THE SHOFAR

BULLETIN

TEMPLE BET YAM



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January 2017

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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

I spent most of my career serving congregations in the Deep South: SC, GA, AL, and FL. While there are regional and cultural differences, I have observed that Jewish life is fairly consistent among small communities.

I always enjoyed the insights and southern humor of comedians Lewis Grizzard and Jeff Foxworthy. Taking a page from their work, an anonymous wag spoofed: "You might belong to a redneck synagogue if:"

People ask when they hear about oil lasting eight days whether it was Pennzoil.

The Shofar sounds like a duck call.

The Bar Mitzvah centerpiece is made from grits, and is in the shape of a shotgun. The rabbi says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to approach the Bima," and then five guys and two women stand up.

You can tell it's a fancy Oneg Shabbat when they serve beef jerky.

Opening day of deer season is recognized as another high holiday.

The rabbi and the cantor drive matching pickup trucks.

The choir is known as the "OK Choral".

"Thou shalt not covet," applies to hunting dogs, too. The Sisterhood recipe for gefilte fish calls for a mediumsized catfish.

For Purim, all the kids dress up as Dale Earnhardt.

The final words of the benediction are, "Y'all come back now, ya hear?"

As we turn the secular calendar to a new year, we pray for peace, health, and happiness for all. At the same time, to lighten dark and difficult days that we face, we Jews have always found ways to laugh, and make light of our troubles through humor and ironic folk sayings.

B'shalom,

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

Save the Dates! (See inside for details.)

Two LLL dates coming up in January:

Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m. Discuss & Deliberate with Elliot Palevsky

Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Texts & Trends with Rabbi Fred Raskind

16th Annual Brunch & Card Party Wednesday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. Hammock Dunes Country Club, Palm Coast

> **DELI NITE** Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m.

HARD LOX CAFE & HAMANTASHEN COOK OFF Sunday, March 12, 11:00 a.m.

Sisterhood Fashion Show Thursday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. Serenata Beach Club, South Ponte Vedra Beach

January Dates to Remember

(all events to be held at Temple Bet Yam unless indicated otherwise)



Sunday, January 1

(New Year's Day)

Monday, January 2

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, January 6

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service Goldberg Baby Naming

Sunday, January 8

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

Monday, January 9

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 10

12 noon Sisterhood Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LifeLong Learning Discuss & Deliberate

Sunday, January 15

NO Religious School

Monday, January 16

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dining with Dignity 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 17

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club

<u>A Spool of Blue Thread</u>, by Ann Tyler

Discussion led by Phyllis Keiser & Nancy Sorkin.

Held at home of Phyllis Keiser

Wednesday, January 18

10:00 - 11:45 a.m. LifeLong Learning Text& Trends

Friday, January 20

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, January 22

NO Religious School

Monday, January 23

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 25

10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

16 Annual Brunch & Card Party

Hammock Dunes Country Club, Palm Coast

Sunday, January 29

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

Two LLL dates coming up in January:

Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Discuss & Deliberate with Elliot Palevsky

"Adventures in Yiddish Land" explores the origins, history, words, humor and the role Yiddish plays in Jewish Life today, as well as his personal journey through Yiddish. Bring a brown bag lunch if desired.

Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

<u>Texts & Trends</u> with Rabbi Fred Raskind, who will explore the roots and issues of First Century Judaism, the Jewish origins of Christianity, sects, Dead Sea Scrolls, and many topics on Jewish life, family, and religion.

This is Session #4, but each meeting, though related, is independent.

Please be sure to read the essays for this session.



Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Hammock Dunes Club

30 Avenue Royale ~ Palm Coast, FL 32137



Donation to Temple Bet Yam: \$30 Coffee and Pastries at 10:00 A.M.

Buffet Lunch with Desserts at Noon

RSVP by January 11th 904-819-1875

Or you can RSVP by email: wandmtby@gmail.com







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DELI NITE

Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00pm



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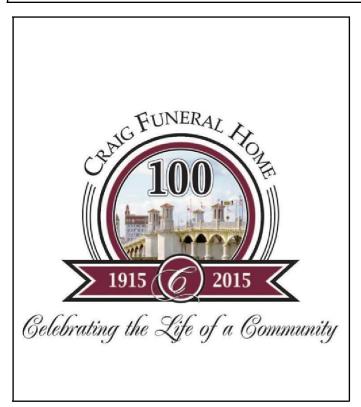


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