



NOVEMBER 2017

# Adult Education Thriving

By Cantor Franzel

Many of you may know that I am filling the role of Interim Director of Adult Learning this year. Adult learning has been a passion of mine for a long time and I am honored to take on the challenge of providing a cohesive program of adult education at Congregation Or Ami. Teaching a more mature population of learners is indeed a privilege and Rabbi Ettman and I are enthusiastic in our efforts to deliver a variety of subjects to explore this year.

Our offerings for our adults are known as Illuminations & Libations, and the program is more than just learning, as the title implies. Each event is a presentation on a topic within the Jewish world and an opportunity to interact with fellow Or Ami-ites while enjoying a delicious thematic snack and drink. For example, chicken nuggets accompanied our first installment, Jewish Comedy. Rubber chickens pointed the way to the nuggets and we had drinks made from seltzer. What could be more enjoyable than nourishing our minds and stomachs simultaneously?

In October, otherwise known as Rocktober, we explored Jewish influence on the development of Rock & Roll in a multimedia presentation with musical samples and video. Our attendance has increased since the first "Illuminations" and we hope that more of our members will take advantage of this monthly, hour and a half

program...free of charge, open to our members and the greater community. These programs are made possible through the Wilma Clausen Fund for Adult Education.

This coming month, dubbed Naughty November, we will examine the more salacious stories of our scriptures. But be warned! The Bible is full of mature matters that make clergy people blush. As a consequence, these tales are mostly unknown and unless you read the Bible yourself, you may have never heard about these saucy sections. This presentation, like the previous one, will feature a multimedia format.

The Or Ami calendar is full of amazing programs, as there has been new life breathing through our community. There are many occasions for families and our young students for learning, but adult study has not always been available outside of our weekly Torah study and Ethics class. Illuminations & Libations is designed to fill a gap in our programmatic schedule for adults, and is an opportunity, once a month, to connect with members, learn something new, and have a delicious snack and beverage. We hope to see you at our next event!



# Meet Our New Members

Or Ami is over 320 families strong and growing. Every member is unique and has his or her own story. We encourage you to meet the many wonderful people who are part of our kehillah, our community. Young or old, married or single, this is a place where you can feel you belong. If you're a new member and haven't provided your story, it's not too late! Please send your material to [barbhoffman@comcast.net](mailto:barbhoffman@comcast.net).



## The Goodstein Family

Lindsay and Josh Goodstein just moved to Lafayette Hill from center city Philadelphia. Their son Levi is two and has started at the ECEC. Josh is the middle school science teacher at Greene Street Friends School in Germantown. Lindsay is an Otolaryngology physician and just joined a private practice in the area.



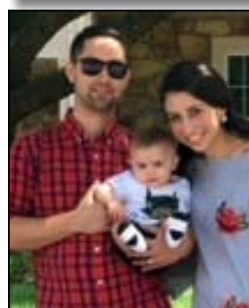
## The Kasper Family

Ross, Zoe, and Lucy Kasper live in Plymouth Meeting along with their dog, Lola. Lucy recently started in the Baby Steps Infant Program at Or Ami and loves her wonderful teachers and new friends. They are excited to be part of the Or Ami family.



## The Krauss Family

Jayne and Lee Krauss live in Lafayette Hill and have two daughters, Callie, 6, and Addison, 2. Callie is in first grade at Ridge Park Elementary and Addison is in the two's class at Or Ami. Lee works in marketing and advertising for Digitas Health in Philadelphia and Jayne is a new teacher at the Or Ami Preschool. They are excited to be a part of the Or Ami community.



## The Wexelblatt Family

Jesse and Jenna Wexelblatt live in Lafayette Hill and had their son Blake on January 15th. He will be starting school at the ECEC in February and they are very excited to meet other families!

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## November Worship Schedule

### Friday, November 3

6:15pm .....	Tot Shabbat
7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service

### Saturday, November 4

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, November 10

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, November 11

9:00am .....	Torah Study
10:30am .....	Shabbat Service honoring Benjy Gelwarg, Bar Mitzvah

### Friday, November 17

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, November 18

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, November 24

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, November 25

9:00am .....	Torah Study
10:30am .....	Shabbat Service honoring Neve Straff, Bat Mitzvah

## 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.





# Donor Honor Roll

This year, in addition to the Standard and Senior Membership Dues categories, we offered the opportunity to our membership to contribute dues at higher levels. By doing so, they help to offset the costs of our programs, operational costs, staffing and special events. We are so thrilled to see the response this appeal has already brought and would like to ask our members who may not yet have returned their commitment forms, to please consider doing so at one of these higher levels.

