



Beth Ami

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Interim Summer letter

Fun at the Retreat

Jeremy and I had a great time on the retreat. I appreciated everyone being so accommodating for our little puppy Kira and I know she had a nice time too! Thanks for all the hard work you put in to set it up. It was a great event idea.—Suzanne Neufeld

Elia and I had a sleepover in his room at our retreat lodge. We wanted more snacks at night but I fell asleep instead. We also went on some hikes. It was a blast. We had a Jeff Kagan concert around a campfire. I was impressed that he made a fire without a match.—Evan Wilson

This is the best day of my life.—Paul Budoff



Beth Ami is a welcoming community where we connect to Jewish past, celebrate Jewish present and link to Jewish future through a humanistic philosophy

Beth Ami means:
House of my people

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SOCIETY PAGES

SOCIETY DELAYS ASSESSMENT INCREASE FOR AFFILIATED COMMUNITIES

The Society for Humanistic Judaism has delayed the planned increase in assessment fees for affiliated communities, which was scheduled to be implemented on May 1. As of May 1, 2010, at-large member household dues increased to \$95 per household, while the household assessment fees for affiliated communities remain at \$85.

This action by the SHJ Board, taken last October, recognizes the special relationship between the Society and its affiliates. In addition to the many advantages to being part of the SHJ family, there is now a financial differential between the assessment fee for affiliates and the membership dues for at-large members. We are well aware that these are difficult economic times for all of us. We are pleased to be able to respond to this financial reality and lighten the load.

The Society for Humanistic Judaism understands the economic challenges facing our communities and congregations. We are inextricably linked and the SHJ is experiencing significant reductions in our fund raising efforts, in addition to the decreased support from communities. We are carefully monitoring our budget, seeking the delicate balance between cutting costs and maintaining services. We are mindful that enhancing the electronic resources available to our communities and their leadership may be a very good strategy to increase resources without increasing our out of pocket expenses. Please encourage your Board members and school administrators and teachers to use the networking and resource vehicles that the Society has already put in place. For more information on using the SHJ Resources for Congregations on GroveSite and the networking vehicles established for educators by the SHJ Education Committee and for community presidents and chairs and administrators, contact the SHJ office at info@shj.org.

Read and Feed with Beth Ami

What do a billion nonreligious people believe? That's what Greg Epstein, Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University, answers in his best seller Good Without God. Let's talk about it, and enjoy lunch as well! Good Without God is available on amazon.com and may be found at your local library. If you request a copy, maybe they'll purchase one.

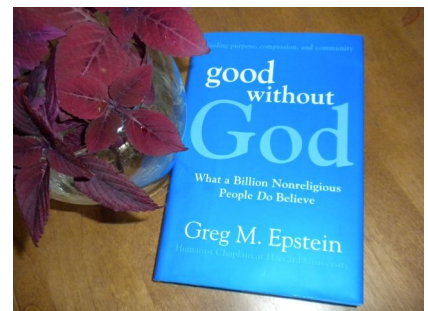
When: July 25 at 11 am

Where: Barb and Don Griss' home at 2673 S. Krameria St., Denver, CO 80222

What to bring: the book and a vegetarian potluck item for lunch
Directions: From I25, exit east on Yale, turn left on S. Krameria, #2673 is on the left.

Carpool: From Boulder area, contact Sheila at 303-499-5933.

From Denver contact Maida at 720-536-8205.



JUNE 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 Boulder Jewish Festival	7	8	9	10	11	12
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JCS & Adult Education will resume August 22nd.

Upcoming:

June:

Sunday 6th Boulder Jewish Festival - *see May Newsletter*

July:

Sunday 25th—11am Meet to discuss Rabbi Greg Epstein’s book: *Good Without God*.—see page 2

Sunday 11th **Congregational Meeting** - 11am

Beth Ami’s Annual Community Meeting is July 11, 2010 11:00 a.m. Terry’s clubhouse in Denver. For more info visit our beautiful web site www.bethami.com created by Christie Gosch.

Our Beth Ami CCHJ community comes together once each year to celebrate the past year and plan for the coming one. It’s a time to show your support for the Executive Board. It’s a time for your voice to be heard.

Beth Ami is growing. Last year we welcomed several new families and currently have several requests from potential new members. Come to our annual meeting and welcome our new families.



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as urged by Sheila and Lenore:

As many of you know, I've lived with Multiple Sclerosis since 1994. I've been very fortunate over the years and have only suffered significant disability in the last few years. For the last 1 1/2 years I've been on disability and have been unable to work. That is why my husband, father and sister participate in the Bike MS ride (150 miles over 2 days). If you feel moved to donate to the cause, please visit Tim's personal page by clicking on the link below. From there, you can read more and donate if you so choose.

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/COCBikeEvents?px=2988323&pg=personal&fr_id=13405&et=d1TRaKsvSj0MfOe25W39kA.&s_tafId=146061

Many thanks to those of you who have already shared your support!

Warm regards,
Katrina (the editor)
and her family



Our May newsletter inadvertently left out Estelle Handler's 93rd birthday on the 25th.

Estelle, along with her late husband, Mike, were two of the founders of Denver's Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, which later joined with Boulder's Beth Ami. Estelle is keeping track of events through this newsletter, and joining in community activities when she can. It's always a joy to see her.

Barbara Griss, another founder of CCHJ, recently celebrated her 70th (can it be?) birthday with the whole family at Chautauqua Park in Boulder. Mazel tov!



Barb Griss, taking a rare break from the action, with grandchildren

