

THE JCMI MESSENGER



OCTOBER 2025

TISHREI / CHESHVAN, 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

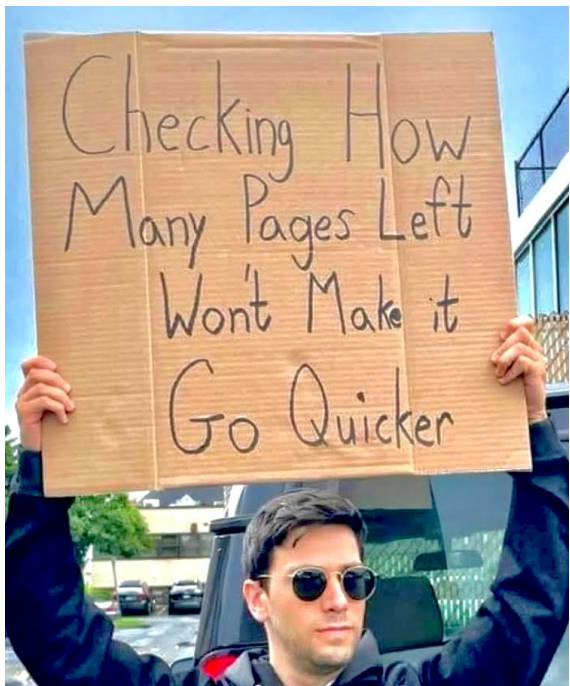
for Live Streaming Services Information

Attend in person

or via Live Streaming from the JCMI Website

Counting the Days

I don't know who this fellow is, or where he is standing, but it is most likely



that he has taken up his post in the parking lot of his local synagogue on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, tenth and culminating day of The Ten Days Of Repentance inaugurating the Jewish New Year.



Long billed as “the holiest day in the Jewish year,” this counterpart to what our Christian neighbors call “an obligatory feast day” is an occasion when even marginalized and non-observant Jews feel compelled to put in a showing with the local branch of the Household of Israel.

The dilemma is that, folks who don't *davven* on a regular basis are easily overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the liturgical content in our High Holy prayer

book (*Mishkan haNefesh*, the *machzor* we use at JCMI, has over 690 pages), and there has long been a *sub rosa* Jewish culture of furtively peeking ahead on Yom Kippur to see How Much Longer We're Going To Be Here. As such, this guy may be commiserating with those coming to terms that they're going to be stuck in *schule* for quite a while.

At the same time, he might be offering encouragement to open themselves to the process, and to the possibilities represented by their presence. Because while, on a practical level, the vastness of the Yom Kippur prayer book provides enough content to engage a community that is dedicated to spending an entire day together in prayer, it also maximizes the possibilities for personal engagement. By broadcast sowing these words of brilliance and meaning, somewhere along the line something we never noticed before, in this rich anthology of the soul-poetry of our People, will stick to the soul of each and every one of us, and not let us go.

May the sacred drama of Yom Kippur, which kicks off this month of October, engage us with a sense of the transcendent meaning of our fleeting lives. Or, as Moses expresses in Psalm 90, “so teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” May we count not the pages, but each precious day of this New Year with which we have been blessed— and make every one of them count.

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

October, 2025 – Tishrei/Cheshvan, 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.

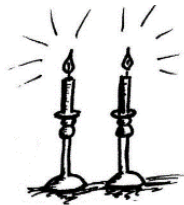
October 03 - Our First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” featuring blessings for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of October.

October 10 – Shabbat worship, featuring [full Festival liturgy in observance of Sukkot](#), the jubilant harvest Feast of Booths.

October 17 – Shabbat worship, featuring [a Simchat Torah celebration](#) and recitation of the “[Yizkor](#)” [memorial prayer](#), and the announcement of— and [blessing for— the upcoming New Moon](#) and new month of Marcheshvan.

October 24 – Shabbat worship.

October 31 – Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#).”



