

THE JCMI MESSENGER



APRIL 2026

NISANIYYAR, 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

Movable Feasts

Our Christian neighbors refer to Easter as a “Movable Feast,” because the commemoration of the Resurrection does not have a set calendar date (as does The Feast of the Nativity on December 25). That is because the same thing is true of Passover, with which Easter is closely connected.



Passover does, indeed, have a date: the 15th— that is, the full moon— of the Spring month of Nissan. But given the disparity between our lunar months and our solar year, we have to tweak our calendar to make sure that the full moon of Nissan does indeed fall out in the Spring grain-ripening season in the land of Israel, and not at the tail-end of Winter. Plugging in an extra month, roughly every three years, is why people observe (about Rosh haShanah in the Fall, curiously enough, and not very often about Passover in the Spring) “gee— the holidays are early this year!”

For the record, Passover by contrast is always right on time: as the original Movable Feast, it always falls where it belongs, on the first Full Moon after the Vernal Equinox.

For many of us, Passover is a Movable Feast in a different sense. At the other end of Jewish history, our Israelite forebears in Egypt were instructed “if the household is too small for a lamb, let it share one with a neighbor who dwells nearby” [Exodus 12:4]. Ever since, some portion of the Household of Israel is “on the road” for our Feast of Freedom: going to Grandma and Grandpa’s house; for those of us who are grandmas and grandpas, hosting adult children and their families; and for many of us, late in life, forming our own little sharing circles, or attending the communal *seider* here at the Synagogue.

Years ago, when I was helping establish a new synagogue in Arizona, I proposed that the Congregation should celebrate our *seider* out in the desert. So instead of convening in our usual worship space, we packed up our ceremonial and dinner components and converged on a picnic grounds out amidst the sand dunes. Our Feast of Freedom saw us moving, indeed— from servitude and suffering into the neutral space of a wilderness where the history of our people could be written anew on a blank slate... and away from the crush and bustle of the city, to a place of quiet where the Voice of our Redeemer might more easily be heard.

May our Feast of Freedom this month, wherever (and with whomever) you share it, be a time of discovery; of uplift; of rejoicing... and of **movement**, from the constraints of our everyday Egypt to exciting possibilities that open up before us like the divided waters of the Sea.

See you in September.

I am available to members in the course of my 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

April, 2026 – Nissan/Iyyar, 5786



Oabbalat Shabbat Worship - Friday evenings - 7:30.

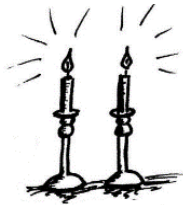
Welcoming the Queen of Days is our “main event” at JCMI, with shared worship in the beautiful Sanctuary of our shared Temple home every Friday night.

April 03 - first Friday of the new month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of April, and featuring [Full Festival Liturgy](#) for this Shabbat during Passover.

April 10 - Shabbat worship, featuring [a recitation of the “Yizkor” Memorial Prayer](#) marking the conclusion of Passover.

April 17 - Shabbat worship, featuring [a blessing for that Shabbat being the New Moon and new month](#) of Iyyar.

April 24 - Our last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#),” featuring the reading of a selection from this week’s *parashah* in the sacred scroll, as well as [seasonal observances of Yom haZikkaron and Israel Independence Day](#).



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times
18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

April <u>03</u> - 7:26	April <u>17</u> - 7:33
April <u>10</u> - 7:29	April <u>24</u> - 7:36

Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study - Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

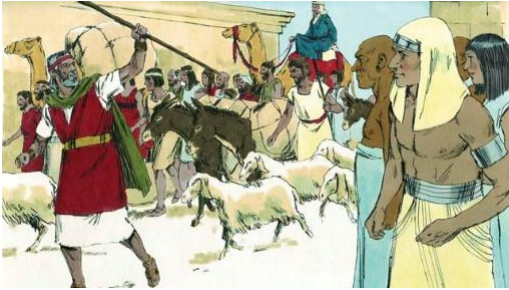
Rabbi Gross offers a presentation on, and leads discussion of, some aspect of the weekly Torah portion, meeting **live in the Meer Center** of our Synagogue building.

