



**MARCH 2020** 

ADAR – NISSAN 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



# Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

# Singing a New Song, and Others As Well Top to Bottom

We open up this month with an observance, at our first-Friday-of-themonth "Celebration Shabbat," of Purim, the joyous Feast of Esther. That holiday commemorates, of course, the long-ago incident in which a genocidal edict promulgated by a corrupt and vindictive Prime Minister of the Persian Empire was foiled through a timely intervention by the Empress, Esther.

Doing so represented an act of rare moral courage on her part. Esther is a Persian name, identifying its bearer as a devotee of the Mesopotamian fertility goddess Ishtar. The Jewish woman Hadassah could have kept on that mask of Persian-ness; laid low in the Imperial

could have kept on that mask of Persian-ness; laid low in the Imperial harem; and safely ridden out the tsunami of Jewish blood in bland anonymity. Instead she took the risk of standing up courageously, exerting her unique position of access to the Emperor to save her people by derailing the mayhem and restoring the balance of justice and peace.

The history of our people is a vast landscape of glorious triumphs, which has all too often been marred by violence at the hands of those who hate us for stupid reasons of their own. That painful fact is reflected in the bleak Yiddish proverb: "so many Hamans, but only one Purim."

If Purim is therefore a prototype, then so is Esther: the exemplar of the kind of moral courage each of us must show in standing courageously not just in advocacy for our own people, but also to confront and oppose any kind of evil and bigotry targeting anyone else. The task of restoring the balance of justice and peace is an ongoing one, that involves us all.

That is because, even if we think of the rescue of Persian Jewry in the time of Esther as a miracle, it was a miracle enacted through direct human agency. So it is that we have the Hasidic wisdom contrasting Chanukah and Purim on the basis of the toys associated with



those respective holidays: we spin the סביבון dreidel, with a handle on top, to show that the miraculous victory of the Maccabees was enacted from On High; but twirl the רעשן graggar, with its handle mounted on its bottom, as a reminder that the all-but miraculous rescue of the Jews in Esther's time was the result of human intervention here on earth. When it comes to confronting

evil and injustice, the ball is in the court of us all.



משנכנס אדר

מרבין בשמחה

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.

# JCMI Schedule of Services February 2020 – Adar/Nissan, 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 T'tzaveh-Zachor -

<u>Friday, March 06, 7:30 p.m. [candles 6:13]</u> – First-Friday-of-the-Month "Celebration Shabbat," with special blessings for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the newly arrived month of March, and featuring *m'gillah*-reading in celebration of Purim, the joyous Feast of Esther.

<u>Saturday, March 07, 9:30 a.m.</u> – Torah study in the Sanctuary (Torah, Exodus 27:20-30:10; *Haftarah*, Ezekiel 43:10-27 – and special selection I Samuel 15:2-34), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### Shabbat Ki Tissa-Parah -

<u>Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:16]</u> – Shabbat evening worship.

<u>Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.</u> – Torah study in the Sanctuary (Torah, Exodus 30:11-34:35; *Haftarah*, I Kings 18:1-39 – and special selection Ezekiel 36:16-38), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

### Shabbat va Yaq'heil-P'qudei-haChodesh -

Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:20] – Shabbat evening worship.

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study in the Sanctuary (Torah, Exodus 35:1-40:38; *Haftarah*, I Kings 7:51-8:21 – and special selection Ezekiel 45:16-46:18), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

# Shabbat vaYiqra -

<u>Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:23]</u> – our last-Friday-of-the-month "Torah Shabbat" features the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll.

<u>Saturday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.</u> – Torah study in the Sanctuary (Torah, Leviticus 1:1-5:26; *Haftarah*, Isaiah 43:21-44:23), followed by *Shachrit* worship service.

# 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*.

# Masks and Rattles and Cans – Purim, March 07



Our annual observance of Purim, the riotous Feast of Queen Esther, will be incorporated into our first-Friday-of-the-month "Celebration Shabbat" evening worship at 7:30 on Friday, March 07. Besides holiday songs and the reading of the *m'gillah*, **there will be prizes for the best costume and noisemaker...** not to mention, of course, *hamantaschen* for all and sundry. Bring cans for the local Food Bank and the JFCS feeding program, since one of the *mitzvot* of Purim is providing the needy with the means to celebrate, too!

