

# THE JCMI MESSENGER



***NOVEMBER 2025***

***CHESHVAN/KISLEV, 5786***

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Rabbi Mark Gross**

**and**

**Cantorial Soloist Hari Jacobsen**

**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*

## November Miscellany



*Hello darkness, my old friend;  
You'll soon begin at five p.m.*

There had been talk, in recent years, about implementing Daylight Savings Time all-year-'round in Florida. (That would be the opposite of Arizona, where they don't have it, at all. In a quirk worthy of science fiction, I used to commute to Yuma from Los Angeles on a 55-minute



flight—and for part of the year arrived by the clock 5 minutes before I left). Since Tallahassee has not yet implemented that resolution, remember as November kicks off to be ready to return to Standard Time. “Fall Back” an hour, at bedtime on Saturday the first.

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Having just “struck the set” by putting away our *sukkah* from October, it's worth recalling in November that the English pioneers who gave us the legacy of turkey with stuffing were all deeply religious people. That is a reminder to take a moment during our Thanksgiving celebration to actually give thanks... but it also means that those 17<sup>th</sup>-century Pilgrims modeled their celebratory dinner after our harvest Feast of Booths, Sukkot, from Leviticus 23.

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I have been privileged with an invitation to be the Jewish theologian offering a paper the first weekend in December at our southwest Florida symposium marking the sixtieth anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* (“In Our Time”). This will be our local counterpart to events all over the country celebrating the dramatic 1965 Vatican declaration that responded to the recent Nazi era by rejecting prejudice in all its forms— particularly anti-Semitism.

Those interested in attending the Symposium will be able to hear the same presentations and ensuing panel discussion either with the students on-campus at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria on Saturday, December 06, or with members of the general community at Jewish Federation's Nina Iser Cultural Center in Naples, on Sunday the 07<sup>th</sup>. Details for pre-registering are featured in this edition of *The Messenger*.

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Details are also found herein for the annual *Kristallnacht* Commemoration on November 09. Cantor Jacobsen and I will be on the dais for this important annual interfaith event, co-sponsored by the Jewish and Catholic communities in the spirit of *Nostra Aetate* to demonstrate our commitment to opposing political evil and standing together for the welfare of all our neighbors.

*Rabbi Gross is available to JCMI members, in the course of his weekend visits on-Island, for personal meetings, counseling, or hospital visits— as well as accessible any time during the week by telephone 954-798-6037 or e-mail [RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiMarkGross@gmail.com).*

## JCMI Schedule of Services

### November, 2025 –Cheshvan/Kislev, 5786



#### Qabbalat Shabbat Worship - Friday evenings - 7:30.

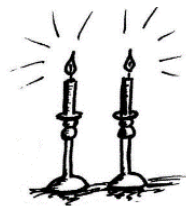
Welcoming the Queen of Days is our “main event” at JCMI, with shared worship in the beautiful Sanctuary of our Temple home every Friday night.

November 07 - Our First-Friday-of-the-month “[Celebration Shabbat](#),” featuring blessings for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the newly arrived month of November.

November 14 – Shabbat worship, featuring the announcement of— and [blessing for— the upcoming New Moon](#) and new month of Kislev.

November 21 – Shabbat worship

November 28 – Last-Friday-of-the-month “[Torah Shabbat](#).”



#### **Home Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times**

*18 minutes before sunset on Marco Island on Friday. . .*

November 07 - 5:23

November 21 - 5:17

November 14 - 5:20

November 28 - 5:17

Still three weeks away from Solstice, but we are already at a turn-the-corner point in the solar year.

#### Portion-of-the-Week Torah Study - Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

**Rabbi Gross** conducts 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.

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <a href="#">November 01 - Leich L'cha</a>  | Genesis 12:1-17:27 | Isaiah 40:27-41:16 |
| <a href="#">November 08 - vaYeira</a>      | Genesis 18:1-22:24 | II Kings 4:1-37    |
| <a href="#">November 15 - Chayei Sarah</a> | Genesis 23:1-25:18 | I Kings 1:1-31     |
| <a href="#">November 22 - Tol'dot</a>      | Genesis 25:19-28:9 | Malachi 1:1-27     |
| <a href="#">November 29 - vaYeitzei</a>    | Genesis 28:10-32:3 | Hosea 12:13-14:10  |



## “Great Bowls of Fire!”

A dynamic team of JCMI chefs will once again be contestants in The Great Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation, taking place this year from 11:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, November 01.

