

THE JCMI MESSENGER



JULY-AUGUST 2026

TAMMUZ/AV/ELUL, 5786

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services conducted by
Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen
Along with Members from the JCMI Congregation
Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM

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Attend in person
or via Live Streaming from the JCMI Website

Yalkut Mordechai: Notes from Rabbi Gross

A Vortel Out-of-Season

I am away from the JCMI community during the Summer months, and will return to the pulpit in September. In the interim, I offer a seasonal thought as a schtikeleh Toyre (“a little slice of Torah”) to see the Congregational family through my hiatus months.



The Jews who came home to Israel from Yemen after 1948 have a rich folklore, featuring many tales about the great Moses Maimonides, who in the 12th century provided encouragement to their community at the bottom of the Arabian community.

The Sultan of Egypt wanted to find the best doctor to be his personal physician, so he proposed that the two most likely candidates— Maimonides and a brilliant (but vicious) fellow named Kammun— try to poison each other, with the understanding that the survivor could have the job. Kammun was delighted, for he was an accomplished poisoner whose devious potions had never been detected. RaMBaM, though, was deeply grieved, because now he would have to either commit murder or be killed himself.

Maimonides easily recognized— and rendered harmless— one horrible poison after another that Kammun contrived to introduce into his food. Every day, the members of the court were astonished to see RaMBaM show up, hale and hearty and ready for the day’s work.

For his own part, Maimonides made no effort whatsoever to harm Kammun’s body; instead, he began to play games with his mind. As he passed his competitor in the corridor, he would remark: “Today you will get the poison to drink, Kammun.” Or “You will be eating it at midday, Kammun.” When intrigued courtiers eagerly asked Kammun at mealtimes “what did he give you, and what antidotes did you take?” the physician was ashamed to admit that he could determine nothing, and instead lied: “He gave me such-and-such, and I countered it with so-and-so.”

Fearing that Maimonides was somehow administering him some noxious slow-working poison, it got to the point that Kammun refrained from taking any nourishment at all, except for milk from a cow that was milked in his presence. As a result, he was visibly wasting away, getting paler and weaker while RaMBaM went about his daily business. Finally, one day, Kammun was just raising a cup of milk to his lips when Maimonides walked by and remarked: “Oh— there it is; you’re drinking it right now!” With a shriek, Kammun collapsed and fell down dead of his own evil contrivance.

When he learned that the completely innocent RaMBaM had allowed Kammun to suffer from his own guilty imagination, the Sultan declared: “O Rabbi Mussa, you are indeed a masterful physician, who understands not only the human body, but also the human soul.”

Even “off-season,” the Rabbi is at your disposal any time by voice or text to 954-798-6037 or e-mail RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com.

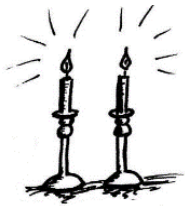
JCMi Schedule of Services July & August, 2026 – Tammuz/Av/Elul, 5786



שבת קבלת שבת *Qabbalat Shabbat* Worship - Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Friday night worship convenes live in our beautiful Synagogue, conducted during Rabbi Gross's Summer off-season by our beloved Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen together with members of our Congregation. Services are simultaneously live-streamed by convenient one-click access from [this link](#) at our Congregational website (which also features a self-contained Friday night prayerbook, to download and print out to follow along at home).

- Friday, July 03 - “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” honoring those with birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of July.
- Friday, July 10 - Featuring [a blessing for the New Moon](#) (and new month) of Av.
- Friday, July 17 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, July 24 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, July 31 - “[Last-Friday-of-the-Month Torah Shabbat](#).”
- Friday, August 07 - “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” honoring birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of August, and featuring [a blessing for the New Moon](#), and new month, of Elul.
- Friday, August 14 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, August 21 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, August 28 - Shabbat evening worship.



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

July <u>03</u> - 8:04	July <u>24</u> - 7:59	August <u>14</u> - 7:45
July <u>10</u> - 8:04	July <u>31</u> - 7:56	August <u>21</u> - 7:39
July <u>17</u> - 8:02	August <u>07</u> - 7:51	August <u>28</u> - 7:32

Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study -

Parashah study with Rabbi Gross is suspended until September, but do make occasion to stay on top of your own exploration of the timeless lessons of the weekly Torah portion.

