



DECEMBER 2019

# ROCK SHABBAT



FEATURING THE PRESENTATION OF THE

**ESTHER GOLD**

&

**KEEPER OF THE FLAME**

AWARDS



**7:00 PM**



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Ami is affiliated  
with the Union for  
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## December Worship Schedule

### Friday, December 6

6:15pm .....	Tot Shabbat Service
6:30pm .....	First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg"
7:00pm .....	Rock Shabbat featuring Esther Gold Award & Keeper of the Flame Award Presentation

### Saturday, December 7

9:00am .....	Torah Study
10:30am .....	Shabbat Service celebrating the B'nai Mitzvah of Dylan & Jonah Reid

### Friday, December 13

6:30pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, December 14

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, December 20

6:30pm .....	Ugly Chanukah Sweater Shabbat!
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### Saturday, December 21

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Friday, December 27

6:30pm .....	Chinese Dinner Shabbat
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### Saturday, December 28

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  
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# Sharing Our Simchas, Sharing Our Sorrows

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### To Cantor Franzel

In honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah.....Mr. & Ms. Joe Casey

### To Jamie Weiner

In honor of the birth of our grandson,  
Jarrett Irving Weiner .....Perry Weiner

## ECE CENTER FUND

### To Peter Weidman

In honor of the  
Keeper of the Flame Award .....Mindi Herman

## GENERAL FUND

From.....The Brenner Family

### To Evelyn Feigenberg

In memory of Marvin Feigenberg .....Beth Waks

### To Susan Michels

In honor of the Esther Gold Award.....Peter & Debbie Weidman

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In memory of Julius M. Rubin .....Mrs. Rita Rubin

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In memory of Dr. Marvin Feigenberg...Mrs. Rita Rubin

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### To Debby and Irv Askow

In honor of Debby and Irv Askow .....Jamie Aronow

### To Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Casey

In honor of Jacob Casey's Bar Mitzvah .Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Seidman

### To Nina Sobel Serebransky

In memory of Leila Sobel.....Dene Bloom

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In memory of Joe Finston.....Marlyn & Larry Stern

### To Debby & Irv Askow

In honor of your special anniversary.....The Waks Family

### To Susan Michels

In honor of the Esther Gold Award.....Mindi Herman

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From.....Dr. Charles Winkelman

### To the Sobel Family

In memory of Leila Sobel.....Debby & Irv Askow  
Susan & Roy Hoffman  
Helene & Alexander Levinson  
Bill & Lisa Koelewyn

## RABBI ETTMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### To Rabbi Ettman

In honor of Jacob Casey's  
Bar Mitzvah.....Mr. & Ms. Joe Casey

## TORAH CARDS

### To Arlene Finston

In memory of Joe Finston.....Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hoffman

### To Cindy Lehrer

In memory of Adrienne Safier .....Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Berr  
David Cohen  
Heather Fritts  
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### To Debby & Irv Askow

In honor of your  
50th wedding anniversary .....Bonnie Kaplan  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Waxman

### To Dr. & Mrs. Perry Weiner

In honor of the birth of  
your grandson, Jarrett .....Susan Michels

### To Elliot Syles & Family

In memory of your mother .....Ilene Buchert

### To Evelyn Feigenberg

In memory of Marvin Feigenberg .....Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Berr  
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### To Lori & Joe Casey

In honor of Jacob Casey's  
Bar Mitzvah.....Susan Michels

### To Morton Kaplan

In honor of your special birthday.....Debby & Irv Askow

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In honor of the  
Keeper of the Flame Award .....Debby & Irv Askow  
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### To Phyllis Polen

In memory of Richard Polen.....David Cohen  
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### To Sheri Hensel

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### To the Sobel Family

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### To Susan Michels

In honor of the Esther Gold Award.....Debby & Irv Askow  
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In memory of Hymen Weiss .....Dr. & Mrs. Joel Lebed

## YOUTH FUND

### To Brian Kroker & Brooke Stolper

In honor of the birth of your grandson  
Reuven.....Helene & Ron Rosen

### To Jamie & Perry Weiner

In honor of the birth of your grandson  
Jarrett .....Helene & Ron Rosen

**Happy  
Chanukah!**



# B'nei Mitzvah



## **Dylan and Jonah Reid**

Sons of Julie & Barry Reid  
December 7th, 2019

Dylan and Jonah created an electronic flyer and form that we emailed to friends and family to collect items for Colonial Neighborhood Council (CNC). CNC is a non-profit organization in Conshohocken. It serves as a food pantry, provides meals on wheels to homebound residents, and collects and distributes household basics. Dylan and Jonah wanted to support a community organization that serves local families in need. They collected canned food, hygiene items, paper towels, toilet paper, and other donations throughout November. Our family matched all donations and delivered the items to CNC the week of December 2.

CONGREGATION OR AMI  
presents  
**MUSSAR**  
**TUESDAYS**  
with Cantor Franzel

Please join us as Cantor Franzel resumes his class on Mussar, the ancient art of contemplative practice. As more and more people try to find ways and techniques for living a life of intention, Musar has seen an exciting revival in recent years.