Drop by at CJ’s on the Bay in the Esplanade to cheer on our kosher chefs, who will be showing the flag and stirring the pot... at least until their spoons melt under the heat! Vote for our krewe: this is a competition, and “There Can Only Be One!”

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## “Fall Back”

In accord with The Energy Conservation Act of 2005, Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

Whatever your weekend plans may be on Sunday, November 02, remember to turn your clocks back an hour at bedtime on Saturday night, the first!



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## Remembrances of a Solemn Day



Rabbi Gross and Cantor Jacobsen will both be participants in the pulpit at the annual Collier County Interfaith *Kristallnacht* Memorial, sponsored by the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Group of our Jewish Federation and the Catholic Diocese of Venice, at 2:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, November 09

This year’s commemoration of the traumatic “Night of the Broken Glass” that inaugurated the Nazi kingdom of death will convene at and be hosted by Temple Shalom, in Naples at 4630 Pine Ridge Road—2 miles west of Collier Boulevard.

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## Rabbi Gross on Milestone Interfaith Panel

Rabbi Gross will be representing the local Jewish community on a panel celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “*Nostra Aetate*,” the 1965 Vatican declaration that forever changed the nature of Jewish-Christian relations.

This symposium sponsored and presented jointly by the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Group of Jewish Federation of Greater Naples and the Diocese of Naples in Venice can be attended at 2:00 p.m. on either of two consecutive days:

☆ Sat, December 06 - Ave Maria University, Ave Maria.

or

☆ Sun, December 07 - Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center, 4720 Pine Ridge Road.

To help guarantee there will be enough hand-out materials, please pre-register at

<https://jfgn.regfox.com/nostra-aetate-60th-anniversary>

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island  
– invites you to attend –



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Ta Sh'ma



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

**Sunday, January 25 - Firing Line:**  
**"Ask the Rabbi"**

*Why is the m'zuzah hung at a slant? What's inside t'filin? Who was the first Jew in the New World? Why do bad things happen to good people? How is it, that "Jewish" rye isn't, and that "kosher" pickles aren't?*

*It's open season, as the Rabbi willingly fields any burning question of Jewish import that you've always wanted to know about.*



**Sunday, February 22 - The Chutzpah of Moses**  
**(and His Wonderfulness)**

*Our ongoing exploration of important Biblical figures focuses on the most important of all: God's reluctant prophet, the estimable lawgiver and nation-builder whose yahrtzeit of 07 Adar falls on Tuesday of this week.*



**Sunday, March 22 - A Passover Miscellany**

*With the seider for our Feast of Freedom coming up the following Wednesday evening, we'll be taking a deep dive into the development and content and significance of the world's oldest interactive educational activity.*



**All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00**

**There is no fee to attend our Life-Long Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and are asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.**



## Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving Week

Note that the JCMI Office will be closed on both Thanksgiving Day and the ensuing Friday, November 28.

If you have Congregational business to conduct, make it a point to come by early that week so that our hard-working staff may have the leisure to enjoy the long holiday weekend with their families.

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**A Very Happy Thanksgiving!**



## 🎵 NOTES FROM OUR CANTORIAL SOLOIST 🎵



We begin the month of November with parashat *Lech I'Chah* (Go). The Go-ee to whom God is speaking is Abraham; yes, Abraham, our patriarch. Just a mini refresher: God tells Abraham to leave his homeland and his father's home. Actually, God tells Abram (later to become Abraham – but that's another story for another time) to take (his wife,) Sarai (later to become Sarah ...) and Lot (his nephew – and we all know that Lot's story is another tale), leaving his father's house and their native land; they are to leave Haran and travel to Canaan (ultimately). And for this, God promises to make of Abram a great nation, He will bless him and make his name great, and He will bless those who blessed him and curse them who cursed him. Oy! Is that a lot (Great pun, huh?).

