



*Beth Ami is a welcoming community where we connect to Jewish past, celebrate Jewish present, and link to Jewish future through a humanistic philosophy.*

# February 2016

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## Beth Ami Event Schedule

**Sunday 2/7** – JCFS Hazon Grant Event Session with Amy Atkins (10am-12pm, Boulder JCC)

**Friday 2/12 – Sunday 2/14** – Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and Antisemitism Seminar (see more below)

**Saturday 2/27** – Farm to Shabbat Table – culmination of Hazon grant events (12-2pm, Meadows Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Boulder CO, 80303 – see more below)

## Other Community Events

**Monday 2/15** - “Havana Curveball” screening with director Marcia Jarmel (7pm, Boedecker Theater, Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut St – see more below)

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 2/2 – Sam Budoff
- 2/12 – Dawn Anderson
- 2/21 – Suzy Wilson
- 2/22 – Sheila Malcolm

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Submission Deadline  
**11:59pm, Fri 2/26**



## Upcoming Events

### March

**Sunday 3/6** – JCFS Session (10am-12pm, Boulder JCC)

**Saturday 3/12 – Sunday 3/20** – Boulder Jewish Film Festival

**Sunday 3/13** – JCC Purim Carnival (Boulder JCC)

### April

**Sunday 4/3** – JCFS Session (10am-12pm, Boulder JCC)

**Saturday 4/24** – Community Passover Seder (Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia, Boulder – see more below)

## Passover Seder – LOCATION CHANGE

We discussed a change of venue for our Passover Seder on April 24<sup>th</sup> to the Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia, Boulder. Our family school is currently meeting there and we have two new families attending bringing our total to eight school families. We have a drop-in policy and accept new families throughout the school year. Having our Passover Seder in Boulder is an opportunity

to attract more families to our Beth Ami community. Some of you may know that the Boulder JCC will be opening a new JCC on Arapahoe and Cherryvale this June. Many of our Beth Ami members have donated funds for this project. Gordon and Grace Gamm are a major contributor and hope that Humanistic Judaism will have a presence in the new building.

## Farm to Shabbat Table (Sessions 2 & 3)

Our three-session Beth Ami Community and Family School event continues with a special presentation by Amy Atkins. She will guide us through activities to learn about sustainability and Jewish farming practices. The session will be a hands-on, experience-rich learning opportunity for all ages, pre-school through adult.

At our first session, Sheila Malcolm presented activities which gave us a greater understanding of how Shabbat has been practiced around the world and how we can make it meaningful in our lives when we choose to celebrate it. Even if you missed the first session you are welcome to join us for the others! Thank you Hazon for making this exciting series possible.

### Session 2: Sunday, February 7

- Boulder JCC, 10am to noon  
- Amy Atkins, Jewish teacher and outdoor educator, will present fun, hands-on activities for all ages related to our food choices.  
- RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

### Session 3: Saturday, February 27

- Meadows Library, noon to 2pm  
- Join our Humanistic Jewish Shabbat celebration. Share in a bountiful, community-prepared meal and enjoy entertainment by Erica Sodos, an inspiring magician and motivational speaker.  
- RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

## “Havana Curveball”

A Bar Mitzvah project takes on international aspirations in this inspiring documentary, suitable for audiences of all ages. Thirteen-year-old Mica takes to heart his Rabbi's dictate to help “heal the world,” and launches a grand plan to send baseball equipment to Cuba — a country with a mysterious pull. Mica knows only that Cubans have few resources, love baseball, and gave his grandfather refuge during the

Holocaust. His filmmaker parents – knowing a curveball is coming – record their son’s remarkable journey to Havana...

More info at <http://www.havanacurveball.info>.

Screening on Monday, February 15, at 7pm at the Boedecker Theater, Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut St.

Tickets at: [thedairy.org](http://thedairy.org)

Free for students: email [Jode@boulderjcc.org](mailto:Jode@boulderjcc.org)

## News From National

### Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and Anti-Semitism Seminar

February 12-14, 2016 – International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism  
Organized by Or Adam Congregation, Presented by Rabbi Adam Chalom

Anti-Semitism and Israel have been intertwined since Theodor Herzl witnessed the Dreyfus Trial in 1894, sparking his book *The Jewish State* and modern Zionism. Today's conflicts in Europe, the Middle East and on college campuses are a bewildering, even disturbing, combination of legitimate criticism and irrational hatred. How should American Jews respond?

### Registration – Register by February 5, 2016

Or Adam & SHJ members:

\$15/session, \$40/seminar

IISHJ students for course credit:

\$140 for complete seminar

General Public:

\$20/session, \$50/seminar reg.

Includes bagels on Saturday & Sunday

Full registration includes Saturday lunch

### Arizona Jewish Historical Society

Cutler & Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center  
122 East Culver Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(602) 241 – 7870 <https://azjhs.org/>

For more info, contact [oradainfo@gmail.com](mailto:oradainfo@gmail.com)

### Friday, February 12

NO CHARGE, ALL ARE WELCOME

7:00pm Shabbat Celebration – “Being Jewish in a Non-Jewish World”

### Saturday, February 13

I) 9:00am-Noon “Diaspora, Diversity and

Discrimination: Ancient and Medieval Origins”

II) 1:00pm-4:00pm “Founding, Fighting and Final Solutions: 1870-1948”

### Sunday, February 14

III) 9:00am-Noon “Reacting to Reality: The World Today”

## Jewish Together Boulder – New Page!

Check out the new page on the Jewish Together Boulder website! See anyone familiar?

<http://jewishtogetherboulder.org/get-to-know-the-rabbis-and-spiritual-leaders-of-boulder/>

If you'd prefer to just watch the video, here it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGZ9Kmpsdss>

## 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