

# THE JCMI MESSENGER



*MAY-JUNE 2026*

*IYYAR/SIVAN/TAMMUZ, 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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Please go to the JCMI website:  
[www.MarcoJCMI.com](http://www.MarcoJCMI.com)  
for Live Streaming Services Information  
*Attend in person*  
*or via Live Streaming from the JCMI Website*

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*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.*

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The 10<sup>th</sup> century Iraqi Talmudist Nissim ibn-Shahin frequently used folk tales and fables in his sermons, including this classic first published in 1557:

Once in Baghdad, two neighbors lived in voluntary poverty in the lowest quarter of the town. One was a miserly merchant, who denied himself any pleasure (and who withheld charitable support from those in genuine need) in order to greedily amass all his profits as hidden wealth. The other was a simple Jew, who made do with the bare minimum in order to give generously to others more needy than he, and also so that he could amass the means each week to make a glorious feast in honor of the Shabbat—a habit that had earned him the nickname “Joseph, the Sabbath-honoror.”

Now the magicians and astrologers, who could discern the merchant’s secret wealth, warned him: “Know that this Jewish neighbor of yours is going to acquire and consume all your treasure.” Desperate to prevent this calamity, the merchant secretly converted all his vast fortune into a single very fine gemstone, which he hid in the wrappings of his turban so as to keep it safely by him always.

But one day, as the merchant was walking over a bridge across the Tigris, a blustery winter wind blew his turban off his head and into the River’s depths, where God provided a monstrous carp to swallow the gem it contained.

Not long thereafter, one of the local fishermen caught a carp so large and so fat that none could afford the purchase of it. Finally another fisherman suggested: “Take it to Joseph the Sabbath-honoror, who surely will give you a good price in order to honor the holy Sabbath with such a fine fish.” So the fisher took it to Joseph, who willingly paid the asking price and hastened home to prepare his Shabbat feast.

But upon opening the fish to dress and prepare it, Joseph discovered within it a glistening precious gem, which he sold for a vast sum. Thereby he was delivered from his constant need... and therefrom he constantly gave bountiful *tz’dakah* as an ongoing prayer of thanks to Providence, so that during his lifetime the poor of Baghdad lacked for nothing.

Whether with fish or fowl or good red meat, may your Shabbat be always bountiful, and may your hand in *tz’dakah* be always both filled with bounty and open in generosity.

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](mailto:RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com).

# JCMI Schedule of Services

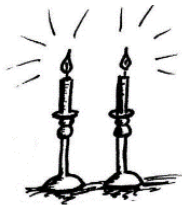
## May & June, 2026 – Iyyar/Sivvan/Tammuz, 5786



### 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, May 01 - “Celebration Shabbat,” honoring those with birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of May.
- Friday, May 08 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, May 15 - Shabbat evening worship, featuring a [blessing for the New Moon](#) (and new month) of Sivvan.
- Friday, May 22 - Featuring a [Memorial Day tribute](#); [Festival liturgy](#) for this Feast of the Giving of the Torah; and [recitation of the “Yizkor” memorial prayer](#).
- Friday, May 29 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, June 05 - “Celebration Shabbat,” honoring birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of June.
- Friday, June 12 - Featuring a [blessing for the New Moon](#) (and new month) of Tammuz.
- Friday, June 19 - Shabbat evening worship.
- Friday, June 26 - Shabbat evening worship.



### Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

May <u>01</u> -	7:40	May <u>22</u> -	7:51	June <u>12</u> -	8:00
May <u>08</u> -	7:43	May <u>29</u> -	7:54	June <u>19</u> -	8:03
May <u>15</u> -	7:47	June <u>05</u> -	7:58	June <u>26</u> -	8:04

### 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>May 02</u> -	<a href="#">Emor</a>	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31
<u>May 09</u> -	<a href="#">b'Har/b'Chuqotai</a>	Leviticus 25:1-27:34	Jeremiah 32:6-27
<u>May 16</u> -	<a href="#">b'Midbar</a>	Numbers 1:1-4:20	Hosea 2:1-22
<u>May 23</u> -	<a href="#">Shavuot II</a>	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17	Habakuk 3:1-19
<u>May 30</u> -	<a href="#">Nasso</a>	Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25
<u>June 06</u> -	<a href="#">b'Ha'alotcha</a>	Numbers 8:1-12:16	Zechariah 2:14-4:7
<u>June 13</u> -	<a href="#">Sh'lach L'cha</a>	Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-24
<u>June 20</u> -	<a href="#">Qorach</a>	Numbers 16:1-18:32	I Samuel 11:14-12:22



## “Yizkor” Prayer on May 22

Our Friday night Shabbat worship on May 22 coincides with Shavuot, “The Feast of Weeks,” marking the fiftieth day since Passover and commemorating the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

In honor of the occasion, our Shabbat worship will feature not just Festival liturgy, but also the final recitation this year of the “Yizkor” Memorial Prayer honoring generations past who have made the holy days— from Shabbat to Shavuot— part of our spiritual legacy.

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★ *Remember and Honor* ★

♪ NOTES FROM OUR  
CANTORIAL SOLOIST ♪



In May, once again we finish reading the book of *Leviticus* and begin reading the book of *Numbers*. Yay counting! Woo-hoo.

Now, if we could only find the photographs from those amazing days, we wouldn't need to read all the descriptions of how many people there were, how many candles there were in the menorahs, how many stones were ..., how many ... However, we don't. So, let's here a cheer for all the details in the book of *Numbers*. Hip, hip hooray! Hip, hip hooray! Hip, hip Hooray!

We really, really need those details. Without them we would be less than clueless as to what may have been the circumstances.

*Numbers* doesn't contain the story of creation or our forefathers. It doesn't contain the *Sh'ma*. It doesn't contain the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. But then the books of *Genesis*, *Exodus*, *Leviticus*, and *Deuteronomy* don't give us the details that we find in the book of *Numbers*. It is, in fact, a very valuable read. What's more, when our congregants present these parashiyot this summer, it will bring them to life in ways we never considered before.

Come watch for yourself. What's more, come share a facet of one of them yourself. I've yet to have one congregant tell me that he, she or they didn't find it a valuable experience (not to mention return to present another one the following year).

Phone me. Send me a text. We'll find you a Torah portion that'll be a wonderful experience, both for you and for the congregation.

Try it; you'll really like it.

Happy spring and summer.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The first thirty days in office

Thirty days go by fast, and as we are now in the middle of spring and coming into summer, it will go even faster! I want to wish all the snowbirds a safe and wonderful summer!

We celebrated a beautiful evening at our Seider celebration with many of our friends and family. The service was refreshing and musical, the food scrumptious, and the warmth of friendship made the evening all the more special.

Our final concert and film were a great success, and we are already looking forward to next season.

Bingo is winding down and all the changes we made for this year have been successful. If you haven't visited us yet, maybe when Bingo starts us in the fall!

We want to wish the Rabbi and Carol a great summer. We will miss them and look forward to seeing them in the fall.

The new Board of Directors had their first meeting and responsibilities and events were delegated to everyone. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

As summer approaches, you may think it gets quieter around here- think again! We have our Princess Cruise coming up on May 16th and our Fourth of July BBQ.

The Board and I are working on several projects and as they start to come together, additional news will be sent out.

Throughout summer, Cantor will be leading services with the help of some of our congregants. Please join us on Friday nights for a wonderful summer session of services that I am sure she has in store for us.