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.

<u>April 04 - Chol haMo’eid Pesach</u>	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 37:1-14
<u>April 11 - Sh’mini</u>	Leviticus 9:1-11:47	II Samuel 6:1-7:17
<u>April 18 - Tazri’a-M’tzarah</u>	Leviticus 12:1-15:33	II Kings 4:42-5:19
<u>April 25 - Acharei-Q’doshim</u>	Leviticus 16:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15



JCMI Passover – Part 1



Wednesday, April 01, marks our jubilant Passover *seider* experience and dinner, beginning at 6:30.

Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen look forward to welcoming the many JCMI members, their visiting family members, and communal guests who signed up to attend.

(And, needless to say, we will have a fitting ransom ready for whoever is industrious— and devious!— enough to steal the *afikomen* right out from under the Rabbi’s nose).

JCMI Passover – Part 2



Carol Gross and the Rabbi invite the JCMI family to join them for a special Passover treat at 7:30 on Thursday, April 02, as they host a kosher-for-Passover dessert reception and a screening of the magnificent animated feature *Prince of Egypt*.

The DreamWorks team of Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg, and David Geffen secured the voice talents of an all-star cast, including Israeli singer Ofra Haza, to produce this award-winning 1998 holiday tribute (of which film critics say “this is how to make a religious movie the right way”).

Israel Milestones Featured This Month



Our regular weekly *parashah* study on April 18 will consist of an “Off-Ramp Torah” session exploring Israel’s 1948 Declaration of Independence. Come join Rabbi Gross at 9:30 for an in-depth look at a fascinating document that constitutes of itself a crash-course in 3500 years of Jewish history.

Israel Independence Day falls this year on Wednesday, April 22, with *Yom haZikaron* (Israel Memorial Day) on the previous day. Both occasions will be observed with a fitting Israel celebration at our last-Friday-of-the-month Shabbat worship on April 24.

♪ NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♪



Chag Same'ach! Happy Passover!

And may I recommend a reading? The Megillah for Passover. And just in case you were under the impression that “the megillah” is exclusive to Purim, it isn't. There are four others; one for Pesach (the *Song of Songs*), one for Shavu'ot (the *Book of Ruth*), one for Tisha b'Av (the *Book of Lamentations*), and one for Sukkot (*Ecclesiastes*) – each a part of our *Bible*. Uh, huh. So, when you refer to “the whole megillah”, its length can range from 2,020 words (in the *Songs of Songs*, the shortest) to 4,932 (in the *Book of Esther*, the longest). Fortunately, I'm just suggesting *Shir haShirim*, the *Song of Songs*.

The Pesach megillah is a love poem; a poem containing expressions of passionate desire and exchanges of lovers' compliments. Many sages have said that it is a parallel to the Israelites' love for God. And, as such, we continue to read it during Passover, paralleling our own love for God – especially in light of our exodus from Egypt and our commitment to God at Mount Sinai (in accepting the “Ten Commandments”).

Bottom line: I am recommending it because I think it's a special read, as well as a timely read. Try it. It's certainly worthwhile – and you may even like it.

And speaking of worthwhile, liking and loving, may you likewise experience the seider(s) (wherever you are) in company with those you love.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The season of Purim and Passover are upon us at JCMI. Our events and activities are in high gear along with the peak of Southwest Florida late winter and spring influx of seasonal visitors. Join us for weekly evening services on Fridays followed by our Oneg.

We had a joyous and fun celebration for Shabbat/Purim service and are now getting ready for Passover. Join us for our Congregational Seider service and dinner on Wednesday evening April 1 at 6:30pm. Rabbi Gross and our Cantor will lead our Musical Seider with dinner catered island style by Mangos Bistro on Marco, it includes a traditional Pesach meal with matzoh ball soup made by our own bubbies. Tickets are available and we would love for you to join our family.

