

THE JCMI MESSENGER



JANAUARY 2026

TEVET/SHEVAT, 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

Wheels Within Wheels



The ten-year Nazi Kingdom of Death is brought to mind by two milestones in the January calendar.

January 17 - commemorates the 1945 arrest of Raoul Wallenberg by the Red Army. My Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife Anita were among the tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews saved by this heroic Swedish diplomat, who continued interfering with the Nazi occupiers of Budapest right up to the point he was whisked away by the Communist conquerors. Neither Rep. Lantos nor Presidents Carter and Reagan were able to leverage the Soviets to divulge what happened to Wallenberg, and efforts by a coalition of Jewish educators in the 1980s to at least establish the annual observance of January 17 as “Raoul Wallenberg Day” were equally unsuccessful.

January 27 - commemorates the 1945 capture of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp complex by the Red Army. On the sixtieth anniversary of that occasion in 2005, the United Nations proclaimed this date to be henceforth a universal observance in memory of the victims of Nazi genocide.

One conundrum: The Red Army features in both cases: once as obstructionist malefactor, and once as hero. Another conundrum: January 17 failed to engage, in spite of extensive efforts, whereas January 27 got the imprimatur of the entire global parliament of nations (although it did take sixty years to gain traction...).

One last conundrum is the “*pars pro toto*” aspect of both dates: Auschwitz-Birkenau was only the most visible and infamous of the forty thousand forced-interment facilities operated by the Nazis. Raoul Wallenberg was one out of the unknown thousands of **צדיקי אומות העולם** “righteous ones of the peoples of the earth” who risked and lost their lives saving Jews during the War. But perhaps that it is really the way it must be.

The enormity of the tragedy of the Nazi era, and the scope of human suffering over a vast European continental panorama, is such that trying to ponder the prospect of it overloads the mind and shatters the soul. We can only learn one name; we can mention one camp or liquidated *shtetl*; we fix one date (January 17 or 27, or for that matter 27 Nissan for *Yom haSho'ah v'haG'vurah* later this Spring)— and suddenly the swirling wheels-within-wheels find focus and clarity.

May we, on any date in this month (or any other), bear witness to the enduring meaning of Jewish life and of the Jewish mission of service to God— a meaning that transcends any the tragedies (or even triumphs) experienced by our fabulously ancient People.

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

January, 2026 – Tevet/Sh’vat, 5786



Oabbat 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 02 - First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of January.

January 09 - Shabbat worship.

January 16 - Shabbat worship, featuring [a blessing for the New Moon and new month](#) of Sh’vat, “New Year of the Trees.”

January 23 - Shabbat worship.

January 30 – our last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#),” featuring the reading of a selection from the sacred scroll. [Convening in the Meer Center](#), this night only.



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

January 02 - 6

January 16 - 6

January 30 - 6

January 09 - 6

January 23 - 6

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 03 - vaY’chi

Genesis 47:28-50:26

I Kings 2:1-12

January 10 - Sh’mot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

January 17 - vaEira

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

January 24 - Bo el Par’o

Exodus 10:1-13:16

Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 31 - b’Shalach-Shirah

Exodus 13:17-17:16

Judges 4:4-5:31



Shabbat Worship Goes Cozy on January 30

In order to free up our Sanctuary space, to be made ready to welcome our Island neighbors to “Bubbe’s Bakery” the following Sunday, our last-Friday-of-the-month “Torah Shabbat” on January 30 will convene in the snug venue of the Meer Center.

Being close with our Temple family is always a good thing... and the more compact space means that every worshipper will have all the more opportunity to get “up close and personal” with the Torah scroll that night!



Marking Jewish Music Season

The Torah portion read on the last Shabbat of this month, *b'Shallach*, describes how our long-ago Israelite forebears responded to being miraculously saved from the pursuing Egyptians at the shores of the divided Sea by bursting into songs of praise. We Jews have been singing, ever since.

Join Cantor Jacobsen on Friday, February 06, for her timely melodic celebration of Jewish Music Season.

