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OCTOBER 2021

TISHRI-HESHVAN 5782

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross

and

Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM

Attend in person or via Live Streaming from the JCMI Website

Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

Twenty-Twenty Hindsight

The real start of our Jewish year is arguably not Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur, but rather the renewal of the annual Torah-reading cycle, which we start over again this month with the opening of Genesis on October 02.

The powerful narratives opening this first Book of the Torah are compelling and well-known: the establishment and organization of the physical universe; the creation of humanity as God's crowning achievement; human abuse of free will leading to the purging of a global flood, starting over with "humanity v. 1.1"; and the dispersal of the seventy nations of the earth, each diversified with a language and a culture all its own. Yet they are all ultimately mere preamble to God's call to Abraham in chapter 12, summoning this septuagenarian to sever his ties to his Aramean homeland and go forth "to the land that I will show you."



After the sweeping global drama in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, it is startling when the narrative



abruptly focuses on just one person. And it is equally startling that Abraham complied by packing up and relocating halfway across southwest Asia in accord with God's Will— walking every step of the way barefoot (as depicted here by *National Geographic* artist Tom Lovell. I think you'll agree that Abraham at 75 looks pretty fit, and that the lithe black-haired beauty Sarah at left at 65 is no slouch either).

What makes their journey so startling is that ancient people, who believed very much in the reality and existence of divine powers, saw these numerous gods (plural) as possessing power and influence only in

the particular locale they inhabited: go elsewhere, and you are dealing with a different god (lower-case "g"). As such going forth to The Promised Land, to meet God there, represented the revolutionary possibility that all the gods may in fact be One, and that God is not limited in either space or time. So it is that the willingness of Abraham and Sarah to depart from Haran represented a departure for the rest of us, as well, because it laid the foundation for ethical monotheism.

Thomas Berger noted in one of his novels that

truths are sometimes detected first in a place remote from the one in which they apply. Think of how if you were standing in China when gunpowder had been invented, you could have known that thousands of miles away it would mean the eventual end of stone castles and armor.

In the same sense, we— who have read the Book, and know how the story plays out— under-stand that when a shaggy Asiatic nomad packs up in Genesis 12 and leaves for the land of Israel, that innocuous act would subsequently lead to the moral and spiritual blossoming of more than half the human family practicing the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

May the New Year so recently begun, and the new Torah-reading year resuming this month, find each of us willing to embark with courage and imagination, treading barefoot on a pilgrimage journey that brings glory to God and meaning to generations yet to come.

For counseling, Jewish questions, or guitar lessons, the Rabbi is at your disposal any time by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail <u>RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com</u>.

JCMI Schedule of Services October, 2021 – Tishrei / Cheshvan, 5782

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 <u>this link</u> at our Congregational website (which also features a PDF copy of the self-contained Friday night prayerbook, to download and print out to follow along at home).

<u>Friday, Oct 01</u> - first-Friday-of-the-month "Celebration Shabbat," featuring blessing for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of October. Tonight also includes a Simchat Torah celebration of the new annual Torah-reading cycle, as well as a special benediction for the coming New Moon and new month of Cheshvan.

<u>Friday, Oct 08</u> - <u>Second-Friday-of-the-month "Learning Shabbat,</u>" with emphasis tonight on the two prayers preparing us for the recitation of the *Sh'ma*.

Friday, Oct 15 - Shabbat worship, welcoming The Queen of Days.

<u>Friday, Oct 22</u> - Shabbat worship, under the gleaming light of the full moon (or half-moon, depending on how you were raised to call this phase in the lunar cycle. Either way, it's "shine on, harvest moon"!).

<u>Friday, Oct 29</u> - Last-Friday-of-the-month Torah Shabbat, featuring a Torah-reading service and a special benediction for the coming New Moon and new month of Kislev (22 shopping days 'til Chanukah!).

<u>Shabbat Candle-lighting</u> - traditionally no less than 18 minutes before local sundown.

| <u>Oct 01</u> – 6:55 | <u>Oct 15</u> – 6:41 | <u>Oct 29</u> – 6:29 |
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| <u>Oct 08</u> – 6:48 | <u>Oct 22</u> – 6:34 | |

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 packet is available for download from the JCMI website every Friday morning.

| <u>Oct 02 -</u> | b'Reisheet | Genesis 1:1-6:8 | lsaiah 42:5-43:10 |
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| <u>Oct 09 -</u> | No'ach | Genesis 6:9-11:32 | Isaiah 54:1-55:5 |
| <u> Oct 16 -</u> | Leich L'cha | Genesis 12:1-17:27 | Isaiah 40:27-41:16 |
| <u> Oct 23 -</u> | vaYeira | Genesis 18:1-22:24 | II Kings 4:1-37 |
| <u> Oct 30 -</u> | Chayei Sarah | Genesis 23:1-25:18 | l Kings 1:1-31 |





I am almost to the end of reading a fabulous book. And, since this book is somewhat of a tome, finishing it gives me a bit of a sense of accomplishment. On the other hand, since it is so wonderful, it also brings on a bit of a sense of sadness. In fact, it's almost as if I'm losing a close friend. I'm guessing this sounds rather familiar.