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

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

October 03 - 6:53

October 17 - 6:39

October 31 - 6:27

October 10 - 6:46

October 24 - 6:33

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.

<u>October 04</u> - Ha'azinu	Deuteronomy 32:1-52	II Samuel 22:1-51
<u>October 11</u> - Chol haMo'eid Sukkot	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 38:18-39:16
<u>October 18</u> - b'Reisheet	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10
<u>October 25</u> - No'ach	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5
<u>November 01</u> - Leich L'cha	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16

“We Remember” October 07

Even amidst the sacred joy of the New Year season, we will be marking this month the somber second anniversary of the savage HaMaS attack which has changed the landscape of Jewish life ever since.

A memorialization of the event, and of the victims, will be part of our Shabbat and Sukkot worship service on Friday night, October 10.



JCMI *Sukkah* at Your Disposal



Jewish tradition requires us to “dwell” in booths, but you can fulfill that religious duty by eating within the *sukkah* at least once during the eight days of the jubilant harvest Feast of Booths.

Our beautiful Temple *sukkah* is available during the eight days of the holiday (October 07-14) for you to drop by and enjoy anything from a bagel and *schmear* to a full picnic dinner with

friends. (If you’re planning on bringing a group, we encourage you to contact the Temple Office to reserve the space!) .

Once More ‘Round the Torah

Be on hand when we start a new yearly Torah-reading cycle at a Simchat Torah celebration during Shabbat services on Friday, October 14. Finishing Deuteronomy, we yell “חזק חזק *chazaq chazaq!*” and immediately close the circle by beginning Genesis afresh.



Torah is the enduring legacy of our equally enduring People... and neither will ever disappear.



“Yizkor,” Oct 14

Hazkarat N’shamot last recited on Yom Kippur will be reprised, in the course of our Shabbat worship on Friday night the 14th, to mark the formal and official conclusion of the Jewish New Year season.

We hope every member of the JCMI will be on hand to honor generations past, and to carry forth— with spirit and sacred joy— the New Year on which we are embarked together.

🎵 NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST 🎵



As we all know, this month we're both finishing the *Torah* and we're beginning it anew. However, if we were to not only begin the *Torah* anew, but were to also continue reading the *Bible*, we would be going into the *Prophets*, beginning with the *Book of Joshua*.

Also, as we all know, back in *Deuteronomy*, Joshua has been trekking through the desert, under the leadership of Moses. However, at this moment in the biblical narrative, Joshua's leader has climbed up Mount Nebo and died, in order for Joshua to take over as the leader of Israelites (as decreed by God).
Wow and ouch!

Yes, we are hardly the only ones to have to lose someone important to us and not only carry on, but to carry on in order for us to "move ahead". Did you ever think about that before? The breath and depth of the *Bible* is quite something, no? Well, Joshua's scenario at this point in the *Prophets* presents many levels of issues; simple, staggering grief; carrying on because others need us to do so; guilt for carrying on when someone has died; we could go on and on with the potentially overwhelming challenges. Most significantly, though, I think, is the fact that we do, in fact, manage to carry on - and, hopefully, constructively. And it doesn't hurt that the *Bible* sets precedent example for us.

May your New Year bring you limited hardship, but great resilience.

L'Shanah Tovah!

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.

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pre Kol Nidrei Dinner 5:00PM Y.K. Eve worship 7:30 PM	2 <i>Office Closed</i> Y.K. Worship 10:00AM Y.K. Afternoon 3:30PM Break-the-Fast 6:30PM	3 Shabbat Service 7:30PM	4 Torah Study 9:30AM
5	6 Erev Sukkot BINGO 5:00PM	7 <i>Office Closed</i> Sukkot I Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	8 Sukkot II	9 Sukkot III Canasta 12PM	10 Sukkot IV Shabbat Services 7:30PM	11 Sukkot V Torah Study 9:30AM
12 Sukkot VI	13 BINGO 5:00PM	14 <i>Office Closed</i> Sh'mini Atzeret Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	15 Simchat Torah	16 Canasta 12PM	17 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	18 Torah Study 9:30AM
19	20 BINGO 5:00PM	21 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	22	23 Canasta 12PM Board Meeting 7:00PM	24 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	25 Torah Study 9:30AM
26	27 BINGO 5:00PM	28 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	29	30 Canasta 12PM	31 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	