The class will involve reading and discussion, and there will also be activities to do on your own between classes that will help you better experience the benefits of this study.

No prior knowledge or experience required.

4:00 – 5:30 in the Library at Or Ami.

# CONGREGATION OR AMI'S CHINESE DINNER SHABBAT



Featuring a brief service led by  
Randi & Mitch Zimmer

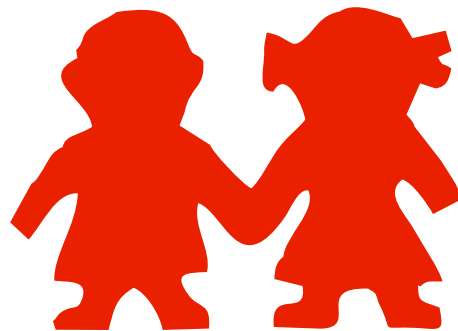
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
**6:30PM**

\$20 per adult  
\$10 per child  
(ages 5-12)

RSVP before 12/23 at [www.or-ami.org/chinese](http://www.or-ami.org/chinese)

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**10:30AM-1:00PM**

10:30AM-11:30AM for young children, before Religious School is dismissed

***NEW THIS YEAR: THE HANGOUT***

Games, slime & other crafts for kids in 4th grade and up

***Music Corner from 10:30-11***

**FREE to enter and open to the public.**

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

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

Return payment by Sunday, December 1st to receive 5 free raffle tickets. Send check/cash in a marked envelope to the Or Ami Synagogue Office (checks made out to Or Ami RSPO)

**OR pay via venmo: @orami-RSPO**

***Additional items for sale:***

**Food, including delicious latkes made by the Or Ami Brotherhood**  
**Airbrushed clothing, hats and more!**

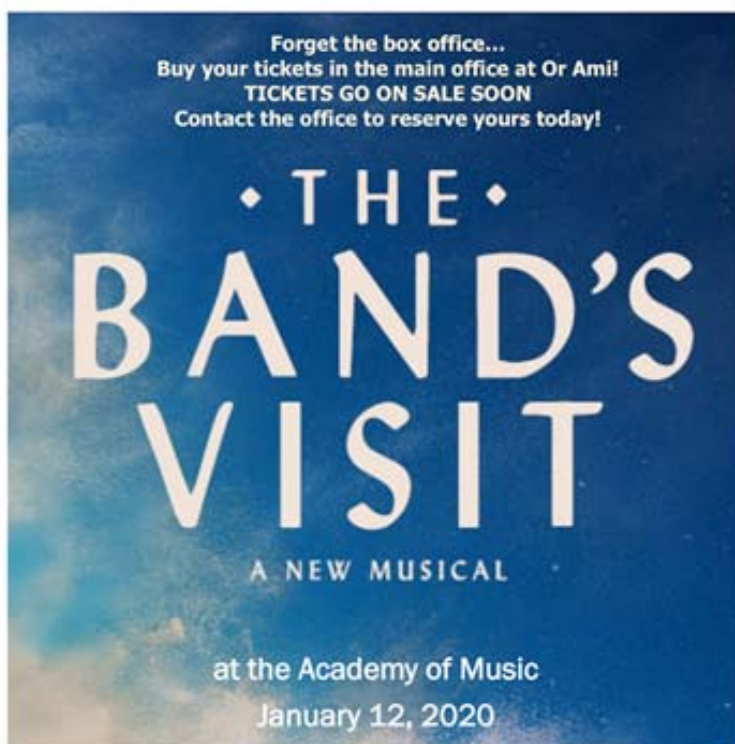


Presented by Or Amy Early Childhood Education Center PTO & Religious School Parents Organization

**708 RIDGE PIKE, LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444**



# JOIN OR AMI AT THE THEATRE!



To purchase tickets, go to [www.or-ami.org/band](http://www.or-ami.org/band)  
or call the office at 610-828-9066!

An advertisement for the 'GIFT SHOP' of Congregation Or Ami. The ad is set against a light beige background with a subtle floral pattern. At the top, it says 'CONGREGATION OR AMI' in a small, sans-serif font. Below that, 'GIFT SHOP' is written in a large, elegant, serif font. Underneath, it says 'Think of our shop for:' in a smaller, italicized serif font. A list of items follows: JUDAICA, JEWELRY, MEZUZOT, BAR/BAT MITZVAH CARDS, TALLIT, BABY GIFTS, MELISSA & DOUG TOYS, ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, SHOWER, MICHAEL ARAM, HOUSEWARMING, SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS, WINE, SHORE, and FREE GIFT WRAP AND SO MUCH MORE!. Below the list, it says 'We give great discounts!'. A paragraph of text follows: 'If no one is in the shop, please go to the main office or leave a note at the counter with your name, phone number, and what you took. If you have any questions, call Rachel at 610-724-4188, or email [jbsmom20@gmail.com](mailto:jbsmom20@gmail.com). If you can't get to the shop, WE WILL DELIVER TO YOU!'. At the bottom, a box contains the text 'YOUR PURCHASES DIRECTLY SUPPORT CONGREGATION OR AMI!'. The entire ad is framed by a thin black border, with floral illustrations in the corners.

