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*Light of our People*

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*Fabulous in February-  
Fondue! Watch for  
details!!!!!!*

## RABBI ROMER'S REFLECTIONS

### Hodu LAdonai- Give thanks to God!

Thanksgiving - we will celebrate the holiday at the end of this month. Many of us will gather together and share a meal. This holiday is the epitome of the United States secular spiritual culture. We are one as citizens in celebrating Thanksgiving.

Do you give thanks? How often? Where? To whom (and to Whom?)

One of my spiritual practices is called Mussar. The word in spiritual context means Ethical or Moral instruction. There is a series of daily and weekly exercises on middot - traits that are part of my practice. Throughout the year in weekly cycles that are repeated every 13 weeks I focus on one of these middot. They include Order (that's one I am continually challenged with), Compassion, Calmness, Love, Enthusiasm, Joy, Generosity, and others. And the one that takes prime importance this month is Gratitude. Have you ever really read the Psalms and notice how often the writer is thanking and praising and showing gratitude to the One? That's the bottom line spiritual value in Psalms, recognizing that even when things appear bleak, there is hope and we are not alone and it is important and appropriate to give thanks and show gratitude.

How quick we are to find fault in what we have done and what others have done. How quick we are to criticize others; to find what is wrong with what they have done or said. Too often we are ready with advice on what someone has done wrong. Think about all the attack ads in this election cycle- nary a word of thanks or gratitude for what either candidate has done, could do or wishes to do. We are all too ready to see the negative and find fault. How often have you found yourself in situation where this happens "We like everything your doing, but...?" You know where the but is leading. Not a lot of gratitude or thanks found there.

In his book *Everyday Holiness*, Alan Morinis, the person most influential in bringing Mussar practice into a progressive Jewish setting writes, "Most of us tend to focus so heavily on the deficiencies in our lives; we barely perceive the good that counterbalances them." P.64. I can relate to his words.



Too often I will obsess about some issue, or notice that I am not where I wanted to be in my life. Not often enough have I paused to consider all those who continue to enrich my life, those who nurtured me when I was young and the loved ones in my life who continue to lift me up. We all suffer too much from the "Gevalt" Syndrome. Even in Or Ami life, how often do we notice all the souls continuing to stream into our community, connecting with us and helping us grow as a spiritually meaningful Jewish presence in greater Richmond?

Morinis writes further: "When gratitude is well established and flowing, it is a sign of a heart that has been made right and whole. Gratitude can't coexist with arrogance, resentment, and selfishness." (p. 65)

We need to realize that we cannot accomplish the small and great things in our lives without the others who enhance us and enable us to succeed. Offering them gratitude is the Godly

thing to do. Yes, Godly, for they are in essence, messengers of the Holy who help us along our journey. And that leads to recognizing that the Source rightly deserves thanks and gratitude as well. That is why our spiritual founders consistently wove thanksgiving into prayer and blessing. Its still there in our liturgy.

The Hebrew phrase for gratitude is Hakarat HaTov - Recognizing the Good. Try and do that in your everyday lives. Find the joy and goodness; the abundance that is actually present in our day to day lives.

Here's a Mussar exercise for you to try for one week leading up to Thanksgiving-

Say thank you to every person who does even the slightest thing that is helpful or beneficial to you.

Really, try this for one week. Let me know how it feels and how easy or difficult it was for you. Keep track of all your thanks in a journal. And on Thanksgiving Day, as you sit down, pull out that journal and read through all the thanks you were able to give. Truly recognize the good.

Rebbe Bachman of Breslau, the grandson of the founder of modern Hasidism had many defeats and difficulties in his life. He lost a wife, a couple of children and he didn't live past 38 years. Yet, he was a consistent advocate of joy and giving thanks. He wrote, "Gratitude rejoices with her sister joy and is always ready to light a candle and have a party. Gratitude doesn't much like the old cronies of boredom, despair, and taking life for granted."

As you sit down on this Thanksgiving Day, genuinely give thanks.

Hodu LAdonai Ki Tov, Ki L'Olam Chasdo- Give Thanks to Adonai - For God's Loving-Kindness is Everlasting".

# FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Alan Freedman and Judy Katzen



It is hard to believe that we are almost ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a time of year we gather with family and friends, and over indulge in our traditional foods, watch football, and hopefully take advantage of being able to nap on the couch. This is also a time to continue to reflect on how thankful we are for Or Ami, reflect on our humble beginnings, and truly relish in how we have grown into a vibrant sacred community that is approaching 225 families. We need to be thankful for those who had the courage and vision to create what we have today. It is up to all of us to continue this journey.

As we navigate through these times of change and forge a successful course for the future, please be assured that the soul of Or Ami will remain intact. To allay any worries, two experiences have occurred in the last few weeks that will confirm that we are doing good things the right way. The first occurred during our Simchat Torah celebration. A guest was visiting us from out-of-town. He was in Richmond for business and did not want to miss one of his favorite times of the year. He did not know where he would go. He located us by doing

an internet search, called to see if we were having a service, and came to celebrate with us. He was impressed by the number of families, the interactions of Rabbi Ben, Mr. G, and the children, and warm welcome he received from everyone. The second occurred during our weekly Shabbat service. A long-term member was worshipping with us for the first time in several months. She commented on the impact of our growth and transformation into a full time congregation and how things had changed over the year. What was most striking about her comments was that with all of the changes that have taken place, the spirit of Or Ami has not changed and is as strong as ever. Or Ami is on solid footing and grounded in our traditions. Changing to meet the demands of our congregants is inevitable. Changing who we are is not.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage... shows itself in deeds." We have an obligation to preserve the traditions of Or Ami and chart our course. 2012 marks the 40th anniversary of our congregation. As a Board we are working on a strategic plan based on recommendations from the Long Term Planning committee that will solidify our future. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving information about our discussions and the direction we wish to go. You will be invited and encouraged to be a part of our discussions, and your opinions will be sought considered. We want you to be included in the process.

So, take time out during this season to reflect on the things in our lives for which we are truly thankful. On behalf of the Board, we would like to wish all of you a joyous, healthy, and wonderful Thanksgiving.

