



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.

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

8/1 – Beth Ami Book Club

8/17 – Anya Margolis DuBow Bat Mitzvah
(4pm, East Boulder Rec Senior Center, 5660 Sioux Dr, Boulder)

8/18 – Jewish Cultural School Open House
(more info below)

Upcoming Events

September

9/5 – Rosh Hashana service and community potluck (4pm – JUC)

9/8 – JCS Session 1 & Adult Ed

9/13 – Kol Nidre service (7pm – JUC)

9/14 – Yom Kippur service and community break the fast (4pm – JUC)

9/22 – JCS Session 2 & Adult Ed followed by Sukkot celebration (10am – JUC)

9/28 – Julia Litz Bat Mitzvah

October

10/12 – Shabbat celebration - part of JT Boulder's community-wide Shabbat initiative (10am, jewishtgetherboulder.org)

Celebrations

Birthdays

8/27 – Len Karasik

Anniversaries

8/3 – Beth and Steve Litz

8/12 – Jim Kates and Charla Low

8/16 – Michelle Davis and Ben Stafford

8/17 – Herb and Cass Josepher

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July 27 Havdala Concert

Beth Ami members and friends enjoyed a mid-summer gathering at the Hirsch home for Havdala.

The company was multi-generational and fun, the food was delicious as always, and we closed Shabbat with a brief Havdala service. Lenore and Ron's grandson, Josh, filled the home with beautiful piano tunes to the theme of peace – and everyone participated gleefully with rhythm instruments.



High Holidays Schedule

“The Value and Values of Humanistic Judaism”

All services held at Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32nd Ave, Golden

Rosh Hashanah Service & Potluck Dinner:

Thursday, September 5th at 4 pm

Yom Kippur Service & Break-the-Fast Potluck:

Saturday, September 14th at 4 pm

Please RSVP by September 1st to:

Kathy Kane at 303-751-0936 or kkane7403@aol.com for attendance, food contributions, and (if needed) transportation assistance

For more info, visit www.bethami.com

Kol Nidre Service:

Friday, September 13th at 7 pm

Cost:

Members are Free

Non-members: \$50 suggested donation for all 3 services or \$20 suggested donation per service

Students: \$10 suggested donation, under 18 free

Please bring a canned food donation for the Weinberg Pantry

What Are the Values of Humanistic Judaism?

Humanistic Judaism provides a meaningful alternative for people who identify with the values, history, and culture of the Jewish People

Truth

- Rely on what we know about human experience and needs
- Discover new, powerful truths about our history and present
- Advance ethical and moral goals

Integrity

- Say what we mean and mean what we say
- Welcome all who seek connections with Jewish culture and history

Dignity

- Embrace the joy, power, and responsibility to shape our own lives
- Our dignity goes hand in hand with the dignity of all peoples

Reality

- Employ reason, observation, experimentation, and creativity to address questions and understand experiences in this world

Judaism

- Recognize that the Jewish people created Jewish culture
- To be a Jew is to identify with the Jewish people

These values define our existence as Humanistic Jews

Thanks to Rabbi Adam Chalom

Dean of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism

New Home! New Adventures

All the best to madrikha Michelle Davis and family on their new home in Highlands Ranch. Michelle, Ben, Calla and David are now a few minutes closer to most Beth Ami events!

Sheila Malcolm, co-madrikha, and John are off to Europe for most of August. They will visit friends in Copenhagen and London, then tour Scotland with their grown children. While they investigate Malcolm roots and evidence of Jewish Scotland, they'll hike avidly and

enjoy local food and drink!

Our newsletter editor Rachel Hirsch says goodbye to Boulder when she leaves for her freshman year at University of Puget Sound, in Tacoma, Washington, at the end of the month. She will miss the dry air of Boulder, but looks forward to soaking in the moisture of the Sound. She intends to continue editing this newsletter for as long as possible.

Beth Ami Jewish Cultural School Open House

A morning of art, games, and music.

We provide the opportunity to celebrate Jewish culture and identity consistent with a humanistic philosophy of life. We appeal to those who respect and love our Jewish heritage and want to affiliate with others of similar viewpoints.

Where: Kensington Park, 10200 Countryside Dr., Westminster

When: August 18th, 10am – 12:30pm (lunch will be provided at noon)

Please RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com by August 17.



We Honor the Passing Bert Rothschild

Bert Rothschild, one of the founders along with his wife, Marilyn, of Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, passed away in Denver on July 30. Bert's daughter, Aviva, and his partner, Shirley, are

making arrangements for a memorial service. Aviva can be reached at 303-696-8237. Cards may be sent to 11671 E. Iowa, Aurora, CO, 80231.

Beth Ami Board

Beth Ami Programming Committee began meeting in December, 2012 to plan and coordinate events. At our April 7th Board Meeting Jon Budoff announced that he will no longer serve as president or board member after June 30th, 2013. A motion was passed to thank Jon for his many years of service on the board. We began a

discussion of ideas on how the board/leadership could be organized. The Beth Ami Programming Committee agreed to meet as an Executive Committee during this interim process. We held Beth Ami's annual meeting at our Beth Ami retreat on May 4th. We will announce our future proposals at our High Holiday services.

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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 start college in September).

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

Submission Deadline:
11:59pm, Saturday 8/17