

THE JCMI MESSENGER



DECEMBER 2024

KISLEV, 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

The Essence of Our Jewish Selves

One of our JCMI members expressed disappointment last year that, in the course of our South Collier Jewish Community Chanukah celebration, I did not make more pointed reference to the contemporary existential struggle of the Jewish People and the Jewish State. After all, we were joyously lighting our giant *menorah* under the Florida stars last December only a few weeks after the murderous HaMaS attack of October 07, and while the Israel Defense Forces were still desperately engaged in the ongoing hostage-rescue campaign in Gaza as Iranian-purchased rockets continued to fall on Israel's north and south.



To a degree the reason is that we Jews have never yielded to despair. It is our nature to affirm and to aspire, both as an exercise of our Covenantal Faith and purely **אף צו להכעיס** *af tzu l'hach'is* "in spite of it all." Rather than disregarding our troubles, our celebrations constitute a counterweight in defiance of them.

At the same time, Chanukah marks our People's greatest act of defiance. In principal the eight days of the holiday commemorate the Rededication of the Jerusalem Temple, three years after it had been defiled by the Seleucid Emperor. But in fact the savage struggle of the Maccabees continued for more than another twenty years; an autonomous Jewish nation came into being only because they had invested a full generation to shedding their blood for the right to exist.

There is a native species of aster that sprouts in Israel in the Spring, with a tiny cluster of red leaflets resembling the clumping of coagulated blood. Folk tradition holds that *Dam Maccabim*, "the Blood of the Maccabees," blossom in any place where the warriors of Israel have shed their blood for our land.



And the painful reality is, that they blossom everywhere.

On the last Sunday of this month, we will be hosting this year's South Collier Jewish Community Chanukah celebration. It would be nice to believe that by then the existential threat to the Jewish People and the Jewish State will be over, but even a teacher of values and ideals is grounded in reality. As I write these words, late in November, the IDF is still engaged in Gaza and Lebanon and the hostages are still sequestered.

We will light our lights, in stubborn defiance of the darkness and hate that fills our world. We will affirm all the best principles for which the blood of the Maccabees of every generation has been, in an exercise of that holy stubbornness which is the essence of our Jewish selves.

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

December, 2024 – Kislev, 5785



Qabbalat Shabbat Worship - Friday evenings - 7:30.

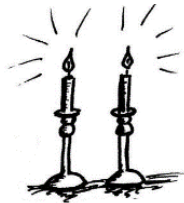
Welcoming the Queen of Days is our “main event” at JCMI, with shared worship in the beautiful Sanctuary of our shared Temple home every Friday night.

December 06 - First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of December.

December 13 – Shabbat worship, featuring [The Mordechai Groiszmam Memorial](#).

December 20 – Shabbat worship, honoring the Queen of Days.

December 27 – opening with [Chanukah candle-lighting](#), and featuring a reading of a selection from the sacred scroll for this Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#),” as well as [Hallel Psalms](#) for Chanukah and the [Blessing of the coming New Month](#).



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

December 06 - 5:17 December 20 - 5:22

December 13 - 5:19 December 27 - 5:25

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.

December 07 - [vaYeitzei](#) Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hosea 12:13-14:10

December 14 - [vaYishlach](#) Genesis 32:4-36:43
Obadiah 1:1-21

December 21 - [vaYeishev](#) Genesis 37:1-40:23
Amos 2:6-3:8

December 28 - [miQeitz-Chanukah](#) Genesis 41:1-44:17
Zechariah 2:14-4:7



Chanukah, Feast of Lights

The first candle of Chanukah, Feast of the Rededication of the Altar, is lit at sundown on Wednesday, December 25, with one more candle added nightly thereafter.

In addition to your home observance during the eight days of this luminous Winter holiday, [make a note of these special events celebrating Chanukah:](#)



Holiday Candle-lighting Together In-house on Shabbat

Friday, December 27
7:30 p.m.

Bring your *m'norah* and three 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.

South Collier Community Chanukah Celebration here at JCMI

Sunday, December 29
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?).

coming up next month: the first session this Season of

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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**

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.

