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“Anti-Semites have been given a green light...”

New Hill area rabbi has to deal with Trump fallout

by Ron Petrou and Len Lear

This article was supposed to be about the theatrical background and religious/moral philosophy of Glenn Ettman, 40, the recently appointed rabbi at Congregation Or Ami, 708 Ridge Pike in Lafayette Hill.

However, then the hate-filled riot happened in Charlottesville, Virginia, fueled by members of the Ku Klux Klan, Nazi sympathizers and other white supremacist groups who have openly praised and supported President Trump. And our leader in the White House has essentially said that the violent, racist thugs and largely peaceful protesters were equally to blame for the murder and injuries that occurred. And that both sides have “many good people” in them.

So because Rabbi Ettman is a beacon in the night shining a light on profound moral, religious and philosophical issues in the tradition of Old Testament prophets, we asked for his reaction to the events in Charlottesville and President Trump’s comments about those incendiary events.

“This has nothing to do with politics,” the rabbi said. “It has everything to do with morality. I have in my possession a Jewish prayer book that was issued by the U.S. Army to my grandfather, who fought against the Nazis in World War II. That Nazi flag represents the extermination of six million Jews. To equivocate and try to normalize it (as Trump did) is flat-out wrong!”

“A mentor of mine once said that a real leader stands up for moral authority, but a political leader stands up for votes,” said Ettman, a graduate of Brandeis University outside of Boston with an honors degree in Theater Arts and Judaic Studies as well as the Tisch School of the Arts, where he earned a master’s degree in Performance Studies.



Rabbi Ettman with daughter (center) and other congregants

“Trump first insulted Mexicans, Muslims, immigrants, women, etc., and now he equalizes Nazis with ‘good people,’ and now we see the rise of anti-Semitism ... There is a terrible story not being told about the Jewish community in Charlottesville. They were denied protection by the city’s police department, so they had to hire private security guards. They had to hide and leave out the back door of the synagogue; it was so terrifying!”

According to Rabbi Ettman, many Americans of good will thought the country was making significant progress with an African-American president (twice) and a female presidential candidate, but now “the president has given the anti-Semites a green light to do whatever they want to do.

“We have (at Or Ami) yellow stars from Holocaust survivors (that Jews had to wear in Nazi-occupied countries) ... This is a ‘stick your

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Rabbi’s Favorite Things

Rabbi Ettman continues to provide us with “teasers” designed to enhance our interest in each week’s Torah portion. Come see what it is all about! Join us on Shabbat mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. as Rabbi Ettman leads us through Torah study, which includes interesting discussions of what ancient and contemporary thinkers and commentators have to say.

- **September 2** *Ki-Tetze:* We are the guilty ones. You won’t believe what God gives us as the last commandment.
- **September 9** *Ki-Tavo:* Promises, promises, promises.
- **September 16** *Nitzavim-Vayelech:* “Stand in the place where you live, now face north.” Moses’s final call to the people.
- **September 23** *Haazinu; Shabbat Shuvah:* Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow. Learning how to say goodbye.
- **September 30** *Yom Kippur!* No Torah study but there is an afternoon study session with Rabbi Ettman about the meaning of life.

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September Worship Schedule

Please see the Information Guide on page 4 for a listing of all High Holy Days Services.

Friday, September 1

7:00pmErev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 2

9:00am Torah Study

Friday, September 8

7:00pmErev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 9

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Morning Shabbat Service

Friday, September 15

7:00pmErev Shabbat

Saturday, September 16

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Morning Shabbat Service

Friday, September 22

7:00pmErev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 23

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Morning Shabbat Service

Friday, September 29

8:00pm Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 30

10:00am Yom Kippur Service

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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These are the names of families who had returned their commitment forms prior to our printing deadline. More names will be added each month.

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neck out moment!' There is no equivocating this. This is not a Jewish vs. non-Jewish issue. We need all voices to speak up! This is not the world I want my child to grow up in."