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## THE JOY KRAMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OF OR AMI

### A NOTE FROM MR. G - David Goldsmith, Educational Director

Dear Parents,

Young children will believe almost anything you tell them. They actually believe that a fat man can fly in a sleigh propelled by reindeer and then come down a chimney. They actually believe that a fairy comes into their bedroom to exchange teeth for cash. They actually believe in God.



It is only in adolescence that they can begin to really understand God as an abstract, non-physical spirit, force, being, or intelligence. The problem is that so many Jewish kids use Bar/Bat Mitzvah as the exit door to their Jewish education, just as they are ready to make that transition from concrete to abstract. God is thus permanently relegated

And then when they get older, middle-school aged or so, they discover that there really is no Santa Claus, no Easter Bunny, no Tooth Fairy, no Superman, no Ninja Turtles. And they question whether there really is a God or whether that is just another fictional character that adults have made up.

to that list of fictional characters no longer worthy of belief.

Up to a certain point in their cognitive development, kids can only conceive God in a concrete, anthropomorphic form, usually an old, bearded man on top of a mountain, perhaps with lightning bolts coming out of His finger.

Spirituality is a key component of Jewish education. It is important that each student develop his or her own unique understanding of and relationship with God. Otherwise the Religious School becomes no more than a cultural center. I urge all students to continue their Jewish education beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah, beyond Confirmation, beyond college. Jewish education should be a process that will last a lifetime.

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## CHANUKAH IS SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

Chanukah comes early this year, **beginning on the evening of Wednesday, December 1.** Mark your calendars...

On Friday, **December 3, we will have a potluck dinner** at 6:15, followed by a Shabbat service for Chanukah. Mr. G will do a creative family service and will tell a story. Be sure to bring your family menorah and 4 candles so that we can light them in the window as is the custom at Or Ami. What a beautiful sight!

Then on Sunday, December 5 we will have our annual Family Chanukah Party. The party will run from 10:00

a.m. until noon, in lieu of regular Sunday School hours. There will be all kinds of family-oriented activities, a latke bar, sufganiot, music, and much, much more. ALL congregants and guests are invited to celebrate with us. It should be a lot of fun!

We ask that you fry up and bring a batch of your homemade latkes to enter into our **5th annual Latke Fry-Off Contests.** Latkes will be judged on taste, appearance, and originality. The winner gets a photo taken with the coveted Golden Spatula Award. Past winners include Beth Meixner, David Kane, Beth Jones, and Terry Crosby.



# THE JOY KRAMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OF CONGREGATION OR AMI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

## Sunday, November 7

*DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT!*

9:00-12:00 Religious School, grades K-9  
10:30-12:00 Torah Tots  
Music & Dancing, grades TT – 5  
1:00 Confirmation

## Sunday, November 14

9:00-12:00 Religious School, grades K-9  
Synagogue bus tour, grades 1 & 2  
Chanting with Elaine, grades 6 & 7  
1:00 Confirmation

## Sunday, November 21

9:00-12:00 Religious School, grades K-9  
10:30-12:00 Torah Tots  
Music & Dancing, grades TT – 5  
Chanting with Elaine, grades 6 & 7  
1:00 Confirmation

**Sunday, November 28** – NO CLASS, Thanksgiving Weekend

**Wednesday, December 1** – Chanukah begins at sundown.

## Friday, December 3

6:15 pm Potluck Dinner  
7:30 pm Shabbat service for Chanukah

## BARUCHIM HABA'IM! WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!

This fall we have welcomed 20 wonderful new students to our Religious School family: Benjamin Dabney, Michelle Dabney, Noah Dabney, Jacqueline Drazner, Tsophie Drazner, Yosi Dreyfuss, Joey Feldman, Mahaliya Gray-Alsing, Ziva Kane, Carlee Manheim, Dahlia Manheim, Jesse Manheim, Joshua Moskovitz, Sarah Moskovitz, Bowman Novey, Noah Patton, Alison Penczak, Brian Penczak, Hayden Penczak, and Simon Weiss. Welcome!



## TORAH READINGS FOR OCTOBER



### NOVEMBER 5/6

- Torah: Toldot Genesis (Bereishit) 25:19-28:9
- Haftarah: Malachi (Malahchee) 1:1-2:27

We learn about Isaac and Rebecca and an important lesson about what happens when parents favor one child over another. Each parent does this in our reading and Jacob and Esau get caught in the crossfire. I have always appreciated the Torah's honesty in presenting the flaws in family life. Our narrative is made so much more human and accessible when we realize our cultural heroes are a lot like us. Not like Greek gods or heroes. Human.

### NOVEMBER 12/13

- Torah Vayetze Genesis (Bereishit) 28:10-32:3
- Haftarah: Hosea (Hoshea) 12:13-14:10

Jacob must flee his home after the tricks he and his mother have played on his brother. Finding a rough place to sleep, he has an incredible dream with messengers (angels?) of God going up and down a ladder. This moment is a first teaching moment in Jacob's life and he only just begins to understand that he must change in order to become connected to the holy. He doesn't quite get it, basically demanding that the Eternal makes sure to take of Jacob or Jacob won't believe in God.

### NOVEMBER 19/20

- Torah: Vayishlach Genesis (Bereishit) 32:4-36:43
- Haftarah: Hosea (Hoshea) 11:7-12:12

Jacob sends his entire family and clan across the River Yabok to prepare to meet Esau after so many years. Alone, he encounters a diving being (or an angel), clearly connected to God. He wrestles and emerges victorious and receives the new

name Israel (the folk etymology is that Jacob has wrestled with beings human and divine and won). Has he wrestled with anyone but himself and his actions?

### NOVEMBER 26/27

- Torah: Vayeishev Genesis (Bereishit) 37:1-40:23
- Haftarah: Amos (Ahmohs) 2:6-3:8

Family dynamics- and not too healthy ones- continue to dominate our stories. One would think that Jacob would have learned the dangers of favoring one child over another, but no. He loves Joseph much more than the others and once again creates family tension. So much so that the others fake that Joseph is killed by a wild animal while they actually sell him into slavery. Remember that all these players become the tribes of Israel. What a fascinating way to present our ancestors!



