

THE JCMI MESSENGER



MARCH 2026

ADAR/NISAN, 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

Why Legal Fictions are Real (and Important)

Maimonides believed that the Torah was primarily given as a training manual for the first generation of liberated slaves preparing to enter the Promised Land. Yet just within that first generation's experience, the Torah promulgated new legislations making provision for equal inheritance for women [Numbers 27:8ff]; the inviolability of property markers [Deuteronomy 19:14], and safety measures on public buildings [Deuteronomy 22:8], and we have continued to grow, from there.



Even greater accommodations had to be made in a later era, after the Bronze Age yielded to the Iron Age: farming villages grew into sprawling cities; currency was invented; we became one cog in a vast Imperial society; and God's Law featured together with our corollary obedience to Caesar. Our rabbinic sages, who refracted the light of Torah into the religious civilization we call "Judaism," showed great creativity bearing Torah-fruit in a constantly changing world.

As a case in point, the rabbis responded to the development of an international commercial system based on financial instruments by ruling that the summary dissolution of all outstanding debts every seven years, as legislated in Leviticus 25, refers only to small-scale personal loans such as a cup of sugar or a bushel of seed, so that God's law does not permit a Jew to renege on a business loan; withhold payment of a public fine; or default on a 30-year mortgage.

The rabbis were fully as creative in rendering their own regulations more elastic. Having established that the Shabbat "work" forbidden by the Ten Commandments includes transporting objects through the streets, from one "domain" to another, they also created the legal fiction of a symbolic boundary (called **עירוב** *eiruv*, or "commingling") that tied the whole community together into a single "domain." It is more pleasant to carry your *tallit* to synagogue, instead of having to wear walking in the Florida heat, or to roll the stroller and diaper bag through the street, so the whole family can go to *schule* and friends' houses on Shabbat.

One of the rabbis' most enduring and best-known legal fictions is the seasonal sale of *chameitz* prior to Passover. The Torah requires [Exodus 13:7] that "no leavened stuff of any kind is to be seen within your borders" during the holiday— yet it is not always feasible to dispose of all those foodstuffs; having to purchase replacements afterwards can be an onerous expense; and what do you do if you are a Nebraska wheat broker, whose four commercial silos hold 20 million pounds of grain? The solution is a temporary divestiture of ownership, so that (for the duration of the holiday) that specific place where the segregated *chameitz* is stored is not presently "within your borders."

All such creative measures in Jewish tradition are the index not just of the longevity of our fabulously ancient people, but also of the creative means we invoke to make of God's Torah **עץ חיים**— a Tree of Life, and a living Tree, ennobling our souls throughout the ages.

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

JCFI Schedule of Services March, 2026 –Adar/Nisan, 5786



Oabbalat Shabbat Worship - Friday evenings - 7:30.

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

March 06 - first Friday of the new month “**Celebration Shabbat**,” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of March.

March 13 - Shabbat worship, featuring a **blessing for the coming New Moon and new month** of Nissan... which means, time is growing very short to put in reservations for our JCFI Congregational Passover *seider* on April 01!

March 20 - Shabbat worship, **with note of that date being The Vernal Equinox**.

March 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		
<i>18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island</i>		
March <u>06</u> - 6:12	March <u>20</u> - 7:19	March <u>27</u> - 7:23
March <u>13</u> - 7:16	← Daylight Savings Time	

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 JCFI website that Friday morning.

<u>March 07</u> - <i>Ki Tissa-Parah</i>	Exodus 30:11-34:35	I Kings 18:1-39
<u>March 14</u> - <i>vaYaq’heil/P’qudei-haChodesh</i>	I Kings 7:51-8:21	Exodus 35:1-40:38
<u>March 21</u> - <i>vaYiqra</i>	Leviticus 1:1-5:26	Isaiah 43:21-44:23
<u>March 28</u> - <i>Tzav-haGadol</i>	Leviticus 6:1-8:36	Jeremiah 7:21-8:3





“Spring Ahead”

In accord with The Energy Conservation Act of 2005, Daylight Savings Time begins at 1:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.

Whatever your weekend plans may be on Sunday, March 08, remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour at bedtime on Saturday night the seventh!

