

THE JCMI MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 2026

CHESHVAN/KISLEV, 5787

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

Standing Up To Be Counted In (At Any Age)

A rabbinic colleague was looking for help, recently, because his cousin will soon be marrying in Denver and the groom-to-be wanted to become a *Bar-Mitzvah* first, since he missed that experience when he was 13. I suggested a paradigm shift. Inasmuch as *Bar-Mitzvah* represents standing up to be counted in formally as a member of the Jewish community and a builder of the Jewish people, my colleague's future cousin-in-law is accomplishing that by going under the *chuppah* to establish a new household as a building-block of Jewish life.



However, insofar as we think of *Bar-Mitzvah* in ceremonial terms of being called up to the Torah, he can accomplish that as part of the couple's preliminary *aufruf'n* blessing ahead of the wedding. In other words, you don't gotta lead the whole service and read from the Torah and deliver a speech to "get *Bar-Mitzvah*-ed."

On the other hand... for those who would like to in fact do precisely all of those things, Cantor Jacobsen and I are hereby announcing— and will soon begin jointly conducting— an Adult *Bar-* and *Bat-Mitzvah* Class. Enrollment will be open to these categories of JCMI members:

- Women who, as girls, didn't have the opportunity to attend Hebrew school and be called to the Torah, and would like to supply that deficiency;
- Men who, as boys, did have those opportunities, and in retrospect feel that as adults they would get a great deal more out of the experience; and
- Women or men at or above age 83, which in terms of Psalm 90, is *Bar-* or *Bat-Mitzvah* "the second time around" in a new lease in life, and wish to celebrate the occasion accordingly.

Cantor Jacobsen and I are beginning to put together the study program for our Adult *Bar-* and *Bat-Mitzvah* class, with the objective of group participants leading our last-Friday-of-the-month "Torah Shabbat" with us next April 30. Group lessons for our work towards that goal will convene based on the scheduling availability of participants... but who they will be, is entirely up to **you**!



Put Yourself In This Picture!

One way or another, class starts in December... so let me know by the middle of November if you are "In," and we will all start planning from there. My phone number, for voice or text, or e-address as below.

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

November, 2026 – Cheshvan/Kislev, 5787



Oabbalat Shabbat Worship -

Friday evenings - 7:30.

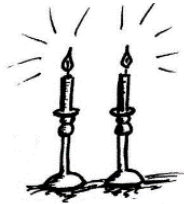
Welcoming the Queen of Days is our “main event” at JCMI, with shared worship in the beautiful Sanctuary of our shared Temple home every Friday night.

November 06 - first Friday of the new month “**Celebration Shabbat**,” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of November, and featuring **announcement of and blessing for the coming New Moon and new month** of Kislev (only 20 shopping days ‘til Chanukah!).

November 13 - Shabbat worship, featuring **Kristallnacht memorialization** and **a Veterans Day salute**.

November 20 - Shabbat worship.

November 27 - Our last-Friday-of-the-month “**Torah Shabbat**,” featuring the reading of a selection from this week’s *parashah* in the sacred scroll.



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

November <u>06</u> - 5:24	November <u>20</u> - 5:18
November <u>13</u> - 5:20	November <u>27</u> - 5:17

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>November 07 - b'Reisheet</u>	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10
<u>November 14 - No'ach</u>	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5
<u>November 21 - Leich L'cha</u>	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16
<u>November 28 - vaYeira</u>	Genesis 18:1-22:24	Il Kings 4:1-37





“Fall Back”

In accord with The Energy Conservation Act of 2005, Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

Whatever your weekend plans may be on Sunday, November 01, remember to turn your clocks back an hour at bedtime on Hallowe'en Saturday night!

“Great Bowls of Fire!”

A dynamic team of JCMI chefs will once again be contestants in The Great Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation, taking place this year from 11:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, November 07.

Drop by at CJ's on the Bay in the Esplanade to cheer on our kosher chefs, who will be showing the JCMI flag and stirring the cauldron... at least until their spoons melt under the heat! Be sure to vote for our krewe, because this is a competition— and, when it comes to winners, “There Can Only Be One!”



Remembrances of a Solemn Day



Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen will both be participants in the pulpit at the annual Collier County Interfaith *Kristallnacht* Memorial, sponsored by the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Group of our Jewish Federation and the Catholic Diocese of Venice, at 2:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, November 08.

This year's commemoration of the traumatic “Night of the Broken Glass” that inaugurated the Nazi kingdom of death will convene at and be hosted by St. William Catholic Church in Naples, at 601 Seagate Drive— on Pine Ridge, three blocks west of Tamiami Trail.

