

THE JCMI MESSENGER



SEPTEMBER 2025

ELUL, 5785/ TISHREI, 5786

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Rabbi Mark Gross

and

Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen

Friday Evenings at 7:30 PM

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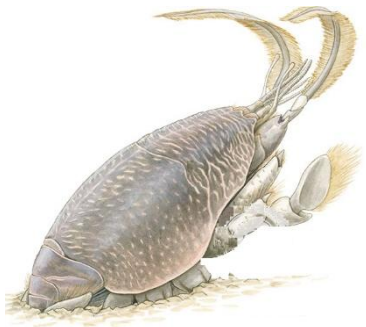
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On the Value of Cessation

I observe, with tongue firmly in cheek, that here on Marco Island “shelling” has a dramatically different significance than it did when I was chaplain supporting the Seventh Infantry Division. But while beachcombers around here hunt for unbroken sand dollars and the rare and elusive junonia, I watch at the bottom edge of the littoral zone for the humble mole crab, a creature that has fascinated me since the long-ago era when I was considering a career in marine biology.



Half the length of your thumb, the mole crab *emerita* lives just where the spent waves wash up onto the beach. They make their living by eating plankton and other minute creatures washed in to shore, sensing and grasping any morsel brought in by the sea, and almost simultaneously frantically using their shovel-and-scoop hind limbs to dig back into the sand. (Because mole crabs do frequently get washed out by subsiding waves, they are sought out by

perch, and as such make ideal bait for surf-casting fishermen).

The Psalmist says *מָה רַבּוֹ מַעֲשֵׂיךָ יְהוָה* “how manifold are Your works, Eternal One” [Psalm 104:24]. Certainly our planetary home is a complex system, that has a place in it for such unique and specialized creatures to maintain its balance. But as for the creatures themselves, what a frenzied existence they lead! The two to three years of their uncertain lives are spent in incessant activity in the most turbulent and threatening environment.

Our own lives are, of course, by no means altogether certain. Nor is our local environment without its dangers (from hurricanes and vacationing drivers). But there is no reason that the cadence by which we live should be as frenzied as that of the mole crab: if we step down, and step back, none of us will be washed out to sea and eaten. Too many of us, regardless, live Thoreau’s “lives of quiet desperation” in a bustle and rush, oblivious to the many blessings that are ours— foremost among them, rest and recreation.

So it is that we have Shabbat, the great day of Cessation consecrated by the Creator, as the prototype of mindfulness. And we have the upcoming New Year season as a *שַׁבָּת שְׁבִיתוֹן* *Shabbat shabbaton*, a uniquely sacred summons for us to take our hands off the wheel and step back for a while.

We can prepare for that seasonal discipline now, during this preliminary introspective month of Elul. It is a time to be humbly grateful not just that our world contains many marvelous creatures, but also that we don’t have to live like a mole crab.

The Rabbi is at your disposal, during his weekend stay on-Island, for counseling; hospital or shut-in visits; or Hebrew or guitar lessons— as well as accessible any time during the week by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com.

JCMI Schedule of Services

September, 2025 – Elul, 5785/Tishrei, 5786



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 Temple home every Friday night. And note special New Year events this month.

September 05 - Our First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#)” constitutes this month a [special Musical Shabbat hosted by Cantor Jacobsen](#) in celebration of this *Shabbat “Shirah”* Jewish Music Season.

September 12 – Shabbat worship.

Saturday, September 14 – 8:30 p.m. Last-Shabbat-of-the-year [S’lichot dessert program and worship](#).

September 19 – Shabbat worship.

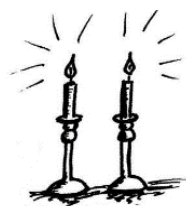
Monday, September 22 – 7:30 p.m. [Rosh haShanah Eve](#), inaugurating New Year 5786.

Tuesday, September 23 – 10:00 a.m. [Rosh haShanah](#) worship.

Wednesday, September 24 – 11:00 a.m. [Tashlich](#) ritual.

September 26 – Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#)” is also [Shabbat “Shuvah,”](#) featuring thematic melodies of the New Year season.

Sunday, September 28 – 11:30 a.m. [New Year Cemetery Visit](#).



Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island

September 05 - 7:24 September 19 - 7:00

September 12 - 7:16 September 26 - 6:23

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 study material for each week is available for download from the JCMI website that Friday morning.

