

THE JCMI MESSENGER



APRIL 2020

NISSAN – IYAR 5780

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross

and

Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

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for current service times.



From Servitude to Freedom

The fast-approaching Feast of Freedom finds us feeling as if we are still in the brick-pits of servitude. Legitimate concerns over the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus have us hunkered down in self-quarantine; staying close to home as much as possible; and avoiding association with crowds. It is a lonely and repressive mood that finds us constrained and restive— and, in the spirit of the season, sympathizing with our long-ago Egyptian neighbors enduring The Ten Plagues. (Although this one all by itself feels like more than enough, thank you).

Last month our Congregational leadership made the difficult decision to go dark for the time being, in the interests of public safety. I applaud our Board for their moral courage in taking this paradoxical approach to community-building, because in a circumstance such as the one we find ourselves in opening our hearts means closing our doors. At least until April 12 (and possibly beyond that) all public gatherings at JCMJ are suspended, including Shabbat worship and the annual Congregational Passover *seider*.

Until we are able to be back together in our Temple home, I have implemented remote-access technology to allow our Congregants to participate in Shabbat evening worship and Shabbat morning Torah-study from the comfort and safety of home. You can log on from your computer or smartphone for “distance-*davvening*” Friday nights at 7:30, and for Torah study at 9:30 Saturday morning. Visit the JCMJ website for details about how to join these groups; for a link to install the necessary Zoom software or app; and to download the Friday prayerbook and Shabbat morning study sheet beforehand.

We will be taking the same approach to sharing Passover this year. JCMJ neighbors left high-and-dry by the necessary cancellation of the Congregational *seider* are invited to virtually join Carol and me and our family by remotely attending our Feast of Freedom on Wednesday the 8th at 6:30 PM. (Since, however, there’s no “virtually” fulfilling the associated Pass-over *mitzvot*, be sure to pick up wine, *matzah*, greens, and horseradish on your next grocery run to Winn-Dixie!). Those interested in distance-*seidering* with the Grosses will find Zoom log-in details— as well as a *Haggadah* to download and print out to follow along— posted to the JCMJ website on Monday the sixth.

Once our newly-liberated Israelite forebears got out of Egypt and into the Wilderness, they came to a place called מַרָּה *Marah* where the water was too bitter to drink. But God showed Moses a plant which nullified the bitterness and made the water sweet once more. It was a living parable about faith and trust אֲנִי יְהוָה רֹפֵאֶךָ “for I am The Eternal One, Who heals you.” May healing and hope and reassurance all be ours, as together (in sweetness and shared joy) we journey forth to freedom of body and spirit alike.



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

April, 2020 – Nissan/Iyyar, 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 below 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 Tzav-haGadol –

Friday, April 03, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:26] – First-Friday-of-the-April “Celebration Shabbat,” “Distance-Davvening” via Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website), featuring a special blessing for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the newly arrived month of April.

Saturday, April 04, 9:30 a.m. – remote Torah-study via Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website). (Torah, Leviticus 6:1-8:36; *Haftarah*, Malachi 3:4-24).

Shabbat Chol haMo'eid Pesach –

Wednesday, April 08, 6:30 p.m. – JCMI Congregational “Distance-Seider” via Zoom (log-in details, and a copy of the *Haggadah* to download and print out ahead of time, at the JCMI website).

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:29] – Shabbat evening worship, “Distance-Davvening” via Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website), featuring thematic inserts for this being the Shabbat in the middle of the Passover holiday.

Saturday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. – remote Torah-study via Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website). (Torah, Exodus 33:12-34:26; *Haftarah*, Ezekiel 37:1-14).

Shabbat Sh'mini –

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:33] – Shabbat evening worship, featuring Festival liturgy and the “*Yizkor*” prayer in observance of the conclusion of the Passover holiday. Providing it is safe, we will convene at our JCMI Temple home for Congregational worship.

Alternately, if public gatherings are still inadvisable in the face of the Coronavirus epidemic, Festival prayerbook including the “*Yizkor*” prayer will be uploaded to our website for the convenience of remote worshippers attending via Zoom.

Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study, either in the Meer Center or online Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website). (Torah, Leviticus 9:1-11:47; *Haftarah*, II Samuel 6:1-7:17).

Shabbat Tazri'a-M'tzora-Rosh Chodesh –

Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. [candles 7:36] – our last-Friday-of-the-April “Torah Shabbat” features the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll.

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study, either in the Meer Center or online Zoom (log-in details at the JCMI website). (Torah, Leviticus 12:1-15:33; *Haftarah*, II Kings 7:3-20)

Li-l'mod u-L'lameid, “To Learn and To Teach”

This will be Rabbi Gross’s last month of Saturday morning Torah study. Whether in-house at JCMI, or on-line via Zoom, join us at 9:30.

Sign up with the JCMI Office to be off-season Torah teacher during the Summer months, leading group participants in engagement with the weekly *parashah*.

♪ NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♪



So, picture this! There you are, and there is your grandchild; your grandchild is sad and overwhelmed.

What do you do?

Now picture this: There you are sad and overwhelmed.

What do you do?

