



**Established 1982** 

DECEMBER 2019

KISLEV – TEVET 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

Shachrit morning worship on Saturdays will resume in January

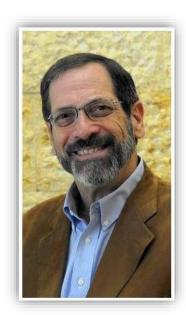


#### Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

#### **An Appropriate Chanukah Focus**

What, precisely, is the story of Chanukah? Even our sages of antiquity weren't completely clear on that. The rabbis in the Mishnah seem to have a hard time keeping Chanukah and Purim straight, while the Talmud's narrative about the little flask of oil that miraculously burned for eight days is not mentioned in the Maccabees' own account of their victory.

More to the point, what precisely is Chanukah all about? If you're a pious literalist, who believes we can only properly honor God with sacrificial burnt-offerings, then the long-ago event commemorated by *Chag Chanukat ha-Mizbei'ach* ("Feast of the Rededication of the Altar") is an encouraging augury that a Third Temple might someday be built so we can go back to doing it right. If you're a child, you get



excited about *dreidelach* and *latkes* and presents. If you're a poet by nature, the luminous glow of the Chanukah lamp during this *Chag ha-Urim* "Feast of Lights" dispels the darkness of Winter.

However, our sacred literature bears witness that this minor holiday event celebrates our survival of a long-ago existential threat to our people and our way of life.

Our prayerbook alludes to Chanukah as a recollection of an era of repression by the Seleucid Emperor Antiochus IV, when

עָמְדָה מַלְכוּת יָנָן הָרְשָׁעָה עַל עַמְּדּ יִשְׂרָאֵל **לְהַשְׁכִּיחָם תּוֹרָתֶדְּ**, וּלְהַעֲבִירָם מֵחָקֵי רָצוֹנֵדְּ

the wicked government of Greece arose over Your people Israel, to make them forget Your Torah and bring them to transgress Your Will.

That is an allusion to and invocation of the [almost-Biblical] Book of Maccabees, which records in its opening chapter how the arrogant Antiochus

dispatched heralds to Jerusalem, directing them to adopt customs foreign to their nation, so that they should forget The Law and revoke all observance of it.

If you think about it in those terms, as beautiful as the *m'norah* is; as nice as latkes are; and as fun as presents are, it could be said that the truest central symbol of Chanukah is the Torah... which we have most pointedly not forgotten at all

It feels particularly apt, therefore, that this year our shared Congregational celebration of Shabbat falls on December 27— which, as the last Friday of the month, includes a reading from the Torah. Be on hand, for a shared Congregational 'aliyah in honor of the occasion (and be sure to bring your Chanukah lamp from home, with six candles). Because when it comes to affirming The Feast Of Lights, we at JCMI have an even firmer handle than our long-ago sages on what really counts.

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 <a href="mailto:RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com">RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com</a>.

# JCMI Schedule of Services December, 2019 –Kislev/Tevet, 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 vaYeitzei -

<u>Friday, December 06, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:17]</u> – First-Friday-of-the-Month "Celebration Shabbat," with special blessings for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the newly arrived month of December.

Saturday, December 07, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Genesis 28:10-32:3; *Haftarah*, Hosea 12:13-14:10).

#### Shabbat vaYishlach -

Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:19] – Shabbat evening worship.

Saturday, December 14, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Genesis 32:4-36:43; *Haftarah*, Hosea 11:7-12:12).

#### Shabbat vaYeisheiv -

<u>Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:21]</u> — Shabbat evening worship, featuring worship leadership by *Bat-Mitzvah* candidate Addison Zwillenberg.

Saturday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. – Torah study (Torah, Genesis 37:1-40:23; *Haftarah*, Amos 2:6-3:8), followed by the first *Shachrit* worship service of the season conducted by *Bat-Mitzvah* candidate Addison Zwillenberg.

#### Honor Our Bat-Mitzvah

Addison "Addi" Zwillenberg, daughter of our members Paul and Jackie Zwillenberg, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat-Mitzvah* on December 21.



#### Shabbat miQeitz-Chanukah -

<u>Friday, December 27, 7:30 p.m. [candles 5:25]</u> – our last-Friday-of-the-month "Torah Shabbat" features the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll. Services begin at 7:30 with the lighting of the Chanukah lamp (bring your own *m'norah* from home, with six candles!).

<u>Saturday, December 28, 9:30 a.m.</u> – Torah study (Torah, Genesis 41:1-44:17; *Haftarah*, I Kings 3:15-4:1 – and special Chanukah *Haftarah* selection, Zechariah 2:14-4:7:), 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*.