September 06 - [Ki Teitzei](#) Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Isaiah 54:1-10

September 13 - [Ki Tavo](#) Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 Isaiah 60:1-22

September 20 - [Nitzavim](#) Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Isaiah 61:10-63:9

September 27 - [vaYeileich-Shuvah](#) Deuteronomy 21:1-24:18 Hosea 14:2-10,

Micah

7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 11 marks that moment in 2001 when— as President Bush put it at the time— “the enemies of freedom thought to bring us to our knees, but instead they brought us to our feet.”

Stand up to be counted, this September 11, as neighbors gather together to serve our community in observance of the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. Find a local project to join with at the Americorps website: www.americorps.gov/serve/volunteer/911-day.



S'lichot on September 13



Join us in a farewell to the Last Shabbat Of The Year, and in a sweet welcome to the coming New Year.

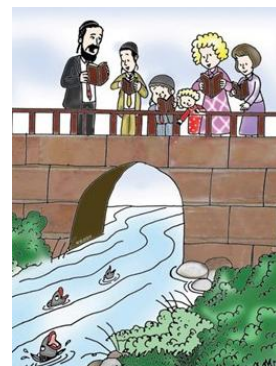
We convene for a sweet dessert program and conversation at 8:30 p.m., followed by a meditative service and the changing of the Torah mantles to their holiday white.

Come share your High Holy Days memories and hopes, as we hear the *shofar* for the last— and first— time.

Tashlich, Spiritual New Year Event

It is customary to go down to the water, on Rosh haShanah, in order to meditate on casting away the last vestiges of transgression to leave ourselves purified, and to leave our pockets empty for the blessings that we hope will be ours in the New Year.

The Cantor and Rabbi will be conducting our annual *Tashlich* ritual with us on the Second-Day morning of Rosh haShanah, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Convene at JCMI for a brief walk together under the Autumn sky, as each of us ponders the kind of worthy year we all want for each other.



Annual New Year Cemetery Visit, Sept. 28

It is Jewish tradition to visit the resting place of our loved ones, during the Ten Days of Repentance, both to commune with their spirits at a time when their absence from our midst is particularly keenly felt, and to invoke their intervention on our behalf On High for a good New Year.

Come meet Cantor Jacobsen and Rabbi Gross at the Jewish section of the Marco Island Cemetery on Sunday, September 28, at 11:30 a.m., for personal meditations and shared worship as we fondly remember our departed neighbors resting there.



Three *Yom Kippur* Reminders



Don't be late on Wednesday, October 01!

The poignant *Kol Nidrei* prayer, highlight of that evening's service, is pretty much the first thing to happen.

We do not convene a separate afternoon Memorial Service.

Following traditional practice, the "*Yizkor*" memorial prayer is recited on Yom Kippur morning as part of our Torah service.

Hold on to your copy of our "Book of Remembrance."

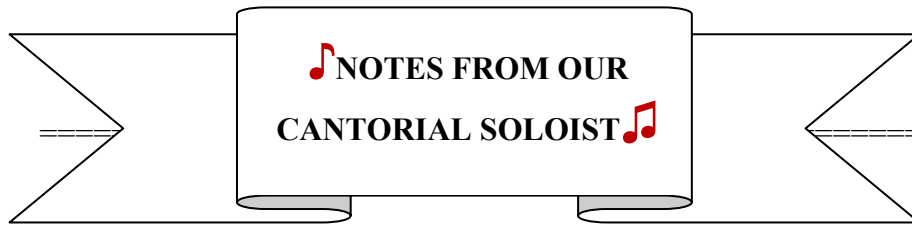
They will be used throughout the worship year, through to next Spring, and can be used at home for lighting *yahrtzeit* candles.



To our JCMF Family,

Thank you for all the Anniversary wishes!

Thank You,
Frank & Beth Weinberg



A new year is at our fingertips; may it overflow with goodness for each of us.

We have experienced goodness in the past, and, in the scope of things, there is much reason to expect that we will experience goodness also in the future.

Yet, in the first Torah reading of the New Year - at the time when we will be atoning for our wrongdoings and when we will be contracting (in the *Kol Nidre* recitation) to try to do better in the new year - what piece of *Torah* is presented? The Binding of Isaac (just in case you forgot, that's the parashah in which Abraham is ordered to sacrifice his son, Isaac, to God). Here we are confronted with certainly one of the most challenging sections in all of the *Bible*.

