



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.

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Sunday 11/2 – JCFS session featuring Noga Aloz (at Countryside Rec. - see more below)

Wednesday 11/5 – Welcome Coffees for Friends of Beth Ami (10am – see more below)

Saturday 11/8 – Havdalah Ceremony, light dinner and presentation honoring US war veterans (5-8pm – stay tuned for detailed email to follow)

Sunday 11/9 – Welcome Coffees for Friends of Beth Ami (10am – see more below)

Sunday 11/16 – JCFS session (mitzvah project with Eco-Cycle – see more below)

Friday 11/21 – Storytime dates at the Boulder JCC (1:15-2pm – see more below)

Other Community Events

Sunday 11/9 – Nose for the News JGSCO Event (10am)

Thursday 11/13 – Michelle Davis' Violin Concert (6:30pm, Highlands Ranch Mansion – see more below)

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 11/1 – Nathan Wilson
- 11/2 – Anya DuBow Margolis
- 11/6 – Avi Shucker
- 11/8 – Eitan Moin
- 11/9 – Alex Wilson
- 11/15 – Ron Kingston
- 11/28 – TayTay Anderson

Upcoming Events

December

Friday 12/5 – Storytime dates at the Boulder JCC (1:15-2pm – see more below)

Sunday 12/7 – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec. - Chanukah mitzvah project)

Sunday 12/7 – Research around the Pale JGSCO Event (10am – see more below)

Sunday 12/14 – Chanukah party at Boulder Dinner Theater to see Fiddler on the roof (12pm – Groups of 12 or more save – RSVP NOW to bethamicolorado@gmail.com – see more below)

January

Sunday 1/11 – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec.)

Sunday 1/25 – JCFS session (location TBD)

February

Sunday 2/22 – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec.)

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 11/21



Welcome Coffees for Friends of Beth Ami

Join Madrikha Sheila Malcolm to chat over coffee about Beth Ami, Humanistic Judaism, creative ideas for our community, or anything else!

RSVP to sheila@bethami.com or 303-588-0236

Wed., Nov 5 at 10 am at Einstein's, 120th and Sheridan, Westminster

Sun., Nov. 9 at 10 am at The Egg and I, Baseline & Bwy, Boulder

Beth Ami Celebrates Chanukah at the Boulder Dinner Theater

Fiddler on the Roof Summary

In the little village of Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia.

Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof* has touched audiences around the world with its humor, warmth, and honesty. The universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy, and sadness.

With a celebrated score by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, *Fiddler on the Roof* features songs loved the world over: *Sunrise, Sunset, If I Were A Rich Man*, and *Matchmaker* to name a few. *Fiddler on the Roof* is simply Broadway at its very best.

Where: 5501 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder 80303

See more at: <http://www.bdtstage.com>

Our Chanukah party is Sunday, 12/14 at 12:00pm. To be part of our Beth Ami group ticket sales, RSVPs **must** be received by Nov. 10th bethamicolorado@gmail.com.

Hebrew Story Connections at the Boulder JCC

For 2 – 5 Year Olds

This class is posted in the Fall BJCC catalog and was encouraged by Beth Ami friend Beth Litz! It will be taught by Sheila Malcolm, a lifelong educator who's passionate about sharing good children's books!

Gather 'round for an inspiring Hebrew and English PJ Library story-time with movement, props and a focus on meaningful Jewish values. Sheila will follow each

beautiful book with an activity, a healthy snack and a goodbye song. We'll learn about our beautiful world, recycling and sharing our love! No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary.

Fridays, November 21 and December 5, 1:15 – 2 pm. No cost to attend, but please register online so we know you're coming. Drop-ins ok. beth@boulderjcc.org

Our Family School is Connecting with Israel

Noga Alos – ShinShin 2014-2015 Israeli Young Emissary

Jewish Colorado, formerly Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado, supports The Jewish Agency for Israel by sponsoring Michal Uziyahu as a Senior Shaliach.

Michal and her family have been in Denver and Boulder for the past two years. She has built relationships with all the congregations in Denver and Boulder including Beth Ami. Michal's goal is to connect the next generation of the Jewish Community to its people by connecting them to their homeland.

Michal and her family are from Ramat Hanegev; its regional council recently celebrated sixty years. Here is a link from several American communities

congratulating Ramat Hanegev: <http://rng.org.il/en/?p=19773>.

This year for the first time, Jewish Colorado is also sponsoring the Service Year Program. The goal of the Service Year Program is to place high school graduates from Israel in Jewish communities abroad for a year to volunteer prior to enrolling for their military service in order to encourage interaction among young Jews through dialogue. Noga Alos has been volunteering at all the congregational schools in Boulder. Noga will be at Beth Ami's Family School this Sunday, November 2nd.

Family School Mitzvah Projects

By Lenore Kingston

In September our school went to Ekar Farms in Denver to pick radishes. Ekar Farms donates 80% of their organic fresh produce to Jewish Family Service's Weinberg Pantry. See our pictures in the October newsletter.

In October our school built five squirrel boxes for Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center near Lyons, Colorado. I learned about Greenwood as Julia Litz's mentor for her Bat Mitzvah. Brian and Darby Shucker hosted this event donating their expertise, the materials, and several delicious challahs. (See pictures to the right)

In November our school is supporting Eco-Cycle, 6400 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder. Eco-Cycle began 38 years ago with the mission to conserve our natural resources. Noga Alos, Israeli Young Emissary shared two links to show us how Ramat Hanegev, Jewish Colorado's partner community in Israel, is also conserving our natural resources.

