

THE JCMI MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 2025

CHESHVAN/KISLEV, 5786

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross

and

Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM

Please go to the JCMI website:

www.MarcoJCMI.com

for Live Streaming Services Information

Attend in person

or via Live Streaming from the JCMI Website

Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

November Miscellany



*Hello darkness, my old friend;
You'll soon begin at five p.m.*

There had been talk, in recent years, about implementing Daylight Savings Time all-year-'round in Florida. (That would be the opposite of Arizona, where they don't have it, at all. In a quirk worthy of science fiction, I used to commute to Yuma from Los Angeles on a 55-minute



flight—and for part of the year arrived by the clock 5 minutes before I left). Since Tallahassee has not yet implemented that resolution, remember as November kicks off to be ready to return to Standard Time. “Fall Back” an hour, at bedtime on Saturday the first.

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Having just “struck the set” by putting away our *sukkah* from October, it's worth recalling in November that the English pioneers who gave us the legacy of turkey with stuffing were all deeply religious people. That is a reminder to take a moment during our Thanksgiving celebration to actually give thanks... but it also means that those 17th-century Pilgrims modeled their celebratory dinner after our harvest Feast of Booths, Sukkot, from Leviticus 23.

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I have been privileged with an invitation to be the Jewish theologian offering a paper the first weekend in December at our southwest Florida symposium marking the sixtieth anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* (“In Our Time”). This will be our local counterpart to events all over the country celebrating the dramatic 1965 Vatican declaration that responded to the recent Nazi era by rejecting prejudice in all its forms— particularly anti-Semitism.

Those interested in attending the Symposium will be able to hear the same presentations and ensuing panel discussion either with the students on-campus at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria on Saturday, December 06, or with members of the general community at Jewish Federation's Nina Iser Cultural Center in Naples, on Sunday the 07th. Details for pre-registering are featured in this edition of *The Messenger*.

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Details are also found herein for the annual *Kristallnacht* Commemoration on November 09. Cantor Jacobsen and I will be on the dais for this important annual interfaith event, co-sponsored by the Jewish and Catholic communities in the spirit of *Nostra Aetate* to demonstrate our commitment to opposing political evil and standing together for the welfare of all our neighbors.

Rabbi Gross is available to JCMI members, in the course of his weekend visits on-Island, for personal meetings, counseling, or hospital visits— as well as accessible any time during the week by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com.

JCMI Schedule of Services

November, 2025 –Cheshvan/Kislev, 5786



Qabbalat Shabbat Worship - Friday evenings - 7:30.

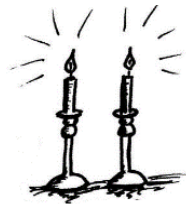
Welcoming the Queen of Days is our “main event” at JCMI, with shared worship in the beautiful Sanctuary of our Temple home every Friday night.

November 07 - Our First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” featuring blessings for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of November.

November 14 – Shabbat worship, featuring the announcement of— and [blessing for— the upcoming New Moon](#) and new month of Kislev.

November 21 – Shabbat worship

November 28 – Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#).”



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island on Friday. . .

November 07 - 5:23

November 21 - 5:17

November 14 - 5:20

November 28 - 5:17

Still three weeks away from Solstice, but we are already at a turn-the-corner point in the solar year.

Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study - Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Gross conducts 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.

November 01 - Leich L'cha	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16
November 08 - vaYeira	Genesis 18:1-22:24	II Kings 4:1-37
November 15 - Chayei Sarah	Genesis 23:1-25:18	I Kings 1:1-31
November 22 - Tol'dot	Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-27
November 29 - vaYeitzei	Genesis 28:10-32:3	Hosea 12:13-14:10



“Great Bowls of Fire!”

A dynamic team of JCMI chefs will once again be contestants in The Great Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation, taking place this year from 11:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, November 01.

Drop by at CJ’s on the Bay in the Esplanade to cheer on our kosher chefs, who will be showing the flag and stirring the pot... at least until their spoons melt under the heat! Vote for our krewe: this is a competition, and “There Can Only Be One!”

“Fall Back”

In accord with The Energy Conservation Act of 2005, Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

Whatever your weekend plans may be on Sunday, November 02, remember to turn your clocks back an hour at bedtime on Saturday night, the first!



