



NOVEMBER 2018



Sunday, November 11th
11AM-1PM

11AM-Noon for young children, before Religious School is dismissed

FREE to enter and open to the public.

Bring your children, the grandkids, and friends!

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, including delicious latkes made by the Or Ami Brotherhood

Return payment by Sunday, November 4th to receive 5 free raffle tickets

Send check/cash payment to the Or Ami Synagogue Office

(checks made out to Or Ami RSPO)

OR to the RSPO venmo account: @rspo-orami



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November Worship Schedule

Friday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 3

9:00am	Torah Study
5:30pm	Shabbat Service - Devyn Cohen Bat Mitzvah

Friday, November 9

7:00pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, November 10

9:00am	Torah Study
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Friday, November 16

7:00pm	Erev Shabbat Service – “Tailgate Shabbat”
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Saturday, November 17

9:00am	Torah Study
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Friday, November 23

7:00pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, November 24

9:00am	Torah Study
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Friday, November 30

7:00pm	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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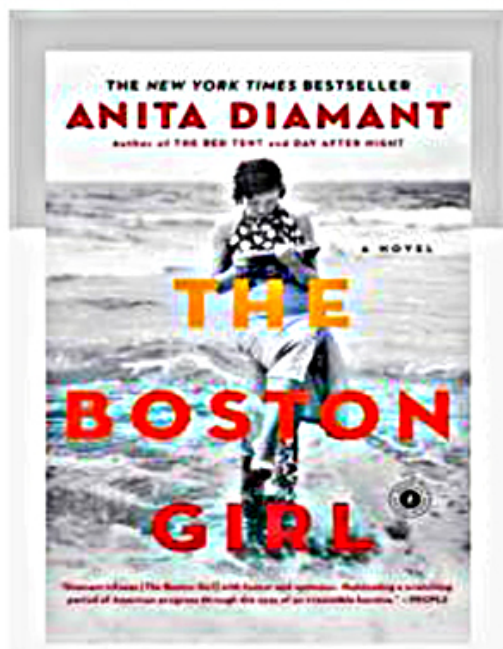
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SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

The Boston Girl

by Anita Diamant



**Wednesday,
December 12th
7:00pm**

At Sara Neuman's house

To RSVP, please email Sara at
sarabethneuman@gmail.com

Event location and directions will be provided upon RSVP

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John Marks, MD COLORECTAL SURGEON

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Bat Mitzvah



Devyn Cohen

Daughter of Suzanne and Douglas Cohen
November 3, 2018

For her mitzvah project, Devyn has raised awareness and funding for the Starfinder Foundation, an organization with a mission to enhance the personal growth of underserved youth through soccer and learning experiences that engage, inspire, and motivate. Starfinder provides critical support to help students graduate high school and continue with their education. As an avid soccer player, Devyn has developed friendships, teamwork, and leadership skills from the game and was eager to help others gain those same benefits. Devyn organized annual bake sales for Starfinder, enlisting many friends, relatives, and the Colonial Soccer Club community, raising awareness and over \$2,000 in donations. Devyn plans to continue to work with this organization in future years. Many thanks to all of you in our community who joined Devyn in support of this exceptional organization.

Sharing Our Simchas, Sharing Our Sorrows

Donations

ECE CENTER FUND

To Dave and Dara Nasatir

In honor of Hope's Bat Mitzvah Sherry Dainoff

EDUCATION FUND

To Julie Reid

In memory of Bernice Halpern Joe Casey & Lori Kasmen

To Dr. Dion Betts

In memory of George Herbert Betts Edward and Sherri Koch

MITZVAH FUND

To Dave and Dara Nasatir

In honor of Hope becoming a Bat Mitzvah Maris Delano

To Debby Askow

In honor of being awarded the Keeper of the Flame Maris Delano

To Susan Rosenfeld

In memory of your mom Randall & Debra Brenner

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To Susan Michels

In honor of your special birthday..... Randall & Debra Brenner

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To Judy Kartman

In memory of Eileen G. Waldman Ralph & Patricia Gallo

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To Larry Paul

In honor of you receiving the Esther Gold Award Susan & Hal Michels

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In honor of Hope becoming a Bat Mitzvah Robert & Beth Waks

To Beverly Somerson

In memory of Ira Somerson Debby & Irv Askow
Joe Casey & Lori Kasmen

To Doug Fritts

In memory of Anne Durkin..... Susan & Hal Michels

YAHREZIT FUND

In memory of Gerson Feinstein Joel & Trudi Azeff

In memory of Harry Goldblum Robert & Barbara Goldblum

In memory of Florence Seiden Bernice & Irving Grunes

In memory of Yetta Hirshfield Phyllis Polen

In memory of Ida Polen Phyllis Polen

In memory of Sandra Weiss Terri & Robert Weiss

COATZ NEEDS YOU!



- Do you want to help plan social action for Congregation Or Ami?
- Do you want to make a difference by engaging in incredible volunteer activities in the community?
- Do you want to be part of something where you don't need to attend a lot of meetings?

If you answered, "yes" to any of these questions, please consider joining COATZ. We are always looking for new ideas and WE NEED YOU!

Please email Deb Delano Brenner at
Deb@thebrenners.net if you are able to join.



