

# THE JCFMI MESSENGER



*FEBRUARY 2020*

*SH'VAT – ADAR 5780*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Rabbi Mark Gross**

and

**Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen**

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**Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM**

**Saturday Morning Torah Study 9:30 AM**

**Followed by Service at 10:30 AM**



## **Singing a New Song, and Others As Well**

We recently enjoyed our first Cultural Series presentation of the year, an evening of melody with violinist Timothy Schwarz and pianist Daniel Weiser. The duo's performance, entitled "From *Klezmer* to Gershwin: The Roots of Jazz," traced the roots of much of today's popular music to the Yiddish theater of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and to the melodies and improvisational styles of the *klezmer* (Hebrew כְּלֵי זָמֶן

"musical instruments") performance bands that enriched celebrations and special events in the Old Country long before that.

It has been said that music is the universal language, and there is no question that it is fundamental to the human spirit. (It may even go back to the origins of the human family: some paleoanthropologists suggest that song preceded the invention of speech). We Jews are no exception: our national history began with music—the Song of the Sea, proclaimed by our jubilant ancestors a week after the Exodus to celebrate the completion of

their liberation from bondage. There are numerous melodies used for the Song of the Sea, but the words are still part of our synagogue liturgy to the present day:

מִי-כִמְכָה בְּאֵלִים יְהוָה מִי כִמְכָה נְאֻדָּר בְּקִדְשׁ נֹרָא תְהִלַּת עֲשֵׂה פְלֵא

*Who could be like You, among the mighty, O Eternal One;*

*Who could be like You, awesome in praise and working wonders?*

Having burst into song on the shores of the Sea, we've been singing ever since. As Weiser and Schwarz demonstrated for us last month, the music which has always been a part of our synagogue worship experience informed the sensibilities of most of the popular music writers of the early and mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, who routinely incorporated *schule* melodies into their compositions. In fact Cole Porter—pretty much the only successful songwriter of the 1930s who wasn't Jewish—often remarked that he was handicapped in trying to keep up with Jerome Kern and Richard Rodgers and the Gershwins by virtue of not having grown up with the marvelous music of the synagogue.

We celebrate that legacy every year with Jewish Music Season, which runs from Shabbat "Shirah" (when the Torah portion includes the Song of the Sea in Exodus chapter 15) right through to Israel Independence Day in the Spring. Join us in worship on February 14, when our Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen offers a melodic tribute in honor of the Season.



**A klezmer band conducting the bride to her *chuppah* - Moravia, c. 1840**

*The Rabbi is at your disposal, during his weekend stay on-Island, for counseling; hospital or shut-in visits; or Hebrew or guitar lessons— as well as accessible any time during the week by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail [RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com).*

# JCMI Schedule of Services

## February 2020 – Sh’vat/Adar, 5780

*It is customary to light the Shabbat candles no later than 18 minutes before sundown on Friday (and on the eve of major once-a-year religious holidays). Shabbat candle-lighting time for Marco Island is listed be-low for each Friday night this month.*

*We read the Five Books of the Torah once through each year, with a sequential installment assigned to each week in turn. The Torah and Haftarah passage for each week is listed on Saturday morning, for those who engage in ongoing study.*

### **Shabbat Bo el Par’o** –

Friday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:52] – our last-Friday-of-the-month “Torah Shabbat” features the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll.

Saturday, February 01, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Exodus 10:1-13:16; *Haftarah*, Jeremiah 46:13-28), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### **Shabbat b’Shallach-Shirah** –

Friday, February 07, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:56] – First-Friday-of-the-Month “Celebration Shabbat,” with special blessings for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the newly arrived month of February.

Saturday, February 08, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Exodus 13:17-17:16; *Haftarah*, Judges 4:4-5:31), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### **Shabbat Yitro** –

Friday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. [candles 6:00] – Shabbat evening worship featuring a special melodic presentation by Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen in celebration of “Jewish Music Season.”