# "Spring Ahead" This Month

Remember that, in keeping with the Energy Conservation Act of 2005, Daylight Savings Time begins on the second Sunday in March. Be sure to turn your clocks forward an hour at bedtime on Saturday, March 07, to stay on top of your weekend plans!



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# Selling Chameitz Before Passover

Rabbi Gross will gladly make the necessary arrangements to arrange symbolic transfer of your property where leavened stuff is stored, to allow ceremonial divestiture of *chameitz* you own (without bankrupting your food budget by throwing it all out and having to replace it after the Passover holiday). Complete the form below, and return it to the JCMI Office before Friday morning, April 03.

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#### SALE of CHAMEITZ

In order to fulfill the command in the Torah לֹא־יֵרְאֶה לְּךְ שְׁאֹר בְּכֶל-גְּבֻלֶּף שְׁאֹר בְּכֶל-גְּבֻלֶּף "Let no leavened stuff be found within your borders" (Exodus 13:7), I hereby authorize Rabbi Mark Gross of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island to sell on my behalf— and for the duration of the Passover holiday in 2020 formally divest myself of ownership of— the following location[s] where *chameitz* is stored:

Signed	Date
Signed	Date

# SNOTES FROM OUR CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Not only does March contain my husband's eighty-fifth birthday, but it also contains Purim! March 10<sup>th</sup> is the very festive holiday, which we at JCMI will celebrate during our Erev Shabbat service on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Warm up your grogger hands, splurge and wear a costume, and join in the merriment! How else will you enjoy this year's mystery theme? It's time, once again, to stroll down memory lane with Mordechai, Hadassah/Esther, Ahashuerus, and



Haman (boo-oo-oo). The parodies, Lucille, the Rabbi, and I are all in the works, and we hope you will join us.

We'll then have barely a month before we celebrate the very special festival of Pesach, with the first night seder on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The parties just keep coming. This time, we're visiting with our guests of honor, Moses, Aaron, and the Pharaoh.

As soon as we put away our groggers, it will be full steam ahead with our Pesach preparations. I should add that Mary Pinto and her band of sous preparers are already deep in the throws of arrange and cooking for our JCMI seder par excellence. We hope you will join us for the seder as well.

Holidays and festivals are the perfect times to spend with your family, whether by birth or at JCMI. If you cannot be with us on Marco, I hope you're with your other family, bringing in the unique spirit of each occasion. Chag same ach!





# VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### JCMI HONORS THE MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Many persons ask me why our Synagogue is so special. I always have the same answer. It is the Congregants—amazing members, each with interesting and remarkable backgrounds.

It is the tradition at JCMI to honor the Man and Woman of the Year, who have contributed to the richness of our Synagogue. This year the honorees are Bernie and Lulu Seidman.



For more than a decade, Bernie has served the Synagogue in many positions. He has been President of the Synagogue, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Rabbi's Search Committee. For years, Bernie was a mainstay of the Deli Fest and one of our JCMI Chefs that have provided outstanding Synagogue dinners. Bernie is also in charge of our Monday Night Bingo Kitchen, feeding 6,000 players a year, now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Beside every good man, is a good woman. Lulu Seidman is that woman! For years she has prepared the Monday Night Bingo pastry trays, 30-32 Mondays each season, that are the highlight of the complimentary supper. We thank her for this tremendous effort and her support for all events at the Synagogue.

Thank your Bernie and Lulu for making this a dynamic Congregation!

Sue R. Baum
1st Vice President



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Canasta 1PM					Torah Study
		Duplicate	Jewish Book			9:30AM
	Bingo	Bridge 1PM	Festival 1-3			Services 10:30
	5:30PM					G-141 G
						Cultural Series 7:30 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Canasta 1PM	10	11	12	13	11
		Duplicate	Bridge 1PM	Mah Jongg		
	Bingo	Bridge 1PM	Ü	11AM		
	5:30PM					
				Annual		Torah Study
	Fast of			Meeting	Services	9:30AM
	Esther	Purim		7PM	7:30PM	Services 10:30
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Canasta 1PM	Book Club	D 11 4D16	361.7		Torah Study
Film Festival		11AM	Bridge 1PM	Mah Jongg		9:30AM
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	Bingo 5:30PM	Duplicate Bridge 1PM			Services 7:30PM	Alter Eagles 7:30 PM
22	23	24	25	26	7:30PM 27	7:50 PM
22	23	24	23	Mah Jongg	21	28
Board of	Canasta 1PM	Duplicate	Bridge 1PM	11AM	Federation	
Directors		Bridge 1PM		Board	Shabbat	Torah Study
Retreat	Bingo			Meeting	Services	9:30AM
	5:30PM			7PM	7:30 PM	Services 10:30
29	30	31				
	Canasta 1PM					
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	Bingo	Duplicate				
	5:30PM	Bridge 1PM				





