



MARCH 2020

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## March Worship Schedule

### Friday, March 6

6:15pm .....	Tot Shabbat
6:30pm .....	First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-neg"
7:00pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service

### Saturday, March 7

9:00am .....	Torah Study
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### Sunday, March 8

10:30am - 1:00pm.....	Purim Carnival
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### Friday, March 13

6:30pm .....	Purim/Shabbat Celebration featuring the music of Elton John
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### Saturday, March 14

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

6:30pm .....	3rd Grade Religious School Student Participation Shabbat
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### Saturday, March 21

9:00am .....	Torah Study
5:30pm .....	Pajama Havdalah

### Friday, March 27

6:30pm .....	Erev Shabbat Service
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### Saturday, March 28

9:00am .....	Torah Study
10:30am .....	Shabbat Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Rothenstein

## 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 Josh Dunoff

In memory of Mary Siller.....Stephen & Barbara Berr

### To Suzanne Koffler

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# Bat Mitzvah



## Sasha Rothenstein

March 28, 2020

Daughter of Bonnie and Adam Rothenstein

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I selected to help raise awareness and funding to support the Alzheimer's Association in honor of my grandfather Richard Rothenstein, who was recently diagnosed with the disease. Throughout my life my Pop Pop Rich has supported me by attending my sports games, swimming in the pool together and always finding ways to make me laugh.

This past Fall, I started a fundraising campaign to raise money for this important cause by inviting my friends and family to join me at the Walk to End Alzheimers at Citizens Bank Park. Together we raised nearly \$5,000 to help find a cure and I was so proud of my grandfather who joined the walk with our friends and family.



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MARCH 13**

**6:30 PM**

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BALLOON  
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## Sunday, March 8, 2020 10:30am-1:00pm

(10:30 - 11:30am for children 5 and under only)

All are welcome at 11:30 upon early Religious School dismissal!

Activity tickets: 10 for \$5 or 50 for \$20 (All games and activities will range from 1-6 tickets)

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# MUSSAR TUESDAYS

with Cantor Franzel

Please join us as Cantor Franzel resumes his class on Mussar, the ancient path of contemplative practice. As more and more people try to find ways and techniques for living a life of intention, Mussar 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,  
starting Tuesday, March 3rd.



## Or Ami Religious School Gan Open House

WHEN: MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 9:30–10:30

WHO: ALL PRE K STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHAT: PRE K STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO COME AND EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GAN STUDENT

9:00–9:30 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN MORNING SHIR (A TIME THAT WE GATHER TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY WITH THE RABBI AND CANTOR)

9:30–10:00 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY/READ ALOUD IN THE GAN CLASSROOM

10:00–10:30 PRE K STUDENTS WILL GO TO MUSIC WITH THE GAN STUDENTS WHILE FAMILIES MEET WITH THE GAN TEACHER, ELLEN AND THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR, STEFANIE TO DISCUSS THE GAN PROGRAM.

AT 10:30 FAMILIES WILL MEET THEIR KIDS IN THE SANCTUARY AND CAN TAKE THEM TO THE PURIM CARNIVAL





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**Sunday, March 22, 9:45-11:45 am**

**@ BTBJ Synagogue**

**1001 Paper Mill Road, Erdenheim, PA**

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# March 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Adar 5 9:00a Religious School 11:00a Sisterhood Meeting 4:00p Illuminations and Libations Series	<b>2</b> Adar 6 9:15a PTO Meeting 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>3</b> Adar 7 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB	<b>4</b> Adar 8 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> Adar 9 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	<b>6</b> Adar 10 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> T'tzaveh Adar 11 9:00a Torah Study 1:00p Purim Carnival Set Up
<b>8</b> Jewish Museum Trip: 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Purim Carnival 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Religious School Gan Open House 10:30a Purim Carnival 11:00a Family Education Program 5th Grade	<b>9</b> Erev Purim Adar 12 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>10</b> Purim Adar 13 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Mussar Class 7:00p Executive Committee	<b>11</b> Shushan Purim Adar 14 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>12</b> Adar 15 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman 4:30p IDA - Social Hall	<b>13</b> M'Sibat Purim Adar 16 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:30p Purim / Shabbat Celebration featuring the music of Elton John	<b>14</b> Ki Tisa Adar 17 9:00a Torah Study
<b>15</b> Adar 19 9:00a Religious School	<b>16</b> Adar 20 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>17</b> Adar 21 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB	<b>18</b> Adar 22 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>19</b> Adar 23 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman 4:30p IDA - Social Hall 7:00p Finance Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> Adar 24 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:30p 3rd Grade Religious School Student Participation Shabbat Service	<b>21</b> Vayak'heil-P'kudei Adar 25 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Pajama Havdalah
<b>22</b> Adar 26 9:00a Religious School 9:45a Sisterhood Breast Cancer Awareness Event 11:00a Family Education Program 6th Grade 12:00p Religious School Faculty Meeting	<b>23</b> Adar 27 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>24</b> Adar 28 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School	<b>25</b> Adar 29 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>26</b> Nisan 1 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman 4:30p IDA - Social Hall	<b>27</b> Nisan 2 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:30p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>28</b> Vayikra Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Rothenstein Nisan 3 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Sasha Rothenstein Bat Mitzvah Service 12:00p Sasha Rothenstein Extended Kiddush
<b>29</b> Nisan 4 9:00a Religious School 11:00a RSPO Meeting 12:00p Religious School Model Seder	<b>30</b> Nisan 5 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program	<b>31</b> Nisan 6 4:00p Mussar Class 4:00p Religious School 5:30p LAB	<b>1</b> Model Seder Set-Up Nisan 7 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> Model Seder Set-Up Nisan 8 11:00a Thursdays with Rabbi Ettman	<b>3</b> Nisan 9 10:00a Model Seder 1:00p ECE Spring Creative Arts Program 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	<b>4</b> Tzav Nisan 10 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a BERGER BABY NAMING

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