

### THE JCMI MESSENGER





FEBRUARY 2024

SHEVAT /ADAR I, 5784

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Rabbi Mark Gross and Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

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#### Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

#### Woven into the Fabric of Our Being

The late, great Herbert Weiner of Temple Israel in South Orange, New Jersey, author of the watershed 1969 book *Nine and a Half Mystics*, told a story about attending a spirituality conference where he was among a small group of people waiting to address follow-up questions to the Buddhist *bhikku* who had just completed his presentation. When one young man earnestly said he really wanted to learn more about Buddhism, the monk invited him: "We're just about to start a *za-zen* [seated meditation]; why don't you join us, and start there?"



"There were two things about this that irritated me," Rabbi Weiner recalls. "One is that the same kid had—earlier that same day, after my presentation—come up and earnestly said he really wanted to learn more about <u>Jewish</u> mysticism. But the other is that I had given him a reading list of good titles on the subject, whereas my Buddhist colleague invited him to jump on board and become involved."

It is true that the Jews are, as I constantly emphasize, a fabulously ancient people, so that joining Judaism is almost less a religious conversion than a naturalization proceeding. And, as a result, learning about Judaism is very much a cerebral endeavor of intellectualism.

But Judaism itself is very much a hands-on endeavor. We grasp the *lulav* and *etrog* on Sukkot; we whirl our *graggar* on Purim; we enwrap ourselves in the *tallit* at prayer, and gather its four corner tassels in one hand לשם יחוד קודשא בריך הוא to unify all under the regency of God.

Watch the body-language of our prayer-dance. Seated, we turn inwards; standing, we literally rise to the occasion. We humbly bend the knee— אתה baruch— and bow at the waist— atah— and then raise ourselves with dignity before Adonai, the Maker and Ruler of all things. We advance a few small steps when beginning the T'fillah, presenting ourselves as courtiers and nobility attending upon the Most High, and at the end of the Qaddish concluding services bow those same few small steps to the rear so as not to disrespectfully turn our back at the conclusion of our audience with a mighty Sovereign.

Our hearing the ram's horn and *Kol Nidrei*, our sojourn in the Sukkot harvest booth, our eating dull wheaten *matzah* at Passover, our lighting of the Chanukah lamps and the Shabbat candles, are all of them more than just pedestrian actions. That is because our Tradition regards these acts as sacred duties to God, the performance of which goes beyond mere folklore to raise us to a higher plane in communion with the One Who invited us to do them. We affirm that fact every time we precede the performance of these sacred duties by affirming that God has קדשנו "by means of these holy obligations, filled our lives with higher meaning."

Involvement is the name of the game, for Jews. Like a steamer trunk with numerous handles, our rich spiritual tradition is easy to grasp... and is <u>meant</u> to be handled, and felt, and tasted, and smelt, and seen, and rejoiced in. The meaning and the spirituality are woven, like warp and woof, into the very fabric of our being. As writer and educator Julius Lester famously noted: "Judaism is a doing, that is understood by the heart."

To schedule home or hospital visits during the Rabbi's Fridays on the Gulf coast— or for counseling or Jewish questions in general— the Rabbi is at your disposal any time by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail <a href="mailto:RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com">RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com</a>.

### JCMI Schedule of Services February, 2024 – Sh'vat/Adar I, 5784



קבלת שבת *Qabbalat Shabbat* Worship - Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Friday night worship convenes live in our beautiful Synagogue, and is simultaneously livestreamed by convenient one-click access from this link at our Congregational website.

"Distance-davveners" are invite to follow <u>this link</u> to print out a PDF copy of our "Satellite Siddur" prayerbook, to "keep you in orbit" when following our service from home.

<u>Friday, February 02</u> - This first-Friday-of-the-month "Celebration Shabbat" features a blessing for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of February.

<u>Friday, February 09</u> - Shabbat evening worship service, featuring proclamation of— and *Halleil* Psalms of thanksgiving for— the new moon and New Month of Adar I.

Friday, February 16 - Shabbat evening worship service.

