



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.

March 2013

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Thursday 3/7 – Beth Ami book Club, *Bible and Sword* by Barbara Tuchman - email bethamicolorado@gmail.com to get a copy (11am at Brio's near Cherry Creek Mall)

Sunday 3/10 – JCS Session 5 & Adult Ed (See More Below)

Sunday 3/17 – JCS Session 6 & Adult Ed (See More Below)

Sunday 3/24 – Beth Ami Community Passover Celebration at JUC – (4pm - See More Below)

Other Community Events

Friday 3/29 - Sunday 3/31 – Colorado Ballet (See More Below)

Sunday 3/10 - Sunday 3/17 – First Ever Boulder Jewish Film Festival (<http://boulderjcc.org/Arts/Film%20Festival/View.aspx>)

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3/1 – Christie Gosch
- 3/7 – Beth Litz
- 3/11 – Paul Budoff, Barry Levene
- 3/12 – Alex Litz
- 3/21 – Toni Budoff
- 3/24 – Barry Goldberg
- 3/29 – Elaine Block
- 3/31 – Donna Levene

Upcoming Events

April

4/7 – JCS Session 7 & Adult Ed (See More Below)

4/13 – Shabbat Morning Celebration - Aaron Ney from Ekar Farms will speak (10am)

4/21 – JCS Session 8 & Adult Ed, Open House and Finale! (See More Below)

May

5/3 – 5/5 – Beth Ami Retreat to Estes Park (See More Below – with AE information)

June

6/9 – Boulder Jewish Festival; (11 am, Pearl Street Mall – Community Help Needed!)

Passover Celebration Information:

Beth Ami Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism invites you to join us for our Community Passover Seder.

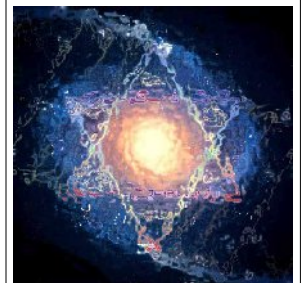
It is a time for gathering as an extended family with tradition, music, multi-generational participation, and outstanding food!

Sunday, March 24th at 4pm at Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W. 32nd Ave. Golden.

RSVP to Ros and Stu at 303-432-2184 or stubudoff@yahoo.com

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Colorado Agency for Jewish Education

Sheila is presenting to Jewish educators!
Sheila Malcolm is presenting a Teaching with Love and Logic training to 34 Jewish educators on March 3rd and March 10th. The training is sponsored by CAJE, Colorado Agency for Jewish Education. Denver metro

area Jewish schools are sending directors and teachers to learn how to promote healthy parent/teacher and teacher/student relationships.
We are very proud of Sheila!

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/>

Save the Date (April 13, 2013)

Shabbat Service Featuring Ekar Farms

Ekar Farms and Community Garden is located at 6825 E. Alameda Ave. Denver CO. Along side the community garden, Ekar Farm is a volunteer farm growing thousands of pounds of produce for the Jewish Family Service Weinberg Food Pantry. The Farm and garden are inspired by Jewish values, offering participants the opportunity to learn about the connections of Judaism and the growing cycle.

Aaron Ney, Executive Director of Ekar will inspire us to be a part of the Jewish Food Movement.



Grow. Learn. Sustain. Enjoy. Repeat.

Beth Ami Retreat (May 3-5, 2013)

Beth Ami's programming committee met last night to plan the retreat. We are excited with the theme "Who are the Israeli Jews; who are we in the diaspora? Rabbi Jeff Falick SHJ Rabbi will be our Scholar-in-Residence. Jeff led a recent SHJ Israel tour and tied current Israeli politics with the sights the group was visiting.

Children and interested adults will learn about

ancient outdoor education from Doug Hill. Doug loves studying indigenous skills and primitive technology as a way to be a part of the universal story of humankind.

There will be lots of music throughout the weekend. If you play an instrument, please bring it.

We still have four rooms left. Questions? Contact Sheila a smalcolm280@gmail.com.

Donate Old/Used Cell Phones by March 24th

Recycling Cell Phones For a Safer Community

Ren Margolis had his Bar Mitzvah in the summer of 2011. He organized a cell phone collection drive at Manhattan Middle School. It's almost two years later and he is organizing an old/used cell phone drive at the Boulder JCC. There is a drop box in the main lobby of

the Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Avenue, Boulder. The phones will be donated to Secure the Call, donating 911 emergency-only cell phones to senior citizens, domestic violence shelter and police and sheriff departments.

March – May Adult Ed Schedule

<p>March 10 – Let’s reconsider our <i>tzedakah</i> 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-<i>mitzvahs</i> will join in by updating us on their <i>tzedakah</i> projects and kicking off a congregational campaign. (*Agenda Change*)</p>	<p>March 17 – Let's take over the kitchen and prepare a few delicious Pesach-themed recipes from around the world. Something for everyone – traditional to contemporary!</p>
<p>April 7 – What's happening in Israel as we approach Israeli Independence Day? Increase your understanding of Gaza and the West Bank, their history, and implications for the peace process.</p>	<p>April 21 – Open House and Season Finale for JCS/AE with a year in review, survey for the future, and hands-on sharing of recommended books and films. Local author presentation!</p>
<p>May 3-5 – Beth Ami Retreat to Estes Park YMCA of the Rockies with Adult Ed offerings by Rabbi Jeff Falick</p>	<p>Adult Ed meets at Countryside Rec Center in Westminster, 10470 Oak St, Westminster Co 80021 – Home of the Jewish Cultural School – from 10:00 - 11:45 am. There is a community potluck lunch after each session.</p>

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