Keith Alter, President

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

# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>Shabbat Services</b> 7:30PM	2
3	4  <b>BINGO</b> 5:00PM	5  <b>Chess Club-</b> 9:30AM- 12:30PM	6	7	8  <b>Shabbat Services</b> 7:30PM	9
10	11  <b>BINGO</b> 5:00PM	12  <b>Chess Club-</b> 9:30AM- 12:30PM	13	14	15  <b>Shabbat Services</b> 7:30PM	16  <b>Princess Cruise</b> Boarding Time 5:30PM
17	18  <b>BINGO</b> 5:00PM	19  <b>Chess Club-</b> 9:30AM- 12:30PM	20	21	22  <i>Office Closed</i> <b>Shavuot</b>  <b>Shabbat Worship</b> 7:30PM	23
24	25  <i>Office Closed</i> 	26  <b>Chess Club-</b> 9:30AM- 12:30PM	27	28   <b>Board Meeting</b> 7:00PM	29	30
31						

# JUNE

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

## June Anniversaries

- 1 Rony & Nora Joel
- 2 Rabbi Mark & Carol Gross
- 14 Larry & Judy Sacher
- 16 Paul & Lydia Krueger
- 18 Donald & Belle Finfer
- 23 Norman & Adele Oppenheim
- 24 Marty & Barbara Holtz



## June Birthdays

- 5 Yvette Benarroch
- 5 Elinore Weinhaus
- 17 Sara Straight Wolf
- 18 Aren Alter
- 23 Dolores Siegel
- 27 Carol Gross



## July Anniversaries

- 2 Dan & Robin Singer
- 13 Steve Goldenberg & Mike Dias
- 25 Donald & Linda Barger



## July Birthdays

- 9 Nanette Suffian
- 13 Isabel Price
- 16 Maxine Scott
- 17 Marty Holtz
- 20 Barbara Holtz
- 21 George Karpman
- 21 Florence Vallery



## **May Weekly Yahrtseit List**

### **April 26 – May 2, 2026**

9 Iyar – 15 Iyar

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

### **May 3 – May 9, 2026**

16 Iyar – 22 Iyar

Ellen G. Barkhouse  
Maxwell Daroff  
Eliahu Gluzband  
Jonathan Clark Halpern\*  
Ruth Hepner\*  
Julius Jermiyahu Kern  
Phillip Herman Lakernick\*  
Judith A. Malakoff\*  
Lillian Migden\*  
Frada Roseff  
Selma Rosen  
Frances Rosenberg\*  
Herman Rosenberg  
Esther Seinfeld  
Arthur Sendlin\*  
Rose W. Sherman  
Jacob Stein\*  
Elsie Torf\*  
Joseph Tuller\*  
Daniel E. Turiel\*  
Sydell Rita Wertheim\*

### **May 10 – May 16, 2026**

23 Iyar – 29 Iyar

Esther Bernikoff\*  
Mildred Rudginsky Black\*  
Frances Frieda Bly\*  
Bette L. Gordin\*  
Jacob Gross  
Mary L. Koslow\*  
Anne Lewis\*  
Sally Lipschutz\*  
Marcia Rosenberg  
Lillian Kapstein Rubin\*  
Phillip Sacher\*  
Harlan Saeks  
Jeffrey Schwartz  
Israel Shapiro  
Anna Skolnik\*  
Alan Bernard Sostek\*  
Alma Winter

### **May 17 – May 23, 2026**

1 Sivan – 7 Sivan

Joseph Benarroch\*  
Maurice Bittman\*  
Esther Geszvain  
Alan Kan  
Tillie Meer\*  
Joseph Posner\*  
Rosalyn Cohen Rind\*  
Howard Rosen  
Belle Rosenblum  
Ruth Rudolph\*  
Michael Schuman  
Charna Weindruch\*  
Stanley Werman\*  
William Wolf\*  
Robert I. Youman\*