See more info at:

<http://rng.org.il/en/?p=20125>,

<http://rng.org.il/en/?p=17204>



Sukkot At Sheila's



News From National

Kathy Kane and Sheila Malcolm are fresh off the plane from Farmington Hills, MI, where they attended the Society for Humanistic Judaism Board Meeting and sat on the Education and Leadership Committees, respectively. Approximately 40 representatives and SHJ staff discussed, resolved and support the following highlights:

- A re-focusing on retention of members at the national level, while continuing recruitment strategies.
- The SHJ youtube site is growing - visit soon! A new initiative by the Leadership Committee will soon offer a series of Best Practices for creating, growing and managing local-level boards of directors, followed by Best Practices in Programming!
- Birmingham Temple archives Adult Ed sessions at their website at www.libraryshj.org
- Following Nora Ephron, the newly-elected HJ Role Model of the Year is Carl Sagan.
- The youth Curriculum Framework has been embraced by many affiliates around the country. It's a valuable outline for Jewish education through a humanistic lens.
- The next journal edition, soon to be released, is themed "Humanistic & Jewish - Why Both?"
- A breakout session on Transparent Governance at the congregational level echoed some of the sharing and soliciting that has occurred at Beth Ami gatherings since last spring, raising awareness of how the community is actually functioning, encouraging more participation among current members (time and money), and stimulating new initiatives and programming.

- The HuJews young adult program is alive and well, with plans to gather next March in Michigan for another exciting Conclave.
- During a community sharing round table, Sheila reviewed recent High Holiday highlights of the Building Bridges presentation and alternative Tashlich activity in which we "fired up" our thoughts and sent them upwards! Ideas from other communities included building a Wiki page, fundraising (through rummage sale, dinner & silent auction, celebrating a rabbi's 10 year tenure and the "b'nai mitzvah" of a congregation at age 13, joining the Seattle Give Big Day and receiving direct-deposit donations), designing and sewing a community banner, adding Facebook and Twitter pages, annual Christmas dinner at a Chinese restaurant, a klezmer concert and a Holocaust film series.

IF ANY OF THESE IDEAS SOUND APPEALING, CONTACT SHEILA FOR A BRAINSTORMING SESSION!

Kathy and Sheila appreciate the financial support of Beth Ami to attend national board meetings, participate in the future of Society for Humanistic Judaism programs and planning, and make and maintain contacts with like-minded, involved individuals around the country. We receive reimbursement for board meeting registration and a shared room at the Fairfield Hotel near the Birmingham Temple.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado (JGSCO)

The Jewish Genealogical Society (JGS) of Colorado provides an opportunity to be associated with those who share a common interest in Jewish Genealogy. Meetings and workshops are a forum to exchange information, to share resources and experiences, and to learn new techniques for research. Expertise and topical areas of interest span the globe and spectrum of Jewish history, including Colorado-based family history, but also for roots in Europe, South America, South Africa, Canada,

and elsewhere. Origins can be Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Israeli, and Mizrahi. The Society is a nonprofit and run 100% by volunteers. Annual dues are \$30 per individual or \$40 per household and includes personal mentoring.

Visit www.JGSCO.org for a current schedule of upcoming programs or to join today.

Contact info@jgsco.org with questions or to be added to the email list.

Come See Michelle Davis, the Violinist!

Madrikha Michelle Davis is excited to invite you to her upcoming chamber music concert!

On Thursday November 13th she will appear as part of a string quintet, performing music of Brahms and Mozart.

The concert is at the Highlands Ranch Mansion at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door if not sold out. This concert is very likely to sell out! The concert will be wonderful and presented in a beautiful historic setting. Tickets can be purchased on <http://hrcaonline.org/> – simply search for the Classical Music Series.

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

- Kathy Kane and her Michigan relatives attended the unveiling ceremony for her mother, Pera Kane, led by Rabbi Jeff Falick of the Birmingham Temple on October 27. Peaceful wishes to Kathy.
- Happy big anniversary to Gerrie/Len Karasik
- Get well soon wishes to Barb Griss, recovering from shoulder surgery.

Appreciation For Those Who Contributed Extra Time and Dollars to Support Beth Ami During Fall Membership Registration

Pledges and Donations:

Anonymous
Barb & Don Griss
Barry & Donna Levene
Herb Josepher & Cass Robbins
Kathy Kane
Laura Moin
Len & Gerrie Karasik
Steve Greenspan & Helen Aphorpe
Vic & Debra Goldberg

Host a Home Event (calls are coming soon!):

Barb & Don Griss
Barry & Donna Levene
Julia Genyuk
Laura Moin
Len & Gerrie Karasik
Sheila & John Malcolm
Terry Fleisher & Maida Deborah

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As a small but important and growing Humanistic Jewish community, we need support from everyone who wants to live the values of Truth, Integrity, Dignity, Reality, and Judaism.

Support Beth Ami With An Honorary Donation

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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I am the editor of the Beth Ami newsletter this year, and plan on continuing for as long as possible (I am currently a 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