

THE JCMI MESSENGER





DECEMBER 2022

KISLEV/TEVET 5783

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross and Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

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Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

When Good Intentions Miss the Point

A rabbinical colleague of mine recently posted an essay, earnestly positing the suggestion that the Jewish and Christian communities could come together over the recognition that our respective holidays of Chanukah and Christmas are simply variations of a winter-solstice celebration.

Winter Solstice is that astronomical moment when the north pole is at its farthest tilt away from the sun. Generally taking place on December 20 or 21 on the solar calendar, this longest night of the year represents the turning point



at which the sun will subsequently rise earlier and—set later—each day for the next six months (until the opposite process on the <u>Summer Solstice in mid-June</u>). The ancients, who lived much more closely attuned to nature than us, noted and acknowledged the Winter Solstice. Stonehenge in England, erected five thousand years ago, is oriented to align with sunrise on the Winter Solstice, as is the oldest Egyptian tomb in the necropolis of Aswan from 1830 BCE.

The problem is that the ancients' associations with this occasion were negative. The Zoro-astrian dualists of Persia, as well as the polytheistic Celts and Germanic tribes, all considered the Winter Solstice to be a dark and dangerous time when evil spirits were let loose on the earth. As such, any possible spiritual association of the Solstice has to do with the day being a turning-point in which light has the power to dispel darkness. I suppose that if you strip it that far down, then the Maccabees' relighting of the lamps in the Jerusalem Temple (I Maccabees 4:50) and the star over Bethlehem (Gospel of Matthew 2:1-2) could conceivably be said to have some measure of fundamental similarity.

Yet there are two difficulties in diluting things down to that level.

One is that it trivializes both of our religious traditions to suggest that they represent mere outgrowths from and syncretism of older pagan traditions. In the case of Christianity, it is true that the birthday of the Vedic light-god Mithra on December 25, which was widely observed in antiquity among Roman soldiers, evolved into the Feast of the Nativity as a creative spiritual development. But looking backward, and highlighting Christmas as merely a retooled Winter Solstice observance, dilutes and minimizes a sacred Christian feast-day as a derivative also-ran of gnostic paganism. A glorious religious tradition such as Christianity deserves better.

The second issue: in the case of our Jewish Feast of Lights, Chanukah's relationship to the Winter Solstice is not only incidental, but completely reactionary. The Seleucid Emperor Antiochus Epiphanes had chosen to honor the Winter Solstice—the 25th of Kislev—to inaugurate the worship of Olympian Zeus in Jerusalem by sacrificing a pig on the Altar of the Jewish Temple (I Maccabees 1:59). If only for propaganda purposes, the Maccabees chose to carry out their eight-day ritual of חנוכת המובח "Rededication of the Altar" three years to the day after the Temple had been defiled. The timing was intentional; the date was irrelevant.

As such, Chanukah represents a break from and repudiation of polytheistic paganism; a bold assertion of the diversity of human religious imagination; and an affirmation of our own uniqueness, integrity, and spiritual authenticity as Jews. We don't need bridge-building to other religious traditions to stand on our own numerous merits. (And, by us, the Solstice is just the astronomical phenomenon when our Shabbat candle-lighting starts getting later every Friday!).

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

JCMI Schedule of Services December, 2022 – Kislev/Tevet, 5783



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

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

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

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

<u>Friday, December 09</u> - Shabbat evening worship service, conducted by Rabbi Gross. <u>Cantor Jacobsen will be absent this evening</u>, conveying the greetings of our JCMI family at a special 90th birthday tribute to our neighbor Susan Perman (wife of Rabbi Emeritus James Perman) at Temple Shalom in Naples.

<u>Friday, December 16</u> - Shabbat evening worship service.

<u>Friday, December 23</u> - Shabbat evening worship service, opening with the lighting of the Chankukah *m'norah* and featuring a blessing of the coming New Month of Tevet.