Service Caps at Services

In observance of Veterans Day, we invite all JCMI members who have served in the military to wear their uniform or VFW caps and service badges and pins to our Shabbat worship on Friday, November 13.

Since it is Jewish tradition to be “covered” while praying, on this special annual occasion it is only fitting that the cover in question (which is what they call headgear, in the military) honors your service that covered all of us.



Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving Week

Note that the JCMi Office will be closed on both Thanksgiving Day and the ensuing Friday, November 27.

If you have Congregational business to conduct, make it a point to come by early that week, so that our hard-working staff may have both the opportunity to take care of our members and the occasion to enjoy the long holiday weekend with their families.



Planning Ahead for Chanukah

With The Feast of Lights coming up, hard on the heels of November, mark your calendar for these special Chanukah events just around the corner.

- Friday, December 04 – 5:30 p.m. – dedication, and seasonal lighting, of the new Chanukah holiday decoration at Veterans Park (901 Park Avenue).
- Friday, December 04 – 7:30 p.m. – bring your Chanukah lamp to Friday night services as together we light the first holiday light before inaugurating Shabbat.
- Sunday, December 06 – 5:30 p.m. – JCMi and Jewish Federation of Greater Naples co-host South Collier County Community Chanukah Celebration, here at the Synagogue.
- Tuesday, December 08 – 4:30-6:00 p.m. – JFGN Community Chanukah Celebration, on the lawn of the Mercato shopping center in Naples (9110 Strada Place – just north of Vanderbilt Beach Blvd. on Tamiami Trail-US 41).

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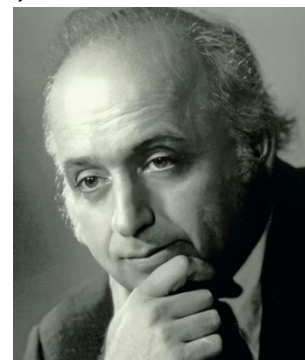
Rabbi Gross's
**Fourth-Sunday
Life-Long Learning Series**
for 5787 (2026-27)

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





Meet Our Recording Secretary & Membership Chair: Mitch Braun



Mitch Braun is a native Illinoian hailing from the great City of Chicago! Born in the late 1950's, he's the third child of 4. Mitch has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in special education. He's had three vocations in his lifetime: banking, licensed electrical contracting, and education. Mitch is retired from the Chicago Public Schools after serving the last 20 years of his career in Career and Technical Education (vocational education) as an administrator responsible for overseeing \$15M in both Federal and State grants.

Mitch currently lives full-time on Marco Island with his husband Bob and their Jack Russell Terrier, Halo! Bob and Mitch have been together almost 44 years and are married 11 years. Mitch is an active member of JCMI, currently serves as the Secretary of the Board, and serves on many committees helping to keep our synagogue moving! When not on Marco, Mitch, Bob, and Halo can generally be found back in Chicago enjoying the urban life at their downtown condo just behind the John Hancock building. It's a new experience for them and they are truly enjoying their times back north. Make sure to stop by bingo and say hi to Mitch or come by Friday night services to say hello and enjoy a piece of challah baked by Bob!



 NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST



November extends to us a cornucopia of family stories. In the Torah parashiot this month we read about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah – and those are just the most well-known headliners. There's enough material in those portions to fill each Broadway and even off-Broadway theater simultaneously. And what makes it even more spectacular is the fact that those peeps are even members of each of our very own families; check your family tree.

And when you consider that at our ages(s) we particularly like to share and have shared our family stories, re-visiting our Torah family – with all its intrigue, heart-wrenching, and pathos – is absolutely gripping. It's our very own family. And while it may seem that I'm making a plug for the rabbi's Torah study sessions, this month is really a prime time to zoom – or even Zoom – into these gatherings for a more insightful view of these family vignettes. It might even give extra reason to relish our up-coming secular Thanksgiving.

Too busy in November? Never fret. December's Torah readings are going to resume our family saga with Jacob continuing as a headliner, along with his favorite son, Joseph (Oops! Spoiler alert!). Of course, simultaneously at JCMI in November, bingo is as wonderful as always. The book group sessions are unparalleled. Our movie series brings us blockbuster after blockbuster (after blockbuster after blockbuster).

But I'm tellin' ya', those Torah family recollection moments and insights are exceptional.

