

THE JCMI MESSENGER



OCTOBER 2026

TISHREI/CHESHVAN 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

Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

Thinking About [Our] Business

I just heard an NPR discussion about how the high price of diesel fuel (in excess of \$8 a gallon) is going to be creating higher prices for Christmas shopping. That broached in my mind two randomly unassociated thoughts.

One is the need for proactive thinking, regardless of what you do. I've always administered synagogue life with eyes down the road, like driving on the freeway, constantly looking three months ahead. But the retail world deals with much larger cycles, and much more extensive lead-time, as merchandisers planning on big sales in December are forced to absorb in September-October the higher shipping costs of commodities they had ordered in July from catalogues printed in March by wholesalers who evaluated in January what customers had created a demand for the previous November.

That's an archetype for each of us to consider, whatever we do, pursuing Success By Thinking Ahead.

The other consideration I thought about, is one of inter-dependence. The price of fuel effects growing the coffee in Sumatra; raising the sugar, here in Florida; producing milk in California; harvesting the trees in Oregon; pulping the wood for paper cups in Wisconsin; and transporting all those diverse components from all over the world to the local Starbucks. As such, there's a reason the cup of coffee that used to cost a dime at the diner counter is now five bucks.

Now put the question of fuel aside, to be mindful of how very many people, all over the country (or even the world) played a part in meeting our need. And we, ourselves, are the other side of that same coin, when you consider the number of folks to whom we have furnished a livelihood by the things we buy and the services we employ and the food we eat. It is all a vast social contract— civilization, at its most elemental level— in which each of us is, and all of us are, a part of a great mobile enterprise of mutual support.

Back in the early 1980s, when it was fashionable for socially aware people to wax inflammatory about “exploitation” of poor workers in developing countries, American Jewish World Services founder and director Dr. Lawrence Simon pointed out the detail the critics were missing: “those are their coffee beans and cacao pods and ground-nuts.” Raising those commodities brings agency and wealth to people in the equatorial world, creating a reciprocal relationship that enriches both their lives and our own. “I do my part,” Larry Simon concluded, “by taking my coffee with two sugars.”

Rosh haShanah marked **הרת עולם**, the kick-off of a process that is now well underway. May we all, looking ahead into the New Year just begun, keep our eyes always on the far horizons towards which we proceed in eager anticipation, in a journey of interdependence made all the richer for having shared it together.



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 October, 2026 – Tishrei/Cheshvan, 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.

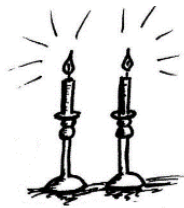
October 02 - first Friday of the new month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” with blessings for everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of October, and featuring [Full Festival Liturgy](#), “[Yizkor](#)” [Memorial Prayer](#), and [Torah celebration](#) for this final Shabbat concluding the 52-day New Year season.

October 09 - Shabbat worship, featuring [announcement of and blessing for the coming New Moon and new month](#) of Cheshvan.

October 16 - Shabbat worship.

October 23 - Shabbat worship.

October 30 - 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

October 02 - 6:54

October 16 - 6:40

October 30 - 6:28

October 09 - 6:47

October 23 - 6:34

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.

October 03 - *Chol haMo’eid Sukkot*

Exodus 33:12-34:26

Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

October 10 - *b’Reisheet*

Genesis 1:1-6:8

Isaiah 42:5-43:10

October 17 - *No’ach*

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Isaiah 54:1-55:5

October 24 - *Leich L’cha*

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16

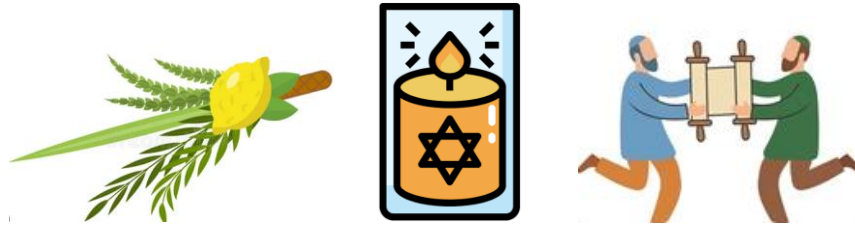
October 31 - *vaYeira*

Genesis 18:1-22:24

II Kings 4:1-37



Sweet and Poignant and Celebratory, All At Once



Our first-Friday “Celebration Shabbat” on October 02 will be a celebration, indeed, as we roll together

