



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.

# September 2014

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## Beth Ami Event Schedule

**Sunday 9/7** – Jewish Cultural Family School, Countryside Rec. 10470 Oak St., Westminster

**Sunday 9/14** – See the movie of “Constantine's Sword” (1pm – Gerrie and Len's home, rsvp to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Sunday 9/21** – Jewish Cultural Family School, Ekar Farm, 1815 S. Oneida St. Denver, CO 80230 (10am – Ekar Farms, RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Sunday 9/21** – Beth Ami Arts Group invites you to attend Sheldon Sands and Faye Nepon in Concert: Celebrating Musical Yiddishkeit (7pm – Boulder JCC, \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door – RSVP to [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com))

**Friday 9/26** – Rosh Hashana & Tashlich 5775 Celebration (5pm schmooze & nosh, service begins at 6pm – Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden – more info below)

## Other Community Events

**Sunday 9/14** – Remembering the Flood (4-6pm - more info below)

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 9/14 – Mitchel Budoff
- 9/18 – Katya Hirsch
- 9/20 – Maida Deborah

### Anniversaries

- 9/5 – Christie and Stan Gosch
- 9/15 – Roz and Stu Budoff

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Submission Deadline  
**11:59pm, Fri 9/26**



## Upcoming Events

### October

**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 3

**Sunday 10/12** – Community Sukkot celebration (more info later)

Sunday 10/16 – Beth Ami Book Club meets to discuss *The Dream of Scipio* (11am – see book summary before)

**Sunday 10/19** – JCFS session 4

Sunday 10/26 – 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))

### November

**Sunday 11/2** – JCFS session 5

**Sunday 11/16** – JCFS session 6

### December

**Sunday 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))

## Come Celebrate 2014/5775 High Holidays

### Rosh Hashana – Friday, September 26

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

6pm – Rosh Hashana service will include:

- a special presentation by “Building Bridges,” a non-profit working with Israeli and Palestinian young women
- music and songs led by Eve Orenstein of Opera on Tap
- Humanistic Jewish liturgy to celebrate the new year

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 end by 7 pm both nights Services will be held at the Jefferson Unitarian Church 14250 West 32nd Ave, Golden, CO 80401.

### 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

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 per event for guests

MazelTot discount available

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## Why Do I Care About The High Holidays?

By Marti Hirsch

The focus of the High Holidays fits right into the flow of my secular year. I have been either a student or a teacher for the vast majority of my life so thinking of the fall as the beginning of the year comes naturally to me. School is back up and running and I am ready to take on new challenges.

Celebrating the High Holidays with Beth Ami is a wonderful opportunity for me to tap into my Jewishness. It gives me a chance to connect to other like minded Jewish people. It gives me a chance to reflect on

the year past and to set goals for the year to come. It gives me a chance to mark these days as special as my ancestors have been doing more years than I can count.

The two holidays fit together like bookends marking a 10 day period of reflection. At Rosh Hashana I focus on renewal and begin my week of self reflection. At Yom Kippur I make judgments about myself and commit to some new goals. I love that Beth Ami gives me a non-theistic environment to prod me forward in the ever continuing exercise of self-improvement.

## JCS Family School

Our Family School begins Sunday, Sept. 7th at Countryside Rec. 10470 Oak St. Westminster and is open to families with children attending preschool through Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We will practice the Jewish value of tikkun loam (repairing the world). Together in a family havruta (learning group) we will use hands-on activities to learn about a problem and then do a mitzvah to help solve it. We will also study Hebrew, sing Jewish songs, and celebrate Jewish holidays as cultural Jews.

On Sept. 21st 10:00am our school will meet at Ekar Farms, 1815 S. Oneida St. Denver, CO 80230. Families

will do a mitzvah by harvesting fresh vegetables for the Weinberg Pantry, Same Cafe, and Kavod Senior Life. We will also see Ekar Farm’s bees and begin Rosh Hashanah by dipping Ekar Farm apples in Ekar Farm honey.

Beth Ami’s Family School meets twice a month. Families may enroll for eight sessions or for the sessions they can attend. Our family school is open to members and nonmembers.

To RSVP email [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.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/>

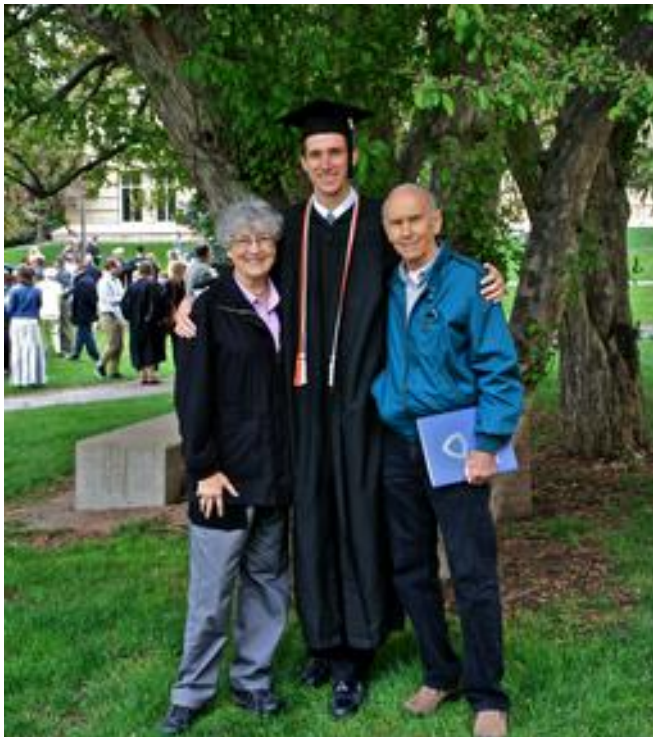
### **JCC Denver**

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

## 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

- Nathan Riechers just started medical school at the University of Colorado/Denver and received his 'white coat' and stethoscope in their matriculation ceremony.
- Nathan's brother, Michael Riechers graduated with honors from Mines in June and is starting graduate work at University of Colorado - Boulder, in aerospace engineering. We are so proud of both of them. – Kvelling grandparents, Barb and Don Griss





## 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.

## Remembering The Flood - A Celebration of Our Resilience

Come join Jewish Together - Boulder (a collaboration of 30 synagogues and Jewish organizations in Boulder County) for a community-wide event remembering, honoring our resilience, and supporting one another one year after the flood. Event highlights include an emotional video documenting the days and weeks after the flood, a story sharing circle, time to reflect through art, writing and other hands on sessions, and an opportunity to "pay it forward" to organizations that were invaluable in helping our community heal and rebuild.

Sunday, September 14, 2014, 4-6 pm  
Har HaShem South Building, 3901 Pinyon Drive,  
Boulder

No cost to attend. For more information:  
<http://jewishtogetherboulder.org/remembering-the-flood-a-celebration-of-our-resilience>

## News From National

By Rabbi Adam Chalom

I'm excited to let you know that this November 15, 2014, our longest term rabbinic student, Ed Klein, will complete his studies and be ordained! In conjunction with his rabbinic ordination, the IISHJ is planning another "mini-Colloquium" in Farmington Hills on November 15-16. The title? "Evolution or Revolution?"

Intermarriage, Jewish Culture and the Future of Jewish Community." The hope is to run a Colloquium session Saturday afternoon November 15 from 1pm-4pm, with breakout discussion sessions from 4pm-5pm, our ordination Havdallah celebration at 7:30pm, and another Colloquium session Sunday morning from 10am-noon.

## 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