# תא שמע

#### Ta Sh'ma



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

#### **Sunday, December 22** - Daughter Religions, Sister Faiths.

Together we will discover how Christianity and Islam in turn developed out of Judaism, and where these three ethical monotheistic religions are the same—and where, in sometimes very important ways, they are quite different.

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

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



#### Join Us This Month for Two Chanukah Celebrations

#### "Parade of Lights"

Friday, December 27 - 7:30

The lighting of the Chanukah *m'norah*, and singing the blessings and Chanukah songs, will inaugurate our last-Friday-of-themonth Torah Shabbat service this month.

Bring your own Chanukah lamp from home, with six candles, to celebrate The Feast of Lights by helping create a beautiful array of lights across the front of our Synagogue!



#### Community M'norah-Lighting

Saturday, December 28 – 5:30

In partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, we will be playing host to this year's South Collier County Communal Chanukah Celebration. Dignitaries from Federation and our City government will be joining us and our Island Jewish neighbors to light our soaring outdoor *m'norah*, to sing Chanukah songs... and, of course, to enjoy some wonderful Chanukah treats.



#### Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

#### invites you to attend -



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#### **Sunday, January 26** - Open Season: "Ask The Rabbi."

Here's one where we don't come up with a topic; <u>you</u> do! If there's ever been a question about Jewish history, ritual, language, belief, or tradition that you really wanted to know about, bring it in for a no-holds-barred firing line.

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

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

All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), meeting in the beautifully renovated and expanded 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 any of our JCMI Life Long Learning programs.

Unaffiliated guests are welcome, and asked to make a \$5 contribution.



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS - DECEMBER EVENTS ARE MUST-ATTEND!

So many interesting events take place in December. I encourage you not to miss one of these programs.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, for the 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Jewish Film Festival opens in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, with *Sammy Davis Jr.: I Gotta Be Me*. The film has



received excellent reviews. The JCMI Film Festival is the first of its kind in South West Florida - a feather in our cap.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> Duplicate Bridge opens for its 14<sup>th</sup> season. Now chaired by JCMI member Richard Perlman, having taken the helm from Abe and Jean Brown, the founders. Our Duplicate Bridge is considered the best from Naples to Marco - another feather in our cap.

Also on the 17<sup>th</sup> – you can partake in intellectual discussion at the Women's Book Club. This month's book is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. A feather in our cap.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Shabbat Service, we celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> year of the Synagogue. To date, we have 7 new members since July and more expressing interest. Our cap is getting full.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Rabbi's Life-Long Learning Program continues with *Daughter Religions*, *Sister Faiths*. Lecture and discussion, so interesting, another feather in our cap. Come early, at 9:30 AM, for coffee and pastries.

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Annual Community Chanukah Celebration at 5:30 PM. Following the program, our retired chefs serve delicious latkes with all the trimmings and more – our cap is full of feathers!

See you at the Synagogue!

Sue Baum
1st Vice President

# December

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# **January Anniversaries**

- 12 Marvin & Natalie Klein
- 26 Peter & Enid Levi



# **January Birthdays**

- 1 Denise Schwartzman
- 2 Herb Kern
- 3 Shirley Posner
- 6 Helen Lerner
- 9 Charles Blum
- 9 Richard Plager
- 10 John Hawkins
- 15 Judy Sacher
- 15 Rony Joel
- 17 Beth Weinberg
- 24 Stan Zeldin
- 24 Irv Povlow
- 26 Irene Fox
- 27 Gloria Meer
- 28 Karen Saeks
- 29 Paul Krueger
- 30 Ted Bunten
- 31 Malla Godfrey
- 31 Gary Donner





I cannot thank you enough for all your caring and contributions to JCMI, for my speedy and complete recovery. I am still in the recovery stage and hope to be able to join you soon.

