

THE JCMI MESSENGER



JANUARY 2025

TEVET/SH'VAT, 5785

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Services conducted by
Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen
Along with Members from the JCMI Congregation
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

It's Still "Season's Greetings"

The wonderfully ornate front-yard holiday display put up by our Marco neighbors at the corner of Whiteheart and Heathwood is so eagerly anticipated every year, that they have to post a plywood sign in mid-November reminding Island locals that it's not going to be up and running until Thanksgiving. The other side of that same coin: the climax of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the arrival of Santa Claus in his sleigh, officially defining the launch of The Christmas Season.



This idea of sacred seasons is a compelling one, because in most world religious traditions it is rare for any one holiday to stand alone in a vacuum. Our Ten Days of Repentance are only part of the 52-day Jewish New Year season; the Hindu *Navaratri* runs over a period of nine days; and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" are part of a larger 42-day sacred season from Advent to Epiphany on January 06. In every case it is the sum of the parts that matters, with the count-down and lead-up as an important part of the sacred process.

At the same time, this turn-of-the-year is of itself a season that is traditionally fraught with spiritual significance. The period between early December and the middle of January features 23 distinct sacred occasions observed by no less than seven different religious traditions. That constitutes a second reason that the December salutation "Season's Greetings," to the contrary of soft-pedaling the Christian Feast of the Nativity, represents instead a particularly apt and timely comprehensive benediction to all our neighbors on their respective occasions.

Including, of course, our own deep-Winter Feast of Lights, Chanukah. And ain't it grand that this happens to be one of those-not uncommon years, in which Chanukah spills over from December into January. It's like getting an extra prize in your Cracker Jack, carrying over the "season" of "Season's Greetings" from one calendar year into another.

Not at all incidentally, it is worthy of note that our aforementioned neighbor on Whiteheart a couple of years back incorporated into his Christmas holiday display a big blue Chanukah lamp. More to the point, this year he moved the blue *m'norah* front-and-center—facing traffic on Heathwood. That is a defiant gesture to ignorant Jew-haters, and an affirmation of friendship to the Jewish community.

May our own observance of The Feast of Lights, ongoing into this new month, be our own declaration of the enduring and uplifting principles of our faith. And may our dedication to Who We Are, and What We Stand For, continue to dispel the darkness of mid-Winter to bring a little more light and warmth forward from this season into all those that follow.

The Rabbi is at your disposal, during his weekend stay on-Island, for counseling; hospital or shut-in visits; or Hebrew or guitar lessons— as well as accessible any time during the week by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com.

JCMI Schedule of Services

January, 2025 – Tevet/Sh’vat, 5785



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 shared Temple home every Friday night.

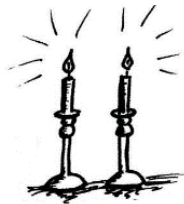
January 03 - First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of January.

January 10 - Shabbat Evening worship. Rabbi Gross discusses “[Fast Days— and Why They Aren’t](#).”

January 17 - Shabbat Evening worship.

January 24 - Shabbat Evening worship. Rabbi Gross discusses “[Why Chinese Food?](#)”

January 31 - Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#),” featuring the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll.



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

January 03 - 5:30

January 17 - 5:40

January 31 - 5:51

January 10 - 5:35

January 24 - 5:46

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.

January 04 - [vaYigash](#) Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28

January 11 - [vaY’chi](#) Genesis 47:28-50:26 I Kings 2:1-12

January 18 - [Sh’mot](#) Exodus 1:1-6:1 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

January 25 - [vaEira](#) Exodus 6:2-9:35 Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

February 01 - [Bo el Par’o](#) Exodus 10:1-13:16 Jeremiah 46:13-28

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Ta Sh'ma



Rabbi Gross's
Second-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5785 (2024-25)

Sunday, January 12 -

**Dr. King and the Jews:
A Sacred Partnership
for Justice**

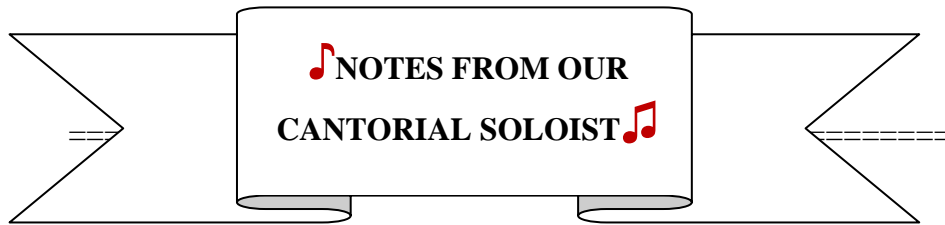
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There is no fee to attend our Life-Long Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and are asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.





Let's start the new year of 2025 with fun (hopefully)! Ten Tidbits of *Torah* Trivia!