Members who contribute at these levels will be acknowledged each month in the Oracle, in our weekly email and Shabbat programs, and in our High Holy Day booklet. For additional benefits, please refer to your commitment form.

Rabbi Ettman, Cantor Franzel, Rabbi Prystowsky, the professional staff, our President, Larry Paul, along with all of the Board of Trustees, would like to thank the following families for their generous support of Congregation Or Ami:

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# High Holy Day Appeal

The leadership of Congregation Or Ami wishes to thank all those who participated in this year's High Holy Day Appeal. Together we raised over \$27,000 which exceeded our goal of \$25,000 and represented an increase of over \$3,000 more than last year. This, in a year when 34 families elected to contribute membership dues above the standard rate. As of this printing, we are within a few thousand dollars of reaching our goal of raising \$70,000 for our 70th Anniversary.

Our president, Larry Paul, the Board of Trustees, the Clergy and the Professional Staff thank each and every one of you for supporting our family of friends.

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Alan Roomberg

#### SUNDAY MORNING CHAIRS

Danielle & Ed Brant

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Sara & Shawn Neuman

# 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONGREGATION OR AMI

## CELEBRATION WEEKEND NOVEMBER 17-19, 2017

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

*Honoring ECE Director, Michelle Ruder  
And officially Welcoming Rabbi Glenn Ettman*

Tot Shabbat 6:15pm

Wine & Cheese Pre-neg 6:30pm

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00pm

Festive Oneg 8:00pm

### SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18TH

*Honoring Rabbi Emeritus Seymour Prystowsky*

Breakfast and Torah Study 9:00am

Shabbat Service 10:30am

Kiddush Luncheon 12:00n

### SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18TH

*Honoring Cantor Jordan Franzel*

Cocktail Party and Concert 7:00pm

\$70 per person; \$136 per couple

### SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19TH

Congregation Or Ami Birthday Celebration

11:00am\*

Games, Cake & Time Capsule Activity

*\*there will be early Religious School Dismissal*



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at Or Ami!**



# Membership Matters: Welcome to Our Family of Friends!

Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming the following new and returning members to our kehillah k'doshah, our sacred community:

Bradley and Jaime Abramson  
John and Wanda Beilensan  
Daniel and Alison Berger  
Ira and Ellen Cohen  
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Jesse and Jenna Wexelblatt

*New member list January 1 – October 20, 2017*

Joining a synagogue is more than becoming a member. Membership represents a commitment to a community. It means that you are involved in keeping our congregation alive and seeing it continue for the next generation.

*COA Membership Committee:*

*Debby Askow, Irene Braun, Veronica Edelman, Barb Hoffman (chair)  
Bill Koelewyn, Kate Kornblau, Traci Lechwar, Larry Paul, and Jacy Toll*





**Sunday, November 12th**  
**11AM-1PM**

11-11:30 for young children, before Religious School is dismissed

**FREE to enter, open to the public. Bring the grandkids!**

**Wristbands for children: \$18 in advance. \$20 at the door**

**Raffle tickets for sale 1 for \$5 or 10 for \$20.**

**Additional items for sale:**

**Food • Latkes made by Or Ami Brotherhood • Airbrushed items (cash only)**

Return payment by Sunday, November 5th to receive 5 free raffle tickets  
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# 2017 COATZ ADOPT LOCAL FAMILIES THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Thanksgiving is the time of year to count our blessings and to be thankful. There are many local families that will not be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner.

Coatz will have the opportunity to donate Thanksgiving dinners to ten local families. We are truly hoping that everyone in the congregation will participate in some way. The thought of our own neighbors not having a special Thanksgiving is a very sad thought.