Join us for the opening session this month of...

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Ta Sh'ma



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

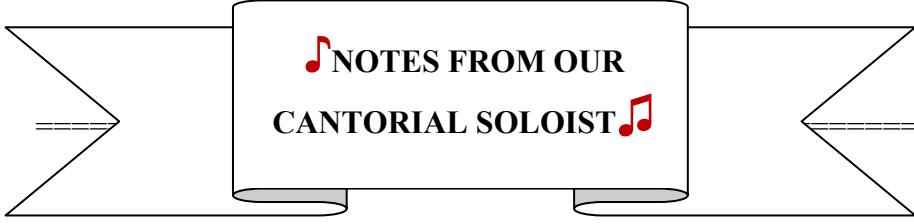
Sunday, January 25 -

**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.





**♫ NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♫**

With great gratitude I say good-bye to 2025; gratitude for ultimate outcomes; gratitude that its trials are now behind. Parallelly, I look forward to our new year of 2026 bringing healthier and, therefore, happier times for us all.

We begin this new year reading parashah *VaY'chi*. A strikingly fitting portion, if I do say so myself. It contains very significant facets of looking to the future and equally dynamic facets of closure; as for looking to the future (in addition to its containing Jacob's first meeting his grandsons by Joseph), Jacob predicts the future of each of the leaders of the 12 tribes; as for closure, first Jacob dies and is mourned and buried, and then at the end of the portion, Joseph likewise dies and is mourned and buried. Like a new year, it leads us ahead, while placing some closure on the past.



Looking even further ahead and since the February newsletter may well not reach you before the first Shabbat that month, I'm going to mention this, too. As you may recall, each year we have a "musical Shabbat" in which the sermon spot is delivered musically and the musical settings throughout the service are bit more pronounced. This year it's February 6th. For the occasion we have the wonderful treat of Lucille Gaita joining us, gracing us with her superb musical talents. Clearly, this is in no way a concert. We simply look to intensify the spirit of Erev Shabbat for which the musical settings are designed. The rabbi, Lucille and I look forward to sharing both some that are well-known and probably some that are new to you. Again, both looking – and listening – back and looking – and listening – ahead.

May the new year of 2026 provide all that you wish, looking back and moving forward.

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 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	3 Torah Study 9:30AM
4	5 BINGO 5:00PM	6 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	7	8 Mah Jongg 11:00 AM- 3:00PM	9 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	10 Torah Study 9:30AM
11  Bill Joel Concert 7:30PM	12 BINGO 5:00PM	13 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	14	15 Mah Jongg 11:00 AM- 3:00PM	16 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	17 Torah Study 9:30AM
18  Film Festival 2:00PM	19 BINGO 5:00PM	20 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM Book Club 11AM	21	22 Mah Jongg 11:00 AM- 3:00PM  Board Meeting 7:00PM	23 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	24 Torah Study 9:30AM
25 Rabbi's Life- Long Learning Series 9:30AM	26 BINGO 5:00PM	27 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	28	29 Mah Jongg 11:00 AM- 3:00PM	30 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	31 Torah Study 9:30AM

February Anniversaries

February Birthdays

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



January Weekly Yahrzeit List

December 28 – January 3, 2026

8 Tevet – 14 Tevet

David Becker
Sylvia Brownstein*
Sam Chasin
Rosalyn M Jacobson
David Eugene Johansson
Paul Aaron Levi Sr.*
Jessica Mannoff*
Esther Mauerberger
Jeanne Naidich
Frances Newman*
Eula Ottinger
Eloise Rausch
Bernard Reminick*
Sam Simon
Miriam Slavich*
Meyer M. Snyder
Diane Wallack
Fred Wertheim