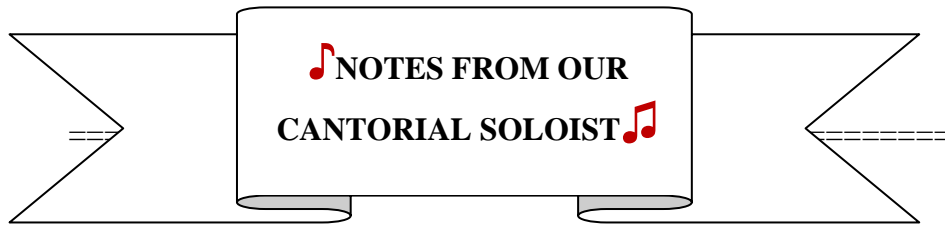




Put them in right-to-left;
light them left-to-right.

Happy Chanukah!





NOTES FROM OUR

CANTORIAL SOLOIST



Yes, indeed, it is December. And in the same week we begin December, our Jewish month of Kislev also begins. And that, of course, means that the festival of Chanukkah is in our near future. Chanukkah Same'ach! In addition to the beauty that lighting the Shabbat candles brings, we will add the beauty of lighting the Chanukkah candles – even into the month of January!

Our opening Torah parashah this month is *VaYeitzei (And He Left)*. The “he” is the central figure in the entire portion; Jacob. Included in this week’s Torah verses are both the readings of Jacob’s famous ladder dream and his meeting Rachel at the well. It also tells of the birth of twelve of his thirteen children. I’m either about to insult your intelligence, bore you, or pique your interest. Hopefully, it will be the last. So, here is some Torah un-trivia:

<u>Jacob’s Children in Order of Birth</u>	<u>Corresponding Mothers</u>	<u>Israel Tribe; Yes or No</u>
Reuben	Rachel	no (because of a no-no on Reuben’s part)
Simeon	Rachel	yes
Levi	Rachel	yes
Judah	Rachel	yes
Dan	Bilhah, Rachel’s handmaid	yes
Naftali	Bilhah, Rachel’s handmaid	yes
Gad	Zilpah, Leah’s handmaid	yes
Asher	Zilpah, Leah’s handmaid	yes
Issachar	Leah	yes
Zebulon	Leah	yes
Dinah	Leah	no (A girl? Surely not!)
Joseph	Rachel	no (Joseph’s sons, Manasseh & Ephraim, rec’d the honor)
Benjamin	Rachel	yes

(NOTE: While Benjamin’s birth is not reported until the next parashah, he

certainly needs to be part of this chart.)

Hopefully, seeing who mothered whom, the birth order, and/or the tribe names all charted together was of interest. In any event, *VaYeitzei* is a great narrative, as, coincidentally, are all the parashiot in this final month of 2024. A very satisfying way to end the year.

May you find great satisfaction as you reflect on this year that is coming to a close, along with even greater satisfaction in the upcoming year of 2025.











Dear my JCMI family:

I was very touched with all the JCMI Birthday cards.

Thank You
- Bert Posner

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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	BINGO 5:30PM	Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM		Mah Jongg 11:00AM	Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	Torah Study 9:30AM
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15	BINGO 5:30PM	Book Club 11AM Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM	18	Mah Jongg 11:00AM	Shabbat Services 7:30PM	Torah Study 9:30AM
22	BINGO 5:30PM	Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM	 25 <i>Office Closed for Christmas</i>	 26 JFGN Chanukah Celebration 5:00PM Mah Jongg 11:00AM Board Meeting 7:00PM 	 27 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	 28 Torah Study 9:30AM
 29 Community Chanukah Celebration 5:30PM	 30 BINGO 5:30PM	 31 Chess Club- Adults/ Students K-12 9:30AM- 12:30PM				

January Anniversaries

January Birthdays

- 1 Denise Schwartzman
- 3 Shirley Posner
- 6 Helen Lerner
- 7 Steve Rosenberg
- 9 Charlie Blum
- 9 Bruce Weiss
- 15 Rony Joel
- 15 Judy Sacher
- 17 Beth Weinberg
- 24 Irv Povlow
- 26 Irene Fox
- 27 Gloria Meer
- 29 Paul Krueger