Seriously, though, it was virtually an unimaginable undertaking that was being asked of Abraham. In fact, this is a prime example of/for many people saying that they don't believe in the *Bible* and/or they don't believe in God. As for the first disbelief, I immediately go to a quote by a dear rabbi-friend of mine, Rabbi James Perman, who says, "The *Bible* is a book of faith, not fact.". And I can't agree with him more. So, yes, I choose not to read the *Bible* literally, but for its extraordinary inspiration to perpetuate ethics – sometimes by model of what to do and sometimes by model of what not to do. And as for one not believing in God, I always ask what the disbeliever means by "God". Again, other huge points for other times. However – and back to why November point: God asking Abraham to leave everything and everyone (except his wife and nephew) he knew. Gargantuan expectation.

And yet you do it yourself. Your adult child is seriously ill. You drop everything (everything) and are completely there for him, her, or them. Not a moment's hesitation. Furthermore, someone – a total stranger – is hurt right in front of you. Again, without a moment's hesitation, you stop what you are doing and help in any way possible. I could go on, but you get the comparison. You take these extreme actions – under extreme circumstances – without the slightest second thought. And that's not to mention the tremendously selfless things you do after serious deliberation. Extreme circumstances bring us to extreme measures.

Which brings us back to this week's ridiculous telling of Abram just up and leaving everyone (almost) and everything (almost) that he knew and cared about for a grossly unknown. So, kudos to Abram and kudos to you.

And maybe, just maybe, if you have found the *Bible* unrealistic and, therefore, off-putting, it might be worth a second, a closer, look. In any case, kudos.

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.

# NOVEMBER

| Sunday                                                                                                                               | Monday                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                          | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                          |
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| <b>2</b><br><br><br>Fall Back at<br>Bedtime tonight | <b>3</b><br><br><b>BINGO</b><br>5:00PM  | <b>4</b><br><br><b>Chess Club-</b><br>9:30AM-<br>12:30PM                                                                                         | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>7</b><br><br><b>Shabbat</b><br><b>Services</b><br>7:30PM                              | <b>8</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>9:30AM                                      |
| <b>9</b><br><br><b>Community</b><br><b>Wide</b><br><b>Kristallnacht</b><br>2:30PM                                                    | <b>10</b><br><br><b>BINGO</b><br>5:00PM | <b>11</b><br><br><br><b>Chess Club-</b><br>9:30AM-<br>12:30PM | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>14</b><br><br><b>Shabbat</b><br><b>Services</b><br>7:30PM                             | <b>15</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>9:30AM                                     |
| <b>16</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>17</b><br><br><b>BINGO</b><br>5:00PM | <b>18</b><br><br><b>Chess Club-</b><br>9:30AM-<br>12:30PM                                                                                        | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><br><br><b>Board</b><br><b>Meeting</b><br>7:00PM            | <b>21</b><br><br><b>Shabbat</b><br><b>Worship</b><br>7:30PM                              | <b>22</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>9:30AM                                     |
| <b>23</b><br><br><hr/> <b>30</b>                                                                                                     | <b>24</b><br><br><b>BINGO</b><br>5:00PM | <b>25</b><br><br><b>Chess Club-</b><br>9:30AM-<br>12:30PM                                                                                        | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><br> | <b>28</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><b>Shabbat</b><br><b>Services</b><br>7:30PM | <b>29</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>9:30AM                                     |

## December Anniversaries

- 4 Allan & Sue Kluger
- 7 Don & Roberta Schwartz
- 20 Irvin & Beth Povlow



## December Birthdays

- 1 Anthony Zeiger
- 1 Marlene Glass
- 4 Joan Thompson
- 13 Mark Robinson
- 15 Laurence Sacher
- 15 Paul Scherr
- 16 Robin Singer
- 17 Stacey Berner
- 17 Tony Pinto
- 21 Arthur Doxer
- 26 Rabbi Mark Gross



## **November Weekly Yahrtseit List**

### **October 26 – November 1, 2025**

4 Cheshvan – 10 Cheshvan

Norman Adler  
Dr. Harold W. Baum  
Morris Bernikoff\*  
Eva Blumenthal  
Joseph Bonfield  
Paul Forman  
Muriel "Mickey" Furman  
Malla Godfrey  
Pearl Ketchum Grossman\*  
Dora Kamenetz\*  
Anna E. Katz\*  
Sylvia Kennedy\*  
Selma Lewenberg\*  
Steven Rose\*  
Lena Rothenberg  
Abe Rovner  
David Silverstein\*  
Samuel Wallack\*  
Rose Weiner\*