### **May 24 – May 30, 2026**

8 Sivan – 14 Sivan

Albert Bashevkin\*  
Christopher Bell  
Thomas Borr\*  
Jody Ellen Cohen\*

**May 24 – May 30, 2026 (continued)**

8 Sivan – 14 Sivan

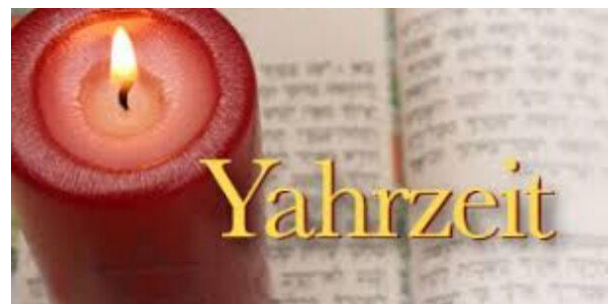
Beatty Davis\*  
Edith Feller\*  
Lynn Freedman\*  
Adele Greenberg\*  
George Levin\*  
Benjamin Lipschutz\*  
Sigmund Moskowitz\*  
George Naidich  
Erving Pfau\*  
Shtetl Ternovka  
Joy Tessel\*  
Jack Vesecky  
Arthur Willens\*  
Stuart Yussman



**May 31 – June 6, 2026**

15 Sivan – 21 Sivan

Maurice Atkin  
Charlotte K. Baker\*  
Roger Blau\*  
Harold Brownstein\*  
Floyd Emert  
Joel Farber  
Shari Farber- Tritt  
Wilbur Gross\*  
Irvin L. Kalloo  
Ivan Kalloo  
Hyman Levin\*  
Emma Lipsitt  
Bea Margolis  
Fred Ostrow\*  
Sheila Phillips  
Dr. Harry L. Sherman  
Melanie Tuller\*



**\*Denotes a Yahrtzeit Plaque. Yahrtzeits will be recited during the Shabbat Services in the week that they occur.**

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15 Sivan – 21 Sivan

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Ivan Kalloo  
Hyman Levin\*  
Emma Lipsitt  
Bea Margolis  
Fred Ostrow\*  
Sheila Phillips  
Dr. Harry L. Sherman  
Melanie Tuller\*

### June 7 – June 13, 2026

22 Sivan – 28 Sivan

Lorraine Blum\*  
Abe Brown  
Herman Cohen\*  
J. Nathan Eiser  
Barney Goldrich\*  
Sandra E. Kurtzman\*  
Mildred Tucker Leibovici\*  
Kate Lerner\*  
Mollie Levens\*  
Stanley S. Lewenberg\*  
Harry Meer\*  
Milton Migden\*  
Robb Moldovan\*  
Frieda Mudrick\*  
Samuel Rick\*  
Harold Rosenberg  
Dr. Charles Winter\*  
Dr. Eliot Zigelbaum

### June 14 – June 20, 2026

29 Sivan – 5 Tammuz

June Marie Duquet\*  
Harry Klein  
Louis Mudrick\*  
Joan Reinfeld\*  
Milton Schwartz  
Anne C. Singer\*  
Robert Snyder  
Beatrice Sugerman\*  
Robert Thompson  
James Yorra\*

### June 21 – June 27, 2026

6 Tammuz – 12 Tammuz

Rose Blau  
Pearl Broder  
Liva Heiblum\*  
Pearl Jasquin\*  
Benjamin Leifer\*  
Morey Lerner\*  
Phyllis Pincus Marco\*  
Samuel Miller\*  
Dorothy Paschen  
Elsie Posner\*  
Edmond Pudleiner  
Virginia Reminick\*  
Jack Scherr  
Joseph Simon  
Mel Singer  
Bertha Gordon Thompson  
Aaron Weisberg\*  
Edythe Wise

### 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

**June 28 – July 4, 2026 (continued)**

13 Tammuz – 19 Tammuz

Lillian Chavkin Sutker\*

Wanda Thompson

Mollie Turiel\*

George Wise



# We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

## **REFUAH SHELAYMAH**

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### **Keith Alter from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Jane Bergman from**