January 4 – January 10, 2026

15 Tevet – 21 Tevet

Eleanor Bittman*
Libby Bonfield
Eva Miriam Browne*
Ethel Chase
Samuel Feldman*
Harvey Goldenberg*
Jay Greenberg*
Benjamin Hains*
Uriah Kaplan*
Benjamin Geshwin Klein*
Morris Kross
Lee Lyons
Norma Jean Meer*
Harry Nathanson
Isaac Nudelman*
Clara Plager
Sidney Rand
Daniel Rosenthal*
David Sabetay
Henry H. Stoller*
Ruth C. Wertheim
JoAnne Youman

January 11 – January 17, 2026

22 Tevet – 28 Tevet

Jacob Balde*
George Bernstein
Rose Steinbrecher Boiko
Carrie Brotman*
Jerome Cohen
Charlotte Farber*
Geri Lynn Fox*
Sarah Fox*
Larry Goodstein
Eve Handelsman
Jack Kasper
Rudolph Linz
Dorothy Mascoop
Dora Migden*
Morris W. Panner*
Carol Schulz
Brento Simon
Florence Gotthainer Somers
Jacob Thompson*
Allie Werber*
Leonard Wolf*

January 18 – January 24, 2026

29 Tevet – 6 Shevat

Celia Bittman*
Charlotte Kahn Ettinger*
Abraham Glassgold
Lea Katz*
George Koble*
Frances Leifer*
Beatrice Ostrow*
Barney Parish
Dorothy Kan Reitzes
Edward Saeks
Sidna M. Schwartz
Esther Solomon*
Reva Weiner*

January 25 – January 31, 2026

7 Shevat – 13 Shevat

Max Bachman*
Caroline R. Borr*

January 25 – January 31, 2026 (continued)

7 Shevat – 13 Shevat

Shirley Lois Braun*
Albert Chase
Adele Daroff
Anna Donner
Alexander M. Goldenberg*
Sandy Lerner*
Marion K. Levens*
Larry Levy
Dr. Charles Liberman*
Herman Maidanik*
Morris P. Nahmias
Beckie Pullman
Morris Pullman
Anne Roseff
Benjamin "Benny" Salla
Harry Schecter*
Amy Lee Shuman*
Edward Taylor*
Elizabeth Sophie Thompson*



*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)

Orlando Cacares from

Audrey Snyder

Belle Finfer from

Ray Finfer

Carol Gross from

Natalie Klein

Bert & Joan Thompson

Leo Wertheim from

Audrey Snyder

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Charlie Blum from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bert & Joan Thompson

Suzie Eisinger from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Marlene Glass from

Sandra Hechler

Rabbi Mark Gross from

Sandra Hechler
Bert & Joan Thompson

Rony Joel from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Paul Krueger from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Bert & Joan Thompson

Gloria Meer from

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Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler

Shirley Posner from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Irv Povlow from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger

Steve Rosenberg from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Judy Sacher from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger

Denise Schwartzman from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bert & Joan Thompson
Laura Vesecsky

Robin Singer from

Sandra Hechler

Beth Weinberg from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bert & Joan Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Rabbi Mark Gross -10th Anniversary from
Bert & Joan Thompson

Irv & Beth Povlow from

Sandra Hechler

ABOVE & BEYOND

from Sue Baum
from Mervyn & Rosalind Benjet
from Stacey & Betsy Berner
from Arthur Doxer
from Sandra Hechler
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Irwin Roseff
from Denise Schwartzman
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Leo Wertheim
from Sara Straight Wolf

BUBBE'S BAKERY SPONSOR

from Sally Aaron
from Stan & Esta Alliker
from Keith & Toniann Alter
from Sue Baum
from Richard & Suzie Eisinger
from Marlene Glass
from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from Sandra Hechler
from Marty & Barbara Holtz
from George & Estie Karpman
from Natalie Klein
from Hanita Kern
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Robert Meldman & Leila Silverberg
from Marvin & Lynn Nathanson
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Tony & Mary Pinto
from Irv & Beth Povlow
from Phyllis Rosenblum
from Larry & Judy Sacher
from Denise Schwartzman
from Bernie & Lulu Seidman
from Gene & Dolores Siegel
from Dan & Robin Singer
from Audrey Snyder
from Bert & Joan Thompson
from Herb Wallack
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Elinore Weinhaus
from Lynn Wilk
from Sara Straight Wolf

