



Congregation Or Ami

"A Dynamic Sacred Community Grounded in Reform Judaism."

Congregation Or Ami "Light of my People" is a dynamic, sacred community (kehillah kedoshah) welcoming people of all backgrounds who seek spiritual fulfillment and engagement grounded in principles of the Reform Jewish Movement.

Case Statement

What is your Or Ami experience? The feeling of peace you get on Friday night as the Rabbi sings to welcome Shabbat? The excitement of the children at that same Friday night service as they go to the bima to open the ark? The passionate discussions held over brunch at Torah Study on Saturday morning? Watching children you have seen grow up through the years called to the torah as Bnei Mitzvah? Worshipping for the High Holy Days with hundreds of other Jews from the Richmond area - Or Ami members and nonmembers alike? Gathering as a community for Reel Theology? Helping out with Caritas, Mitzvah Day or a Habitat for Humanity Build?

Whatever your Or Ami experience, it is possible because of the initiative taken by six families in May 1972 who met to form a new synagogue. They aimed to create an active and involved congregation willing to experiment with liturgy and to provide "intellectually challenging exposure" to Jewish traditions, theologies and practices through religious education for children and adults. More than forty years later Or Ami is now a thriving congregation. Known within the Jewish Community as vibrant and welcoming, Or Ami continues to strive to make Judaism relevant to its members and the community at large. We create inviting liturgy that is meaningful and relevant to our lives. We seek to be inclusive of interfaith families and welcoming to seekers in the Jewish faith. We offer a variety of programs meant to educate and inform members at all stages of life. And we continue to work to heal the world through a focus on Social Action and Social Justice.

Or Ami's Or M'nacheh (Guiding Light) society is a community of members like you who want the vision of our founders to live into the future. By establishing a legacy through a bequest or planned gift, they are planting the seed for the fruit of generations to come. Please help to light our path. By doing so you will help ensure the Or Ami experience will always be there for you and others.