I think we all have two equally significant tasks; reaching out to offer help and reaching out to accept help. The concept is very, very simple; its execution not so much. Who do I help? When do I help? How do I help? Who do I feel safe asking for help? What do I say? What will they say?

Often just saying “hello” to someone opens the door enough to begin a good conversation, a good solution. Try it and let me know how it works. Heaven knows that I’m here, and I’m here for you.

This clearly is a very difficult time. Acknowledging its tremendous impact on us is not a sign of weakness, but a grasp of reality.

While I’m not on the bimah or at the oneg or at a JCMI event, I am always here for you.

We survived the Babylonians. We survived the Roman Empire. We survived the black plague. We survived the bubonic plague. We will survive this. And we can do it most safely – physically and spiritually – if we follow the readily available health directions, if we help in any safe way we can, and if we accept the kindness of others. And don’t forget: Our 613 commandments – our 613 great options – give us some wonderful hints, too.

May these most trying days pass quickly and as painlessly as possible, and let’s be in this together.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the Congregation for affording me the honor to serve as President. When people ask me what is special about our Synagogue, my response is always the same - it is the Congregants that make the Synagogue special.

Now we have a public health crisis. We must pay close attention to the stern advice offered by the professional community - take precautions and stay at home. That is the advice we must follow.

The Board of Directors has reluctantly decided that our welfare dictates we add our Shabbat observances to the list of JCMI programs already cancelled. Both Friday evening worship, Torah study and services following on Saturday will be suspended, effective immediately through April 11th, when the issue will be re-considered by the Board of Directors.

Rabbi Gross will be conducting remote worship Fridays at 7:30 pm and weekly Torah Study at 9:30 am Saturday mornings. Visit the JCMI web site for details on how to attend. You can also download and print out ahead of time both the special-use Friday prayer book and Saturday morning Torah-study handout sheet.

We are one family-here to support one another through this uncertain time. Know that Rabbi Gross, Cantor Hari Jacobsen, our staff as well as officers and directors are ready to provide any assistance.

Sue R. Baum
President

IN MEMORIA

Reva Miller, one of the founders of JCMI passed away Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Oregon, surrounded by family. Reva Miller, together with her husband, George Miller, worked tirelessly to establish the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.

Deltona Corporation, the developer of Marco Island, pledged the parcel of land now the site of the Synagogue with the proviso that the committee submit an architectural plan and have the finances in place within one year. The Millers, along with others, worked non-stop to satisfy the criteria and secure the land. They supplied electrical fixtures from their stores in Akron. The one year deadline was met, the synagogue was built.

In addition to her love for this Synagogue, Reva was an outstanding bridge player. She and George won competitions and played in international tournaments.

Her granddaughter was named in the Synagogue. This past Spring, Reva arranged to have Granddaughter's daughter's baby naming take place at the Synagogue. Reva was special and we will miss her.



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Virtual Services 7:30PM	4 Virtual Torah Study & Services 9:30 AM
5	6	7	8 First Seder	9 Passover	10 Virtual Services 7:30PM Passover	11 Virtual Torah Study & Services 9:30 AM Passover
12 Passover	13 Passover	14 Passover	15 Passover	16 Passover	17 Services 7:30PM TBD	18 Torah Study & Services 9:30 AM TBD
19 Community Holocaust Remembrance	20	21	22	23	24 Services 7:30PM TBD	25 Torah Study & Services 9:30 AM TBD
26	27	28	29	30		

Community Holocaust Remembrance, April 19

Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen will be pulpit participants in the annual Collier County observance of Yom haSho'ah, the annual remembrance of victims of Nazi brutality, at 10:30 on Sunday morning, April 19, meeting at Temple Shalom in Naples– 4630 Pine Ridge Road, a half-mile west of Collier Boulevard.



Plans are proceeding apace for this special worship experience, but it may ultimately be impacted by changing CDC recommendations regarding public gatherings. An e-mail update on the status of the Communal Yom haSho'ah observance will be forthcoming mid-month... but, in the interim, mark your calendar to be there!

May Anniversaries

- 12 Bert & Shirley Posner
- 14 Bob & Denise Schwartzman
- 15 Marvin & Peg Geller
- 17 Eddie & Karen Saeks
- 20 Thomas Rosenberg & Cynthia Patterson
- 21 John Reiches & June Streisand
- 24 Alan & Susan Daroff
- 29 Bernie & Lulu Seidman



May Birthdays

- 4 Joanne Blau
- 4 Herb Handelsman
- 5 Sorley Sheinberg
- 7 Rivka Mascoop
- 7 Len Kabat
- 11 Sydell Wertheim
- 13 Stuart Bulmash
- 13 Norma Handelsman
- 14 Charles Shapiro
- 17 Frank Weinberg
- 21 Susan Schuman
- 22 Joan Cohen
- 23 Carole Roberts
- 26 Rita Blutfield
- 26 Edward Meer
- 27 Abbe Hankin
- 27 June Streisand
- 28 Karen Tessel-Blum
- 31 Diane Wallack



To my JCMI Family,

I wish to congratulate Sue Baum on her new term as JCMI President, as well as all the incoming and outgoing board members. I wish you all good fortune and success in your up and coming service to JCMI. I also want to thank all of you who supported and assisted me in my run for President. My only regret was that, due to my fractured foot, I was unable to have a meet and greet during my candidacy, as ambulation was not easy.