### **November 2 – November 8, 2025**

11 Cheshvan – 17 Cheshvan

Lillian Bernikoff\*  
Anna E. Doxer\*  
Sadie Rose Entin\*  
Bernard Friedman  
Jack Glass  
Bessie A. Goldstein\*  
Lillian Sacks Haber\*  
Ginny Jermanok  
William P. Katz\*  
Barbara P. Katz\*  
Peter E. Klein\*  
Myra Mannoff\*  
Lena Mendelsohn  
Mark Migden\*  
Sandra Betten Missal\*  
Richard Dick Polinsky  
Milton Jack Povlow\*  
Dorothy Rosenberg\*  
Ruth Rovner  
Dr. Robert Soloway  
Martin Speigel

### **November 2 – November 8, 2025 (continued)**

11 Cheshvan – 17 Cheshvan

John Spiegel\*  
Marcia A. Stern\*  
Alexandra Weissman\*  
David Wertheim  
Aileen Wolf

### **November 9 – November 15, 2025**

18 Cheshvan – 24 Cheshvan

William Bernstein  
Max Goldman  
Harry Koslow\*  
Betty Kramer\*  
Elise Linz  
Martha Mariam  
Joyce Miller\*  
Jose Perez  
Herbert Rudnick\*  
Leonard Sutker\*  
Sidney S. Weinhaus\*  
Susan Pullman Weiss

### **November 16 – November 22, 2025**

25 Cheshvan – 2 Kislev

Ethel Baron  
Herbert Leo Black\*  
Louis David  
Debra Ann Duquet\*  
Louis Fink\*  
Harry Frank\*  
Bea Friedman  
Harry Gorshel  
Peter Greenberg\*  
Kenneth Hartstein\*  
Lipsitt Jean  
David Kamenetz\*  
Gisa Koppel  
Matilda Panner\*  
Akiba Plager  
Mark Rosenberg\*  
Lee Rosenberg\*  
Albert Stein\*  
Leonard Tender

**November 16 – November 22, 2025 (continued)**

25 Cheshvan – 2 Kislev

Dottie Weiner

**November 23 – November 29, 2025**

3 Kislev – 9 Kislev

Ruth Abeson  
Gussie Edelman  
Mollie Ray Jermanok\*  
Irma Lawrence  
Esther Burk Leifer\*  
Sarah Katchen Levine\*  
Edward Samuel Marco\*  
Rose Pelton\*  
Buscema Phyllis Connelly  
Dr. Maxim Pincus  
Henry Reussenberger\*  
Helen Gordon Sheinberg  
Sara Starrels\*  
Tillie Suffian



**November 30 – December 6, 2025**

10 Kislev – 16 Kislev

Zila Askenazi\*  
Louis Bulmash\*  
David Edelstein  
David Louis Greenspan\*  
Aaron Grossman\*  
Morris Grossman  
Morris Grossman  
Florence Mordecai Holl\*  
Judith Horowitz\*  
Ben Kalin  
Minnie Lang  
Samuel Linder  
Henry Lipsitt  
Louis Raskin\*  
Jacob Rosenberg\*  
Ida Siegel  
Robert Irving Silverstein\*

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

# **We Appreciate the Thoughtfulness of Those Who Support JCMI**

## **REFUAH SHELAYMAH**

(Best wishes for a speedy recovery)

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Esta Alliker from**  
Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Arnold Baron from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
John Reiches & June Streisand

### **Sue Baum from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Cantor Hari Jacobsen from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
Paul & Lydia Krueger  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Bob Jares from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Nora Joel from**

Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Zabeeda Kalloo from**

Denise Schwartzman  
Bert & Joan Thompson  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Nancy Margolis from**

Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Don Schwartz from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Gene Siegel from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Barbara Silver from**

John Reiches & June Streisand

### **Mike Suffian from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield

John Reiches & June Streisand  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

