



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.

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Calendar grid for August 2015 with dates 1-31 and highlighted dates 3, 12, 16, 17, 22, 27.

Beth Ami Event Schedule

Saturday 8/22 – Beth Ami Community Shabbat Picnic for families, prospective Beth Ami members, current members, and literally everyone who wants to come! (11am – 2pm, Foothills Park, see more below)

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 8/21



Upcoming Events

September

- Sunday 9/13 – Rosh Hashanah (4pm, JUC)
Wednesday 9/23 – Yom Kippur (5pm, JUC)
Sunday 9/20 – JCFS Session (10am, Boulder JCC – NEW LOCATION!!)

October

- Sunday 10/4 – JCFS Session & Community Sukkot Celebration (10am)
Sunday 10/25 – JCFS Session (10am)

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

Beth Ami Community Shabbat Picnic

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, August 22 for our community Shabbat Picnic at Foothills Community Park (https://bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/foothills-community-park). The event begins at 11am and includes lunch.

Our Shabbat theme is The Value of Mitzvahs. Our mitzvahs fall into these three categories:
- g'milut hasadim (acts of loving kindness)
- tikkun olam (repairing the world)
- tza'ar ba'alei chayim (suffering of living creatures)
Acts of loving kindness refer to people problems such as poverty, suicide, and loneliness. Tikkun olam are mitzvahs addressing the natural environment such as

climate change, deforestation, and our food supply. Mitzvahs addressing the suffering of living creatures or kindness to animals include human interference with animal survival such as car accidents killing animals, littering, and animal abuse by pet owners.

Please come to our Shabbat picnic for a short service followed by games and activities to plan our year of mitzvahs. Beth Ami will provide a build-a-sandwich lunch. Bring your own water bottle.

All Beth Ami members and interested people are welcomed at this event!

Please RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com

High Holidays – Mark Your Calendars!

The 5776 High Holidays are approaching! Be sure to mark your calendar for our reflective and meaningful High Holiday events. All services will be held at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden.

Rosh Hashanah service will be Sunday September 13th at 4 o'clock. Yom Kippur service will be

Wednesday, September 23rd at 5 o'clock.

Pianist Lia Davis will be joining us for both and the incomparable singer Eve Orenstein will be with us for Yom Kippur to sing Kol Nidre. Join us as we celebrate the turning of the year.

Be sure to invite family and friends as well!

Family School Update – NEW LOCATION

Last school year we redesigned our Jewish Cultural School. We are now a Jewish Cultural Family School where parents and children learn together about human, animal, and environmental problems.

This school year we are changing our venue to the Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Ave. Our first session will be September 20th at the Boulder JCC.

The dates for the school year are: October 4th, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, January 19th, January 24th, February 7th, February 21st, March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, April 24th, and May 1st. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!

Sessions will alternate between the Boulder JCC and community mitzvah locations.

Kveller – A Jewish Parenting Resource

By Michelle Davis

Have you heard of kveller.com? It is a resource for Jewish Parenting that I discovered from following actress Mayim Bialik (the actress who starred in Blossom) on Facebook. It has a wide range of articles

and blog posts about all the various aspects of parenting – choices regarding Jewish identity, sleeping, feeding, and general parenting experiences. Check it out yourself or pass it along to any young families you know!

New Sherwin Wine Website

The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism has created a new website fully dedicated to our wonderful Rabbi Sherwin Wine! The web address is www.sherwinwine.com. You can read Rabbi Wine's writings, learn about his life, even watch audio and video of his services and interviews.

If you wish to delve further, Rabbi Wine's rabbinic thesis is available to read at:

<http://www.sherwinwine.com/wines-rabbinic-thesis-1956/>.

Check it out and enjoy exploring!

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

- Condolences to the Litz family – Betty Chayet, Beth Litz' mother, recently passed away at TRU Hospice. Betty was 87 and recently moved to Louisville from Florida to be near Beth and her family.

- Madrikha and violinist Michelle Davis will be performing on a chamber music series this fall. She will be playing the November and December concerts. Come hear her play chamber music in a lovely historic and intimate setting! These shows will sell out so if you are interested please buy tickets soon!
(<http://hrcaonline.org/About-Us/Guides-Communication/Calendar-Schedules/Event-Detail/title/classical-music-series-10>)

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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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