Selling *Chameitz* This Month

In preparation for the arrival of Passover on April 01, Rabbi Gross is offering again to broker the sale of *chameitz* for observant JCMI members.

As discussed in the Rabbi’s column above, it isn’t always possible to dispose of all our bread and flour and noodles before the arrival of Passover, and replacing these pantry staples after the holiday can be a financial hardship. Therefore, tradition provides for a legal arrangement whereby our **חמץ** *chameitz* (leavened stuff) can all be placed in a designated location— such as a cabinet, closet, or storage unit— over which we relinquish formal ownership on a temporary basis.



Anyone wishing to “sell *chameitz*” is asked to return the form below to the Rabbi before Friday, March 27, stapled to a dollar bill to implement the contract (and, not at all incidentally, as a *tz’dakah* gift to feed the needy).



- POWER OF ATTORNEY -

I [name] _____ authorize Rabbi Mark Gross of Jewish Congregation of Marco Island to serve as my agent in the formal sale of the following location belonging to me where *chameitz* is stored: [address and description]

I hereby relinquish legal ownership of and access to the above-mentioned location, and all it contains, for the period from sundown on Tuesday, March 31, to sundown on Thursday, April 09, at which point this contract becomes null and void and all associated rights and ownership revert exclusively to me.

Signature _____ date _____

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Ta Sh'ma



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

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.



Convenes 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.

Eggs... On Balance



Contrary to persistent fake-science urban myth, you can stand an egg on end any day of the year (not just on the quarter-points of the solar cycle)... if you're patient enough, and if you happen to have an egg with a well-centered yolk.

Come welcome Shabbat with Cantor Jacobsen and Rabbi Gross on The Vernal Equinox— Friday, March 20— to learn, among other things, why you should save your eggs for an omelette, or for the *seider* plate coming up on April 01.

♪ NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♪



THE EVENT FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL YEAR;

The JCMI annual Purim spiel, which takes place:
Friday, Erev Shabbat, March 6th, starring none other than:

Keith Alter
Toniann Alter
Charlie Blum
Jonathan Greenfield

Rabbi Gross
and, of course,
your favorite JCMI cantorial soloist!

Dress up – or not (of course, we have our annual costume competition).

Bring a creative grogger – or not (of course we also have our annual creative grogger competition).

And equally of course, we will have an abbreviated Erev Shabbat service, the reading of the *Megillah*, and our awesome oneg.

Lest you fret that we are presenting too much frivolity, let me cast your eyes upon that same week's Totah parashah, *Ki Tissa*. It unrolls for us to the reading of the golden calf, our receiving the Ten Commandments, Moses shattering the tablets, and Moses seeing God's back (just to mention the most major highlights). That weekend affords us JCMI's more light-hearted public viewing of *Megillat Esther*, as well as the express invitation for the dramatic private reading of *Ki Tissa*, neither of which is exclusive of the other; a candy shop of enticing Jewish material especially inviting us the weekend of March 6th and 7th.

Of course, we hope to see you for our Purim spiel, but we look forward to seeing you anytime anyhow.

Chag Sameach! Shabbat Shalom. Looking forward to seeing you. And stay warm.

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.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BINGO 5:00PM	3 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM  Purim	4	5 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM- 3:00PM	6 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	7 Torah Study 9:30AM  Motown Concert 7:30PM
8  Spring Forward tonight	9 BINGO 5:00PM	10 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	11	12 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM- 3:00PM	13 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	14 Torah Study 9:30AM  BEE GEES Concert 7:30PM
15  Film Festival Film 2:00PM	16 BINGO 5:00PM	17 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM Book Club 11AM	18	19 Mah Jongg- 11:00 AM- 3:00PM Annual Meeting 7:00PM	20 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	21 Torah Study 9:30AM
22  Rabbi's Life- Long Learning Series 9:30AM	23 BINGO 5:00PM	24 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	25	26	27 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	28 Torah Study 9:30AM  Princess Cruise 5:30PM
29  ABBA Concert 7:30PM	30 BINGO 5:00PM	31 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM				

April Anniversaries

- 4 Charles Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum
- 21 Richard & Suzanne Eisinger
- 21 Steve & Betsy Rosenberg



