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God Squad's Rabbi Marc Gellman to Speak About "Things I Never Told You About Father Tom"

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Torah Melville to Preach at Shabbat Services on May 27, 2016

Melville, NY – Temple Beth Torah, an active and inclusive Reform Temple in Melville, has announced that Rabbi Emeritus Marc Gellman of God Squad fame will preach during Shabbat services. He will speak about "Things I Never Told You About Father Tom" at 7:00 PM on Friday May 27, 2016 at the temple at 35 Bagatelle Rd in Melville.

Rabbi Gellman's Friday night sermon will be a personal remembrance of his best friend Father Thomas Hartman -- as well as the lessons for interfaith dialogue that he learned from their 25-year partnership in the God Squad. All are welcome. Services will be followed by a dinner at the temple and an "Ask the Rabbi" Q&A session.

"We are very excited to have Rabbi Gellman preaching at our Friday night Shabbat service," said Susie Moskowitz, Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Torah. "His partnership with Father Tom was an inspiration to all who encountered them and wonderful to experience."

About Rabbi Marc Gellman

Rabbi Marc Gellman, Ph.D. is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Torah in Melville. He was senior rabbi there from 1981 to 2014. Rabbi Gellman and his dear friend Father Tom Hartman became "The God Squad" in 1987 and were voted by the readers of Newsday as the most important leaders on Long Island in the past 100 years. Rabbi Gellman is a columnist for Newsday and for Golf Digest. He is the author of many books and articles and his HBO special with Father Tom won the George Foster Peabody Award. He is a former president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

About Temple Beth Torah Melville

Founded in 1969, Temple Beth Torah Melville is an active and inclusive Reform Jewish Congregation of over 600 families serving the Western Suffolk and Eastern Nassau County areas of Long Island. Its extended temple family shares rich educational, spiritual and social experiences through a full spectrum of programming -- including religious and nursery school, religious services, and teen and adult activities. Members come to Temple Beth Torah to pray, to learn and to celebrate. Its culture is diverse and inclusive, and encourages participation by all age groups. For more information, visit <http://www.tbtny.org>.

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