And, if this is not familiar enough, let me add that I'm reading a book with

which all of you are significantly acquainted, as well. Along with millions of other Jews throughout the world, we are finishing the very same book. What's more, as soon as we're through, immediately we're going to start it all over again. Of course, my book – our book – is the Five Books of Moses; the Torah.

What a perfect and simple solution to a problem. Don't stop doing what's wonderful if you don't absolutely have to. And that's just one example of the perfection and the simplicity of the Torah; the joy of the Torah.

So, let's celebrate! And what a coincidence that we are just celebrating Simchat Torah (yes, which literally means "Joy of the Torah").

As I mentioned, I gave just one example of wonder of the Torah. Actually, I gave just one facet of that example; I don't have to end my relationship with a book, even when I have finished reading it. Similarly, another facet to this example is ending a relationship with a person. If a friendship is "ended" by someone moving, I can phone, I can zoom, I can FaceTime, I can take a trip If a friendship has ended because of a disagreement, I can begin it again, if I choose. I really can. If a friendship has ended because of death, I can now communicate with the friend any moment I choose. While my second time with the relationship will not – and should not – be exactly the same, I do have that choice. Remember, my reading the Torah the second – or third or fourth or ... – should not be the same.

I have so many opportunities – so many choices – thank you very much, my Torah.

And that gift – the gift of choice – is one we received (again) not long ago in both parashi'ot, "Re'eh" and "Nitzavim". I tell you, that Torah is a candy store (or whatever kind of store you drool over) of gifts and goodness.

Hopefully, this New Year will also be filled with gifts and goodness for each of you.

L'Shanah Tovah uM'tukah



WE MOVE ALONG, SLOWLY BUT CAUTIOUSLY RETURNING TO PRE COVID DAYS

On March 12, 2019, the. Board of Directors closed the Synagogue. Services were conducted by steaming. A Task Force consisting of 11 of our Congregants, two of whom are doctors, with the world famous physician and vaccinologist Dr.



Gregory Poland as an advisor, was formed to guide the Board of Directors during the Covid.

On May 7, 2021, the Synagogue was re-opened based on the recommendation of the Task Force. A criteria was established - proof of vaccinations, proper masking and social distancing. A special Siddur was issued. Admissions were limited to members.

At the September Board meeting, the following was approved:

Non-members who meet the guidelines can be admitted

The Book Club can conduct monthly meetings in the Synagogue

On October 8, 2021 we return to use our Blue Prayer Book

Torah Study can be conducted in the Synagogue

Rabbi's Fourth Sunday Life-Long Learning Series returns to the Synagogue

The Board will continue to exercise caution. The reopening of the Synagogue for additional events will be forthcoming as we carefully but surely return to our signature events.

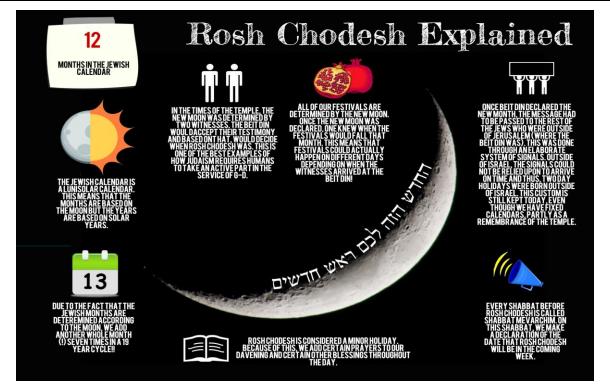
Sue R. Baum



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.

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November Anniversaries

- 5 Mitch Braun & Robert Jares
- 6 Arnold & Jane Baron
- 13 Jack & Hari Jacobsen
- 15 Paul & Jackie Zwillenberg
- 28 Steven & Carole Roberts
- 28 Dick & Carol Polinsky
- 29 Richard & Grace Plager
- 30 Stacey & Betsy Berner

November Birthdays

- 3 Rochelle Berman
- 5 Miriam Slavich
- 5 Gene Siegel
- 7 Sue Baum
- 9 Jo Anne Youman
- 9 Arnold Baron
- 11 Bob Jares
- 12 Shussie Blumenthal
- 15 Dalia Zuckerman
- 17 Barbara Silver
- 18 Don Schwartz
- 19 Hari Jacobsen
- 28 Larry Bernat
- 29 Mike Suffian

Lynn & Marvin Nathanson packed up their life in NY last year and moved to Marco Island. No spur-of-the-moment decision, they'd been owners and part-time visitors here since the mid 80's, knowing that a permanent move was in their future. They are both fishermen and nature lovers and Lynn is rarely seen without a camera or two. They look forward to being a part of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.







