

THE JCMI MESSENGER



SEPTEMBER 2026

ELUL, 5786 - TISHREI 5787

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross

and

Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM

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Riding the Wave of (And Beyond) a Sacred Season

Sometimes an innocent enquiry can clarify our thinking and prompt a creative outpouring of brilliance.

Somewhere in the early 1940s, a cousin of the Archbishop of Canterbury asked Jerusalem novelist Sh'mu'el Yosef Agnon (innocently, and perhaps a trifle smugly) whether Jewish religious tradition has any counterpart to— and any season as poetic and gloriously uplifting as— the Christian sacred season culminating in Easter. The question prompted Agnon (already a distinguished novelist and subsequently a Nobel Laureate) to begin work on his 1948 non-fiction opus *Days of Awe*, subtitled *A Treasury of Traditions, Legends, and Learned Commentaries Concerning Rosh haShanah, Yom Kippur, and the Days Between*.



The Hebrew title rendered *Days of Awe* is הימים הנוראים *haYamim haNora'im*, which we today more usually translate as “The High Holy Days. But whether they are in fact “high”er than any other Jewish holidays (or, for that matter, “holy” in the first place) is largely up to us.

That same period between Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur is summarized in our traditional sources as עשרת ימי תשובה “The Ten Days of Repentance.” But whether repentance is in fact taking place at this time of year is, again, pretty much a personal matter for each of us.

Nor are the parameters of this sacred season defined by these Ten Days alone: while Agnon references “the days in between,” the days before and after also matter. The month of Elul leading up to Rosh haShanah is an introspective Season of Repentance, dedicated to the daily recitation of *S'lichot* penitential prayers and to personal acts of תיקון *tiqqun* (self-improvement) and relationship-mending. But whether we make the most of that one-month lead-in as part of a forty-day season of New Year resolutions is, once more, up to us.

As I constantly emphasize, Jewish tradition carries forward the spirit of Fresh Beginnings, beyond those first forty days of the New Year, to encompass five days of *sukkah*-building; seven days of *Sukkot*; the jubilant climax of *Sh'mini Atzeret*; and the joyous *denouement* of Simchat Torah. All of that, together, sees us riding the wave of consecration and sanctity into the New Year, representing 52 days of focused sacred purpose. That is a full one-seventh of the solar year dedicated to spirituality and uplift and Higher Purpose.

So this month, as Elul turns into Tishrei and the New Year 5787, the innocent enquiry we must pose ourselves is: are we going to be engaging with the richness of the soul-poetry of our prayerbook and the substance of Jewish communal life, to clarify our thinking and make possible a creative and dynamic year enriched by our outpouring of brilliance, or are we just getting a seat in *schule* for two days, and showing up as passive observers to acquit a minimal Jewish obligation? I don't think that I need to emphasize: that's all up to us.

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 by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com.

JCMI Schedule of Services

September, 2026/Elul, 5786-Tishrei, 5787



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.

September 04 – first-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” featuring blessings for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of September.

Saturday, September 05, 8:30 p.m. - [S’lichot dessert program](#) and late-night worship vigil.

September 11 - Shabbat and [Rosh haShanah Eve worship](#).

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. - [Rosh haShanah worship](#) and *shofar* service.

Sunday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. - [Tashlich](#) meditation and ritual.

September 18 - Shabbat worship, featuring the [special content and thematic melodies of these Ten Days of Repentance](#).

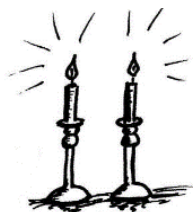
Sunday, September 20, 11:30 am. - [New Year cemetery visit](#).

“ “ “ “ , 7:30 p.m. - [Yom Kippur Eve “Kol Nidrei” worship](#).

Monday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. - [Yom Kippur worship](#).

“ “ “ “ , 3:30 p.m. - [Yom Kippur Minchah and Ne’ilah](#) worship.

Friday, September 25 - Shabbat and [Festival worship inaugurating Sukkot](#), the jubilant harvest Feast of Booths.