<u>July 04</u> - Pin'chas	Numbers 25:10-30:1	I Kings 18:46-19:21
<u>July 11</u> - Mattot/Mas'ei	Numbers 30:2-36:13	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
<u>July 18</u> - D'varim-Chazon	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27
<u>July 25</u> - vaEtchanen-Nachamu	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26
<u>August 01</u> - Egev	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51:3
<u>August 08</u> - Re'eh	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17	Isaiah 54:11-55:5
<u>August 15</u> - Shof'tim	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 51:12-52:12
<u>August 22</u> - Ki Teitzei	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 54:1-10
<u>August 29</u> - Ki Tavo	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	Isaiah 60:1-22

Special Worship Guests July 31

Rabbi Gross returns to the pulpit, “off-season,” for one night on July 31, welcoming *New York Times* Jerusalem Bureau Chief David Halbfinger and ABC News Director Kimberly Brown as their household joins our JCMI family to celebrate our “Last-Friday-of-the-month Torah Shabbat.

We congratulate the family’s youngest member, Jack, who recently turned thirteen (no; that’s not a recent photo! ►) and is making the international rounds to mark his entry into Jewish adulthood with friends and family in Israel; in New Jersey; and in the presence of his grandparents, Mike and Cindy Brown, here on Marco Island.



A Season of the Spirit

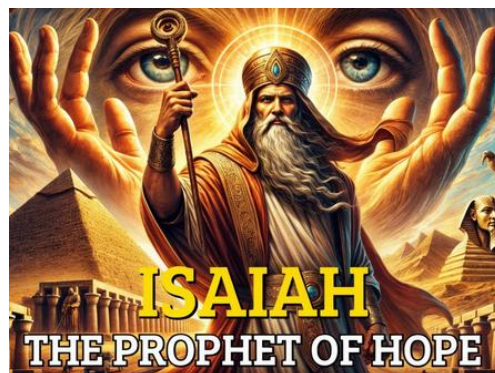


The Summer ספירה *s'firah* is the three-week count-down bridging the 17th of Tammuz [July 02, this year], the day on which the besieging Babylonian empire broke through the walls of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, and the 09th of Av [on July 23], on which they began systematically to dismantle the House of God. These associated traumas may have been long ago, but we Jews are so keenly attuned to the history of our fabulously ancient people that our seasonal remembrance of them constitutes a time-traveling re-experience of the pain. As such, traditionally the entirety of the Summer ספירה *s'firah* is a time of restraint and of low-level mourning.

A more uplifting linear count-down begins, later on this Summer, as August 14 inaugurates the introspective month of Elul leading up to Rosh haShanah and the Ten Days of Repentance. Let us make use of this seasonal opportunity to turn inwards to our own best selves; outwards to those we may have wronged during the past year; and upwards to God, Who inspires us always to do better. Make the most of the season... and we'll “See You in September,” to welcome the New Year 5787 together.

Special Study Session with the Rabbi, August 01

Rabbi Gross will be offering a special Saturday morning “Off-Ramp Torah” study session on August 01. Under the microscope will be a fascinating suite of poetry from the prophet Isaiah, which is anthologized in our Tradition as the *Haftarah* selections for the seven weeks of healing and growth and affirmation that bridge the mid-Summer fast-day of Tish'ah b'Av to the triumphantly sweet apples-and-honey feast of Rosh haShanah.



Yes— “The Holidays” ARE Early This Year!

The vagaries of our Jewish lunisolar calendar are such that the upcoming leap-year of 5787 starts very early in our civil year, with *S’lichot* falling on Labor Day weekend and Rosh haShanah on the following Friday night.

With the High Holy Days coming up so soon, don’t delay in renewing your synagogue membership and making your arrangements to welcome the New Year with your JCMI family!

<i>S’lichot</i> late-night dessert program and service	Sat, Sept 05	8:30 p.m.
Rosh haShanah Eve worship	Fri, Sept 11	7:30 p.m.
Rosh haShanah worship and <i>Shofar</i> Service	Sat, Sept 12	10:00 a.m.
<i>Tashlich</i> Meditative experience	Sun, Sept 13	11:00 a.m.
New Year Cemetery Visit	Sun, Sept 20	11:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Eve “ <i>Kol Nidrei</i> ”	“ “ “	7:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning worship and “ <i>Yizkor</i> ”	Mon, Sept 21	10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur <i>Minchah</i> and <i>Ne’ilah</i>	“ “ “	3:30 p.m.

"Distance-*Davvening* for 5787"

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

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



To our JCMI Family,

Thank you for all the beautiful wishes for my 90th Birthday!

