



# Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism



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## Beth Ami Passover Seder

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 4:00 pm**  
Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32nd Ave, Golden

### Cost

Members are Free

Non-members - \$25/adult suggested donation

Students - \$10 suggested donation

Under 18 Free



### Pot Luck Feast

- ☆ Beth Ami-CCHJ will provide chicken, brisket and vegetarian main dishes, matzo, plus wine, grape juice, and other drinks.
- ☆ Guests are asked to bring a Pot Luck contribution of a "family-sized" salad, side dish or dessert.

**Please RSVP by Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup> to  
Roz or Stu at 303-432-2184 or stubudoff@yahoo.com**  
for attendance, food contributions, and (if needed) transportation assistance.

*Beth Ami is a welcoming community where we connect to Jewish past, celebrate Jewish present and link to Jewish future through a humanistic philosophy*

**Beth Ami means:  
House of my people**

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## Rocky Mountain Jewish Food Summit

Beth Ami is a sponsor of the Hazon's Rocky Mountain Jewish Food Summit, Sunday, April 29th 8am - 5pm University Memorial Center at CU Boulder. A day of learning, celebration, eating, community-building and hands-on doing at the intersection of food, sustainability and Jewish life. For more info <http://www.hazon.org/colorado/food-summit/>

## Condolences

We are saddened by the passing of Samuel Abraham, father to Marti Hirsch and grandfather to Rachel and Katya. He was a welcome part of our Beth Ami community briefly in 2009 & 2010 when he frequently joined our Adult Education sessions before he moved back to California. Sandy was the son of Jewish Greek immigrants and grew up in Harlem. He married and raised his family after moving to California where he called home until his death on March 16, 2012. Sandy served our country in WWII and then went on to earn a BS and PhD. Our condolences go out to the Hirsch family.

*In the end, aliya isn't about arriving. It's about staying.*



## Why I'm (Still) Here

A Celebration of the Complexities of Life  
in Israel Through Stories and Songs

Performed by Robbie Gringras

World-renowned theater performer and educator Robbie Gringras brings the national touring production of this two-man show to Boulder for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Combining personal anecdotes, stories and some great Israeli hit songs, Gringras explores his experience of life in Israel with humor, emotion and warmth.

**Thursday, April 26, 7 pm**

**At Congregation Har HaShem's South Building**

**Tickets \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door**

**Suitable for children over 12;**

**Programming for children 5-12 provided at no charge**

**Free Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration for All Ages**



Join us at Har HaShem before the show for falafel, music, Israeli dancing and family activities

**5:30 - 7 pm**

Made possible by Jewish-Together Boulder

The Boulder JCC, Congregation Har HaShem, Bonai Shalom, Nevei Kodesh, Beth Ami, Aish Kodesh, Pardes Levavot, Haver, Hillel, Allied Jewish Federation



Beth Ami is a participating organization! Events are held in Boulder, usually at the BJCC. [www.jewishmovers.org](http://www.jewishmovers.org)

### Upcoming Arts Events from Movers

#### "Taste of Limmud: Exploring Jewish Visual Arts"

Limmud CO provides programs in Jewish learning and exploration. Choose among sessions on Jewish artists, the link between art and history, and hands-on sessions to create your own art. Sessions for all ages.

Sunday, April 15, 2-5 pm at the Boulder JCC. [Limmud-colorado.org](http://Limmud-colorado.org). \$10/adult, \$5/child 5-13



**"Israeli Art"** with York University Professor Carol Zemel

Monday, April 16, 7 pm, UMC 235 on the C.U. Campus

#### Flatiron Tribe: Dedicated to Bringing Together Young Jewish Adults

Are you a young professional, ages 21-45, seeking to become more engaged through welcome meetings, coffee dates, happy hours and other events? Check out [www.flatirontribe.org](http://www.flatirontribe.org)

### IISHJ Colloquium 2012 - "Half-Jewish?" The Heirs of Intermarriage



How will 'half-Jewish' change Judaism? Can you be 'Jewish and' rather than 'Jewish or'? Can the world handle 'half-Jewish'?

**April 20-22, 2012 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois**

In cooperation with Newberger Hillel at the U. of Chicago and Fledler Hillel at Northwestern. The Heirs of Intermarriage will speak to a crucial issue for the future of the American Jewish community. For the last two decades, half of marriages involving Jews have been intercultural. The children of those relationships are coming into their own as young adults. Who are they? How do they define their own identities?

The online registration is available NOW! at <http://halfjewish.eventbrite.com>. Lodging and Registration information is available at [www.iishj.org](http://www.iishj.org), the website for the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.