<u>Friday, December 30</u> - Last-Friday-of-the-month Torah Shabbat, featuring a service for the reading from the weekly Torah portion.

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



<u>Dec 02</u> - 5:17

<u>Dec 16</u> - 5:20

Dec 30 - 5:27

<u>Dec 09</u> - 5:18

Dec 23 - 5:23

Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study -

Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

<u>Dec 03 -</u>	<u>vaYeitzei</u>	Genesis 28:10-32:3	Hosea 12:13-14:10
<u>Dec 10 -</u>	vaYishlach	Genesis 32:4-36:43	Hosea 11:7-12:12
<u>Dec 17 -</u>	vaYeisheiv	Genesis 37:1-40:23	Amos 2:6-3:8
<u>Dec 24 -</u>	miQeitz/Chanukah	Genesis 41:1-44:17	I Kings 3:15-4:1
Dec 31 -	vaYigash	Genesis 44:18-47:27	Ezekiel 37:15-28

Chanukah,



Feast of Lights

In addition to your own nightly home observance during the eight days of this luminous Winter holiday, make a note of these special events celebrating Chanukah:

South Collier Community Chanukah Celebration here at JCMI

Sunday, December 18 5:30 p.m.

Join your neighbors and community dignitaries as together we welcome Chanukah by lighting together the first lamp of the giant *m'norah* in front of our beautiful Temple home... with holiday treats in Raskin Hall afterwards (because what's a holiday, without treats?).

Holiday Candle-lighting Together In-house on Shabbat

Friday, December 23 7:30 p.m.

Bring your *m'norah* and seven candles from home to be part of our "Parade of Lights" (and plan to arrive a couple of minutes early to set them up at the front of the Synagogue!) as we light the holiday lights together to inaugurate our Shabbat evening worship service.

coming up next month: the first session this Season of

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Rabbi Gross's
Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5783 (2022-23)

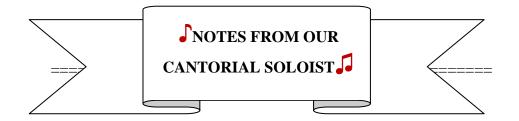
Sunday, January 22 - RaMBaM: Who Was Maimonides, And Why Does He Matter?

For a people as ancient as ours, the great 12th-century physician-rabbiphilosopher Moses Maimonides marks the beginning of the modern era. Come learn the intriguing life story of this intellectual giant whose enduring legacy reshaped the world.

Convening at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), meeting in our beautiful Meer Center— 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 LifeLong Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.



'Tis the season, which, of course, means that our snowbirds have or are about to return; which, of course, also means that much is about to happen at JCMI. Parallelly, all December parashiot are jam-packed with dynamic happenings; from "Jacob" becoming "Israel", to Jacob reconciling with Esau, to the birth of Benjamin, to the death of Rachael, to the death of Isaac, to Joseph and his famous coat, to Joseph in prison, to Joseph and his dream interpreting, to the Pharoah appointing Joseph to oversee all of Egypt, to Joseph and his brothers reuniting, all the way to, at last, Joseph and Jacob reuniting. Clearly, this is an especially busy month for Joseph.



Phew! And you thought JCMI was about to be busy. Well, it is. And, funny you should ask, "With what?"

In case you haven't heard, Mondays at 5:30 PM, there's Bingo.

Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, there's chess club.

Thursdays at 11:00 AM, there's mah jongg.

The film festival begins at 2 PM on 12-11-22, with "Farewell Mr. Haffmann".

The Marco Island Community Chanukkah Celebration begins at 5:30 PM on 12-18-22.

The Book Club continues at 11 am on 11-1-22, with "West with Giraffes".

The Federation Chanukkah Celebration begins at 5 PM, at the Mercato in Naples.

And that's just the highlights for the month of December.

What's more, Ron and I will begin congregational rehearsals for the February 3rd Shabbat service, featuring beefed-up musical settings and "A Sermon in Song". Depending on the press release of this newsletter, either stay tuned for the forthcoming email announcement or check your email for the already sent announcement. In either event, please contact the office and join in. No previous experience necessary.