November Anniversaries

- 5 Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
- 6 Arnold & Jane Baron
- 15 Paul & Jackie Zwillenberg
- 28 Steven & Carole Roberts
- 30 Stacey & Betsy Berner



November Birthdays

- 3 Rochelle Berman
- 5 Eugene Siegel
- 7 Sue Baum
- 9 Arnold Baron
- 11 Robert Jares
- 15 Dalia Zuckerman
- 17 Barbara Silver
- 18 Don Schwartz
- 19 Hari Jacobsen
- 28 Larry Bernat
- 29 Mike Suffian



October Weekly Yahrtseit List

September 28 – October 4, 2025

6 Tishrei – 12 Tishrei

David Alliker*
Alicia Ciulla
Fred Farber*
Margery Grossman*
Jeanne Kahn*
Jennie R. Koble*
Lottie Marco
Harriet K. Peltin*
Donald R. Rogers*
Henriette Rosenak*
Margaret Schmalheiser*
Sidney Schwartz
Irving Seinfeld
Isaac J. Silverstein*
Harry Soloway
Mark Sugerman*
Ahuva Tuchman
Inga Wertheim
Myron Wolf*
Phillip Zelman

October 5 – October 11, 2025

13 Tishrei – 19 Tishrei

Morris Alliker
Harry Blumenthal
Martin Bragman*
Morton David Braun*
Gary Donner
Rose Ettinger*
Ida Feldman*
Edward Forman
Dr. Stephen Hechler*
Sam Hollander
Keila Hurvitz*
Harriet Kabat
Wendy Weisberg Katchman*
Joseph Katz*
Rose Kendall*
Israel Liverant
Edward Meer*
Abraham (Al) Noskin
Mollie Noskin
Susana Perez

October 5 – October 11, 2025 (continued)

13 Tishrei – 19 Tishrei

Louis Perlman
Norma Rosenman*
Lou Siegel
Harry Snyder*
Joseph Tarnoff
Edwin Tessel
Thomas Winter*
Herman Yorks
Marion Zwick

October 12 – October 18, 2025

20 Tishrei – 26 Tishrei

Carl Abeson
Edward Alfred Andelman*
Martin Baum
Michael Black
Olga Greenstein*
Abe Grosky
Samuel K. Grossman*
Patricia Hamburg*
Manfred Joel*
Harry Katz
Marion Kupperman*
Boris Lubin*
Sylvia Novack*
Louis Parish
Elaine Rabin
Dora Rosen*
Janet Rosenberg
Theresa Rosenthal*
Susan Stein*
Gussy Steinhauer
Lola Taylor*
Bernice Werber Weisberg*
Ethel Werber*

October 19 – October 25, 2025

27 Tishrei – 3 Cheshvan

Robert Brotman*
Olive Feldman*
Louis Fox*
Rabbi Howard R. Greenstein*

October 19 – October 25, 2025 (continued)

27 Tishrei – 3 Cheshvan

Jeffry Katz
Fritzie Pincus Kronish*
Robert Lipsitt
Sylvia Liverant
Jean Pollack*
H.S. "English" Posner*
Beverly Rudman
Ivan L. Slavich*
Bertha Turiel*
Emma Zanditon*

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*



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



To all you old people that remembered old Carole Kendall's 94 years old Birthday!
I want to thank you so much for the beautiful "Happy Birthday" thoughts. I miss you all!

