



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.

# November 2012

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## Event Schedule

**Saturday 11/3** – Parenting Beyond Belief Workshop (1-5pm, Boulder Meadows Branch Library – See More Info Below)

**Sunday 11/4** – Parenting Beyond Belief Workshop (1-5pm, Highlands Ranch Arrowwood Elementary School – See More Info Below)

**Sunday 11/11** – JCS Session 6 & Adult Ed: Israel Adventure Part 2 – Whose “Birthright” is it anyway? (10am at Countryside Rec Center, 10470 Oak St., Westminster 80021)

**Saturday 10/17** – Shabbat Morning Celebration and lunch (10am, Malcolm home – RSVP to [sheila@bethami.com](mailto:sheila@bethami.com))

## Upcoming Events

### December

Sunday 12/2 – JCS Session 7& Adult Ed: By special request – a return to Yiddish history and culture

Thursday 12/6 – Beth Ami Book Club continues study of “A Provocative People” By Rabbi Wine chapters 3 & 4 (11am at Brio's – All are welcome!)

Sunday 12/9 – Community Chanukah Celebration (2pm)

Sunday 12/16 – JCS Session 8 & Adult Ed: Heartwarming Chanukah tales and the Jewish Authors Who Wrote Them. Let's also bring books and DVDs to discuss and share over winter break

Monday 12/31 – New Year's Party (Hirsch home)

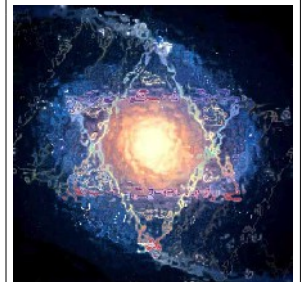
## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 11/1 – Nathan Wilson
- 11/2 – Anya DuBow Margolis
- 11/8 – Eitan Moin
- 11/9 – Alex Wilson
- 11/15 – Ron Kingston
- 11/28 – TayTay Anderson

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## Stop Frostbite 2012

Beth Ami Jewish Cultural School will be collecting warm socks and snow gloves at all Wintertime JCS and Adult Ed meetings to help Girl Scout Troop 441 support The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Stout Street Clinic.

The troop is looking for adult size snow gloves and wool or wool blend socks.

Cash donations toward purchase of these items will also be accepted  
[http://www.coloradocoalition.org/what\\_we\\_do/healthcare.aspx](http://www.coloradocoalition.org/what_we_do/healthcare.aspx)

## Light the Night Walk for Leukemia/Lymphoma Research

Thanks to those of you who contributed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation's Light the Night Walk. Team Beth Ami Alight raised \$630 in its inaugural year. We look forward to growing participation next year!



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**LIGHT THE  
NIGHT® WALK**

## Hazon Grant

Beth Ami is the proud recipient of a mini grant from Hazon. This money is targeted to increase awareness of the importance of using local and organic food at our

Shabbats and on our May 3rd-5th retreat at YMCA of the Rockies. Beth Ami is committed to reducing our carbon footprint at all of our events.

## Shabbat Invitation

Please join Sheila and John Malcolm at their home on Sat., Nov. 17, for a Shabbat Celebration beginning at 10 am and ending with a light lunch. This family-friendly event will focus on the theme of world hunger and include a video and "distribution" activity. RSVP to Sheila at 303-499-5933 or [sheila@bethami.com](mailto:sheila@bethami.com).

We will also conduct an "adoption into Judaism" ceremony for Matthew Detton, of Grand Junction, who has been in touch with Sheila and demonstrates a vast amount of learning in Jewish history, philosophy and practice. He has chosen to identify specifically with Humanistic Judaism, and we will witness and support his rite of passage.

## Adult Education (and some wonderful JCS students!)

Emily Trudell took us on a powerpoint journey to Israel with her Taglit/Birthright trip recently. On Nov. 11, Sheila Malcolm will round out our Israeli travelogue by presenting an adult version of Birthright and some additional perspectives on visiting Israel. Discussion welcome! We gather at 10 am at Countryside Rec Center, 10470 Oak St., Westminster 80021, along with our wonderful Jewish Cultural School. (Recent Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and their families are especially invited.)

## Parenting Beyond Belief Workshops

A Free Half Day Workshop on Secular Parenting with Author Dale McGowan

Two Events So All Can Attend!

1-5 pm Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Boulder Meadows Branch Library  
4800 Baseline Road Boulder, CO 80303  
Contact [sheila@bethami.com](mailto:sheila@bethami.com) for more info & RSVP

1-5 pm Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Highlands Ranch Arrowwood Elementary School  
10345 Arrowwood Drive Highlands Ranch, CO 80303  
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[www.bethami.com](http://www.bethami.com)    [www.parentingbeyondbelief.com](http://www.parentingbeyondbelief.com)

Over nine million parents in the US are raising children without traditional theistic religion. This unique event empowers non-theistic parents to raise ethical, caring, confident kids outside the traditional religious framework by providing answers to questions and strategies for handling routine scenarios such as:

- How does moral development really work?
- My mother-in-law wants our kids baptised. How can I respond without causing a rift?
- How can I ease my child's fears about death without pretending there is an afterlife?
- How can my kids learn about religion without being indoctrinated into religion?

## Sukkot!

Our community enjoyed the harvest holiday of Sukkot at Countryside Rec Center with a masterfully-constructed Sukkah, a celebration which included four Jewish environmentally-active guests, local/sustainable lulav and esrog and enriching activities for all. Guest speaker Frank Landis informed the adult ed gathering about our current energy sources, their environmental pros and cons, and the issue of fracking. We enjoyed a delicious community lunch on a crisp fall day as the grand finale.

Thanks to everyone who planned, built, read, created and contributed to this delightful celebration.



## Comedy Corner

From Steven Langer, Ph.D., SPHR

### "New Jewish Words and Their Meanings"

*Jewbilation* (n.) Pride in finding out that one's favorite celebrity is Jewish or that your offspring is marrying a Jewish person.

*Toralfied* - (n.) Inability to remember one's lines when called to read from the Torah at one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah (or from the Hagada at Passover).

*Matzilation* - (v.) Smashing a piece of matzoh to bits while trying to butter it.

*Chutzpapa* (n.) A father who wakes his wife at 4:00 a.m. so she can change the baby's diaper.

*Deja Nu* (n.) Having the feeling you've seen the same exasperated look on your mother's face, but not knowing exactly when.

*Disoriyenta* (n.) When Aunt Linda gets lost in a department store and strikes up a conversation with everyone she passes.

*Hebort* (v.) To forget all the Hebrew one ever learned immediately after one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

*Jewdo* (n.) A traditional form of self-defense based on talking one's way out of a tight spot.

*Mamatzah Balls* (n.) Matzo balls that are as good as your mother used to make.

*Meinstein* - slang. "My son, the genius!"

*Mishpochadots* (n.) The assorted lipstick and make-up stains found on one's face and collar after kissing all one's aunts and cousins at a reception.

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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 will be 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