And speaking of no experience necessary, any and all of the JCMI-sponsored events welcome not only your attendance, but your behind-the-scenes, hands-on involvement. Not only does that help JCMI, but it extends an especially wonderful bonding experience with your JCMI family. If you're not sure about the contact person(s), just give the office a jingle.

At the risk of skipping over numerous events, but in the vein of extraordinary bonding opportunity, I want to urge everyone to plan to attend our 40th – that's FORTIETH – Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, February 5th, beginning at 12:00.

Here's to the first 40! Here's to the next 40! And here's to each of you for contributing to vibrancy and values of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Events for December starts with the first film of the Jewish Film Festival for the year. Presented on December 11, 2022, is "FARWELL MR. HOFFMANN" occupied in Paris, 1941, all members of the Jewish community are instructed to identify themselves to authorities. Dedicated jeweler Joseph Haffmann, fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city. His employee Francois Mercier and wife move in to the Haffmann home. The agreement turns into a Faustian bargain, on that will change the fate of all.



On December 18, the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island will host their annual Chanukah celebration. Speakers will include representatives from the Federation and representatives from Marco Island's Government. Following a candle-lighting, latkes will be served in the Temple's Social Hall. All are invited.

My best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Stan Alliker



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.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Services 7:30PM	Torah Study 9:30AM
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	BINGO	Chess Club		Mah Jongg	Services	Torah Study
	5:30PM	10:00AM		11:00AM	7:30PM	9:30 AM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Film Festival	BINGO	Chess Club		Mah Jongg	Services	Torah Study
2PM	5:30PM	10:00AM		11:00AM	7:30PM	9:30 AM
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January Anniversaries

12 Marvin & Natalie Klein



January Birthdays

- 1 Denise Schwartzman
- 2 Herb Kern
- 3 Shirley Posner
- 6 Helen Lerner
- 9 Charlie Blum
- 9 Richard Plager
- 9 Bruce Weiss
- 15 Rony Joel
- 15 Judy Sacher
- 17 Nikki Daley
- 17 Beth Weinberg
- 24 Irv Povlow
- 26 Irene Fox
- 27 Gloria Meer
- 28 Karen Saeks
- 29 Paul Krueger
- 30 Ted Bunten