**Bert Thompson from**  
Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

**Leo Wertheim from**  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

**Dalia Zuckerman from**  
John Reiches & June Streisand

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

**Arnold & Jane Baron from**  
Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
John Reiches & June Streisand

### **Mitch Braun & Bob Jares from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
Paul & Lydia Krueger  
John Reiches & June Streisand  
Denise Schwartzman  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

### **Steven & Carole Roberts from**

Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
Paul & Lydia Krueger  
Frank & Beth Weinberg

## **BUBBE'S BAKERY SPONSOR**

from Jonathan & Heather Greenfield  
from George & Estie Karpman  
from Robert Meldman & Leila Silverberg  
from Audrey Snyder  
from Frank & Beth Weinberg

## **BUILDING FUND**

**Sandra Hechler** – IMO Dr. Stephen Hechler

## **CANTORIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Arthur Doxer** – IMO Anna E. Doxer, Mother  
**Elinore Weinhaus** – IMO Sidney Weinhaus  
**Elinore Weinhaus** – IMO Martha Mariam

## **FLOWERS FUND**

**Mitch Braun & Bob Jares**– IMO Morton  
David Braun, Mitch's Father  
**Sara Straight Wolf**– IMO Myron Wolf

## **GENERAL FUND**

**Samra Elliot** – IMO Marion Kupperman  
**Robert H. Kennedy** – IMO Alvin Kennedy  
**Robert H. Kennedy** – IMO Samuel Kennedy

**Robert H. Kennedy** – IMO Sylvia Kennedy  
**Marvin & Lynn Nathanson** – IMO Louis David

**Shelly Roseff** – IMO Frada Roseff  
**Sara Straight Wolf** – IMO Aileen S. Wolf  
**Bert & Joan Thompson** – IMO Alexandra Weissman  
**Herbert Wallack** – IMO Samuel Wallack

## **HIGH HOLY DAYS HONOR FUND**

**Sue & Harvey Goldberg** – IMO Gisa Koppel  
"Gheeza Koppel"  
from Irv & Beth Povlow

## **ONEG FUND**

**Sara Straight Wolf** – IMO Myron Wolf

## **WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:**

**Anita Myers & Family** – IMO Sheila Stein  
from Phyllis Rosenblum

## **UPCOMING ONEGS**

Call the office to be a sponsor!

**11/07/25** – Mitch Braun & Bob Jares –  
*IHO 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary & IHO  
Bob's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

**11/14/25** – Available

**11/21/25** – Available

**11/28/25** – Available





## YAHRTSEIT DONOR IN MEMORY OF

Sara Straight Wolf

Aileen S. 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](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 **Yahrtzeit Plaque** - \$250
- Mark a special occasion with a **Chai Leaf** for the Tree of Life - \$200, or a **Walk of Honor Paver** - \$100
- **Health & Caring** - if you have information concerning our members. **Hospital visits** by the Rabbi and the Cantor can be arranged by calling the Office ~ Have a rose in a bud vase sent with your well wishes - \$17.50.
- **Mitzvah Cards** are available at the minimum cost of \$7.50 each, though a larger donation is always appreciated
- **Bequest Form** requires only the signature of a legal witness to be valid - forms available at the Office.

**Office Notes:**

Any information for the **JCMI Messenger** must be turned in to the office *no later than the 20th* of the preceding month.

Any updates to the **Monday Email** must be sent to the office no later than Thursday of the preceding week.

*Dear Fellow Congregants,*

*I wanted to reach out on behalf of JCMI's Board and all its members. As most of you know, these past few years have been extremely fiscally challenging for the Congregation. To meet operating shortfalls, the Board was required to draw upon our limited financial reserves to make up for the lack of fundraising. This is because our 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kdalter13@gmail.com) or 617.293.6515, or Stan Alliker, JCMI President, at [alliker1@comcast.net](mailto: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!  
"5786"

## November 2025

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1st- Chili Cook-Off                  | 11:00 AM |
| 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                 |          |

## February 2026

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1st - Bubbie's Bakery              | 9:30 AM  |
| 7th - Concert Series- Neil Diamond | 7:30 PM  |
| 15th - Film Festival               | 2:00 PM  |
| 17th - Book Club                   | 11:00 AM |
| 22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning  | 9:30 AM  |
| 26th- 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              |          |