Remembrances of a Solemn Day



Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen will both be participants in the pulpit at the annual Collier County Interfaith *Kristallnacht* Memorial, sponsored by the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Group of our Jewish Federation and the Catholic Diocese of Venice, at 2:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, November 09

This year’s commemoration of the traumatic “Night of the Broken Glass” that inaugurated the Nazi kingdom of death will convene at and be hosted by Temple Shalom, in Naples at 4630 Pine Ridge Road—2 miles west of Collier Boulevard.

Rabbi Gross on Milestone Interfaith Panel

Rabbi Gross will be representing the local Jewish community on a panel celebrating the 60th anniversary of “*Nostra Aetate*,” the 1965 Vatican declaration that forever changed the nature of Jewish-Christian relations.

This symposium sponsored and presented jointly by the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Group of Jewish Federation of Greater Naples and the Diocese of Naples in Venice can be attended at 2:00 p.m. on either of two consecutive days:

☆ Sat, December 06 - Ave Maria University, Ave Maria.

or

☆ Sun, December 07 - Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center, 4720 Pine Ridge Road.

To help guarantee there will be enough hand-out materials, please pre-register at

<https://jfgn.regfox.com/nostra-aetate-60th-anniversary>

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
– invites you to attend –



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Ta Sh'ma



Rabbi Gross's
Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5786 (2025-26)

Sunday, January 25 - Firing Line:
"Ask the Rabbi"

Why is the m'zuzah hung at a slant? What's inside t'filin? Who was the first Jew in the New World? Why do bad things happen to good people? How is it, that "Jewish" rye isn't, and that "kosher" pickles aren't?

It's open season, as the Rabbi willingly fields any burning question of Jewish import that you've always wanted to know about.



Sunday, February 22 - The Chutzpah of Moses
(and His Wonderfulness)

Our ongoing exploration of important Biblical figures focuses on the most important of all: God's reluctant prophet, the estimable lawgiver and nation-builder whose yahrtzeit of 07 Adar falls on Tuesday of this week.



Sunday, March 22 - A Passover Miscellany

With the seider for our Feast of Freedom coming up the following Wednesday evening, we'll be taking a deep dive into the development and content and significance of the world's oldest interactive educational activity.



All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00

There is no fee to attend our Life-Long 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.



Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving Week

Note that the JCMI Office will be closed on both Thanksgiving Day and the ensuing Friday, November 28.

If you have Congregational business to conduct, make it a point to come by early that week so that our hard-working staff may have the leisure to enjoy the long holiday weekend with their families.

A Very Happy Thanksgiving!



NOTES FROM OUR CANTORIAL SOLOIST



We begin the month of November with parashat *Lech I'Chah* (Go). The Go-ee to whom God is speaking is Abraham; yes, Abraham, our patriarch. Just a mini refresher: God tells Abraham to leave his homeland and his father's home. Actually, God tells Abram (later to become Abraham – but that's another story for another time) to take (his wife,) Sarai (later to become Sarah ...) and Lot (his nephew – and we all know that Lot's story is another tale), leaving his father's house and their native land; they are to leave Haran and travel to Canaan (ultimately). And for this, God promises to make of Abram a great nation, He will bless him and make his name great, and He will bless those who blessed him and curse them who cursed him. Oy! Is that a lot (Great pun, huh?).

Seriously, though, it was virtually an unimaginable undertaking that was being asked of Abraham. In fact, this is a prime example of/for many people saying that they don't believe in the *Bible* and/or they don't believe in God. As for the first disbelief, I immediately go to a quote by a dear rabbi-friend of mine, Rabbi James Perman, who says, "The *Bible* is a book of faith, not fact.". And I can't agree with him more. So, yes, I choose not to read the *Bible* literally, but for its extraordinary inspiration to perpetuate ethics – sometimes by model of what to do and sometimes by model of what not to do. And as for one not believing in God, I always ask what the disbeliever means by "God". Again, other huge points for other times. However – and back to why November point: God asking Abraham to leave everything and everyone (except his wife and nephew) he knew. Gargantuan expectation.

And yet you do it yourself. Your adult child is seriously ill. You drop everything (everything) and are completely there for him, her, or them. Not a moment's hesitation. Furthermore, someone – a total stranger – is hurt right in front of you. Again, without a moment's hesitation, you stop what you are doing and help in any way possible. I could go on, but you get the comparison. You take these extreme actions – under extreme circumstances – without the slightest second thought. And that's not to mention the tremendously selfless things you do after serious deliberation. Extreme circumstances bring us to extreme measures.