<u>Friday</u>, <u>February 23</u> - Our last-Friday-of-the-month "Torah Shabbat," taking out and reading from the sacred scroll.

<u>Shabbat Candle-lighting</u> - traditionally the tapers are kindled Friday at least 18 minutes before sundown as viewed locally. . . which on Marco Island this month translates to these lighting times:



<u>Feb 02</u> - 5:52

<u>Feb 16</u> – 6:02

Feb 09 - 5:57

Feb 23 - 6:06

#### Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study -

Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Gross offers a presentation on, and leads discussion of, some aspect of the weekly Torah portion, meeting live in the Meer Center of our Synagogue building.

Those unable to attend our *parashah* study in person are invited to follow the session by Zoom (room i.d. 944-816-2391— passcode "GrossTorah," case-sensitive). The associated study material for each week is available for download from the JCMI website that Friday morning.

<u>Feb 02 -</u>	Yitro	Exodus 18:1-20:26	Isaiah 6:1-7:6
Feb 09 -	Mishpatim	Exodus 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-22
Feb 16 -	T'rumah	Exodus 25:1-27:19	I Kings 5:26-6:13
Feb 23 -	T'tzaveh	Exodus 27:20-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27

### תא שמע

#### Ta Sh'ma



# Rabbi Gross's Third-Sunday Life-Long Learning Series for 5784 (2023-24

### Sunday, February 18 - The President who Loved [Being] Abraham

In celebration of the long Presidents Day weekend, we explore how words of Torah inspired Abraham Lincoln... and among other things prompted his accessibility to, and his ready advocacy for, the Jews of a still-young United States.



Beginning with a coffee social in the Meer Center at 9:30, followed by presentation at 10:00.

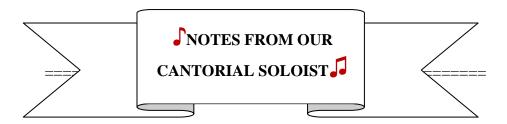
There is no fee to attend our Life-Long Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and are asked to make a \$5 contribution to defray printing costs.

Saturday morning worship service will not be held this Winter. Saturday morning Torah Study will continue at 9:30AM

Please join the Congregation for our regularly scheduled Friday night Service and Oneg and the Saturday morning Torah Study either in person or online.



Rabbi & JCMI would like to thank our congregants Mark & Susan Schuman for their donation of books about the Medieval Jewish community of Prague for the JCMI Library!



Thank you to each of you for everything you do for me. News flash: It's not November. Therefore, it's not time for Thanksgiving. It's also not the Jewish month of Tishri. And, therefore, it's not time for Sukkot (our "Jewish Thanksgiving"). And, yet it is very much time for giving thanks – as if any time is not an important time for giving thanks.



Of course, it is easy to say "thank you" when things are going notably well. However, even when they are not – perhaps especially when they are not – it is an important time to give thanks. Only to underscore the relevance of this statement, do

thanks. Only to underscore the relevance of this statement, do I share a personal example of my point. While once again Lia's health is particularly challenged, reaching out to say thank you, reminds me that there are still very good things around me. So, I remind us: Even when things are not going well, it is important to give thanks.

At the risk of not acknowledging everyone's recent choices that have me markedly thankful these days, I feel compelled to highlight a few. First of all, there is Mitch Braun, who sprang to my aid a few Shabbatot (or Shabbats) ago, when I became ill during our Friday evening service. Even though knights stopped wearing armor before and any practicing Jew became knighted, Mitch is still my knight in shining armor. Not as dramatically, perhaps, but equally significantly, is the fellow who always springs into action at my slightest request (not to mention my far less than slight ones), Marty Holtz. And – not that I ever have a problem, but if I do – I have the security blanket of Frank Weinberg (even if he weren't the board liaison). For anyone who is happy that I am on the bimah on Friday nights, join me in thanking Arthur Doxer for getting me to nighttime services. And when he isn't well, I get to enjoy extra time with my friend, Sandra Hechler, for a sleepover. And if I'm still stranded at home, I am grateful that I know I can count on Mary Pinto to shlep to pick me up and return me home. And, of course, thanks to the rabbi most recently for joining me for our annual musical Shabbat.