COATZ 2018

Norristown Hospitality Center Thanksgiving Dinner & Colonial Neighborhood Food Council / Help Our Families

VISIT WWW.OR-AMI.ORG TO SIGN UP

**This year COATZ will be partaking in two very special
Thanksgiving projects:**

The first one is one in which we will be collecting cooked food like muffins, bread, cupcakes, mashed potatoes for the Norristown Hospitality Center, which is the only day shelter in the area. We will be going on Monday, November 19 and serving the people there a special Thanksgiving dinner with this food. You can sign up to volunteer on Monday, November 19 from 11-2 pm at the Norristown Hospitality Center to serve Thanksgiving dinner for the people there or you can help by making some food.

The other project that we will be taking part in again for Thanksgiving, is that we will be adopting ten local families from the Colonial Neighborhood Food Council. We will be giving all ten of these families a special Thanksgiving. Please take the time to make something, pick some items up, come and take part on 11/19 in helping to be part of serving this special Thanksgiving dinner, help by packaging the various items together for the ten local families on 11/18 or help by delivering these baskets locally on 11/20. When dropping off your items, PLEASE make sure that they are in the coat closet at Or Ami by Friday, November 16. Please make sure gift cards are in an envelope, "ATTENTION DEB BRENNER" and handed to Lori or Jenna in the main office at Or Ami.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!!
Deb Delano Brenner
-COATZ CHAIR**



Rabbi Glenn Ettman
and the Future First Lady Ellie Litcovsky
Cordially invite you to our Pre-Wedding Celebration
Open House and Auf-Ruf
At Congregation Or Ami

Saturday, December 15, 2018
from 4:00 - 6:00 (havdallah and Auf-Ruf at 5:30)

RSVP requested with number of family members attending (for number purposes) to:
ellieettman@gmail.com



**Nov.
16-18**

**NFTY
FALL KALLAH**

FOR 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS AT CAMP HARLAM

**Spend the weekend with over 150
Jewish teens from throughout Pennsylvania,
Southern New Jersey and Delaware areas!**

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pennsylvania.nfty.org

any questions, contact Lauren Dunoff at iviewdesign@aol.com

MICHELLE
*Olympic Speed Skater.
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Blood Drive **Congregation Or Ami**

Social Hall
708 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Tuesday, November 20, 2018
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

Or

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A portrait of Simon Schama, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark coat and a red patterned scarf, looking slightly to the side.

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Please Join Congregation Or Ami for our

Interfaith Ministerium Thanksgiving Service

at the

Church On The Mall

inside the Plymouth Meeting Mall



Wednesday
November 21, 2018
Beginning at 7:30PM

**Rabbi Ettman will be the featured speaker
along with Cantor Franzel**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!



November 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28 Yom Limmud -- No Religious School 6:30p Brotherhood Speaker Series - Congressman Boyle	29 Cheshvan 20	30 Cheshvan 21 4:00p Religious School 6:00p Omdim	31 Cheshvan 22 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	1 Cheshvan 23 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	2 Cheshvan 24 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 5:40p Candle Lighting 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	3 Chayei Sarah Cheshvan 25 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Shabbat Service - Devyn Cohen Bat Mitzvah 6:46p Havdalah
4 Cheshvan 26 9:00a Religious School 11:00a RSPO Meeting 11:30a RS Faculty Meeting 4:00p Illuminations and Libations Series	5 Cheshvan 27	6 Cheshvan 28 ELECTION DAY No Religious School Teacher InService Day	7 Cheshvan 29 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Membership Committee Meeting 7:00p Mahjong	8 Cheshvan 30 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman 7:00p Brotherhood Beer/Whiskey Tasting Event	9 Kislev 1 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:32p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	10 Tol'dot Kislev 2 9:00a Torah Study 5:39p Havdalah 7:00p Sisterhood Dinner Club - Friendsgiving
11 Admin:Veteran Day PTO Book Fair Begins 9:00a Religious School 10:00a GOT CHANUKAH	12 Kislev 4 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	13 PTO Kislev 5 Book Fair 4:00p Religious School 6:30p Omdim 6:30p Confirmation Class 7:00p Mahjong 7:00p Executive Committee Meeting	14 PTO Book Kislev 6 Fair 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	15 PTO Kislev 7 Book Fair 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman 7:00p The Story of the Jews - Film Series	16 ECE Kislev 8 Cookie & Pie Pick Up NFTY Kallah PTO Book Fair Ends 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:26p Candle Lighting 7:00p Herman Baby Naming 7:00p Tailgate Shabbat - College Football	17 Vayeitzei Kislev 9 NFTY Kallah 9:00a Torah Study 5:33p Havdalah
18 NFTY Kallah Kislev 10 9:00a Religious School	19 Kislev 11 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	20 Kislev 12 1:30p Blood Drive 4:00p Religious School 6:30p Omdim 7:00p Mahjong	21 ECE - Kislev 13 1:00PM DISMISSA 7:00p Ministerium Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	22 Admin:TI Kislev 14 Day BUILDING CLOSED	23 Admin:TI Kislev 15 Friday ECE and Business Office Closed 4:21p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	24 Vayishlach Kislev 16 9:00a Torah Study 5:29p Havdalah
25 BUILDING CLOSED - No Religious School Kislev 17	26 Kislev 18 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	27 Kislev 19 4:00p Religious School 6:30p Confirmation Class 6:30p Omdim 7:00p Mahjong	28 Kislev 20 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting	29 Kislev 21 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	30 Kislev 22 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:18p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	1 Vayeishev Kislev 23 NFTY / PAR 678 9:00a Torah Study 5:26p Havdalah



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