October Weekly Yahrtseit List

September 26, 2021 – October 2, 2021

20 Tishri – 26 Tishri

Carl Abeson Alicia Ciula Olga Greenstein* Abe Grosky Lillian Hyman* Jeanne Kahn* Harry Katz Leonard Lang Margaret Schmalheiser Lipsitz* Louis Parish Harriet K. Peltin* Irving Seinfeld Harry Soloway **Gussy Steinhauer** Mark Sugerman* Ahuva Tuchman Bernice Werber Weisberg* Ethel Werber*

October 3, 2021 - October 9, 2021

27 Tishri – 3 Cheshvan

Martin Bragman* Olive Feldman* Ida Feldman* Edward Forman Margery Grossman* Keila Hurvitz* Harriet Kabat Jeffry Katz Rose Kendall* Jennie R. Koble* Israel Liverant Lottie Marco Edward Meer Abraham (Al) Noskin Mollie Noskin Susana Perez Louis Perlman H.S. "English" Posner* Henriette Rosenak* Beverly Rudman Sidney Schwartz Herman Yorks Marion Zwick

<u>October 10, 2021 – October 16, 2021</u>

4 Cheshvan – 10 Cheshvan

Edward Alfred Andelman* Harry Blumenthal Rose Ettinger* Samuel K. Grossman* Patricia Hamburg* Manfred Joel* Dora Kamenetz* Anna E. Katz* Marion Kupperman* Boris Lubin* Sylvia Novack* Elaine Rabin Dora Rosen* Norma Rosenman* Theresa Rosenthal* Lena Rothenberg Abe Rovner Susan Stein* Lola Taylor*

October 17, 2021 - October 23, 2021

11 Cheshvan - 17 Cheshvan

Martin Baum Michael Black Robert Brotman* Louis Fox* Bessie A. Goldstein* Rabbi Howard R. Greenstein* Fritzie Pincus Kronish* Robert Lipsitt Lena Mendelsohn Sandra Betten Missal* Jean Pollack* Janet Rosenberg Ruth Rovner Ivan L. Slavich* Martin Speigel Marcia A. Stern* Bertha Turiel* David Wertheim Emma Zanditon*

October 24, 2021 - October 30, 2021

18 Cheshvan – 24 Cheshvan

Dr. Harold W. Baum Morris Bernikoff* William Bernstein Eva Blumenthal Paul Forman Muriel "Mickey" Furman Pearl Ketchum Grossman* Selma Lewenberg* Sylvia Liverant Joyce Miller* Steven Rose* David Silverstein* Samuel Wallack* Rose Weiner*

October 31, 2021 - November 6, 2021

24 Cheshvan – 2 Kislev

Ethel Baron Lillian Bernikoff* Joseph Bonfield Anna Doxer* Sadie Rose Entin* Louis Fink* Bernard Friedman Lillian Sacks Haber* Barbara P. Katz* William P. Katz* Sylvia Kennedy* Peter E. Klein* Myra Mannoff* Mark Migden* Akiba Plager Dorothy Rosenberg* Dr. Robert Soloway John Spiegel* **Dottie Weiner** Alexandra Weissman*

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REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Bernie Seidman from Leo Wertheim Frank & Beth Weinberg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Joe Atkin from Stephen B. Goldenberg

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

George & Estie Karpman from Miriam Slavich

Morris & Nancy Margolis from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

Elliott & Rivka Mascoop from Abbe & Elaine Hankin Stephen B. Goldenberg

Bert & Joan Thompson from Miriam Slavich

Frank & Beth Weinberg from Ginny & Herb Jermanok

MAZEL TOV TO

Barbara Silver The birth of her 5th Great-Grandson, Morrison Andrew Kessel Ellie Bittman

THANK YOU

Mary Pinto Thank you for a memorable ''Break the Fast'' dinner - Sandra Hechler

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Barbara Schwartz - IMO Sidney Schwartz Bert & Joan Thompson - Thank you for HHD Services

FLOWER FUND

Edward & Judith Zwick - IHO Ed's Birthday and their new membership at our temple John Reiches & June Streisand - IHO the New Year Morris & Nancy Margolis - IHO their 35th Wedding Anniversary Dick Lerner - IMO Sandy Lerner & IHO Cheryl Ball

GENERAL FUND

Sandra Hechler - Happy and Healthy New Year Karen & Eddie Saeks, Bernie Seidman, Isabel Price

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bert & Joan Thompson - Thank you for HHD Services



Thank you all for my special 90th Birthday wishes! I love you all and still consider you and JCMI my family!

