



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 2017

Calendar grid for January 2017 with days of the week as columns and dates as rows.

Beth Ami Event Schedule

Saturday 1/7 – International Dinner Out (5-7pm, Phoenician Kabob – 5709 E. Colfax, Denver 80220 – Private room available with RSVP to Barry at bflevene@gmail.com by Thursday 1/5 – see more below)

Sunday 1/15 – Beth Ami Book Club discusses Pompeii (11am – Brio's Tuscan Grille – for more info and to RSVP, contact bethamicolorado@gmail.com – see book summary below)

Sunday 1/22 – Adult Program Brunch & Film – “No Place on Earth” – see summary below (10:30am brunch, 12pm movie, Karasik Home – 9639 W. 63rd Place, Arvada 80004 – RSVP to Sheila at sheila@bethami.com for potluck offerings)

Upcoming Events

February

Saturday 2/4 – Tu B'Shevat celebration (10am, Boulder Public Library – Meadows Branch)

March

Saturday 3/4 – Community Shabbat celebration (10am)

Celebrations

Birthdays

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

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 2/27



Welcome to Beth Ami!

We warmly welcome the following new Beth Ami members and look forward to seeing them frequently!

Arlene Gerwin attended the September ACE at the J talk on “Approaching Death” and returned for Beth Ami’s High Holidays.

Walter Katz has long been involved with another Boulder congregation, but finds himself shifting

towards Humanistic Judaism as he pursues his own academic research into the intersection of Jewish history and other important world events. In addition, his recent new car salesman turned out to be a groom whose wedding Sheila officiated. Way to seal the deal! Walter and his partner Debbie have attended several recent events.

Beth Ami Chanukah at the Boulder JCC

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed latkes, dreidels, lighting the menorah, songs, crafts and an overall jovial time.



International Dinner Out

Beth Ami debuted its first Dinner Out for the Yom Kippur "break-the-fast" at the Gondolier. We now travel to the Phoenician Kabob for delicious Mediterranean cuisine on Sat., Jan. 7 from 5-7. <http://pkabob.com> 5709 E Colfax Ave, Denver 80220.

RSVP is **essential** by Jan. 5 to Barry at bflevne@gmail.com or sheila@bethami.com for possible carpooling from Boulder or points north.

"No Place on Earth" Summary

Join us for a screening of "No Place on Earth"! "No Place on Earth" is a 2012 docudrama about the discovery of a group of caves in Ukraine that turned out to have been hiding places for three extended Jewish families escaping the Holocaust. The film features interviews with some of the 36 survivors and/or their descendants, now living mainly in New York City and Montreal. It includes a segment in which some of the

survivors, the oldest of whom was a nonagenarian, return to the caves.

This film comes highly recommended by Gerrie & Len Karasik, who invite you to Brunch & Movie on Sun., Jan. 22 from 10:30-2. Space is limited and brunch is potluck. RSVP to sheila@bethami.com for seating and food contribution by Fri., Jan. 20.

Pompeii Summary

The Beth Ami book club will be discussing the book Pompeii by Robert Harris at Brio's Tuscan Grill at 11am on Sunday, January 15.

All along the Mediterranean coast, the Roman empire's richest citizens are relaxing in their luxurious villas, enjoying the last days of summer. The world's largest navy lies peacefully at anchor in Misenum. The tourists are spending their money in the seaside resorts of Baiae, Herculaneum, and Pompeii.

But the carefree lifestyle and gorgeous weather belie an impending cataclysm and only one man is worried.

The young engineer Marcus Attilius Primus has just taken charge of the Aqua Augusta, the enormous aqueduct that brings fresh water to a quarter of a million people in nine towns around the Bay of Naples. But Pompeii proves to be a corrupt and violent town, and Attilius soon discovers that there are powerful forces at work—both natural and man-made—threatening to destroy him.

For more info and to RSVP, contact Lenore Kingston at bethamicolorado@gmail.com!

Local New & Events

Shout out to Lenore Kingston who helped plan the awesome Klezmania (Chinese) Dinner and Concert at the Boulder JCC on Dec. 24.

This new event duplicates the annual Klezmer Dinner and Concert at the Mercury Cafe in Denver. Lenore is on the board of ACE (adult Arts, Culture & Education) which continues to provide great programming to the general community. Watch for news of the upcoming Boulder Jewish Film Festival.

The CU Boulder Program in Jewish Studies and ACE, the Boulder JCC's Adult Ed Program, are joining forces for a series of academic presentations in the next few months.

For more information go to: <http://www.colorado.edu/jewishstudies/upcoming-events#Katz2016>

News From National

This news is actually international! The Times of Israel highlights the Society for Humanistic Judaism and its leadership:

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/taking-the-deism-out-of-judaism-meet-the-new-face-of-humanistic-jews/>

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Barry and Donna Levene and family on the birth of new granddaughter Lucy Magdalena Levene, born December 10. Barry says, "Everyone is doing great even though her parents are pretty tired." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mazel tov to Beth Ami member Steve Greenspan, whose first blog entry for "The Hill" is linked here: http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/the-administration/311503-a-white-house-at-risk-why-trump-will-fail • Although opinions addressed in his writing may very well reflect the views of our community (!) you can address comments directly to Steve at stephen.greenspan@gmail.com. Way to go, Steve! |
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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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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