# **April Anniversaries**

- 3 Richard Kalin & Nancy Kleeman
- 4 Charles & Karen Blum
- 6 Herb & Norma Handelsman



# **April Birthdays**

- 3 Marilyn Flynn
- 7 Linda Barger
- 9 Joseph Askenazi
- 12 Mark Schuman
- 12 Hanita Kern
- 15 Eleanor Bittman
- 16 Frada Roseff
- 18 Phyllis Rosenblum
- 21 Heather Greenfield
- 23 Jonathan Greenfield
- 29 Edith Yorks
- 30 Abe Brown





#### **Heartfelt Thanks**

Volunteering is a mitzvah, and I am beyond appreciative for all the ladies and gentlemen who have devoted time, labor and their hearts in making the JCMI Congregation weekly Shabbat so very special. With their contribution of homemade baked goods we, as a congregation, continue a long tradition of loving and caring. Of course, this could not be accomplished without the Oneg Angel Team consisting of Joanne Blau, Jean Bunten, and Sandra Hechler.

I would be remiss if I did not mention those that continually contribute to the table: Jane and Arnold Baron, Mitch Braun, Steve Goldenberg, Estie Karpman, Natalie Klein, Evie Levin, Carol Polinsky, Phyllis Rosenblum, Joan Thompson, Diane Wallack, Beth Weinberg, Sydell and Leo Wertheim, and Joyce Zeldin.

-Mary Pinto

# March Weekly Yahrtseit List

#### March 1, 2020 - March 7, 2020

5 Adar – 11 Adar

Esther Blutfield Esther Bragman\*

Ann Molowitz Evangelista

Irving Greenberg\*

Harold Hollander

Stephen Horowitz\*

Frances Kalin

Bubbles Katz\*

Selma Lubin

Leslie Mascoop

Elaine Stein Molowitz\*

Rose Nudelman\*

Verona Perlman

Phineas Rosenberg

Rose Rosenfield\*

Martin Seltzer\*

Elda Spizzichino\*

Manuel Wold\*

#### March 8, 2020 – March 14, 2020

12 Adar – 18 Adar

Edith Raskin Abrams\*

Theresa Bachman\*

Ethel Black\*

Ruth Edelstein

Daniel Germaine\*

Arnold Gross

Susan Wold Jacobs\*

Adele Katzowsky

Ronald B. Klein\*

Frieda Silber Mandel\*

Alfred M. May

Shirley Maze

Gilbert Rudman

Frances Soloway

Irene Spiegel\*

Edwin S. Stavis\*

#### March 15, 2020 - March 21, 2020

19 Adar – 25 Adar

Gertrude Avner

Louis Edward Ettinger\*

Morton Ettinger\*

Larry Feldman

Anne Fischer\*

Peter Flynn\*

Dorothy Gorshel\*

Joan Greenberg\*

Benjamin Hankin

Jeanne Harrison\*

Martha H. Katzen\*

Suzanne Nathanson

Fyrne Babette Portney\*

**Bruce Reifeiss** 

Michael Roman\*

Keith Saeks

**Ruth Stromberg** 

Norman Weisberg\*

Florence Winter\*

Bert Zeldin

#### March 22, 2020 - March 28, 2020

26 Adar – 3 Nisan

Sam Borr\*

Barbara Brodie\*

Barbara Bulmash

Phyllis Gordon

**Emily Gross** 

Chaim Hurvitz\*

Joseph Jaffe\*

Samuel Klein

Mack Roseff

Irwin (Bud) Rosenak\*

Hildreth C. Rosenberg\*

Aaron Rosenthal

James A. Rubin\*

Anne Schultz

Morton Soloway

Nissim David Turiel\*

Samuel Weiner\*

#### March 29, 2020 - April 4, 2020

4 Nisan – 10 Nisan

Maxine K. Berman\*

Herman Bittman\*

Bill Blum

Celia Durst Dresner\*

Max Gottsegen\*

Dorothy Grosky

Philip Heiblum\*

Betty Joel

Arthur Joel

Samuel Kennedy\*

Jewel Lerner

Anna Zilberstein Linder

Sadye Loft\*

Ossie Sacher\*

Daniel Schuman

Morris Seidman

Edward S. Sheinberg

William Snyder\*

Saul I. Stern\*

Belle Weinberger

\*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 <u>different English date each year</u>. 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 MARCH 2020 - MAY 2020