Your Friend,
Sally Aaron

♪ NOTES FROM OUR
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♪



Back in *Exodus*, Moses' father-in-law and mentor, Jethro, urges his son-in-law to select others to serve as judges; Moses could not possibly handle the entire Israelite community's judging. And later in *Deuteronomy*, Moses must appoint tribal leaders to handle much of the decision making (beyond that decreed by God).

Basically, the Israelites needed oodles of crowd control; bickering solvers – for bickering was most apparently vogue in Moses' time.

And here we, well over 3300 years later, with the same issues. Some things are always in fashion.

However, great fashion designers can have far-reaching and lasting impact. Perhaps Keith Alter, our new JCMI president, along with his board chair persons, will pale Coco Chanel and Ralph Lauren (a nice Jewish boy, born Ralph Lifschitz). They have certainly hit the ground running.

And, speaking of hitting the ground running, our awesome bimah crew have been outstanding. Most of the services have been with Mitch Braun at the rabbi's lectern – with relief from Frank Weinberg and Charlie Blum. And parashiot (as of June 5th) have been beautifully delivered by Jonathan Greenfield, Charlie Blum, Heather Greenfield, Mitch Braun, and Denise Schwartzman. Finishing out the season will be Keith Alter, Toniann Alter, Linda Reitzes, Stan Alliker, Rony Joel, Jane Bergman, Sandra Hechler, Charlie Blum (again!!!), Morris Margolis, Lynn Wilk, and back on board, Jonathan Greenfield(!!!). And they chose – they volunteered – to do it. They didn't have to be appointed or designated. They just rose to the occasion(s). Awesome, folks.

May your words – and your actions, for that matter – continue to touch us all at JCMI.

Ken y'hi ratson.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Although not a popular topic, antisemitic attacks are always in the headlines, I think it is worth continually bringing up and keeping it in the forefront.

We live in an area of the world, here is Southwest Florida, protected mostly from the outside events. Except for the increased food and gas prices, we are insulated, we think.

And that is what can be dangerous! We need to be vigilant, keep our eyes and ears open at all times. I am sure the people of Squirrel Hill, Jackson Mississippi and Austin Texas felt that way also. Violence could never happen there!

We do live in a great part of the world, with no snow, smog or downtown traffic. We are blessed and should be grateful for what we have and where we live. But we cannot ignore the threats, bombings and killings that are going on, not just around world, but right here in our own country.

This is not a political issue; it doesn't matter what side of the aisle you sit on. We need to all reach across, work and be together. Just last night one of our members presented her Parshah. It brought tears to my eyes as she read with passion about a very simple and old truth. The thought of peace and love throughout the world, wouldn't that be nice?

Having our Synagogues defaced, burned and bombed and lives ended, only brings back horrible historical memories. I find as we put on events, religion or for the community, having security is now automatic, and is now becoming the norm rather than the exception.

The world has changed and so we need to also, we are not going anywhere. Civilizations have come and gone and we are still here. As our Rabbi always says, when was the last time you met a Roman....

I love being Jewish and having an unshakable faith in what we believe in. Our Synagogue is our home for all of our families to come together, worship, celebrate and eat!

Keith D. Alter, President

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome Eileen Jenkins!



Eileen Elizabeth Jenkins.- Artist, Educator, Architecture and Construction.

Born in New York City and attended NYC public Schools. Currently hold a BS and MS in Education and M-BACH and M_MARC in Architecture. I enjoy reading, art, cycling and quiet meditation time.

Meet your Board Member



Suzie Eisinger was installed as a new board member in March and is so honored to be part of the JCMI team. Suzie is a retired nonprofit director and freelance writer who recently published her first novel, *Homecoming*, last November. She and her husband Rich moved to Marco Island from Vermont in January, 2025. They have three adult kids who live in NC, VT, and Seattle, WA. In addition to serving as board liaison for the temple's Caring Committee, a project close to her heart, Suzie is also a regular volunteer at Monday night Bingo.