Please join us Saturday, May 16 for our first evening cruise on the Marco Princess. Cantor Jacobson will conclude Shabbat with a Havdalah service with the beautiful Marco Island sunset as the backdrop. The cruise includes a prime rib or salmon dinner, cash bar, and an evening of community socialization. Tickets are available online. See the JCMI website or call the office for additional information.

Bingo continues every Monday, doors open at 5:30pm with kosher hot dogs, cake, and ice cream and cash prizes!

I would like to welcome the new Board of Directors that have come to the Board as of March 19. Also, a huge thank you to all directors and officers that have served and termed out.

Keith Alter, President

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.

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1 Passover Seider 6:00PM	2 <i>Office Closed</i> Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM-3:00PM	3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	4 Torah Study 9:30AM
5	6 Passover BINGO 5:00PM	7 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i> Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM-3:00PM  Board Meeting 7:00PM	10 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	11 Torah Study 9:30AM
12	13 BINGO 5:00PM	14 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	15	16 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM-3:00PM	17 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	18 Torah Study 9:30AM
19	20 BINGO 5:00PM	21 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM Book Club 11AM	22	23 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM-3:00PM	24 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	25 Torah Study 9:30AM
26	27 BINGO 5:00PM	28 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	29	30 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM-3:00PM		

May Anniversaries

- 12 Bert & Shirley Posner
- 20 Thomas Rosenberg & Cynthia Patterson
- 21 John Reiches & June Streisand
- 24 Alan & Susan Daroff
- 24 Mark & Audrey Robinson
- 29 Bernie & Lulu Seidman
- 30 Marvin & Lynn Nathanson
- 30 Howard & Elizabeth Simon



May Birthdays

- 4 Joanne Blau
- 6 Daniel Singer
- 13 Keith Alter
- 14 Charles Shapiro
- 17 Frank Weinberg
- 21 Susan Schuman
- 22 Joan Cohen
- 23 Carole Roberts
- 27 June Streisand
- 27 Norman Oppenheim
- 28 Karen Tessel-Blum



April Weekly Yahrtseit List

March 29 – April 4, 2026

11 Nisan – 17 Nisan

Maxine K. Berman*
Herman Bittman*
Celia Durst Dresner*
Israel Exler*
Peter Mark Flynn*
Charles G. Greenstein*
Philip Heiblum*
Betty Joel
Arthur Joel
Harry Kantor*
Irv Katz
Samuel Kennedy*
Harold M. Krueger
Sadye Loft*
Ossie Sacher*
Morris Seidman
Edward S. Sheinberg
Saul I. Stern*
Norman Weisberg*
Yetta Weisberg*
Morris Young

April 5 – April 11, 2026

18 Nisan – 24 Nisan

Bernard Baron
Beatrice Becker
Adele S. Povlow Blumenthal*
John Cohen*
Jennie Geller
Mark Geller
Charles G. Greenstein*
Harry Sachs Grossman*
Julius Jermanok*
Alvin Kennedy*
Ralph Krause
Harold M. Krueger
Ann R. Mandel*
Tillie Miller
Helen Mitnick
Adele Morganstern*
Paul B. Newman*
Edward Rausch
William Rick*

April 5 – April 11, 2026 (continued)

18 Nisan – 24 Nisan

Frances Sutker Schulman*
Murry Silvershein*
Albert George Wilfond*
Robert Winter
Herb Wischnia

April 12 – April 18, 2026

25 Nisan – 1 Iyar

Frieda Siegel Cherr
Marian Gardner
Louis Goldenberg*
Boots Hartstein*
Edward Kan
Edward Kaplan*
Maurice Krieger
Richard Margelefsky
Sophie Marquis Randolph
David Joseph Reitzes
Howard Isaac Reitzes
Vincent Russo
Sarah Schecter*
George Seidman
Wyatt Kyle Sutker*
Fred Teachman*
Hattie Willens*
Eva Wolf*