> Fondly, Natalie Klein

#### December Weekly Yahrtseit List

#### **December 1, 2019 – December 7, 2019**

3 Kislev – 9 Kislev

Ruth Abeson

Zila Askenazi\*

Louis Bulmash\*

David Edelstein

Leon B. Entin\*

David Louis Greenspan\*

Aaron Grossman\*

Emmanuel Haber\*

Jacob Rosenberg\*

Ida Siegel

Sara Starrels\*

Heinrich Strauss

#### December 8, 2019 - December 14, 2019

10 Kisley – 16 Kisley

Ruth Belgrade

Lizzie Bergman

William Henry Bunten

Walter Cahn

Sadye Koch Goldman\*

Shirley Greenfield

Morris Grossman

Nancy Hankin

Greta Johansson

Ben Kalin

Esther Kaplan

Max Karpman\*

Samuel Linder

Henry Lipsitt

Karen Sacher Porter\*

Ruth Rabin

Louis Raskin\*

Samuel Schultz

Isabella Selowsky

Pamela Germaine Sharone\*

Abraham Skolnik

Amy Scherr Stoltz\*

#### December 15, 2019 - December 21, 2019

17 Kislev – 23 Kislev

Gertrude Baum

Sherwood Goodwin

Marion W. Hurvitt\*

Harry Jermanok\*

Roy Lapidus\*

Floyd Mannoff\*

Meyer Margolis\*

Pearl Frances Posner\*

Frances Sabetay

Helene Klein Sussman

Abraham Thompson

Raymond Thompson\*

Joseph Weisberg\*

Freda Weiss\*

#### **December 22, 2019 – December 28, 2019**

24 Kisley - 30 Kisley

Jack Bernat

Jack Farber

Rose Forman

Irwin Fox\*

Samuel Haber\*

Zelda Sparks Hepner\*

Cecile Gottsegen Krupp\*

Max Lachman

Jack Lerner\*

Lenore Tender Levine

Gisele Miller\*

Frances Newman\*

Myer Pelton

Esther Raskin\*

Dora Reisfield

Gertrude Roberts

Margot M. Rose\*

Craig Schiffer

Herman Sonnenberg\*

Rose Stein\*

Marcia Ann Tumpowsky\*

#### **December 29, 2019 – January 4, 2020**

1 Tevet – 7 Tevet

Sylvia Brownstein\*

Flora Cahn

Gertrude P. Goldenberg\*

Edna Hollander

Rosalyn M Jacobson

David Eugene Johansson

Uriah Kaplan\*

Benjamin Geshwin Klein\*

Paul Aaron Levi Sr.\*

Maurice Levine

Jacob Mandel

Jessica Mannoff\*

Jeanne Naidich

Bernard Reminick\*

Daniel Rosenthal\*

Marjorie Seltzer

Meyer M. Snyder

Henry H. Stoller\*

Irma Wertheim

\*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 DECEMBER 2019 – FEBRUARY 2020

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6	Sue Baum	IHO the Film Festival
	Ken & Dianne Bonfield	IHO their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	Elliott & Rivka Mascoop	IHO Eta Gluzband's 85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
13	AVAILABLE	·
20	The Hankin Family	IHO Abbe & Elaine's 62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	Dick & Carol Polinsky	IMO their son, Craig Schiffer

IHO their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

#### JANUARY 2020

27

Herb & Hanita Kern

3	Isabel Price	IMO Daniel Martin Price
10	Natalie & Marvin Klein (Alone)	IHO their 62nd Wedding Anniversary
17	Frank & Beth Weinberg	IMO Jeanne Naidich
24	Joe & Carol Atkin	IHO their Family
31	Dick Lerner	IMO Sandy Lerner
	Eddie & Karen Saeks	IHO Karen's 68th Birthday

#### FEBRUARY

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

#### 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)

**Dianne Bonfield** 

Elinore Weinhaus

Jack Jacobsen

Herb & Ginny Jermanok Herb & Diane Wallack

Natalie Klein

Ellie Bittman

John Reiches & June Streisand George & Estie Karpman Roger & Joanne Blau Herb & Ginny Jermanok

Herb & Diane Wallack

Isabel Price

Elinore Weinhaus

Jerry & Evie Levin

Marilyn Flynn

Bert & Joan Thompson

Dick & Carol Polinsky

Sandra Hechler

Jerry & Helen Lerner

Eddie & Karen Saeks

Len & Mary Potechin

#### Lulu Seidman

Roger & Joanne Blau

Marilyn Flynn

Dick & Carol Polinsky George & Estie Karpman

Jerry & Helen Lerner

David Malakoff & Carol Swartz

Eddie & Karen Saeks

Len & Mary Potechin

Ellie Bittman

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Arnold Baron from** 

George & Estie Karpman

**Sue Baum from** 

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

George & Estie Karpman

Shussie Blumenthal from

Eddie & Karen Saeks

Arthur Doxer from

Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

**Peg Geller from** 

Steve Goldenberg

Eta Gluzband from

Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

Rabbi Gross from

Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

**Elaine Hankin from** 

Sandra Hechler

Hari Jacobsen from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin George & Estie Karpman

Phyllis Marco from

Ted & Jean Bunten Steve Goldenberg

Mary Pinto from

Ted & Jean Bunten

**Anthony Pinto from** 

Steve Goldenberg

**Eddie Saeks from** 

Elinore Weinhaus Marita Nickells

Marilyn Flynn

Don Schwartz from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin George & Estie Karpman