Friday evening services can still be accessed using the Live Stream link found on our JCMI website – instructions are available upon request but are also found in the Wednesday email.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	4
5	6	7 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	8	9 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM-3:30PM	10 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	11
12	13	14 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	15	16 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM-3:30PM	17 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	18
19	20	21 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	22	23 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM-3:30PM  Board Meeting 7:00PM	24 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	25
26	27	28 Chess Club 9:30AM-12:30PM	29	30 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM-3:30PM	31 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	5	6 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM- 3:30PM	7 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	8
9	10	11 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	12	13 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM- 3:30PM	14 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	15
16	17	18 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	19	20 Mackle Park Mah Jongg 12:30PM- 3:30PM	21 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	22
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30	31					

August Anniversaries

- 3 Stan & Esta Alliker
- 6 Keith & Toniann Alter
- 7 Bert & Joan Thompson
- 8 Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
- 11 Mark & Susan Schuman
- 14 Eugene & Dolores Siegel
- 14 Charles & Maxine Shapiro
- 21 George & Estie Karpman
- 22 Frank & Beth Weinberg
- 26 Ray & Jane Bergman



August Birthdays

- 1 Lauren Wintry
- 5 Mary Pinto
- 8 Toniann Alter
- 9 Sandra Hechler
- 11 Alan Daroff
- 19 Natalie Klein
- 19 Linda Reitzes
- 22 Stan Alliker
- 23 John Reiches
- 24 Margaret Gallivan
- 25 Donald Finfer
- 30 Irwin Roseff



September Anniversaries

14 Morris & Nancy Margolis



September Birthdays

7 Al Benarroch
7 Bernie Seidman
7 Morris Margolis
10 Elizabeth Merle Simon
12 Cynthia Patterson
15 Jane Kiester
16 Beth Povlow
18 Roberta Schwartz
19 Bert Posner
23 Adele Oppenheim
26 Steven Roberts
27 Audrey Robinson
27 Jackie Zwillenberg



July Weekly Yahrtseit List

June 28 – July 4, 2026

13 Tammuz – 19 Tammuz

Arthur J. Barkhouse, Jr.
Benjamin Fast
Bertha Friedman
Phyllis A. Friedman*
Dora Goldman
Richard Kalin
Libby Leff*
Gerald Lerner
Lillian Chavkin Sutker*
Wanda Thompson
Mollie Turiel*
George Wise
Anthony Zeiger

July 5 – July 11, 2026

20 Tammuz – 26 Tammuz

Morris Black*
Helen Cohen*
Jeanette Cohen
Erna Hiller Goldschmidt*
Gertrude Goldstein*
Bess Green*
Paula Kantor*
K. Marie Karpman*
Pauline Katz
Rosslyn (Roz) Kleeman
Samuel Kupperman*
W. A. Ottinger
Sandra Sachs
Norman Sandberg
Rose Seidman
Michael Swinford
Frances Kupperman*
Norman Weiner

July 12 – July 18, 2026

27 Tammuz – 4 Av

Selina Bernstein
Edith L. Binder*
Isadore Cohen*
Ronald Doiron, Jr.
Wally Fischer*

July 12 – July 18, 2026 (continued)

27 Tammuz – 4 Av

Sylvia Horowitz*
Etta Jermanok*
Harold Kendall*
Rose Klein
Richard Rosenfield*
Eva Rose Spitz Rothman*
Abraham B. Saeks
Pansy Saltzman*
Belle Shapiro
Harry Silver*
Louise S. Yorra*
Marc Yussman

July 19 – July 25, 2026

5 Av – 11 Av

Linda Bernat
Sara Galker*
Rose Kantor*
Alexander Kantor*
Jeanne E. Lipsitt
George Marco
Rose Myers
Samuel Oppenheim
David Portney
Dr. Willard W. Rosenberg*
Edith Shapiro
Herbert G. Sheinberg*
Beatrice Wischnia
Leah Zelman

July 26 – August 1, 2026

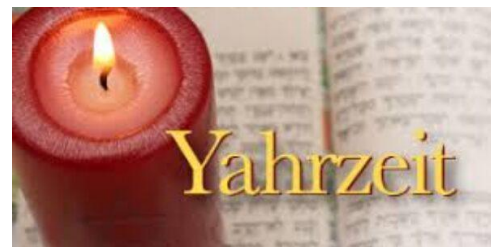
12 Av – 18 Av

Carl (Chuck) Baker
Hilda Bashevkin Betten*
Louis Doxer*
Allen Hyman
Lawrence Ketover*
Arnold Koslow*
Cyril Levens*
William Lipsitt
Lillian Maidanik*
Hyman Posner*

July 26 – August 1, 2026 (continued)

12 Av – 18 Av

Philip Rosen*
Norman Rosenblum
Joseph G. Rubin*
Lee Cutter Sirkus
Robert A. Tucker*
Anna Wischnia