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK:**

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Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Deb Delano Brenner, COATZ CHAIR

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Illuminations and Libations presents:

# **50 Shades Of Torah**

**Sunday, November 5th**

**4-5:30 PM**

**The Torah and later books of the Bible  
contain many stories that would make your  
grandmother blush!**

**Come learn what the rabbis didn't want to teach you as  
we explore the un-edited, "director's cut" of our Bible  
and enjoy some chocolate covered strawberries**





# Sharing Our Simchas, Sharing Our Sorrows

## 70th Anniversary Weekend

**To Michael Simon and family**

In memory of your mother, Barbara ..... Sara and Shawn Neuman

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**To Michael Simon and family**

In memory of your mother, Barbara ..... Michele and Jack Berman

## ECE Center Fund

**To Michael Simon and family**

In memory of your mother, Barbara ..... Carole and Joel Lukoff

## Fine Arts Fund

**To Marcy Goldshear**

In memory of your father, Herbert ..... Randi and Mitch Zimmer

## General Fund

**To Naomi Hulbert**

In memory of your father, Mark ..... Rana and Jordan Bell

**To Michael Simon and family**

In memory of your mother, Barbara ..... Terri and Mark Wolfheimer  
Beth and Bob Waks

**To Larry and Susan Paul** ..... Nicole and Zachary Paul

**To Randi and Mitch Zimmer**

In honor of your grandchild's birth ..... Susan and Larry Paul

## Jeff Kedson Youth Fund

**To Marcy and Joe Goldshear**

In memory of your father, Herbert ..... Helene and Ron Rosen

## Light of Our People

**To Michael Simon**

In memory of your mother, Barbara ..... Jacqueline and David Kane

## Michael Salkoff Endowment Fund

**To Jack and Michelle Berman**

In honor of Melissa and  
Jimmy's wedding ..... Rita Rubin

**To Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Feigenberg**

Best of luck in your new home ..... Rita Rubin

## Shabbat Shabark

On Friday, October 20, when we celebrated Shabbat Noah, we held our service outside and invited all of our



four-legged friends to join us as well. More than 10 dogs (and their owners) joined in the fun. At one point in the service, Rabbi Ettman invited all dogs and their owners to come up front and receive a blessing. After the service, the dogs sampled

homemade organic dog biscuits provided by Sarah Seidman. For her mitzvah project, Sarah is making and selling her all natural, grain free doggie "Bark" to raise money for the Home At Last dog rescue. If you would like to purchase some yummy doggie treats for your special pet, you can contact Sarah through her mom, Amy, at [aseidman4@comcast.net](mailto:aseidman4@comcast.net)

## Mitzvah Fund

**To Naomi Hulbert**

In memory of your father, Mark ..... Dene Bloom

**To Randi and Mitch Zimmer**

Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson Deb Brenner

## Torah Card Fund

**To Marcy Goldshear and family**

In memory of your father, Herbert ..... Susan and Larry Paul  
Jane and Lowell Raeder

**To Naomi Hulbert**

In memory of your father, Mark ..... Barbara and Stephen Berr  
Lori and Craig Israelite

**To Michael Simon and family**

In memory of your mother,  
Barbara Simon ..... Dene Bloom  
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## Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Sophie and

In Memory of Robert Applebaum ..... Jane and Lowell Raeder

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In Memory of Harry Goldblum ..... Barbara and Robert Goldblum

In Memory of Donald Goldstein ..... Jeffrey Levine

In Memory of Julius Grunes ..... Bunny and Irv Grunes

In Memory of Phenias Grunes ..... Bunny and Irv Grunes

In Memory of Yetta Hirshfield ..... Phyllis Polen

In Memory of Caroline Klein ..... Trudi and Joel Azeff

In Memory of Irene Rabinowitz ..... Lorie and Marvin Balistocky

In Memory of Florence Seiden ..... Bunny and Irv Grunes

In Memory of Frances Fox Seidman ..... Kathleen and Frank Seidman

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## E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!!!!

Join your fellow congregants to watch the Birds take on the Denver Broncos at the Great American Pub in Conshohocken,  
Sunday November 5th at 1:00PM

Please RSVP by clicking on the event in our online calendar on  
our website.

\*Drink specials and food available through purchase\*

...to **catch** up with friends  
and enjoy great food and  
drinks!



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**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**  
**1:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

Appointments are preferred.