- the sweetness of the last day of the harvest Feast of Booths,
- the poignancy of “Yizkor,”
- and a joyous *Simchat Torah* celebration

as a richly diverse multi-faceted conclusion of the fifty-two day Jewish New Year season, and as we embark together in earnest into the New Year 5787 so recently begun.

Meet Our President: Keith D. Alter



My journey with the Board began during the height of Covid in 2021, when I first stepped in as a committee member for Membership and Marketing. I later joined the Board as a Director, focusing on our membership revamp and the creation of new marketing materials. Originally from the New England area, adapting to the "slower pace" down here took some time, but it has truly become home.

Professionally, my background is rooted in healthcare recruitment and sales. I have been running a healthcare agency since the early 1980s, specializing in nursing and allied health placement. In a "past life," I was also deeply involved in the theater, performing on stage for over eight years—an passion I hope to return to one day in my future retirement!

After many years away from regular synagogue life, returning has been an incredibly rewarding experience. The warmth of our congregational family made my wife, Toniann, and me feel instantly welcome—not to mention it quickly led to me being recruited to help out in several different areas! I eventually stepped into the role of First Vice President, working closely with the board to revamp our finances, drive our marketing efforts, and deepen our integration with the local community.

My first six months as your President have been an absolute whirlwind and a deeply fulfilling experience. I am incredibly proud to serve in this position and to collaborate with such a dedicated, wonderful group of people. With the High Holidays behind us—my first major milestone as President—I am excited for what lies ahead.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions, ideas, or if you simply need a helping hand.

NOTES FROM OUR CANTORIAL SOLOIST



This new year of 5787, we ended September and began October with the festival of Sukkot, our harvest celebration. While this harvest is referring to our crops, JCMI likewise has an amazing harvest. And that is the extraordinary, small-but-mighty group of actively involved congregants. We're barely past the first of our new year, and, yet things are really hopping at JCMI – particularly thanks to an amazingly few people who have been doing so much in preparation for this new year. Truly.

The sukkah and all its accoutrements were so beautifully done (including our children's participation – Sarah and Evan!) and will soon be coming down and put away. Thank you, Keith and Toniann Alter for coordinating (not to mention your hands on). Meanwhile, our string of food crews is buzzing in all different directions. From the Event Food and Drinks committee (headed by Lynn Wilk) to our Bubbie's Bakery team (headed by Beth Weinberg), to the Shabbat Oneg committee (headed by Barbara Holtz), to our Break-the-Fast committee (headed by Adele Oppenheim), to our Pre-Kol Nidre dinner (headed by Audrey Snyder). Amazingly delicious smells wafting throughout the temple! What's more, bingo's back (headed by Sue Baum) and in full swing! Both our concert series (headed by Charlie Blum) and movie series (headed by Toniann Alter) are well underway. We will get to walk in and be entertained to our hearts' delight.

Likewise, I can vouch for the fact that our board members are busy virtually every, single day with the JCMI family needs – and that would be:

Keith Alter (president), Morris Margolis (first vice president), Lynn Wilk (assistant treasurer), Mitch Braun (recording secretary), Stan Alliker (director), Charlie Blum (director), Sue Eisinger (director), Phyllis Rosenblum (director), Audry Snyder (director), and Beth Weinberg (director), plus Sara Wolf (legal liaison).