Sandra Hechler  
Denise Schwartzman

### **Ray Bergman from**

Denise Schwartzman

### **Joanne Blau from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Carole Roberts from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger

### **Phyllis Rosenblum from**

Natalie Klein

### **June Streisand from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Karen Tessel-Blum from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Frank Weinberg from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

### **Alan & Susan Daroff from**

Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Bert & Shirley Posner from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Richard & Suzanne Eisinger from**

Mitch Braun & Bob Jares

### **John Reiches & June Streisand from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

### **Bernie & Lulu Seidman from**

Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Bert & Shirley Posner  
Bert & Joan Thompson

## **ABOVE & BEYOND**

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

## **FLOWERS FUND**

**Jonathan & Heather Greenfield** – IHO the  
New Board Members

**Jonathan & Heather Greenfield** – IHO our  
Birthdays & Rabbi's Spiritual Leadership

**Paul & Lydia Krueger** – IMO Harold Krueger,  
Paul's Father

**Morris & Nancy Margolis** – IMO Marian  
Gardner, Nancy's Mother

**Phyllis Rosenblum** – IMO Ben Rosenblum

## **GENERAL FUND**

**Michael & Laura Garrick** – Non-Member  
Donation

**Morris & Nancy Margolis** – IMO Marian  
Gardner

## **ONEG FUND**

**Michelle Mostow, Hanita's Kids, Grandkids  
& Granddaughter** – IHO Hanita Kern's  
Birthday

**Lynn Wilk** – IMO Beatrice Becker

## **THANK YOU**

**Hanita Kern** – IHO Wonderful Hostess  
from Shirley Posner

## **WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO**

**Herb Wallack Family** – IMO Herb Wallack  
from Carol Swartz & David Malakoff

## **UPCOMING ONEGS**

Call the office to be a sponsor!

**05/01/26** – Available

**05/08/26** – Available

**05/15/26** – Available

**05/22/26** – Available

**05/29/26** – Available

**06/05/26** – Available

**06/12/26** – Available

**06/19/26** – Available

**06/26/26** – Available



**YAHRTSEIT DONOR**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Rony & Nora Joel**

**Ruth Joel**



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](http://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 **Yahrtseit 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"

## May 2026

16th - Princess Dinner Cruise	5:30 PM
25th - Office Closed	
28th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

***Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:***

*Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM*

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

*Thursdays - Mah Jongg ~ Resumes in Oct.*

*Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM*

*Saturdays - Torah Study 9:30AM Sept.6 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 due's 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](mailto: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*



# MARCO ISLAND PRINCESS CRUISE

*Dinner & Entertainment Cruise*



**Saturday, May 16th, 2026**

**Boarding Time 5:30 PM**

**Departing Time 6:15 PM**

**Return Time 8:15 PM**

**\$89 per person**



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

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

**NEW TIME 5 PM**

# MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

*Celebrating 25 Years!*



**Bigger Payouts!!**

**SUPPER – NO CHARGE**

**EVERY MONDAY**

**•FREE PIZZA DRAWING FROM SAMI'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

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

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

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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**JOIN YOUR JCMI FAMILY FOR A 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BARBECUE!**



*The Menu*

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, B-B-Q Chicken,  
Summer Artisan Salad, Boston Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad & Cole Slaw, Potato Chips  
and Dessert**

*Our Sponsors*

TBA

**Dinner: \$30 donation per person**

**Date: Saturday, July 4, 2025**

**OPEN SEATING**

**Time: 4 PM & Friday Night Services immediately after**

**BYOB: Beer or Wine**

# Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_ # Hotdog \_\_\_\_\_ # BBQ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Call JCMI Office at 239-642-0800  
With your reservation and food selection  
RSVP no later than Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>



# 2026-2027

## Women's Book Club

Men are welcome!



Our 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Thank you for your help!**

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Call (239) 624-8540, or learn more at  
[nchmd.org/marco-island](http://nchmd.org/marco-island)

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