April 19 – April 25, 2026

2 Iyar – 8 Iyar

Alexander Berman*
Samuel Edelman
Harry Eisenstein*
Allen Abraham Feld*
Irma Feldman
Ann Grosberg*
Morris Kahn*
Gerald Kurlander
Stephen S. Lanphear*
Chandra Levy
Lillian Nathanson
Clara Knudson Nolan*
Ben Rosenblum

April 19 – April 25, 2026 (continued)

2 Iyar – 8 Iyar

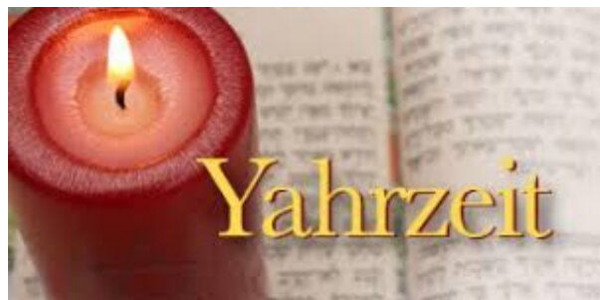
Aaron Harold Rosner*
Stanley Ross*
Michael Stuart Sacher*
Phillip Seidman
Nettie G. Silverstein*
Ann Snyder*
Stanley Stein
Fred Suffian
Hyman Sugerman*
Martin Arthur Thompson*



April 26 – May 2, 2026

9 Iyar – 15 Iyar

Flora Atkin
Alan Beer
David Boiko
Phyllis Borr*
Bertha Feins Clinard*
Arthur Cole
Eve Eisenstein*
Albert Forman*
Mary Jermanok*
Maurice Leifer*
Albert Mauerberger
Helen Moskowitz*
Sally Rick*
Gayle Sandra Stein*
Svea Svensson
Anita Yorks



***Denotes a Yahrzeit Plaque. Yahrzeitseis 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:

Jane Bergman from

Sandra Hechler
Denise Schwartzman

Ray Bergman from

Denise Schwartzman

Heather Greenfield from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Richard & Suzanne Eisinger
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Phyllis Rosenblum
Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson

Jonathan Greenfield from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Richard & Suzanne Eisinger
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Sandra Hechler
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Phyllis Rosenblum
Denise Schwartzman
Bert & Joan Thompson

Hanita Kern from

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Phyllis Rosenblum from

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Mark Schuman from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Denise Schwartzman

Laura Vesecky from

Denise Schwartzman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Charles Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Bert & Joan Thompson

Richard & Suzanne Eisinger from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

Tony & Mary Pinto from

Denise Schwartzman

Steve & Betsy Rosenberg from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

ABOVE & BEYOND

from Aren Alter
from Sue Baum
from Mervyn & Rosalind Benjet
from Stacey & Betsy Berner
from Arthur Doxer
from Stephen Goldenberg
from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from Sandra Hechler
from Marty & Barbara Holtz
from Rony & Nora Joel
from Hanita Kern
from Allan & Sue Kluger
from Paul & Lydia Kruger
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Marvin & Lynn Nathanson
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Irv & Beth Povolow
from Steven & Carole Roberts
from Irwin Roseff
from Richard Rosenberg
from Phyllis Rosenblum
from Denise Schwartzman
from Gene & Dolores Siegel
from Dan & Robin Singer
from Audrey Snyder
from Bert & Joan Thompson
from Herb Wallack
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Leo Wertheim
from Sara Straight Wolf
from Paul & Jackie Zwillenberg

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias – IMO
Louis Goldenberg

FLOWERS FUND

Charles Blum & Karen Tessel- Blum – IMO
Bill Blum, Charlie's Father

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield – IMO Anne Schultz, Heather's Mother