No one can reasonably say that being Jewish is easy. However, one can reasonably say that the journey is very thought provoking and, hopefully, ultimately extremely enriching. In reading and pondering these passages of *Torah*, we are called upon to use the depths of our thought processing to possibly reach a positive perception - goodness - in this daunting scenario. What better way to prepare us to take on the many grueling times with which each of us must grapple? It is all too easy to simply ask "Why?" or "How", but to seriously consider the "how" and "why" is a far more demanding and constructive pursuit - for which we practiced in weighing the issues in *The Binding of Isaac*. Difficult? Of course. Downright worthwhile? Also, of course.

No one can easily say that being Jewish is easy. However, one can reasonably say that it does its best to strengthen and inspire us. May our strength and inspiration help each of us to experience a wonderful overflow of goodness - and sweetness - in this New Year of 5786.

L'Shanah Tovah uM'tukah.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	3	4 Canasta 12PM	5 Shabbat Service 7:30PM	6 Torah Study 9:30AM
7	8	9 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	10	11 Canasta 12PM	12 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	13 Torah Study 9:30AM S'lichot 8:30PM
14	15	16 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM	17	18 Canasta 12PM	19 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	20 Torah Study 9:30AM
21	22 Services & R. H. Eve worship 7:30PM	23 <i>Office Closed</i> Services & R. H. Morning worship 10:00AM	24 Tashlich Ceremony at JCMI 11:00AM	25 Canasta 12PM Board Meeting 7:00PM	26 Shabbat Worship 7:30PM	27 Torah Study 9:30AM
28 New Year Cemetery Service 11:30AM	29	30 Chess Club- 9:30AM- 12:30PM				

October Anniversaries

27 Alan & Dalia Zuckerman



October Birthdays

2 Nora Joel
2 Melinda Steffey
5 Nancy Margolis
7 Bert Thompson
9 Stephen Chasin
10 Nan Needleman
18 Maxine Shapiro
20 Esta Alliker
20 Leo Wertheim
21 Marvin Nathanson
22 Richard Rosenberg
23 Belle Finfer
27 Zabeeda Kalloo
27 Sue Kluger



September Weekly Yahrtseit List

August 31 – September 6, 2025

7 Elul – 13 Elul

Mollie Alliker
Aaron Heiblum*
Margaret Hirsch
Joseph Ira Horowitz*
Ely Hurvitt*
Miriam Miller*
Paul Novack*
Yetta Parish
Cilly Reussenberger*
Dorothy Werber*

September 7 – September 13, 2025

14 Elul – 20 Elul

Leah Bernat
Golda Epstein*
Jerome B. Gross
Corinne I. Gross*
Sarah Hankin
Sidney R. Hoffman*
Samuel Jacksier
Irvin Kamenetz*
Hilda Kamenetz
Louis S. Kan
Dorothy Drazen Margolis
Alex Reminick*
Jacob Rosen*
Dr. Leonard Rosenman*
Marilyn Schwartz
Sarah Weiner
Charles William Wolfson*

September 14 – September 20, 2025

21 Elul – 27 Elul

Etta LeBlang Bunten
Sonia Burkons*
Ann J. Connelly*
Beverly Germaine*
William Greenberg*
Morris Kendall*
Helen Tender Krawitz
Howard Miller*
Stephan Plager

September 14 – September 20, 2025 (continued)

21 Elul – 27 Elul

Mildred Pullman*
Sheldon J. Rosenfield*
Celia Schemansky
Eugene Wolfson

September 21 – September 27, 2025

28 Elul – 5 Tishrei

Bernard Berner
Phillip Burkons*
Ann Dresner
Deborah Exler*
Isadore Meyer Goldstein*
Lillian Hyman*
Leonard Lang
May Lipsitt
David B. Ottinger
Helen Tarnoff
Hanalie Treiber
Jerry Weiner*
William Zwick

September 28 – October 4, 2025

6 Tishrei – 12 Tishrei

Alicia Ciulla
Margery Grossman*
Jeanne Kahn*
Jennie R. Koble*
Lottie Marco
Harriet K. Peltin*
Margaret Schmalheiser*
Donald R. Rogers*
Henriette Rosenak*
Sidney Schwartz
Irving Seinfeld
Harry Soloway
Mark Sugerman*
Ahuva Tuchman
Myron Wolf*



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

We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI

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(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

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from Sandra Hechler
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Keith & Toniann Alter – *Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Mackenzie Lee* from Mitch Braun & Bob Jares
from Morris & Nancy Margolis
from Bert & Joan Thompson
Saum Baum – *Congrats on your new home* from Robin Singer
from Audrey Snyder
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield – *Congrats on your new home* from Robin Singer
Kaloo Family – *Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson & nephew, Mordecai Noach DeGroen* from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Dan & Robin Singer – *Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson* from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield
Bert & Joan Thompson – *Congrats on your new home* from Robin Singer

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Norman & Adele Oppenheim – IMO David Wise from Frank & Beth Weinberg

THINKING OF YOU
Gloria Meer- Hope to see you soon! from Sandra Hechler

UPCOMING ONEGS
Call the office to be a sponsor!

