



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 2017

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Saturday 11/4 – Havdalah and pizza/movie night (4pm, Long Family Home – 7282 S. Rome St, Aurora CO – see more below)

Sunday 11/5 – Beth Ami Arts Event: Join fused glass artist Joy Weinstein to create your own glowing jewelry! Snacks and drinks included in the reasonable fee. Minimum of 6 participants needed for this session! (2pm, Malcolm home)

Saturday 11/18 – Celebrate Shabbat with the Beth Ami community at New York Deli News. After lunch continue to the Denver Art Museum for a tour of their new exhibits. RSVP to Barb Griss at bgriss@yahoo.com (10:30am, New York Deli News – 7105 East Hampden Ave. Denver 80224)

Other Community Events

Wednesday 11/1 – Sunday 11/12 – Neustadt JAAMM Fest (see more below)

Celebrations

Birthdays

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

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 11/25



Upcoming Events

December

Saturday 12/16 – Latkes by candlelight, Boulder Chanukah celebration

Monday 12/18 – South Denver evening Chanukah event

Sunday 12/31 – New Years party (8pm – 1am, Hirsch home)

February

Saturday 2/3 – South Denver Tu B'Shevat celebration (time and location TBD)

March

Sunday 3/4 – South Denver Purim celebration (time and location TBD)

Saturday 3/31 – South Denver Passover seder (evening, location TBD)

April

Friday 4/13 – Sunday 4/15 – Shalom Y'all IISHJ tour (Savannah to Charleston – see more below)

American Humanist Association Magazine Interview

Catch the interview with Beth Ami members Gordan and Grace Gamm in the Sept/Oct 2017 issue of The Humanist, the magazine of the American Humanist Association.

Read more online at thehumanist.com.
<https://thehumanist.com/magazine/september-october-2017/features/gamm-humanist-interview-philanthropist-gordon-gamm>

Successful Sukkot!

Beth Ami celebrated a fun family harvest festival before the snow fell! Thanks to your thoughtfulness, Beth Ami collected 61.6 pounds of food for the pantry at EFAA, Emergency Family Assistance Association. The EFAA birthday bag donations now total \$225!



South Denver Havdalah

South Denver Humanistic Judaism, our southern branch, is working on events for the year to come. Saturday, November 4th we will have a havdalah, pizza and movie night for families to enjoy. The movie will be

picked by vote that evening and will be appropriate for all ages. Bring cash to order pizza and something to share. For more details and to stay up to date, [please see our Meetup site!](#)

“The Revolutionists” with Beth Ami Arts Group

Beth Ami Arts Group attended “The Revolutionists” at the Dairy Center in the intimate Grace Gamm Theater. (Thanks, Grace!)

We continue to be impressed with the quality of one of our local performance groups, the Boulder Ensemble Theatre Company. Let’s get together for a future show!

Neustadt JAMM Fest

The Neustadt JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music) is a cultural extravaganza celebrating all kinds of Jewish arts. October 26 through November 12.

For information about the shows, films, lectures, tickets and more, visit:

jccdenver.org/arts-culture/jaamm-2017

Shalom Y'all IISHJ Tour

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston – April 13-15, 2018

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston: the home of revolutionary statesman, early Jewish communities, slavery, and freedoms. Join us as Rabbi Adam Chalom's thoughtful perspective brings the antebellum South to life.

This IISHJ tour includes daily opening lectures and concluding discussions with Rabbi Adam Chalom, four nights accommodations, daily breakfast, Shabbat dinner, Savannah to Charleston transportation, lunch at Magnolia Plantation, and all tour entrance fees and gratuities.

Fee per person: \$950

Booking deadline: January 31, 2018

Highlights include:

- Two of the oldest Jewish congregations in North America

- The streets of historic Savannah, saved from destruction after General Sherman's infamous march to the sea

- Magnolia Plantation and Gardens to experience the beauty and challenges of the antebellum American South

- Charleston, the "Holy City" of religious tolerance, home to Jewish settlement since the 1695, exporting cotton and importing slaves

Register at <https://iishj.org/shalom-yall>

News From National

The late comedian Gene Wilder is the 2017-2018 Humanistic Jewish Role Model of the Year, as voted by the Board of the Society for Humanistic Judaism. A wealth of material pertaining to Gene, on and off screen, is available for anyone who might like to create a presentation and view one of Gene's films.

In the past, Beth Ami has gathered in homes, clubhouses and the Boulder JCC to share information about previous Jewish Role Models. Here is a great opportunity to easily compile a presentation, and relax with a film, smiles and good company. Interested? Please contact Sheila at sheila@bethami.com.

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.

- The Malcolm family is thrilled that Dr. Brenda successfully defended her dissertation at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Bronx, NY, and will continue her neuroscience research on the aging brain.

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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Hi, all. I'm Rachel Hirsch. I was a student at the Beth Ami JCS until 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 am currently a Computer Science Master's student at Colorado State University).

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