

# THE SHOFAR

## BULLETIN

of **TEMPLE BET YAM**



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### *From the Desk of the Rabbi...*

Last week I saw again that wonderful movie, *Keeping the Faith*. It is a comedy about two childhood friends, three really: A Jewish boy, a Catholic boy, and a Catholic girl. The girl moves away, and the two “best friends” grow up to become a priest and a rabbi.

The film was neither tacky nor tasteless. Still, you have to be warned that the issues discussed and the situations resolved don’t always work out that way in real life. Of course, that’s what makes it a movie, rather than philosophy for life—its purpose is to entertain us. And entertain it does. Remember the service with the “creative” *Ayn Kaylohaynoo?*

There are scenes of a Bar Mitzvah boy with a terrible voice *shrieking* his Torah portion; of the rabbi putting on Tefillin; and other warm and funny scenes.

Still, I had trouble identifying Edward Norton with a real priest. Pat O’Brian, Bing Crosby, for sure, Richard Chamberlain [*Thorn Birds*] perhaps. Ben Stiller was a little more convincing, but I keep trying to remember, this is a comedy, not a serious story.

What does shine through this movie, however, was the depth and authenticity of the friendship between the two clergy. We see real respect and warmth between these two men of God, and the support they give one another. We also learn how real interfaith relationships can change a congregation and affect the community.

In one scene, the senior rabbi, played superbly by Eli Wallach, tells his junior assistant that “shaking things up” is fine, but that some people come to the synagogue for continuity. They want tradition and reassurance in a changing and confusing world. We are left in the movie without resolution on this issue because—it is a movie.

It seems to me as we begin to close out our first season together, that the answer is clear: we need both. We need *continuity* and change, tradition and innovation, familiarity and surprise in our religious life. For Judaism teaches that our lives are a balance, and to maintain that delicate equilibrium requires skill and sensitivity. After all, that is what being a Jew is all about; the art of maintaining a balance. And that’s how we are “keeping the faith.”

Shalom,

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

### UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE!!

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Men’s Club Movie Date Night

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Mother’s Day Men’s Club Brunch

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Sisterhood Book Club

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Pot luck lunch & Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Casino Cruise

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Shabbat Service

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Elliott Carman Memorial Baseball Game

**On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Temple Bet Yam Men's Club will be hosting this year's Mother's Day Brunch, at the Commodore Club, starting at 10 a.m. [RSVP Deadline Monday, May 5]**

The location is on 660 Nautical Way, St. Augustine, FL 32080. All Mothers will be the guests of the Men's Club and all other attendees will pay \$20.00 per person. Our full breakfast spread will include bagels, lox with all the fixin's, eggs, etc. Of course, we will have flowers for the ladies. Please contact Art Rogove to make your reservations. Please respond no later than Monday, May 5th, so that we can accurately order our food for this event. Sorry, but we will not be able to accommodate anyone responding after the May 5th deadline. We look forward to seeing you all there but will need your reservations as soon as possible.

**On Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Temple Bet Yam is sponsoring a Casino Cruise. [See the flyer / order form attachment with this edition of the Bulletin.]**

The pickup / return will be both at Temple Bet Yam and in Palm Coast. (Details as to where and when are on the attached flyer / order form.)

We are closing in on the departure date and now ask that you complete this form and forward it with payment to The Temple.

The bus holds 61 people and we do need at least 40 to make this event worthwhile.

This will be a fun day for us. Please invite your family and friends.

Thank you.

Andi Marx and Terre Wallach

**On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Club will be sponsoring the annual Elliot Carman Memorial Baseball Game and Tailgate Party.**

Elliot, husband of Bobbi Carman, was a major sports fan and this is our annual means of honoring his memory.

We are going to see the Jacksonville Suns play Montgomery. The game is at 7:00 but we will meet at 5:15 in the parking lot for a shared tailgate. Everyone is welcome---men, women, children. The cost will depend on how many people attend and how many are seniors. The maximum price appears to be \$13.50 each. We will not buy tickets until that evening so prepayment is not necessary. However, to assist in planning, please let Marty Cohen know if you are coming and how many will be with you. Those who have one of the TBY caps, please plan on wearing it.

## May Dates to Remember

**Sunday, May 4**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

**Monday, April 5**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Tuesday, May 6**

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 8**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Men's Club Movie Date Night

**Friday, May 9**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

**Sunday, May 11**

9:30-11:30a.m. Mother's Day Men's Club Brunch

**Monday, May 12**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 15**

7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club  
*A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith  
 Phyllis Greenfield's home

**Sunday, May 18**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pot luck lunch &  
 Congregational Meeting

**Monday, May 19**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Tuesday, May 20**

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Casino Cruise

**Friday, May 23**

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service

**Monday, May 26**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 29**

5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Elliott Carman Memorial  
 Shared Tailgate Party and Baseball Game  
 Jacksonville Suns vs. Montgomery

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