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

September 04 - 7:25

September 18 - 7:10

September 11 - 7:17

September 25 - 7:02

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 text handout for each week is available for download from the JCMI website that Friday morning.

September 05 - Nitzavim-vaYeileich Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 Isaiah 61:10-3:9

September 12 - Rosh haShanah [\[no class\]](#) Genesis 21:1-22:24
I Samuel 1:1-2:10

September 19 - *Ha'azinu*

Micah

7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Hosea 14:2-10,

September 26 - *Sukkot I*

Leviticus 22:26-23:44

Zechariah 14:1-21

S'lichot on September 05



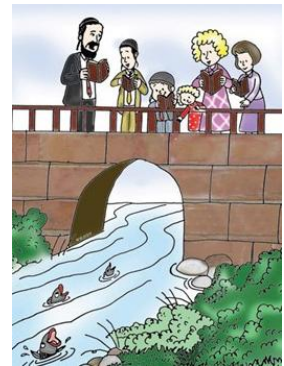
Join us in a farewell to the Last Shabbat Of The Year, and in a sweet welcome to the coming New Year 5787.

We convene for a sweet dessert program and conversation Saturday night at 8:30 p.m., followed by a meditative service and the changing of the Torah mantles to their holiday white. Come share your High Holy Days memories and hopes, as we hear the *shofar* for the last—and first—time.

Tashlich, Spiritual Event – Sept. 13

It is customary to go down to the water, on *Rosh haShanah*, in order to meditate on casting away the last vestiges of transgression to leave ourselves purified, and to leave our pockets empty for the blessings that we hope will be ours in the New Year.

The Cantor and Rabbi will be conducting our annual *Tashlich* ritual with us on the Second-Day morning of *Rosh haShanah*, at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. Convene at JCMI for a brief walk together under the Autumn sky, as each of us ponders the kind of worthy year we all want for each other.



Annual New Year Cemetery Visit, Sept. 20

It is Jewish tradition to visit the resting place of our loved ones, during the Ten Days of Repentance, both to commune with their spirits at a time when their absence from our midst is particularly keenly felt, and to invoke their intervention on our behalf On High for a good New Year.

Come meet Cantor Jacobsen and Rabbi Gross at the Jewish section of the Marco Island Cemetery on Sunday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m., for personal meditations and shared worship as we fondly remember our departed neighbors resting there.



Three *Yom Kippur* Reminders



**Don't be late
on Sunday,
November 20!**

The poignant *Kol Nidrei* prayer, highlight of that evening's service, is pretty much the first thing to happen.

**We do not convene
a separate afternoon
Memorial Service.**

Following traditional practice, the “*Yizkor*” memorial prayer is recited on Yom Kippur morning as part of our Torah service.

**Hold on to
your copy of our
“Book of Remembrance.”**

They will be used throughout the worship year, through to next Spring, and can be used at home for lighting *yahrtzeit* candles.



Sukkah Decorating

The JCMI *sukkah* will be set up hard on the heels of Yom Kippur, ready to be decorated by our members as we prepare together to welcome the jubilant harvest feast of Booths.

Come join us on September 23 or 24th, 2026, as together we “deck with boughs” to rejoice in The Next Step of welcoming our newly arrived New Year.

Simchat Torah and So Much More, on October 02

October begins with a many-splendored occasion:

- ✧ Our First-Friday-of-the-month “**Celebration Shabbat**,” recognizing friends with birthdays and anniversaries;
- ✧ a full **Festival worship** service, marking the conclusion of *Sukkot*;
- ✧ a solemn recitation of the “*Yizkor*” memorial prayer, to mark the latter occasion;
- ✧ and a joyous observance of *Simchat Torah*, to kick off a new Torah-reading year.

