

MAKING MENSCHES

It's What We Do

OUR VISION



We imagine a world where *mensches* are found around every corner, in every family, in every business, impacting governments, serving as the primary influence in the world. We endeavor for an existence filled with kindness, compassion, and active caring. We pursue this vision within Or Ami, “a sanctuary of kindness, a safe Jewish community for today, [people’s] second home.”

OUR MISSION



Congregation Or Ami’s learning programs strive to make *mensches* (kind, compassionate, actively caring, Jewishly connected people). We proactively create a loving, inclusive, intentional community, existing in a safe, brave space, where adults (staff, parents, clergy) challenge learners and themselves to become *mensches*.

OUR CORE VALUES



B'tzelem Elohim: Every human being is of infinite value and therefore is to be treated with dignity and kindness. Every child is endowed with unique gifts.

Henaynu: We are responsible for being there for one another in good times and bad.

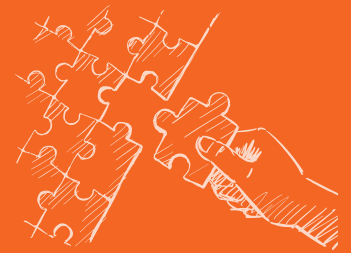
Shmirat Haguf v'Hanefesh: Self-care and self-compassion require us to attend to the well-being of our bodies, minds, and souls.

Chesed: The world was created and is sustained with kindness and *tikkun olam* (repairing brokenness).

Achdoot: We feel an integrated connection to Jewish past, present, and future.

Mosaic: We are a mosaic of Moses’ people. We embrace all people and celebrate our diversity.

OUR METHODS



Partnering with each child’s adults to guide students and families to actively pursue this mission as their life-purpose. Applying the four B’s of How to “B” Jewish – Being, Becoming, Belonging and Behaving – as intentional strategies through which we teach *menschlichkeit*. Creating lasting connections to Judaism through meaningful education about Jewish values, holidays, Torah and prayer.

MENSCH: *Mensches are kind, compassionate, actively caring, Jewishly connected people.*

Or Ami
congregation
you're home



KESHER JUDAICA THEMES



PreK/K/1

Journey Through the Jewish Year:
Learning and Experiencing the Jewish
Calendar, Holidays, and Rituals

**2nd & 3rd
Grade**

Living Torah: Exploring Jewish
Values in Torah Stories and
Integrating Them into Our Lives

**4th & 5th
Grade**

Tfillah Talk: Discovering the
Meaning and Values Embedded
in Jewish Prayers

6th Grade

The BMitzvah Journey: Navigating
the Road to Jewish Adulthood as
We Prepare to Become BMitzvah