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January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 3

6:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
6:30 pm	First Fridays Wine & Cheese "Pre-Neg"
7:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4

9:00 am	Torah Study
5:30 pm	Evening Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Michaels

Friday, January 10

6:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, January 11

9:00 am	Torah Study
5:00 pm	Evening Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Myles Kaye

Friday, January 17

6:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, January 18

9:00 am	Torah Study
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Friday, January 24

6:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, January 25

9:00 am	Torah Study
10:30 am	Shabbat Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Shubin

Friday, January 31

6:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Our Mission

Congregation Or Ami strives to be a warm and welcoming center of Jewish life built on the foundation of Torah (Jewish Text and Tradition), Avodah (Spiritual Fulfillment), and G'milut Chasadim (Acts of Lovingkindness). We embrace the varied needs and rich diversity of our congregants, our community, and the Jewish people. We endeavor to create an inviting and inclusive community that promotes spiritual fulfillment for our congregants and supports their search for God. We take pride in the strong partnership among our clergy, professional staff, lay leaders, and congregants. Guided by Jewish values, we are strengthened by our active volunteerism and informed decision-making. We uphold the principles and ideals of the Reform movement and are a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.



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To Rima Kapel

In memory of Don Kapel.....Mr. & Mrs. Harris Dainoff

B'nei Mitzvah



Chloe Michaels

January 4, 2020

Daughter of
Jeffrey & Bryn Michaels

Chloe's Mitzvah Project is participating in the Jewish Federation Children's Services' Our Closet events as well as a clothing drive for Our Closet. Our Closet is a volunteer-driven program with the goal of providing the basic need of clothing to vulnerable individuals and their families throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. They

distribute clothing free of charge by operating "pop-up shops" as well as providing emergency response packages to community members in crisis.



Myles Kaye

January 11, 2020

Son of Adam & Jodi Kaye

For my mitzvah project, I raised money for Starfinder, a nonprofit organization dedicated to using soccer for social change for kids who live in underserved communities in Philadelphia. I supported Starfinder because I enjoy playing soccer and I want other kids to have the same opportunity to play the sport. I set up an inflatable target at a local

soccer tournament where people made donations to take shots at the target to help this great organization and win prizes. With everyone's support and generosity I was able to raise money to help provide soccer equipment and college scholarships for underprivileged kids.



Alexis Shubin

January 25, 2020

Daughter of Eric & Michele Shubin

Lexie chose 'Cradles to Crayons' for her Mitzvah project. Lexie collected Children's items such as new underwear, PJ's, & new or gently used coats, shampoo, diapers, wipes, towels, small toys: all for children age 0 to 12 years. Lexie also volunteered with some friends at the intake center for Cradles to Crayons. Lexie feels strongly about donating her time for this worthy non-profit and will continue to collect items for the program and volunteer at the center as often as she can.