Rabbi Ettman wanted to be a rabbi since he was 12 years old, growing up in Simsbury, Connecticut, near Hartford. He grew up "in the Reform Movement and in a very Jewish home. There was always something about Judaism that attracted me ...

"Being a rabbi is more than just reading, studying and teaching; more than just preaching and counseling; more than just sitting down and having a frozen yogurt with a 17 year old struggling to get into college; more than holding somebody's hand when he is dying. Being a rabbi is deeply rooted in my heart and soul, something I knew early on that I needed to be doing with my life."

As stated in Or Ami's website, "Rabbi Ettman was ordained by Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in 2006 in Los Angeles, where he also received a master's degree in Hebrew Letters ... His rabbinic thesis entitled 'Stage of Torah: A Congregational Guide to Bibliodrama' melds his two great loves, theater and Judaism."

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. Rabbi Ettman leads a study of the Torah, which generally speaking is the first five books of the 24 books of the Tanakh (Hebrew bible). These five books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. In the brochure for Congregation Or Ami there is a statement about the community's "love" of the Torah.

To explain this "love," Rabbi Ettman referred to a musical rendering by Cantor Franzel, the cantor at Or Ami. "These are the things that everyone is obliged to do daily including visiting the sick, rejoicing

with the bride and the groom and making peace with others..."

"One of the things that is just ingrained in the community and that you very much see through the Jewish family is the focus on family, on education and on growing. That's why you see so many Jewish Nobel Prize winners."

(Since the first Nobel Prize was awarded in 1901, as of 2013, 193 of the 855 Nobel honorees have been Jewish. That is 22%. Jews make up only 0.2% of the global population.)

Rabbi Ettman continued, "Every night I ask my 2½-year-old, 'What is the one thing you learned that is new today?' We always talk about something that we learned or something that was our favorite part of the day, not what we did. I do this to engrain in her the idea that we are perpetually and continually learning."

Ron Petrou, who co-wrote this article, has attended almost every Torah study Rabbi Ettman has conducted for the past year, and he can attest "that because of Rabbi Ettman's practice of 'accepting and building' in our enlightening and profound hour-and-a-half Saturday study, no one has ever started an argument or become irritated or angry." Petrou, a retired English professor, is not Jewish. He explained, "As the ad in New York goes, 'You don't have to be Jewish to like Levy's Jewish bread.'"

More information at 610-828-9066 or www.or-ami.org





5778 High Holy Days Information Guide

Your Guide to When, Where and What Time...

High Holy Days Services Schedule

Selichot

Saturday, September 16

Dessert Reception	7:00pm
Discussion Program	7:30pm
Service	8:00pm

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29

Service	8:00pm
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Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20 8:00pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30

Morning Service*	10:00am
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Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21

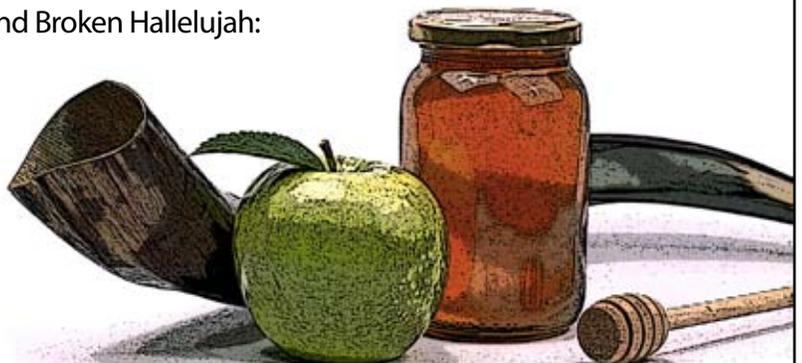
Morning Service*	10:00am
Youth Programming (K-7)	10:00am
COAFTY Service	10:00am
Family Service	2:30pm
Taslich Service	4:00pm

Youth Programming (K-7)	10:00am
COAFTY Service	10:00am
Family Service	2:00pm
Discussion Program	3:00pm
Afternoon Service	4:00pm
Yizkor Service	5:00pm
Neilah Service	5:45pm