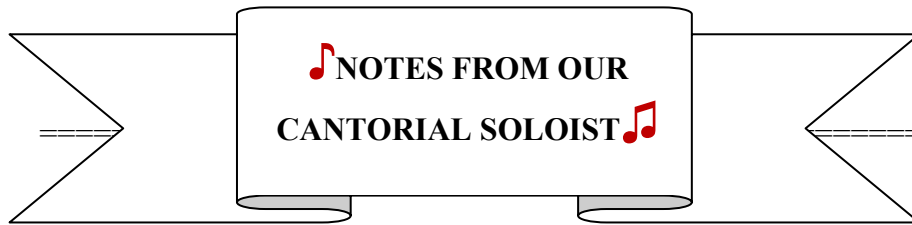
Be on hand October 02, to be part of it all!



"Distance-Davvening for 5787"

The Jewish New Year is coming up early in September, this year. It's time to renew your JCMI membership, and to submit names for the Yom Kippur Book of Memory.

Note that, as always, we will be live-streaming Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur worship with Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen, as a courtesy to those unable to join us in person. To help you participate in services from home, JCMI members have the privilege of borrowing copies of our High Holy Days prayerbook *Mishkan haNefesh* (the gold book for Rosh haShanah, and the big silver one for Yom Kippur). Be sure to make those arrangements with the Temple Office well in advance of the holiday.



L'Shanah Tovah!

If you'll forgive me (How could you not at this time of year?), I'm prefacing my point with a bit of calendar orientation between our Jewish and Gregorian calendars. As you probably know, the Jewish New Year that we are about to celebrate begins with the month of Tishrei, and Tishrei largely corresponds to our Gregorian month of September. And the month preceding Tishrei is Elul, which is the month showing up on our Jewish calendar right now.

With all that Tishrei extends to us, we often miss the extraordinary tradition that Elul holds for us. So, here's your loving reminder:

Almost. I should first mention that this Elul tradition could be practiced absolutely any time of year, it's generally associated mostly with Elul.

Have you ever offended anyone? Have you ever offended anyone and didn't even know you had? Join the club. Have you ever "missed the moment" to say, "I'm sorry"? No problem. Our sages saw to it that we are most generously covered. The custom? During the month of Elul, we are to sincerely approach (physically or remotely) each person with whom we have had contact (recently, many moons ago, or any time in between) and apologize for anything that we have done that was received in a hurtful manner. Obviously, if the situation appropriately calls for more than words, then we need to follow through correspondingly, as well.

Hopefully, that is rewarding for our recipient. However, unsurprisingly, it is monumentally rewarding for each of us, as well, who delivers the message(s). It even affords us with a far more unburdened New Year. As I already mentioned, it is an extraordinary tradition.

So, please let me take this opportunity to apologize to you for any offense I committed against you. I am very sorry.

And I hope that you are inscribed in the Book of Life for a good and sweet New Year.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The High Holidays mean something different to each of us. For some, they were the only days we attended services growing up. For others, they were a chance to gather with friends outside the Synagogue until we were called in. Today, they have become a time of reflection, atonement, cleansing, spiritual enrichment, and setting intentions for the year ahead. Having a higher power in our lives can guide us not only during these holidays, but throughout the entire year.

As I've grown older, faith has taken on deeper meaning. Looking back on the past year—our accomplishments and our shortcomings—can be daunting. Yet when we acknowledge our mistakes, atone for them, and commit to doing better, we learn and grow. I was once told that meditation is listening to God, while prayer is speaking to Him. The more I do both, the more peace I find.

Fasting becomes both a physical and spiritual cleansing. Atonement is admitting where we've gone wrong and vowing to change. Spiritual enrichment is listening to God daily, inside and outside the Synagogue. Resolutions are easy to make but difficult to keep; however, when we keep them, they can transform our lives.

So how do we continue being better people—and better Jews—after Yom Kippur? For me, it means staying connected to God, family, friends, and our community. Without these, we stand alone, and growth becomes harder. This is what I strive for in the coming year.

However you celebrate the High Holidays, try something new or deepen your practice. Reflection is powerful, but resolutions can create lasting change.

Join Us

Celebrate Rosh haShanah with us—service times are available on our website. We are a warm, welcoming congregation, and we would love to worship with you.