Saturday, February 15, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study hosted by Sandra Hechler (Torah, Exodus 18:1-20:26; *Haftarah*, Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### **Shabbat Mishpatim-Sh’galim** –

Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. [candles 6:05] – Federation Shabbat at JCMI, celebrating our partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, and featuring a presentation by our special pulpit guest, Federation President and CEO Jeffrey Feld. We will look out this evening for, and all be prepared to welcome and solace, worshippers on-Island to see the visiting “Wall That Heals” Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Saturday, February 22, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Exodus 21:1-24:18; *Haftarah*, II Kings 12:1-17), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### **Shabbat T’rumah** –

Friday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. [candles 6:09] – our last-Friday-of-the-month “Torah Shabbat” features the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll.

Saturday, February 29, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Exodus 25:1-27:19; *Haftarah*, I Kings 5:26-6:13), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

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### ***Li-l’mod u-L’lameid, “To Learn and To Teach”***

Join us for Torah study with Rabbi Gross every Saturday morning at 9:30. And sign up with the JCMI Office to offer a 10- to 15-minute presentation of some of your own thoughts on the weekly *parashah*.



# תא שמע תה'אש אד



## Rabbi Gross's Fourth-Sunday Life-Long Learning Series for 5780 (2019-20)

### Sunday, February 23 - "The Reader's Digest Torah."

*An exploration of Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Torah. In the course of his farewell address to the Israelite nation, Moses not only reviews but also expands in fascinating ways upon all that went before.*

Coffee social at 9:30, followed by class from 10:00 to 11:30.

No fee for JCMI members; guests are welcome, and asked to make a \$5 contribution towards printing.



## TU biSh'vat, New Year of Trees – February 07

Our long-ago farming ancestors in the land of Israel would bring a portion of each year's fruits to the Jerusalem Temple as a gift of thanks to God for the bounties of the harvest. . . but how, exactly, do you draw the line on when the "year" in question began? The rabbis of the Mishnah instituted ט"ו בשבט TU biSh'vat—the full moon of the late-Winter month of Sh'vat, the time when the first almond blossoms make their appearance—as the New Year of the Trees.



Be part of this year's celebration of TU biSh'vat, as our 'Oneg-Shabbat on Friday, February 07, will feature some of the characteristic fruits and nuts of Israel in observance of the New Year of the Trees.

## Register and Vote, World Zionist Organization



Any time between now and March 11, you can stand up to be counted at the upcoming Congress of The World Zionist Organization

To learn about the Congress, and to see the principles of joint Platform #2 representing the Reform and Reconstructionist Movements (the single largest constituency at the WZO) as together we work for a pluralistic and diverse democracy in the Jewish State, visit [www.azm.org/elections](http://www.azm.org/elections), or scan this QR code and register from your smart phone! It takes a minute and a half to register, and six seconds to vote... and you'll be making a huge difference.

🎵 NOTES FROM OUR  
CANTORIAL SOLOIST 🎵



The Shabbat you excitedly have been anticipating for almost an entire year is almost upon us! No, no! It's not the High Holy Days. It's not Passover. It's not Sukkot or Shavuot. But, yes, and of course, it's Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song! Not that I'm partial to music – or songs, in particular – but it really is special. And, at the risk of stating the obvious, it falls on the erev Shabbat on February 7<sup>th</sup> and Shabbat day on February 8<sup>th</sup>. So, we're going to split the difference and celebrate it on Valentine's Day evening, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

It commemorates a particularly extraordinary moment. There we were on foot at the Sea of Reeds, matzah in hand, the Egyptian army at our tushes, water wings in place, - as well as high tide – when the sea parts. We safely make it across the sea. The Egyptian army is drowned. Moses breaks out into the famous “Song of the Sea”! What a moment to rejoice!

Perhaps that's why we bring it up every time we chant “Kiddush”. Or additionally why “Mi Chamocha” is such a core moment in our worship service. Or additionally why Pesach is so celebrated. So, we praise God! We honor with fanfare! We eat (of course)!

But something is seriously missing. And if you make it to services on February 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate together, and I'll finish my point for you.