Please contact: Roy Hoffman at: 215-836-1928  
Or by email at: Hoffman.roy@gmail.com



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

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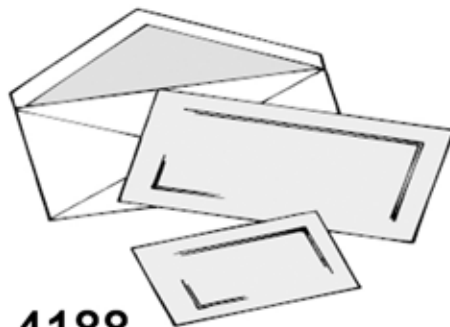
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 12 Cheshvan</b> Membership Mtg 7:30p	<b>2 13 Cheshvan</b>	<b>3 14 Cheshvan</b> Candle Lighting 5:38p Tot Shabbat Services F. 6:15p First Fridays Wine and. 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service 7:00p	<b>4 15 Cheshvan Vayeira</b> Torah Study 9:00a Havdalah 6:45p
<b>5 16 Cheshvan</b> Religious School 9:00- 9:00a 2021 B'nai Mitzvah Pa. 10:30a RSPO Meeting 11:00a Young Families Mingle. 1:00p Or Ami Happening 4:00p	<b>6 17 Cheshvan</b>	<b>7 18 Cheshvan</b> ECE Center Closed ~ Teacher In-Service ~ Jewish Learning Venture Conference Election Day - No Religious School Rabbi's Confirmation C. 6:30p	<b>8 19 Cheshvan</b> 6:30 - 8:30 pm ECE Com. 6:30p Executive Committee Me. 7:00p	<b>9 20 Cheshvan</b>	<b>10 21 Cheshvan</b> Candle Lighting 4:31p Erev Shabbat Service 7:00p	<b>11 22 Cheshvan Chayei Sarah</b> Torah Study 9:00a BM Benji Gelwarg 10:30a Havdalah 5:38p
<b>12 23 Cheshvan</b> ECE Center PTO Book Fair Beginnings Religious School 9:00- 9:00a Got Chanukah? 11:00a	<b>13 24 Cheshvan</b> PTO Book Fair	<b>14 25 Cheshvan</b> PTO Book Fair Tuesday Afternoon Reli. 4:15p Omdim @ Youth Lounge 6:30p Rabbi's Confirmation C. 6:30p	<b>15 26 Cheshvan</b> PTO Book Fair ECE Center Picture Day. 9:00a New Horizons Program 7:00p Board of Trustees Meet. 7:00p	<b>16 27 Cheshvan</b> PTO Book Fair ECE Center Picture Day. 9:00a	<b>17 28 Cheshvan</b> NFTY-PAR Fall Kallah PTO Book Fair Ends ECE Center PTO Disney On Ice Ticket Sales Ends Candle Lighting 4:25p 70th Anniversary 6:00p Celeb. Erev Shabbat Service 7:00p	<b>18 29 Cheshvan Tol'dot</b> NFTY-PAR Fall Kallah 70th Anniversary Cele. 12:00a Torah Study 9:00a Havdalah 5:32p 70th Anniversary Gala 7:00p
<b>19 1 Kislev</b> NFTY-PAR Fall Kallah 70th Anniversary Cele. 12:00a Religious School 9:00- 9:00a 70th Anniversary - Bi. 11:00a	<b>20 2 Kislev</b> ECE Center PTO Fall P. 12:00p	<b>21 3 Kislev</b> ECE Center Mad Science. 9:30a Blood Drive 1:30p Tuesday Afternoon Reli. 4:15p Omdim @ Youth Lounge 6:30p Rabbi's Confirmation C. 6:30p	<b>22 4 Kislev</b> Interfaith Thanksgiving 6:30p	<b>23 5 Kislev</b> ECE Center Closed ~ Thanksgiving	<b>24 6 Kislev</b> Synagogue Office Closed ECE Center Closed ~ Thanksgiving Candle Lighting 4:21p Erev Shabbat Service 7:00p RS Alumni Mingle at Br. 8:30p	<b>25 7 Kislev Vayeitzei</b> Torah Study 9:00a BM Neve Straff 10:30a Havdalah 5:28p
<b>26 8 Kislev</b>	<b>27 9 Kislev</b>	<b>28 10 Kislev</b> Tuesday Afternoon Reli. 4:15p Omdim @ Youth Lounge 6:30p Rabbi's Confirmation C. 6:30p	<b>29 11 Kislev</b>	<b>30 12 Kislev</b>		



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