Martha Rozett, chair. **Deadline for applications is Monday, January 25, 2010.**

The scholarships are funded partly through the proceeds of our congregation's Israel Bond Fund and partly through contributions from congregants. If your family has benefited from the Scholarship Fund's support in the past, or if you have happy memories of your own summer camp and travel experiences, please consider making a contribution! Below are essays from both a first time camper and a long time camper.

### **Ben Rethemeyer's Camp Eisner Report**

I was at Camp Eisner for the last two weeks of camp. I think that the camp I went to couldn't be better. I stayed in K'tanim boys' side of Pink House. The director made the Birkat HaMazon into a cheer. My favorite part was when we tapped our fingers on the table in different ways during the Birkat. I did soccer and ceramics at camp every day. In ceramics I made two pinch pots and a vase and I painted one pinch pot with clear, one pinch pot yellow, and the vase with purple glaze. And you can drink out of the pinch pots!

If you send your kid as a second session kid for the last two weeks or last four weeks of the summer, he/she will get to do Maccabiah. Maccabiah is when they split the campers into teams and we do different events. Every year they do a special event called "rope burn." "Rope burn" is when you gather sticks for two days and the Olim counselors build a fire out of the sticks. Then they string a rope across the fire and whichever team burns their rope soonest wins points. You can also win spirit points and athletic points in other contests.

Every week we did Friday night services and Saturday morning feast and Saturday afternoon services. I liked how different groups led the services. K'tanim got to lead the services on the last Friday.

If you are K'tanim, the first day there you will get "Mo", which is candy. After that, you have to write a letter to your parents to get Mo. Mo means sweet.

The counselors at Eisner are the best. If I gave the camp a score from 1-10 I'd give it a 20. So I really think a lot of kids will love the camp.

### **Summer in Israel by Rebecca Liebschutz**

This summer, I spent 4 weeks in Israel on a NFTY adventure trip. Because I was going with all of my camp friends, I figured it would be just like camp with merely a different setting. I hate to admit this, but I wasn't too excited to go with them. I had been thinking about going to Israel on a teen trip since I was little, and one of the first things I thought of was meeting many new people and making life-long friends. This summer, as my dream was finally coming true, I was faced with a dilemma. I mean, sure, I love my camp friends, don't get me wrong. But I was a little doubtful of how much fun I would have in Israel with them, since I was so looking forward to branching out and making new friends. By the end of the long plane flight, my concerns were almost completely gone. I ended up

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sitting on the plane with two boys who I had never really been close to, but we had a great time talking and learning new things about each other. Once we arrived in Israel, we were warmly welcomed by the counselors, and whisked off to the beautiful kibbutz of Ma'aleh Hahamischa, located outside of Jerusalem. From the beginning, we were kept very busy, and I can honestly say that no moment was spent in boredom. Our Israeli counselor Yotam also served as our tour guide, and he made everything fun and interesting from a young perspective. Traveling constantly with Israeli counselors was awesome, because it was obvious how much they loved their country and how much it meant to them. And I can't blame them! There were times when I would see something so beautiful that I wasn't sure if I was in the movie theater or not. This mostly happened in the Negev. We spent 3 days there, hiking and sleeping outside on rocks beneath the stars. Although these living conditions were nothing like I was used to, it felt uplifting to sleep on a jagged sheet of rock. Once I saw the stars and the mountains, nothing else mattered. We woke up at 5 AM to climb Mount Shlomo, which was probably one of the coolest things I have ever done. The climb was difficult, but we all waited for each other and the view at the top was breathtaking. I mean, if I have to film one of those Disney Earth movies, I would definitely shoot some footage on this mountain.

My intense outdoor experiences didn't end with the Negev. Only a week later, our whole group split into different Havayot, which are 4-day programs that you get to choose based on your interests. They included Tikun Olam, Gadna (army training), Archaeology, Culture in Tel Aviv, and Sea to Sea. I chose Sea to Sea, which involved hiking from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean Sea and sleeping outside each night. My close camp friends went on Tikun Olam, so this gave me a good opportunity to build new friendships. By the end of the 4 days, I had bonded with new people through our showerless journey, and we all ran into the Mediterranean Sea with our clothes on at the end.