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## “The Wall That Heals” Visits Marco This Month

Through the agency of our own Carole Roberts, “The Wall that Heals,” a ¾-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be visiting Marco Island this month. You can visit “The Wall” and its associated educational center about the Vietnam War at Veterans Park from Thursday night, February 20, through Sun-day morning the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Many neighbors will be coming to visit this moving shrine to those they lost in the war. Although of course our Island was just beginning to be developed, in the era of American involvement in Vietnam, the Memorial lists as combat casualties ten residents of neighboring Naples; two from Immokalee; and ten from Key West— not to mention well over two hundred from the Tampa Bay area, and an even larger number across the State in the “Gold Coast” between Miami and Boca Raton. Moreover, we should be expecting (and prepared to greet and welcome) visitors coming from much farther afield than our end of Florida: its visit to Marco will be the only stop “The Wall That Heals” is making anywhere in the American southeast during its 25<sup>th</sup> annual tour.



Make it a point to visit Veterans Park that weekend; watch there for Rabbi Gross, who is joining our clergy community in being on hand to offer comfort to those moved by the exhibit; and be sure to welcome any Jewish visitors who may show up for Friday night services on February 21 to identify with (and possibly seek solace from) our local branch of American Israelites.

For information about “The Wall That Heals,” and the ongoing campaign of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to “honor-preserve-educate,” [visit their site](#) on the world-wide web.



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2020: EACH EVENT PRESENTED THIS MONTH IS EXCITING

Our Calendar for the month of February is full of many excellent programs worth attending. Your attendance at these events helps to support the temple this season and for future seasons.

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM **The Jewish Film Festival** continues with "Shoelaces," winner at six 2019 Jewish Film Festivals. An excellent film portraying a relationship full of love, rejection and co-dependency, it manages to shed some light and question the importance of human life, human connection and if life is even possible without it.

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 AM **The Barbara Katz Mah Jongg Tournament** in its 15<sup>th</sup> year. A day full of friendship and lively game-play with catered lunch and prizes!!

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM come to services to enjoy our annual **Cantor's Sermon in Song**. The singers have been putting in their time at rehearsals to ensure a lovely performance, please plan to attend.

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM the **Saul I. Stern Cultural Series** presents the Naples Phil Brass Quintet playing wonderful selections from Copeland to the Beatles. Refreshments will be served following the program featuring a Starbuck's tasting.

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM the **Women's Book Club** will be discussing *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. All are welcome to attend even if you have not read the book.

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM join us at our special shabbat in honor of the Jewish Federation of Marco Island.

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM **Motown Magic** concert playing all the greatest Motown hits. Tickets are still available for this highly anticipated first-time performance but they're going fast.

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 AM the final program of the **Rabbi's Life-Long Learning** series. "The Reader's Digest Torah" - an exploration of Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Torah. In the course of his farewell address to the Israelite nation, Moses not only reviews but also expands in fascinating ways upon all that went before.

Thank you to the Chairs who brought our Congregants these wonderful programs. See you at the Synagogue.

Sue R. Baum  
1st Vice President



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Torah Study 9:30AM Services 10:30
2	3 Canasta 11AM  Bingo 5:30PM	4  Duplicate Bridge 1PM	5  Bridge 1PM	6  Mah Jongg 11AM	7  Services 7:30PM	8  Torah Study 9:30AM Services 10:30
9  <b>Film Festival 2PM</b>	10 Canasta 11AM  Bingo 5:30PM	11  Duplicate Bridge 1PM	12  Bridge 1PM	13  <b>Mah Jongg Tournament</b>	14  <b>Sermon in Song Services 7:30PM</b>	15 Torah Study 9:30AM Services 10:30 <b>Cultural Series 7:30 PM</b>
16	17 <b>Duplicate Bridge 1PM</b>  Bingo 5:30PM	18 <b>Book Club 11AM</b>  Duplicate Bridge 1PM	19  Bridge 1PM	20  Mah Jongg 11AM	21  <b>Federation Shabbat Services 7:30 PM</b>	22 Torah Study 9:30AM Services 10:30 <b>Motown Magic 7:30PM</b>
23 <b>Rabbi's Life Long Learning 9:30AM</b>	24 Canasta 11AM  Bingo 5:30PM	25  Duplicate Bridge 1PM	26  Bridge 1PM	27  Mah Jongg 11AM	28  Services 7:30 PM	29



