



Beth Ami

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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 2015

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Thursday 4/2 – Beth Ami Book Club discusses *The Invisible Wall* by Harry Bernstein (11am, Brio's near Cherry Creek – see more below)

Friday 4/3 – Passover begins

Saturday 4/4 – Beth Ami annual Passover seder (11am-2pm – New Time! – Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden)

Saturday 4/18 – Shabbat/Adult Ed, “In the Fiddler's House” (2pm, Karasik home)

Sunday 4/19 – JCFS session (*mitzvah project* – JCFS invites you to celebrate Earth Day at Ekar Farm, 8825 E. Alameda Ave. Denver, CO 80224 – RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

Sunday 4/26 – Beth Ami Arts Group sees “Hysteria” (4pm, Dairy Center)

Other Community Events

Thursday 4/16 – ADL Holocaust Remembrance Program (6pm, Temple Emanuel – see more below)

Sunday 4/26 – Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado – Someone's Daughter (10am – 1pm)

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 4/24



Upcoming Events

May

Thursday 5/7 – Sunday 5/10 – Annual American Humanist Association Convention (Grand Hyatt, Denver – see more below)

Saturday 5/16 – JCFS and Beth Ami Community Walk for MS (9:30am, CU Boulder)

Sunday 5/17 – Join us at the Beth Ami booth at the Celebrate Festival: A Jewish Festival of Food, Community and Family. Sponsored by Hazon and the Denver JCC (9am-3pm, 350 Dahlia St. Denver CO 80246)

Saturday 5/23 – Shavuot/People of the Books teach-in

June

Sunday 6/7 – Boulder Jewish Festival

Sunday 6/14 – Beth Ami Arts Group sees “Detroit (2pm, Curious Theater)

Beth Ami Passover Seder: "Pursuing Themes of Justice"

Saturday, April 4 – 11-2 pm

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

Price? Free for Members of Beth Ami CCHJ
Non-members – \$25/adult suggested donation
Students – \$10 suggested donation
Under 18 free!

RSVP by March 31 to Kathy (kkane7403@aol.com) for seating and potluck dishes

Beth Ami is also collecting money for the Wounded Warrior Project and old T-shirts for a school mitzvah activity

Adult Ed Afternoons – Learn, Laugh, and Nosh!

RSVP for each event to sheila@bethami.com or 303-588-0236!

Saturday 4/18:

What? Viewing of "In the Fiddler's House"

Where? Karasik home in Arvada

When? Starts at 2pm

Each gathering will include a brief Humanistic Service, snacks and drinks, and a lifelong learning presentation to feed our minds!

RSVP for each event to sheila@bethami.com or 303-588-0236 for seating and food. We can't plan for you if we don't know you're coming!

The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein

The narrow street where Harry Bernstein grew up, in a small English mill town, was seemingly unremarkable. It was identical to countless other streets in countless other working-class neighborhoods of the early 1900s, except for the "invisible wall" that ran down its center, dividing Jewish families on one side from Christian families on the other. Only a few feet of

cobblestones separated Jews from Gentiles, but socially, they were miles apart.

A wonderfully charming memoir written when the author was ninety-three, *The Invisible Wall* vibrantly brings to life an all-but-forgotten time and place. It is a moving tale of working-class life, and of the boundaries that can be overcome by love.

Follow Up: Crypto-Jews

For those interested in reading more about Crypto-Jews in the U.S., after Carlos Zarur's recent, fascinating Shabbat presentation, please [visit this page](#).

Alisha's Concierge Services



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Jewish Together Boulder

Representing 30 Jewish organizations in Boulder County, including Beth Ami, Jewish Together Boulder has now added a B'nai Mitzvah and Teen Initiative Guide to its growing list of Life Cycle Resources,

including New Baby, Wedding, End-of-Life/Bereavement offerings.

Please visit at <http://jewishtgetherboulder.org>

News From National

The Society for Humanistic Judaism holds its next Board Meeting from Apr. 24-27 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, MI. Kathy Kane and Sheila

Malcolm will attend to represent Beth Ami and participate on Education and Leadership Committees, respectively.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado

Jews on the Move: A History of Modern Migration with David Shneer

We will explore the trends in Jewish migration, both internal and transcontinental, as we ask about the contemporary Jewish map and where Jews are "moving" to in the future.

When? Sunday, April 26, 2015, 10 AM – 1 PM (*longer time!*)

Where? JCC Board Room, 350 S Dahlia Street, Denver
No RSVP or Cost

Overcoming a 30-Year Brick Wall: How We Found Our Lithuanian Shtetl, Hasidic Cousins, and a Genealogy Goldmine from the 1930s with Debbie Schwartz

Several unexpected finds converged through an online contact resulting in a weekend reunion in Baltimore and a trip to Lithuania with a previously unknown 4th cousin.

When? Sunday, May 17, 2015, 10 AM – Noon

Where? JCC Board Room, 350 S Dahlia Street, Denver
No RSVP or Cost

The Anti-Defamation League Presents The Governor's 34th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program:

Survival & Forgiveness: The True Story of Eva Mozes Kor, Mengele Twin

Featuring:

– Eva Mozes Kor, A Holocaust survivor who, along with her twin sister Miriam, was subject to deadly lab experiments at the hands of the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Ms. Kor went on to found CANDLES: Children of Auschwitz Deadly Lab Experiment Survivors, an organization, education center and museum in Terre Haute, Indiana. Ms. Kor travels the world speaking about her experiences and the need for forgiveness and is the subject of a number of documentaries and the author of several books. She was most recently featured in the CNN special program "Voices From Auschwitz" hosted by Wolf Blitzer, which aired on January 27, the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

– *A Message to Colorado*, delivered by Governor John Hickenlooper.

– A candle-lighting ceremony, memorializing those who perished in the Holocaust and honoring Colorado's Holocaust survivors.

When?

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Doors open at 5:30 PM & Program Begins at 6:00 PM

Where?

Temple Emanuel 51 Grape Street Denver, CO 80220

RSVP Today! (*)

Visit www.2015ghrp.eventbrite.com or contact ADL at 303-830-7177 ext. 220.

(*) Complimentary tickets are required for admission.

Annual American Humanist Association Conference

<http://conference.americanhumanist.org>

The Annual American Humanist Association Conference will be held in Denver this year, May 7-10, at the Grand Hyatt downtown. There are discounts for Coloradans for the full conference or per day.

If you attend, check out the table sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism, the International Institute of Secular Humanistic Judaism AND Beth Ami!

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

- Mazel tov to Paul Budoff on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah on March 28! – from Sheila and John Malcolm.
- Paul is continuing to collect donations for the Wounded Warrior Project, and will share insights at the Passover Seder.

Support Beth Ami With An Honorary Donation

To honor or remember family or friends with a donation to Beth Ami, please email our treasurer at treasurer@bethami.com. A notice of the contribution will be sent to the honoree or family. Our congregation will express its gratitude in the newsletter for donations received in the previous month.

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Hi, all. I'm Rachel Hirsch. I was a student at the Beth Ami JCS until my Bat Mitzvah in 2008.

I am the editor of the Beth Ami newsletter this year, and plan on continuing for as long as possible (I am currently a student at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA).

I welcome any input you have, so feel free to email me any articles or information you want to see in next month's newsletter.

-Rachel