



DECEMBER 2018



THE OR AMI

THIS IS HOW WE JEW IT

Challah!

LET'S CELEBRATE AT

**UGLY  
CHANUKKAH  
SWEATER  
SHABBAT!**

**FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
7pm**

JOY TO THE  
WORLD

KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE  
AND YOUR FAMILY KOSHER

LOVE  
PEACE  
AND  
LATKE  
GREASE

The poster is a light blue rectangle with a dark blue border. It features several decorative elements: snowflakes and stars along the left and bottom edges, and a small Chanukkah menorah in the top left corner. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts. The event is titled 'UGLY CHANUKKAH SWEATER SHABBAT!' in large, bold letters. The date and time are 'FRIDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 7pm'. There are four images of blue sweatshirts with different Chanukkah-themed designs: one with a menorah and 'JOY TO THE WORLD', one with a cartoon man and 'Challah!', one with a menorah and 'LOVE PEACE AND LATKE GREASE', and one with a menorah and 'KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE AND YOUR FAMILY KOSHER'. The Or Ami logo is at the top center.

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## December Worship Schedule

### Friday, December 7

6:15pm .....	Tot Shabbat Service
7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service – “Ugly Chanukah Sweater”

### Saturday, December 8

9:00am .....	Torah Study
10:30pm.....	Shabbat Service – Jordyn Segal Bat Mitzvah

### Friday, December 14

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, December 15

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, December 21

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, December 22

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, December 28

7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service – Lay Led
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### Saturday, December 29

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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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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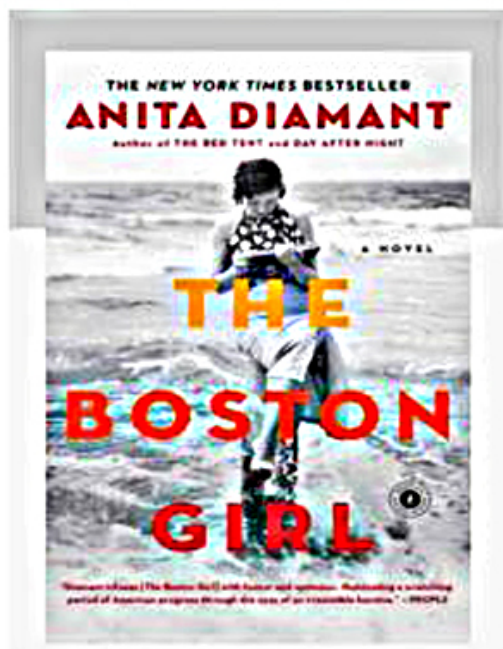
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## SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

### The Boston Girl

by Anita Diamant



**Wednesday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm**

**At Sara Neuman's house**

To RSVP, please email Sara at  
[sarabethneuman@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethneuman@gmail.com)

*Event location and directions will be provided upon RSVP*

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# Bat Mitzvah



## Jordyn Segal

Daughter of Jennifer and Doron Segal  
December 8, 2018

Parents Jennifer and Doron, and younger brother Jason, along with other family members, will all be looking on with pride when Jordyn is called to the Torah on Saturday, December 8. For Jordyn's mitzvah project, she chose a very special project in memory of her grandfather George Dainoff, whom she called Popper. Jordyn's Popper passed away from lung cancer and she would always feel badly when she saw that he would be undergoing chemotherapy treatments for 8 hours at a time with nothing to do. She created her Popper Project to collect donations and money to provide games, books and other items for the people undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

## Sharing Our Simchas, Sharing Our Sorrows

### November 2018 Donations CANTOR'S FUND

#### To the Salkoff Family

In Memory of Robert Salkoff.....Craig & Lori Israelite

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#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Joseph Alon.....Barry & Marsha Isdaner

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#### To Carly Shaw and Marcy Rubin

In Memory of Bernard Rubin.....Maris Delano  
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### MICHAEL SALKOFF FUND

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In Memory of Robert Salkoff.....Lawrence and Susan Paul  
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In Memory of Robert Salkoff.....Howard and Sandra Salasin

#### To Jane and Ralph Noah

In Memory of Robert Salkoff.....Howard and Sandra Salasin

### RABBI ETTMAN DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### To the Rutman family

In Honor of Jared's Bar Mitzvah.....The Getson Family

### MITZVAH FUND

#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Joseph Alon.....Randall and Debra Brenner  
Joel and Carole Lukoff  
Dene Bloom