*Babysitting available, pre-registration is required

Rabbi Ettman's Sermons for the High Holy Days

- ☆ **Erev Rosh Hashanah** - "Ch-Ch-Changes: How God Encourages Us to Grow" (A discussion session with Rabbi Ettman)
- ☆ **Rosh Hashanah Morning** - "I Am Or Ami, Or Am I?: The Call of Community in the Climate of the Selfie"
- ☆ **Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)** - "The Cold and Broken Hallelujah: Finding Inner Strength for the Outer world"
- ☆ **Yom Kippur Morning** - "Holding These Truths To Be Self Evident: How Do We Speak Truth to Power?"



High Holy Days

ANNUAL MITZVAH FOOD DRIVE

Please help COAFTY by taking a bag on Rosh Hashanah and returning it full of food* to the Or Ami lobby.
*non-perishable foods only, please!

Selichot

Saturday, September 16

7:00 – 8:30pm

“Profiles of a Prophet: The Modern Prophet and You”

Join us for discussion and refreshments followed by a brief service ushering in the High Holy Days.

Led by Rabbi Ettman and Cantor Franzel

Special Services

TASHLICH and Events COAFTY

Thursday, September 21

4:00pm

At the Northwestern Avenue entrance to Forbidden Drive (down Northwestern Avenue from Bruno's Restaurant)

Or Ami will gather as a community for a Tashlich service filled with music, song and personal meditation. Members of all ages are welcome to join us.

Services

For Grades 7 – 12

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Join us for interactive prayer and discussion experience.

Led by the COAFTY Board



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Congregant Joel Sloane will be the Artist of the Month at Congregation Kol Ami in Elkins Park. Joel's artwork will be on display from September 6 to October 23. Gallery hours are on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Joel's digital artwork is based on spiritual symbols and ideas found in Judaism, including Kabbalah, and other world traditions. Here, he is standing in front of a collage of his work. Below his right hand is a ceramic image depicting the mystical tree of life. The picture on the left represents the importance of science and evolution in understanding the world around and inside us. For more information on his work, visit jws-dreamscapes.com.

Meet Our New Board Members

Say hello to several new and a few returning members of the board of directors. Congratulations and thanks for all you do! Board members will be installed at the Erev Shabbat Service on September 8.

Scott Borsky



My wife Brooke and I became members of Or Ami in 2011 when our son began pre-school. Growing up in Lafayette Hill, I went to pre-school and I became Bar Mitzvah at Or Ami. Both my son Carter and daughter Sage attended the pre-school at Or Ami and my son will begin Hebrew School there this fall. I joined the board in hopes to have more of a voice in the congregation as well as help grow our membership.

David Cohen



I have been a member since the mid-1970s, as my family belonged to Or Ami for many years. I have had a Bar Mitzvah and been Confirmed. My two older brothers have also had their Bar Mitzvahs and been Confirmed. When I went to college and moved away from the area, I did not have much connection with the synagogue except to the extent that my father was involved. My family and I moved back to the area in 2015 and became

members through my children's enrollment in the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC).

I have two children, Charlotte and Lincoln, who were both enrolled in the ECEC. They graduated this year from the program and will both attend Kindergarten and the Gan program in the fall.

My wife Dea and I will co-chair the Family Celebration during the 70th anniversary weekend. My father Edward was a former board member.

I am excited to have returned to my childhood home after so many years. Or Ami has always been a special place for me and my family and I am excited to give back to a community that has given so much. I am excited to have my children share similar experiences that I did as a child and look to make Or Ami a communal destination for families new and old.

I believe that I can impart my many experiences as a long-tenured member of the synagogue and provide some perspective as

it relates to maintaining traditions and making new ones. Being on the board is more than making decisions; it is about being involved, volunteering, and spreading the inclusive spirit of our temple to others in the community. I look forward to working with the members and our new Rabbi.