Happy Thanksgiving!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The High Holidays are now behind us, and I hope everyone had a meaningful season and an easy fast. While the snowbirds haven't fully arrived yet, visitors— and their cars — are already beginning to flock back to the Island. Friends and family are returning, too, and JCMI is buzzing with activity.

Our biggest community fundraiser, BINGO, is in full swing. Join us every Monday — doors open at 5:30 PM. This event brings together people from Marco Island and the greater Naples area for an evening of games, great kosher hot dogs, cake, and of course, cash prizes. We play until about 8:45 PM, with pull tabs sold throughout the evening and raffles held at both the beginning and end of the night. During peak season, attendance can exceed 250 people.

Starting in November, our Cultural Film Series returns and will run through March. Our JCMI Music Series begins on New Year's Eve with dinner at La Tavola Restaurant, followed by a Bee Gees tribute performance at the synagogue. Visit our website for details on this and all upcoming concerts at www.jcmimusic.com

Chanukah is just around the corner. Join us the evening of December 6th for our celebration of lights, complete with games, music, and delicious potato pancakes. Most importantly, as the holiday season approaches, please remember families in need. Any Tzedakah — monetary or food donations — is greatly appreciated, whether given directly to local food banks or through your synagogue.

As our Island grows with seasonal residents, we look forward to seeing you and your families.

Keith D. 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.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Fall Back at Bedtime tonight	2 BINGO 5:00PM	3	4	5 Mah Jongg 11:00AM-3:00PM	6 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	7 Chili Cook-off 11AM Torah Study 9:30AM
8 Community Wide Kristallnacht in Naples 2:30PM	9 BINGO 5:00PM	10 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	11 	12 Mah Jongg 11:00AM-3:00PM	13 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	14 Torah Study 9:30AM
 15 Film Festival 1:00PM	16 BINGO 5:00PM	17 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM Book Club 11AM	18	19 Mah Jongg 11:00AM-3:00PM  Board Meeting 7:00PM	20 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	21 Torah Study 9:30AM
22	23 BINGO 5:00PM	24 Chess Club- 9:30AM-12:30PM	25	26 <i>Office Closed</i> Thanksgiving 	27 <i>Office Closed</i> Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	28 Torah Study 9:30AM
29	30 BINGO 5:00PM					

December Anniversaries

- 4 Allan & Sue Kluger
- 7 Don & Roberta Schwartz
- 20 Irvin & Beth Povlow



December Birthdays

- 1 Marlene Glass
- 13 Mark Robinson
- 15 Laurence Sacher
- 15 Paul Scherr
- 16 Robin Singer
- 17 Stacey Berner
- 17 Tony Pinto
- 21 Arthur Doxer
- 26 Rabbi Mark Gross



November Weekly Yahrtseit List

November 1 – November 7, 2026

21 Cheshvan – 27 Cheshvan

Ethel Baron
Lillian Bernikoff*
William Bernstein
Anna E. Doxer*
Sadie Rose Entin*
Louis Fink*
Bernard Friedman
Jack Glass
Lillian Sacks Haber*
Ginny Jermanok
Barbara P. Katz*
William P. Katz*
Peter E. Klein*
Myra Mannoff*
Mark Migden*
Joyce Miller*
Akiba Plager
Milton Jack Povlow*
Dorothy Rosenberg*
Dr. Robert Soloway
John Spiegel*
Dottie Weiner*
Alexandra Weissman*

November 8 – November 14, 2026

28 Cheshvan – 4 Kislev

Max Goldman
Harry Koslow*
Betty Kramer*
Elise Linz
Martha Mariam
Herbert Rudnick*
Leonard Sutker*
Susan Pullman Weiss
Aileen Wolf

November 15 – November 21, 2026

5 Kislev – 11 Kislev

Ruth Abeson
Herbert Leo Black*
Louis David
Debra Ann Duquet*

November 15 – November 21, 2026 (continued)

5 Kislev – 11 Kislev

Harry Frank*
Bea Friedman
Harry Gorshel
Peter Greenberg*
Kenneth Hartstein*
Ben Kalin
David Kamenetz*
Gisa Koppel
Matilda Panner*
Jose Perez
Mark Rosenberg*
Lee Rosenberg*
Sara Starrels*
Albert Stein*
Leonard Tender
Sidney S. Weinhaus*

November 22 – November 28, 2026

12 Kislev – 18 Kislev

Gussie Edelman
Morris Grossman
Mollie Ray Jermanok*
Irma Lawrence
Sarah Katchen Levine*
Samuel Linder
Jean Lipsitt
Henry Lipsitt
Edward Samuel Marco*
Rose Pelton*
Dr. Maxim Pincus
Louis Raskin*
Helen Gordon Sheinberg
Tillie Suffian
Joseph Weisberg*