## ALL IN THE FAMILY

### RABBI ROMER IN THE COMMUNITY:

Last month, Rabbi Romer:

- spoke at a Press Conference in support of Affordable Health Care
- taught a Torah class to Seniors at the JCC
- attended the Jewish Federation Herzl Event
- attended the Opening Micah Mentor/Tutor welcome at Redd Elementary School
- hosted the RISC Justice Ministry Team Leaders Assembly

### REFUAH SHELEIMAH - SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Richard Diamond, Ruthanne Goldsmith, Paul Goldsmith, Herold Hofheimer, Sam Katzen, Sheila Schnitt, and Anita Wolff

### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Beth Levine on the death of her beloved sister, Roberta Amos Lutz, on September 18th. May Roberta's soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

Condolences to Isabel Paul on the passing of her dear mother, Naomi Paul, on September 26th. May her name be for a blessing.

Condolences to Jeff Hanzel on the death of his aunt, Lillian Stein, on October 1st. May her soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

Condolences to Bennat Drazner on the passing of his beloved mother, Bess Drazner, on October 1st. May her name be for a blessing.

Condolences to Marcy Horwitz on the passing of her loved cousin, Gail Dolgin, on October 7th. May Gail's soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life.

### NEW MEMBERS:

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Jennifer Woodard  
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With deep sadness we want to let you know that Bud Miller, Linda Heuser's significant other passed away last night following a tragic accident. Bud was also an extended part of our or Ami community, a regular at Shabbat worship, attending the High Holy Days with us, doing all sorts of repair work on the outside of our building. Quite a few of you met him and spoke with him at different times. Bud was a mensch. Bud was also a deep spiritual searcher, he and I spent quite a bit of time in long conversation about broader spiritual and Jewish spiritual ideas and concepts. May his name be for a blessing.



*Bud Miller and Linda Heuser*

*Be sure to let us know when something special happens in your family, so that we can pass the word along to the rest of the Congregation*

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- In honor of Henry Horwitz in the Yom Kippur Service - *Joyce M. Rosenbaum*
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- In memory of my father, Samuel Ringel - *Paul & Selma Goldsmith*
- In memory of Naomi Paul - *Rabbi Ben & Karen Romer*

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- Patricia Doniger

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- In memory of Nathan "Manny" Dranoff - *Jeanne Dranoff*
- In honor of our wedding - *Randall Helmstutler & Tracey Haykin Helmstutler*
- In memory of Naomi Paul - *Carol D. Haykin*

### REFURBISHMENT FUND

- In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Jarrett and Sydney Nees | In memory of Beth Levine's sister, Roberta Amos Lutz | In memory of Isabel Paul's mother, Naomi Paul - *Herold & Ellen Hofheimer*

### SACK/HIRSCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- *Arnold & Elaine Frances*

### TORAH FUND

- In honor of the marriage of Tracy Haykin, daughter of Jeff Haykin and Isabel Paul and granddaughter of Carol Haykin | In memory of Isabel Paul's mother | In honor of all the participants in the High Holy Day services | In honor of Julia Siegel's marriage | In memory of Jeff Hanzel's aunt, Lillian Stein - *Renee Gould*

*Contributions to a fund of the Congregation may be made in honor or in memory of a family member or a friend to any of the congregational funds, such as the Dorothy & Bernard Packer Educational Endowment Fund, Building Fund, Congregational Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, General Fund, Harvey Lampert Memorial Garden Fund, The Scholarship Fund (in memory of David & Clara Sack, Margarete Hirsch, and Susanne Hirt), Sustenance/Social Action Fund, or another fund mentioned elsewhere.*

# CONTRIBUTION FORM TO CONGREGATION OR AMI - Page 1 of 2

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Do you wish this contribution to be mentioned in our Temple Bulletin?    Yes    No

***Please mail to the Or Ami Office - 9400 Huguenot Road - Richmond, Virginia 23235***

*Please see the reverse side of this form for additional information about Congregation Or Ami's various funds.*

## Yahrzeits\* (MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARY)

These names will be read on the following dates:

Nov. 1	Ida Shterenberg	11/ 5/10	Nov. 16	Judith Lenke	11/19/10
Nov. 2	Max Mlotek	11/ 5/10	Nov. 17	Beatrice Hanzel	11/19/10
Nov. 2	Rose Schnitt	11/ 5/10	Nov. 17	Edward Zuckerman	11/19/10
Nov. 2	Andrew Lendvay	11/ 5/10	Nov. 18	Muriel Rosenberg	11/19/10
Nov. 3	Sylvia Wax	11/ 5/10	Nov. 19	Sidney Meyers	11/19/10
Nov. 4	Herman W. Farber	11/ 5/10	Nov. 20	Rae Barchan Silbert	11/26/10
Nov. 5	Dina Simon	11/ 5/10	Nov. 21	Leon Diamond	11/26/10
Nov. 6	Steven Lanse	11/12/10	Nov. 21	Herman Schultz	11/26/10
Nov. 6	Carol L. Prince	11/12/10	Nov. 22	Minnie Goldstein	11/26/10
Nov. 7	Anne Fellman Oram	11/12/10	Nov. 23	Isadore Novey	11/26/10
Nov. 7	Lillian Brown	11/12/10	Nov. 23	Harold Schnitt	11/26/10
Nov. 7	Barbara Little	11/12/10	Nov. 23	Julia Younger	11/26/10
Nov. 7	Bessie Arkava	11/12/10	Nov. 25	Henrietta Schwartz	11/26/10
Nov. 9	Arnold Elfer	11/12/10	Nov. 28	Sura Bortnik	11/ 3/10
Nov. 14	Gayle Petroff Thepaut	11/19/10	Nov. 29	Shlyoma Bortnik	11/ 3/10
Nov. 15	Lottie Halberstadt	11/19/10	Nov. 29	Gabi Elfer	11/ 3/10
Nov. 15	Israel Rosenfeld	11/19/10	Nov. 30	Ron Lahav	11/ 3/10

Contributions to Or Ami memorializing a loved one may be sent to the Or Ami office. You may specify a fund to which the contribution should go, such as the Andrew Lendvay Teacher and Music Education Fund, Continuing Education Fund (Adult Education), High Holy Day Fund, Landscaping Fund, Library Fund, Music Fund, Oneg Shabbat Fund, Refurbishment Fund, Religious School Fund, Torah Fund, or another fund mentioned elsewhere.

### \*Yahrzeit: Remembering on the Anniversary of a Death

The yahrzeit is a time of remembering the dead by reciting the Kaddish, lighting a 24-hour candle, and remembering the person who has died.