December Weekly Yahrtseit List

December 1 – December 7, 2024

30 Cheshvan – 6 Kislev

Ruth Abeson
Zila Askenazi*
Louis Bulmash*
David Edelstein
Leon B. Entin*
David Louis Greenspan*
Aaron Grossman*
Emmanuel Haber*
Jacob Rosenberg*
Ida Siegel
Arnold Yorra

December 8 – December 14, 2024

7 Kislev – 13 Kislev

Lizzie Bergman
William Henry Bunten
Sadye Koch Goldman*
Shirley Greenfield
Morris Grossman
Nancy Hankin
Greta Johansson
Ben Kalin
Max Karpman*
Karen Sacher Porter*
Ruth Rabin
Samuel Schultz
Isabella Selowsky
Pamela Germaine Sharone*
Bess Singer
Sara Starrels*
Amy Scherr Stoltz*

December 15 – December 21, 2024

14 Kislev – 20 Kislev

Gertrude Baum
Sherwood Goodwin
Marion W. Hurvitt*
Harry Jermanok*
Roy Lapidus*
Samuel Linder
Henry Lipsitt
Floyd Mannoff*

Meyer Margolis*
Louis Raskin*
Frances Sabetay
Helene Klein Sussman
Abraham Thompson
Raymond Thompson*
Joseph Weisberg*
Freda Weiss*

December 22 – December 28, 2024

21 Kislev – 27 Kislev

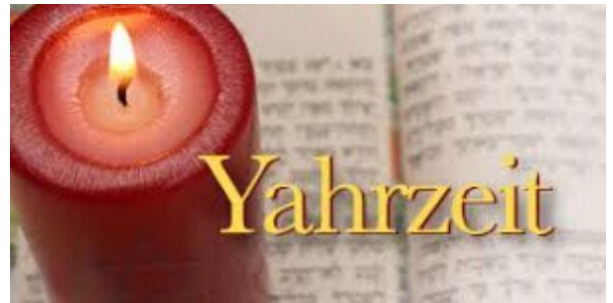
Aron Alperovwitz
Gussie Alpert
Harry Alpert
Jack Bernat
Martin Calvin
Jack Farber
Rose Forman
Irwin Fox*
Harris Grossman
Samuel Haber*
Cecile Gottsegen Krupp*
Max Lachman
Jack Lerner*
Lenore Tender Levine
Gisele Miller*
Frances Newman*
Eula Ottinger
Pearl Frances Posner*
Esther Raskin*
Eloise Rausch
Gertrude Roberts
Margot M. Rose*
Abraham Schemansky
Craig Schiffer
Herman Sonnenberg*
Rose Stein*
Ira Tritt
Marcia Ann Tumpowsky*

December 29 – January 4, 2024

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



***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:

Arnold Baron from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Bert & Joan Thompson

Sue Baum from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson

Arthur Doxer from

Stephen Goldenberg
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John Reiches & June Streisand
Bert & Joan Thompson

Marlene Glass from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
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Rabbi Mark Gross from

Stephen Goldenberg
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Paul & Lydia Krueger
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Cantor Hari Jacobsen from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson

Robert Jares from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Bert & Joan Thompson

Tony Pinto from

Stephen Goldenberg
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
John Reiches & June Streisand
Bert & Joan Thompson

Larry Sacher from

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Eugene Siegel from

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Barbara Silver from

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Mike Suffian from

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David Sussman from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Joan Thompson from

Stephen Goldenberg
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Arnold & Jane Baron from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Bert & Joan Thompson

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Morris & Nancy Margolis
Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson

Allan & Sue Klueger from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Karen & Mont Levy from

Elinore Weinhaus

Irv & Beth Povlow from

Stephen Goldenberg
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
John Reiches & June Streisand
Bert & Joan Thompson

Steven & Carole Roberts from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Don & Roberta Schwartz from

Stephen Goldenberg
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Marty & Barbara Holtz
John Reiches & June Streisand
Bert & Joan Thompson

BUBBIE'S BAKERY SPONSORS

from Stan & Esta Alliker
from Keith & Toniann Alter
from Sue Baum
from Joanne Blau
from Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Marlene Glass
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from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
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from Bert & Shirley Posner
from Irv & Beth Povlow
from John Reiches & June Streisand

from Steven & Carole Roberts
from Steve & Betsy Rosenberg
from Larry & Judy Sacher
from Denise Schwartzman
from Bernie & Lulu Seidman
from Eugene & Dolores Siegel
from Dan & Robin Singer
from Audrey Snyder
from Bert & Joan Thompson
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Elinore Weinhaus
from Leo Wertheim

BUILDING FUND

Sandra Hechler – IMO Philip Schwartz

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arnold & Jane Baron – IMO William Bernstein

Arnold & Jane Baron – IMO Ethel Baron

Irene Horowitz – IMO Judy Horowitz

FLOWER FUND

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares – IHO 9th Wedding Anniversary & Bob's 69th Birthday!