November 29 – December 5, 2026

19 Kislev – 25 Kislev

Zila Askenazi*
Louis Bulmash*
Jack Farber
Irwin Fox*
David Louis Greenspan*

November 29 – December 5, 2026 (continued)

19 Kislev – 25 Kislev

Aaron Grossman*

Florence Mordecai Holl*

Judith Horowitz*

Marion W. Hurvitt*

Minnie Lang

Esther Burk Leifer*

Gisele Miller*

Buscema Phyllis Connelly

Pearl Frances Posner*

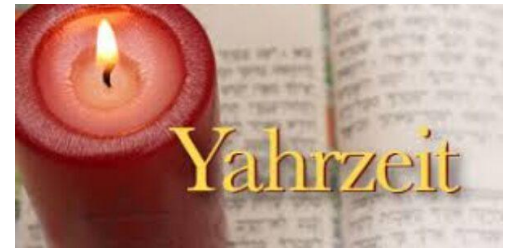
Esther Raskin*

Henry Reussenberger*

Jacob Rosenberg*

Robert Irving Silverstein*

Marcia Ann Tumpowsky*



***Denotes a Yahrtzeit Plaque. Yahrtzeits 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:

Esta Alliker from

Denise Schwartzman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Sue Baum from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Bob Jares from

Bert Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Hari Jacobsen from

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Bert Thompson
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Frank & Beth Weinberg

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Bert Thompson

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Denise Schwartzman

Leo Wertheim from

Frank & Beth Weinberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Steven & Carole Roberts from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

BUBBE'S BAKERY

from Sally Aaron
from Keith & Toniann Alter

from Sue Baum
from Joanne Blau
from Charles Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Richard & Suzie Eisinger
from Marlene Glass
from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from Sandra Hechler
from Marty & Barbara Holtz
from Rony & Nora Joel
from George & Estie Karpman
from Hanita Kern
from Paul & Lydia Krueger
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Marvin & Lynn Nathanson
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Irv & Beth Povlow
from John Reiches & June Streisand
from Steven & Carole Roberts
from Irwin Roseff
from Phyllis Rosenblum
from Larry & Judy Sacher
from Don & Roberta Schwartz
from Denise Schwartzman
from Eugene & Dolores Siegel
from Dan & Robin Singer
from Bert Thompson
from Leo Wertheim
from Lynn Wilk
from Sara Straight Wolf

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arthur Doxer – IMO Anna Doxer

Irene B. Horowitz – IMO Judy Horowitz

Elinore Weinhaus – IMO Martha Mariam

Elinore Weinhaus – IMO Sidney Weinhaus

FILM FESTIVAL SPONSOR

from Sue Baum
from Bert Thompson

FLOWERS FUND

Alter & Inangelos Family – In Celebration of
Stephen M. Alter's Birthday

Bert Thompson – In Memory of Al Benarroch

GENERAL FUND

Samra K. Elliot – IMO Marion Kupperman

Marvin & Lynn Nathanson – IMO Louis
David

Shelly Roseff – IMO Frada Roseff

Elena Rosner – IMO Louis Fink

Bert Thompson – IMO Herbert Leo Black

Bert Thompson – IMO Alexandra Weissman

Sara Wolf – IMO Aileen Wolf

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Sue & Harvey Goldberg – IMO Beloved
Mother, Mother-in-Law & Grandmother Gisa
(Ghiza) Koppel

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Paula Skornicki – Thank You

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO

Yvette Benarroch – IMO Al Benarroch

from George & Estie Karpman
from Denise Schwartzman
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from Bert Thompson

Beth Weinberg – IMO Stuart Naidich

from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Richard & Suzie Eisinger
from George & Estie Karpman
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Bert & Shirley Posner
from Don & Roberta Schwartz
from Denise Schwartzman
from Bernie & Lulu Seidman
from Audrey Snyder
from Bert Thompson
from Leo Wertheim

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

11/06/26 – Available

11/13/26 – Available

11/20/26 – Available

11/27/26 – 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"

November 2026

1st - "Fall Back" one hour	2:00 AM
7th - Chili Cook-off	11:00AM
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	

January 2027

1st - Office Closed	
7th - Alter Eagles Concert	7:30 PM
10th - Film Festival	1:00 PM
19th - Book Club	11:00 AM
23rd -Michael Jackson Concert	7:30 PM
24th -Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30AM
28th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

