



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.

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Sunday 10/2 – Community Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich Service for all ages (4-7pm, East Boulder Community Center – see more below)

Wednesday 10/12 – Community Yom Kippur Service and Break the Fast (5pm, service at Meadows Library, break the fast at Gondolier Restaurant – a short walk away – see more below)

Sunday 10/23 – Community Sukkot celebration (10am, Malcolm home)

Other Community Events

Friday 10/28 – Sunday 10/30 – Learning Tour of Philadelphia by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism – IISHJ (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 Weinberg Anderson

Anniversaries

- 10/10 – Gerrie & Len Karasik
- 10/22 – Barb & Don Griss

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 10/21



Upcoming Events

November

11/5 – Community Shabbat celebration

December

12/4 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to see “Hand to God” by Robert Askins (2pm, Curious Theater – 1090 Acoma St., Denver Co 80204 – see more below)

12/11 – Community Chanukah celebration

January

1/7 – International Dinner Out (Denver)

1/21 – Beth Ami movie night

February

2/4 – Tu B'Shevat celebration (10am)

March

3/4 – Community Shabbat celebration (10am)

Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich

Our meaningful and musical service will be followed by a close-by, outdoor Tashlich ceremony. This year's theme of "Choose Your Own (Humanistic Jewish) Adventure" includes readings of several mini-essays on the topic – maybe yours!

Potluck dinner and drinks will follow.

What: Rosh Hashanah (New Year) & Tashlich (Reflections and New Beginnings)

Where: East Boulder Community Center
5660 Sioux Drive, Boulder

When: Sunday 10/2, 4pm – 7pm

Price: Free to Beth Ami members and children under 18, or \$30 per guest.

RSVP: NOW to BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com for seating, potluck, carpooling and essays!

Yom Kippur and Kol Nidre

The beautiful Kol Nidre, sung by Eve Orenstein, will be followed by a heartfelt Yom Kippur service. Madrikha Sheila Malcolm will reprise a recent interactive presentation "Approaching the End of Life."

We'll then celebrate life and "break-the-fast" a few steps away at the Gondolier Italian Eatery beginning at 7:30 – pay your own way.

What: Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) & Kol Nidre (Musical Memorial)

Where: Meadows Branch Library
4800 Baseline Rd., Boulder (Behind Safeway)

When: Wednesday 10/12, 5pm – 7pm, then 7:30 on

Price: Free to Beth Ami members and children under 18, or \$30 per guest.

RSVP: By Oct 10 to BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com for seating and service handouts!

End of Summer Picnic

Old and new friends gathered at the Martin Park Shelter in Boulder for great food (thanks, Marti!), catching up and a real quick Shabbat ceremony!



Beth Ami Birthday Bag Project

A few years ago our Family School came up with a creative mitzvah project. We would make “a birthday party in a bag” to give to kids whose families could not otherwise afford a party for their child. We found that we could put together a bag for about \$20. We put in the bag things like: cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, streamers, and a small gift for the child.

This project has been met with great enthusiasm by the recipients. In fact this year, Lindsey at EFAA, Boulder’s Emergency Family Assistance Association, reached out to us and asked if we could put together more bags for families in transitional housing. She said the bags are “a great way for the families to celebrate

and spend time together”.

We have decided that at our Sukkot celebration at the Malcolm’s home this year, we’d like to put the bags together. To do this, we need to purchase the supplies. To do this, we need funds. To do this, we need your gracious tzedakah donations.

Please consider dropping a few shekels into our tzedakah box so that we may follow through on our mitzvah project. We will be collecting donations at all Beth Ami events. And, if you are feeling especially generous, you can always mail us a check anytime! Together we can give a child in transitional housing a happy birthday!

IISHJ Learning Tour of Philadelphia

Oct 28 – 30, 2016

Highlights Include:

- Private tours of historic synagogues
- Walking tour of colonial Jewish Philadelphia
- Custom tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History
- Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and other American Icons
- Many more stops in the City of Brotherly Love/Sisterly Affection

- Discussions led by IISHJ Deal for North America, Rabbi Adam Chalom

Complete itinerary and registration at:
<http://learningphilly.eventbrite.com>

For more information, contact IISHJ Operations Manager Kate Forest
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News From National

Introducing Society for Humanistic Judaism’s New Executive Director!

"Humanistic Judaism affirms the right of individuals to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority."

Paul Golin is a writer, speaker, advocate and consultant on the most important issues facing the organized Jewish community in America today, including intermarriage, outreach, engagement, disaffiliation, and inclusion.

For nearly two decades, Paul has helped Jewish organizations and movements better understand the key trends affecting North American Jewry. His writing has appeared in many newspapers and he has co-authored several books. Paul served as associate director of Big Tent Judaism/Jewish Outreach Institute, a national, independent, transdenominational organization reaching

out to unaffiliated Jewish families with an emphasis on engaging intermarried households and helping the organized Jewish community better welcome them in.

He also has a background in media having worked for the Steinherdt Foundation for Jewish Life as program associate for information technology and HBO Studio Productions. He majored in Communications and Political Science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Paul is the white Ashkenazi half of a “Jewpanese” (Jewish/Japanese) Jewish multiracial household. He maintains the Jewpanese page on Facebook and tweets at @paulgolin.

For more information, please see the latest edition of Humanistic Judaism, Volume XLV 2016, Number 2.

“Hand to God” Summary

In small town Cypress, Texas, sweet but troubled teen Jason is coping with his father’s recent death and is forced to join his mother’s Church-led group. However, things take a turn for the unexpected when

Jason’s foul-mouthed, truth-spewing puppet Tyrone begins to take on a life of his own. Irreverent, and occasionally shocking, “Hand to God” is a raucous comedy that explores faith, grief and humanity.

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.

- Barry Levene’s mother Mimi Levene recently celebrated her 100th birthday! Mimi loves to sing and is a member of the Platt Park Chorus in Washington Park.

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 Mathematics & Computer Science 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