Greg Kapel



I am originally from South Jersey but moved over the bridge while attending Drexel University. My wife, Rima, and I became members of Or Ami about 15 years ago when we moved to Lafayette Hill. We wanted to be affiliated with a synagogue for ourselves as well as for our children to grow up in. Jordan and Andrew went to Religious School and were Confirmed at Or Ami. They had their Bnei Mitzvot at the synagogue as well.

I decided to become a board member to help Or Ami grow and continue to show a strong Jewish presence in our area. I have 30-plus years experience in sales and marketing in the hospitality industry and hope to use that in helping to plan upcoming events at our synagogue.

Susan Michels



My husband Hal and I, along with our two daughters Jamie and Stephanie, have been part of the Or Ami family for the last 28 years, when my oldest daughter entered the two-year-old program of the ECEC. Both Jamie and Stephanie went through the early childhood education program and our religious school and Confirmation classes. Over the past 28 years, I have been involved in many aspects of synagogue life, including

membership co-chair, youth committee chair, vice president, and financial secretary. Most recently, I co-chaired the rabbinic search committee along with Dave Nasatir, which concluded with the hiring of Rabbi Ettman. Prior to that, I served on the board of trustees for 16 years. I am excited and honored, after having taken a step back for the past four years, to have been asked to return to the board. There is such a feeling of renewed enthusiasm amongst the leadership and throughout the entire congregation and I can't wait to be part of all the amazing things that are taking place in the coming year.

Sara Neuman



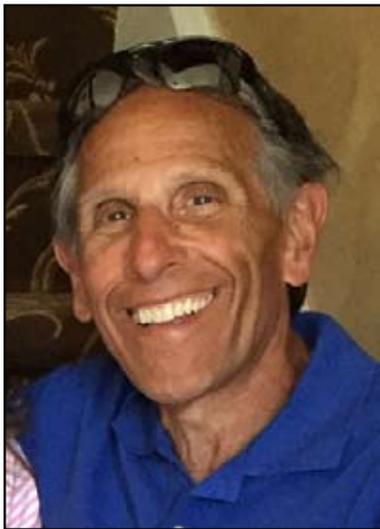
My husband Shawn and I joined Or Ami when we moved to Lafayette Hill in 2013 because we were looking to affiliate with the local Jewish community. We have two sons: Sam, 6, who attends religious school at Or Ami, and Asher, 3, who is enrolled in the ECEC.

I serve as treasurer for the ECEC PTO and have also been involved in the Religious School Parents Organization.

I am excited to join the board to help out wherever I can to strengthen our

synagogue and unite our local Jewish community.

Alan Roomberg



I'm beginning my 36th year of membership at Or Ami. My sons David, Michael and Dan each celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs and Confirmations here. My late wife Nancy, for whom a fund in her memory has been established, served proudly as a board member, committee chair and vice president, and inspired me to serve as well.

This will be my second tour of volunteerism at Or Ami, having served over a 10-year period as chair of the religious observance committee and

of committees that compiled our Machzor and Siddur; co-chair of the Bridge the Gap campaign; vice president; and as a long-time board and executive committee member. When Larry Paul called me in the spring and asked if I would consider re-joining the board, and specifically to help serve as finance co-chair, I embraced the opportunity to again serve the Or Ami community. As a practicing CPA in my secular life, it seemed to fit for me, and I'm anxious to embrace the challenge.

SAVE THE DATES!

November 17-19, 2017



Jason Salus



Lisa and I joined Or Ami in 2013 to be part of our Jewish community. Growing up, our families belonged to shuls and we were both Confirmed and later taught Hebrew School. We want to give our children, Max and Eva, the same experience. They will begin religious school at Or Ami this fall.

I have not volunteered for the synagogue previously, but I'm excited to be part of this dynamic group and do my small part to help make the

congregation and our Jewish community thrive. I'm hopeful that my perspective as a parent of young children will help the board plan and build for the future. I also look forward to using my experience in volunteer and community fundraising to benefit the congregation.

Mitch Zimmer

I joined Congregation Or Ami in 1986, not long after moving to



the area from New York City. At the time, my sons Andrew and Matthew were 4 and 1, respectively. After investigating several area synagogues, COA's warm and welcoming atmosphere offered an excellent opportunity to expand spiritually while seamlessly assimilating into a suburban Philadelphia lifestyle.