If I left you out, rest assured you're still not safe; I have a newsletter article in each newsletter. While I must admit that writing for the newsletter is not my favorite cantorial opportunity, this month it has given me the luxury of sharing some deep gratitude.

There are so very many things that we seem to take for granted, though we really don't; we simply don't take – or find – the opportunity to express our thankfulness. What's more, sometimes it seems too late to do it. Sometimes ...

Any time is a good time to say "thank you".



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back JCMI snowbirds to your temple home. February has a lot of activities that I hope to see you at. Every Monday Night at 7PM, of course we have our Bingo. Temple members are urged to participate. You may be a winner! On February 17th, 2024, at 7:30PM we would feature Jon Stetson "America's Master Mentalist" as part of our Concert & Cultural Series. Tickets are available on our website www.marcojcmi.com. Remember to leave your deepest secrets at home he can read minds or so you would believe.

On February 18th, 2024, we will have the second of the Rabbi Mark Gross Life-Long Learning Lectures at 9:30AM. This will feature "The President who Loved [Being] Abraham." Also on the 18th, at 2PM we will have the third film of our Jewish Film Festival, which features the film, "March 68". A reception will follow in which food will be served. Also, please note the office will be closed on February 19th in honor of President's Day.

On the 20th at 11AM will be the meeting of the Book Club here at JCMI. The book of the month is "The Maid" by Nita Prose. All members and nonmembers are welcomed to attend.

Finally, on the 22nd at 7PM, the Board will be meeting, all members are welcomed to attend.

We have an action-packed month, see you at JCMI!



Friday evening services can still be accessed using the Live Stream link found on our JCMI website – instructions are available upon request but are also found in the Wednesday email.

### FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Celebration Shabbat	
				Mah Jongg	Shabbat Service	Torah Study
				11:00AM	7:30 PM	9:30AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Chess Club-				
		Adults 2:00-5:30PM				
	BINGO	Chess Club –			Shabbat	
	5:30PM	Students K-12 3:30-5:30PM		Mah Jongg	Worship	Torah Study
11	12	13	14	11:00AM <b>15</b>	7:30PM <b>16</b>	9:30AM <b>17</b>
11	12	13	14	15	10	17
						Mentalist
		Chess Club- Adults				7:30PM
		2:00-5:30PM			Shabbat	
	<b>BINGO</b> 5:30PM	Chess Club – Students K-12		Mah Jongg	Services	Torah Study 9:30AM
		3:30-5:30PM		11:00AM	7:30PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Rabbi's Life-		Book Club				
Learning		11AM		Mah Jongg		
<b>9</b> :30AM		Chess Club-		11:00AM		
		Adults 2:00-5:30PM				
Film Festival 2:00PM	<b>BINGO</b> 5:30PM	2:00-5:30PM Chess Club –		Board Meeting	Shabbat Worship	Torah Study
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25	26	3:30-5:30PM 27	28	29		
		Chess Club- Adults				
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	<b>BINGO</b> 5:30PM	Chess Club – Students K-12		Mah I		
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### **March Anniversaries**

- 5 Anthony & Mary Pinto
- 7 Al & Yvette Benarroch
- 24 Michael & Nanette Suffian



### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Laura Vesecky
- 1 Alan Zuckerman
- 2 Paul Zwillenberg
- 11 Marvin Klein
- 12 Susan Daroff
- 17 Betsy Berner
- 24 Ray Bergman
- 28 Lynn Nathanson



