



Dear Or Ami Community,

Thank you!

Thank you for choosing to make Congregation Or Ami and the Jewish community a part of your life. In a time of increasing antisemitism, we need each other more than ever to sustain us, comfort us, and help us discover meaning and purpose.

We are truly grateful that you are part of Or Ami! Or Ami is shining forth a joyous Judaism as we engage in *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) to make this a better world for future generations. Or Ami continues to provide spiritual and emotional support for our community and Israel. We have been honored to provide solace and assistance at funerals and *shiva minyans*, as well as celebration at baby namings, *B'nai Mitzvah*, *simchas*, and weddings. Our burgeoning Keshet religious school and Makom teen programs pass vibrant Jewish values *l'dor vador* to the next generations.

We understand that showing up for each other is at the center of what it means to be part of a Jewish community. We are here for you and your loved ones in the special Or Ami way. Or Ami's community continues to grow.

With this letter, we ask you to embrace your Jewish community by renewing your annual partnership with Congregation Or Ami as soon as possible.

Our annual partnership financial commitments remain the same. Security costs: Our security costs continue to increase substantially as we work to address today's reality. We now have security whenever the synagogue is open, however, we now work remotely on Mondays and Thursdays to manage these costs. To maintain a strong security posture, we must raise the security fee by \$70.00 per household, *while maintaining the other partnership financial commitments at the same level.*

We remain committed to welcoming every family regardless of their financial capacity. If you are experiencing hardship, or want to work out a payment plan, please reach out to Lisette Tuohy, our bookkeeper, at lisette@orami.org. You may also contact one of our clergy. We are all here for you now as we have always been. If you can extend yourself by increasing the level of your partnership commitment, please consider doing so. Our builders, sustainers, and partners ensure that Or Ami continues to shine.

We have never been more grateful to be your president and your rabbi, and to be a part of this community that shows up for each other. Wishing you joy, health, courage, and resilience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Rutkin".

Richard Rutkin, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Kipnes".

Rabbi Paul Kipnes