**Monday, February 17, 2020**



## March Anniversaries

- 5 Tony & Mary Pinto
- 7 Al & Yvette Benarroch
- 24 Mike & Nan Suffian
- 25 Len & Mary Potechin



## March Birthdays

- 1 Laura Vesecky
- 1 Alan Zuckerman
- 2 Paul Zwillenberg
- 5 Jack Jacobsen
- 10 Dick Polinsky
- 11 Marvin Klein
- 12 Susan Daroff
- 17 Betsy Berner
- 20 Ginny Jermanok
- 20 Linda Bernat
- 25 Elliott Mascoop
- 29 Rosalyn Jacobson





# February Weekly Yahrtseit List

## January 26, 2020 – February 1, 2020

29 Tevet – 6 Sh'vat

Caroline R. Borr\*  
Anna Donner  
Abe Jacobson  
Sandy Lerner\*  
Marion K. Levens\*  
Bernard Levine\*  
Barney Parish  
Morris Pullman  
Elaine Raskin  
Harry Schechter\*  
Sidna M. Schwartz  
Amy Lee Shuman\*  
Elizabeth Sophie \*  
Janet Whitebook

## February 2, 2020 - February 8, 2020

7 Sh'vat – 13 Sh'vat

Stephen Alter  
Max Bachman\*  
Shirley Lois Braun\*  
Albert Chase  
Adele Daroff  
Alexander M. Goldenberg\*  
Ruth Goldstein  
Phyllis Greenspan\*  
Freda Koslow\*  
Eva Levin\*  
Dr. Charles Liberman\*  
Hermann Linz  
Beckie Nahmias\*  
Betty Poverman  
Max Poverman  
Samuel Reisfield  
Anne Roseff  
Robert Sachs  
Josephine S. Saeks  
Maurice Saval\*  
Dr. Victor Silberstein\*  
Maynard (Moe) I. Whitebook\*  
Ida Yorra  
Abraham Yorra

## February 9, 2020 - February 15, 2020

14 Sh'vat – 20 Sh'vat

Sadye Avratin\*  
Samuel Blutfield  
Joseph Galker\*  
Robert S. Gottesman\*  
Agnes Hertzner\*  
Jason Katz\*  
Ida Krueger  
Connie Kulok  
Elaine Landy  
Celia Levin\*

Aaron Margolis  
Meyer Migden\*  
Harold Noskin\*  
Sperantza Roman\*  
David Sachs  
Max Selowsky  
Beatrice Silverman  
Paul Sirkus  
Alex Tuller\*  
Joseph Winkler

## February 16, 2020 – February 22, 2020

21 Sh'vat – 27 Sh'vat

Earl & Gloria Brandon\*  
Harry Feldman\*  
Gazella Frank\*  
Marion Thompson Gonshor\*  
Robert Saul Gottsegen\*  
Harold K. Grossman\*  
Diana Hutz\*  
Gloria Mandel  
Alice Jane Miller\*  
Harley Rosenberg\*  
Lois Smith\*  
Elliot Treiber  
Pearl Wall\*

## February 23, 2020 – February 29, 2020

28 Sh'vat – 4 Adar

Hyman Avratin\*  
Morris H. Betten\*  
Craig Elliot Chentow\*  
Pearle Cohn  
William Cohn  
Morton Ettinger\*  
Karen Flesch  
Florence Stein Good\*  
Leonard Greenfield  
Ina Greenspan  
Joseph Hepner\*  
Rabbi M'nachem-Mendel  
Lena E. Klein\*  
Beatrice Krieger  
Abe Landy  
Gus Lipsitz\*  
Nelson Posner  
Louis Roberts  
Elliot Robert Rose  
Sam Siegel  
Kate Silver\*  
Violet Silvershein\*  
Jerome Silverstein\*  
Selma Goldston Snyder  
Clare Tucker\*  
Arthur Emanuel Wilfond\*  
Sylvia Young\*

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

## Yahrtseit Notices

Our policy at JCMI is to offer members the choice of recording Yahrtseit dates in accordance with the English or Hebrew calendars.

