



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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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Sunday 12/10 – HuJew Coffee (3pm, Brewing Market Coffee on Baseline and Broadway in Boulder – see more below)
Saturday 12/16 – DIY Latkes, Boulder Chanukah celebration – please RSVP for the address to BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com (4pm – Brian & Darby's – see more below)
~~**Monday 12/18** – South Denver evening Chanukah event~~ **EVENT CANCELLED** – please check Meetup for other events!
Sunday 12/24 – Music @ the J: [Klezmania with Sheldon Sands Klezmer Consort & Special Guests](#) (7pm, Boulder JCC)
Sunday 12/31 – New Years party (8pm – 1am, Hirsch home)

Upcoming Events

February

Saturday 2/3 – South Denver Tu B'Shevat celebration (time and location TBD)

March

Sunday 3/4 – South Denver Purim celebration (time and location TBD)

Saturday 3/31 – South Denver Passover seder (evening, location TBD)

April

Friday 4/13 – Sunday 4/15 – Shalom Y'all IISHJ tour (Savannah to Charleston – see more below)

Celebrations

Anniversaries

12/8 – Gordon & Grace Gamm
12/27 – Sheila & John Malcolm

Birthdays

12/1 – Ashlynn Anderson
12/4 – Michelle Davis
12/6 – Evan Wilson
12/12 – Herb Josepher
12/13 – Michael Hirsch
12/20 – Calla Stafford, Laura Moin
12/21 – Bill Baum
12/25 – Don Griss, Vic Goldberg

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 12/22



HuJew Coffee

Want to know more about Humanistic Judaism and our local group?

Join us on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00. We will be schmoozing and noshing at Brewing Market Coffee on Baseline and Broadway in Boulder (2610 Baseline Road, Boulder – look for the Beth Ami sign!)

Questions? Contact info@bethami.com

Bring your questions and ideas. Learn about upcoming events. Connect with like-minded Humanistic Jews.

We are holding this event because of interest generated at the Boulder JCC Shalom Boulder Happy Hour and other recent gatherings.

Let's do Jewish together – humanistically!

Beth Ami Arts Group – Taste of New York

The Beth Ami Arts group enjoyed a taste of New York in Denver at the New York Deli News Restaurant. After filling up on breads and meats imported from New York state, some of the group went over to the Denver

Art Museum to see their latest installation, "Her Paris: Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism," which focuses on the works of women artists in Paris from 1850 to 1900.



DIY Latkes – Chanukah Celebration

We will begin our party by cooking latkes together. Darby and Brian will provide ingredients. Guests will bring latke toppings, salads, drinks, Chanukah cookies and donut holes. Here are some Hanukkah toppings ideas: <https://www.joyofkosher.com/2016/12/8-epic-latke-topping-ideas/>

When: Saturday, December 16th at 4:00pm

Where: Celebration at Brian and Darby's in Superior
RSVP for the address to BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com

We will learn a quick history of Chanukah, light candles (bring your own menorah), participate in dreidel-spinning contest, and sing lots of Chanukah songs!

We will also do a favorite mitzvah project. EFAA (Emergency Family Assistance Association) has requested birthday bags, filled with all the goodies necessary for a child's birthday celebration.

Shalom Y'all IISHJ Tour

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston – April 13-15, 2018

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston: the home of revolutionary statesman, early Jewish communities, slavery, and freedoms. Join us as Rabbi Adam Chalom's thoughtful perspective brings the antebellum South to life.

This IISHJ tour includes daily opening lectures and concluding discussions with Rabbi Adam Chalom, four nights accommodations, daily breakfast, Shabbat dinner, Savannah to Charleston transportation, lunch at Magnolia Plantation, and all tour entrance fees and gratuities.

Fee per person: \$950

Booking deadline: January 31, 2018

Highlights include:

- Two of the oldest Jewish congregations in North America
 - The streets of historic Savannah, saved from destruction after General Sherman's infamous march to the sea
 - Magnolia Plantation and Gardens to experience the beauty and challenges of the antebellum American South
 - Charleston, the "Holy City" of religious tolerance, home to Jewish settlement since the 1695, exporting cotton and importing slaves
- Register at <https://iishj.org/shalom-yall>

News From National

From the Boulder Jewish News

The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism (IISHJ) celebrated the graduation of three new Leaders and ordained two new rabbis this past Friday at The Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism. An honorary ordination of a recently deceased Rabbinic student was also observed.

The newest leaders, known as *Madrikhim/ot* in Hebrew and *Vegvayzer* in Yiddish, are Jamie Ireland (San Francisco Bay Area), Mary Raskin (Portland, OR), and Jeffrey Schensnol (Phoenix, AZ). They joined over 60 other leaders certified since the founding of the IISHJ in 1985. Rabbi Joysa Winter (Philadelphia) and Rabbi Jeremy Kridel (Washington DC) are the newest of the almost 50 Secular Humanistic Jewish Rabbis ordained worldwide to date. These leaders and clergy are tasked with shepherding the movement into the future.

Especially moving was the posthumous ordination of David J. Steiner as honorary rabbi. The certificate was accepted by his son Itamar who shared how much it would have meant to his father. Steiner was a polymath

with skills as varied as cow midwifery and documentary filmmaking. The next evening, his award-winning documentary film, "Saving Barbara Sizemore," was screened in tribute.

The ordination ceremony took place the Birmingham Temple, the flagship congregation of the over 50-year-old Secular Humanistic Jewish movement, as well as numerous current leaders of the movement from around the U.S. and the world.

Luminaries in the audience included Rabbi Miriam Jerris, Rabbi of the Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ); Richard Logan, President of the SHJ; Paul Golin, Executive Director of the SHJ; Rabbi Adam Chalom, Dean – North America of the IISHJ, Rabbi Sivan Maas, Dean-Israel of Tmura-IISHJ; Jay Cohen, President of the IISHJ; Terry Waslow, Executive Director of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO), and Rabbi Jeffrey Falick, Rabbi of the Birmingham Temple.

For the rest of this article please visit: <https://boulderjewishnews.org/2017/humanistic-rabbis-and-jewish-leaders-ordained/>

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.

- In Memoriam A. Marshall Gaylord (1942-2017): Beth Ami member Marta Gaylord, along with her daughters Sylvia and Laura and their families, mourn the passing of Marta's husband last month. Sylvia created a beautiful slideshow: <https://www.facebook.com/sylvia.gaylord/posts/1612215985503022>. The memory of good people blesses us.

We Appreciate Our Members

Thanks to the following Beth Ami members for living their values through their financial support of Beth Ami and the Society for Humanistic Judaism. We exist because of your generous contributions. If you are not currently a Beth Ami member, please consider membership as a way to support the Humanistic Judaism movement.

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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 Computer Science Master's student at Colorado State University).

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