December Weekly Yahrtseit List

November 27 – December 3, 2022 3 Kislev – 9 Kislev		<u>December 11 – December 17, 2022 (continued)</u> 17 Kislev – 23 Kislev		
Ruth Abeson		Floyd Mannoff	2-3-6	
Zila Askenazi	3-4-6	Meyer Margolis	4-1-18	
David Louis Greenspan	1-2-5	Karen Sacher Porter	1-2-4	
Florence Mordecai Holl	5-5-14	Pearl Frances Posner	6-2-14	
Judith Horowitz	5-3-6	Isabella Selowsky		
	3-3-0	Pamela Germaine Sharone	6-2-10	
Minnie Lang	2.5.2	Amy Scherr Stoltz	4-4-6	
Esther Burk Leifer	2-5-2	Abraham Thompson		
Henry Reussenberger	3-4-10	Joseph Weisberg	2-1-8	
Jacob Rosenberg	3-5-8			
Robert Irving Silverstein	2-1-3	December 18 – December 24, 2022		
Sara Starrels	3-2-17	24 Kislev – 30 Kislev	_	
Tillie Suffian				
		Jack Bernat		
December 4 – December 10, 2022		Jack Farber		
10 Kislev – 16 Kislev		Irwin Fox	4-2-13	
		Samuel Haber	3-2-11	
Louis Bulmash	1-1-3	Zelda Sparks Hepner	3-3-8	
David Edelstein		Harry Jermanok	5-5-18	
Leon B. Entin	2-2-4	Cecile Gottsegen Krupp	3-4-17	
Aaron Grossman	3-2-9	Lenore Tender Levine		
Morris Grossman		Gisele Miller	1-3-16	
Emmanuel Haber	3-2-13	Esther Raskin	3-5-2	
Greta Johansson		Gertrude Roberts		
Ben Kalin		Margot M. Rose	3-3-13	
Max Karpman	6-1-2	Frances Sabetay		
Samuel Linder		Craig Schiffer		
Henry Lipsitt		Rose Stein	5-4-7	
Ruth Rabin		Helene Klein Sussman		
Louis Raskin	3-5-1	Raymond Thompson	6-4-20	
Samuel Schultz		Marcia Ann Tumpowsky	5-5-7	
Ida Siegel		Freda Weiss	5-4-13	
Arnold Yorra				
		<u>December 25 – December 31, 2022</u>	<u>'</u>	
<u>December 11 – December 17, 2022</u>	<u>2</u>	1 Tevet – 7 Tevet		
17 Kislev – 23 Kislev		Martin Calvin		
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Gertrude Baum		Joyce Mae Engels Rose Forman		
Lizzie Bergman			2.5.17	
William Henry Bunten		Gertrude P. Goldenberg	2-5-17	
Sadye Koch Goldman	5-5-13	Edna Hollander Max Lachman		
Sherwood Goodwin		Jack Lerner	5-2-1	
Shirley Greenfield		Paul Aaron Levi Sr.	5-2-1 2-2-15	
Nancy Hankin		Jessica Mannoff	2-2-15	
Marion W. Hurvitt	4-1-12	Jeanne Naidich	4-3-3	
Roy Lapidus	5-1-1	Frances Newman	5-3-15	
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<u>December 25 – December 31, 2022 (continued)</u>

1 Tevet – 7 Tevet

Meyer M. Snyder Herman Sonnenberg Irma Wertheim

3-4-15

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



























Peg Geller is selling 2 plots at the *Marco Island Cemetery*.

Call Margaret (Peg) Geller at 908-229-1771 for more information.



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(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Joan Thompson from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

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Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Audrey Snyder

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sue Baum from

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Arthur Doxer from

John Reiches & June Streisand Bert & Joan Thompson Denise Schwartzman Jonathan & Heather Greenfield Marty & Barbara Holtz Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Hari Jacobsen from

Irv & Beth Povlow

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Irv & Beth Povlow

Joan Thompson from

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from

Irv & Beth Povlow Audrey Snyder Bernie & Lulu Seidman

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Arnold & Jane Baron - IMO of William Bernstein

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FLOWER FUND

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares - IMO of Mitch's father, Morton David Braun
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Anniversary & IHO of Bob Jares Birthday
Aren Alter & Family - IMO of husband &
father Stephen Alter

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Denise Schwartzman, Jane & Ray Bergman - IMO of Lizzie Bergman

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

11/11/22 – John Reiches & June Streisand We are happy to return to all of our friends at JCMI
12/02/22 – Bernie & Lulu Seidman IMO

12/02/22 – Bernie & Lulu Seidman *IMO* of *Our JCMI Family*

12/09/22 – Herb & Hanita Kern *IHO of their 64th Wedding Anniversary*

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12/16/22 – AVAILABLE

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12/30/22 - AVAILABLE









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The Office is open Mon. through Fri. - 8 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

Call the office for the following special items:

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

SAVE THESE DATES

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

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December 2022

11th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
18th - Comm. Chanukah Celebration	5:30 PM
20th - Book Club	11:00 AM
21st - IFGN Chanukah Celebration	5:00 PM

January 2023

15th - JFGN Grand Opening	3:00 PM
of Nina Iser Cult. Building	
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM
22nd - Film Festival	2:00 PM
28th - Cultural Series -The Beetles	7:30 PM