And that's not mentioning the committees that don't swing into action until later in the year – which we'll get to later in the year, of course.

Last, but very not least, I want to acknowledge a few people who directly bail me out regularly. That would be (in alphabetical order by first name): Frank Weinberg, Keith Alter, Melissa Kalloo, Mitch Braun, and Rabbi Mark Gross.

Thank you beyond words.

And to every member of JCMI, my kipah is off to you for your generous support. Just as we present our harvest at Sukkot, it is my honor and pleasure to present our JCMI harvest.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With fall and winter approaching, what does this mean to all of us in Southwest Florida?

I grew up in New England, so for me, fall meant crisp mornings, the beginning of the school year, and, having just returned from two months at camp, the loss of my independence!

Now, living in SW Florida, that feeling of summer still lingers, and we are holding our collective breaths watching for hurricanes.

However, one constant that remains is the serenity of the High Holidays and the year-end looking us in the face. Don't lose that good feeling you just got in the Synagogue, no more than a month or so ago.

Harvests have been taken in, and the children are now fully into their fall schedules of school and sports. For some up in the North, the changing colors of fall foliage season are one of the most beautiful sights of the year. However, depending on their perspective, what comes next may either send a shiver down one's spine (winter, cold, snow, and early darkness), or be greeted with excitement (winter sports, holidays, and the coming New Year).

So, *whatever* you do and *wherever* you are, enjoy what you have and who you have to share it with!

Please join us for our Annual Hanukkah celebration on December 6th at 5 pm at JCMI. We will be lighting our Menorah, accompanied by songs, games, and of course, potato pancakes!

On New Years Eve, we will be hosting a dinner at La Tavola, one of our local restaurants, followed by a concert by the cover band *Bee Gees and Back* at the synagogue. More details to come!

We would love for you to come and share this time with our family.

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.

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sukkot VI	2 Sukkot VII Shabbat/ Festival Simchat Torah, Yizkor Services 7:30PM	3 Sh'mini Atzeret Torah Study 9:30AM
4	5 BINGO 5:00PM	6 Chess Club 9:30AM- 12:30PM	7	8	9 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	10 Torah Study 9:30AM
11	12 BINGO 5:00PM	13 Chess Club 9:30AM- 12:30PM	14	15	16 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	17 Torah Study 9:30AM
18	19 BINGO 5:00PM	20 Chess Club 9:30AM- 12:30PM	21	22  Board Meeting 7:00PM	23 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	24 Torah Study 9:30AM
25	26 BINGO 5:00PM	27 Chess Club 9:30AM- 12:30PM	28	29	30 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	31 Torah Study 9:30AM

November Anniversaries

- 1 Eileen & Darel Jenkins
- 5 Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
- 15 Paul & Jackie Zwillenberg
- 21 Harvey & Sue Goldberg
- 28 Steven & Carole Roberts
- 30 Stacey & Betsy Berner



November Birthdays

- 5 Eugene Siegel
- 7 Sue Baum
- 11 Robert Jares
- 15 Dalia Zuckerman
- 17 Barbara Silver
- 18 Don Schwartz
- 19 Hari Jacobsen
- 28 Larry Bernat
- 29 Eileen Jenkins



October Weekly Yahrtseit List

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 Lipsitz*
Louis Parish
Harriet K. Peltin*
Donald R. Rogers*
Henriette Rosenak*
Sidney Schwartz
Irving Seinfeld
Lou Siegel
Harry Snyder*
Harry Soloway
Mark Sugerman*
Ahuva Tuchman
Bernice Werber Weisberg*
Ethel Werber*
Thomas Winter*
Myron Auer Wolf*

October 4 – October 10, 2026

23 Tishrei – 29 Tishrei

Carl Abeson
Harry Blumenthal
Martin Bragman*
Gary Donner
Rose Ettinger*
Ida Feldman*
Edward Forman
Olga Greenstein*
Abe Grosky
Keila Hurvitz*
Harriet Kabat
Harry Katz
Rose Kendall*
Jennie R. Koble*