Which brings us back to this week's ridiculous telling of Abram just up and leaving everyone (almost) and everything (almost) that he knew and cared about for a grossly unknown. So, kudos to Abram and kudos to you.

And maybe, just maybe, if you have found the *Bible* unrealistic and, therefore, off-putting, it might be worth a second, a closer, look. In any case, kudos.

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.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Chili Cook-off 11AM Torah Study 9:30AM
2  Fall Back at Bedtime tonight	3 BINGO 5:00PM	4 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	5	6	7 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	8 Torah Study 9:30AM
9 Community Wide Kristallnacht 2:30PM	10 BINGO 5:00PM	11  Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	12	13	14 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	15 Torah Study 9:30AM
16	17 BINGO 5:00PM	18 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	19	20  Board Meeting 7:00PM	21 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	22 Torah Study 9:30AM
23 30	24 BINGO 5:00PM	25 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	26	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving 	28 Office Closed Shabbat Services 7:30PM	29 Torah Study 9:30AM

December Anniversaries

- 4 Allan & Sue Kluger
7 Don & Roberta Schwartz
20 Irvin & Beth Povlow



December Birthdays

- 1 Anthony Zeiger
1 Marlene Glass
4 Joan Thompson
13 Mark Robinson
15 Laurence Sacher
15 Paul Scherr
16 Robin Singer
17 Stacey Berner
17 Tony Pinto
21 Arthur Doxer
26 Rabbi Mark Gross



November Weekly Yahrtseit List

October 26 – November 1, 2025

4 Cheshvan – 10 Cheshvan

Norman Adler
Dr. Harold W. Baum
Morris Bernikoff*
Eva Blumenthal
Joseph Bonfield
Paul Forman
Muriel "Mickey" Furman
Malla Godfrey
Pearl Ketchum Grossman*
Dora Kamenetz*
Anna E. Katz*
Sylvia Kennedy*
Selma Lewenberg*
Steven Rose*
Lena Rothenberg
Abe Rovner
David Silverstein*
Samuel Wallack*
Rose Weiner*

November 2 – November 8, 2025

11 Cheshvan – 17 Cheshvan

Lillian Bernikoff*
Anna E. Doxer*
Sadie Rose Entin*
Bernard Friedman
Jack Glass
Bessie A. Goldstein*
Lillian Sacks Haber*
Ginny Jermanok
William P. Katz*
Barbara P. Katz*
Peter E. Klein*
Myra Mannoff*
Lena Mendelsohn
Mark Migden*
Sandra Betten Missal*
Richard Dick Polinsky
Milton Jack Povlow*
Dorothy Rosenberg*
Ruth Rovner
Dr. Robert Soloway
Martin Speigel

November 2 – November 8, 2025 (continued)

11 Cheshvan – 17 Cheshvan

John Spiegel*
Marcia A. Stern*
Alexandra Weissman*
David Wertheim
Aileen Wolf

November 9 – November 15, 2025

18 Cheshvan – 24 Cheshvan

William Bernstein
Max Goldman
Harry Koslow*
Betty Kramer*
Elise Linz
Martha Mariam
Joyce Miller*
Jose Perez
Herbert Rudnick*
Leonard Sutker*
Sidney S. Weinhaus*
Susan Pullman Weiss

November 16 – November 22, 2025

25 Cheshvan – 2 Kislev

Ethel Baron
Herbert Leo Black*
Louis David
Debra Ann Duquet*
Louis Fink*
Harry Frank*
Bea Friedman
Harry Gorshel
Peter Greenberg*
Kenneth Hartstein*
Lipsitt Jean
David Kamenetz*
Gisa Koppel
Matilda Panner*
Akiba Plager
Mark Rosenberg*
Lee Rosenberg*
Albert Stein*
Leonard Tender

November 16 – November 22, 2025 (continued)

25 Cheshvan – 2 Kislev

Dottie Weiner

November 23 – November 29, 2025

3 Kislev – 9 Kislev

Ruth Abeson
Gussie Edelman
Mollie Ray Jermanok*
Irma Lawrence
Esther Burk Leifer*
Sarah Katchen Levine*
Edward Samuel Marco*
Rose Pelton*
Buscema Phyllis Connelly
Dr. Maxim Pincus
Henry Reussenberger*
Helen Gordon Sheinberg
Sara Starrels*
Tillie Suffian