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# UGLY CHANUKAH SWEATER SHABBAT

DECEMBER 20, 2019  
6:30 PM | THE SANCTUARY



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# ILLUMINATIONS & LIBATIONS

## A Taste of Talmud

Join Cantor Franzel and **special guest teacher Rabbi Greg Litcofsky** for an introduction to the world of the Talmud: strange laws, compelling legends, and the roots of our Jewish traditions.

**December 8th**

**4:00-5:30PM**

**Oneg Room**





# It's Back!

## Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman

11-12 PM

RABBI ETTMAN'S OFFICE

STARTING 10/24



## 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.



## Help Beautify our Synagogue with a Fine Arts Stained Glass Window Gift Card

For a \$10 minimum contribution, the Fine Arts Committee will send a beautiful card for you, In Honor or In Memory. The card depicts one of the large stained glass windows (designed by Benoit Gilsoul) on either side of the Beit K'nesset

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**A New Recording from Cantor Jordan Franzel**

This exciting new recording, featuring the songs, melodies, and brachot sung with Congregation Or Ami's ECE children and religious school students and during our services, will be available on our website, on CD, and on USB!

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# Your Connections Build Our Future

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

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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 Traci Lechwar today at  
**610-547-9838 or [tdkumd@gmail.com](mailto:tdkumd@gmail.com)**

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



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**OR AMI**  
*A family of friends*



## GRADE-LEVEL SHABBAT: STUDENT PARTICIPATION!

October 18th	-	6th grade student participation
November 22nd	-	5th grade student participation
February 21st	-	4th grade student participation
March 20th	-	3rd grade student participation
April 17th	-	2nd grade student participation
May 15th	-	Gan & 1st grade participation
May 16th	-	Confirmation (Morning Service)



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 4	Tot Shabbat and Community Oneg
November 1	Tot Shabbat (featuring the Pre-K classes) and Community Oneg
December 6	Tot Shabbat (featuring the 3 year old classes) and Community Oneg
January 3	Tot Shabbat (featuring the 2 year old classes) and Community Oneg
February 7	Tot Shabbat (featuring the Pre-K classes) and Community Oneg
March 6	Tot Shabbat (featuring the 2 and 3 year old classes) and Community Oneg
April 3	Tot Shabbat and Community Oneg
May 1	Tot Shabbat - Honoring our Teaching Staff and Community Oneg

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# December 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Kislev 3	2 Kislev 4 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	3 Kislev 5 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Mussar Class 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	4 Kislev 6 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	5 Kislev 7 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	6 Kislev 8 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p ROCK SHABBAT featuring Esther Gold Award & Keeper of the Flame Award Presentation	7 Vayeitzei Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Reid Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Reid Kislev 9 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Dylan & Jonah Reid Bar Mitzvah Service 12:00p Reid Kiddush 2:30p Chanukah Festival Setup
8 Chanukah Festival Kislev 10 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Gan and First Grade Family Education Program 11:30a Chanukah Festival Illuminations & Libations	9 Kislev 11 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	10 Kislev 12 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB	11 Kislev 13 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:15p Finance Committee Meeting	12 Kislev 14 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman 7:00p Challah Making Sisterhood	13 Kislev 15 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	14 Vayishlach Kislev 16 9:00a Torah Study
15 Kislev 17 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Religious School Committee Meeting 11:00a RSPO Meeting 12:30p Diller Teen Fellows Workshop	16 PTO Chanukah Party Kislev 18 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	17 Kislev 19 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School	18 Kislev 20 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	19 Kislev 21 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	20 Ugly Chanukah Sweater Shabbat! Kislev 22 9:30a Chanukah Program 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p Ugly Chanukah Sweater Shabbat	21 Vayeishev Kislev 23 9:00a Torah Study
22 Erev Hanukkah Kislev 24	23 Hanukkah ECE Open for Full Time Students Only Kislev 25	24 Hanukkah ECE - 1:00 Dismissal ECE Open for Full Time Students Only Office Closed Kislev 26	25 Hanukkah Admin: Christmas Day ECE Center Closed Office Closed Kislev 27	26 Hanukkah ECE Open for Full Time Students Only Kislev 28 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	27 Hanukkah Chinese Shabbat ECE Open for Full Time Students Only Kislev 29 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	28 Hanukkah Mikeitz Kislev 30 9:00a Torah Study
29 Hanukkah Tevet 1	30 Hanukkah ECE Center Open for Full Time Students Only Tevet 2 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: N.Y. Year's Day ECE Center Closed Office Closed Tevet 4	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 Vayigash Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Michaels Tevet 7 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Chloe Michaels Bat Mitzvah Service 7:00p Chloe Michaels Celebration

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