Love & Hugs,
CK

We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Marty Holtz from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum

Lia Jacobsen from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Esta Alliker from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand

Stephen Chasin from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand

Sandra Hechler from

Laura Vesecky

Nora Joel from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Carole Kendall from

Bert & Joan Thompson

Jane Kiester from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum

Zabeeda Kalloo from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand

Sue Kluger from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Nancy Margolis from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
John Reiches & June Streisand

Marvin Nathanson from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

Nan Needleman from

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Beth Povlow from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
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Maxine Shapiro from

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Melinda Steffey from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum

Bert Thompson from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
John Reiches & June Streisand

Herb Wallack from

Bert & Joan Thompson

Leo Wertheim from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Sandra Hechler
John Reiches & June Streisand

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Morris & Nancy Margolis from

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
Denise Schwartzman

APPRECIATION

Jane Kiester- IHO Sandra Hechler

BREAK-THE-FAST SPONSORS

from Stan & Esta Alliker
from Keith & Toniann Alter
from Sue Baum
from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from Frank & Beth Weinberg

BUBBE'S BAKERY SPONSOR

from Robert Meldman & Leila Silverberg

FLOWERS FUND

JCMI– IHO HIGH HOLY DAYS

Denise Schwartzman– IHO Cantor Hari Jacobsen & Rabbi Mark Gross

GENERAL FUND

Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Michael Black

HIGH HOLY DAYS HONORS

from Paul & Lydia Krueger
from Sara Straight Wolf

MAZEL TOV!

Lynn Wilk – *Mazel Tov to Goldie for becoming an American Citizen*
from Sandra Hechler

ONEG FUND

Shirley Posner & Family - IHO Bert's 86th Birthday "To our Poppy, Happy Birthday with much love from Abby, Mikaela, Andrew, Sam & Madison! We love you!"

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Irwin Roseff – IMO Frada Roseff

from Louise Schiradli

Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Myron "Mickey" Wolf

from Morris & Nancy Margolis

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

10/3/25 – Available

10/10/25 – Available

10/17/25 – Available

10/24/25 – Available

10/31/25 – Available





YAHRTSEIT DONOR

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Leonard Weisberg
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IN MEMORY OF

Morton David Braun
Wendy Weisberg Katchman, Sister
Bernice Werber Weisberg, Mother
Ethel Werber, Grandmother



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 **Yahrtseit 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!

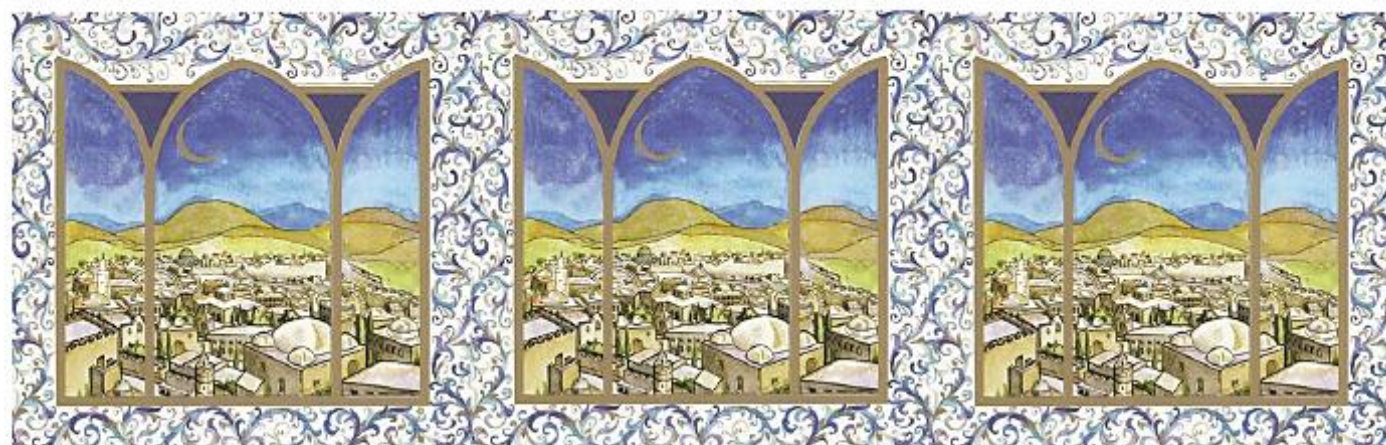
Please reach out to me at kdalter13@gmail.com or 617.293.6515, or Stan Alliker, JCMI President, at alliker1@comcast.net or 609.238.2500, should you have any questions or are interested in establishing a Legacy Giving donation.