November 30 – December 6, 2025

10 Kislev – 16 Kislev

Zila Askenazi*
Louis Bulmash*
David Edelstein
David Louis Greenspan*
Aaron Grossman*
Morris Grossman
Morris Grossman
Florence Mordecai Holl*
Judith Horowitz*
Ben Kalin
Minnie Lang
Samuel Linder
Henry Lipsitt
Louis Raskin*
Jacob Rosenberg*
Ida Siegel
Robert Irving Silverstein*

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

We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Esta Alliker from
Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Arnold Baron from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand

Sue Baum from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand
Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Cantor Hari Jacobsen from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Bob Jares from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Nora Joel from

Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Zabeeda Kalloo from

Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Nancy Margolis from

Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Don Schwartz from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Gene Siegel from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Barbara Silver from

John Reiches & June Streisand

Mike Suffian from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

John Reiches & June Streisand
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Bert Thompson from
Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Leo Wertheim from
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Dalia Zuckerman from
John Reiches & June Streisand

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Arnold & Jane Baron from
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand
Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Steven & Carole Roberts from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Frank & Beth Weinberg

BUBBE'S BAKERY SPONSOR

from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from George & Estie Karpman
from Robert Meldman & Leila Silverberg
from Audrey Snyder
from Frank & Beth Weinberg

BUILDING FUND

Sandra Hechler – IMO Dr. Stephen Hechler

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arthur Doxer – IMO Anna E. Doxer, Mother
Elinore Weinhaus – IMO Sidney Weinhaus
Elinore Weinhaus – IMO Martha Mariam

FLOWERS FUND

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares– IMO Morton
David Braun, Mitch's Father
Sara Straight Wolf– IMO Myron Wolf

GENERAL FUND

Samra Elliot – IMO Marion Kupperman
Robert H. Kennedy – IMO Alvin Kennedy
Robert H. Kennedy – IMO Samuel Kennedy

Robert H. Kennedy – IMO Sylvia Kennedy
Marvin & Lynn Nathanson – IMO Louis David

Shelly Roseff – IMO Frada Roseff
Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Aileen S. Wolf
Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Alexandra Weissman
Herbert Wallack – IMO Samuel Wallack

HIGH HOLY DAYS HONOR FUND

Sue & Harvey Goldberg – IMO Gisa Koppel
"Gheeza Koppel"
from Irv & Beth Povlow

ONEG FUND

Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Myron Wolf

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Anita Myers & Family – IMO Sheila Stein
from Phyllis Rosenblum

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

11/07/25 – Mitch Braun & Bob Jares –
*IHO 10th Wedding Anniversary & IHO
Bob's 70th Birthday!*

11/14/25 – Available

11/21/25 – Available

11/28/25 – Available





YAHRTSEIT DONOR IN MEMORY OF

Sara Straight Wolf

Aileen S. Wolf



The **Office** is open Mon. through Fri. - 9 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:

- Friday evening **Onegs** - \$85
- Sponsor the **flowers** on the bimah for \$88
- Yahrzeit **Memorial Candles** - \$2 each
- Honor your loved ones with a **Yahrtzeit 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 \$7.50 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.

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I wanted to reach out on behalf of JCMI's Board and all its members. As most of you know, these past few years have been extremely fiscally challenging for the Congregation. To meet operating shortfalls, the Board was required to draw upon our limited financial reserves to make up for the lack of fundraising. This is because our due's structure, including the Above and Beyond Campaign, alone are not sufficient to meet the annual operating costs of JCMI. This past season, we have successfully established and renewed events and fundraisers that are necessary to support and maintain JCMI's annual cash flow.

We also had an incredibly successful Above and Beyond Campaign that included a generous matching gift from one of our members that enabled the Board to replenish funds drawn from reserves during the Covid years. However, these reserves are not likely to be sufficient to cover expenses the Board is expecting in the coming years, including the cost for a new roof and HVAC systems. Due to our ageing building these costs and others will continue.

These large requirements need more avenues for support. Legacy gifting is a great way to support your Synagogue.

Whether you are an active volunteer at the synagogue or a continued benefactor, we need your help!

What better way to secure your legacy and memory of our beloved Jewish community and home?

Our home is not just a place for religious worship but a gathering area for all of us.