### SAYING KADDISH

The last column of the Yahrzeit list gives the Shabbat service at which your loved one's name will be read. Please call Maria at the Temple (272-0017) if you would like to change the date a name will be read, or if you wish to add to the list.

Please call the Temple office if you would like to change the date a name will be read.



### OR AMI CARES

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. Changes in hospital privacy rules prohibit officials from contacting the Temple, so we aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Or Ami, "Light of My People," is a dynamic, sacred community — Kehillah Kedoshah — welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds who seek spiritual fulfillment and involvement grounded in principles of the Reform Jewish Movement.

We affirm fresh pathways and approaches to our core values:

**Torah:** Jewish study, education, knowledge, and values.

**Avodah:** Jewish prayer, worship, creative liturgy, and prayer based on Jewish thought.

**Gemilut Chasidim:** deeds of loving kindness, actively embracing our sacred responsibilities to each other, our community, our nation, and our world.

Thus, individually and as a congregation, we interpret the tenets of social action and ethical imperatives in our lives through our relationship with Torah, prayer, and tikkun olam (making our world whole.)



# November 2010 - Congregation Or Ami

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14</li> <li>🏫 Religious School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> <li>☆ OATY Bagel Order Deadline</li> <li>🎬 Reel Theology Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. "Crossing Delancy"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15</li> <li>📅 Deadline for Submission of December Beacon Articles</li> </ul>	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17</li> <li>☆ Parents of Quirky Kids Jewish Journey Group, 7 p.m.</li> <li>📅 Personnel Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18</li> <li>📅 Membership Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19</li> <li>📅 New &amp; Prospective Member Shabbat Potluck Dinner, 6:15 pm</li> <li>☆ New &amp; Prospective Member Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20</li> <li>☆ Torah Study/Brunch, 10:30 a.m.</li> <li>🎵 Richmond Folk Music Society, 8 p.m. <i>Sheila Stewart</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21</li> <li>🏫 Religious School, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> <li>👶 Torah Tot's, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> <li>☆ OATY Bagel Pick-Up</li> <li>☆ OATY Mtg, 12:15 - 2</li> <li>☆ Henrietta Szold Group of Hadassah Luncheon Meeting, 12 - 4 p.m. (?)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22</li> </ul>	23	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25</li> <li>📅 Thanksgiving Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26</li> <li>☆ Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28</li> <li>🏫 NO Religious School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30</li> <li>🕒 Richmond Quilt Guild - Quilters will be coming in to move tables to get ready for their Christmas party on 12/11/10.</li> </ul>				

# MANDELBRODT! RUGELACH! COOKIES! OH MY! - Heather Nees

It's not too early to start thinking about putting away some goodies for the holidays! Make your orders now to make sure that you're not left out! Having a small dinner party? Need some Latkes or holiday cupcakes? We do that too! Call me and let's see what you need!

## ASSORTED COOKIES - \$32.95/4 dozen

Chocolate chip | Italian snowball | Peanut butter blossoms | Maple-Walnut shortbread | Cappuccino crinkles | Orange Spice

## MANDELBRODT (Jewish Biscotti)-\$7/ 2 loaves (approximately 24 pieces)

Traditional (cinnamon&raisin) | Orange-Chocolate Chunk | Cranberry & Almond | Spicy Ginger with Cinnamon Glaze

**RUGELACH** - \$14.00/Batch (approximately 24pcs.) Cream cheese dough with walnuts, coconut and raisins tucked inside

**HARVEST BREAD** - \$8 per loaf (a delicious quick bread loaded with zucchini, pears, apples, walnuts and spices)

**PUMPKIN POUNDCAKE** - \$8 per loaf (specify if you would like plain, chocolate chip or cranberry-walnut)

If you are interested in any of my other delicious offerings, call me and we can discuss what suits you the best!

Heather 608-1280  
vryzbaking@gmail.com

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## OATY NEWS - Nancy Nelson

Thanks to all of you who supported, in one way or another, the first monthly OATY bagel sale. We know there were a few small glitches that we are going to work on for next time, but overall I hope you were satisfied with the service and the quality of the bagels. Thanks to you it was a big success and we look forward to doing this again every month. **The deadline for the next bagel order is November 14, with delivery the following Sunday (11/21).** You can get order forms at the temple and you may leave your forms and payment in the office, or hand them to any OATY member or me.

Again, thanks for your support!  
We couldn't do it without you!  
Nancy Nelson



Hi everyone! I want to start off by saying I am SO proud of the amazing job Sydney and Jarrett did on their B'Nai Mitzvah! I am very happy to have Sydney in OATY and can't wait till Jarrett joins. OATY has a full schedule coming up and we can't wait to get started! The bagel sales are going great, and I hope they continue to be just as great. Everyone is working hard and getting stuff done and I couldn't be more proud of our board! Much Love, Johnnie

# BAGEL ORDER FORM

## Congregation Or Ami OATY Bagel Sale

Authentic NY Style bagels (Provided by Pirozzo's New York Bagels and Deli).

**Baked Fresh on day of delivery.**

Order deadline is the Sunday after Friday night Potluck.

Bagels will be available after Sunday School on the fourth Sunday of the month.

*Minimum total order is  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen*

Name:		Phone:	
Flavor:	Quantity:	\$6.50 per $\frac{1}{2}$ Dz	\$12.00 per Dz
Plain			
Garlic ( by request min. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen)			
Onion (by request min. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen)			
Cinnimon/Raisin			
Everything			
Egg			
Sesame			
Poppy			
Marble			
Pumpernickel			
Totals: #		\$	

Sales Order

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Packing Form

Name:		Phone:	
Flavor:	Qty:	Flavor:	Qty:
Plain:		Everything:	
Garlic:		Egg:	
Onion:		Sesame:	
Cinnimon/Raisin:		Poppy:	
Marble:		Pumpernickle:	
Total:		Total:	

## FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE - Marilyn Breslow

Food for Thought – Thanksgiving is a time not only to give thanks for what we have, but also to share what we have with our many fellow Virginians with limited access to food. Nearly one in ten Virginians, and more than one in six children in Virginia, receive food stamps. While some census tracts in Richmond have very few families living in poverty, others have poverty rates as high as 73 percent. Statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that, even in 2004-2006 (when the economy was relatively good), nearly eight percent of Virginia households (or nearly one in twelve) did not have adequate access to food, with many of those households experiencing not only inadequate nutrition but also actual hunger, “the uneasy or painful sensation caused by a lack of food.” Please remember to bring non-perishable food to the temple whenever you come. Food pantries are quickly depleted and need constant replenishment.