Join us on **September 20th at La Tavola** on Marco Island for a **Pre-Kol Nidre** Dinner filled with laughter and wonderful food.

On **September 21st**, after services conclude, stay for a light meal. Our Bubbies will bring homemade Lokshen (noodle) Kugel, and we'll serve Lox and Bagels, salads, and sweets. We would love to have you join our family.

Happy Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur — and have an easy fast.

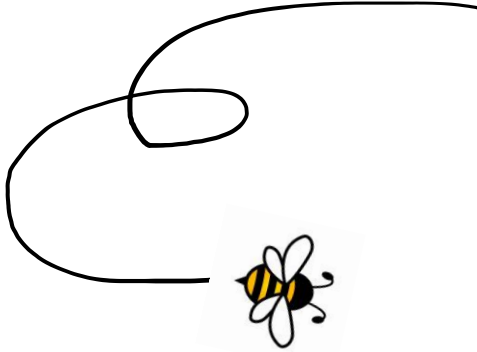
Keith D. Alter, President



To our JCMI Family,

Thank you for all the beautiful
wishes for my Birthday!

Your Friend,
Sandra Hechler



To my dear JCMI Family and Friends,

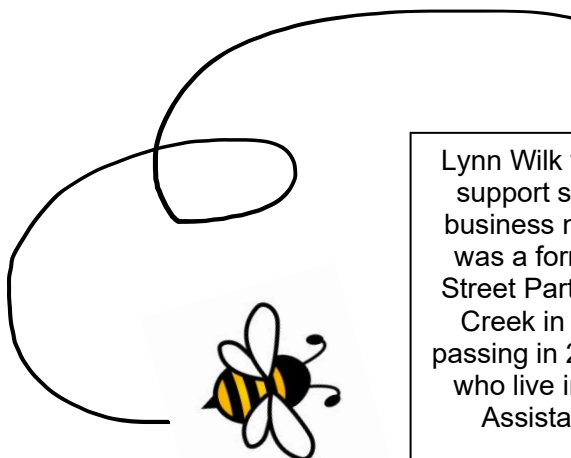
Thank you for all those who have made donations in Joan's memory and all the support you continue to give me. A special Thank You to all the volunteers who made sure both the Sanctuary and Raskin Hall were ready for her Funeral.

Lynn Wilk and her food committee volunteers did a fantastic job with the Shiva Luncheon.

I am truly blessed to have my JCMI Family and Friends.

Love, Bert

Meet your Board Member



Lynn Wilk was installed as a new board member in March and appreciates the support she has received to be given this honor. Lynn retired in April as the business manager of Goldberg and Goldberg, a trial law firm in Chicago. She was a former member of the Chicago Stock Exchange and associate of Carl Street Partners, a private equity firm also in Chicago. Lynn moved to Fiddler's Creek in March of 2025. Lynn was married to Michael for 45 years until his passing in 2020. Lynn has one adult son, Josh and his wife of two years Goldie who live in Wilmette, IL, where Lynn lived previously. In addition to being the Assistant treasurer, Lynn participates in the Friday morning Oneg group volunteers at Monday night Bingo.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	2	3	4 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	5 S'lichot 8:30PM
6	7 	8 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	9	10	11 Services & R. H. Eve worship 7:30PM	12 Services & R. H. Morning worship 10:00AM
13 Tashlich Ceremony at JCMI 11:00AM	14	15 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	16	17	18 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	19
20 New Year Cemetery Service 11:30AM Pre Kol Nidrei Dinner 5:00PM Y.K. Eve worship 7:30 PM	21 Office Closed Y.K. Worship 10:00AM Y.K. Afternoon 3:30PM Break-the-Fast 6:30PM	22 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	23	24  Board Meeting 7:00PM	25 Erev Sukkot Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	26 Sukkot I
27 Sukkot II	28 Sukkot III	29 Sukkot IV Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	30 Sukkot V			

