



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.

January 2013

Calendar grid for January 2013 with days of the week and dates.

Event Schedule

Wed 1/9 – Fri 1/11 – Keshet Training (See More Below)
Sunday 1/13 – JCS Session 1/Open House & Adult Ed (See More Below)
Thursday 1/17 – Book Club at Broi's (See More Below)
Saturday 1/19 – Shabbat Morning Celebration/Shabbat in the South (See More Below)
Sunday – 1/27 JCS Session 2 & Adult Ed, Community Tu B'Shevat Celebration (11am - See More Below)

Upcoming Events

February

2/3 – JCS Session 3 & Adult Ed (See More Below)
2/24 – JCS Session 4 & Adult Ed, (See More Below)

March

3/10 – JCS Session 5 & Adult Ed
3/17 – JCS Session 6 & Adult Ed
3/25 – Beth Ami Community Passover Celebration at JUC



Celebrations

Birthdays

1/2 – Kathy Kane
1/8 – Helen Aphthorp
1/13 – James Wilson
1/16 – Stan Gosch
1/16 – Stu Budoff
1/16 – Katrina Miller
1/18 – Macy Gosch
1/22 – Steve Litz
1/25 – Lenore Kingston

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Thank You!

Thanks to the Hirsch family for hosting another delightful and delicious New Year's Eve Party!

Humanist Responses Needed

New York Times – In a Crisis, Humanists Seem Absent

This article was submitted by former Beth Ami member Joyce Kohn. This timely piece focuses on several issues worth addressing.

Please send your responses to Sheila at smalcolm280@gmail.com.

The New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/29/us/on-religion-where-are-the-humanists.html? r=0

Keshet Training

On Jan. 9, 10 and 11, Lenore and Sheila will share attendance at the 2013 Keshet Training Institute for Jewish Educators to support LGBT inclusion and learn about new curriculum for adult and youth education.

Keshet is a national grassroots organization that

works for the full equality and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Jews. Keshet strives to cultivate the spirit and practice of inclusion in all parts of the Jewish community, with offices in the Bay area, Boston and Denver.

Colorado Ballet Presents *Light/The Holocaust & Humanity Project*

From Michelle Davis

As I am a member of the Colorado Ballet Orchestra, I wanted to point out a great event they are putting on this spring! I won't be playing this show, instead, Ben and I hope to attend! Here is the description:

"Colorado Ballet will close out the season with *Light /The Holocaust & Humanity Project* March 29-31, 2013 at the Newman Center at the University of Denver. Making its Denver debut, this one act contemporary ballet in five movements is inspired by the poignant journey of one Holocaust survivor. Set to the music of

five notable contemporary composers including Philip Glass and Arvo Part, *Light* is a powerful, moving and uplifting experience. *Light* serves as a timely reminder of the importance of the protection of human rights. When it premiered in 2005, *Light* brought national attention to choreographer Stephen Mills. His original choreography turns the spotlight on discrimination and triumph of the human spirit."

For more information, go to <http://www.coloradoballet.org/>

Shabbat in the South

Beth Ami CCHJ will hold its first Shabbat in the South at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 19th. We are hoping events at the South end of Denver will bring in friends and members who have not been able to make it up to Westminster or Boulder for Shabbat events. We will meet at the Southridge Recreation Center, located at 4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch, CO.

Michelle Davis will lead the service, which will focus on "Living A Green Life". We will discuss the upcoming holiday of Tu B'Shevat, hear from individuals about their own "green" choices and learn more about the "green" movement. The service will be followed by a light oneg/reception. Please come and invite your friends and family! All are welcome!

Beth Ami Book Club

Beth Ami's Book Club is Thursday, January 17th 11:00am at Brio's in Denver. We are reading a great book called *The Dovekeepers*, by Alice Hoffman. The novel personalizes the events in Masada in the year 70CE. The author shares how individuals made sense

of their lives at that time. Our next book club selection will be chosen by those people attending on January 17th. The Book Club welcomes new members RSVP to Lenore at bethamicolorado@gmail.com.

January/February JCS & Adult Ed Schedule

Jan 13 – Welcome back! We'll enjoy a Jewish Music Program to brighten a winter morning. Bring your needle/yarn crafts along.

JCS Open House from 10am-12:30pm

Jan 27 – Come celebrate *Tu B'Shevat* with a cross-generational *seder* honoring the natural world and our Jewish place in it. How did Tu B'Shevat begin? Why is it so important today? What's new on the sustainable, ecological, organic Jewish front?

Feb 3 – Let's reconsider our *tzedakah* habits. How do we respond to the Jewish expectation of charitable giving? How can we best nurture this behavior in children and young adults? Post-*mitzvahs* will join in by updating us on their *tzedakah* projects and kicking off a congregational campaign.

Feb 24 – Beth Ami will join the Boulder Jewish community's Purim Carnival at the Boulder JCC (10am-2pm, 3800 Kalmia Ave, Boulder)

Save the date to support Beth Ami! Lunch available for purchase.

Meet at Countryside Rec Center in Westminster, 10470 Oak St, Broomfield Co 80021 – Home of the Jewish Cultural School – from 10:15 TO 11:45. There is a "Community Lunch" after each session.

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Hi, all. I'm Rachel Hirsch. I was a student at the Beth Ami JCS until I had my Bat Mitzvah in 2008.

I am the editor of the Beth Ami newsletter this year, depending on how it affects school (I graduate at the end of this school year).

I welcome any input you have, so feel free to email me any articles or information that you want to see in next month's newsletter.

-Rachel