If members choose to remember loved ones on their Yahrtseit using the English date of death, the Yahrtseit will be observed each year on the Friday Evening of the week in which that English date occurs.

If the Hebrew date is chosen, the Hebrew date falls on a different English date each year. The Yahrtseit will be observed each year on the Friday evening of the week when that Hebrew date occurs.

Please inform the office as to which date you observe the Yahrtseit of your loved one so that it can be properly recorded in our records. I hope this clarified and eliminates confusion about our policy.

## ONEG SHABBATS FEBRUARY 2020 – APRIL 2020

### FEBRUARY

7	Sandra Hechler George & Estie Karpman Bernie & Lulu Seidman Steve Goldenberg & Mike Dias	IHO The Women's Book Club IHO Estie's 78 <sup>th</sup> Birthday IHO Their Family IHO Steve's Birthday
14	Miriam Slavich Paul & Lydia Krueger Abbe & Elaine Hankin	IMO Ivan Slavich IMO Ida Krueger IHO Susan's Birthday
21	Ted & Jean Bunten Mitch Braun	IHO Their 63 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary IHO His 62 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
28	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	

### MARCH

6	Al & Yvette Benarroch	IHO Their 14 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
13	Ed & Gloria Meer	IHO Their Family
20	Mike & Nan Suffian	IHO Their 57 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
27	Len & Mary Potechin	IHO Their 69 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### APRIL

3	Rony & Nora Joel	IHO Their 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
10	Sue Baum	IHO Her Daughter's Birthday
17	Arthur Doxer Paul & Lydia Krueger	IMO What Would Be His & Joanne's 53 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary IMO Harold Krueger
24	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	

### HELP!

The oneg committee is looking for some congregants who are willing to either bake or buy baked goods for the weekly Shabbat oneg. Our season is beginning to get busy. Please call Tina Boxma at 642-0800 and let her know if you plan to donate.

We thank you in advance for your support.

**TO SPONSOR AN ONEG IS A MITZVAH. JOIN OTHER CONGREGANTS ALREADY SCHEDULED EXCEPT WHERE MARKED "ALONE." CALL TINA AT 642-0800.**

# We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

## REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

**Emert Floyd**  
Ellie Bittman

**Carol Gross**  
Bert & Joan Thompson

**Steve Roberts**  
Bonnie Gurevich

**Denise Schwartzman**  
Sandra Hechler

**Joyce Zeldin**  
Sandra Hechler

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**Sally Aaron from**  
Marvin & Natalie Klein

**Ted Bunten from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
George & Estie Karpman  
Abbe Hankin

**Mitch Braun from**  
Jerry & Helen Lerner  
Marvin & Natalie Klein  
Steve Goldenberg  
Miriam Slavich

**Linda Chase from**  
Irv & Beth Povlow

**Arthur Doxer from**  
Isabel Price

**Marvin Geller from**  
Marvin & Natalie Klein  
Steve Goldenberg

**Steve Goldenberg from**  
Marvin & Natalie Klein  
Irv & Beth Povlow

**Estie Karpman from**  
Herb & Hanita Kern  
Marvin & Natalie Klein  
Steve Goldenberg  
Irv & Beth Povlow  
Miriam Slavich

**Herb Kern from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
George & Estie Karpman  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Abbe Hankin  
Miriam Slavich

**Helen Lerner from**  
Ted & Jean Bunten

**Gloria Meer from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson

**Richard Plager from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson

**Shirley Posner from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
George & Estie Karpman  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Abbe Hankin  
Miriam Slavich  
**Irv Povlow from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
Ted & Jean Bunten

**Judy Sacher from**  
George & Estie Karpman

**Karen Saeks from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
George & Estie Karpman  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Abbe Hankin

**Denise Schwartzman from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Miriam Slavich

**Stanley Stein from**  
Steve Goldenberg

**Joan Thompson from**  
Isabel Price

**Beth Weinberg from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
George & Estie Karpman  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Abbe Hankin