-Carole Kendall



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The Office is open Mon. through Fri. - 9 am to 1 pm

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

Call the office for the following special items:

- Honor your loved ones with a **Yahrtseit Plaque** \$250
- 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.
- 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.

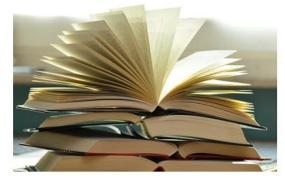
Any updates to the **Monday Email** must be sent to the office no later than Thursday of the preceding week.



Flowers on the Bimah

We can, once again, take sponsors for flowers on the Bimah. So, nice to get back to some measure of normality. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement, **they are only \$70 per arrangement**. Call the office and let us know when and for what occasion – we look forward to making our Bimah beautiful again!

2021-2022 Women's Book Club



Our 14th Season Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island 991 Winterberry Drive

November 16, 2021 *The Vanishing Half* Brit Bennett

February 15, 2022 *The Shell Seekers* Rosamunde Pilcher

December 21, 2021 *The Duke and I* Julia Quinn **March 15, 2022** *The Book of Lost Names* Kristin Harmel

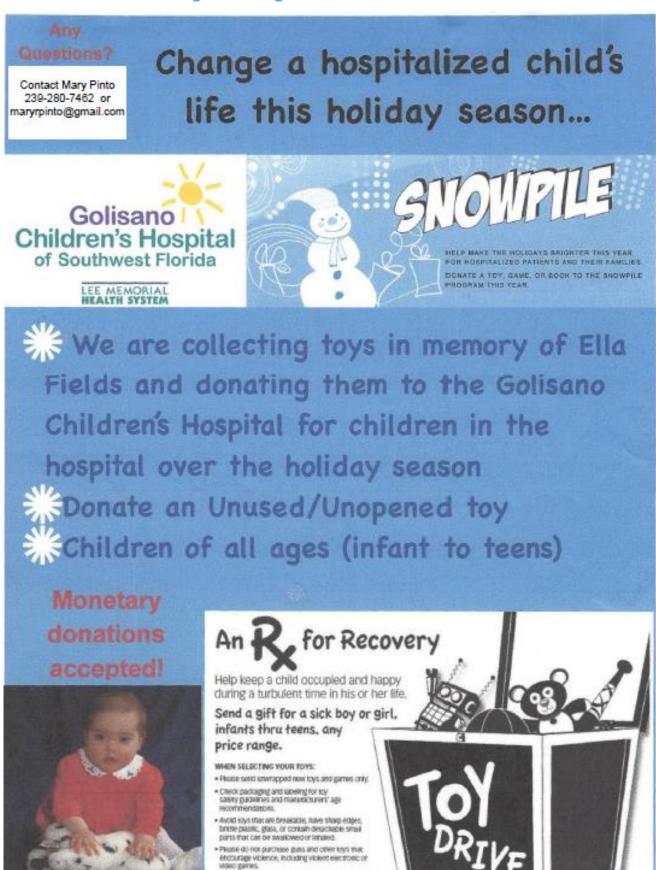
January 18, 2022

The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne **April 19, 2022** *Inheritance* Dani Shapiro

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

Masks and vaccinations are required.

November 15th – December 14th Drop toys off at JCMI



· Gits for children ages 17+ are especially appreciated

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

invites you to attend -



Ta Sh'ma



Rabbi Gross's Fourth-Sunday Life-Long Learning Series for 5782 (2021-22)

"Tell Me a Story (or Three)." Sunday, January 23 -

Ours is an ancient people, with a rich tradition of both oral and literary narrative— from Biblical dramas to Talmudic anecdotes to Medieval legends to the folk traditions of far-flung Jewish communities all over the globe. Come engage with a sampling of this diverse story-telling legacy. (And even though it's not bedtime, feel free to bring a teddy bear to hug while listening!).

The Most "Grown-Up" Book in the Bible. Sunday, February 27 -

Our ongoing exploration of the Five Biblical M'gillot (Festival Scrolls) turns this year to Qohelet, or Ecclesiastes. Traditionally attributed to wise King Solomon, this richly engaging, challenging, and uplifting book explores the ultimate existential questions of who we are and what meaning can be found in our all-too-brief lives. Don't miss it!

Sunday, March 27 -Culinary Crossroads: Jewish Cooking.

Ours is an ancient people, whose centuries of meandering all over the world have led to a lot of both cultural cross-grafting and parallel evolution when it comes to cuisine. Come explore the surprisingly wide array of things that constitute "Jewish" food ... including a few tastings, and lots of recipes.

All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive),

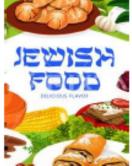
meeting in the beautifully renovated Meer Room-

beginning with coffee social at 9:30 followed by class from 10:00 to 11:30. There is no fee for members to attend our Life Long Learning programs.

Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions,

and asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.









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