October Anniversaries

27 Alan & Dalia Zuckerman



October Birthdays

2 Nora Joel
5 Nancy Margolis
7 Bert Thompson
9 Stephen Chasin
10 Nan Needleman
18 Maxine Shapiro
20 Esta Alliker
20 Leo Wertheim
21 Marvin Nathanson
22 Richard Rosenberg
27 Zabeeda Kalloo
27 Sue Kluger



September Weekly Yahrtseit List

August 30 – September 5, 2026

17 Elul – 23 Elul

Aaron Heiblum*
Margaret Hirsch
Joseph Ira Horowitz*
Paul Novack*
Cilly Reussenberger*
Larry Robinson
Sarah Weiner

September 6 – September 12, 2026

24 Elul – 1 Tishrei

Ben Blau
Golda Epstein*
Deborah Exler*
Isadore Meyer Goldstein*
Sarah Hankin
Samuel Jacksier
Irvin Kamenetz*
Hilda Kamenetz*
Louis S. Kan
Dorothy Drazen Margolis
Stephan Plager
Alex Reminick*
Jacob Rosen*
Jack Rudolph*
Marilyn Schwartz
Charles William Wolfson*

September 13 – September 19, 2026

2 Tishrei – 8 Tishrei

Leah Bernat
Etta LeBlang Bunten
Sonia Burkons*
Ann J. Connelly*
William Greenberg*
Sidney R. Hoffman*
Morris Kendall*
Helen Tender Krawitz
Howard Miller*
Mildred Pullman*
Sheldon J. Rosenfield*
Dr. Leonard Rosenman*
Celia Schemansky

September 13 – September 19, 2026 (continued)

2 Tishrei – 8 Tishrei

Isaac J. Silverstein*
Holocaust Victims Tuller*
Louis Wischnia
Eugene Wolfson

September 20 – September 26, 2026

9 Tishrei – 15 Tishrei

David Alliker*
Bernard Berner
Morton David Braun*
Phillip Burkons*
Ann Dresner
Fred Farber*
Beverly Germaine*
Joseph Katz*
May Lipsitt
David B. Ottinger
Helen Tarnoff
Hanalie Treiber
Jerry Weiner*
Inga Wertheim
Phillip Zelman
William Zwick

September 27 – October 3, 2026

16 Tishrei – 22 Tishrei

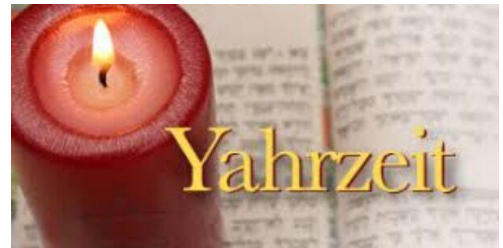
Morris Alliker
Alicia Ciulla
Margery Grossman*
Dr. Stephen Hechler*
Sam Hollander
Lillian Hyman*
Jeanne Kahn*
Wendy Weisberg Katchman*
Leonard Lang
Lottie Marco
Margaret Schmalheiser*
Louis Parish
Harriet K. Peltin*
Donald R. Rogers*
Henriette Rosenak*

September 27 – October 3, 2026 (continued)

16 Tishrei – 22 Tishrei

Sidney Schwartz
Irving Seinfeld
Lou Siegel
Harry Snyder*
Harry Soloway
Mark Sugerman*
Ahuva Tuchman
Bernice Werber Weisberg*
Ethel Werber*
Thomas Winter*
Myron Auer Wolf*

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



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(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

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ONEG FUND

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Thank you for Joan's Funeral from Bert Thompson
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WALK OF HONOR PAVER FUND

Marty & Barbara Holtz– IHO Mary Pinto's 80th Birthday
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UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

09/04/26 – Available

09/11/26 – Available

09/18/26 – Available

09/25/26 – Available





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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.

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!