Moving forward, I am thankful for my time on the board and look forward to continuing my support of JCMI. Please stay safe and healthy!

Best Wishes,
Mary R. Pinto



April Weekly Yahrtseit List

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*
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Arthur Joel
Samuel Kennedy*
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April 5, 2020 – April 11, 2020

11 Nisan – 17 Nisan

Bernard Baron
Adele S. Povlow Blumenthal*
Israel Exler*
Jennie Geller
Mark Geller
Charles G. Greenstein*
Harry Sachs Grossman*
Julius Jermanok*
Harry Kantor*
Irv Katz
Alvin Kennedy*
Ralph Krause
Ann R. Mandel*
Tillie Miller
Adele Morganstern*
Paul B. Newman*
Frances Sutker Schulman*
Murry Silvershein*
Yetta Weisberg*
Robert Winter
Herb Wischnia

April 12, 2020 – April 18, 2020

18 Nisan – 24 Nisan

John Cohen*
Marian Gardner
Boots Hartstein*
Edward Kaplan*
Maurice Krieger

Harold M. Krueger
William Rick*
Vincent Russo
Sarah Schechter*
Esther Skolnik
Sarah Spolen
Wyatt Kyle Sutker*
Fred Teachman*
Albert George Wilfond*
Hattie Willens*
Eva Wolf*

April 19, 2020 – April 25, 2020

25 Nisan – 1 Iyar

Frieda Siegel Cherr
Samuel Edelman
Allen Abraham Feld*
Louis Goldenberg*
Ann Grosberg*
Morris Kahn*
Stephen S. Lanphear*
Clara Knudson Nolan*
Sophie Marquis Randolph
Ben Rosenblum
Stanley Ross*
Michael Stuart Sacher*
Philip Seidman
Nettie G. Silverstein*
Fred Suffian
Hyman Sugerman*
Martin Arthur Thompson*
Calvert Israel Waranch

April 26, 2020 – May 2, 2020

2 Iyar – 8 Iyar

Flora Atkin
Alan Beer
Alexander Berman*
David Boiko
Phyllis Borr*
Bertha Feins Clinard*
Arthur Cole
Eve Eisenstein*
Mary Jermanok*
Maurice Leifer*
Chandra Levy
Sally Rick*
Aaron Harold Rosner*
Ann Snyder*
Gayle Sandra Stein*
Svea Svensson
Gussie Treiber
Anita Yorks

*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 APRIL 2020 - JUNE 2020

Due to the Coronavirus situation Oneg Shabbats are suspended through April 10th. We will contact sponsors individually for rescheduling dates as necessary.

APRIL

3	Services Suspended	
10	Services Suspended	
17	Arthur Doxer	IMO What Would Be His & Joanne's 53 rd Anniversary
	Paul & Lydia Krueger	IMO Harold Krueger
24	Cookie Cole	IMO Susan Stenn and Edgar Stenn

MAY

1	Sue Baum	IHO the Oneg Committee
8	Cookie Cole	IMO Susan Stenn and Edgar Stenn
15	Karen & Eddie Saeks	IHO their 28 th 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 th Anniversary

JUNE

5	Rony & Nora Joel	IHO their 45 th Anniversary
12	AVAILABLE	
19	AVAILABLE	
26	AVAILABLE	

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)

Denise Schwartzman from

Jerry and Evie Levin
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Eleanor Bittman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sally Aaron from

Edye and Gary Gershman
Rita and Bernie Blutfield

Joseph Askenazi from

Herb & Hanita Kern
Stephen Goldenberg

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Stephen Goldenberg

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Tony and Mary Pinto from

Bernie and Lulu Seidman

Len and Mary Potechin from

Bernie and Lulu Seidman

MAZEL TOV TO:

Ted and Jean Bunten on their new home

Ellie Bittman

SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Trudy Bloom IMO Millard Bloom

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Shirley Posner - IMO Rose Nudelman

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Ellie Bittman - IMO Reva Miller

Jane and Arnold Baron - IMO Bernard Baron

FLOWER FUND

Joe & Carol Atkin - IMO their Parents

Mitch Braun - IMO Shirley Lois Braun

Paul & Lydia Krueger - IMO Ida Krueger

Morris & Nancy Margolis - IMO Aaron Margolis

Ted & Jean Bunten - IHO their 63rd

Anniversary

Lucille Gaita - IMO her Sister-In-Law Linda Gaita

Aren Alter - IMO Steve Alter

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield - IMO

Leonard Greenfield

Marvin & Natalie Klein - IHO Marvin's

Birthday

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield - IMO

Heather's Mother Anne Schultz

GENERAL FUND

Edye & Gary Gershman - IHO Sally Aaron's

Birthday

Laura Vesecky - IMO Shirley Maze

Marvin & Natalie Klein - IMO Ronald Klein

Mike & Nan Suffian - IMO Fred Suffian

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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