Miriam Slavich from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

George & Estie Karpman

Max Stein from

Steve Goldenberg

Mike Suffian from

George & Estie Karpman

Joan Thompson from

Herb & Hanita Kern Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

Jo Anne Youman from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

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

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from

George & Estie Karpman

Abbe & Elaine Hankin from

Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

Jack & Hari Jacobsen from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

George & Estie Karpman

Herb & Hanita Kern from

Ted & Jean Bunten

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Jerry & Helen Lerner from

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Dick & Carol Polinsky from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

George & Estie Karpman

Irv & Beth Povlow from

Steve Goldenberg

Richard & Grace Plager from

Abbe & Elaine Hankin

Don & Roberta Schwartz from

Ted & Jean Bunten

Steve Goldenberg

Stan & Joyce Zeldin from

Steve Goldenberg

SINCERE SYMPATHY TO

Roger Blau IMO Elaine Rabin

Stan & Joyce Zeldin Elinore Weinhaus

Leo & Sydell Wertheim

Frank & Beth Weinberg

Beth Povlow IMO Susan Pullman

Ellie Bittman

Herb & Diane Wallack

George & Estie Karpman

Bert & Shirley Posner

Alan & Dalia Zuckerman

Roger & Joanne Blau Paul & Linda Chase

Bert & Joan Thompson

Marvin & Natalie Klein

Marvin & Peg Geller

Herb & Ginny Jermanok

David Willens

Harriet Israel David Malakoff & Carol Swartz

**THANK YOU** 

Ellie Bittman

For Your Friendship

Sandra Hechler

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Elinore Weinhaus - IMO Sidney Weinhaus

Elinore Weinhaus - IMO Martha Mariam

Arthur Doxer - IMO Anna Doxer

Elena Rosner - IMO Dr. Louis Fink

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Barbara Silver - IHO Hari's Birthday

Barbara Silver - IHO Jack & Hari's

Harriet Moskowitz - IMO Jean Pollack

Steve Goldenberg - IMO Gertrude Goldenberg

Eddie & Karen Saeks - Get Well Natalie &

FLOWER FUND

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Natalie Klein

John Reiches & June Streisand - Get Well

Lulu Seidman

Lucille Gaita - IMO her Sister-in-Law

Aren Alter - IMO Steve Alter

John Reiches & June Streisand - IMO the Victims of Kristallnacht

Robert & Denise Schwartzman - IHO their Grandchildren

GENERAL FUND

Allen & Shussie Blumenthal - IMO Max

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KITCHEN FUND

Arnold & Jane Baron - IMO William

Bernstein

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Arnold & Jane Baron - IMO Ethel Baron

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Eddie & Karen Saeks - IHO December

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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** 

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

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

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

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

**Health & Caring** - Notify the Office if you have information concerning our members. **Hospital visits** by the Rabbi and the Cantor can be arranged by calling the Office ~ Have a rose in a bud vase sent with your well wishes - \$17.50.

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

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

#### Office Notes:

Any information for the **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.





# JCMI'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL MARCO ISLAND COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

**Sponsored by** 



Residents and Guests on Marco Island And Vicinity are invited to CELEBRATE on

SATURDAY, December 28, 2019

**Time: 5:45 PM** 

**Jewish Congregation of Marco Island** 

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

www.marcojcmi.com

Join Us For A Candle Lighting Ceremony
And Chanukah Music
Lots Of Holiday Spirit For The Entire Family

Complimentary
Chanukah Holiday Treats
Will Be Served



# The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island Presents



Three exciting events coming to JCMI for your musical entertainment!

The Atlantic City Boys, back again by popular demand,

and the

ALL NEW Motown Magic and Alter Eagles.

January 25th



February 22nd



March 21st



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

For Reservations and Seating go to <a href="https://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

Would you like to help out? We are also looking for volunteers to help with the shows. Please contact John Reiches at (914) 907-2006

# 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

#### November 19, 2019

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker Historical Fiction By Jennifer Chiaverini

### December 17, 2019

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine By Gail Honeyman

#### January 21, 2020

Where the Crawdads Sing By Delia Owens

#### February 18, 2020

The Only Woman in the Room By Marie Benedict

#### March 17, 2020

Body and Soul By Frank Conroy

#### April 21, 2020

To Be Announced

### 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.

Questions? 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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- \*Uses research-based programs that allow for progress based on mastering specific skills.
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- \*Program is at Manatee Elementary School, 1880 Manatee Rd. Naples (about 5 miles from Marco Island).

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