# HA-CHODESH (MEANS: "THIS MONTH")

# AT CONGREGATION OR AMI

# Shabbat Schedule – Note Different Start Times

## Fri., Feb. 6 -

#### Home Shabbat - No service in sanctuary

Celebrate Shabbat at home using your Or Ami Shabbat music CD to enjoy Shabbat at home with family or friends. To receive CD, contact Susie@orami.org).

# 4th-6th Grade Retreat Shabbat Service

Our rabbis and cantor celebrate Shabbat at Camp Alonim with our 4th-6th grade students and teen madrichim.

[Torah portion: Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23]

# Sat., Feb. 7 – Service (Bat Mitzvah of Zoev Ferber) – 4:00 pm

The *entire congregation is invited* as Zoey Ferber is called to Torah.

#### Fri., Feb. 13 - Two Services

# Tot Shabbat - 5:00 pm

Join Rabbi Julia Weisz and other families with young children to celebrate Valentine's Day the Jewish way. We will be braiding challah, singing songs and celebrating Shabbat. RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP.

## Celebration Shabbat - 7:30 pm

Rabbi Weisz and Cantor Cotler lead us on a spiritual journey. Founder of Our House Grief Support Center, New Directions of Youth leader, and Or Ami congregants share how personal challenges transformed the community. Pre-Bar Mitzvah honoring Zeke Breil. Service live streamed at oramilive.com. Torah portion: Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-30:16

# Sat., Feb. 14 - Service (Bar Mitzvah of Zeke Breil) - 10:00 am The *entire congregation is invited* as Zeke Breil is called to Torah.

# Fri., Feb. 20 - All Triple T (Teen-Only) - OFFSITE Teen Progressive Dinner Shabbat Service - 6:30 pm

Teens (7th-12th grades only) join our Rabbis and Cantor in a progressive dinner and service at congregant's homes. RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP. NOTE: NO service at the synagogue. [Torah portion: Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19]

#### Fri., Feb 27 - Celebration Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

With Rabbi Paul Kipnes, Rabbi Julia Weisz and Cantor Doug Cotler. 6th grade students participate. Kesher and Mishpacha 6th grade families pre-register for a 6:00 pm Stonefire Grill dinner (\$10/child; \$12/adults). RSVP at <u>www.orami.org/RSVP</u> by February 20.

Service live streamed at oramilive.com.

Torah portion: Tetzave Exodus 27:20-30:10

# Wed., Mar 4 – A Frozen Family Purim Service – 6:30 pm

Come hear the Megillah. Gifts for adults and kids who come in costume as Esther, Mordechai, Vashti, Haman and King Ahasuerus. Creative grogger contest. Families pre-register for a pizza dinner from Fresh Brother's. (\$12.00 per person) at 5:30 pm. RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP by March 1st. Note 6:30 pm early start.

## Fri. Mar. 6 – Adult Study Shabbat – 6:30 pm

Join Rabbi Kipnes, Cantor Cotler and Rabbinic Intern Dusty Klass for a service with the beautiful music and teachings of our Jewish tradition. [Torah portion: Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35]

# a monthly listing of events, services, and general fun times

Questions? See back of flyer, call (818-880-4880) or www.orami.org. All events at Or Ami unless specified.

Wed., Feb. 4 – Rap with the Rabbi: Adult Edition **5:30-6:00 pm** (details on back)

Fri., Feb. 6 – Sun., Feb 8 4th-6th Grade Retreat At Camp Alonim in Simi Valley.

Sat., Feb. 7 Future Coaches (offsite) 10:00-11:30 am

Sun., Feb 8 Jews of Sing Sing Presentation 4:00 pm RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP

Tues., Feb. 10 Confirmation Dinner 6:00-7:30 pm

Tues., Feb. 10 - N'siah WS: Jewish Women's Group 7:30-9:00 pm

Thurs., Feb. 12 Or Ami Business Roundtable 7:30-9:00 am

Fri.-Tues., Feb. 13-17 NFTY Convention in Atlanta

Mon., Feb. 16 President's Day: Office Closed; No Kesher or Hebrew Tutoring

Tues., Feb. 17 General Board Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm

Thurs., Feb. 19 New Directions for Youth Open House 4:00-6:00 pm at 7315 Lankershim Blvd, No. Hollywood

Sat., Feb. 21 LoMPTY joins Temple Judea for JSTY Turn Up Dance 7:00-11:00 pm at Temple Judea (details on back)

Tues., Feb. 24 B'nai Mitzvah Date Choosing Meeting (parents of 5th graders or born in 2004)

7:00-8:30 pm (Adults Only)

Wed., Feb. 25 Women's Night Out 7:30 -9:30 pm at Jennifer Praw's Westlake Village home

Sun., Mar. 1 Sunday Soiree at Aldabella Winery 4:00-6:00 pm at Aldabella Winery

Thurs., Mar. 12 Men's Night Out 7:30 -9:30 pm at Allan Kassirer's Woodland Hills home

## Shabbat services (except as noted) are held at 26115 Mureau Road, Suite B, Calabasas

(north off Las Virgenes Road) (818) 880-4880 \* office@orami.org \* www.orami.org RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP or Laurel Murray (laurel@orami.org or 818-880-4880), unless otherwise indicated.