I could continue talking about how great each place we went was, but I think you get the picture. To summarize, I not only gained new friends, but I was able to maintain my close friendship with my old friends without having to spend every minute with them. We also traveled for a week with a small group of Israeli teens, who were fun and an entertaining addition to our trip. After coming home, I felt extremely satisfied, yet hungry for more of this wonderful country. I encourage each and every one of you to make the trek to Israel, even if you have already been. I guarantee you won't regret it.

## ***THE CONGREGATION NOTES WITH THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTIONS....***

### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of **Julius Domfort** by the Sclar/Knieling/Evans Family

In memory of **Seymour Pacht** by Lois and Jim Lawrence

In memory of **Estelle Nitka** by Mark and Cheryl Reeder

In memory of **Seymour Schwartzman** by Mindy Kramer

In memory of **Ruth Devore** by Jack and Barbara Devore

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In memory of **Samuel Spitzberg, Roslyn Spitzberg Wasserstein and Jack Davidson**

by Joan and Steve Spitzberg

In memory of **Irene Krochmal Swiecz** by Herb and Ruth Swift

In appreciation of Rosh Hashanah services by Muriel and Norman Rosenthal

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Ben Marvin** by David and Libby Liebschutz

### **LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of **Iika Krochmal** by Ruth and Herb Swift

### **PRAYER BOOK FUND**

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Ben Marvin** by Barbara and Jack Devore

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Ben Marvin** by Phil Gilly and Rondi Brower

## **THANK YOU**

--To the paper-cut brigade who prepared the September/October Bulletin: **Deb Adler, Marty Teumim, Anne** and **Sunny Hausgaard**

--To those congregants who have recently treated us to sweet Ongai Shabbat: **Margie Pass, Shari Green** and **Marty Berloff, Barry Solomon** and **Diane Solomon, Rachel Swift** and the Membership Committee.

## **YAHRTZEITS**

**The following Yahrtsaits will be observed in December:**

*\*denotes that a Perpetual Memorial has been established*

- 4 Paul B. Blum, David H. Cohen\*, Barbara Markstein Peckerman\*, Betty Lewis Townsend, Ida Stone, Mary Finkelberg, David Gottlieb, Wanda Rockefeller, Jack Pendergrass, Jacob Lichtenfels\*
- 11 Sanford Liebschutz, Albert Abrams\*, Ben Dietchman, Rita Ray, Raymond Karlson, Sadie Cohen\*, Hannah R. Jaffe\*, Erwin Winston\*, Jacob Lazoroff\*, Freda Kussack, Charles Simsek, Adah Vosburgh, Harry Cohen\*, Estera Fiks, Irene Lord
- 18 Norma Belle Singer Beatman\*, Samuel Link, Rose Dansker, Hannah Tabak, Adele Broch Krochmal, Waldamar Knieling, Cornelius Epstein\*
- 25 Florence Morse, Judy Dobris\*, Rick Friedman, Anita Dubb\*

WE NOTE WITH SORROW THE DEATHS OF

**JULIUS DOMFORT**

Father of Howard Domfort

**PHILLIP SAVILLE**

Brother of Judith Duckor

**ROBERT I. YORK**

Father of Debbie Cohen

**BORIS JARUSHEWSKY**

Grandfather of Eric and Douglas Adler

# **B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation**

## **Q&A Regarding Funeral Arrangements and other Relevant Information for Interment**

### **What are the costs and payments associated with burial for members and non-members?**

At the current time the costs of the first 20 burials are \$450 for a member in good standing, \$600 for a non-member relative of a member of B'nai Sholom for whom the member has a Jewish obligation to mourn, and \$800 for a non-member who is not related to a member of B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation. These rates are subject to increases imposed by Elmwood Hill Cemetery or by B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation and approved by the State of New York. Additional charges such as costs of the burial service, disinterment, re-interment, monument foundations and markers apply. These charges are set by the Elmwood Hill Cemetery Association.

### **What is the definition of member in good standing?**

A member in good standing is one who is current in all financial matters pertaining to B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation to include membership dues and other fees or pledged obligations.