These are hard times for many – please keep those who are struggling in your thoughts: with your contributions to ensure that they can eat and your vote and voice that ensure that law makers address the needs of the least fortunate.



Holidays are important to all of us and some people do not have family nearby to celebrate with. The Giving Heart holds a community meal for hundreds of Richmonders at the convention center. Our OATY youth group will be making placemats to make the Thanksgiving meal more festive. To volunteer or support the effort, visit their website - <http://www.thegivingheart.org/thanksgivingfeast.html>.

*Lev. 19:19: When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare.... You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner.*

*The Torah compels us to feed the poor - please try to make this a regular commitment*

A great big thank you to all that volunteered and donated food and money to feed the city’s homeless through Caritas. Or Ami served 39 men with big appetites on Tuesday October 12 at Bethany Christian Church. After a day at work or on the street, they met the Caritas bus and came to the church where they had warmth and clean bedding for a week. They greatly appreciated our chicken mushroom stew, rice, veggies, rolls, salad, cookies and brownie bites. We made 80 sandwiches and packed 40 healthy lunches.

Our guests and the hosts at Bethany Christian Church expressed their sincere gratitude. Special thanks to Liz Shank who organized the effort and cooked to make it a reality.



If you have a mission that is dear to your heart, others may share your interest and join in to act on it. Please notify Liz Shank 320-8049 or Marilyn Breslow 272-0939 if there are ways for Or Ami to participate in Tikkun Olam that you would like explore.



School is well underway and many children would benefit from a special friend to help them once a week. If you would like to participate in this mitzvah, please call Joel Moses 272-0939. Redd Elementary school on Jahnke Road is not far from Or Ami and desperately needs mentors to bring individualized attention to its children.



As the weather chills, please help collect winter coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for those who lack what they need. Bring them to the temple and they will be provided to children and adults who can not afford to buy outer wear.

## ADULT LEARNING COMMITTEE NEWS NOVEMBER REEL THEOLOGY

The people who show up for Torah Study Brunch on Saturdays continue to learn under the learned tutelage of Rabbi Ben. We have restarted at the beginning of the Torah, so come join us! We each bring a nosh to share and get some good conversations and questions going. And, most importantly, we learn about our fellow students!

Our Reel Theology is going great. For November we will be showing *Crossing Delancy*. We chose this movie because we wanted to touch on assimilation. The movie tells the story of a young woman who wants a life outside of her Jewish heritage but gets drawn back into it by her bubbe. Come join us on Sunday, November 14th at 6:00. For December

we will be showing *A Price Above Rubies*. Watch for information on flyers and in the December bulletin.

Our special events are still in the making, but 2011 looks like it's going to be a great year for continuing your adult education! David Goldsmith will be holding a session on Jewish Spirituality; Rabbi will be holding a session on Blacks and Jews; and Jonathan LeBolt will be conducting a hands-on session about relationships. Whew!

If there are enough people interested, we would like to start up our Adult Hebrew class again. If you are interested, please drop an email to Anita at [alwolff55@yahoo.com](mailto:alwolff55@yahoo.com).



### BEACON DEADLINES

In order to ensure that you receive your Or Ami Beacon on time, we have established monthly deadlines for submission of information to be included in the Beacon. These deadlines will be published in the Beacon several months in advance and are final — no information will be accepted after the deadline date.

***The deadline for the December Beacon will be the morning of Monday, November 15th. The deadline for the January Beacon will be the morning of Monday, December 13th.***

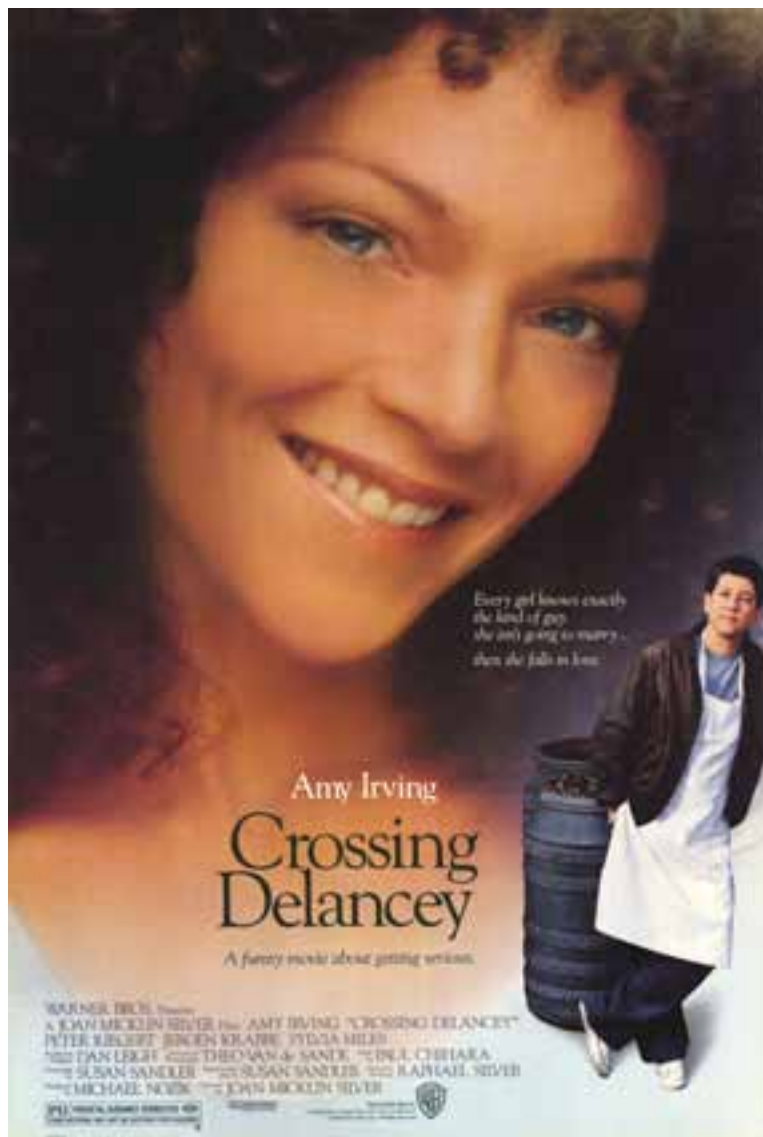
Your articles can be faxed (272-3931) or emailed ([office@or-ami.com](mailto:office@or-ami.com)) to the office 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### SHARE YOUR NACHAS WITH US!