### NANCY ROOMBERG FUND

#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Joseph Alon.....Alan and Carol Roomberg  
In Memory of Hannah Tocatly.....Alan and Carol Roomberg

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#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Joseph Alon.....Joel and Gail Cooperman  
Howard Markovitz  
Craig and Lori Israelite  
Ellen Pesin  
Susan & Hal Michels

#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Hannah Tocatly.....Helene & Alex Levinson  
Craig and Lori Israelite

#### In Memory of Joseph Alon and

Hannah Tocatly.....Mark and Terri Wolfheimer  
Bobbi & Dick Weiss

### TORAH CARD FUND

#### To Jackie and Michael Konin

In Honor of your 25th Anniversary.....Susan Rubin

#### To Roy and Valerie Felgoise

In Honor of Shane Becoming a  
Bar Mitzvah.....Ronnie and Marshall Haislup

#### To Dara and David Nasatir

In Honor of Hope Becoming a  
Bat Mitzvah.....Ronnie and Marshall Haislup  
Robert and Beth Waks

#### To Doron and Jennifer Segal

In Honor of Jordyn Becoming a  
Bat Mitzvah.....Susan and Hal Michels

#### To Cochava Prystowsky and family

In Memory of Joseph Alon.....Helene and Alex Levinson  
Susan Rubin  
Josh and Lauren Dunoff  
Irv and Debby Askow  
Lillian and Caren Toren

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In Memory of Hannah Tocatly.....Lawrence and Susan Paul  
Joel and Shirley Gottlieb  
Susan and Hal Michels  
Irv and Debby Askow

#### To The Rosen Family

In Memory of Ruth Rosen.....Rita Rubin

#### To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Buckley

In Memory of Larry Buckley.....Irv and Debby Askow

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In Memory of Louis Berger.....Laurence and Debra Berger  
In Memory of Myer Blumenthal.....Laurence and Debra Berger



*Come Join Us For*

# POP UP CHANUKKAH 2018

## AT MILES PARK

### SUNDAY

### DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

### 5:45PM



## 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](mailto:Deb@thebrenners.net) if you are able to join.

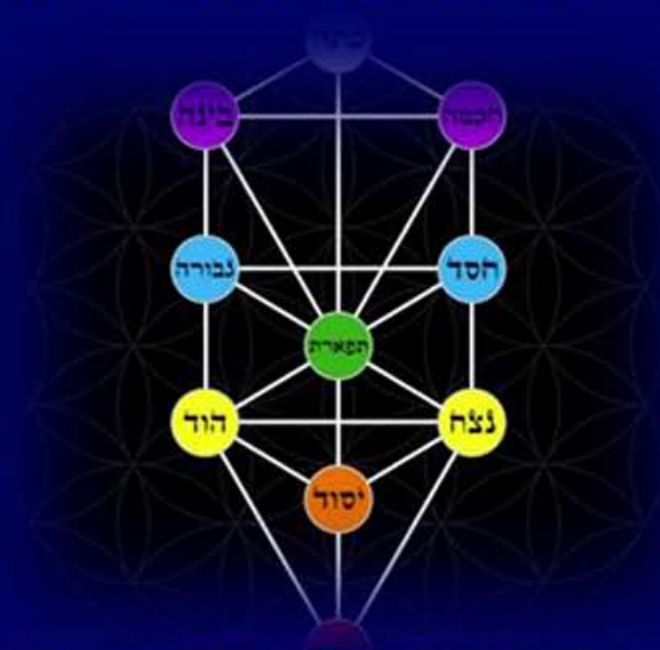




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# A Taste of Honey:

## Kabbalah for Today



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00PM – 5:30PM**  
**WITH CANTOR FRANZEL IN THE ONEG ROOM**





Rabbi Glenn Ettman  
and the Future First Lady Ellie Litcofsky  
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



*Social Action*

*Community*

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any questions, contact Lauren Dunoff at [iviewdesign@aol.com](mailto:iviewdesign@aol.com)

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keep up-to-date  
on what's going on  
at Or Ami!**



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.

# *The Story of the Jews*

*Simon Schama is a British historian who presents a unique and personal look at our story as the Jewish People. Join us as we screen the five part documentary and share our reactions.*

**Thursdays at 7:00 — 8:30 p.m.**

**December 6 • January 17 • March 14 • April 4 • May 16**

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*DO YOU know people who would enjoy  
being part of our vibrant Jewish community?*

*The Membership Committee would love to hear from YOU!*



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**Families referring  
new members will receive  
a Starbucks gift card from  
Rabbi Ettman!**

You will get a \$100 gift shop certificate as a thank you if your referral becomes a member!