9/5/25 – Available
9/12/25 – Available
9/19/25 – Shirley Posner & Family – *IMO Bert (Poppy's) 85th Birthday!*
9/26/25 – Available





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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:

- o Friday evening **Onegs** - \$85
- o Sponsor the **flowers** on the bimah for \$88
- o Yahrzeit **Memorial Candles** - \$2 each
- o Honor your loved ones with a **Yahrtseit Plaque** - \$250
- o Mark a special occasion with a **Chai Leaf** for the Tree of Life - \$200, or a **Walk of Honor Paver** - \$100
- o **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.
- o **Mitzvah Cards** are available at the minimum cost of \$7.50 each, though a larger donation is always appreciated
- o **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 due's 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!

"5785 - 5786"

September 2025

1st - Labor Day ~ Office Closed	
6th - S'lichot	8:30 PM
22nd - Rosh haShanah Eve Services	7:30 PM
23rd - Rosh haShanah Morning Services	10:00 AM
23rd - Rosh haShanah ~ Office Closed	
24th - Tashlich Services	11:00 AM
25th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
28th - Cemetery Services	11:30 AM

November 2025

2nd- "Fall Back" one hour	2:00 AM
9th - Interfaith Kristallnacht Event	2:00 PM
18th - Book Club	11:00 AM
20th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
27th - Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed	
28th - Office Closed	

October 2025

1st - Yom Kippur Eve "Kol Nidrei" Services	7:30 PM
2nd - Yom Kippur ~ Office Closed	
2nd - Yom Kippur Morning Services	10:00 AM
2nd - Yom Kippur Afternoon & Ne'ilah Service	3:00 PM
2nd - Break-the-Fast Services	6:00 PM
6th - Bingo Season Starts	5:00 PM
6th - Eve of Sukkot	
7th - Sukkot I ~ Office Closed	
8th - Sukkot II	
9th - Sukkot III	
10th - Sukkot IV	
11th - Sukkot V	
12th - Sukkot VI	
14th - Sh'mini Atzeret ~ Office Closed	
23rd - Board Meeting	7:00 PM

December 2025

14th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
15th - JFGN Chanukah Celebration	5:00 PM
16th - Book Club	11:00 AM
18th - Board Meeting	7:00 PM
21st - Comm. Chanukah Celebration	5:30 PM
25th - Office Closed	

January 2026

1st - Office Closed	
11th - Film Festival	2:00 PM
11th - Concert Series- Billy Joel	7:30 PM
20th - Book Club	11:00 AM
22nd- Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25th - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning	9:30 AM

Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM ~ Starting October

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

Thursdays - Pony Canasta at 12PM

-Mah Jongg at 11:00AM (tentative start Oct)

Fridays - Evening Services at 7:30 PM

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



High Holy Days

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND Rabbi Mark Gross - Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5786/2025

S'LICHOT PENITENTIAL RITUAL

Saturday, September 13, 2025 8:30PM Dessert Reception, Program, and Worship

EVE of ROSH HASHANAH 5786

Monday, September 22, 2025 7:30PM Worship inaugurating the New Year

ROSH HASHANAH, 5786

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:00AM Worship, Torah and *Shofar* service

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 11:00AM *Tashlich* Waterside Meditative Ritual, convenes at JCMI.

NEW YEAR CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:30AM Convene at the Jewish Memorial Garden in the Marco Island Cemetery.

YOM KIPPUR EVE - KOL NIDREI

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 5:00PM Pre-Kol Nidrei Dinner at La Tavola
7:30PM Kol Nidrei Service

YOM KIPPUR - Day of Atonement

Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:00AM Worship, includes "Yizkor" Memorial
3:30PM Afternoon Worship and *Ne'ilah*
6:30PM Break-the-Fast Dinner***

Admission to all New Year worship services is available at no charge to all JCMI members in good standing.

