



SEPTEMBER 2019

ROSH HASHANAH 5780

L'Shanah Tovah: A Good and Sweet New Year!



Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29

Erev Service - 5:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 30

Morning Service - 10:00 am

Youth Programming - 10:00 am

COAFTY Service - 10:00 am

Family Service - 2:30 pm



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Ami is affiliated
with the Union for
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September Worship Schedule

Friday, September 6

7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 7

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service celebrating
Chloe and Maya Hockfield
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, September 13

7:00pm Shabark Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 14

9:00am Torah Study
5:30pm Shabbat Service celebrating Sarah Seidman
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, September 20

7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 21

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Service celebrating
Carly Blumenthal becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, September 27

7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 28

9:00am Torah Study

Sunday, September 29

5:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 30

10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
10:00am Rosh Hashanah Youth Programming
10:00am Rosh Hashanah COAFTY Service
2:30pm Rosh Hashanah Family 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.



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Your personal connections are important to our growth. When you refer friends and family, we'll roll out our Welcome Wagon with an invitation to join Or Ami.

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

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Please contact Traci Lechwar today at
610-547-9838 or 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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A family of friends

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Remembering the Holocaust Through Story and Song



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In memory of Joseph Waks,
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To Mr. & Mrs. Scott Butler

In memory of Ivan ButlerDr. & Mrs. Perry Weiner

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In honor of Mandy and Harris's marriage Mr. & Mrs. Joel Lukoff

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In memory of Maxine Beloff.....Ronnie & Marshall Haislup

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In memory of Joseph WaksRonnie & Marshall Haislup

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In memory of Ivan ButlerAdelaine F. Williams

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In memory of your sister,
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In honor of Dene Bloom.....Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Balistocky

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To Bob Waks

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In memory of Ivan ButlerMr. & Mrs. Michael Lefkowitz

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In honor of the birth of your
great-granddaughterLois S. Fox

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To Jordan Franzel

In honor of winning the
Baal Chazon AwardHelene, Ron, Daniel, Joshua, and
Esther Rosen

To Rachel and Ron Leopold

In honor of the birth
of your granddaughter MadelynHelene & Ron Rosen

MITZVAH FUND

To Rachel & Ron Leopold

In honor of your granddaughterMr. & Mrs. Randall Brenner
Mrs. Maris Delano

To Dene S. Bloom

In honor of your newest
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To Robert Waks & Family

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great-granddaughter Madelyn.....Judith Steier

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In memory of your
beloved father, JosephMr. & Mrs. Mark Wolfheimer

To Rabbi Ettman

In honor of your touching
Friday night service on a
Yahrzeit anniversary of mineJudy Weinberger

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To Mrs. Haryce Waks and family

In memory of Joseph Waks, beloved
husband, father, and grandfatherMr. & Mrs. Irv Askow

To Craig and Lori Israelite

In memory of Craig's mother.....The Fink Family

To Bob Waks and family

In memory of Joseph WaksMr. & Mrs. Daniel Jeck
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Michels
Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Paul
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In honor of Cantor Franzel.....Lillian Toren

To Lorie Balistocky

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In honor of the birth
of your grandchildDebby and Irv Askow

To Dene S. Bloom

In honor of the birth
of your great-grandchildDebby and Irv Askow

YAHARZEIT FUND

To Bob Waks

In memory of the passing
of your father, JosephMichele & Jack Berman

To Marilyn Lefkowitz

In memory of Stanley Lefkowitz.....Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lefkowitz

To Mr. & Mrs. Scott Butler & family

In memory of your father, Ivan Butler ..Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Zimmer
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In memory of Morris AzeffMr. & Mrs. Joel Azeff
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YOUTH FUND

To Scott Butler

In memory of Ivan ButlerYour Colleagues at Kaplin Stewart

To Brian Kroker & Brooke Stolper

In honor of the marriage
of Mandy and Harris.....Helene Rosen

Bat Mitzvah



Chloe and Maya Hockfield

Daughters of Scott and Sherri Hockfield

September 7, 2019

For her Mitzvah project, Maya invited some of her friends over to her house and created gift baskets filled with activities to give to children at CHOP.

For her Mitzvah project, Chloe, in addition to writing an original novella that is self-published available on Amazon, is working with animal rescues to help take care, and volunteer with animals and shelters.



Sarah Ann Seidman

Daughter of Jeff and Amy Seidman

September 14, 2019

For my Mitzvah project it was very easy for me to choose what I would do.

My best friends have always been my dogs, dogs that we rescued, gave them a home and family too.

