



# 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.

## June 2013

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### Beth Ami Event Schedule

**Sunday 6/9** – Boulder Jewish Festival 2013 (11am – Pearl Street Mall/Courthouse Lawn - Beth Ami will have a booth - Community help needed! [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Saturday 6/15** – Beth Ami swim party at Laura's clubhouse and pool (3pm – RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Sunday 6/23** – Bagel Potluck Brunch and movie Orchestra of Exiles at Gerrie and Len's (summary below - RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Thursday 6/27** – Beth Ami book club at Brio's (11am – reading *Our Holocaust by Amir Gutfreund and Jessica Cohen*. summary below - RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Saturday 6/29** – Beth Ami Family Shabbat Hike (10am, Bobolink Trailhead – more info below)

### Upcoming Events

#### July

7/27 – Party at Hirsch house (Save the date! – time TBD, more info later)

#### August

8/17 – Anya DuBow Margolis Bat Mitzvah

#### September

9/5 – Rosh Hashanah Celebration (4pm – JUC)

9/28 – Julia Litz Bat Mitzvah

### Celebrations

#### Birthdays

6/2 – Sasha Gorokhovsky

6/4 – Steve Langer

6/7 – Debra Goldberg

6/19 – Jon Budoff

6/21 – Roz Budoff

#### Anniversaries

6/5 – Julia Genyuk and Sasha Gorokhovsky, Stephen Greenspan and Helen Apthorp

6/15 – Vic and Debra Goldberg

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### Family Shabbat Hike Information

Sat., June 29, 10 am Beth Ami Hike for Everyone (with Shabbat along the way!)

Meet at the Bobolink Trailhead, Baseline and Cherryvale Rd. in Boulder.

Bring water, hats, weather-appropriate clothing, sunscreen, snacks.

You'll find partial shade, a lovely creek and beautiful views on an even trail.

RSVP to [smalcolm280@gmail.com](mailto:smalcolm280@gmail.com).

## YMCA Trip Reflections

### Arthur and Rabbi Jeff -

If it had only been to see our friends, Dayenu (it would have been enough for us).

If it had only been to see the mountains, Dayenu.

If it had only been to see snow, Dayenu.

If it had only been to meet the Beth Ami congregation, Dayenu.

If it had only been to attend the retreat, DAYENU!!

Thank you all for your hospitality and warmth - we never felt cold, despite the snow and the temperatures!

### Kathy Kane -

I had a fabulous time on the retreat! As expected, I felt a close connection to those attending. In addition, I was able to enjoy spending time with Sheila, and Marti/Michael outside in the beautiful environment. The highlight, however, was the outstanding job that Rabbi Jeff did. Along with everyone else, I was greatly impressed with him (and noticed many similarities to Sherwin). It was a pleasure to interact with Arthur also.

The food was great, and the room was comfortable. I was very thankful to Terry and Maida for allowing me to travel with them. Thanks to all the planners for making this event so successful.

### Sheila Malcolm -

Rabbi Jeff's amazing ability to teach brought historic and contemporary Israel into our Rocky Mountain cabins.

Beth Ami's amazing community brought friendship, celebration, nourishment and fun into those same spaces.

How did we fit it all?

### Michelle Davis -

Ben, the kids and I had a great time! The accommodations and food were fantastic. Having a chance to spend extended time with everyone was wonderful! I know our children loved playing with all the other kids and adults. I was able to attend one of Rabbi Jeff's sessions and it was interesting, stimulating and engaging - I hope he comes back again! The services he lead were beautiful and inspiring. Thank you to all who helped make this weekend possible!

### Barb Griss -

The weekend was wonderful. It took a lot of planning and organization to make it so successful. Everyone involved should be very proud of how things flowed. The food was absolutely amazing...and healthy!!!!

And no words can begin to describe the talent and wisdom of Rabbi Falick. It was like hearing Sherwin for the first time. Arthur was wonderful to meet and a delightful complement to Jeff. I hope our wonderful members and beautiful mountains will be enough to entice them to return often.

Thanks to everyone who made this happen !!!!

### Don Griss -

The weekend retreat was wonderful. The Rabbi was so informative and warm. The time spent with everyone was special. Thanks so much for all the work put in to make it work. Looking forward to next year.

### Lenore Kingston -

How do we do Jewish? We celebrated Shabbat in the mountains and focused on the joy of being part of a vibrant Jewish community



### Orchestra of Exiles Summary

*Orchestra of Exiles* is the suspenseful chronicle of how one man helped save Europe's premier Jewish musicians from obliteration by the Nazis during World War II. In three years, Bronislaw Huberman transformed from a world renowned violinist to a humanitarian racing against time. With commentary by Itzhak Perlman, Zubin Mehta, Pinchas Zukerman, Joshua Bell and others.

### Our Holocaust Summary

A prizewinner in Israel, it tells the story of relatives who are "collected" by virtue of the fact that they themselves have no one to call their own family since many of their parents, children, brothers and siblings were murdered during the Holocaust. Our Holocaust is titled so appropriately: It makes the reader see that those who survived the Holocaust are no alone, that the horrors, the brutality, the pain and suffering are emotions that each of us share collectively as Jews.

### Message from Jon Budoff

Beth Ami Members and Friends,

After serving as President of Beth Ami for the last 8 years, I have decided not to continue on in that role after June. I am extremely proud of everything that we have accomplished in the last 8 years, but feel that it is time for me to move on and for someone else to step into this position, hopefully bringing with them new ideas and new enthusiasm. Unfortunately, as it stands right now, we have no successor identified. So consider this short statement as both a farewell, and a plea for your involvement. If you've ever had an interest in taking on a larger role within Beth Ami, now would be a great

time to do so. Even if you don't want to serve as President, our Board can always use new voices and fresh ideas, and a volunteer organization like Beth Ami requires everyone to step up and contribute in whatever way they can in order to thrive and become the type of congregation that we all want it to be. I wish you all, and Beth Ami, the best of luck for continued success in the future.

(Michelle, Marti, Sheila, and Lenore are members of our programming committee and are meeting twice a month. Please contact one of them if you have input, questions, etc.)

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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, and plan on continuing for as long as possible (I graduated this 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

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