Have you had something just plain old nice happen to you? Perhaps it's something spectacular like a new grandchild or a fabulous report card. Maybe it's just a day when there was nothing left TO-DO on your list. Have you received an Honor from the Rabbi? These are Shehecheyanu moments! Some are somber like a yahrzeit but important nonetheless! Share them with us at Or Ami not only in word but by bringing something to Oneg. Let's start a tradition of sharing birthday cake or homemade pie together. Perhaps your moment will be spending the time with your child to make cookies, or cupcakes, or something for Oneg. It is just one more dimension of who we are and how we can come together and share your special moment! (And don't worry if too many people bring, that there will be too much! There's no such thing as too much dessert!)

THE ADULT LEARNING COMMITTEE REEL THEOLOGY SERIES

# PRESENTS



Isabelle's life revolves around the New York bookshop she works in and the intellectual friends of both sexes she meets there. Her grandmother remains less than impressed and decides to hire a good old-fashioned Jewish matchmaker to help Isabelle's love-life along. Enter pickle-maker Sam who immediately takes to Isabelle. She however is irritated by the whole business, at least to start with.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**Bring a nosh to share – We'll provide the drinks!**

## MOVIE NIGHT AT OR AMI

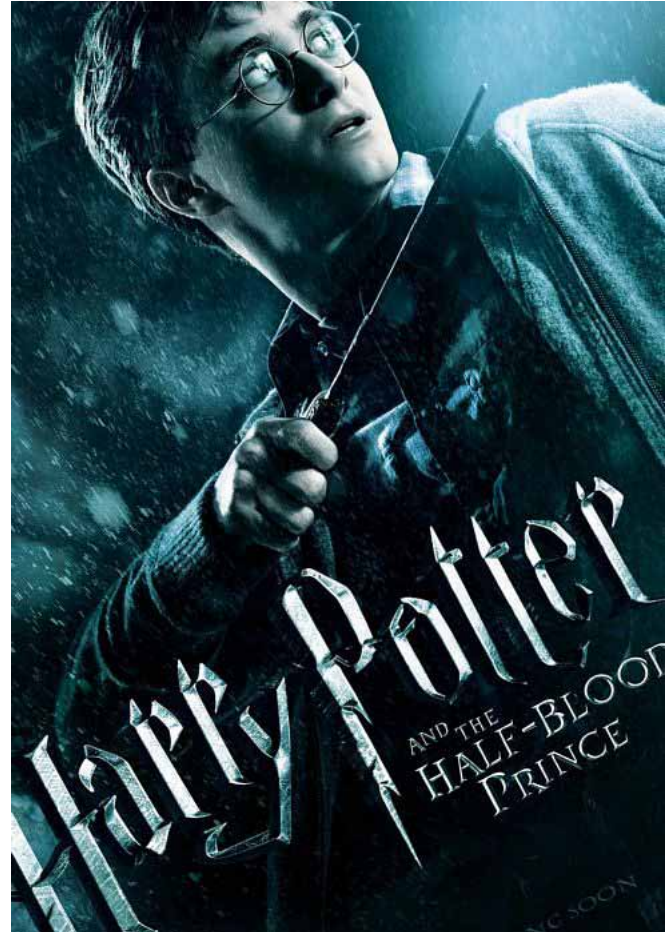
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 6:30 PM**

# "HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE"

Who is the Half Blood Prince? Special notes he made in his old textbook help Harry excel in Potions class and teach him darker magic. Where are the Horcruxes? Objects containing parts of Voldemort's essence.

Harry and Dumbledore must find and destroy them to make the Dark Lord mortal. Join us for the 6th movie in this GREAT series. Rated PG. Just in time for the release of the 7th, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1" in theaters November 19!

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## PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR 45 MINUTES ON A FRIDAY NIGHT

It's possible you told us to just ask you to volunteer – especially if it is something you know how to do. Possibly you're the type who will volunteer only when there is something "in it" for you. Here's something for both.

You are experienced in saying "hello" or "good evening". For being able to do it over a 45 minute period while you hand out liturgy and programs to those who arrive for Shabbat worship, you have all the expertise you need.

What's in it for you? You may

meet new people. Also, you joined Or Ami to be a part of a community and have felt the welcome provided by Or Ami Meeter/Greeters (which sets us apart from almost every other