April Birthdays

- 5 Howard Simon
- 7 Linda Barger
- 12 Mark Schuman
- 12 Hanita Kern
- 15 Jane Bergman
- 18 Phyllis Rosenblum
- 21 Heather Greenfield
- 23 Jonathan Greenfield



March Weekly Yahrtseit List

March 1 – March 7, 2026

12 Adar – 18 Adar

Edith Raskin Abrams*
Theresa Bachman*
Esther Blutfield
Esther Bragman*
Isabelle Cooperman
Arnold Gross
Harold Hollander
Stephen Horowitz*
Susan Wold Jacobs*
Ruth Joel*
Celia Shapiro Kan
Elaine Stein Molowitz*
Rose Nudelman*
Verona Perlman
Rose Rosenfield*
Gilbert Rudman
Martin Seltzer*
Eli W. Sherman
Deborah Wilk

March 8 – March 14, 2026

19 Adar – 25 Adar

Ethel Black*
Manny Davus
Ruth Edelstein
Louis Edward Ettinger*
Daniel Germaine*
Joan Greenberg*
Frieda Silber Mandel*
Alfred M. May
Shirley Maze
Reva Miller
Michael Roman*
Frances Soloway
Irene Spiegel*
Edwin S. Stavis*

March 15 – March 21, 2026

26 Adar – 3 Nisan

Harriett Farber
Anne Fischer*
Benjamin Hankin

March 15 – March 21, 2026 (continued)

26 Adar – 3 Nisan

Jeanne Harrison*
Chaim Hurvitz*
Joseph Jaffe*
Ralph Julis
Martha H. Katzen*
Fyrne Babette Portney*
Bruce Reifeiss
Mack Roseff
Keith Saeks
Ruth Stromberg
Nissim David Turiel*
Florence Winter*

March 22 – March 28, 2026

4 Nisan – 10 Nisan

Sam Borr*
Barbara Brodie*
Barbara Bulmash
Larry Feldman
Joseph Geszvain
Phyllis Gordon
Dorothy Gorshel*
Max Gottsegen*
Dorothy Grosky
Jewel Lerner
Anna Zilberstein Linder
Jill Lisa Margelefsky
Irwin (Bud) Rosenak*
Hildreth C. Rosenberg*
James Alan Rubin*
Anne Schultz
William Snyder*
Morton Soloway
Samuel Weiner*
Helen Young

March 29 – April 4, 2026

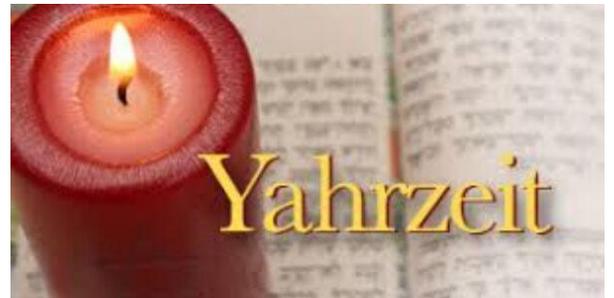
11 Nisan – 17 Nisan

Maxine K. Berman*
Herman Bittman*
Bill Blum*
Celia Durst Dresner*

March 29 – April 4, 2026 (continued)

11 Nisan – 17 Nisan

Israel Exler*
Peter Mark Flynn*
Charles G. Greenstein*
Philip Heiblum*
Betty Joel
Arthur Joel
Harry Kantor*
Irv Katz
Samuel Kennedy*
Sadye Loft*
Ossie Sacher*
Morris Seidman
Edward S. Sheinberg
Saul I. Stern*
Norman Weisberg*
Yetta Weisberg*
Morris Young



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



We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Martha Eldridge Stark from
Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sally Aaron from
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Paul & Lydia Krueger

Mitch Braun from
Richard & Suzanne Eisinger
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bert & Shirley Posner
Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Susan Daroff from
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Bert & Joan Thompson

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Bert & Shirley Posner
Bernie & Lulu Seidman

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Denise Schwartzman

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Beth Weinberg from
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Leonard Weisberg from
Melissa & Zabeeda Kalloo
Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Lynn Wilk from
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Paul & Lydia Krueger

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Al & Yvette Benarroch from
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Bert & Joan Thompson