The Alter & Inangelo Family – IMO Stephen M. Alter

John Reiches & June Streisand – John "IHO my Bubbie, June & all the Bubbies!"

GENERAL FUND

Roberta Goodwin – IMO Sherwood Goodwin
Marvin & Lynn Nathanson – IMO Louis David

Denise Schwartzman & the Bergman Family – IMO Lizzie Bergman

Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Raymond Thompson

Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Aileen Wolf

HIGH HOLY DAY HONORS DONATION

Paul & Lydia Krueger – IHO High Holy Days Honors!

Denise Schwartzman – IHO High Holy Days Honors!

ONEG FUND

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares – IHO 9th Wedding Anniversary & Bob's 69th Birthday!

John Reiches & June Streisand – John "IHO my Bubbie, June & all of the Bubbies!"

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mrs. Marvin Moskowitz – IHO Jean Pollack

THANK YOU FUNDS

Robin Singer – Thank You
from Sandra Hechler
from Audrey Synder

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

The Family Florence Bleich – IMO Florence Bleich

from Elinore Weinhaus

Natalie Klein – IMO Marvin Klein

from Peg Gellar

Eileen Samuels – IMO Stephen Samuels

from Elinore Weinhaus

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

1/3/25 – Available

1/10/25 – Available

1/17/25 – Available

1/24/25 – Available



YAHRTSEIT DONOR - IN MEMORY OF

Samra Elliot - Marion Kupperman

Rony & Nora Joel - Manfred Joel

**Leonard Weisberg - Joseph Weisberg,
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 JCMJ 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 **JCMJ 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 dues 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!

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December 2024

17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd - Film Festival	2:00 PM
26th - JFGN Chanukah Celebration	5:00 PM
26th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
29th - Comm. Chanukah Celebration	5:30 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 - JCFI Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
27th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

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

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

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

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:30PM (tentative start October)

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

Thursdays - Mah Jongg at 11:00AM Starts December 5th, 2024

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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

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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

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

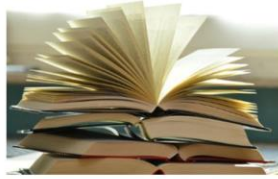
Kosher Hot Dog Supper with
pickles, relish & sauerkraut,
chips and baked goodies

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

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 Verghese

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

**Our very own
Charlie Blum is
M.C. for this event.**



**Annual
Community Wide**

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 26

5:00-6:00 PM

Mercato on the Lawn

Please register at:

www.jewishnaples.org

so that we can plan accordingly



**Join us for this free event as we celebrate
Chanukah and light the Menorah.**

Entertainment, music, food, and fun!

Naples Klezmer Revival Band

Chef Dalia will be selling Israeli food

Enjoy donuts, gelt, and balloon creations



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NAPLES



**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
MARCO ISLAND
COMMUNITY CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION**



Sponsored by



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

SUNDAY, December 29th, 2024

Time: 5:30 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**



Chanukah holiday treats

Will be served!



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

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, December 22, 2024

Film 2:00 PM

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**

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

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

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Sunday, January 12 -

**Dr. King and the Jews:
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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
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All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social in the Meer Center at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00

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Thursday,
January 23, 2025
7:30 PM

**The
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Tickets \$40 ~ Preferred Seating \$45



Thursday,
February 20, 2025
7:30 PM

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Tickets \$45 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
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**Jon Stetson -
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A truly mind-blowing, crowd pleasing, audience interactive mix of magic, mind reading, and amazing mystery all packaged together and delivered by an engaging and very funny comedic personality.

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Saturday,
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7:30 PM

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