



# 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.*

## August 2016

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### Beth Ami Event Schedule

**Saturday 8/6** – Beth Ami Arts Group invites you to join us for the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. Please buy your own tickets. \$27 for seniors 60+, \$30 for adults – rsvp to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com) (7:30pm, *Miners Alley Theater in Golden* – see more below)

**Saturday 8/20** – Beth Ami Community Shabbat Hike – RSVP to [sheila@bethami.com](mailto:sheila@bethami.com) so we don't leave without you! (9am, *South Teller Farm near Arapahoe and 75<sup>th</sup> in Boulder* – <https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/south-teller-lake-trailhead>)

### Upcoming Events

#### September

**Thursday 9/8** – Sheila Malcolm presents “Approaching the End of Life without a Belief in God” (12pm, *Boulder JCC*)

**Saturday 9/17** – Beth Ami Community Picnic featuring an Israeli theme (11am, *Martin Park Shelter, Boulder* – see more below)

#### October

**Sunday 10/2** – Community Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich Service for all ages (4-7pm, *East Boulder Community Center*)

**Wednesday 10/12** – Community Yom Kippur Service and Break the Fast (5pm, *service at Meadows Library, break the fast at Gondolier Restaurant – a short walk away*)

**Sunday 10/23** – Community Sukkot celebration (10am, *Malcolm home*)

**Friday 10/28 – Sunday 10/30** – Learning Tour of Philadelphia by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism – IISHJ (see more below)

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Submission Deadline  
**11:59pm, Fri 8/26**



### Celebrations

#### Birthdays

**8/27** – Len Karasik

#### Anniversaries

**8/2** – Brian Shucker & Darby Odell

**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 Picnic

Beth Ami jump starts another year of culturally based Jewish programming with our annual Community Picnic on September 17th. This year's event will take place at the Martin Park Shelter in Boulder near Dartmouth Avenue and Creekside School. The fun begins at 11am. Come and enjoy the company of Beth Ami members and friends. If you like, join in on some

Israeli dancing and perhaps make a small mosaic art piece to take home.

This is a great opportunity to introduce new people to our community and to reconnect with those we have not seen for a while. Beth Ami will provide a light Israeli style lunch. Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to [bethamiRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:bethamiRSVP@gmail.com).

## Local News: Jay Sand

Jay Sand, international Jewish musician, rocked the new Boulder JCC camps and pre-school on July 15 – all sponsored by Beth Ami!



## Join Beth Ami Arts Group for *Little Shop of Horrors*

By Lenore Kingston

Beth Ami Arts Group invites you to join us for the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* at Miners Alley Theater in Golden on Saturday August 6th 7:30pm. Please buy your own tickets at

<https://apps.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&w=bea6463162ce80542d3f7658946ea26f&vqitq=b03e481e-5827-4a45-b0d5-029bd9f928b5&vqitp=adb9b629-949f-4ce7-89ff-b59bfc91014d&vqitts=1467208866&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itlwww&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=66fb24f009e7bbb79ff7347587d24a1e>

or <http://www.minersalley.com/2016-season-box-office/>

\$27 for seniors 60+, \$30 for adults. Rated PG-13.

RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com) if you would like to go to dinner before the play.

*Little Shop of Horrors* was written by Jewish composers Alan Menken and Howard Ashman (They have also written *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*).

“The plot has a skid row flower shop employee named Seymour finding an unusual Venus fly-trap plant which he names Audrey II after his voluptuous fellow employee. He soon learns that when he feeds the plant blood it grows at an astounding rate... Obviously, the plot is absurd and the show is a comedy.

There are some very real human emotions involved. None of us have ever been forced by an evil plant to murder our enemies but we’ve all had to make decisions in which both choices seem unappealing. We’ve all had to struggle with our morals and our sense of right and wrong, and we’ve all felt, at one time or another, unsure of why our loved ones really love us.”  
Written by Eric D. Snider, 1997.

## IISHJ Learning Tour of Philadelphia

Oct 28 – 30, 2016

### Highlights Include:

- Private tours of historic synagogues
- Walking tour of colonial Jewish Philadelphia
- Custom tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History
- Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and other American Icons
- Many more stops in the City of Brotherly Love/Sisterly Affection

- Discussions led by IISHJ Deal for North America, Rabbi Adam Chalom

Complete itinerary and registration at:  
<http://learningphilly.eventbrite.com>

For more information, contact IISHJ Operations Manager Kate Forest  
[operations@iishj.org](mailto:operations@iishj.org) (847) 383 – 6330

## News From National

The Society for Humanistic Judaism search for a new Executive Director is actively progressing. By the time the SHJ Board meets in November, there may be a personnel announcement, accompanied by a new vision and energy for our parent organization.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 Mathematics & Computer Science 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