1. The *Torah* is not part of the "Old Testament". It is part of the Jewish *Bible*. Nit picking? Unequivocally not. There are major differences in the translations of the Jewish *Bible* and the "Old Testament". (e. g., Just put the Ten Commandments side by side.)
2. & 3. In parashat *Sh'mot* (actual translation: *Names*, but commonly called *Exodus*) we read that 70 of Jacob's descendants came into Egypt.

Now this one gives us 2 trivias!! Woohoo!

In the first place, in the Septuagint (the earliest Greek translation of the Bible) and Qumran (*Dead Sea Scrolls*) texts we read that 75 of Jacob's descendants came to Egypt. Why the difference you ask? To count or not to count Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, and their 3 sons? That is the question.

4. There are 5 different Pharaohs in the *Torah*, but none of their name are given.
5. Pharaoh's daughter did not name Moses until after he has grown.
So, what was he called before that? No one (today) knows.
6. The name of God (YHWH) is a verb.
7. When in the *Bible* (*Sh'mot*, to be exact) it says that Moses was "heavy of mouth and heavy of tongue", does it mean a speech defect, a foreign language, or a lack of eloquence?
We don't know.
8. Three prophets asked God to take their lives (preferring death to being a prophet) (i. e. Moses, Elijah, and Jonah).
Talk about bad days at work!
9. There is no Angel of Death in the *Bible*. It appears that later Jewish tradition introduced the concept.
10. According to the *Torah*, the new year begins in spring (not fall).

Except for the first item above, all these bits of trivia come from just one month of *Torah* reading. This is akin to a fun scavenger hunt through the *Bible*. May this new year of 2025 be filled with times of fun for all of us.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank and recognized the men and women of JCMI who baked and cooked during the Summer and Fall to prepare the breads, cakes, soup, chicken salad, mandel bread and many more for the successful November 24th Bubbie's Bakery sale. Special thanks to Barbra Holtz and Beth Weinberg for chairing this fundraiser which netted approximately \$8,000 to JCMI. Again a thank you to all the volunteers who baked, cooked and staffed the sale.



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.

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	4 Torah Study 9:30AM
5	6 BINGO 5:30PM	7 Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM	8	9 Mah Jongg 11:00AM	10 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	11 Torah Study 9:30AM
12 Rabbi's Life- Long Learning Series 9:30AM	13 BINGO 5:30PM	14 Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM	15	16 Mah Jongg 11:00AM Board Meeting 7:00PM 	17 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	18 Torah Study 9:30AM
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26	27 BINGO 5:30PM	28 Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM	29	30	31	

February Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 4 Estie Karpman
- 5 Melissa Kalloo
- 8 Jane Baron
- 8 Donald Barger
- 9 Lydia Krueger
- 9 Audrey Snyder
- 10 Steve Goldenberg
- 11 Thomas Rosenberg
- 15 Judy Margelefsky
- 17 Leonard Weisberg
- 18 Betsy Rosenberg
- 19 Mitch Braun
- 25 Allan Kluger
- 26 Sally Aaron



January Weekly Yahrtseit List

December 29 – January 4, 2025

28 Kislev – 4 Tevet

Sylvia Brownstein*
Sam Chasin
Joyce Mae Engels
Gertrude P. Goldenberg*
Zelda Sparks Hepner*
Rosalyn M Jacobson
David Eugene Johansson
Uriah Kaplan*
Benjamin Geshwin Klein*
Paul Aaron Levi Sr.*
Jessica Mannoff*
Jeanne Naidich
Bernard Reminick*
Daniel Rosenthal*
Meyer M. Snyder
Henry H. Stoller*
Irma Wertheim

January 5 – January 11, 2025

5 Tevet – 11 Tevet

George Bernstein
Libby Bonfield
Eva Miriam Browne*
Samuel Feldman*
Larry Goodstein
Benjamin Hains*
Edna Hollander
Rudolph Linz
Lee Lyons
Esther Mauerberger
Harry Nathanson
Isaac Nudelman*
Sidney Rand
Diane Wallack
Ruth C. Wertheim
Leonard Wolf*

January 12 – January 18, 2025

12 Tevet – 18 Tevet

Jacob Baldel*
Rose Steinbrecher Boiko
Carrie Brotman*

January 12 – January 18, 2025 (continued)

12 Tevet – 18 Tevet

Jerome Cohen
Geri Lynn Fox*
Sarah Fox*
Harvey Goldenberg*
Jay Greenberg*
Eve Handelsman
Jack Kasper
Dora Migden*
Morris W. Panner*
Clara Plager
David Sabetay
Carol Schulz
Sam Simon
Brento Simon
Miriam Slavich*
Esther Solomon*
Florence Gotthainer Somers
Jacob Thompson*
Fred Wertheim