#### **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	IMO What Would Be His & Joanne's 53 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
	Paul & Lydia Krueger	IMO Harold Krueger
24	AVAILABLE	

#### MAY

1	Sue Baum	IHO the Oneg Committee
8	Cookie Cole	IMO Susan Stenn and Edgar Stenn
15	Karen & Eddie Saeks	IHO their 28 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	Jo Anne Youman	IMO Bob Youman
22	Al & Yvette Benarroch ALONE	IMO Al's Father, Joseph Benarroch
29	Bernie & Lulu Seidman	IHO their 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# 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.

# We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

#### **REFUAH SHELAYMAH**

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Peg Geller from

Herb & Diane Wallack

Jack Jacobsen from

Sandra Hechler

Carol Polinsky from

Ellie Bittman

**Denise Schwartzman from** 

Sandra Hechler

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** 

Sally Aaron from

Karen and Eddie Saeks

Mitch Braun

Bert and Joan Thompson

Jane Baron from

Bert and Joan Thompson

Mitch Braun from

Bert and Joan Thompson

Marvin Geller from

Bert and Joan Thompson

Marvin Klein from

Miriam Slavich

Steve Goldenberg from

Karen and Eddie Saeks Bernie and Lulu Seidman

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Jack Jacobson

Ted and Jean Bunten

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Ginny Jermanok from

Herb & Hanita Kern

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Jerry Levin from

Herb & Hanita Kern

Elliott Mascoop

Ted and Jean Bunten Karen and Eddie Saeks

Judy Margelefsky from

Mitch Braun

Dick Polinsky from

Karen and Eddie Saeks

Karen Saeks from

Stan and Joyce Zeldin

Audrey Snyder from Mitch Braun Alan Zuckerman from

Herb & Hanita Kern

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Al and Yvette Benarroch

Ted and Jean Bunten

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Karen and Eddie Saeks

Mitch Braun

Bert and Joan Thompson

Marvin & Natalie Klein from

Elinore Weinhaus

**Tony and Mary Pinto** 

Ted and Jean Bunten

Eddie and Karen Saeks

Norman & Phyllis Rosenblum from

Bert and Joan Thompson Marvin and Peg Geller

Marvin and Natalie Klein

Mike and Nan Suffian from

Ted and Jean Bunten Herb and Hanita Kern

#### **MAZEL TOV TO:**

Lulu and Bernie Seidman

Man and Woman of the Year 2020

Karen and Eddie Saeks

#### SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Gloria Meer IMO Your Sister-In-Law

Harriet Israel

Steve Goldenberg and Mike Dias IMO Millie Dias

John Reiches and June Streisand

Isabel Price

Ted and Jean Bunten

Mitchell Braun

Stan and Joyce Zeldin

Bert and Joan Thompson

Ellie Bittman

Joanne and Roger Blau

Herb & Diane Wallack Rony & Nora Joel

Abbe and Elaine Hankin

Tony and Mary Pinto

Larry and Judy Sacher

Dr. Elaine and Abbe Hankin

Jane Schiff IMO Lawrence "Lon"
Gratz

Isabel Price

**BUILDING FUND** 

Debra Stern - IMO Freda Koslow

**CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND** 

Barbara Silver - IHO of Steven Goldenberg's

Birthday **Arthur Doxer -** IMO of James Rubin

Abbe & Elaine Hankin - IMO Ben Hankin Elena Rosner - IMO Elda Spizzichino Elliott Mascoop - IMO Leslie Mascoop

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Joe & Carol Atkin - IMO their Parents Mitch Braun - IMO Shirley Lois Braun Paul & Lydia Krueger - IMO Ida Krueger Margolis, Morris & Nancy - IMO Aaron Margolis Ted & Jean Bunten - IHO 63rd Anniversary Lucille Gaita - IMO Linda Gaita Aren Alter - IMO Steve Alter Jonathan & Heather Greenfield - IMO Leonard Greenfield

