



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 2015

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Upcoming Events

October

Sunday 10/4 – JCFS Session & Community Sukkot Celebration for all ages (11am – 1pm at a convenient Boulder Home – more info below)

Sunday 10/11 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to Miner's Alley “My Name is Asher Lev” (6pm, Miner's Alley Playhouse – see more below)

Saturday 10/17 – Pink Shabbat (2 – 5pm, Levene home, Denver)

Sunday 10/25 – JCFS Session, mitzvah project (10am)

Thursday 10/29 – “The Mitzvah Project 2015” (7 – 8:30pm, Arvada Center)

November

Sunday 11/8 – JCFS Session (10am, Boulder JCC)

Saturday 11/14 – Shabbat Havdalah (2 – 5pm, Boulder – location TBD)

Sunday 11/22 – JCFS Session, mitzvah project (10am)

December

Sunday 12/6 – Chanukah Party

Sunday 12/13 – JCFS Session (10am)

Thursday 12/31 – Possible New Year's Party (Hirsch home)

Beth Ami Event Schedule

Sunday 9/13 – Rosh Hashanah/Tashlich Community Family Celebration and Potluck (4 – 7pm, JUC – RSVP to kkane7403@aol.com)

Thursday 9/17 – Beth Ami Book Club discusses *The Lie* by Hesh Kestin (11am, Brio's Tuscan Grille near Cherry Creek Mall – more info below)

Sunday 9/20 – JCFS Session & New Member Open House (10am – noon, Boulder JCC – **NEW LOCATION!!**, RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com)

Wednesday 9/23 – Yom Kippur /Kol Nidre Services (5 – 8pm, JUC)

Sunday 9/27 – Beth Ami supports Walk/fundraiser for 2nd Wind (10am – 3pm, Clement Pk, 7306 Bowles Ave., Littleton, www.SecondWindWalkRun.org – RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com – more info below)

Sunday 9/27 – Post-Holiday Welcome Coffee (10 – 11:30am, Whole Foods at Broadway & Baseline – 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 9/25



Event Info

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Walk/fundraiser for 2nd Wind, Clement Pk, 7306 Bowles Ave., Littleton, 10am – 3pm.

The event will include a 5K timed run and shorter walks, and feature a Memorial Dove Release, Silent Auction, Family Activities, BBQ, Music and more. The mission of the Second Wind Fund is “to save the lives of children and teens at risk for suicide.”

Beth Ami’s Dawn Anderson worked for Second Wind and shared information about their accomplishments at our Aug. 22 picnic.

www.SecondWindWalkRun.org

RSVP to bethamicolorado@gmail.com

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Post-Holiday Welcome Coffee 10 – 11:30am at Whole Foods, Broadway & Baseline.

Just what is Humanistic Judaism? How do you celebrate Jewish holidays and life cycle events? How do I find out more?

Join leaders of Beth Ami – CO Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, for an informed and stimulating discussion.

RSVP to sheila@bethami.com.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – Sukkot Celebration for all ages, 11am – 1pm at a convenient Boulder home.

Vegetarian harvest lunch will be served along with music, mingling and merriment! After the gathering we will carpool to Open Studios to view the artwork of Beth Ami member Rena Benari.

RSVP to sheila@bethami.com

Sunday Oct. 11 – Beth Ami Arts Group goes to “My Name is Asher Lev” at 6pm at the Miner's Alley Playhouse – 1224 Washington Ave., Golden.

“My Name is Asher Lev” is adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok and follows the journey of a young Jewish painter torn between his Hassidic upbringing and his desperate need to fulfill his artistic promise.

Tickets are general admission. Purchase tickets at www.minersalley.com/2015-season/ or call 303-935-3044. After buying tickets, please email Lenore at bethamicolorado@gmail.com so she knows who to expect at the event.

Family School Update – NEW LOCATION

Last school year we redesigned our Jewish Cultural School. We are now a Jewish Cultural Family School where parents and children learn together about human, animal, and environmental problems.

This school year we are changing our venue to the Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Ave. Our first session will be September 20th at the Boulder JCC.

The dates for the school year are: September 20th, October 4th, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, January 10th, January 24th, February 7th, February 21st, March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, April 24th, and May 1st. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!

Sessions will alternate between the Boulder JCC and community mitzvah locations.

The Lie by Hesh Kestin

Beth Ami Book Club meets at 11am at Brio's Tuscan Grille in Cherry Creek Mall to discuss *The Lie* by Hesh Kestin.

A “page-turner that will engage your mind and emotions in a way few novels do,” (Stephen King)

The Lie is about a left-wing Israeli lawyer – famous for defending Palestinians – whose views face the ultimate test when her own son is captured and tortured by terrorists. In an unforgettable story of human beings on both sides of the terror equation, the main characters share more in common than they – and the reader – ever could have imagined.

Celebrate High Holidays 2015/5776

Rosh Shashanah & Tashlich

Sunday, September 13 – starts at 4pm

Join us at our community family celebration and potluck. People of all ages are invited to join us in welcoming in the Jewish new year with Humanistic Jewish Liturgy!

The event begins with a light dinner, continues on with sending your regrets up in smoke in a unique Tashlich ceremony, and concludes with a Rosh Hashana Service.

Enjoy music and songs by Eve Orenstein of Opera on Tap with accompaniment by Lia Davis.

Family members of all ages are invited!



Connecting Young Families to
Local Jewish Life

Yom Kippur & Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 23 – starts at 5pm

Our celebration of High Holidays continues with Yom Kippur and Kol Nidre. The event begins at 5pm with an early, light break-the-fast dinner.

Eve Orenstein and Lia Davis will join us again with a musical Kol Nidre service. The Humanistic Jewish Yom Kippur Service will include songs of remembrance with a candle lighting ceremony.

In addition, we are excited to have a presentation by Buzzy Jackson, author of *The Inspirational Atheist*.

Services for all high holiday events will be held at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden. RSVP to Kathy Kane at kkane7403@aol.com.

Events are free to registered Beth Ami members and children under 18. Guests are \$30 per person per event.

PJ Library Alliance Engagement Grant

Beth Ami is a partner in the 2015-16 PJ Library Alliance Engagement Grant. We are collaborating with several Boulder County Jewish congregations and organizations to feature PJ Library books at family friendly community events.

Jewish Colorado is administering the grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Jewish Colorado is a member of the Jewish Federations of North America. Its mission is fostering, building and sustaining Jewish life in Colorado, Israel and around the world.



News From National

Vision Process Underway

The search for a new executive director for the Society for Humanistic Judaism is underway. A consultant in the Detroit area was recently hired to lead the process. Members of the SHJ Executive Committee are now planning the details of a survey which the

consultant will use to interview a broad spectrum of SHJ members nationwide. Beth Ami is one affiliate community out of about 30 nationwide who will be represented in this process of designing the new Society and choosing its new director.

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

- We send heartfelt, healthy wishes to both Stacy Weinberg and Ely Karasik, who both have Caring Bridge websites providing updates on their current health situations. You can register to receive updates by going to caringbridge.org and entering their names.

- Beth Ami was awarded a \$500 grant from Boulder Jewish Community Foundation for 2015-16. This is our third year to receive this grant.



Tributes and Donations

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.

- It is with great sadness and heartfelt condolences that we share the news of the death of Beth Litz' mother, Betty Chayet. Beth and Steve Litz gave a donation to Beth Ami in memory of Beth's mother. Beth is very appreciative to Madrikha Sheila Malcolm for leading a private family service.
- The memory of righteous people blesses our lives – *Zeicher Tzadikim Livracha*

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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