Matthew attended COA's ECEC; both boys attended our religious school, beginning with Gan and became Bar Mitzvah at COA; Andrew continued on

to Confirmation.

I served several terms on the board of trustees in the early-to-mid 1990s. I was on the Religious School Committee and served as Brotherhood President for several years. Many people might know me as a Colonial School District Board Member (2004-2011) and as a founding member and President Emeritus of the Whitemarsh Youth Basketball (boys) League, where I continue to serve as the head of referees.

I was a single parent through much of the early 2000s; in 2009, I married Randi under the chuppah at Or Ami. Randi has served as Sisterhood President, is a past recipient of The Keeper of the Flame Award, and has been on the faculty of the COA Religious School for nearly 28 years. I have three grown stepchildren: Carolyn, Max and Dan. All have attended COA Religious School.

This past year, I served on the rabbinic search committee. As the days and weeks unfolded, it became clear to me that there is an air of renewed energy and I wanted to become part of the process of cultivating this energy going forward. I am hopeful that, as one of your new vice presidents, I can connect with many congregants on a personal level to determine how, together, we can harness this newfound excitement; brainstorm new, fresh ideas; and enhance the TOTAL Or Ami experience.

Like Father, Like Daughter

By Carole Verona

Congratulations to Terri Wolfheimer, recipient of the 2017 Esther Gold Award for her outstanding service as a board member. Terri recently completed a two-year tenure as co-president of the board and continues to serve on the board and the executive committee as an immediate past president.

Terri's parents, Matt and Sandy Bennett, joined Or Ami in 1973, when Terri was 8 years old. Although they currently live in Florida, the Bennetts are still members of Or Ami and come up on the High Holy Days.

In receiving The Esther Gold Award, Terri is following in her father's footsteps. He served as president of the board from 1985-1987 and received the Esther Gold Award in 1989.

Terri attended Hebrew School at Or Ami, became Bat Mitzvah and was also Confirmed here. Terri and her husband, Mark, were married at Or Ami in 1990. Their children, Rachel, 24, and Jordan, 22, attended Nursery School and Religious School, became B'nei Mitzvah and were Confirmed at Or Ami.

Larry Paul, who served with Terri as co-president, said, "For me, she was a joy to work with. We meshed very well. Her many strengths include her willingness and ability to connect with people. She is always a self-starter. There was never anything that she would turn her back on."

Terri currently teaches second grade at Ridge Park Elementary School. She taught preschool at Or Ami while getting her teaching degree. She also taught Or Ami's full-day kindergarten program, at Sunday School and in the Religious School. Her husband Mark has served as Brotherhood President and as a board member.



Terri was inspired to get involved as a volunteer by remarks that Bill Koelewyn made when he received the Keeper of the Flame Award for his volunteer activities. Terri, who had been on the Religious School Committee, said, "I was so inspired by his speech that I decided I was ready to go on the board." She went on to become a third vice president and just completed her sixth year as a board member, including the last two years as co-president.

"My father has always been a sounding board," she said. His advice to her was to listen to everybody, to acknowledge everybody's ideas and thoughts, to respect what everyone has to say and, ultimately, to make the best decision that you can.

As immediate past president and member of the executive committee, Terri is now in charge of programming. She is focusing on plans for Or Ami's 70th Birthday Weekend and on bringing the musical group Mas Tequila back in the spring for a fundraiser. She is also working with Cantor Franzel on adult education programming.

Esther Gold served on our Board of Trustees for 19 years. She chaired and served on many committees and spent time as an officer. After Esther died in 1988, the Board decided to honor her memory annually by recognizing the Board Member of the Year who, in the view of his/her peers, did the most in the tradition of Esther.