**Stan Zeldin from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

**Ted & Jean Bunten from**  
Jerry & Helen Lerner  
Steve Goldenberg

**Herb & Hanita Kern from**  
Jerry & Evie Levin  
Miriam Slavich

**Marvin & Natalie Klein from**  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
Jerry & Helen Lerner  
George & Estie Karpman  
Ted & Jean Bunten  
Joyce & Howard Elias  
Don & Roberta Schwartz  
Abbe Hankin

**Jerry & Evie Levin from**  
Herb & Hanita Kern

**Norman & Phyllis Rosenblum from**  
Herb & Hanita Kern  
Marvin & Natalie Klein  
Irv & Beth Povlow

## CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Bert & Shirley Posner** - IMO Isaac Nudelman

**Irene Fox** - IMO Geri Lynn Fox  
**Dr. Elaine Hankin** - IMO Beatrice Krieger

## FLOWER FUND

**Goldenberg, Stephen** - IMO Alexander M. Goldenberg  
**Nancy & Morris Margolis** - IMO Aaron Margolis  
**Marilyn Flynn** - IHO a Happy & Healthy 2020  
**Jerry & Evie Levin** - IMO Shirley Levin  
**Stephen Chasin** - IMO Sam Chasin  
**Marvin & Natalie Klein** - IMO Ronald's Birthday  
**Ted & Jean Bunten** - IHO Ted's Birthday  
**Jerry & Evie Levin** - IMO Isabel Levin

## GENERAL FUND

**Mike & Nan Suffian**  
**Jane Kiester** - IMO Florence Gottheimer & Lee Lyons  
**Stan & Joyce Zeldin** - IMO Marris Kross  
**Joyce & Howard Elias** - IHO Natalie & Marvin Klein's Anniversary  
**Ilse Wischnia** - IMO Hermann Linz  
**Roberta Goodwin** - IMO Max & Betty Poverman  
**Nancy & Morris Margolis** - IMO Aaron Margolis

## VISITOR DONATIONS

**Bonnie Cohen**  
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**Mike & Sheri Dolan**



## **YAHRTSEIT DONOR**

Bernie & Rita Blutfield  
Mike & Nan Suffian  
Aren Alter  
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Bert & Joan Thompson  
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Marilyn Flynn  
Marilyn Flynn  
Rony & Nora Joel  
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## **IN MEMORY OF**

Samuel Blutfield  
Paul Sirkus  
Steve Alter  
Jacob Thompson  
Elizabeth Sophie Thompson  
Robert Sachs  
David Sachs  
Marion Thompson Gonshor  
Charlotte Ettinger  
Mort Ettinger  
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Max Selowsky  
Connie Kulok



Marvin & Peg Geller would like to sell  
their cemetery plot in the Marco Island  
Cemetery ~ Jewish Gardens.

If you are interested, please contact  
Marvin or Peg Geller

(908) 229-0769 or (908) 229-1771

The **Office** is open Mon. through Fri. - 10 am to 2 pm

**Event Information** can be found in the monthly **Messenger**, the weekly **Monday Email** and online at the JCMJ website:  
[www.marcojcmi.com](http://www.marcojcmi.com)

**Li-l'mod u-L'lameid, "To Learn and To Teach"** - Torah study with Rabbi Gross every Saturday morning at 9:30. Sign up at our Office to join him as Torah-teacher, with a 10- to 15-minute presentation sharing your own thoughts on the weekly parashah.

Sponsor Friday **Oneg** - \$75 or **Flowers** - \$50 - Call the Office by Weds.

Honor your loved ones with a **Yahrtseit Plaque** - \$250 - Call the Office

Mark a special occasion with a **Chai Leaf** for the Tree of Life - \$200, or a **Walk of Honor Paver** - \$100 - Call the Office

**Health & Caring** - Notify the Office 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.

**Mitzvah Cards** are available at the minimum cost of \$5.00 each, though a larger donation is always appreciated - Call the Office

**Living Will Form** requires only the signature of a legal witness to be valid - forms available at the Office.

### **Office Notes:**

Any information for the **JCMJ 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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***Saturday, March 21, 2020 ~ 7:30 PM***