Tony & Mary Pinto from
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Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Bert & Joan Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Mike & Nan Suffian from
Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias
Frank & Beth Weinberg

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 Hanita Kern
from Allan & Sue Kluger
from Paul & Lydia Krueger
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Marvin & Lynn Nathanson
from Norman & Adele Oppenheim
from Irv & Beth Povlow
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
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from Herb Wallack
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Leo Wertheim
from Sara Straight Wolf
from Paul & Jackie Zwillenberg

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Arthur Doxer – IMO James A. Rubin
Sandra Hechler – IMO Dr. Eli W. Sherman

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from Stan & Esta Alliker
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from Bert & Joan Thompson
from Frank & Beth Weinberg
from Jeffrey & Lenore Yale

FLOWERS FUND

Aren, Keith, Toniann Alter & the Inangelos Family – In Loving Memory of Stephen M. Alter
Paul & Lydia Krueger – IMO Ida Krueger, Paul's Mother
Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Stuart A. Wolf

GENERAL FUND

Keith & Toniann Alter – IMO Stephen M. Alter
Roberta Goodwin – IMO Elizabeth Poverman
Roberta Goodwin – IMO Max Poverman
Philip L. Poverman – IMO Elizabeth Poverman
Philip L. Poverman – IMO Max Poverman
Nathaniel Ritter – IHP Federation Shabbat Honors
Elena Rosner – IMO Elda Spizzichino
Bert & Joan Thompson – IMO Ethel Black
Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Stuart A. Wolf

ONEG FUND

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield – IMO Leonard Greenfield, Jonathan's Father
Denise Schwartzman & Marlene Glass – IHO the bakers & workers of Bubbe's Bakery

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Harvey Brenner – IMO Jerry Brenner
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from Bert & Shirley Posner

Herb Wallack Family – IMO Herb Wallack
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Bert & Shirley Posner
from Bert & Joan Thompson

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!
03/06/26 – Bert & Shirley Posner – IMO
Rose Nudelman, Shirley's Mother

03/06/26 – Lynn Wilk – IMO Deborah Wilk, Lynn's Daughter
03/13/26 – Available
03/20/26 – Available
03/27/26 – Available



YAHRTSEIT DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Judy Rosenak
Judy Rosenak

Bud Rosenak
Henriette Rosenak



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!

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March 2026

7th - Concert Series- Motown	7:30 PM
14th - Concert Series- BeeGees	7:30 PM
15th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
17th - Book Club	11:00 AM
19th - Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM
28th - Princess Dinner Cruise	5:30 PM
29th - Concert Series- ABBA	7:30 PM

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

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM

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

Thursdays - Mah Jongg at 11AM

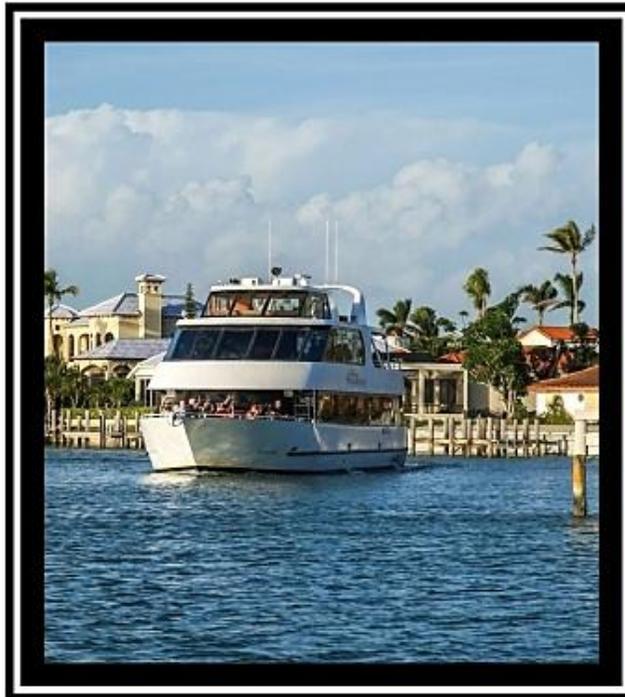
Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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



MARCO ISLAND PRINCESS CRUISE

Dinner & Entertainment Cruise



Saturday, March 28th, 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 _____	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Number</th> <th style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Price</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">_____ Adult Members</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">_____ Adult Visitors</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">_____ Children 4-12</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">_____ Children Free</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">TOTAL \$ _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	Price	_____ Adult Members	\$ _____	_____ Adult Visitors	\$ _____	_____ Children 4-12	\$ _____	_____ Children Free	TOTAL \$ _____
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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

Marco Island's Best Concert Series



ON SALE NOW!



