



WELCOME 5785

We wish our Villagers and their families *L'Shana Tova*, a year filled with good health, connection and peace. We are so fortunate to have one another as the Village grows from year to year. If you are attending services, please give a special greeting to your fellow Villagers. Let's fill the Civic Arts Plaza with the Village warmth connection.

VILLAGE SHABBAT DINNER WITH RABBI PAUL



We had such an overwhelming response to our recent Village Shabbat Dinner, followed by services. We were 50 strong, enjoying a delicious meal, laughing, and further bonding. Rabbi Paul enveloped us with his words of wisdom reminding us of the importance of the days ahead.

A special shoutout to our Program Chair, Ellen Weisman, who delivered such a heartwarming message about what the High Holy Days mean to her.

And we extend special thanks to our incredible challah baker, Robin Feldman, who actually made 10 challahs so each table could share their own and they were delicious! many thanks to all our Oneg dessert bakers. It was difficult to choose which delicacy to devour...so why not have a little taste of them all?

Ageism Awareness Day is an opportunity to draw attention to the impact of ageism in our society and how we can reframe aging in our communities.



Here are the top Ageism priorities for 2024

- Encourage more people to take a public stand on ageism
- Encourage new communities & organizations to recognize Ageism Awareness Day
- Flood the internet and media with pro-age-related content!

Did you know that having regular time with friends and family and others in your community wards off loneliness and depression, both of which are linked to cognitive decline?

So keep on attending our Village events! We need each other

"The older you get, the older you want to get." – Keith Richards

Tikkun Olam

*“Do a little bit of good where you are;
it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”*

– Desmond Tutu, South African bishop and theologian.

Every year Congregation Or Ami holds its Mitzvah Day, where our partners stuff bags of books, games, toiletries, blankets, and loving hand-written notes to those children who are about to enter the foster care system. We want to provide items that will bring them comfort during this most difficult transition. An essential item that is always packed in their bags are individually designed pillow cases. This year our Villagers have the opportunity to draw loving messages. Not an artist? Neither are we. We will have many templates to follow and an array of colorful pens. It’s going to be fun. Please say you’ll be able to join us.

We will be crafting them at our upcoming Village Wednesdays, at 10:00 AM, at the Temple.



Then Back To Our Games On Village Wednesdays!

We just have a few postcards left and then it’s back to our games!

Bring your mahjonn sets, your RummyQ, Scrabble, Cards...

Let us know If there are other games you like to play and we will try our best to find you those with similar interests.

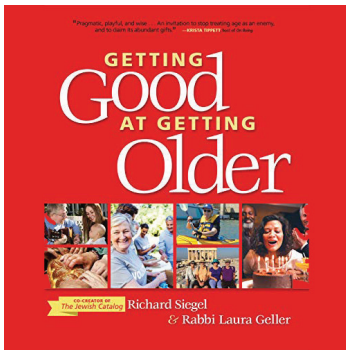
TRIP TO THE SKIRBALL

Our recent trip to the Skirball Center to view the Maurice Sendek exhibit organized by our Museum leader, Bernice Sedlik, was a smashing success. Everyone loved the tour and the lunch together that followed. Thanks so much, Bernice!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Register on our webpage www.arami.org/village



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

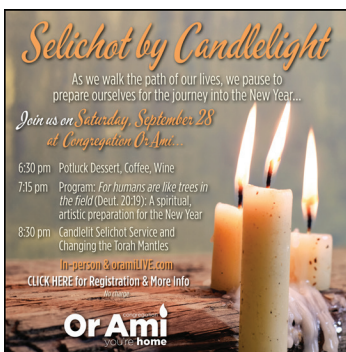
Getting Good at Getting Older

with Special Guest, American-Israeli Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Josh Scharff and Rabbi Lana

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (at Congregation Or Ami)

Bring your lunch. We'll provide drinks and dessert.

Join our on-going and lively discussion group.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Selichot by Candlelight

with Special Guest, American-Israeli Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Josh Scharff, together with Rabbi Paul and Rabbi Lana (at Congregation Or Ami and Livestream)

6:30 pm PDT – Potluck Dessert, Coffee, Wine

7:15 pm PDT – Program: *For Humans are like trees in the field (Deut. 20:19): A spiritual, artistic preparation for New Year*

8:30 pm to 10:00 pm PDT – Candlelit Selichot Service and Changing the Torah Mantles

Please bring a nut-free dessert to share.

Be sure to fill out the potluck form when you RSVP.

Watch for these upcoming programs and add them in your calendar!

Monday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom:

How the Jews Invented Hollywood

This will be followed up by a docent-led tour of the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, at a later date.

Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11:00 pm at the Temple:

Brunch with Rabbi Lana

Monday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm on Zoom:

Program TBD

Sunday, Dec. (date TBD) at the Temple:

Sunday Schmooze & Chanukah Celebration



Learning with Rabbi Lana



Rabbi Paul joins with Villagers in the postcard writing campaign

OUR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS ARE FLOURISHING

You can join any or all of our groups...if you are a paid Villager!

“If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased!” – *Katharine Hepburn*

Movie Group: Contact: Gil and Marilyn Spiegel: gilandmarilyn@gmail.com

Art and Museum: Contact: Bernice Sedlik: bernice@sedlik.com

Hiking/Walking: Contact: Ross Sommers: surfingsomers@gmail.com

Dining/Cooking: Contact: Rich Abrams: aberich@sbcglobal.net

- Our Villagers have so much to share, with a wealth of professional and life experiences. Please let us know if you'd like to lead a discussion on your topic of expertise.
- Do you need a ride to Friday night services or any of our Village programs?

Email us! village@orami.org

WELCOME NEW OR AMI PARTNERS AND VILLAGERS

A message from Howard and Ilene...new partners at Congregation Or Ami and new Villagers. They attended our recent Village Shabbat dinner and services.

“It is very apparent that the Village is a unique and caring community and we truly enjoyed the event. We so appreciated the warmth and friendliness of the group.”

NOT A VILLAGER YET?

Want to find out more?

Email us: village@orami.org

Already a paid Villager? Thank you! Your support means so much.

Keep an eye on our webpage for news of our upcoming events:

www.orami.org/village