February 2023

3rd - Cantor's Sermon in Song	7:30 PM
5th - JCMI's 40th Anniversary	12:00PM
12th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
16th - Mah Jongg Tournament	8:30 AM
17th - Federation Shabbat	7:30 PM
18th - Cultural Series - Sinatra	7:30 PM
21st - Book Club	11:00 AM
23rd - Women's Interfaith Breakfast	9:00 AM
26th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM

March 2023

4th - Cultural Series - Gulfshore Opera	7:30 PM
10th - Purim Dinner	6:30 PM
10th - Puriny M'gillah Reading	7:30 PM
11th - POP Series - Elton John	7:30 PM
12th - Spring Forward at Bedtime Tonight	
16th - JCMI Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
19th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
21st - Book Club	11:00 AM
26th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM

April 2023

5th - Congregational Passover Seder	6:00 PM
6th - Book Club	11:00 AM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:30PM (until May 1st)

Mondays - Canasta at 1:00PM Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Tuesdays - Chess Club at 10:00AM -12:00PM Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Aug. 28 through April

Wednesdays - Club Bridge at 1:00PM (suspended) Saturdays - Services following Torah Study Jan. 1 through Mar.

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

WE ARE BACK!!! FROM OCT to MAY 1st!

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Celebrating 22 Years!

EVERY MONDAY

SUPPER - NO CHARGE



EVERY MONDAY

•FREE PIZZA DRAWING FROM SAMI'S •FREE HAIRCUT OR MANICURE FROM JUMP HAIR SALON & SPA

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

BONANZA POSTED AT 6:00 P.M. FIRST GAME STARTS AT 7 P.M.

HOTBALL \$250 PRIZE BINGO TOTE

NOT FOR PROFIT Free Coffee, Tea and Food

•2 Packs \$17 plus 1 FREE Bonanza

•3 Packs \$24 plus 2 EXTRA Bonanzas Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

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

ONE COUPON FOR 1 FREE BONANZA

One coupon per person per night. Cannot be combined with additional coupons

2022-2023 Women's Book Club



Our 15th Season Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island 991 Winterberry Drive in our Meer Room

November 15, 2022 March 21, 2023

West with Giraffes A Tale of Two Cities

Lynda Rutledge Charles Dickens

December 20, 2021 April 06, 2023

City of Thieves Discussion of "Banned" Books

David Benioff Read any book of your choice!

Suggestions are:

January 17, 2023 Maus

The Paris Library Art Spiegelman

Janet Skeslien Charles

Are You There God? It's Me Margaret

February 21, 2023 Judy Blume

The Secrets of Mary Bowser

Lois Leveen Beloved

Toni Morrison

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

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SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

FAREWELL MR. HAFFMANN

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2022

Film 2:00 PM

Occupied Paris, 1941: all members of the Jewish community are instructed to come forward and identify themselves to authorities. Dedicated jeweler Joseph Haffmann, fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city. His employee François Mercier and wife move in to the Haffmann home, the agreement turns into a Faustian bargain, one that will forever change the fate of all. 116 Minutes

HERE WE ARE

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2023

Film 2:00 PM

Aharon has devoted his life to raising his son Uri. Uri is autistic, and now as a young adult it might be time for him to live in a specialized home. While on their way to the institution, Aharon decides to run away with his son and hits the road, knowing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it, in fact, his father who is not ready? 92 Minutes

SCHACHTEN

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2023

Film 2:00 PM

The young Jewish Austrian businessman Victor is a witness to how the prosecution of a Nazi crime perpetrated against his family unjustly fails in the courtroom. When Victor also loses his grief stricken father and his girlfriend's family opposes their relationship and his being Jewish, Victor completely loses faith in the system and pursues matters via a different path. 110 Minutes

WHERE LIFE BEGINS

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2023

Film 2:00 PM

An ultra-orthodox Jewish family from Aix-les-Bains comes to a farm in Calabria for a brief stay every year to carry out a sacred mission: harvesting citrons. Here Elio, the farm owner, meets Esther, the rabbi's daughter, who is tired of the constraints imposed by her religion. Through this relationship, Esther will understand the importance of freedom and find her path, and, in the same way, Elio will find the peace he had lost for a long time. 100 Minutes