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August Weekly Yahrtseit List

July 26 – August 1, 2026

12 Av – 18 Av

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Hilda Bashevkin Betten*
Louis Doxer*
Allen Hyman
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Cyril Levens*
William Lipsitt
Lillian Maidanik*
Hyman Posner*
Philip Rosen*
Norman Rosenblum
Joseph G. Rubin*
Lee Cutter Sirkus
Robert A. Tucker*
Anna Wischnia

August 2 – August 8, 2026

19 Av – 25 Av

Hildy Alvarado*
Wendy Hope Bunten*
Rachel Cohen*
Jean David
Joanne Rubin Doxer*
Ella Fields
Harold Gross*
Mamie Harris*
Marvin Klein
William Leff*
Molly Sandberg
Morris Schwartz
Dr. Robert Schwartzman*
Howard L. Silver*
Elaine Stein*
Jane Gross Turk
Gene Vallery*
Charles S. Zanditon*

August 9 – August 15, 2026

26 Av – 2 Elul

Max Baron

August 9 – August 15, 2026 (continued)

26 Av – 2 Elul

Barry Blum*
John Bodnar*
Jennifer Cohen
Theresa Cohen*
Sadie Fast
Celia Katz
Mildred Malkin
Leona Oppenheim
Jo Steven Rosenberg*
Arnold Charles Saltzman*
Ethel Yarov Schwartz
Zevulun Tuchman
Minna Wallack*
Hymen Weiss*
Michael Wilk
David Wise
Frances Zaken*

August 16 – August 22, 2026

3 Elul – 9 Elul

Mollie Alliker
Jerome Cantor*
Samuel Donner
Simon Judah Eilenberg*
Joseph Goodman
Ely Hurvitt*
Samuel Katz*
Herb Kern*
Ernest Koppel
Louis Lang*
Pat Mariam
Louis Maze
Miriam Miller*
Yetta Parish
Dr. Morris Paschen
Harry Pullman*
Ida Rosenberg
Rhoda Ross*
Fannie Rothchild*
Paul Stein*
Shirley Samuels Ston
Dorothy Werber*
Ralph Edward Wolf*

August 23 – August 29, 2026 (continued)

10 Elul – 16 Elul

Willard Aaron*
Beatrice Bulmash*
Joanne Cahn*
Abraham Cohen MD*
Blanche G. Goldrich*
Jerome B. Gross
Corinne I. Gross*
Julius Horowitz*
Ruth Krause
George Miller
Ann Victoria Rosenberg*
Eileen Simon
Isidor Wall*
Shereen Willens*

August 30 – September 5, 2026

17 Elul – 23 Elul

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

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We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

Aren Alter from
Audrey Snyder

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aren Alter from
Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Keith Alter from
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Yvette Benarroch from
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Bert & Joan Thompson

Joanne Blau from
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Heather Greenfield from
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Carol Gross from
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Hanita Kern from
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Norman Oppenheim from
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Isabel Price from
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Bert & Joan Thompson

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Florence Vallery from
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Sara Wolf from
Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
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Frank & Beth Weinberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Donald & Linda Barger from
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

Charlie Blum & Karen Tessel-Blum from
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Stephen Goldenberg & Mike Dias from

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Bert & Joan Thompson

Richard & Suzie Eisinger from
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Rabbi Mark & Carol Gross from
Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Marty & Barbara Holtz
Paul & Lydia Krueger
Denise Schwartzman
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Bert & Joan Thompson
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Bert & Shirley Posner
Denise Schwartzman
Bernie & Lulu Seidman
Audrey Snyder
Bert & Joan Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Rony & Nora Joel from
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Marty & Barbara Holtz
Denise Schwartzman
Bernie & Lulu Seidman

Paul & Lydia Krueger from
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Denise Schwartzman
Audrey Snyder
Bert & Joan Thompson
Frank & Beth Weinberg

Marvin & Lynn Nathanson from
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Audrey Snyder

Norman & Adele Oppenheim from
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ABOVE & BEYOND

from Stan Alliker
from Aren Alter
from Keith & Toniann Alter
from Sue Baum
from Mervyn & Rosalind Benjet
from Stacey & Betsy Berner
from Joanne Blau
from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Arthur Doxer
from Stephen Goldenberg
from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
from Sandra Hechler
from Marty & Barbara Holtz
from Cantor Hari Jacobsen
from Rony & Nora Joel
from Hanita Kern
from Allan & Sue Kluger
from Paul & Lydia Krueger
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
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Maxine & Harvey Brenner – IHO the graduation of your grandchildren, Chloe & Sienna from High Schill & the birth of your great grandson
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ONEG FUND