Please contact Barb Hoffman today at  
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We are always eager to grow our community and to share what makes Or Ami such a special place.



# December 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>25</b> <b>BUILDING CLOSED - No Religious School</b> <i>Kislev 17</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Kislev 18</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>27</b> <i>Kislev 19</i> 4:00p Religious School 6:30p Confirmation Class 6:30p Omdim 7:00p Mahjong	<b>28</b> <i>Kislev 20</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>29</b> <i>Kislev 21</i> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	<b>30</b> <i>Kislev 22</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:18p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>1</b> <i>Kislev 23</i> <b>Vayeishev NIFTY / PAR 678</b> 9:00a Torah Study 5:26p Havdalah
<b>2</b> <i>Kislev 24</i> <b>Erev Hanukkah</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:15a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 12:00p Friendship Circle	<b>3</b> <i>Kislev 25</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>4</b> <i>Kislev 26</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 4:00p Religious School 6:30p Confirmation Class 6:30p Omdim	<b>5</b> <i>Kislev 27</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>6</b> <i>Kislev 28</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman 7:00p The Story of the Jews - Film Series	<b>7</b> <i>Kislev 29</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 9:30a ECE Chanukah Program 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:17p Candle Lighting 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Ugly Chanukah Sweater Shabbat	<b>8</b> <i>Kislev 30</i> <b>Hanukkah Mikeitz</b> <b>Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Segal</b> 9:00a Torah Study 12:00p Segal Extended Kiddush 5:25p Havdalah
<b>9</b> <i>Tevet 1</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> 9:00a Religious School 12:00p Friendship Circle 4:00p Illuminations and Libations Series 5:45p Pop Up Chanukah @ Miles Park	<b>10</b> <i>Tevet 2</i> <b>Hanukkah</b> <b>ECE Children's Chanukah Party</b> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>11</b> <i>Tevet 3</i> 4:00p Religious School 7:00p Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> <i>Tevet 4</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Sisterhood -- Book Club	<b>13</b> <i>Tevet 5</i> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	<b>14</b> <i>Tevet 6</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:18p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> <i>Tevet 7</i> <b>Vayigash</b> 9:00a Torah Study 4:00p Open House Havdalah Celebrating Rabbi and Ellie's Wedding 5:26p Havdalah
<b>16</b> <i>Tevet 8</i> 9:00a Religious School 11:00a RSPO Meeting 12:00p Friendship Circle	<b>17</b> <i>Tevet 9</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>18</b> <i>Tevet 10</i> 4:00p Religious School	<b>19</b> <i>Tevet 11</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>20</b> <i>Tevet 12</i> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	<b>21</b> <i>Tevet 13</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:21p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>22</b> <i>Tevet 14</i> <b>Va-y'chi</b> 9:00a Torah Study 10:00a Ettman Wedding 5:29p Havdalah
<b>23</b> <i>Tevet 15</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Tevet 16</i> <b>Business Office Closed</b> <b>ECE Closing at 1:00pm</b> <b>ECE Open for Full Time Students Only</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Tevet 17</i> <b>Admin: Chaviva's Day</b> <b>BUILDING CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Tevet 18</i> <b>ECE Open for Full Time Students Only</b> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>27</b> <i>Tevet 19</i> <b>ECE Open for Full Time Students Only</b> <b>PTO Sponsored - Disney on Ice</b> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman	<b>28</b> <i>Tevet 20</i> <b>ECE Open for Full Time Students Only</b> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:25p Candle Lighting 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>29</b> <i>Tevet 21</i> <b>Sh'mot</b> 9:00a Torah Study 5:34p Havdalah
<b>30</b> <i>Tevet 22</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Tevet 23</i> <b>Business Office Closed</b> <b>ECE Closing at 1:00PM</b> <b>ECE Open for Full Time Students Only</b>	<b>1</b> <i>Tevet 24</i> <b>Admin: Nev Year's Day</b> <b>BUILDING CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Tevet 25</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	<b>3</b> <i>Tevet 26</i> 11:00a Thursday Mornings with Rabbi Ettman 7:00p Membership Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> <i>Tevet 27</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 4:31p Candle Lighting 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>5</b> <i>Tevet 28</i> <b>Va-eira</b> 9:00a Torah Study 5:40p Havdalah

## Happy Hanukkah!



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