> All films will be shown at the Jewish Congregation, 991 Winterberry Drive ~ Marco Island, FL 34145 And will also be available via Live Stream from our website: www.marcojcmi.com

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SUNDAY, December 18, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

991 Winterberry Drive Marco Island, FL 34145 (239) 642-0800

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Join us for a Candle Lighting Ceremony

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Lots of holiday spirit for the entire family



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Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5783 (2022-23)

Sunday, January 22 - RaMBaM: Who Was Maimonides, And Why Does He Matter?

For a people as ancient as ours, the great 12th-century physician-rabbiphilosopher Moses Maimonides marks the beginning of the modern era. Come learn the intriguing life story of this intellectual giant whose enduring legacy reshaped the world.

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Sunday, February 26 - Israel's Music in Wartime: Window Into the Soul of a Nation

A young nation had to create, among many other things, its own popular music. Discover how, even amidst more than seventy years of ongoing conflict, the songwriters of the reborn Jewish State have reflected aspiration and affirmation.



Sunday, March 26 - Biblical Portraits: Naomi, Daring to Affirm Hope and Love and Faith

Our ongoing exploration of fascinating individuals from the Bible focuses this year on a courageous and compassionate woman of faith, who rises above the painful and uncertain circumstances of her life to become a beacon of goodness... and, ultimately, to bring about redemption in God's Own time.



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

beginning with coffee social at 9:30 followed by class from 10:00 to 11:30

You can follow by live-stream from our website, www.marcojcmi.com

There is no fee for members to attend our LifeLong Learning programs.

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

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

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Saturday, Jan 28, 2023 7:30 PM

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FUN

Come enjoy with
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FOOD

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Sunday, February 5, 2023

Noon

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Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 PM

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\$40/priority seating ~ \$30/regular seating

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 5783

For Benefit of



Help us feed the hungry in our community.

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

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

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

- Powdered milk
- Canned fruit
- Rice
- Ketchup
- · Salad dressing
- Oatmeal
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- Jam/Jelly

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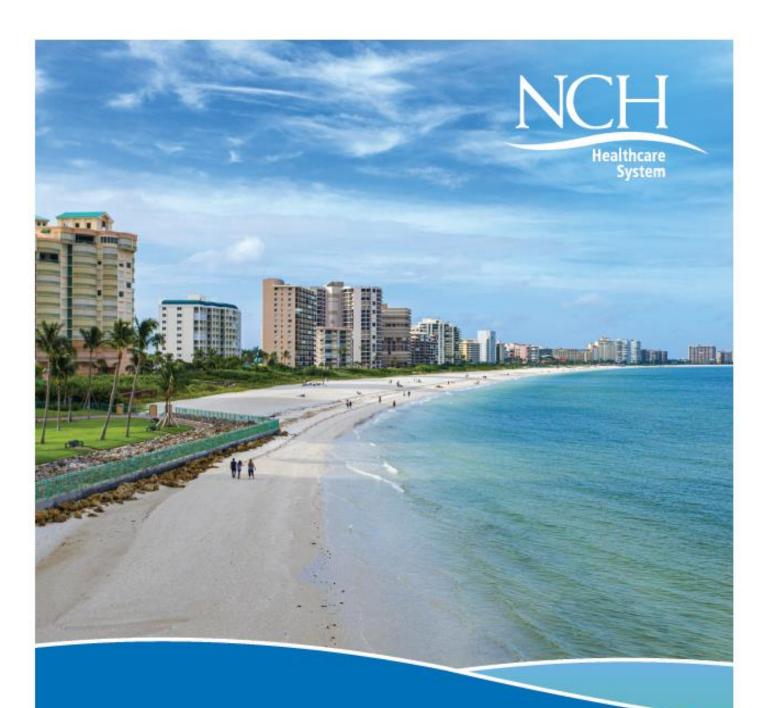
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