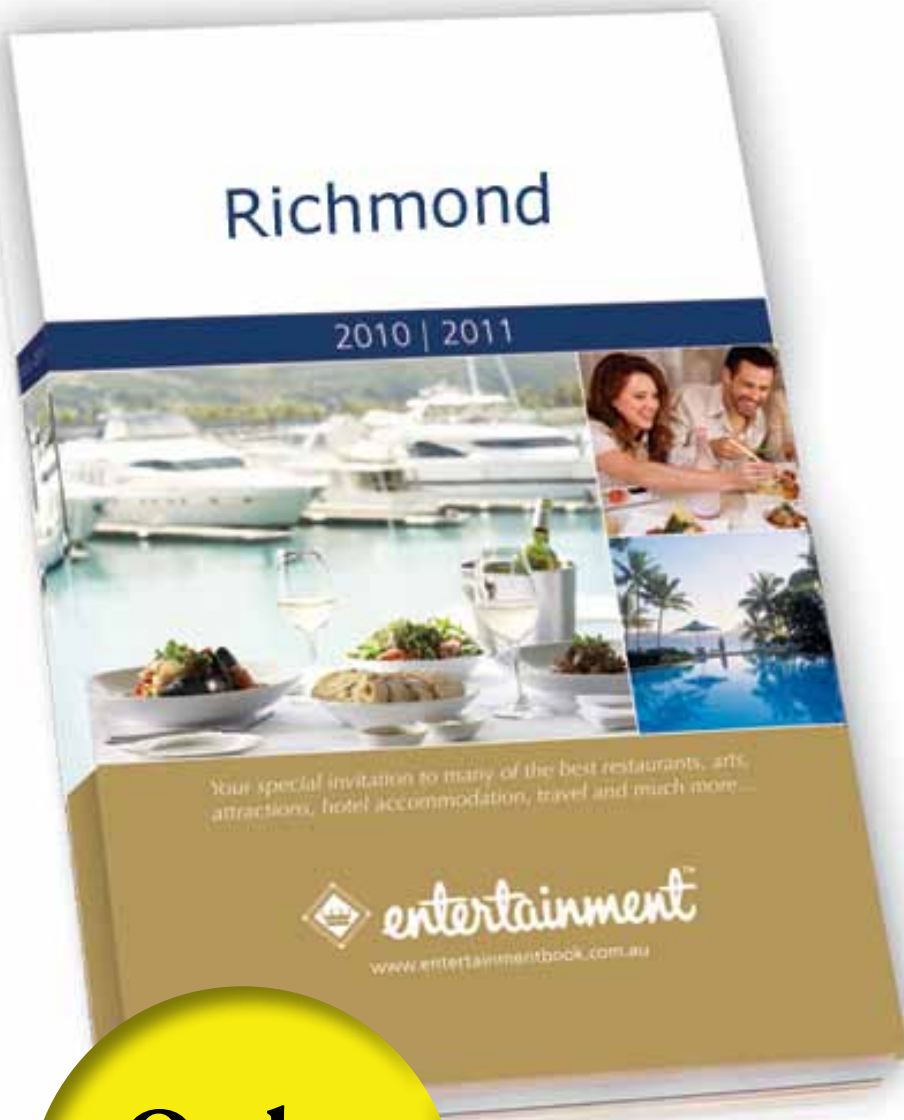


synagogue). You'll feel good as you let people who come through our doors know that Or Ami recognizes they are here and we are glad they have come – just as we are glad you are here.

Okay, here's your "ask". Email or call Jon Berlinerman ([jonberlinerman@hotmail.com](mailto:jonberlinerman@hotmail.com); 741-0489) to arrange to volunteer for an upcoming Friday night as one of the Meeter/Greeters. That's the hardest part. Please do it today!

A few days prior to your chosen date(s) an email or phone reminder will be provided.

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For Immediate Release

**VIOLINIST WILL BE FEATURED FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT BRAIN TUMOR QUALITY OF LIFE CENTER PROGRAMMING**

Lifting Your Spirits Benefit Concert on November 21st to Support Healing Vibrations at the Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center and Cancer Resource Center at St. Mary's Hospital

On Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 4:00 pm

Lifting Your Spirits will be a fundraising concert to be held at the Byrd Theatre in memory of Pam Finer who established the Healing Vibrations fund to benefit the Cullather Center. The November 21st concert will feature Jourdan Urbach, 18 year old concert violinist, founder of the international charity Children Helping Children and Yale University neuroscience major, along with selections on the Byrd Theatre's Wurlitzer Organ performed by Bob Gullede.

Healing Vibrations is a program that allows the Cullather Center to provide patients and their families access to: healing and spiritual music, healing touch, guided imagery, therapeutic massage, art therapy, yoga and other complementary activities that promote wellness and enhance quality of life.

In conjunction with the mission of Bon Secours to provide good help, the mission of the Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center is to help people live the new normal. This important patient inspired definition of quality of life guides us in all our services to brain tumor patients and their families. Patients may receive assistance regardless of where they are being treated for their tumor.

The concert will be held November 21, 2010 at 4pm at the Byrd Theatre, 2908 West Cary Street, Richmond, VA, 23221. Tickets are \$50 – preferred seating and \$10 – open seating. To reserve tickets by phone, call the Cullather Center at 804-316-3377. To reserve tickets by mail, send a check payable to Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center, 5875 Bremono Road – Suite 108, Richmond, VA 23226.

For more information about the concert, contact Russell Finer at 804-441-2346 or [rmf51@verizon.net](mailto:rmf51@verizon.net).

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## RICHMOND FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

*“Bringing the finest traditional folk music to Richmond, Virginia”*

*The Richmond Folk Music Society is a not for profit organization dedicated to preserving and encouraging traditional folk music. From September through May, we present monthly acoustic concerts featuring a variety of traditional music styles.*

### November Music Concert David Jones “From England’s Shore”

On **Saturday, November 20, 2010** the Richmond Folk Music Society presents David Jones in an evening of Ballads, Music Hall and Songs of the Sea. Doors open at 7:15 and the **concert will begin at 8:00.**

David Jones, originally from England and now living in New Jersey, has a large repertoire of folksong from both sides of the Atlantic. He has performed in North America, Britain, Australia and Europe, singing at festivals, concert halls, clubs, maritime museums and colleges, presenting songs from the great days of sail, Music Hall favorites, traditional ballads, and the works of contemporary writers. He sings both a capella and with guitar accompaniment and involves his audience in refrains and choruses ranging from boisterous to sentimental.

As well as performing solo, David has sung with Heather Wood and the late Tom Gibney as Poor Old Horse, with Jeff Warner, Jeff Davis and Jerry Epstein as The Bermuda Quadrangle, with Peter Marston and Charles O’Hegarty as The Starboard List, and was a member of the Clearwater singing crew. He has also

sung and recorded with Dan Zanes and Friends and his work with the guitarist Bill Shute led to the award winning Widdecombe Fair now available on the Dan Zanes label, Festivalfive Records. He now sings songs of the sea with The New York Packet at South Street Seaport in New York City, still performs with Heather Wood as a duo, and with Jerry Epstein, who adds wonderful piano and concertina accompaniments to the songs.

David has played feature roles in many theatrical productions to favorable critical reviews, and has performed across the USA as the featured artist in The Victorian Revels, a production based on traditions of the Winter Solstice conceived and produced by Revels Inc. He has played the part of the great sailor Joshua Slocum in Sailing Alone, with words and music by Dillon Bustin, and has sung and provided narration for a number of Public Broadcasting productions, including A Prairie Home Companion, Africans in America and Simple Gifts.

For more information about Richmond Folk Music, and to purchase \$12 advance tickets visit [www.richmondfolkmusic.com](http://www.richmondfolkmusic.com) (e-mail [richmondfolkmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondfolkmusic@yahoo.com)) or telephone 804-647-7856. Tickets at the door are \$15.00.