Thank you for considering this gift giving.

Sincerely,



Keith D. Alter, First Vice President, JCMI



L'Shanah Tovah

*To You, Dear JCMF Family:
At a time to reflect on the past
and to renew our faith in tomorrow
May life's richest blessings be yours
at the New Year and always*

*Sally Aaron & Family
Stan & Esta Alliker
Keith & Toniann Alter &
Family
Sue R. Baum
Joanne Blau
Arthur Doxer
Heather & Dr. Jonathan
Greenfield
Dr. Sandra Hechler
Barbara & Marty Holtz
Rony & Nora Joel*

*The Kalloo Family
George & Estie Karpman
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Natalie Klein & Family
Dr. Paul & Lydia Krueger
Nancy & Morris Margolis
Bert & Shirley Posner
Irv & Beth Powlow
John Reiches & June
Streisand
Carole & Steve Roberts
Dr. Irwin Roseff & Family*

*Phyllis Rosenblum & Family
Judy & Larry Sacher
Roberta & Don Schwartz
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Chuck & Maxine Shapiro
Dolores & Gene Siegel
Dan & Robin Singer
Audrey Snyder
Bert & Joan Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg
Leonard G. Weisberg
Lynn Wilk*

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"

October 2025

1st - Yom Kippur Eve "Kol Nidrei" Services	7:30 PM
2nd - Yom Kippur ~ Office Closed	
2nd - Yom Kippur Morning Services	10:00 AM
2nd - Yom Kippur Afternoon & Ne'ilah Services	3:00 PM
2nd - Break-the-Fast Services	6:00 PM
6th - Bingo Season Starts	5:00 PM
6th - Eve of Sukkot	
7th - Sukkot I ~ Office Closed	
8th - Sukkot II	
9th - Sukkot III	
10th - Sukkot IV	
11th - Sukkot V	
12th - Sukkot VI	
14th - Sh'mini Atzeret ~ Office Closed	
23rd - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

November 2025

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	

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	

January 2026

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

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM ~ Starting October

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

Thursdays - Pony Canasta at 12PM

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

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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

OPENING OCTOBER 6th 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



Jewish Federation
of Greater Naples

Marking October 7th

**Join us to commemorate Oct. 7 and
for our Flag Garden Dedication**

Sunday, October 5

1:00 p.m.

Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center Plaza

Limited Seating Available
Outdoor Ceremony (indoor rain plan)
Registration Required for security purposes

To register, visit
www.jewishnaples.org/Oct7



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



**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
MARCO ISLAND
COMMUNITY CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION**



Sponsored by



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

SUNDAY, December 21st, 2025

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!



Marco Island's Best Concert Series



ON SALE NOW!



Sunday,
January 11, 2026
7:30 PM

Turnstiles
*The Ultimate
Billy Joel*

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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!



Saturday,
February 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Nearly Diamond
*The Neil
Diamond
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
Motown*

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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



Saturday,
March 21, 2026
7:30 PM

Bee Gees
NOW!

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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**

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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!

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

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
– invites you to attend –



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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
- Canned fruit
- Rice
- Ketchup
- Salad dressing
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Ensure
- Jam/Jelly

Thank you for your help!

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The first floor will house the new Marco Urgent Care Center and will feature 12 private exam rooms, one private triage/patient intake room, new equipment including CT and X-ray, and a covered ambulance entrance. The second floor will house future physicians' services.

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