B'nei Mitzvah



Ryan Gelman
September 9,
2017
Son of Lisa and
Ken Gelman

For my mitzvah project, I chose to continue to volunteer for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) on behalf

of my cousin Brody, who was treated at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for brain cancer. Back in 2014, I worked with my sister during her mitzvah project helping to host the event she created: "Batting for Brody." I have continued to volunteer by working at the CHOP ALSF official 'Lemonade Day' event each June as well as other events. I also volunteered to work during the Green Valley "Stand Your Ground! A Historic Pickleball Showdown" Charity event benefiting ALSF. My goal for my mitzvah project was to raise money and awareness about childhood cancers.



Julia Spitzer
September 23,
2017
Daughter of
Laurence and
Sandy Spitzer

For my bat mitzvah project, I chose to do something for animals and the SPCA. I chose this

project because I love all animals and I really want to help animals that are in need. My family and I even have a therapy dog. My mom goes into schools with my dog to help kids with special needs. When I am able, I accompany my mom and our dog on these visits. I believe animals are really important to the world and everyone needs an animal to help them! During the summer, I placed a collection box in the Or Ami lobby so that people could drop off food, toys, and even blankets to aid the SPCA. So, for all the reasons I've mentioned, it is important to me to ask you to contribute to this organization.



Jake Weiner
September 16,
2017
Son of Jenn and
Glenn Weiner

An important part of Jake's journey to this day has been his participation in a mitzvah project, or a way to help those who are

less fortunate. Jake is a volunteer with the TOPS soccer program through his soccer club, Colonial Soccer Club. TOPS stands for The Outreach Program for Soccer and is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. Last year, each Saturday during the Fall soccer season, Jake attended a practice or a scrimmage with the TOPS program. He worked in small groups doing drills and games and he worked individually with kids who have physical and cognitive challenges. Jake is looking forward to volunteering again this year.

Sharing Our Simchas, Sharing Our Sorrows

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To Cantor Jordan Franzel

Thank you for leading a lovely shiva service for our mom Susan and Roy Hoffman and family

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To Alex and Helene Levinson

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To Alex and Helene Levinson

In memory of Sofia Levinson..... Alan and Carol Roomberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

To Alex Levinson

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To Rabbi Glenn Ettman

Thank you for all that you did for us during mom's illness..... Susan and Roy Hoffman and family

Tzedakah Fund

To Alex and Helene Levinson

In memory of Sofia Levinson..... Carol and Ron Jacobi
Susan Jacobi

Torah Card Fund

To Alex and Helene Levinson

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Judy Lutz
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To Lisa Koelewyn

In honor of your retirement Bunny and Irv Grunes

To Sandy Grunfeld

In honor of your special birthday..... Susan Rubin

To Larry Berger

In memory of your brother

Kevin Berger Randi and Mitch Zimmer

To Susan and Larry Paul

In honor of Zach and

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You Are Invited!
Please join us on Friday evening, May 19, 2017,
as we celebrate the Conformation Class of 5777.
Pre-neg – 6:30pm • Service – 7:00pm • Celebration Oneg – 8:00pm

Pictured from left to right are Eli David Anderson, son of Joyce and Steven Anderson; Brooke Arie Davidoff, daughter of Lauren and Josh Davidoff; and Eli Ryan Banks, son of Genevieve and David Banks.

More of the Rabbi's Favorite Things
Rabbi Etzman continues to provide us with "teasers" designed to enhance our interest in each week's Torah portion.

- May 6 - Aharei Mot-Kemishim: Love, Love, me do - BUT, as long as you love yourself.
- May 13 - Emor: Heaven on my mind - What would happen if you commit blasphemy?
- May 20 - Behar-Bechukotai: Take a break - You can't be Non-Stop. Even the ground needs a rest.
- May 27 - Bamidbar: I've been to the desert on a horse with no name - Now I am back again, for the rest of the journey.