December 2026

4th - Chanukah Menorah Lighting	5:30 PM
6th - Community Chanukah	5:30 PM
8th - JFGN Chanukah in Mercato	4:30PM
15th - Book Club	11:00 AM
17th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25th - Office Closed	
31st - BeeGees Concert	7:30 PM

February 2027

7th - Bubbe's Bakery	9:30AM
13th - Jimmy Buffett Concert	7:30 PM
15th - Office Closed	
16th - Book Club	11:00 AM
21st -Stevie Wonder Concert	7:30 PM
25th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
27th - Film Festival	4:00 PM
28th -Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30AM

March 2027

7th - Film Festival	1:00 PM
13th -Michael Buble Concert	7:30 PM
16th - Book Club	11:00 AM
18th - Annual Meeting with Board Meeting	6:00 PM
23rd - Purim	
28th -Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30AM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM

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

Thursdays - Mah Jongg ~ 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM

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- 2 Packs \$20 plus 1 FREE Bonanza
- 3 Packs \$27 plus 2 EXTRA Bonanzas

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2026 - 2027

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

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A TRIBUTE TO
THE EAGLES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

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A TRIBUTE TO
MICHAEL JACKSON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Caribbean Chillers

A TRIBUTE TO
JIMMY BUFFETT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

HOTTER THAN JULY

A TRIBUTE TO
STEVIE WONDER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Black Tie Optional

A TRIBUTE TO
MICHAEL BUBLÉ
SATURDAY, MARCH 13

NEARLY DIAMOND

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

ALL SHOWS 7:30

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JCMI is participating in the Fireman's Rescue Fundraiser on Nov 7, 2026 at 11AM
at the Esplanade!

This is a great Community Service we are doing on Marco Island...
We rely on our local Fireman and Police, and this is a great way to give back.
Come over and enjoy some music, drink and of course great Chili!

Calling all chili chefs!

Come together for this fun community event!

Great Bowls of Fire!

14TH ANNUAL
JERRY
ADAMS

CHILI COOK-OFF

SAT | NOV 7 | 2026 11:00 am
to 3:00 pm

Admission \$25 • Children 12 and under free

All proceeds benefit the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation,
serving our First Responders. We are grateful for your support.

Anyone is welcome to enter their
chili in the cookoff! Professional chefs,
home cooks, civic organizations,
first responders – more entries
equals more tasting fun!



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Sunday, November 15 1:00
Ethan Bloom



Sunday, January 10 1:00
Lucky Star



Saturday, February 27 4:00
The Last Concert
Complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception



Sunday, March 7 1:00
No Name Restaurant

*Half hour reception will precede each movie.
Arrival times as shown above.*

\$30 JCMI Members

\$35 Non-JCMI Members

\$150 JCMI Patrons – includes
tickets to all four shows.

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A Brighter World Through Film

Good
Films
Better
Wine

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 JCM Office at 239-642-0800



CHANUKAH COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

December 4, 2026 • 5:30 PM
Veterans Park

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
invites the Marco Island Community to join us
for our very first Menorah Lighting
at Veterans Park.

The lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM.

Services will follow at 7:30 PM at the Synagogue:
991 Winterberry Drive
Marco Island, Florida

The Menorah will be lit on each of the following nights
throughout the eight nights of Chanukah.

*Please join us as we celebrate
the Festival of Lights.*



Jewish Congregation of Marco Island



**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
MARCO ISLAND
COMMUNITY CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION**



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**Residents and Guests on Marco Island
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SUNDAY, December 6th, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

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Join us for a Candle Lighting Ceremony

And Chanukah Music

Lots of holiday spirit for the entire family



Chanukah holiday treats

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY WIDE HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
4:30 - 6 PM
MERCATO ON THE LAWN

Join us for this free community
wide event as we celebrate
Hanukkah and light the Menorah

Entertainment, music, food, and
fun!

Naples Klezmer Revival Band, music
begins at 4:30

Chef Dalia's Israeli food for sale

Enjoy balloon creations & giveaways

Please register so we can plan
accordingly



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Our Community Partners



Your Voice in Israel



JCMI Bake Sale

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

Sunday, February 7, 2027

9:30 AM until **SOLD OUT**



Enjoy Our Café

- Bagels & A Schmear
- JCMI's Famous Bingo
- Kosher Hot Dog & Chips
- Coffee • Soda • Water

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Rabbi Mark Gross ~ Cantorial Soloist Havi 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

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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

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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

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