## March 2026

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 7th - Concert Series- Motown      | 7:30 PM  |
| 15th - Film Festival              | 2:00 PM  |
| 17th - Book Club                  | 11:00 AM |
| 21st - Concert Series- BeeGees    | 7:30 PM  |
| 22nd - Rabbi's Life-Long Learning | 9:30 AM  |
| 26th- Board Meeting               | 7:00 PM  |
| 29th- Concert Series- ABBA        | 7:30 PM  |
| 28th- Princess Cruise             | 5:30 PM  |

## 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  |

## April 2026

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1st - Congregational Seider | 11:00 AM |
| 2nd - Office Closed         |          |
| 9th - Office Closed         |          |
| 21st - Book Club            | 11:00 AM |
| 23rd- Board Meeting         | 7:00 PM  |

### Ongoing Events Throughout the Season:

*Mondays - Bingo at 5:00PM*

*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*

**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

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island  
991 Winterberry Drive  
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Kosher Hot Dog Supper with  
pickles, relish & sauerkraut,  
chips and baked goodies

**HOTBALL**  
Up to \$250

**END-OF-MONTH**  
**PRIZE BINGO**  
**TOTE**

Join Keith Alter who is representing  
JCMI at the Chili Cook-Off

# Great Bowls of **FIRE!**

**SAT  
NOV 1  
2025  
11 am - 3 pm**

All proceeds benefit  
the Marco Island  
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# CHILI COOK-OFF

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Come to the Esplanade  
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# **2025-2026**

## **Women's Book Club**

Men are welcome!



Our 18<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 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

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# FILM FESTIVAL



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

## Opening Day

### BAD SHABBOS

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

Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2025

Film 12:00 PM

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

### THE RING

### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, January 18, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

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

### RUNNING ON SAND

### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

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

### GUNS AND MOSES

### RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FILM

Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2026

Film 2:00 PM

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

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

There are two levels of seating -

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

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

**Patron Level** - \$37.50 per ticket

**General Admission** - \$25.00 per ticket

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

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# HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

5 - 6 PM

MERCATO ON THE LAWN

Join us for this free event as we celebrate  
Hanukkah and light the Menorah

Entertainment, music, food, and fun!

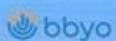
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**SUNDAY, December 21st, 2025**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

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# Marco Island's Best Concert Series



## ON SALE NOW!



Sunday,  
January 11, 2026  
7:30 PM

**Turnstiles**  
*The Ultimate  
Billy Joel*

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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



Saturday,  
February 7, 2026  
7:30 PM

**Nearly Diamond**  
*The Neil  
Diamond  
Tribute*

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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



Saturday,  
March 7, 2026  
7:30 PM

**Larry Johnson's**  
*Essence  
of  
Motown*

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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



Saturday,  
March 21, 2026  
7:30 PM

**Bee Gees**  
**NOW!**

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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



Sunday,  
March 29, 2026  
7:30 PM

**Almost  
ABBA**

Tickets \$50 ~ Preferred Seating \$55

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

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

Sunday, January 25 -

**Firing Line:**  
"Ask the Rabbi"

*Why is the m'zuzah hung at a slant? What's inside t'filin? Who was the first Jew in the New World? Why do bad things happen to good people? How is it, that "Jewish" rye isn't, and that "kosher" pickles aren't?*

*It's open season, as the Rabbi willingly fields any burning question of Jewish import that you've always wanted to know about.*



Sunday, February 22 -

**The Chutzpah of Moses**  
(and His Wonderfulness)

*Our ongoing exploration of important Biblical figures focuses on the most important of all: God's reluctant prophet, the estimable lawgiver and nation-builder whose yahrtzeit of 07 Adar falls on Tuesday of this week.*



Sunday, March 22 -

**A Passover Miscellany**

*With the seider for our Feast of Freedom coming up the following Wednesday evening, we'll be taking a deep dive into the development and content and significance of the world's oldest interactive educational activity.*



All sessions convene at the Synagogue (991 Winterberry Drive), beginning with a coffee social at 9:30 and presentation at 10:00

There is no fee to attend our Life-Long Learning programs. Unaffiliated guests are always welcome to join us for these sessions, and are asked to make a \$5 contribution to underwrite printing costs.

# JEWISH CONGREGATION OF MARCO ISLAND 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
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