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Isabel Price - IMO Rose Steinbrecher Boiko Sorley Sheinberg - IMO Selma G. Snyder Philip & Barbara Poverman - IMO Betty & Max Poverman

Joan & Bert Thompson - IMO Ethel Black

KITCHEN FUND

Irwin & Frada Roseff - IMO Dr. Howie Rappaport

PRAYER BOOKS

Karen and Eddie Saeks - IHO February

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Karen and Eddie Saeks - IHO March

Birthdays and Anniversaries

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Richard Loft - IMO Sadye Loft

Gary Stromberg - IMO Ruth Stromberg

VISITOR DONATIONS

Spencer & Rita Kreger



# YAHRTSEIT DONOR

# IN MEMORY OF

Gary & Sheila Donner Leonard Weisberg Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Michael & Nanette Suffian David & Judy Rosenak Anna Donner
Norman Weisberg
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Paul Sirkus
Bud & Henriette Rosenak





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 JCMI website: **www.marcojcmi.com** 

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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 **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.





Join us on Wednesday, March 4 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island for a Jewish Book Festival event sponsored by



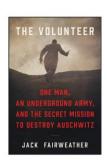


# **Holocaust-themed Non-fiction**

# **Jack Fairweather** • The Volunteer



To uncover the fate of the thousands being interred at a mysterious Nazi camp on the border of the Reich, a 39-year-old Polish resistance fighter, Witold Pilecki, volunteered for an audacious mission: assume a fake identity, get captured and sent to the camp, and then report back to the underground. Gathering information was not his only task. He was to execute an attack from inside. The name of the camp was Auschwitz. *The Volunteer*, the true story of a Polish resistance fighter, is an unflinching portrayal of survival, revenge and betrayal. **Jack Fairweather** has been a correspondent for *The Washington Post* and *The Daily Telegraph*, where he was the paper's Baghdad and Persian Gulf bureau chief. His reporting during the Iraq invasion won him the British Press Award (the British equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize).

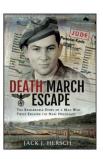


# Jack Hersch • Death March Escape



Death March Escape describes 18-year-old Dave Hersch's year in Mauthausen Concentration Camp, his two escapes, and his son Jack's thrilling journey to Mauthausen decades later. After a year slaving in Mauthausen's granite mine, Dave was put on a death march. Weighing 80 lbs. and suffering from several diseases, he found the strength to escape, but was quickly recaptured and sent back to Mauthausen. Put on another death march, he escaped again. As Jack retraces his father's footsteps, the places he slaved in and those he escaped, he learns much more about his father's remarkable survival, and also about himself.

**Jack Hersch** is a strategic advisor to investment institutions and corporate managements. He has guest-lectured in many business schools including MIT, USC and UC Berkeley.



\$18 in advance • \$25 at the door • includes coffee and desserts during intermission

For tickets, please call the Federation office at 239.263.4205 or visit www.jewishbookfestival.org

# The Tewish Congregation of Marco Island

991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Isl., FL ~ 239-642-0800

# Presents



# Take It To The Limit With The Alter Eagles!

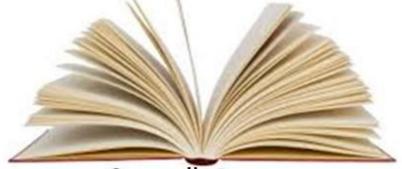
This is by far the most authentic representation of The Eagles in their prime! Alter Eagles have been the top Eagles show in the US for over 10 years playing hundreds of shows, playing at massive festivals, top venues, and fine theaters.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 ~ 7:30 PM \$38/priority scating ~ \$28/regular scating

For Reservations and Seating, go to <a href="www.marcojcmi.com">www.marcojcmi.com</a>,
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 12th Season

Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island 991 Winterberry Drive

•March 17, 2020

Body and Soul
By Frank Conroy

•April 21, 2020

Waking Lions By Ayelet Gundar-Goshen Suggested Reading:

Visionary Women
Biography
By Andrea Barney

Fault Lines in the Constitution
History
By Cynthia & Sanford Levinson

Temple membership is not necessary ~ everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion whether or not you have read the book.

Ouestions? Call Sandra 239-394-6953



# THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL



# PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

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

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