#### February Weekly Yahrtseit List

#### January 28 – February 3, 2024

18 Shevat – 24 Shevat

Sadye Avratin\*

Caroline R. Borr\*

Anna Donner

Abbe Hankin

Diana Hutz\*

Abe Jacobson

Freda Koslow\*

Sandy Lerner\*

Marion K. Levens\*

Bernard Levine\*

Morris Pullman

Beckie Nahmias\*

Morris Nahmias

**Betty Poverman** 

Amy Lee Shuman\*

Dr. Victor Silberstein\*

Elizabeth Sophie\*

#### <u>February 4 – February 10, 2024</u>

25 Shevat – 1 Adar I

Stephen Alter\*

Morris H. Betten\*

Abraham Cooperman

Ruth Goldstein

Phyllis Greenspan\*

Ina Greenspan

Agnes Hertzer\*

Jason H. Katz\*

Elaine Landy

Celia Levin\*

Eva Levin\*

Hermann Linz

Max Poverman

Robert Sachs

**David Sachs** 

Josephine S. Saeks

Maurice Saval\*

Kate Silver\*

Maynard (Moe) I. Whitebook\*

#### **February 11 – February 17, 2024**

2 Adar I – 8 Adar I

Samuel Blutfield

Joseph Galker\*

Marion Thompson Gonshor\*

Robert S. Gottesman\*

Robert Saul Gottsegen\*

Irving Greenberg\*

Abbe Hankin\*

June Hertzberg-Harvey

**Bubbles Katz\*** 

Rabbi M'nachem-Mendel

Selma Lubin

**Aaron Margolis** 

Meyer Migden\*

Jules Mitnick

Zeiger Mona

Harold Noskin\*

Charles Rivkin

Sperantza Roman\*

Harley Rosenberg\*

Max Selowsky

Paul Sirkus

Pearl Wall\*

Arthur Emanuel Wilfond\*

Manuel Wold\*

#### **February 18 – February 24, 2024**

9 Adar I – 15 Adar I

Edith Raskin Abrams\*

Hyman Avratin\*

Theresa Bachman\*

Earl & Gloria Brandon\*

Morton Ettinger\*

Harry Feldman\*

Gazella Frank\*

Harold K. Grossman\*

Frances Kalin

Lena E. Klein\*

Beatrice Krieger

Connie Kulok

Leslie Mascoop

Alice Jane Miller\*

Louis Roberts

### <u>February 18 – February 24, 2024 (continued)</u> 9 Adar I – 15 Adar I

Gilbert Rudman Jerome Silverstein\* Lois Smith\* Selma Goldston Snyder Elda Spizzichino\* Clare Tucker\*

#### <u>February 25 – March 2, 2024</u>

16 Adar I – 22 Adar I

Esther Blutfield Craig Elliot Chentow\* Pearle Cohn William Cohn Karen Flesch Florence Stein Good\* Joan Greenberg\* Leonard Greenfield Joseph Hepner\* Abe Landy Gus Lipsitz\* Rose Nudelman\* Nelson Posner Michael Roman\* Sam Siegel Violet Silvershein\* Stuart Wolf Sylvia Young\*

\*Denotes a Yahrtseit Plaque. Yahrtseits will be recited during the Shabbat Services in the week that they occur.





#### We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sally Aaron from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield John Reiches & June Streisand

**Charlie Blum from** 

Ken & Leslie Silverman Bert & Joan Thompson

Jane Baron from

John Reiches & June Streisand

Mitch Braun from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Paul & Lydia Krueger John Reiches & June Streisand

Nikki Daley from

Denise Schwartzman

Stephen Goldenberg from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Paul & Lydia Krueger John Reiches & June Streisand

**Estie Karpman from** 

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Paul & Lydia Krueger John Reiches & June Streisand

Allan Kluger from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Lydia Krueger from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Paul Krueger from

Denise Schwartzman Bert & Joan Thompson

Rony Joel from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

**Helen Lerner** 

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Judy Margelefsky from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield John Reiches & June Streisand

Gloria Meer from

Marvin & Natalie Klein Bert & Joan Thompson Elinore Weinhaus

**Shirley Posner from** 

Bernie & Lulu Seidman Bert & Joan Thompson

Irv Povlow from

Phyllis Rosenblum Bert & Joan Thompson

Judy Sacher from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares John Reiches & June Streisand Bernie & Lulu Seidman Audrey Snyder Karen Saeks from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman Bert & Joan Thompson

