HA-CHODESH (MEANS: "THIS MONTH")

AT CONGREGATION OR AMI



Shabbat Schedule – *Note Different Start Times*

Fri., Dec. 2 - Two Services & 5th/6th Grade Shabbat Dessert

Tot Shabbat - 5:00 pm

Join Rabbi Weisz and other families with tots of all ages for stories, braiding challah, singing and celebrating Shabbat. RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP.

Family Shabbat - 6:30 pm

What gives you hope? *Tikvah* (hope) is a central Jewish values. Our Rabbis Kipnes and Weisz, Cantor Cotler, and our 5th & 6th graders illuminate their understanding of hope in this inspiring Shabbat service. Pre-B'nai Mitzvah honoring Adin Eshaghpour and Lily Polvy. [Torah portion: Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9]

5th & 6th Grade Shabbat Dessert – 7:30 pm

Kesher 3.0 and Mishpacha 5th & 6th grade families pre-register for fun activities and Shabbat dessert. No cost but please RSVP at www.orami.org/RSVP for dessert ice cream bar.

Sat., Dec. 3 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

The entire congregation is invited as Adin Eshaghpour is called to Torah.

Sat., Dec. 3- Shabbat Afternoon Service - 4:00 pm

The entire congregation is invited as Lily Polvy is called to Torah.

Fri., Dec. 9 - Color Me Prayer Arts Shabbat - 7:30 pm

Moving beyond words, we explore prayers visually, using markers and crayons, to pray. For many, using only words to pray reduces God to the limits of our finite words. Color Me Prayer, a new prayer form, gives God an invitation and a new doorway to penetrate our hearts and minds. Special artistry by Alex Steinhauer, Lisa Friedman, Rabbi Kipnes and Cantor Cotler. Pre-B'nai Mitzvah honoring Jakob Admon and Austin Morris. [Torah portion: Vayetze Genesis 28:10-32:2]

Sat., Dec. 10 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

The *entire congregation is invited* as Jakob Admon is called to Torah.

Sat., Dec. 10 - Shabbat Afternoon Service - 4:00 pm

The *entire congregation is invited* as Austin Morris is called to Torah.

Fri., Dec. 16 – "There Can Be Miracles" Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm Have you ever experienced a miracle, when the unexpected, the unexplained or the extraordinary occurred to you or a loved one? Hear from Rabbi Kipnes and Cantor Cotler about how miracles changed the lives of real life people in powerful ways. [Torah portion: Vayishlach Genesis 32:3-36:43]

Fri., Dec. 23 - Chanukah Prep Shabbat - 6:30 pm

Cantor Cotler guides us through the music and rituals of Chanukah with a decidedly Doug Cotler twist. [Torah portion: Vayeshev Gen. 37:1-40:23]

Sun., Dec. 25 - Chanukah Dinner, Candlelighting and Movie

With Rabbi Kipnes, Cantor Cotler and Rabbi Weisz. Bring a Chanukiah and candles to light. Enter the *Best Homemade Chanukiah* contest. 5:00 Dinner | 5:45 pm Candlelighting | 6:30 Movie (Fiddler on the Roof – Sing-along) RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP.

Fri., Dec. 30 - 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.

[Torah portion: Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17]

a <u>monthly</u> 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.

Sat., Dec. 3 Future Coaches Sports with NDY 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (offsite)

Sat., Dec. 3 <u>LoMPTY Rollerblading</u> 5:00 pm (details on back)

Sun., Dec. 4 <u>TTKN Teens (offsite)</u> 9:15 am -1:45 pm

Tues., Dec. 6 Holiday Workshop Series: Chanukah 7:30 pm (details on back)

Wed., Dec. 7 <u>All Triple T Gelty Pleasures Program</u> **6:30-8:30pm** (details on back)

Wed., Dec. 7, 14 & 21 <u>Torah Study</u> 7:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 8 <u>Business Roundtable</u> 7:00-9:00 am (details on back)

Thurs., Dec. 8 JACS Olim: Jewish 12 Step Mtg. 7:00-8:30 pm

Sat., Dec. 10 <u>Family Mitzvah Club</u> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (details on back)

Sun., Dec. 11 <u>Mishpacha Family Learning Open House</u> 9:00 am (details on back)

Sun., Dec. 11 <u>Holiday Shopping Childspree</u> 12:00 pm at Kohl's Northridge (details on back)

Sun., Dec. 11 LoMPTY Board Meeting 3:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 11 The Jewish Heretic: From Lilith to Lenny Bruce - Rabbi Marc Gellman, Speaker 4:00-6:00 pm (details on back)

Tues., Dec. 13 <u>Chanukah Cooking class</u> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Jodi Miller's home (Hidden Hills)

Tues., Dec. 13 General Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon., Dec. 19 – Fri., Jan. 6 <u>Winter Break</u> No Kesher 3.0, Mishpacha or Hebrew Language

Mon., Dec. 26 Temple Office Closed

Mon., Jan. 2 - Temple Office Closed

Sun., Jan. 8 Mishpacha Resumes

Tues., Jan 10. Kesher 3.0 & Hebrew Language Resume

Shabbat services (except as noted) are held at 26115 Mureau Road, Suite B, Calabasas (818) 880-4880 * office@orami.org * www.orami.org

RSVP: <u>www.orami.org/RSVP</u> or Laurel Murray (<u>laurel@orami.org</u> or 818-880-4880), unless otherwise indicated.