**Michelle and Sheila will be ordained during the Saturday evening Havdala ceremony.**

# April 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Passover Seder	9	10	11	12 Book Club	13	14
15 JCS & Adult Ed	16	17	18	19	20 Colloquium	21 Sheila & Michelle ordained
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 JCS/Adult Ed; celebrate Israel Independence	30					

## Schedule of Events

### April:

8<sup>th</sup>-4pm Passover Seder, Jefferson Unitarian Church 14350 W. 32nd Ave. Golden  
 12<sup>th</sup> -11am Book Club. Brio's - See box below for more details.  
 15<sup>th</sup>-10am JCS & Adult Ed Countryside Rec Center 10470 Oak Street, Westminster  
 20<sup>th</sup>-22nd International Institute for  
 21<sup>st</sup> Sheila & Michelle ordained during Havdalah service in Chicago, IL. [www.iishj.org/colloquium-12.html](http://www.iishj.org/colloquium-12.html)  
 Secular Humanistic Judaism Bi-Annual Colloquium Chicago, IL.  
 29<sup>th</sup>-10am JCS & Adult Ed then 11am Celebrate Israel Independence Day Countryside Rec Center 10470 Oak Street, Westminster

### May:

**Sunday, 5/6** 12:00pm Family field trip, Wild Animal Sanctuary.—see box below for more details  
**Sunday, 5/20** 10am Beth Ami Board Meeting at the Budoff's in Arvada

### June:

**Sunday, 6/10** 11:00am Beth Ami booth, Boulder Jewish Festival

### July:

**Saturday, 7/7** Alexi Budoff's Bat Mitzvah  
**Sunday, 7/22** 11am Beth Ami Annual Community Meeting in Denver

### August:

**Sunday, 8/5** 10am Beth Ami Hike location TBD

### Beth Ami Book Club:

Beth Ami book club meets Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00am at Brio's, 2500 East 1st Avenue, Denver. We will discuss The Glass Room by Simon Mawer



Save the date: May 6th Alex Litz will lead us on a family field trip to Wild Animal Sanctuary, 1946 County Road 53, Keenesburg, CO 80643.  
 For more info email: [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

## Adult Education 2012

No charge! All welcome! Bring a friend!

**Facilitator:** Sheila Malcolm, Madrikha, 303-499-5933 or [sheilamalcolm@comcast.net](mailto:sheilamalcolm@comcast.net). Beth Ami Adult Ed in April is at Countryside – 10:00 – noonish. Stay for community lunch with the Jewish Cultural School!

**Apr. 15** Barry Levene will present on Jewish genealogy. Learn about your roots and how to find them.  
*Bring Laptops!*

**Apr. 29** Couldn't make it to the Half-Jewish Colloquium? We'll review new learning and share photos.

It's almost Israel Independence Day!



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### Mazel Tov!

Emily Brockmeier and Mitch Gomez were wed on  
March 11<sup>th</sup> at The BayShore House in Sarasota, FL



## April Birthdays



**Happy birthday to:**

Stephen Greenspan	4 <sup>th</sup>
DeShawn Anderson	4 <sup>th</sup>
Robby Miller	8 <sup>th</sup>
Ely Karasik	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jeremy Neufeld	30 <sup>th</sup>

## Attention Facebookies

### Can you help update the Beth Ami Facebook page?

Like to use Facebook? Here's the chance to use your skills and help Beth Ami at the same time. We are looking for several people to help update the page as Administrators and make the page more useful. If you are interested, please contact Barry Levene at blevene@ecentral.com, text or call at 303-475-1065.



### The Funny Bone by Steven Langer, Ph.D., SPHR



A fellow was talking to his Irish buddy and said, "I gotta stop drinking that Irish whiskey."

"How come?" asked his friend.

"Because every Saturday night I go out and drink a fifth of the stuff, come home, make mad passionate love to the wife, wake up Sunday morning, and go to church."

"What's wrong with that?" the Irishman asked. "A lot of good Irishmen go out on Saturday night, drink a fifth of good Irish whiskey, come home, make love to the wife, and go to mass on Sunday."

"I know," said his friend, "but I'm Jewish!"

A rabbi was opening his mail one morning. Taking a single sheet of paper from an envelope he found written on it only one word: "shmuck." At the next Friday night service, the Rabbi announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgot to sign their names, but this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name...and forgot to write a letter."

Remember to buy your King Sooper's Cards!



**Do you shop at King Soopers?**

Maida Deborah is now selling \$100 King Soopers cards. If you shop at King Soopers, please see her to purchase your cards. Just bring a check made out to Beth Ami. It makes shopping easy, and every \$ you spend at King Soopers benefits Beth Ami. No extra cost to you!