**Denise Schwartzman from** 

Audrey Snyder Bert & Joan Thompson

**Audrey Snyder from** 

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Paul & Lydia Krueger John Reiches & June Streisand

**Beth Weinberg from** 

Denise Schwartzman Bernie & Lulu Seidman Audrey Snyder Bert & Joan Thompson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** 

Marvin & Natalie Klein from

Phyllis Rosenblum Denise Schwartzman Bernie & Lulu Seidman Bert & Joan Thompson

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

The Davis Family (Joyce, Brad, & Mindy) - IMO Joann

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

Lisa Perry - IMO Herb Jermanok

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from Larry & Judy Sacher

**BUBBE'S BAKERY FUND** 

from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

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Keith & Toniann – IMO Stephen M. Alter

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Elliot & Rivka Mascoop – IMO Leslie Mascoop

Bert & Shirley Posner – IMO Isaac Nudelman

**CEMETERY FUND** 

Cheryl Brownstein – IMO Sylvia Brownstein

**FLOWER FUND** 

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares – IMO Shirley Lois Braun, Mitch's Mother

**Bert & Shirley Posner** – IMO Isaac Nudelman, Shirley's Father

**Bert & Shirley Posner** – IMO Diane Wallack, my dear friend

**GENERAL FUND** 

**Joshua Cantor** – General Donation **Claudette Carluccio** – IMO Robert Saul Gottsegen

Alan & Susan Daroff – IMO Adele Daroff Alan & Susan Daroff – IMO Ellie Bittman Jane Kiester – IMO Florence Gottainer Somers (grandmother of Lee Lyons) Irwin & Frada Roseff – IMO Anne Roseff Robert & Loretta Stein – IMO Herbert Kern Debra Stern – IMO Freda Koslow Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Marvin Thompson Gonshor

**ONEG FUND** 

Marvin & Natalie Klein – IHO their 66th Anniversary!

John Reiches & June Streisand – IMO a great congregant & friend, Ellie Bittman!

Frank & Beth Weinberg – IHO Beth's 81st Birthday!

**PRAYER BOOK FUND** 

Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Jean Pollack

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Marvin Moskowitz – In loving memory of Richard Dick Polinsky!

WALK OF HONOR PAVER FUND

**Harvey & Maxine Brenner** – IMO Ellie Bittman

Carol Polinsky – IMO Ellie Bittman

**UPCOMING ONEGS** 

Call the office to be a sponsor!

02/02/24 – Paul & Lydia Krueger – IMO

Ida Krueger, Paul's Mother!

 $\boldsymbol{02/09/24} - Available$ 

**02/16/24** – Available

02/23/24 – Sandra Hechler, Audrey Snyder & Elinore Weinhaus – IMO Ellie Bittman!





## YAHRTSEIT DONOR IN MEMORY OF

Alan & Susan Daroff - Adele Daroff Marlene Glass – Larry Levy Sandra Hechler – Sam Winter



The **Office** is open Mon. through Fri. - 9 am to 2 pm

**Event Information** can be found in the monthly **Messenger**, the weekly **Monday Email** and online at the JCMI website: <a href="https://www.marcojcmi.com">www.marcojcmi.com</a>

#### Call the office for the following special items:

- o Friday evening Onegs \$85
- Sponsor the flowers on the bimah for \$88
- o Honor your loved ones with a Yahrtseit Plaque \$250
- o Mark a special occasion with a **Chai Leaf** for the Tree of Life \$200, or a **Walk of Honor Paver** \$100
- Health & Caring if you have information concerning our members. Hospital visits by the Rabbi and the Cantor can be arranged by calling the Office ~ Have a rose in a bud vase sent with your well wishes - \$17.50.
- o Mitzvah Cards are available at the minimum cost of \$5.00 each, though a larger donation is always appreciated
- Bequest Form requires only the signature of a legal witness to be valid forms available at the Office.