I wanted to help more, for having three dogs and that's all my parents would allow us to have. So, I decided to make homemade all natural dog treats, "Sarah Snacks" to sell over the past two years. With the help from family and friends I raised enough money to save so many dogs.

My will not stop just because my Bat Mitzvah has happened; this is my life's work.

ADOPT...DON'T SHOP!



Carly Blumenthal

Daughter of Robert and Tracy Blumenthal

September 2, 2019

Carly's mitzvah project was collecting books for Kids Smiles, a not-for-profit children's dental practice that provides services to families who may not be able to afford dental care on their own. Kids Smiles has a "No Cavity Club" where kids with good dental visits can select a new or gently used book. Carly collected books from friends and families and helped deliver them to the office. In total she collected around 1000 books.

Mazel Tov!

SHABARK SHABBAT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00PM. OLD LOBBY ENTRANCE.

The popular pet-centric service is back! Bring your favorite furry friends and join Rabbi Ettman and Cantor Franzel for an extra-special Shabbat featuring a blessing of the animals and delicious, pet-friendly treats during the oneg.

PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY
FOR A FALL EVENING.



Congregation Or Ami

Adult Education: Illuminations & Libations

Jewish Music Through the Ages

Join Cantor Franzel on a
journey from the Temple
to Debbie Friedman
& beyond.

Food, drinks, & fun
will be served!

SEPTEMBER 15

4:00-5:30PM | ONEG ROOM



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!**

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September 2019

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

1 <i>Elul 1</i>	2 <i>Admin: Labor Day Building Closed</i> <i>Elul 2</i>	3 <i>Meet the Teacher</i> <i>Elul 3</i>	4 <i>ECE First Day of School PTO Breakfast</i> <i>Elul 4</i>	5 <i>First Day of Enrichment</i> <i>Elul 5</i>	6 <i>Elul 6</i> 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	7 <i>Shoftim Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Hockfield Bat Mitzvah of Maya Hockfield</i> <i>Elul 7</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Chloe & Maya Hockfield Bat Mitzvah Service 12:00p Hockfield Kiddush
8 <i>Cocktail Party for Dues Level</i> <i>Elul 8</i>	9 <i>Elul 9</i>	10 <i>Elul 10</i>	11 <i>Elul 11</i>	12 <i>Elul 12</i>	13 <i>ShaBARK Shabbat!</i> <i>Elul 13</i> 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	14 <i>Ki Teitzei Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Seidman</i> <i>Elul 14</i> 9:00a Torah Study 5:30p Sarah Seidman Bat Mitzvah Service
15 4:00p Illuminations & Libations: Jewish Music Through the Ages	16 <i>ECE Fall Creative Arts Begin</i> <i>Elul 16</i>	17 <i>Elul 17</i>	18 <i>Elul 18</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	19 <i>Sisterhood Kickoff</i> <i>Elul 19</i>	20 <i>PTO Challah Program Begins</i> <i>Elul 20</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service 7:00p Bard Baby Naming	21 <i>Ki Tavo Bat Mitzvah of Carly Blumenthal S'lichot</i> <i>Elul 21</i> 9:00a Torah Study 10:30a Carly Blumenthal Bat Mitzvah Service 7:00p Private Party
22 <i>Religious School Open House</i> <i>Elul 22</i> 11:00a Sisterhood Meeting 5:00p PTO Welcome Back Dinner & S'lichot	23 <i>Elul 23</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts	24 <i>Elul 24</i> 4:00p Religious School	25 <i>Elul 25</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting	26 <i>Elul 26</i>	27 <i>Elul 27</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	28 <i>Nitzavim</i> <i>Elul 28</i> 9:00a Torah Study
29 <i>Erev Rosh HaShanah</i> <i>Elul 29</i> 5:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	30 <i>Rosh HaShanah Tashlich</i> <i>Tishrei 1</i> 10:00a Rosh Hashanah Youth Programming 10:00a Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00a Rosh Hashanah COAFTY Service 2:30p Rosh HaShanah Family Service	1 <i>Rosh HaSh</i> <i>Tishrei 2</i> 4:00p Religious School	2 <i>Tishrei 3</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:30p ECE Staff Meeting	3 <i>Tishrei 4</i>	4 <i>Tishrei 5</i> 1:00p ECE Fall Creative Arts 6:15p Tot Shabbat 6:30p First Fridays Wine and Cheese "Pre-Neg" 7:00p Erev Shabbat Service	5 <i>Vayeilech</i> <i>Tishrei 6</i> 9:00a Torah Study

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