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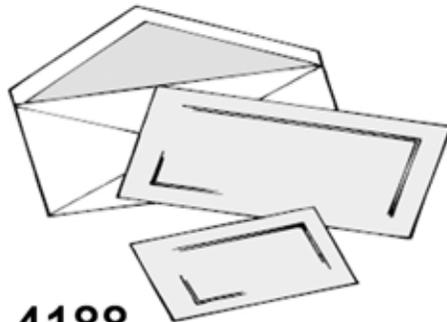
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September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 (10 Elul) Erev Shabbat Serv. 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:15p	2 (11 Elul) Ki Teitzei Torah Study 9:00a Havdalah 8:21p
3 (12 Elul)	4 (13 Elul) ECE Center Closed LABOR DAY	5 (14 Elul) ECE Center Meet t. 3:00p Omdim @ Youth Lou. 6:30p	6 (15 Elul) ECE Center PTO - . 9:15a RSC Meeting 7:00p Bnei Mitzvah Fami. 7:00p	7 (16 Elul)	8 (17 Elul) Welcome Back Pre-. 6:15p Erev Shabbat Serv. 7:00p Board Installation 7:00p Candle Lighting 7:04p	9 (18 Elul) Ki Tavo Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Gelman NFTY-PAR Leadership Training Institute @ OOB Torah Study 9:00a Shabbat Morning Ser. 10:30a Havdalah 8:10p
10 (19 Elul) Opening Day of Re. 9:00a New Horizons 10:00a Welcome Back BBQ 11:00a	11 (20 Elul)	12 (21 Elul) Omdim @ Youth Lou. 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p	13 (22 Elul) Executive Committ. 7:00p	14 (23 Elul)	15 (24 Elul) Tot Shabbat 6:15p ECE Center PTO We. 6:45p Candle Lighting 6:52p Erev Shabbat Serv. 7:00p	16 (25 Elul) Nitzavim-Vayeilech Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Weiner Torah Study 9:00a Shabbat Morning Ser. 10:30a Havdalah 7:59p
17 (26 Elul)	18 (27 Elul)	19 (28 Elul) Omdim @ Youth Lou. 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p	20 (29 Elul) Erev Rosh HaShanah ECE Center Early Dismissal 1:00 P.M. ~ Rosh Hashanah (Morning Extended Hours Only) Candle Lighting 6:44p	21 (1 Tishrei) Rosh HaShanah Tashlich ECE Center Closed ~ Rosh Hashanah Candle Lighting 7:42p	22 (2 Tishrei) Rosh HaShanah Candle Lighting 6:41p Erev Shabbat Serv. 7:00p	23 (3 Tishrei) Haazinu Bat Mitzvah of Julia Spitzer Torah Study 9:00a Shabbat Morning Ser. 10:30a Havdalah 7:47p
24 (4 Tishrei)	25 (5 Tishrei)	26 (6 Tishrei) Omdim @ Youth Lou. 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p	27 (7 Tishrei)	28 (8 Tishrei) ECE Center Back t. 7:00p	29 (9 Tishrei) Kol Nidre ECE Center Early Dismissal 1:00 P.M. ~ Yom Kippur (Morning Extended Hours Only) Candle Lighting 6:29p Erev Shabbat Serv. 7:00p	30 (10 Tishrei) Yom Kippur Yizkor Havdalah 7:35p

September Events

First Fridays Returns! Friday, September 8*

Join us at 6:30 pm for a Wine & Cheese "Pre-Neg" before a special Shabbat Service, beginning at 7:00pm

We will be honoring our September Birthdays and Anniversaries, Installing our New Board of Trustees Members, and Naming the 2017 Recipients of the Esther Gold Award and the Keeper of the Flame Award...

Plus a little bit of Torah, too!

*Yes, we know this isn't actually the first Friday of the month!

Welcome Back Bar-B-Q Sunday, September 10

At Religious School Dismissal
Join us for Hot Dogs, Chips and Dippin Dots, sponsored by the COA Brotherhood. \$2.00 per person



New Horizons Seniors Social Club

Sunday, September 10
10:00 am - Noon

Enjoy a delightful musical program with Pianist/Vocalist Marc Sherman
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Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 15, 6:15pm

Followed by PTO Sponsored Welcome Back Dinner

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September 17, 4:00-5:30pm

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