FILM FESTIVAL PATRONS

from Stan & Esta Alliker
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FLOWERS FUND

Steven & Carole Roberts – IMO Abraham Thompson, Carole's Father
Steven & Carole Roberts – IMO Gertrude Roberts, Steven's Mother
Denise Schwartzman & the Bergmans (Jane, Ray, Sarah & Evan) – IMO Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bergman

GENERAL FUND

Stephen Goldenberg – IMO Alexander Goldenberg, Father
Roberta Goodwin – IMO Sherwood Goodwin
Marvin & Lynn Nathanson – IMO Harry Nathanson
Irwin Roseff – IMO Ann Roseff
Rick & Sally Sheinberg – IMO Sorley Sheinberg
Dan & Robin Singer – IMO Abraham Schemansky
Dan & Robin Singer – IMO Bess Singer
Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Elizabeth Sophie Thompson
Charryl A. Youman – IMO JoAnne Youman

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sheila Donner – IMO Anna Donner
Sheila Donner – IMO Gary Donner

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Susan Donohue – IMO Dick Lerner
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Alaina & Larry Kanfer

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

01/02/26 – Sally Sheinberg & Family – *IMO Sorley & Herbert Sheinberg*

01/09/26 – Bert & Shirley Posner – *IMO Isaac Nudelman, Shirley's Father*

01/16/26 – Frank & Beth Weinberg – *IHO Beth's 83rd Birthday*

01/23/26 – Available

01/30/26 – Available





YAHRTSEIT DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Rick & Sally Sheinberg

Sorley Sheinberg



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"

January 2026 March 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

7th - Concert Series- Motown

15th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
19th - Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
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

February 2026

1st - Bubbe's Bakery

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

April 2026

1st - Congregational Seider

2nd - Office Closed	6:30 PM
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 11AM (starts January 8th)

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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

Marco Island's Best Concert Series

ON SALE NOW!



Sunday,
January 11, 2026
7:30 PM

Turnstiles
*The Ultimate
Billy Joel*

Turnstiles' renditions of
Billy's classic songs are certain
to move the casual listener as
well as the hard core "Joel fan"
to their feet and have them
singing along with all the
classics!

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
February 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Nearly Diamond
*The Neil
Diamond*
Tribute

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

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
March 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Larry Johnson's
Essence
of
Motown

A true **Motown** artist from
Detroit, Larry Johnson is a touring,
international recording artist, with
extensive experience worldwide.
Larry has sang lead vocals on tour
with 4 different former lead
singers of The Temptations, and
one former lead singer of The Four
Tops

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
March 14, 2026
7:30 PM

Bee Gees
NOW!

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.

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Sunday,
March 29, 2026
7:30 PM

Almost
ABBA

MAMMA MIA it's ...**Almost ABBA**!
Almost ABBA recreates the magic and
nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed,
choreographed and audience-interactive
show! Boasting a sound-a-like
performance of intricate harmony's and
top-notch musicianship, they truly live up
to their almost ABBA name!

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

JCMI 991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Tickets can be purchased online at: www.jcmimusic.com ~ Ticket prices plus applicable service fees will vary by seating level and performance.

More Info: (239) 642-0800 ~ www.marcojcmi.com ~ manager@marcojcmi.com



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



Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, FL

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 18, 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

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

December 16, 2025

And So I Roar

Abi Daré

January 20, 2026

In My Father's Court (Classic Edition)

Isaac Bashevis Singer

February 17, 2026

Frozen River

Ariel Lawton

March 17, 2026

Daughters of Shandong

Eve J. Chung

April 21, 2026

God of the Woods

Liz Moore

Suggested Summer Reading:

Body and Soul

Frank Conroy

Prophet Song

Paul Lynch

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

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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.

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