***\$38/priority seating ~ \$28/regular seating***

For Reservations and Seating, go to [www.marcojcmi.com](http://www.marcojcmi.com),  
go to the Flyers & Information page,  
Click on the Event Tickets link

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY, SEATING IS LIMITED**

# 2019-2020 WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Our 12<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

• **November 19, 2019**

*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*  
Historical Fiction  
By Jennifer Chiaverini

• **March 17, 2020**

*Body and Soul*  
By Frank Conroy

• **December 17, 2019**

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*  
By Gail Honeyman

• **April 21, 2020**

To Be Announced

• **January 21, 2020**

*Where the Crawdads Sing*  
By Delia Owens

**Suggested Reading:**

*Visionary Women*  
Biography  
By Andrea Barney

• **February 18, 2020**

*The Only Woman in the Room*  
By Marie Benedict

*Fault Lines in the Constitution*  
History  
By Cynthia & Sanford Levinson

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**Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me**

**Sunday afternoon, December 15, 2019 Film 2:00 PM Reception following the Film**  
 This film showcases one of the most talented musical legends and features new interviews with such luminaries as Billy Crystal, Norman Lear, Jerry Lewis, Whoopi Goldberg and Kim Novak. Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me explores the life and art of a uniquely gifted entertainer whose trajectory blazed across the major flashpoints of American society from the Depression through the 1980's. With never-before-seen photographs from Davis' vast personal collection and excerpts from his electric performances in television, film and concert. **100 Minutes English**

**Tel Aviv on Fire**

**Sunday afternoon, January 12, 2020 Film 2:00 PM Reception following the Film**  
 Palestinian director Sameh Zoabi's irreverent satire on the Arab-Israeli conflict follows Salam, a winsome slacker whose uncle gets him a job on a sudsy Palestinian TV soap opera, "Tel Aviv on Fire," popular with both Israelis and Palestinians. Salam's daily commute from Jerusalem to the Ramallah set through the Israeli checkpoint leads to regular encounters with the IDF officer in charge. In order to gain his favor, Salaam allows the commander to suggest changes to the plot. Torn between the demands of the army officer and the show's Arab financial backers on how the love story will end, Salaam devises a final masterstroke. **Best Film Haifa International Film Festival, Israeli Film Competition Award Venice Film Festival, Sarasota Film Festival - Best in World Cinema 97 Minutes Hebrew and Arabic**

**Shoelaces**

**Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2020 Film 2:00 PM Reception following the Film**  
 "Shoelaces" tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special-needs son. Reuben's kidneys are failing and his son Gadi, wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father's life. However, the transplant committee objects to the procedure. Gadi is furious with the committee's decision and sets out to fight for his right to save his father's life. Through the film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection and co-dependency, it manages to shed some light and question the importance of human life, human connection and if life is even possible without it. **Audience Choice Award at six 2019 Jewish Film Festivals, Best Feature - Film Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival 2019 90 Minutes Hebrew with English subtitles**

**The Interpreter**

**Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2020 Film 2:00 PM Reception following the Film**  
 Odd-couple traveling companions - the son of a Nazi officer and his Jewish translator - roam the Slovak countryside, in this bittersweet road movie full of melancholic humor that traverses complex moral and historical territory. Ali leaves his home to find and kill the SS officer who murdered his parents during WWII. Instead, he meets the Nazi's son, retired teacher Georg, an incorrigible drunk and womanizer. Despite their tense first encounter, the two ill-matched men travel together, developing a prickly friendship along the way. The Interpreter explores themes of memory, trauma and guilt through the shared history of characters seeking to bridge their differences and reclaim their humanity. **Building Bridges Jury Prize Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2019, Official Entry (Slovakia) - Best Foreign Language Film, 2019 Academy Awards 116 Minutes German and Slovakian**

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

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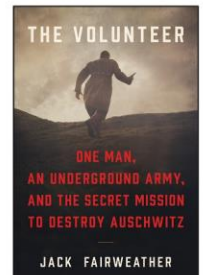
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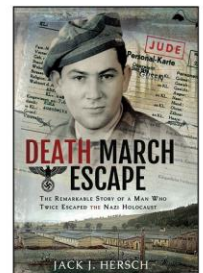
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