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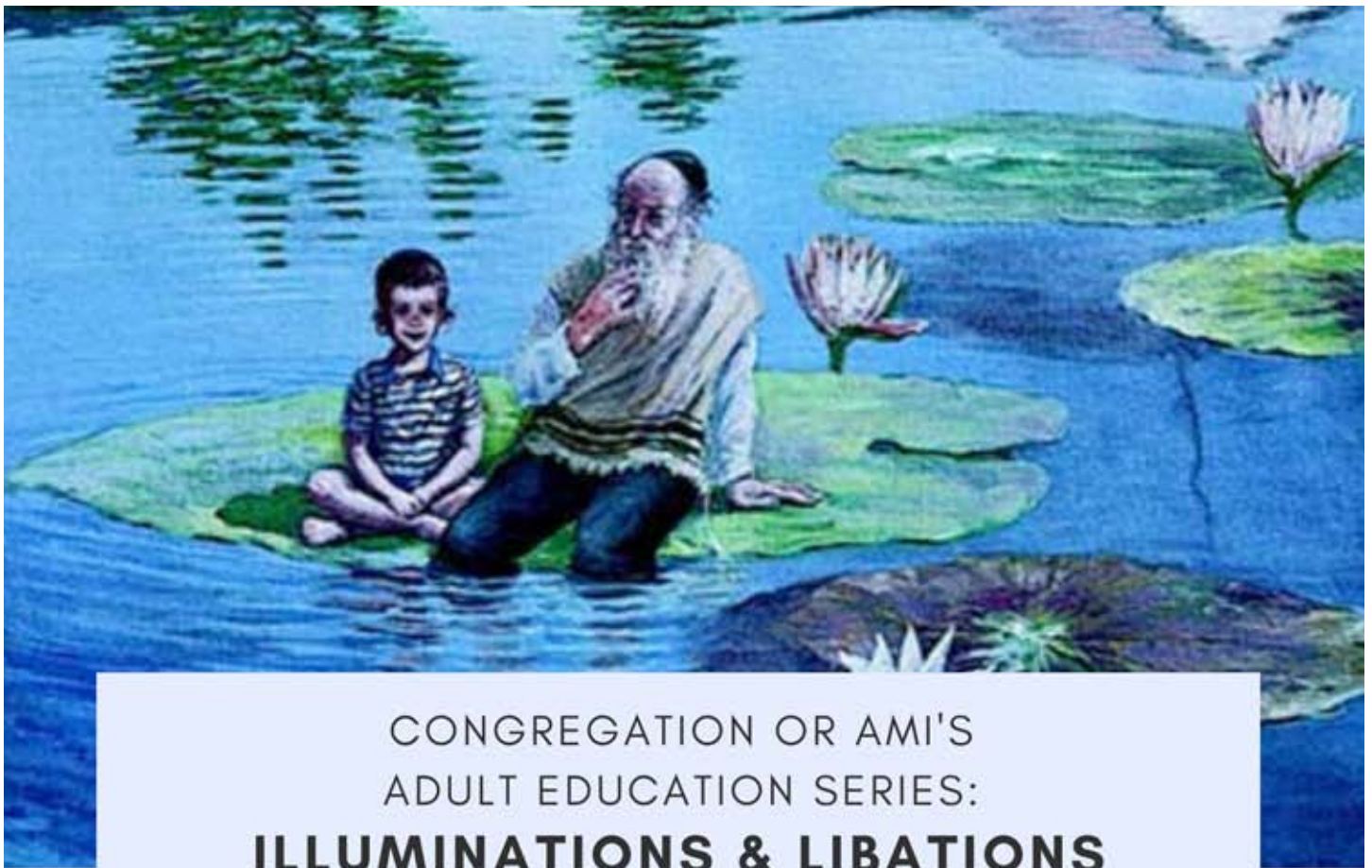
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The Or Ami Brotherhood is extremely excited to welcome Congresswoman Madeline Dean to the synagogue on Sunday January 12, 2020 9:00 AM. The congresswoman will be speaking on a number of topics including Israel, and the impeachment process. After these remarks, Congresswoman Dean has been kind enough to offer to take our questions on any issues involving our community.

**JANUARY
12, 2020
9:00AM**

**Please come join us for
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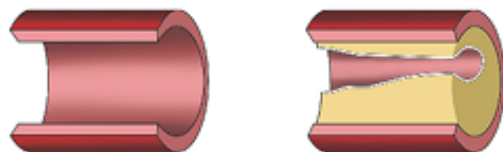
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610-547-9838 or tdkumd@gmail.com

We are always eager to grow our community and to share what makes Or Ami such a special place.

January 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29 Hanukkah Tevet 1 	30 Hanukkah Tevet 2 ECE Center Open for Full Time Students Only 11:00a ECE PTO Disney on Ice	31 ECE - 1:00pm Dismissal ECE Center Open for Full Time Students Only Office Closed Tevet 3	1 Admin:New Year's Day Tevet 4 ECE Center Closed Office Closed	2 Tevet 5 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	3 Tevet 6 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	4 Tevet 7 Vayigash Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Michaels 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Chloe Michaels Bat Mitzvah Service 7:00p Chloe Michaels Celebration
5 Tevet 8 9:00a Religious School 4:00p Illuminations and Libations Series 5:00p PTO Meeting	6 Tevet 9 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	7 ECE Center Conferences Tevet 10 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	8 ECE Center Conference Tevet 11 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	9 ECE Center Conferences Tevet 12 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	10 Tevet 13 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	11 Tevet 14 Va-y'chi Bar Mitzvah of Myles Kaye 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Myles Kaye Bar Mitzvah Service
12 Tevet 15 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Representative Madeline Dean at Or Ami 11:00a Family Education Program 3rd Grade 12:00p Religious School Faculty Meeting 1:00p The Band's Visit at The Academy of Music	13 Tevet 16 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	14 Tevet 17 4:00p Religious School 6:00p Executive Committee	15 Tevet 18 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	16 Tevet 19 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	17 Tevet 20 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	18 Tevet 21 Sh'mot WINSTY 9:00a Torah Study
19 WINSTY Tevet 22	20 Admin:MLK Day Tevet 23 ECE Center Closed Office Closed	21 Tevet 24 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB	22 Tevet 25 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting	23 Tevet 26 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	24 Tevet 27 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	25 Tevet 28 Va-eira Bar Mitzvah of Alexis Shubin 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Alexis Shubin Bar Mitzvah Service
26 MLK Day of Service Tevet 29 9:00a Religious School 11:00a RSPO Meeting	27 Sh'vat 1 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	28 Sh'vat 2 4:00p Religious School	29 Sh'vat 3 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	30 Sh'vat 4 8:30-5:30pm Lifeline Screening 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	31 ECE Fall Hot Lunch Program Ends PTO Fall Challah Program Ends Sh'vat 5 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	1 Sh'vat 6 Bo 9:00a Torah Study

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