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield – IHO Birthdays & the Rabbi's Spiritual Leadership
Phyllis Rosenblum – IMO Ben Rosenblum
Rony & Nora Joel – IHO Grandchildren Max & Lily that are visiting us

THANK YOU

Sally Aaron – Thank you for her 95th Birthday Wishes

WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO

Joyce Cooper & Family – IMO Gene from Audrey Snyder
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UPCOMING ONEGS

Call the office to be a sponsor!

07/03/26 – Available
07/10/26 – *Rony & Nora Joel – IHO Grandchildren Max & Lily that are visiting us*
07/17/26 – Available
07/24/26 – Available
07/31/26 – Available

08/07/26 – Available

08/14/26 – Available

08/21/26 – Available

08/28/26 – Available



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Sally Aaron

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IN MEMORY OF

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Christopher Bell – brother of Jane
Kiester who died in Vietnam at
age 21

Ross Seidman



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!
"5786"

July 2026

4th - Fourth of July BBQ 4:00 PM
23rd - Board Meeting 7:00 PM

August 2026

27th- Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:
Mondays - Bingo Resumes in Oct.
Tuesdays - Chess Club at 9:30AM to 12PM
Thursdays - Mah Jongg ~ Resumes in Oct.

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM
Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Sept.5 through April



JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND

991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 ~ 239.642.0800

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

May 4, 2026

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I wanted to reach out on behalf of JCMI's Board and all its members. Our dues structure, including the Above and Beyond Campaign, make up a very small portion of the annual operating costs of JCMI. This past season, we have successfully established and renewed events and fundraisers that are necessary to support and maintain JCMI's remaining annual cash flow and reduce the need to draw from our savings.

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

These large requirements need more avenues for support. Legacy gifting is a great way to support your Synagogue.

Whether you are an active volunteer at the synagogue or a continued benefactor, WE NEED YOUR HELP! What better way to secure your legacy and memory of our beloved Jewish community and home? Our home is not just a place for religious worship but a gathering place for all of us.

As we begin our 44th year as an organized house of Jewish worship, I ask that you consider a Legacy Giving plan to JCMI to ensure JCMI continues to be the center of Jewish life and worship on Marco Island for our current and future families to enjoy. Naming JCMI as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or annuity, as well as many other mechanisms can secure your legacy in support of JCMI. Having this conversation with your financial adviser would be the best way to implement your desires to fund JCMI. Legacy Giving is a great way to support your Synagogue; what great way to secure your legacy and memory for our beloved Jewish community and home!

Please reach out to me at kdalter13@gmail.com or 617.293.6515, should you have any questions or are interested in establishing a Legacy Giving donation.

Thank you for considering giving this gift.

Sincerely,

Keith D. Alter, President, JCMI

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April 17, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of JCMi:

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

Response To-date



Goal



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

We look forward to your support.

With gratitude.

Sue R. Baum
Chair

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

Join JCMI Synagogue

991 Winterberry Dr.

July 4 4:00

4th of
JULY
Barbeque

BBQ chicken Hot Dog Hamburger/
Cheeseburger

RSVP by June 24th
to reserve your spot
with your food selection

(239) 642-0800

BYOB: Alcoholic beverages

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Sue Baum, Keith & Toniann Alter, Stan & Esta Alliker,
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2026-2027

Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 19th Season

Held the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM
Located at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
991 Winterberry Drive in our Meer Room

November 17, 2026

Washington Square

Henry James

March 16, 2027

Good People

Patmeena Sabit

December 15, 2026

Once There Was a Town

Jane Ziegelman

April 20, 2027

The Correspondent

Virginia Evans

January 19, 2027

Madame Bovary

Gustave Flaubert

Suggested Summer Reading:

First Lie Wins

Ashley Elston

The Wedding People

Alison Espach

Culpability

Bruce Holsinger

The Women

Kristin Hannah

February 16, 2027

Code Name Hélène

Ariel Lawhon

Temple membership is not necessary ~ everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Call Sandra 631-942-9158 or the JCMI Office at 239-642-0800

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 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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Call (239) 624-8540, or learn more at
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Dr. Paul Krueger

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