As we begin our 42nd year as an organized house of Jewish worship, I ask that you consider a Legacy Giving plan to JCMI so that we may be able to continue to provide JCMI as a house of worship for our current and future families to enjoy. Naming JCMI as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or annuity, as well as many other mechanisms can secure your legacy in support of JCMI. Having this conversation with your financial adviser would be the best way to implement your desires to fund JCMI. Legacy Giving is a great way to support your Synagogue; what great way to secure your legacy and memory for our beloved Jewish community and home!

Please reach out to me at kdalter13@gmail.com or 617.293.6515, or Stan Alliker, JCMI President, at alliker1@comcast.net or 609.238.2500, should you have any questions or are interested in establishing a Legacy Giving donation.

Thank you for considering this gift giving.

Sincerely,



Keith D. Alter, First Vice President, JCMI

SAVE THESE DATES

→ PLEASE NOTE: Event dates and venue are subject to change.

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!

"5786"

November 2025

1st- Chili Cook-Off	11:00 AM
2nd- "Fall Back" one hour	2:00 AM
9th - Interfaith Kristallnacht Event	2:00 PM
18th - Book Club	11:00 AM
20th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
27th - Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed	
28th - Office Closed	

February 2026

1st - Bubbe's Bakery	9:30 AM
7th - Concert Series- Neil Diamond	7:30 PM
15th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM
26th- Board Meeting	7:00 PM

December 2025

14th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
15th - JFGN Chanukah Celebration	5:00 PM
16th - Book Club	11:00 AM
18th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
21st - Comm. Chanukah Celebration	5:30 PM
25th - Office Closed	

March 2026

7th - Concert Series- Motown	7:30 PM
15th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
21st - Concert Series- BeeGees	7:30 PM
22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM
26th- Board Meeting	7:00 PM
28th- Princess Cruise	5:30 PM
29th- Concert Series- ABBA	7:30 PM

January 2026

1st - Office Closed	
11th - Concert Series- Billy Joel	7:30 PM
18th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
20th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd- Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25th - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM

April 2026

1st - Congregational Seider	6:30 PM
2nd - Office Closed	
9th - Office Closed	
21st - Book Club	11:00 AM
23rd- Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM

Tuesdays - Chess Club at 9:30AM to 12PM

Thursdays -Mah Jongg at 11:00AM (tentative start Oct)

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Sept.6 through April

NEW TIME 5 PM

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Celebrating 25 Years!



Bigger Payouts!!

SUPPER – NO CHARGE

EVERY MONDAY
•FREE PIZZA DRAWING FROM SAMI'S

DOORS OPENS EARLY AT 5:00 P.M.

BONANZA POSTED AT 5:30 P.M.

FIRST GAME STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

NOT FOR PROFIT

•Free Coffee, Tea and Food

- 2 Packs \$20 plus 1 FREE Bonanza
- 3 Packs \$27 plus 2 EXTRA Bonanzas

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
991 Winterberry Drive
South on Collier, Left on Winterberry
642-0800

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

HOTBALL
Up to \$250

END-OF-MONTH
PRIZE BINGO
TOTE

Join Keith Alter who is representing
JCMI at the Chili Cook-Off

Great Bowls of **FIRE!**

**SAT
NOV 1
2025
11 am - 3 pm**

All proceeds benefit
the Marco Island
Fire Rescue
Foundation.

13TH ANNUAL
JERRY
ADAMS

CHILI COOK-OFF

**There can be only
one best chili!**

Come to the Esplanade
on Saturday, November 1
to taste some of the best
chili on the island –
and vote for your favorite!

Happy Hour drinks and
sides from CJ's On The Bay,
with live music for dancin'
or toe-tappin'.

WANT TO COOK? Scan the code to register.

TO SPONSOR, contact Barb Murphy,
239-595-0488 or email bwmbase@gmail.com.



www.marcoislandfirerescuefoundation.com

2025-2026

Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 18th 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 18, 2025

Weight of Ink
Rachel Kadish

March 17, 2026

Daughters of Shandong
Eve J. Chung

December 16, 2025

And So I Roar
Abi Daré

April 21, 2026

God of the Woods
Liz Moore

January 20, 2026

In My Father's Court (Classic Edition)
Isaac Bashevis Singer

Suggested Summer Reading:

Body and Soul
Frank Conroy

Prophet Song
Paul Lynch

February 17, 2026

Frozen River
Ariel Lawton

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
Helen Simonson

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 or the JCMI Office at 239-642-0800

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND IN COOPERATION WITH  Jewish Federation OF GREATER NAPLES PRESENT



