



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

**Wednesday 10/1** – Beth Ami Book Club discusses “The Dream Of Scipio” (11am at Brio's)

**Friday 10/3** – Yom Kippur & Kol Nidre Service (5pm schmooze & nosh, service begins at 6pm – Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden – more info below)

**Sunday 10/5** – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec. - families learn about Greenwood Wildlife Rehab Center)

**Sunday 10/12** – Community Sukkot celebration (Sheila and John Malcolm's home in Boulder – see more below)

**Sunday 10/19** – JCFS session (families do the mitzvah of building squirrel boxes, at private home – RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com) for address)

**Sunday 10/26** – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fred Marcus Memorial Holocaust Lecture (4pm – Elaine Wolf Theater, 350 S. Dahlia St. Denver, cost is \$15, RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

## Upcoming Events

### November

**Sunday 11/2** – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec.)

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

**Sunday 11/16** – JCFS session (location TBD)

### December

**Sunday 12/7** – JCFS session (at Countryside Rec.)

**Saturday 12/13** – Chanukah party at Boulder Dinner Theater to see Fiddler on the roof (12pm – Groups of 12 or more save – RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

### January

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

**Sunday 1/25** – JCFS session (location TBD)

## Anniversaries

**10/10** – Gerrie & Len Karasik

**10/22** – Barb & Don Griss

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Submission Deadline  
**11:59pm, Fri 10/24**



## Other Community Events

**Thursday 10/23** – Violin Concert (6:30pm, Highlands Ranch Mansion, see more below)

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

**10/9** – Julia Genyuk

**10/10** – Rena Segal

**10/13** – Ocean Anderson

**10/20** – John Malcolm

**10/24** – Troy Anderson

**10/25** – Wendy Dubow

**10/30** – Jim Kates

**10/31** – Maren Anderson

## Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Celebration

**Yom Kippur** – Friday, October 3

5pm – Gather in the Commons to schmooze & nosh (light dinner and drinks)

6pm – Kol Nidre Service with music by Eve Orenstien and piano accompaniment

6:30pm – Humanistic Jewish Yom Kippur Service and Songs of Remembrance

Join us as we gather in a welcoming community to share our Jewish heritage and humanistic values of Building Bridges of Understanding for Rosh Hashanah and Remembrance for Yom Kippur.

Services will be held at the Jefferson Unitarian Church 14250 West 32nd Ave, Golden, CO 80401.

Services will end by 7pm

RSVP to Kathy Kane ([kkane7403@aol.com](mailto:kkane7403@aol.com)) for attendance, food to share and carpool needs

Costs: Free to registered Beth Ami members and children under 18 – \$25 for guests

MazelTot discount available

[www.bethami.com](http://www.bethami.com) 720-466-0101 [info@bethami.com](mailto:info@bethami.com)

## Adult Education Changes for 5775!

Due to the exciting new format of the Jewish Cultural School, our Adult Ed program will shift to celebrations of Shabbat/Havdalah in various homes, with an interesting selection of topics and speakers to accompany each service. Contact Sheila if you are willing to host an event in your home.

As lifelong learners, we will continue to participate in Denver and Boulder Jewish Film Festivals, along with the Beth Ami Arts Group and Book Club.

Other regional Adult Ed opportunities include:

**Menorah at the Boulder JCC**

[http://www.boulderjcc.org/clientuploads/pdf/Adults%20Arts%20&%20Culture/flyer\\_menorah\\_upcoming-14-15.pdf](http://www.boulderjcc.org/clientuploads/pdf/Adults%20Arts%20&%20Culture/flyer_menorah_upcoming-14-15.pdf)

**JCC South Denver**

<http://www.jccdenver.org/fall-activity-guide-2013/adult-programs-jcc-south-denver/>

**JCC Denver**

<http://www.jccdenver.org/arts-culture/>

## Beth Ami Book Club Reads *The Dream of Scipio*

Our book club is reading *The Dream of Scipio* by Iain Pears for October. *The Dream of Scipio* is a historical novel that spans 1500 years and has three different stories and three different characters. Manlius writes *The Dream of Scipio* during the downfall of the Roman Empire to explain his values. Olivier is a poet in the 14th century who recopies from memory Manlius's manuscript after his father burns the original. Olivier's

mentor decides to destroy the Jews for the plague but Olivier befriends a Jewish scholar and falls in love with his beautiful servant. Julien is a 20th century historian who has studied Manlius' manuscript and works for the Vichy government even though his lover is Jewish. *The Dream of Scipio* is a philosophical novel dealing with the tension between highly cherished values and the bonds of love and friendship.

