



September, 2024

Hello and welcome to the Third Grade at Congregation Or Ami! I'm excited to announce that our class this year will spend significant time together on Sunday mornings with the fourth-grade class, engaging in art projects, practicing Hebrew, and participating in various school-wide events. I hope that you are as eager as I am to begin the school year filled with lots of new and exciting things to learn and do.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am lifelong member at Congregation Or Ami, and have been teaching 3rd grade in Or Ami's religious school on and off for over 40 years! I've been fortunate to contribute to various aspects of our community, including the synagogue's preschool and camp programs. Additionally, I've spent the last twenty years as a Paraprofessional in the Norristown Area School District, primarily working with Special Education students. My educational background includes a BBA in Marketing from Temple University and a Master's degree in Education from Cabrini University. I live in Plymouth Meeting with my husband, and have a daughter and a son.

This year, we will be exploring the story of our people through our relationship to God and our connection to the Jewish people. We will study Hebrew and learn about our history through the stories in the book of Exodus. After the winter break, we will focus on the holiday of Passover. Our curriculum will also include engaging music, and art.



To streamline our communication, all future assignments, schedules, study guides, photos and resources will be shared digitally on our class webpage:

<https://pattygallo.wixsite.com/orami>. Please bookmark this site, as you'll need to access it frequently. The website address will also be conveniently placed as a sticker

on your child's workbook. Kindly note that the website may not function optimally on mobile devices.

A crucial part of your child's learning experience will be checking the homework assignments on the "This Week at Or Ami" digital paper, posted weekly on our webpage. Reinforcement is essential, and I deeply appreciate your commitment to helping facilitate your child's homework each week that homework is assigned. To see it, click "This Week at Or Ami" or "This Week" and the date of class.

Please ensure your child brings the following items to each class:

- ✧ A dedicated backpack or bag for the textbook and papers
- ✧ A small amount of money for tzedakah
- ✧ Alef Bet Quest: This will be used at school and at home.
The book should be brought to school every week for class and used at home to assist with homework.



Pretzels, Goldfish, Pringles and Pirate's Booty will be offered for snack and students can bring a water bottle if they choose to have a beverage.

Pencils will be available at school. All other books/workbooks will be stored at school. The bookmark your child will receive is a handy reference and should stay in the textbook.



Please mark your calendar for our special shabbat participation service on **January 24** and Family Education on **February 23**.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you experience technical issues, please contact me by e-mail: PattyGallo@gmail.com. Let's work together to make this a great year! Sincerely, Mrs. Patty Gallo