FILM FESTIVAL



THE 25TH SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL
PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

BAD SHABBOS

Brunch at 10:30 AM (Please note new time for this showing only)

Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2025

Film 12:00 PM

You don't have to be Jewish to laugh at Daniel Robbins' entertaining comedy about a Sabbath dinner gone awry. BAD SHABBOS took the top Audience Prize at the Tribeca Film Festival and Grand Jury Award Best of Festival, Cordillera International Film Festival 2024. Bad Shabbos continues to earn accolades from audiences across the country. **84 Minutes**

THE RING

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

THE RING stars Adir Miller, the most popular stand-up comedian and comic actor in Israel. He is also an outstanding actor, winning an Ophir Award for his first leading dramatic role in THE MATCHMAKER. This film, THE RING, written, co-directed and starring Miller is based on his own family's Holocaust survival story. There are moments of laughter and moments of tears. This story of loss and redemption is not to be missed. **122 Minutes**

RUNNING ON SAND

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

RUNNING ON SAND, another wildly popular Israeli dramedy, tells the story of Aumari, a young Eritrean refugee who, facing deportation, is mistaken for a professional soccer player. Themes of identity, resilience, and belonging shine through this careful balance of humor and social commentary. It stars Shawn Mongoza who came to Israel from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He speaks fluent Hebrew; reading the script brought him to tears. The film won award for Best First Feature at the Haifa International Film Festival and the Anat Pirchi Award for Best Screenplay. **104 Minutes**

GUNS AND MOSES

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

This is a film NOT TO BE MISSED! GUNS AND MOSES is written by the husband- and -wife team Salvador and Nina Litvak and directed by Sal. They have created what is described by the Jewish Journal, as "a brave and stereotype defying Orthodox Jewish hero: A gunslinging Chabad rabbi who drives a minivan with a "Thank You Hashem" bumper sticker. After what is assumed as a hate crime is committed in plain sight, a young white supremacist is arrested. Our hero, Rabbi Mo, does not believe the young man is guilty and decides to find the real killer—before they strike again. It is an action thriller with no nudity and no profanity. "The movie is kosher." **93 Minutes**

All films will be shown at the Jewish Congregation, 991 Winterberry Drive ~ Marco Island, FL 34145

There are two levels of seating -

Patron Level provides open seating in the first 10 rows of the auditorium with recognition published in the movie program.

General Admission provides open seating starting in the 11th row and back.

Patron Level - \$37.50 per ticket

General Admission - \$25.00 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased **ONLINE** at: www.jcmimusic.com or by calling the office at (239) 642-0800

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

5 - 6 PM

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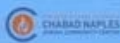
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7:30 PM

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Saturday,
February 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Nearly Diamond
*The Neil
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Tribute*

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

NEARLY DIAMOND is the ULTIMATE Tribute to the legendary singer/songwriter Neil Diamond.



Saturday,
March 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Larry Johnson's
*Essence
of
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Saturday,
March 21, 2026
7:30 PM

Bee Gees
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Step into the golden age of disco with the world-class **Bee Gees** tribute Band! They bring the Bee Gees' iconic hits to life with meticulous attention to detail in vocals and live arrangements. Their high-energy show delivers all the chart-topping classics, transporting you back to the disco era with authenticity and flair.



Sunday,
March 29, 2026
7:30 PM

**Almost
ABBA**

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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Rabbi Gross's
Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5786 (2025-26)

Sunday, January 25 -

Firing Line:
"Ask the Rabbi"

Why is the m'zuzah hung at a slant? What's inside t'filin? Who was the first Jew in the New World? Why do bad things happen to good people? How is it, that "Jewish" rye isn't, and that "kosher" pickles aren't?

It's open season, as the Rabbi willingly fields any burning question of Jewish import that you've always wanted to know about.



Sunday, February 22 -

The Chutzpah of Moses
(and His Wonderfulness)

Our ongoing exploration of important Biblical figures focuses on the most important of all: God's reluctant prophet, the estimable lawgiver and nation-builder whose yahrtzeit of 07 Adar falls on Tuesday of this week.



Sunday, March 22 -

A Passover Miscellany

With the seider for our Feast of Freedom coming up the following Wednesday evening, we'll be taking a deep dive into the development and content and significance of the world's oldest interactive educational activity.



All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00

There is no fee to attend our Life-Long 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.

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 5786

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 Naples Senior Center at JFCS for 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
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