## News From National

Our 2015 Conclave Coordinator Rabbi Jodi Kornfeld and the SHJ Youth Board members have begun making plans for an exciting conclave weekend, March 20-22, 2015, at Butzel Conference Center in Michigan. Conclaves provide a wonderful environment for forming lifelong friendships, sharing ideas with others who share your beliefs, and building a strong Jewish identity. If you attended a conclave as a teen or college

student, the memory has stayed with you. We want our youth to have that same experience.

Registration will be online and scholarships will be available. Details are coming soon. As in prior years, SHJ will be communicating via e-mail with post mitzvah teens and college students. Thanks for helping make Conclave 2015 a success.

## JCFS Harvesting Radishes & Learning About Bees



Beth Ami's Jewish Cultural Family School did its first mitzvah of the 2014-2015 school year on Sept. 21st at Ekar Farm. Ekar Farm is an urban farm dedicated to educating the community about sustainable agriculture practice and food justice, and donating fresh, healthy organic produce to local food banks.

Families spent about an hour picking radishes. Our guide Becca Weaver told us it would take the entire day for one staff person to pick what we picked in one hour!

During our second hour, Becca showed us her beekeeping protective clothes and shared many interesting facts about the bees. There are 60,000 worker bees living in their hive!

We ended our morning with challah, apples, honey, and melon.

Our school will be doing a different mitzvah each month. We welcome your ideas for possible future mitzvahs - Email Lenore at [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

## Sukkot, the Harvest Festival

As the farmers of biblical times set up temporary dwellings at harvest time, the Beth Ami community has celebrated the holiday of Sukkot in various settings over the years. This fall, all are invited to the Malcolm home at 280 S. 39th St., Boulder 80305 on Sun., Oct. 12 starting at 10 am.

Multi-age activities will include a Humanistic Sukkot with Sukka decorating, locally grown "lulav and etrog," harvesting and learning about "putting the garden to sleep." We'll have songs and stories and a very veggie potluck lunch! RSVP to [sheila@bethami.com](mailto:sheila@bethami.com) or 303-499-5933.

## Fred Marcus Memorial Holocaust Lecture – Miep Gies

Miep Gies (1909-2010) is one of the unsung heroes of the Holocaust. This humble woman helped hide Anne Frank and her family in the Netherlands during WWII. Miep provided them with food and other basic necessities. The care and support of Miep and her husband enabled Anne's inspiring and historically significant diary to survive and to influence generations of readers.

Presented by The Holocaust Awareness Institute at The University of Denver's Center for Judaic Studies in cooperation with the MACC at the JCC's JAAMM Festival.

Judy Winnick portrays extraordinary women from WWII history. Judy says, "These women inspire me with their courage, humility, compassion, and the message that one person can make a difference." Judy is a member of the Colorado Humanities/Chautauqua Speakers Bureau and has performed internationally. During her teaching career she received one of Colorado's Distinguished Teacher Awards.

Elaine Wolf Theater, 350 S. Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80246  
 Tickets will be available August, 2014 - \$15 per person; no charge for Holocaust Survivors or students  
 RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

## Come See Michelle Davis, the Violinist!

Madrikha Michelle Davis is excited to invite you to two upcoming chamber music concerts!

On Thursday October 23rd she will appear as part of a string trio, performing pieces by Dohnanyi, Handel-Halvorson, and Bach.

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

Both concerts are at the Highlands Ranch Mansion at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door if not sold out. These concerts are very likely to sell out! These concerts 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.

## 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](mailto: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 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