Sunday,
January 11, 2026
7:30 PM

Turnstiles
The Ultimate
Billy Joel

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

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
February 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Nearly Diamond
The Neil
Diamond
Tribute

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

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Saturday,
March 7, 2026
7:30 PM

Larry Johnson's
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of
Motown

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

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Saturday,
March 14, 2026
7:30 PM

Bee Gees
NOW!

Step into the golden age of disco with the world-class **Bee Gees** tribute Band! They bring the Bee Gees' iconic hits to life with meticulous attention to detail in vocals and live arrangements. Their high-energy show delivers all the chart-topping classics, transporting you back to the disco era with authenticity and flair.

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55



Sunday,
March 29, 2026
7:30 PM

Almost
ABBA

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

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

JCMI 991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

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

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

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FILM FESTIVAL



THE 25TH SEASON OF THE SIDNEY R. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL
PRESENTING THE NEWEST AND BEST AWARD-WINNING FILMS ON THE JEWISH CIRCUIT

Opening Day

BAD SHABBOS

Brunch at 10:30 AM (Please note new time for this showing only)

Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2025

Film 12:00 PM

You don't have to be Jewish to laugh at Daniel Robbins' entertaining comedy about a Sabbath dinner gone awry. BAD SHABBOS took the top Audience Prize at the Tribeca Film Festival and Grand Jury Award Best of Festival, Cordillera International Film Festival 2024. Bad Shabbos continues to earn accolades from audiences across the country. **84 Minutes**

THE RING

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, **January 18, 2026**

Film 2:00 PM

THE RING stars Adir Miller, the most popular stand-up comedian and comic actor in Israel. He is also an outstanding actor, winning an Ophir Award for his first leading dramatic role in THE MATCHMAKER. This film, THE RING, written, co-directed and starring Miller is based on his own family's Holocaust survival story. There are moments of laughter and moments of tears. This story of loss and redemption is not to be missed. **122 Minutes**

RUNNING ON SAND

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

RUNNING ON SAND, another wildly popular Israeli dramedy, tells the story of Aumari, a young Eritrean refugee who, facing deportation, is mistaken for a professional soccer player. Themes of identity, resilience, and belonging shine through this careful balance of humor and social commentary. It stars Shawn Mongoza who came to Israel from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He speaks fluent Hebrew; reading the script brought him to tears. The film won award for Best First Feature at the Haifa International Film Festival and the Anat Pirchi Award for Best Screenplay. **104 Minutes**

GUNS AND MOSES

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, **March 15, 2026**

Film 2:00 PM

This is a film NOT TO BE MISSED! GUNS AND MOSES is written by the husband- and -wife team Salvador and Nina Litvak and directed by Sal. They have created what is described by the Jewish Journal, as "a brave and stereotype defying Orthodox Jewish hero: A gunslinging Chabad rabbi who drives a minivan with a "Thank You Hashem" bumper sticker. After what is assumed as a hate crime is committed in plain sight, a young white supremacist is arrested. Our hero, Rabbi Mo, does not believe the young man is guilty and decides to find the real killer—before they strike again. It is an action thriller with no nudity and no profanity. "The movie is kosher." **93 Minutes**

All films will be shown at the Jewish Congregation, 991 Winterberry Drive ~ Marco Island, FL 34145

There are two levels of seating -

Patron Level provides open seating in the first 10 rows of the auditorium with recognition published in the movie program.

General Admission provides open seating starting in the 11th row and back.

Patron Level - \$37.50 per ticket

General Admission - \$25.00 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at: www.jcmimusic.com or by calling the office at (239) 642-0800

2025-2026

Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 18th Season

Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM
Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
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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
– invites you to attend –



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אמ'א אז



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

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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

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