"5787"

September 2026

5th - S'lichot	8:30 PM
7th - Labor Day ~ Office Closed	
11th - Rosh haShanah Eve Services	7:30 PM
12th - Rosh haShanah Morning Services	10:00 AM
13th - Tashlich Services	11:00 AM
20th - Cemetery Services	11:30 AM
20th - Pre-Kol Nidrei Dinner	5:00PM
20th - Yom Kippur Eve "Kol Nidrei" Services	7:30 PM
21st - Yom Kippur ~ Office Closed	
21st - Yom Kippur Morning Services	10:00 AM
21st - Yom Kippur Afternoon & Ne'ilah Services	3:30 PM
21st - Break-the-Fast Services	6:00 PM
24th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25th - Eve of Sukkot	
26th - Sukkot I	
27th - Sukkot II	
28th - Sukkot III	
29th - Sukkot IV	
30th - Sukkot V	

November 2026

1st - "Fall Back" one hour	2:00 AM
8th - Interfaith Kristallnacht Event	2:30 PM
15th - Film Festival	1:00 PM
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
19th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
26th - Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed	
27th - Office Closed	

December 2026

6th - Community Chanukah	5:30 PM
7th - Bingo Season Begins	5:30 PM
15th - Book Club	11:00 AM
17th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25th - Office Closed	

October 2026

1st - Sukkot VI	
2nd - Sukkot VII	
3rd - Sh'mini Atzeret	7:00 PM
5th - Bingo Season Starts	5:00 PM
22nd - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM ~ Starts October 7th

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

Thursdays - Mah Jongg ~ Resumes in Oct.

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Sept.5 through April



High Holy Days

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND Rabbi Mark Gross - Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5787/2026

S'LICHOT PENITENTIAL RITUAL

Saturday, September 05, 2026 8:30PM Dessert Reception, Program, and Worship

EVE of ROSH HASHANAH 5786

Friday, September 11, 2026 7:30PM Worship inaugurating the New Year

ROSH HASHANAH, 5786

Saturday, September 12, 2026 10:00AM Worship, Torah and *Shofar* service

Sunday, September 13, 2026 11:00AM *Tashlich* Waterside Meditative Ritual,
convenes at JCMI.

NEW YEAR CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, September 20, 2026 11:30AM Convene at the Jewish Memorial Garden
in the Marco Island Cemetery.

YOM KIPPUR EVE - KOL NIDREI

Sunday, September 20, 2026 5:00PM Pre-Kol Nidrei Dinner at La Tavola
7:30PM Kol Nidrei Service

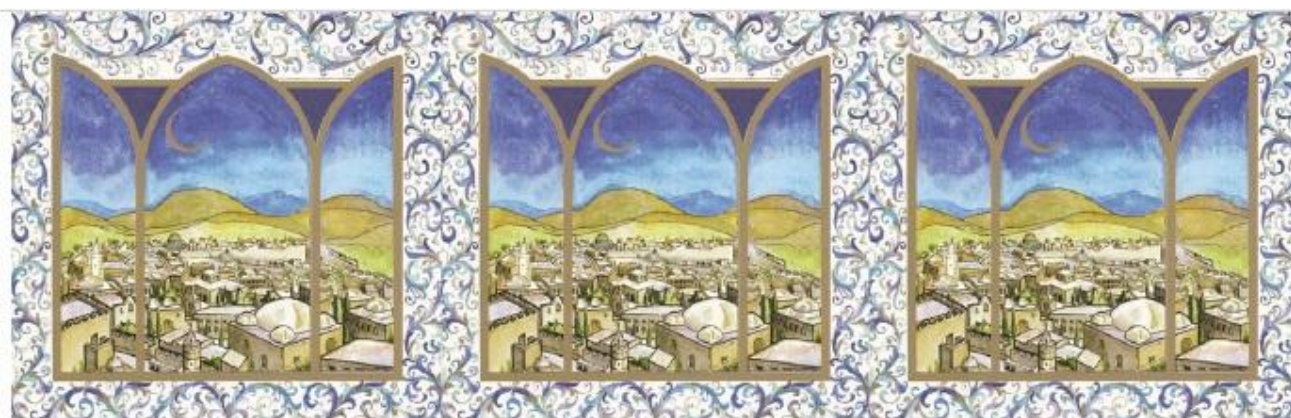
YOM KIPPUR - Day of Atonement

Monday, September 21, 2026 10:00AM Worship, includes "Yizkor" Memorial
3:30PM Afternoon Worship and *Ne'ilah*
6:30PM Break-the-Fast Dinner***

Admission to all New Year worship services is available at no charge to all JCMI members in good standing.