October 4 – October 10, 2026 (continued)

23 Tishrei – 29 Tishrei

Israel Liverant
Edward Meer*
Abraham (Al) Noskin
Mollie Noskin
Susana Perez
Louis Perlman
Myrna Robinson
Norma Rosenman*
Gussy Steinhauer
Joseph Tarnoff
Herman Yorks
Marion Zwick

October 11 – October 17, 2026

30 Tishrei – 6 Cheshvan

Norman Adler
Edward Alfred Andelman*
Olive Feldman*
Samuel K. Grossman*
Patricia Hamburg*
Manfred Joel*
Jeffrey Katz
Anna E. Katz*
Marion Kupperman*
Boris Lubin*
Sylvia Novack*
H.S. "English" Posner*
Elaine Rabin
Dora Rosen*
Janet Rosenberg
Theresa Rosenthal*
Abe Rovner
Beverly Rudman
Susan Stein*
Lola Taylor*
Edwin Tessel*

October 18 – October 24, 2026

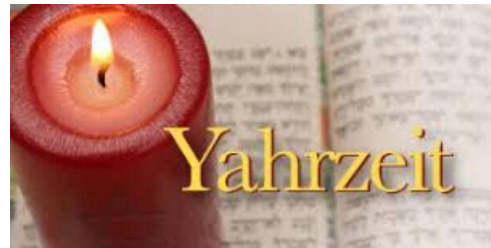
7 Cheshvan – 13 Cheshvan

Martin Baum
Michael Black
Robert Brotman*

October 18 – October 24, 2026 (continued)

7 Cheshvan – 13 Cheshvan

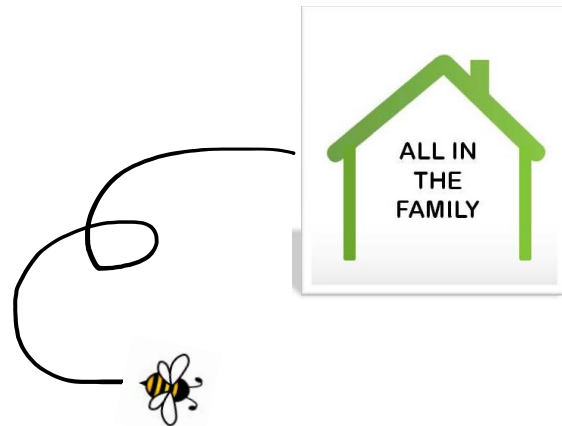
Louis Fox*
Bessie A. Goldstein*
Rabbi Howard R. Greenstein*
Dora Kamenetz*
Fritzie Pincus Kronish*
Robert Lipsitt
Sylvia Liverant
Lena Mendelsohn
Sandra Betten Missal*
Jean Pollack*
Lena Rothenberg
Ivan L. Slavich*
Bertha Turiel*
Emma Zanditon*



October 25 – October 31, 2026

14 Cheshvan – 20 Cheshvan

Dr. Harold W. Baum
Morris Bernikoff*
Eva Blumenthal
Joseph Bonfield
Paul Forman
Muriel "Mickey" Furman
Malla Godfrey
Pearl Ketchum Grossman*
Sylvia Kennedy*
Selma Lewenberg*
Richard Dick Polinsky
Steven Rose*
Ruth Rovner
David Silverstein*
Martin Spiegel
Marcia A. Stern*
Samuel Wallack*
Rose Weiner*
David Wertheim



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

To our JCMF Family,

Thank you for all the beautiful wishes for my Birthday!

