



Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

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

April 2014

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Saturday 4/5 – Macy Gosch's Bat Mitzvah

Sunday 4/6 – JCS Session 14 & Adult Ed (10am)

Sunday 4/13 – Community Passover Celebration – please bring beer bottle caps for musical instruments to make on the retreat (4pm, JUC – see more below)

Sunday 4/27 – Final JCS Session 15 & Adult Ed – family event, new families interested in Beth Ami are invited! Contact bethamicolorado@gmail.com to attend (10am)

Celebrations

Birthdays

4/4 – Stephen Greenspan & DeShawn Anderson

4/25 – Ely Karasik

Anniversaries

4/11 – Emily Brockmeier & Mitch Gomez

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 3/18



Upcoming Events

May

5/16-5/18 – Beth Ami Family Retreat, (more info below - attend for the weekend or Saturday only, contact Lenore bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

June

6/8 – Boulder Jewish Festival ([see more](#))

Community Passover Celebration Information

Diaspora: Passover Around the World

What: Community Passover Seder and Pot Luck Feast

When: Sunday, April 13th, 2014 at 4pm

Where: Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32nd Ave, Golden

Beth Ami CCHJ will provide chicken, brisket, and vegetarian main dishes, matzo, wine, grape juice, and other drinks.

Guests are asked to bring a Pot Luck contribution of a “family-sized” salad, side dish, or dessert.

Free for members of Beth Ami CCHJ

Non-members - \$25/adult suggested donation

Students - \$10 suggested donation

Under 18 free

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 9 to Kathy Kane at kkane7403@aol.com or 303-751-0936 for attendance, food contribution and (if needed) transportation assistance.

Learn more at www.bethami.com

Purim Carnival at the J!

With costumes, games, a sing-along, Israeli food and a huge crowd, the Boulder JCC's Purim Party was a packed and colorful event. And Beth Ami was in the center of the festivities with Mitzvah Land, an interactive and thought-provoking learning activity for children, AND the ongoing Birthday Bag mitzvah project display, managed by Evan and Elia.

Thanks to Marti and Lenore, assisted by Rachel visiting from college, for a full session of educating attendees about Beth Ami and the mitzvot of doing good deeds. It was a delight to see so many Beth Ami members in attendance.

Photos below were taken by Sheila during breaks from greeting and collecting ticket fees at the entrance.



Birthday In a Bag Project

Beth Ami Supports Rabbi Adam Chalom's Week of Action (<https://hjrabbi.wordpress.com>)

Actions speak louder than words says Rabbi Adam Chalom, Dean of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Adam hoped that humanists would have a national week of action at the end of April. He received support from Foundation Beyond Belief. This year there will be a week of action from Thursday April 24th through Wednesday April 30th.

Beth Ami has extended our week of action to a few months of action. Beginning in February we began our

Birthday in a Bag project to support families with young children who cannot afford to have a birthday party. So far we have collected \$72. We will be asking for tzedakah at our Passover Seder on April 13.

During this year's week of action we need volunteers to purchase the items for our birthday bags. Please contact Lenore at bethamicolorado@gmail.com to volunteer.

2014 Beth Ami Family Retreat Info

A JEWISH MUSICAL JOURNEY

May 16-18, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park CO

- Stay in a spacious room with 2 queen beds, private bath in an 8-bedroom lodge with modern kitchen, dining & living rooms – and breathtaking views!
- Share healthy, organic and local community meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.
- Enjoy quality music and entertainment, heartfelt services, fun games and growing friendships as we build our Beth Ami community.
- Explore the Y-camp, Rocky Mt. National Park and the town of Estes Park.

With Guest Presenter Sheldon Sands
www.sheldonsands.com

The retreat begins Friday evening as we check in and prepare for 6:00 dinner followed by a roaring bonfire and brief Shabbat service.

Saturday will offer a full day of program options. Picnic lunches can be enjoyed indoors or out. Sheldon will begin at 9:30am and end with a Klezmer concert. The concert will include Sheldon and violinist Sandra Wong.

Sunday breakfast will feature a community meeting followed by closing activities and departure.

- Reserve your room/weekend now with a \$75 deposit check to “Beth Ami” sent to Ron Kingston, 1395 James Way, Erie, CO 80516.
- Cost per room is \$250 plus \$150 for food/entertainment.
- Options for 1 night stay – contact Lenore at bethamicolorado@gmail.com

JOFEE – HAZON

Feel like learning more about Jewish outdoor, food and environmental education? It's all in one place in the newly-released JOFEE report from Hazon, which means *vision*. Beth Ami is affiliated with Colorado Hazon, dedicated to creating a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community and world for all.

<http://hazon.org/about/jofee/>

National News

Political action from the Society for Humanistic Judaism's homepage:

[Humanistic Jews Support Women's Health Care in Hobby Lobby & Conestoga Wood Specialties Supreme Court Cases](#)

Find the link for this and other recent political action at the SHJ homepage. <http://www.shj.org/>

Family News and Events

If you or someone you know is experiencing important and life-altering events, please share the news with Beth Ami. In times of need, Beth Ami members can offer support. In times of happiness, we can help celebrate. To share your news, please contact Sheila Malcolm, Madrikha, or Michelle Davis, Madrikha

- As this April issue goes to press, Eitan Moin will be representing Beth Ami - CCHJ at the Youth Conclave Mar. 28-30 in Boston! Eitan is the pioneer representative from Colorado, and we know he'll have a great experience and exciting stories to tell on his return. Conclave is an annual spring event sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism for young folks 8th grade through college. Go, Eitan!
- TayTay Anderson was one of three recipients chosen for the highest level of the Adams County Mayor and Commissioners Youth Awards. Troy is the tallest one in this picture.



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Beth Ami Adult Ed Schedule

JCS: <http://www.bethami.com/JCS.html>
 Adult Ed: <http://www.bethami.com/AdultEd.html>

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| <p>Apr. 6 – "Reading Village: Tikkun Olam at Work in Guatemala" by Larry Dressler – Take a visual and literary journey to several Guatemalan communities.</p> | <p>Apr. 27 – "A Matter of Life or Death" Dawn Anderson facilitates a presentation about youth depression and suicide with volunteers from The Second Wind Fund.</p> |
| <p>May 16-18 – This year's Beth Ami Retreat is called "A Jewish Musical Journey." (<i>see more info above</i>)</p> | <p>Adult Ed meets at Countryside Rec Center in Westminster, 10470 Oak St, Westminster Co 80021 – Home of the Jewish Cultural School – from 10:00 - 11:45 am. There is a community potluck lunch after each session. All are welcome! Bring a friend!</p> |

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