Unaffiliated guests are welcome to worship with us, in consideration of a contribution to the Congregation of \$200 as a New Year gift.

**These special meal events are BY ADVANCE RESERVATION and pre-payment.
For details or reservations, call the Synagogue Office 239-642-0800 weekdays
9:00 - 2:00, or consult our website, www.marcojcmi.com.



L'Shanah Tovah

*To You, Dear JCMI 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*

*President Keith D. Alter and The Board of Directors of JCMI
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Dolores & Gene Siegel
Dan & Robin Singer
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Lynn Wilk*



Yizkor Booklet

Recitation of the “*Yizkor*” prayer will be in its traditional place in the Yom Kippur morning Torah service, Monday, September 21st, 2026. This booklet will be used as part of the Yom Kippur morning service, as well as our other *Yizkor* services throughout the year. Also, the booklet includes prayers to be used the entire year in the home when lighting a *yahrtzeit* candle.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE MEMORIAL SERVICE YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON.

If you would like to have names included in the *Yizkor* Book, please send the form below and your donation to the temple office by September 7th, 2026
991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Yizkor Book Form

PLEASE PRINT NAMES BELOW AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR

Check here for same as last year _____

Add Names Here

Add Names Here

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____



Please Join Us for our Annual
JCMJ

Pre-Kol Nidrei Dinner at
La Tavola

961 Winterberry Drive

Arrival Time Starts ~ 5:00 PM ~ Blessings ~ 5:30 PM

Dinner Will Be Served Promptly, At 5:45 PM

Sunday ~ September 20th, 2026

\$75 per Member

\$85 per Nonmembers

(gratuity included)

*** **CASH BAR** ***

Please Mail Your Check No Later Than September 14th, 2026

Pre Kol Nidrei-Dinner

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Attention: Melissa Kalloo

Make Your Selection From The Options Below

Brisket _____ Fish _____ Mushroom Pappardelle Pasta _____

Name _____ Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please Note: Payments Are Non-Refundable After September 14th, 2026



Our Annual JCMI
Pre Kol Nidrei-Dinner at
La Tavola

Menu

Appetizer:

Chicken Matzo Ball Soup
Challah Bread

Entrée/Main Course:

Mushroom Pappardelle Pasta

Organic shiitake and silver dollar mushrooms, fresh pappardelle pasta,
sweet peas, heirloom baby tomatoes, fresh herbs, garlic cream sauce

Triple Tail

8oz pan seared Triple Tail, lemon caper cream sauce, rice, mixed vegetables

Braised Beef Brisket

6 oz sliced beef brisket, potato wedges, mixed vegetables

Dessert:

Flourless Chocolate Torte

*** CASH BAR ***

Please let us know if you have any food allergies or special dietary needs



JCMI BREAK-THE-FAST

Monday, September 21st, 2026

*Sponsored by Stan & Esta Alliker, Keith & Toniann Alter,
Sue Baum, Jonathan & Heather Greenfield, Morris & Nancy
Margolis, Bernie & Lulu Seidman, Eugene & Dolores Siegel
Beth & Frank Weinberg and Lynn Wilk*

Join us at the conclusion of worship in the late afternoon on
Yom Kippur for Break the Fast.

Enjoy bagels, lox, herring, white fish salad,
Tuna salad, egg salad, tossed salad,
Homemade kugels and delicious desserts

Dinner: \$40.00 per person

PAYMENT MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF RESERVATION

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THURSDAY,
September 14th, 2026

BREAK-THE-FAST

For your Reservations, please fill in this form and return the form with your check made payable to:

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
Attn: Melissa Kalloo
991 Winterberry Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

OPEN SEATING

Please Note that payments are non-refundable

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, September 21st, 2026

Traditional Barbara Katz Kugel Contest



You are invited to make your favorite Kugel recipe which will be entered into the Kugel contest in Memory of our beloved Barbara Katz. The Kugels will be judged and served during Break the Fast.