Your Friend,
Roberta Schwartz

We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Esta Alliker from

Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson

Nora Joel from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson

Zabeeda Kalloo from

Richard & Suzie Eisinger
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson

Jane Kiester from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Nancy Margolis from

Paul & Lydia Krueger

Beth Povlow from

Alan & Susan Daroff
Denise Schwartzman

Bert Posner from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Steven Roberts from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Roberta Schwartz from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Bert Thompson from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Leo Wertheim from

Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield from

Richard & Suzie Eisinger

Frank & Beth Weinberg from

Richard & Suzie Eisinger

BUBBE'S BAKERY

from Sally Aaron
from Keith & Toniann Alter
from Sue Baum
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

BUILDING FUND

Sandra Hechler – IMO Dr. Stephen Hechler

CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arthur Doxer – IMO Joanne Rubin Doxer

Arthur Doxer – IMO Louis Doxer

Arthur Doxer – IMO Joseph Rubin

Sandra Hechler – IMO Joan Thompson

FILM FESTIVAL SPONSOR

from Bert Thompson

FLOWERS FUND

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares – IMO Morton
David Braun, Mitch's Father

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

Denise Schwartzman– IHO Cantor Hari
Jacobsen for another wonderful summer &
Rabbi Mark Gross to welcome him back

Bert Thompson – Rosh haShanah – Wishing
our JCMI Family a Healthy & Happy New
Year. L'Shanah Tovah

Bert Thompson – In Loving Memory of the
JCMI Members who passed away in 5786

GENERAL FUND

Lucille Gaita – Thank You

Robert Kennedy – IHO Samanatha Chaifetz

Eugenia & Robert Shaw – IHO President,
Keith D. Alter

Sara Straight Wolf – IMO Myron Auer Wolf

Leo Wertheim – IMO Joan Thompson

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD BANK DONATION

from Lucille Gaita

HIGH HOLY DAYS HONORS

from Irwin Roseff
from Bert Thompson

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

David & Lisa Fendell – IMO Carol Fendell

Joyce & Howard Elias – IHO High Holy Day
Services

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO

Bert Thompson – IMO Joan Thompson

from Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum

from Sandra Hechler

from George & Estie Karpman

from Leo Wertheim

UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

10/02/26 – Available

10/09/26 – Available

10/16/26 – Available

10/23/26 – Available

10/30/26 – Available





YAHRTSEIT DONOR

IN MEMORY OF

Judy Rosenak

Bud Rosenak

Judy Rosenak

Henriette Rosenak

Bert Thompson

Michael Black

Sara Straight Wolf

Stuart A. Wolf



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"

October 2026

1st - Sukkot VI	
2nd - Sukkot VII	
3rd - Sh'mini Atzeret	7:00 PM
5th - Bingo Season Starts	5:00 PM
29th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

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	

December 2026

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

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

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

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

Thursdays - Mah Jongg ~ Resumes in Oct.

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

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

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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

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MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

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FIRST GAME STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

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

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pickles, relish & sauerkraut,
chips and baked goodies

**HOTBALL
Up to \$250
END-OF-MONTH
PRIZE BINGO
TOTE**

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on Marco Island

2026 - 2027

The Music
The Memories
The Magic!

Great Music
Great People
A Brighter Community

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BEE GEES NOW

THE ULTIMATE BEE GEES TRIBUTE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

ALTER EAGLES

A TRIBUTE TO
THE EAGLES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

MAN IN THE MIRROR

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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Email: bwmbase@gmail.com

www.marcoislandfirerescuefoundation.com



Save the Dates!

JCMI Film Festival Series

Sunday, November 15 at 1:00

Sunday, January 10 at 1:00

Saturday, February 27 4:00
with Wine and Cheese

Sunday, March 7 at 1:00

Film titles and Descriptions to be announced at a later date.

Toniann Alter
JCMI Film Festival Chair
toniannalter@gmail.com
978-818-3780

PRODUCTION:
DIRECTOR:
TAKE

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



**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

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

991 Winterberry Drive

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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

Will be served!



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



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— invites you to attend —



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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



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.



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.



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.



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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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