#### Office Notes:

Any information for the **JCMI Messenger** must be turned in to the office *no later than the 20th* of the preceding month.

Any updates to the **Monday Email** must be sent to the office no later than Thursday of the preceding week.

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- •3 Packs \$25 plus 3 EXTRA Bonanzas

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island 991 Winterberry Drive South on Collier, Left on Winterberry 642-0800

Kosher Hot Dog Supper with pickles, relish & sauerkraut, chips and baked goodies

# SAVE THESE DATES

PLEASE NOTE: Event dates and venue are subject to change.

These programs are exciting, entertaining and informative. Don't miss one. We encourage you to save this reminder page and mark the events on your calendar! "5784"

### February 2024

17th - Concert Series - Mentalist	7:30 PM
18th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM
18th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
20th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

### **April 2024**

4th - Concert Series -Elton John	7:30 PM
16th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd - Congregational Passover Seder	6:00 PM
25th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

### March 2024

8th - Federation Shabbat	7:30 PM			
10th - Spring Forward at Bedtime Tonight				
10th - Film Festival	2:00 PM			
16th - Concert Series - Broadway Night	7:30 PM			
17th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM			
19th - Book Club	11:00 AM			
21st - JCMI Annual Meeting	7:00 PM			
22nd- Purim at Friday Night Services	7:30 PM			
28th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM			

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:30PM (tentative start October)

Tuesdays - Chess Club (Adults) at 2:00 - 5:30PM

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Aug.28 through April

Chess Club (Students K-12) at 3:30 - 5:30PM

Wednesdays - Club Bridge at 1:00PM (suspended)

Thursdays - Mah Jongg at 11:00AM (call Barbara Holtz (609) 442-6570)

JEWISH FILM FESTIVATION OF MARCO ISLAND IN COOPERATION WITH JEWISH FESTIVATION PRESENT

THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, FL

#### THE SHADOW OF THE DAY

#### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, December 17, 2023

Film 2:00 PM

Set in the picturesque, provincial town Ascoli Piceno in central Italy, is a dramatic and gripping love story set in the late 1930s. Luciano, a wounded World War I veteran and a sympathizer with fascism, runs a classy restaurant overlooking the town's ancient square. One day, Anna appears looking for work. A young woman with a dangerous secret, she is hired to work in his restaurant. A thoughtful melodrama reflecting on fascism and the pre-war atmosphere of control and isolation. 125 Minutes

#### SHTTL

#### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2024

Film 2:00 PM

This film presents a day in the life of a Jewish village before it disappears. SHTTL is the story of the inhabitants of a Yiddish Ukrainian village at the border of Poland, 24 hours before the Nazi invasion, known as Operation Barbarossa. Today, there are no such villages in existence. The production fully reconstructed a traditional "Shtetl" outside of Kyiv, which is planned to be turned into a museum. This is our history, our ancestors. 109 Minutes

#### **MARCH 68**

#### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2024

Film 2:00 PM

Two young students—Hania and Janek—meet and fall in love in the midst of social turmoil and Jewish discrimination in 1960's Warsaw. While the young lovers are uninterested in politics, they find themselves unable to avoid it when Hania's father and mother lose their jobs due to the anti-Semitic purge and are forced to emigrate. Hania does not want to leave Janek, and the couple soon participate in a protest rally at the university where they discover freedom comes at a very high price. 115 Minutes

#### **BROTHERS**

#### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2024

Film 2:00 PM

Dan and Aaron are brothers. Dan lives in Israel on a kibbutz. His brother Aaron lives in the United States and is a Doctor of Laws and Philosophy and a distinguished TORAH scholar. Aaron travels to Israel to defend the rights of Torah students to study and live by it's teachings. The brothers do not agree on the question of the role religion should play in society and government. This film raises the questions on the essential debate on the issue of the separation of the State and religion in Israel. Just as we in the United States wrestle with the same issues. 116 Minutes

All films will be shown at the Jewish Congregation, 991 Winterberry Drive ~ Marco Island, FL 34145