Please email Melissa Kalloo manager@marcojcmi.com if you are interested in joining this exciting event. Amazing Prizes to be awarded.

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____
Type of Kugel: _____



JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND

991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 ~ 239.642.0800

Rabbi Mark Gross ~ Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen ~ President Keith D. Alter

May 4, 2026

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I wanted to reach out on behalf of JCMI's Board and all its members. Our dues structure, including the Above and Beyond Campaign, make up a very small portion of 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 remaining annual cash flow and reduce the need to draw from our savings.

The Above and Beyond Campaign for this season was only average. We need to be able to add to our savings in addition to just covering annual operating costs. Your Board is anticipating and planning for several major expenses in the coming years, among which include new roof and HVAC systems. These two items alone could very well deplete our current savings. Due to our aging building these expenditures will increase as other items needing attention will continue to arise.

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 place for all of us.

As we begin our 44th year as an organized house of Jewish worship, I ask that you consider a Legacy Giving plan to JCMI to ensure JCMI continues to be the center of Jewish life and worship on Marco Island 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, should you have any questions or are interested in establishing a Legacy Giving donation.

Thank you for considering giving this gift.

Sincerely,

Keith D. Alter, President, JCMI

web: www.marcojcmi.com ~ email: manager@marcojcmi.com



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April 17, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of JCMi:

We are grateful for the response to our Above and Beyond Appeal so far. However, we are only halfway to our goal and seek your help

Response To-date



Goal



The \$35,000 goal is to cover the cost of repairs of the aging building. Our Synagogue is precious. Please help us meet our needs.

We look forward to your support.

With gratitude.

Sue R. Baum
Chair

web: www.marcojcmi.com ~ email: manager@marcojcmi.com

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
– invites you to attend –



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אמ'אס אד



**Rabbi Gross's
Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series
for 5787 (2026-27)**

Sunday, January 24 - **New Blossoms on the Tree of Life:
An Introduction to the Responsa**

We received the Torah 3500 years ago, and have been living by it ever since.

Come sample the Responsa literature— literally “Questions-and-Answers”— as a fabulous dialogue across the ages between each new generation of Jews, formulating authentically Jewish answers to timely circumstances and unprecedented situations



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Sunday, February 28 - **“And a Time to Laugh”:
The Deep Roots of Jewish Humor**

Jewish Tradition is sacred, dedicated to the survival of our people in order to serve God— but laughter is a powerful tool in our survival kit.

Come experience the deeply rooted humor in our traditional texts, showing that the many Jewish funny men and women of our own time have built their acts on a solid foundation.



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Sunday, March 28 - **Hiding in Plain Sight:
Jewish Patriots in the Gospels**

The narratives in the synoptic Gospels of the New Testament are an important record of the social and political realities that impacted our long-ago forebears living in our ancestral homeland under Roman occupation... and of the earnest (but rash) resolve of many Judeans to do something about it. A special program for this Easter Sunday.



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All sessions convene in 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.

2026-2027

Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 19th 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 17, 2026

Washington Square

Henry James

March 16, 2027

Good People

Patmeena Sabit

December 15, 2026

Once There Was a Town

Jane Ziegelman

April 20, 2027

The Correspondent

Virginia Evans

January 19, 2027

Madame Bovary

Gustave Flaubert

Suggested Summer Reading:

First Lie Wins

Ashley Elston

The Wedding People

Alison Espach

Culpability

Bruce Holsinger

The Women

Kristin Hannah

February 16, 2027

Code Name Hélène

Ariel Lawhon

Temple membership is not necessary ~ everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Call Sandra 631-942-9158 or the JCMI

Office at 239-642-0800

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 5787

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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