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## BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

### Religious School Parents – We need your help!

Each month the parents of the Religious School provide baked goods during the Richmond Folk Music Society concerts. These bake sales provide a substantial portion of the fundraising for the Religious School, and the concertgoers appreciate the refreshments and the chance to support Or Ami students. At least once during the school year, each family is asked to provide 20 servings of dessert – either home-made (always appreciated) or store-bought items. The items can be dropped off at the synagogue on Saturday morning or another time if arrangements are made in advance. If you would like to attend a concert free of charge, you can volunteer to sell the items before and during the concert – we provide instructions on set up. Please call Beth Jones at 303-5293 to sign up for the month that works best for your family.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Did you know Or Ami has a Facebook page? Search for us at "Or Ami" and request to join. We are hoping to start making good use of this page.



## PLEASE DONATE!

Please continue to remember those with insufficient income faced with high food costs, and bring non-perishables to the synagogue for the Food Bank.



## GIFT SHOP

We have a beautiful selection of gifts for Shabbat, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, births, Chanukah, and more. Mezuzahs, candlesticks, Kiddush cups, and jewelry are just some of the items we carry. Items not found in our Gift Shop can be ordered. Catalogs are available for you to view. Contact Renee Gould.

## EXCLUSIVE TO OR AMI... RENT-A YENTA

Or Ami yentas now offering full service Bar/Bat Mitzvah party and event services. Sit back and relax as we craft exquisite, handmade decorations, arrange artful presentations, and make sure that your SIMCHA is SPECTACULAR. For more information, please call Dell at 741-0489

Many Thanks to Bobby Silver and Cavalier Construction & Remodeling Co., Inc. (804) 342-1000 for all the repair work they do at Or Ami.



## 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2010-2011 Entertainment Books are here! For more information and to purchase an Entertainment Book, please call the Temple office at 272-0017.

Buy a 2010 Entertainment Book and support Or Ami at the same time!



## MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Membership Lists (April 2010) are available on the racks on the wall outside the Sanctuary. If you are unable to come to the Temple to pick one up, call Maria in the office and she will mail one to you.



Please come and join us for a special pot-luck dinner  
And service to welcome those who have joined  
Our congregation this past year:

Courtney, Michelle, Benjamin, & Noah Dabney  
Lee, Stephanie, Dahlia, Carlee, & Jesse Manheim  
Bennat, Yanna, Jacqueline, & Tsophie Drazner  
Mary Ellen Bearse  
Robert, Rachel, Brian, & Alison Penczak  
Michele Pepin  
Robert, Debbie, Sarah, & Joshua Moskovitz  
Mark Lederway  
Carl, Andrew, Samantha, & Simon Weiss  
Terry Greenfield  
Bob & Francine Bramble  
Adrienne Hudgens  
Michael, Jessica, Rachel, & Sarah Baldwin

*November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm*

Please RSVP to Maria at [office@or-ami.com](mailto:office@or-ami.com)



Dear Or Ami Family,

I moved to Richmond a little over three years ago with nothing more than a job. I was fresh from graduate school and the opposite coast, Richmond was a brand-new city to me, and I didn't know anyone here. Yet, over the course of three years, you all have made me a part of your family. And now that I'm leaving Richmond, I know that I'm leaving with so much love, so many memories, and so many dear friends. I can't even begin to list all the kind things so many of you did for me, not only over the course of the past few weeks, but over the course of the entire three years I've been at Or Ami. You all taught me what being Jewish truly meant, and you all have made me a better person. I hope that I can emulate your openness, hospitality, kindness, and love in my new home in Atlanta, and throughout my life. I will keep in touch, but feel free to contact me any time (my email address will remain stefanie.papps@gmail.com). Please let me know when you're in Atlanta, I would love to visit with any of you when you are in town. Thank you for everything you all have done for me.

Peace, *Stefanie Papps*

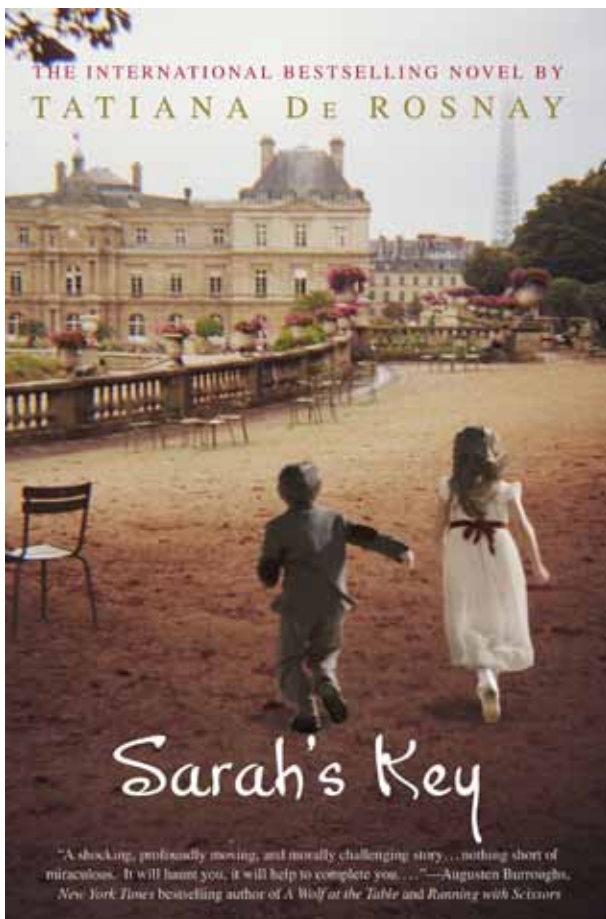
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## OR AMI BOOK CLUB

Sunday, December 12

9:30 AM at Panera Bakery

Stony Point Fashion Park



The selection for the next Or Ami Book Club meeting is Sarah's Key by Taiana de Rosnay.

Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

Paris, May 2002: On Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel d'Hiv', to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.

Tatiana de Rosnay offers us a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode.

The meeting will be held December 12 (Sunday) at 9:30AM at Panera Bakery at Stony Point Fashion Park. All Or Ami members, friends, and friends of friends are welcome!



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