

Dear Friends:

I'm sure all of our parishioners at St. Mary's share in the shock and grief over the deaths of two members of the Roslyn community: 8th-graders Ethan Falkowitz and Andrew Hassenbein. While all deaths are tragic, the senselessness of the accident and the age of the victims intensify the pain that their families must endure. On behalf of the parish community, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Falkowitz and Hassenbein families, assuring them of our prayers and sympathy. I also encourage my parishioners to perform a *mitzvah*—a good deed—in honor of Ethan and Andrew. Although we come from different religious traditions, we pray that these boys will find peace with *Ha-Shem*, and their families, the consolation of faith.

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“May The Omnipresent (One) comfort you among the remnant mourners of Zion and Jerusalem” throughout the period of Shiva

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