Unaffiliated guests are welcome to worship with us, in consideration of a contribution to the Congregation of \$200 as a New Year gift.

These special meal events are **BY ADVANCE RESERVATION and pre-payment.
For details or reservations, call the Synagogue Office 239-642-0800 weekdays
9:00 - 2:00, or consult our website, www.marcojcmi.com.



Yizkor Booklet

Recitation of the “*Yizkor*” prayer will be in its traditional place in the Yom Kippur morning Torah service, Thursday, October 2nd, 2025. This booklet will be used as part of the Yom Kippur morning service, as well as our other *Yizkor* services throughout the year. Also, the booklet includes prayers to be used the entire year in the home when lighting a *yahrtzeit* candle.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE MEMORIAL SERVICE YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON.

If you would like to have names included in the *Yizkor* Book, please send the form below and your donation to the temple office by September 8th, 2025
991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Yizkor Book Form

PLEASE PRINT NAMES BELOW AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR

Check here for same as last year _____

Add Names Here

Add Names Here

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____



JCMI BREAK-THE-FAST

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

*Sponsored by Stan & Esta Alliker, Keith & Toniann Alter,
Sue Baum, Jonathan & Heather Greenfield and Beth &
Frank Weinberg*

Join us following the Ne'ilah Service on
Yom Kippur for Break the Fast.
Enjoy bagels, lox, herring, white fish salad,
Tuna salad, egg salad, tossed salad,
Homemade kugels and delicious desserts

Dinner: \$40.00 per person

PAYMENT MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF RESERVATION

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THURSDAY,
September 25th, 2025

BREAK-THE-FAST

For your Reservations, please fill in this form and return the form with your check made payable to:

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
Attn: Melissa Kalloo
991 Winterberry Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

OPEN SEATING

Please Note that payments are non-refundable

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

Traditional Barbara Katz Break the Fast Kugel Contest



You are invited to make your favorite Kugel recipe which will be entered into the Kugel contest in Memory of our beloved Barbara Katz. The Kugels will be judged and served during Break the Fast.

Please email Melissa Kalloo manager@marcoicmi.com if you are interested in joining this exciting event. Amazing Prizes to be awarded.

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Type of Kugel: _____



Please Join Us for our Annual
JCMI

Pre-Kol Nidrei Dinner at
La Tavola

961 Winterberry Drive

Arrival Time Starts ~ 5:00 PM ~ Blessings ~ 5:30 PM

Dinner Will Be Served Promptly, At 5:45 PM

Wednesday ~ October 1st, 2025

\$75 per Member

\$85 per Nonmembers

(gratuity included)

*** **CASH BAR** ***

Please Mail Your Check No Later Than September 24th, 2025

Pre Kol Nidrei-Dinner

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island
991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Attention: Melissa Kalloo

Make Your Selection From The Options Below

Brisket _____ Fish _____ Mushroom Pappardelle Pasta _____

Name _____ Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*****Please Note: Payments Are Non-Refundable After September 24th, 2025*****



Our Annual JCMI
Pre Kol Nidrei-Dinner at
La Tavola

Menu

Appetizer:

Chicken Matzo Ball Soup
Challah Bread

Entrée/Main Course:

Mushroom Pappardelle Pasta

Organic shiitake and silver dollar mushrooms, fresh pappardelle pasta,
sweet peas, heirloom baby tomatoes, fresh herbs, garlic cream sauce

Triple Tail

8oz pan seared Triple Tail, lemon caper cream sauce, rice, mixed vegetables

Braised Beef Brisket

6 oz sliced beef brisket, potato wedges, mixed vegetables

Dessert:

Chocolate Cake

*** CASH BAR ***

Please let us know if you have any food allergies or special dietary needs

OPENING OCTOBER 6th, 2025 at 5PM

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Celebrating 25 Years!



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FIRST GAME STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

HOTBALL
Up to \$250

END-OF-MONTH
PRIZE BINGO
TOTE

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•Free Coffee, Tea and Food

•2 Packs \$20 plus 1 FREE Bonanza

•3 Packs \$27 plus 2 EXTRA Bonanzas

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South on Collier, Left on Winterberry
642-0800

Kosher Hot Dog Supper with
pickles, relish & sauerkraut,
chips and baked goodies

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
991 Winterberry Drive in our Meer Room

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 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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40 S Heathwood Drive
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2nd V.P.	Marty Holtz
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2 Year Term	1 Year Term
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Paul Krueger	Robin Singer
Beth Povlow	

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