Cuba Trip for Adults: Join our clergy for a trip to Cuba. Meet the Jewish community, see the synagogues, and enjoy the art, music and food (before it becomes too commercial). We intend to travel either April 16-23, 2017 or May 25-June 1, 2017 (dates may change by one day either direction). If interested, email which dates work (and your preferences) to rabbipaul@orami.org.

Mishpacha Open House: Our nationally award winning Family Learning Program leads parents and children to learn together to deepen your family's Jewish life and learning. Come check it out. Open to any Jewish families (from Or Ami or the community). Bring friends. RSVP to Laurel Murray (laurel@orami.org). Sunday, December 11, 9:00-11:30 am.

Men's Night Out: Men gather at a congregant's home for dinner and values-based discussion with Rabbi Paul. No fee for Partner/Sustainer/Builder level; \$10/person for Congregant level and guests. At the home of Jonathon Wolfson (5135 Quakertown Avenue, Woodland Hills). RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP. Tuesday, January 10, 7:00-9:00 pm

ADULTS

Holiday Workshop Series: The Hows and Whys of Chanukah: Join educator Judy Soffer for a workshop to discover how to enliven and deepen your understanding and celebration of Chanukah. Fee. RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP. Tuesday, December 6, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Business Roundtable: 90 minutes of nosh, networking and a highly interactive program as Kevin Palm, Retirement Consultant and Pension Actuary, Kravitz Inc. facilitates the topic: "Value Billing". The Business Roundtable deepens relationships between Or Ami congregants while discussing business, and spirituality, with a fun Jewish focus. Questions? Contact Dianne Gubin (dianne@diannegubin.com or 818-222-0300). Thursday, December 8, 7:30-9:00 am.

The Jewish Heretic: From Lilith to Lenny Bruce: Rabbi Dr. Marc Gellman delves deeply into an "outside in" history of Judaism exploring Jewish heretics in every age. The first Jewish heretic he will discuss is Lilith, a mythological figure with a fascinating and important history. Lilith was the first wife of Adam, a witch, a seductress and the wife of God. Lilith was the first Jewish feminist. You need to meet her! RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP. Sunday, December 11, 4:00-6:00 pm

YOUTH

LoMPTY Rollerskating: LoMPTY (9th-12th grades) enjoy dinner at the Tortilla Inn Bar and Grill and then heading over to Skateland for some rollerskating, arcade games and a social action program. To roller skate, the event is \$22 dollars. Just to play arcade games, the event is \$16. Bring your own money for food. It is going to be pajama themed so please dress accordingly. Yes, we will all be roller skating in pj's; it's going to be a blast! Make new friends too! RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP. Saturday, December 3, 5:00-9:00 pm.

All Triple T Gelty Pleasures Program (7th-12th graders): It's the social event of the season. Come celebrate Chanukah with dinner, fun and hanging with friends at Or Ami! RSVP: www.orami.org/RSVP. Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 pm.

SOCIAL ACTION

Family Mitzvah Club: We provide opportunities for families with children ages ~5-13 to volunteer and make a difference to help families in need, the environment, and other causes. In December, we entertain children served by Lutheran Social Services of the San Fernando Valley while their parents chose donated holiday gifts! Led by the Dashevsky, Graver, and Kalan Families. Questions? Contact Paul Dashevsky (paul@westcliff-realty.com) or Rachel Dashevsky (rdashevsky@gmail.com). RSVP: www.orami.org/rsvp. At Canoga Park Lutheran Church. Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Holiday Shopping Spree: Help make holiday time special for at-risk kids. Volunteer to chaperone through the store an at risk child from New Directions for Youth. Questions? Contact Lucille Shalometh Goldin (<u>lucillegoldin@gmail.com</u>) or Amy Pucker Barnes (<u>puckerbarnes@gmail.com</u>). Note New Location: At Kohl's Northridge (8800 Corbin Ave, Northridge). RSVP: <u>www.orami.org/rsvp</u>. Sunday, December 11, 12:00-2:30 pm.

Jill's Coats for Kids: Donate new or gently used coats and warm jackets of all sizes to be distributed to organizations after the December holidays. A collection bin is at the synagogue. A project of youth members Sabrina and Chelsea Stone, in memory of their grandmother. Questions? Contact Rob Stone (robstone22@gmail.com).

Plan Ahead

Fri-Sun, February 10-12 Saturday, March 25 4th-6th Grade Retreat

Or Ami | One, Or Ami's fun filled party (Westlake Hyatt)