### **What is the definition of non-member relative?**

Non-member relatives are those persons for whom a member has the obligation to mourn, (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter and spouse/domestic partner).

### **How does the status for burial rights change upon resignation of membership?**

Upon resignation from membership burial rights shall lapse; however, these rights may be continued upon payment of an annual fee. The Board of Trustees shall determine the amount of this annual fee and due date for payment. The former member may petition the Congregation to purchase back the former member's cemetery privilege at a cost of 50% of the original purchase price of the cemetery privilege. Absent good reason, the congregation shall grant such petition. If neither payment nor petition is received 90 days after the due date, said cemetery privileges shall be forfeited.

If a member holding privileges resigns not in good standing, or is suspended from membership for non-payment of dues or other financial obligations, the member shall be given 30 days notice from the Board of the Trustees meeting following such resignation or suspension to return to good standing and thus be allowed former member continuance. Without such return to good standing, the cemetery privileges shall be forfeited without recourse.

### **What are the requirements for monuments and markers?**

Every grave shall be identified with a monument or marker. All such monuments and markers shall conform to the requirements of Elmwood Hill Cemetery. All cornerstones must be set level with the ground and work must be performed by cemetery personnel. All foundations will be constructed by or under the direction of the superintendent of the Elmwood Hill Cemetery. The proprietor of each lot shall have the right to erect any proper stones, monuments, and sepulchral structures thereon; except that no slab shall be set in any other than a horizontal position; every slab or monument must be set in a cut-stone base, resting on solid mason work foundation. No metal work in shape of a monument or otherwise, except pure bronze on stone base, will be allowed on any lot. No symbolism used on a monument or marker shall be reflective any religion other than Judaism. No monument or marker may be placed until a drawing or blueprint is approved by the Cemetery Committee and the Rabbi of the Congregation for accuracy and

suitability. Any such placements done without approval and deemed inappropriate for a Jewish cemetery shall be removed at the expense of the decedent's estate. Every monument or marker erected on the cemetery shall have the name of the deceased and the years of birth and death inscribed.

### **What interment, procedures, practices and customs are in place**

The Rabbi of the Congregation shall officiate at all interments in the cemetery at which an interment ritual is performed, except that the Rabbi of the Congregation may authorize a Rabbi other than of the congregation to officiate. For members of the Congregation, Rabbinic Services are included as a benefit of membership.

### **Does Elmwood Cemetery have any rules and regulations regarding burial and markers?**

Lot owners shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for remuneration. The laws of this state prohibit the transfer or assignment of use of a lot after an interment therein except after the lawful removal of those buried therein.

No disinterment allowed except by consent of the Directors and upon written order of the owner or owners of the use of the lot, but must in every case be made the cemetery authorities.

### **How is the Cemetery Maintained?**

All work done in the cemetery shall be performed by Cemetery employees or under the control of the superintendent of the Board of Trustees.

### **Where is the cemetery located and how do I get there?**

The cemetery (Elmwood Hill) is located at 51 Belle Street, Troy, NY. The directions from 787 are:

- Take first left on Pinewoods Avenue onto Belle Avenue. Cemetery is at the end of Belle Avenue.
- Take Interstate 787 north towards Troy to Exit 8, marked as 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Watervliet
- Make a left at the end of the exit and proceed to second traffic light (Route 32)
- Make a left onto route 32 and proceed to the second traffic light (Congress Street Bridge)
- Make a left onto the Congress Street Bridge to cross Hudson River
- Once over the river, proceed up the hill to Pawling Avenue
- Make a right unto Pawling Avenue and proceed approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to a forked intersection with Pinewoods Avenue. At the traffic light bear to the left onto Pinewoods Avenue

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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PRESIDENT: **Hal Rosenthal**  
OFFICE MANAGER: **Rebecca S. Marvin**  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR: **Elizabeth Alowitz**  
OFFICE HOURS: MON/WED/THU/FRI 9:15 AM – 2:15 PM

*Bulletin Deadlines*

**Period Covered**

January  
February

**Deadline**

December 9  
January 13

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