



# Foxcatcher

**Rabbi Jerry, Review from the Pew**

**If you are not a wrestling aficionado, and I'm not, you will probably find "Foxcatcher" at 133 minutes, a tad too long.**

**However, you will find the performances of the three principals, Steve Carell, Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo, outstanding.**

**Carell, who will probably be mentioned at Oscar Award time, captures the idiosyncratic karma of heir to the du Pont fortune, John.**

**The enigmatic John hires a down and out former Olympic Gold Medalist Mark Schultz (Tatum) to train prospective wrestling champions at his state-of-the-art training facility, Foxcatcher Farm.**

**Du Pont, who also has a penchant for bird watching, camouflages his lack of virility by assuming the role of head coach of the team. At long last, he hopes to capture the recognition of his pontifical and icy mother, Vanessa Redgrave.**

**Wanting reinforcement for Mark, du Pont asks him to secure the services of his brother Dave, a noted coach who also is a Wrestling Gold medalist.**

**There are suspicious nuances of homosexuality when du Pont runs through drills with the wrestling aspirants. After demoralizing and demoting Mark, he turns his attention solely to Dave and his expertise in an all out effort to win the approval of his mother.**

**Academy Award nominee Bennett Miller ("Capote" and "Moneyball") directs with a knowledge and passion for the sport but it seems he was a bit reluctant to make some judicious editing....it would have helped.**

**2 and a half Bagels out of 4**