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Dear Beth Ami Members and Friends,

Shana tova! As our celebrations of the New Year 5777 approach, it is time again to reflect upon the importance of Humanistic Judaism in your life. How has Beth Ami, the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and Jewish community networking enriched your life this past year?

Beth Ami provides a place where secular Jews can find a comfortable home. We appeal to those who respect and love our Jewish heritage and want to affiliate with others with similar viewpoints. We are Jews who want Jewish studies for our children and ourselves, who want to observe Jewish holidays, appreciate Jewish culture, and express a connection with the Jewish people and Israel in a non-theistic setting.

Beth Ami is a warm, welcoming community that gathers to deepen our connections to each other as well as embrace our shared Humanistic Jewish identity. We celebrate major holidays, Shabbat/Havdalah, and life cycle events, including baby namings, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings and memorial services. We're prepared to run a Jewish Cultural School with an experiential, humanistic philosophy. We share arts activities and hikes in our varied region to challenge our minds and bodies. We encourage healthy growing, eating and recycling, along with a variety of Jewish values focusing on learning, caring and interacting with each other and the earth.

We have shifted our geographic focus from Denver and Golden to Boulder. Why? Most of our leadership and members live in Boulder and Jefferson Counties. The new Boulder Jewish Community Center is proving to be a welcoming home, along with the expanded Dairy Arts Center, Boulder Public Libraries, the Boulder Jewish Festival and CU Boulder, which has a vibrant Jewish Studies Program. Lenore and Sheila have been active in the Boulder Educator's Team for Jewish educators and Jewish Together Boulder, respectively. These connections have enabled us to immerse in the greater Jewish community, a long-time goal. We still seek out and welcome participants of all ages from around the Front Range. We also seek to partner with Humanist groups and events.

What can you do? Visit the Beth Ami website at www.bethami.com and check out the newsletter and calendar. RSVP and attend events. Write an opinion piece for the newsletter. Bring a friend along. Invite us over for a Shabbat dinner or movie. Suggest a fun, intriguing activity. Connect us with a cultural, political or active community event already planned. And join!

*Annual dues are \$400 for a household of two adults and \$250 for an individual household. Please make checks payable to Beth Ami – CCHJ. This includes membership in the Society for Humanistic Judaism. Members will receive free admission to all Beth Ami events. If there is a need to make partial payment, please contact Ron to work out a schedule.

2016/5777 High Holiday reservations will be issued to members who have paid annual dues by Sept. 15, 2016.

To sustain our quality of adult and youth programming, we need your help.

- Additional Programming Committee members
- Funds to rent venues
- Homes to host Shabbat/Havdalah events
- People with graphics skills to design flyers
- Articles submitted to our monthly newsletter
- Funds to revise Beth Ami Holiday liturgy – labor and printing
- Outreach in Boulder, central and south Denver
- Volunteers to coordinate with national Hujews <http://www.hujews.org> and other like-minded organizations

We invite you to join with others who find meaning in connecting to our Jewish past, celebrating our Jewish present and linking to a Jewish future through a Humanistic philosophy of life by starting or renewing your membership to Beth Ami-CCHJ.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and your commitment to the growth of our community.

Sincerely,

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