## **ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Rap with the Rabbi/Adult Edition: Come schmooze and learn with other parents and the rabbis once a month. Meet by the couches in the lobby. Topics include Jewish spiritual parenting, current events, and weekly Torah portions. Wednesday, February 4, 5:30-6:00 pm.

Jews of Sing Sing Lecture: Author Ron Arons' amusing lecture takes us "up the Hudson" at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to tell the true story of Jewish gangsters and other shady characters who served time in this infamous prison. Ron's interest began when he discovered a family member was incarcerated there. This multimedia program is both an entertaining history lesson and a beginners guide to genealogical research. Fee: \$10/person (\$15 at door). RSVP: <a href="www.orami.org/RSVP">www.orami.org/RSVP</a>
Sunday, February 8, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Or Ami Business Builders: At our monthly networking group, Debbie Cutter, Director, Creative Behavioral Consultants, Inc. speaks on the topic: *Applied Behavior Analysis*. Enjoy a light nosh and networking. Open to all. Questions? Contact Dianne Gubin (dianne@diannegubin.com or 818-222-0300). Thursday, February 12, 7:30-9:00 am.

Women's Night Out: An evening of food, drink (soda, wine) and good conversation. The dress is relaxed; atmosphere is warm and friendly. Open to all women 25 and older. RSVP: <a href="www.orami.org/RSVP">www.orami.org/RSVP</a>. \$10.00/person defrays the cost of dinner. At Jennifer Praw's Westlake Village home. Wednesday, February 25, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Men's Night Out: An evening of food, drink (soda, wine) and good conversation. The dress is relaxed; atmosphere is warm and friendly. Open to all men 25 and older. RSVP: <a href="www.orami.org/RSVP">www.orami.org/RSVP</a>. \$10.00/person defrays the cost of dinner. New Location: At Allan Kassirer's Woodland Hills home. Thursday, March 12, 7:30-9:30 pm.

## YOUTH

All Triple T Progressive Dinner Teens (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades only): will join our Rabbis and Cantor in a progressive dinner and service at a congregant home. Meet at the Kramer's home in West Hills. RSVP at <a href="https://www.orami.org/RSVP">www.orami.org/RSVP</a>. No cost, but let us know you are coming so we have enough food for everyone. Friday, February 20, 6:00-9:00 pm.

LoMPTY (All 9th-12th graders) joins Temple Judea: for a JSTY Turn Up Dance with havdallah, food and surprises at Temple Judea (5429 Lindley Ave., Tarzana, 91356). RSVP at <a href="https://www.orami.org/RSVP">www.orami.org/RSVP</a>. \$30.00 in advance or \$35 at the door. Saturday, February 21, 7:00pm - 11:00 pm.

LoMPTY (All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) A Night of Coffee: LOMPTY presents A Night of Talent, Coffee, Music, Food and Socializing. Join other NFTY (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Groups for this fun and chillaxing event at Congregation Or Ami. Questions? Contact Lily Gotlieb (<u>lily@orami.org</u>). Saturday, March 7, 6:00-9:00 pm.

Expected Parent Meeting for 8th-12th Grade Parents: Rabbi Paul Invites You: Discussion includes responding thoughtfully to the ever growing pull of drugs and alcohol, creating a partnership to help smoothly pass through the challenging teenage years, and actions you can take now to ensure you have Jewish grandchildren later. Attendance is EXPECTED. Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-8:00 pm

5<sup>th</sup> grade Shabbat & Naming Ceremony on Friday, March 20th: For all those who have not received a Hebrew name. To participate in the ceremony contact Rabbi Julia (rabbijulia@orami.org).

Expected Parent Meeting for 7th-8th Grade Parents: Rabbi Paul Invites You: Discussion will include, responding thoughtfully to the ever growing pull of drugs and alcohol, creating a partnership to help smoothly pass through the challenging teenage years and actions you can take now to ensure you have Jewish grandchildren later. Attendance is EXPECTED of parents of current 7th and 8th graders. Wednesday, March 25, 6:30-8:00 pm

#### Plan Ahead

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LoMPTY Coffee House with TASTY, JSTY & AETY

The Event of the Year! One Night of Celebration

Wed., Apr. 15

Expected Parent Parenting for 4th-6th graders

Sun., Apr. 26

Mitzvah Day April Spring Carnival