

Rabbi Ahava Zachor speaks at the Annual Richmond Humanitarian Awards Celebration about Or Ami's partnership with the Interfaith Dialogue Group (The Bon Air Interfaith Triologue). The Triologue recently received the Distinguished Merit Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.



Synagogue Happenings

Or Ami happenings

Or Amiens celebrating their first ever Havdalahween hosted by John and Laurie Weinberg

Everyone attending the Havdalahween had a wonderful time. These days, being around folks we haven't seen in awhile makes every celebration – no matter how socially distanced, very special.

We are proud to announce that Or Ami, in partnership with the Interfaith Dialogue Group (The Bon Air Interfaith Triologue) recently received the Distinguished Merit Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

This award is for our 15 years of building ties between Jews, Muslims, and Christians. To view the clip on our website, visit

<https://or-ami.com/interfaith-trialogue/>

Or Ami also partners with Re-Establish Richmond and continues to reach out to congregations and local Jewish organizations to provide information on the plight of the world's refugees, the refugee resettlement process, and how to get involved.

Marilyn Breslow, our congregation's social action coordinator, spoke at Temple Beth El's Shabbat services and is available to speak to any group who'd like more information about the refugee's situation, volunteering, and/or becoming involved in advocacy.

With funding from the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, Or Ami was able to purchase instructional materials for refugee adults who want to learn English.

Our youth group filled 100 bags with



picture dictionaries, workbooks, whiteboards, etc. which will be used by volunteers and students. Re-Establish Richmond provides the training and matches tutors to newcomers who will use these materials as they engage in online learning.

Our virtual Book Club continues to meet. On Jan. 4, the selection, "Wandering Stars," by Jack Duem, is a sci-fi short story collection, and on Feb. 1, we will discuss "The Lake on Fire," by Rosellen Brown. Please contact office@or-ami.com for links to these or any other events.

Virtual Shabbat Services are held online Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30, and Torah Study is held on Saturdays, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Zoom format.

A Virtual Oneg is hosted following the services by members of Or Ami's Board. Information about service and Oneg links are provided to those who request it and go out on Friday afternoons.

For more information on any of our programs or to obtain links to zoom events, please contact our office at (804) 272-0017 or office@or-ami.com.

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Or Amiens celebrate at Havdalahween.



Or Ami Teen Youth members work on learning project promote refugees learning