Clip and Mail	
Sidney R. Hoffman Memorial Je	ewish Film Festival
Sponsorship \$200 ~ Patron \$100/person	~ Single Tickets \$30/person
I would like to be a Sponsor	Name
I would like Patron tickets	Phone
I would like tickets for the following films:	
SHADOW OF DAY # SHTTL#	Email
<del></del>	I am interested in Live Streaming the films.
MARCH 68 # BROTHERS #	Please Call for Credit Card Information
Check # Mail tickets to	

### 2023-2024 Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 16<sup>th</sup> Season Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island 991 Winterberry Drive in our Meer Room

November 21, 2023

Cousin Bette Honoré de Balzac February 20, 2024

The Maid
Nita Prose

December 19, 2023

Lessons In Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus

March 19, 2024

Lady Clementine Marie Benedict

January 16, 2024

Horse Geraldine Brooks April 16, 2024

*Night Angels* Weina Dai Randel

Temple membership is not necessary ~ everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Call Sandra 239-394-6953 or the JCMI Office at 239-642-0800

#### The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island/Marco Island Music & Cultural Series





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### The 2023 Saul I. Stern Series ~ Now in our 30<sup>th</sup> Year! Join us at 991 Winterberry Drive on Marco Island



Thursday, Dec 28, 2023 7:30 PM

Through the Years— Elvis Tribute

King of Rock N Roll The show follows Elvis' 1956 rise to fame to his '68 comeback special.



Saturday, January 27, 2024 7:30 PM

The Motowners

A Celebration of

Motown

The audience will hear smash hits by the Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and many more.



Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:30 PM

Jon Stetson -America's Master Mentalist A truly mind-blowing, crowdpleasing, audience interactive mix of magic, mind reading, and amazing mystery all packaged together and delivered by an engaging and very funny comedic personality.



Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:30 PM

Swingin' and Singin' Broadway Back by popular demand Charlie Blum brings a fresh take on the great American Songbook this season with a stroll down BROADWAY singing the show tunes that have become standards over the years, along with stories behind some of these iconic productions.



Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:30 PM

The Rocket Man Show The World' Number One Tribute to Elton John - a night of greatest hits, gorgeous costumes and fierce piano playing. A Show that has been described as "Amazing" by Jimmy Fallon and "Phenomenal" by Queen's Adam Lambert.

#### Tickets are \$40/person



#### Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

#### - invites you to attend -

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Rabbi Gross's
Third-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5784 (2023-24)

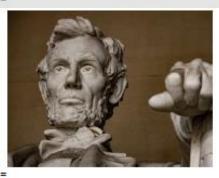
#### Sunday, January 21 - Biblical Portraits: Samuel, Author of National Unity

Our ongoing exploration of fascinating individuals from the Bible focuses this year on the courageous and resourceful prophet whose summons to service to God from a young age turned our long-ago forebears from a loose confederation of tribes into a unified nation of Israel.



### Sunday, February 18 - The President who Loved [Being] Abraham

In celebration of the long Presidents Day weekend, we explore how words of Torah inspired Abraham Lincoln... and among other things prompted his accessibility to, and his ready advocacy for, the Jews of a still-young United States.



#### Sunday, March 17 -

(Far) West of the Hudson: Some Unique Pioneers of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Jewish America

The Rabbi invokes his roots as a Californian, to emphasize that there are and have always been Jews, Jewish communities, and Jewish characters outside The Five Boroughs of New York.



All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social in the Meer Center at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00

There is no fee to attend our Life-Long Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and are asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.

### JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 5784

#### For Benefit of



Help us feed the hungry in our community.

JCMI, along with all synagogues in Collier County, will participate in a High Holy Days Food Drive. The food will be distributed by the Senior Center at JFCS for Jewish families in need in the Naples/Marco Island area.

Please fill an empty grocery bag with items such as the following:

- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Soups (some low sodium)
- Mayonnaise
- Pasta Sauces
- Canned vegetables (some low sodium)

- Powdered milk
- Canned fruit
- Rice
- Ketchup
- Salad dressing
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Ensure
- Jam/Jelly

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