January 19 – January 25, 2025

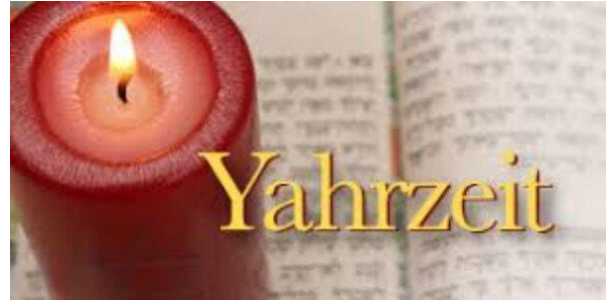
19 Tevet – 25 Tevet

Celia Bittman*
Eleanor Bittman*
Ethel Chase
Charlotte Kahn Ettinger*
Charlotte Farber*
Lea Katz*
George Koble*
Morris Kross
Frances Leifer*
Herman Maidanik*
Dorothy Mascoop
Norma Jean Meer*
Beatrice Ostrow*
Beckie Pullman
Dorothy Kan Reitzes
Edward Saeks
Edward Taylor*
Reva Weiner*

January 26 – February 1, 2025

26 Tevet – 3 Shevat

Caroline R. Borr*
Anna Donner
Abe Jacobson
Sandy Lerner*
Marion K. Levens*
Bernard Levine*
Larry Levy
Morris P. Nahmias
Morris Pullman
Harry Schecter*
Sidna M. Schwartz
Amy Lee Shuman*
Elizabeth Sophie*
Allie Werber*



***Denotes a Yahrzeit Plaque. Yahrzeits 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:

Charlie Blum from

Stephen Goldenberg
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
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John Reiches & June Streisand
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Rabbi Mark Gross from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Rony Joel from

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Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

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Sandra Hechler
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Denise Schwartzman
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Robin Singer from

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Joan Thompson from

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Denise Schwartzman
Dan & Robin Singer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Irv & Beth Povlow from

Frank & Beth Weinberg

Don & Roberta Schwartz from

Frank & Beth Weinberg

ABOVE & BEYOND CAMPAIGN

from Sally Aaron
from Natalie Klein
from Sorley Sheinberg

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Stephen Goldenberg – IMO Gertrude P. Goldenberg

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FLOWER FUND

Denise Schwartzman & the Bergman Family
– IMO Elizabeth “Lizzie” Bergman

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Mr. & Mrs. Mervyn Benjet – General Donation

Marilyn Flynn – IMO Charlotte Kahn Ettinger

Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Jacob Thompson

Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Elizabeth Sophie Thompson

MAZEL TOV

Diane & Bill Hook – *IHO* first grandchild,

Henry William Hook

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

Melissa Strange & Jonathan Ruggles – *IHO* *Marriage*

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

ONEG FUND

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield– IMO Shirley Greenfield & Samuel Schultz

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THANK YOU FUNDS

The Bergman Family – Thank You
from Sandra Hechler

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Scott DeLorenzo – IMO Tommy DeLorenzo
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from Leo Wertheim

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from Allan & Sue Kluger

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from Sandra Hechler

from Frank & Beth Weinberg

Karen Tessel-Blum – IMO Karen’s Father
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Rebecca Woodhall – IMO Woody Woodhall
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

YAHRTSEIT PLAQUES

Denise Schwartzman – IMO Dr. Robert Jay Schwartzman

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UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

1/3/25 – Available

1/10/25 – Bert & Shirley Posner – *IMO*

Isaac Nudelman, Shirley’s Father

1/17/25 – Frank & Beth Weinberg – *IHO*

Beth’s 82nd Birthday!

1/24/25 – Available





YAHRTSEIT DONOR

Elena Rosner
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IN MEMORY OF

Louis Fink
Allie Werber, Grandfather



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 \$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.

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!
"5785"

January 2025

12th - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM
16th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
19th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
21st - Book Club	11:00 AM
23rd - Concert Series-The Beach Buoys	7:30 PM

February 2025

5th - Women's Interfaith Breakfast	7:30 AM
7th - Cantor's Sermon in Song	7:30 PM
9th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM
16th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
18th - Book Club	11:00 AM
20th - Concert Series - Andrea Bocelli	7:30 PM
22nd - Concert Series - Mentalist	7:30 PM
27th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
28th - Federation Shabbat	7:30 PM

March 2025

9th - Spring Forward at Bedtime Tonight	
9th - Rabbi's Life Long Learning	9:30 AM
15th - Concert Series - Bee Gees	7:30 PM
16th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
18th - Book Club	11:00 AM
20th - JCMI Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
27th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

April 2025

TBA - Concert Series - Rocket Man	7:30 PM
12th - Congregational Passover Seider	6:00 PM
15th - Book Club	11:00 AM
24th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:30PM

*Tuesdays - Chess Club (Adults) at 9:30AM to 12PM
(Students K-12)*

Thursdays - Mah Jongg at 11:00AM

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Aug.31 through April

WE ARE BACK EVERY MONDAY!

