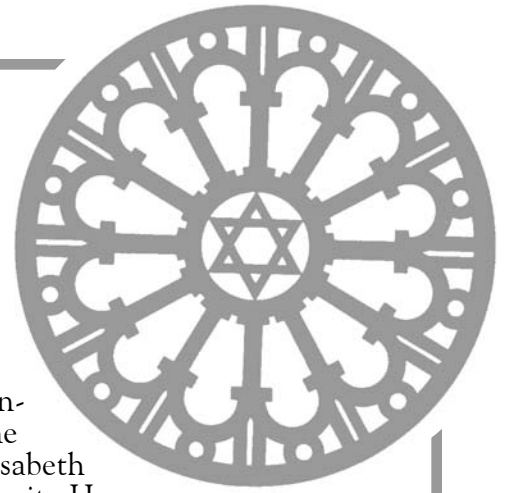


# FROM THE ARCHIVES: SALEM FIELDS & BETH-EL CEMETERIES



**D**ating back more than 150 years, Salem Fields and Beth-El cemeteries are just a short drive from Manhattan, located on the border of Brooklyn and Queens.

Situated in a setting offering dignity, tranquility and beauty, Salem Fields and Beth-El also offer a fascinating look at Emanu-El's history.

Names adorning the numerous family monuments are a veritable *Who's Who* of New York's retail giants, as well as American movies (including actor Edward G. Robinson) and some of our country's greatest philanthropists. The Salem Fields Chapel, erected in 1916, featured windows designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany—although only one remains in place today. Most were removed in the 1990s and rein-

stalled in Greenwald Hall in the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House.

Also located on site is the nation's tallest monument to Jewish war veterans, which dates to the Civil War and is dedicated "To the memory of the soldiers of the Hebrew faith, who responded to the call of their country and gave their lives for its salvation during the dark days of its need so that the nation might live." Among the more unique memorials on view is a monument dedicated to Herman Elsberg, which states, "In memory of our beloved Herman, who fell nobly fighting against Apache Indians at Hanover Copper Mines, New Mexico, August 27, 1861, in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year." May all of blessed memory rest in peace.



Images from left: crypt door detail, Jewish veterans war monument, Tiffany window, scarab door handle