GENERAL FUND

Maris & Tamara Kukainis – Non Member
Donation

Marvin & Lynn Nathanson – IMO Lillian Nathanson

Irwin Roseff – IMO Dorothy Grosky

Irwin Roseff – IMO Mack Roseff

Bernie & Lulu Seidman – IMO Bennet Seidman

Bernie & Lulu Seidman – IMO George Seidman

Bernie & Lulu Seidman – IMO Morris Seidman

Bernie & Lulu Seidman – IMO Phillip Seidman

ONEG FUND

Bert & Shirley Posner – IMO Rose Nudelman, Shirley's Mother

Lynn Wilk – IMO Deborah Wilk

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Nan Suffian – IMO Mike Suffian

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

from Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias

from Natalie Klein

from Bert & Joan Thompson

Herbert Jaslow – IMO Rhoda

from Bert & Shirley Posner

Herb Wallack Family – IMO Herb Wallack

from Bert & Shirley Posner

from Phyllis Rosenblum

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

04/03/26 – Available

04/10/26 – Lynn Wilk – IMO Beatrice Becker

04/17/26 – Available

04/24/26 – Available



YAHRTSEIT DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Rony & Nora Joel
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Betty Joel
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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.

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!
"5786"

April 2026

1st - Congregational Seider	6:30 PM
2nd - Office Closed	
9th - Office Closed	
9th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
21st - Book Club	11:00 AM

May 2026

16th - Princess Dinner Cruise	5:30 PM
25th - Office Closed	
28th - 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

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM
Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Sept.6 through April



MARCO ISLAND PRINCESS CRUISE

Dinner & Entertainment Cruise



Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Boarding Time 5:30 PM

Departing Time 6:15 PM

Return Time 8:15 PM

\$89 per person



To purchase tickets & more info, please call the office: (239) 642-0800

Departing from the Rose Marina (951 Bald Eagle Drive Marco Island) on the Marco Island Princess



**Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
 Presents
 Our 44th Annual Congregational Passover Seider
 Wednesday, April 1, 2026
 Promptly at 6:30 PM**

**The Haggadah will be read by our congregation as led by
 Rabbi Mark W. Gross and Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen
 A Complete Traditional Passover Meal Prepared By
 Mangos Dockside Bistro
 Entrée Brisket of Beef (optional Salmon*)
 Visitors and Guests Welcome**

For reservations, please mail this form with your check, payable to JCMI, to Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, Passover Seider, 991 Winterberry Dr., Marco Island, FL 34145, Or phone: 239-642-0800 to use a credit card. *Your check or credit card will hold your reservation.*

Adults and Children over 12 Members - \$90.00 Visitors - \$99.00
 Children 4-12: Members/Visitors - \$30.00 (Children under 4 are Free)

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 Email _____

Number	Price
_____ Adult Members	\$ _____
_____ Adult Visitors	\$ _____
_____ Children 4-12	\$ _____
_____ Children Free	TOTAL \$ _____

Please indicate your seating table preference: _____

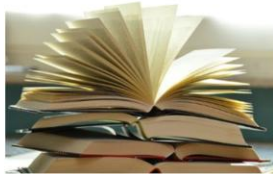
**You must call the office to reserve salmon entrée and/or gluten free options.*

Reservation Deadline March 23, 2026 @ 3pm. No Refunds

Make Reservations Early to Ensure Seating Preferences

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



JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND

991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 ~ 239-642-0800

Rabbi Mark Gross ~ Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen ~ President Stan Alliker

January 21, 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

NEW TIME 5 PM

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Celebrating 25 Years!



Bigger Payouts!!

SUPPER – NO CHARGE

EVERY MONDAY

•FREE PIZZA DRAWING FROM SAM'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

**HOTBALL
Up to \$250**

**END-OF-MONTH
PRIZE BINGO
TOTE**

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

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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