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Celebrating 24 Years!



Bigger Payouts!!

SUPPER – NO CHARGE

EVERY MONDAY
•FREE PIZZA DRAWING FROM SAMI'S

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

BONANZA POSTED AT 6:00 P.M.

FIRST GAME STARTS AT 7 P.M.

NOT FOR PROFIT

•Free Coffee, Tea and Food

- 2 Packs \$18 plus 1 FREE Bonanza
- 3 Packs \$25 plus 2 EXTRA Bonanzas

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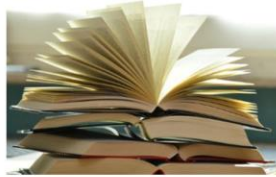
Kosher Hot Dog Supper with
pickles, relish & sauerkraut,
chips and baked goodies

HOTBALL
Up to \$250
END-OF-MONTH
PRIZE BINGO TOTE

2024-2025

Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 17th 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 19, 2024

Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
James McBride

March 18, 2025

Honor
Thrity Umrigar

December 17, 2024

The Boys in the Boat
Daniel James Brown

April 15, 2025

Killers of the Flower Moon
David Grann

January 21, 2025

The Girl with the Louding Voice
Abi Daré

Suggested Summer Reading:

The Island of the Sea Women
Lisa See

February 18, 2025

Silas Marner
George Eliot

The Covenant of Water
Abraham Vergese

The Women
Kristin Hannah

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



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PRESENT



FILM FESTIVAL



THE 24TH SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL
PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

THE CATSKILLS

Sunday afternoon, December 22, 2024

With a trove of lost-and-found archival footage and a cast of characters endowed with the gift of gab, "The Catskills" journeys into the storied mountain getaway north of New York City that served as refuge for Jewish immigrants fleeing poverty as well as a lavish playground for affluent Jewish families. **75 Minutes**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Film 2:00 PM

THE GOLDMAN CASE— Exclusive SW Florida Premiere RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, January 19, 2025

Film 2:00 PM

A second trial begins in November 1975 against French left-wing revolutionary Pierre Goldman, accused of several armed robberies and the death of two chemists. **115 Minutes**

PAUL NEWMAN, BEHIND BLUE EYES

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 16, 2025

Film 2:00 PM

Modest, shy, secretive, and determined to protect his own privacy, Newman did not give himself up easily and often used his humor to distance himself from the media frenzy. We will go through his films, his passions, his political views and civic battles, to discover the life and personality of the actor, the family man, and the philanthropist, hiding behind his blue eyes. **52 Minutes**

AMERICA

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, March 16, 2025

Film 2:00 PM

Eli is a former champion swimmer from Israel now giving swimming lessons in Chicago. When he learns his estranged father has died, he dutifully returns to Tel Aviv to sort out his father's affairs. There he reconnects with his childhood friend and former swimming partner Yotam who lives with his Ethiopian fiancée Iris. **127 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

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
– invites you to attend –



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חמ"א חז



**Rabbi Gross's
Second-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5785 (2024-25)**

Sunday, January 12 -

**Dr. King and the Jews:
A Sacred Partnership
for Justice**

The mid-20th-century campaign to secure civil rights for every member of American society drew on a long-standing partnership between this country's Jewish and Black communities.



Sunday, February 09 -

**King David... and Why
He Matters**

Our ongoing exploration of fascinating individuals from the Bible focuses this year on the shepherd boy who became a king. Come learn how the first ruler of Israel helped there be an Israel, in the first place.



Sunday, March 09 -

**The Real Purim: Much
More Than "Kid Stuff"**

"Oh, today we'll merry, merry be"—but the bleak and frightening story told in the Book of Esther is an object lesson for Jews throughout the ages about the importance of standing together.



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THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

The 2025 Saul I. Stern Series ~ Now in our 31st Year!
Join us at 991 Winterberry Drive on Marco Island



Thursday,
January 23, 2025
7:30 PM

**The
Beach Buoys**

This Beach Boys Tribute show brings audiences back to a simpler, happy time when cars, surfing, and an endless summer ruled.

Tickets \$40 ~ Preferred Seating \$45



Thursday,
February 20, 2025
7:30 PM

**Andrea Bocelli
Tribute**

An Evening with World
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(with String Quartet)

Ghaleb's performance is labeled as powerful, romantic and enchanting as his music is a culmination of what lies deep within his soul. His powerful and romantic velvet tenor voice will transport the audience on an unforgettable musical journey!

Tickets \$45 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



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7:30 PM

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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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- Rice
- Ketchup
- Salad dressing
- Oatmeal
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