



Beth Ami

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Society for Humanistic Judaism ~ News from National

Beth Ami is not only becoming more of a “mensch” locally, but is also building recognition nationally at the Society for Humanistic Judaism Board Meetings, held every October and April at the Birmingham Temple in Detroit. Sheila Malcolm is a current Board member and co-chair of the Leadership Committee, which assesses the growing needs of communities for trained leaders.

After each Board meeting, Sheila will submit a summary of relevant items to this newsletter to keep our community in the loop.

Last April’s group portrait is attached. You may recognize some as long-serving supporters of Humanistic Judaism.

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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Keep Those Cans Coming!

Remember to bring your canned and boxed goods to each Beth Ami event this year. They will be donated to the Weinberg Pantry in Denver. This *tsedakah* project is brought to you by the Jewish Cultural School and supported by the Executive Committee!





InterfaithFamily.com is very excited to announce a new pilot program. We're offering an online discussion group to help couples talk about religion in their lives.

For 16 years, Dr. Marion Usher has offered a four-session workshop at the Washington DC JCC that has been a model to guide over 400 couples in openly discussing issues they face

as partners from two different backgrounds. The workshop offers a safe environment to work on creating religious lives together.

InterfaithFamily.com is going to offer this four-session workshop starting in October – what's new is that we're offering it online! We hope you or someone you know will want to be the first to participate!

Love and Religion – Online will meet each Tuesday for four weeks, October 20 and 27 and November 3 and 10, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm eastern time. The cost is \$36 per couple.

Link to: http://www.interfaithfamily.com/elgg/pg/event_calendar/view/38375

Reserve your spot at our 2nd Annual Beth Ami Retreat May 6th-8th

Beth Ami's 1st retreat at YMCA of the Rockies was ending. "Are we doing this again next year?" Attendees couldn't leave without knowing there would be another one.

Twelve families attended our 1st retreat. They celebrated Shabbat and Havdalah, ate delicious meals in our 8 bedroom retreat dining room, hiked, swam, and "shmoozed."

We have begun planning for the 2011 Beth Ami retreat. Sheila Malcolm, Madrikha and Lenore Kingston, JCS director, want to hear from you.



Please share your ideas.

To reserve a room, please email Lenore, golden.paws@hotmail.com ASAP. She will be signing a nonrefundable contract soon and needs a \$75 deposit to hold your spot in the retreat lodge.



Visit Beth Ami's website
www.bethami.com

Christie Gosch is our webmaster. She regularly updates our website with current programming information. This newsletter is posted monthly.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Exec. Mtg	4	5	6	7	8 Shabbat	9
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Schedule of Events - October 2010

3rd—10am Exec mtg. Elaine's
 8th—5:30pm Shabbat, "Family Shabbat for the Home" dinner, service and game night to follow. Countryside Rec Center. 10470 Oak St. Westminster, CO
 10th—10am JCS & Adult Ed, Countryside Rec Center
 16th—5:30pm Havdalah/Movie Night (see side bar below)
 24th—10am JCS & Adult Ed, Countryside Rec Center

HAVDALAH/ MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, October 16th Gerrie and Len Karasik are hosting Beth Ami's first Havdalah/ movie night of year 5771. The film-THE BIG DIG is a 1970 Israeli satire about prejudicial miscommunication and urban bureaucratic mayhem. An escaped mental patient with an obsession about digging holes fulfills his wildest dreams in the middle of a Tel Aviv construction site. Reservations please because our house is small and we can crowd in about 15 chairs. We will have pizza , salad, cookies, nuts, tea, juice, and coffee. Cost: \$5.00 per person
 RSVP: 303-422-3110

Family Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner and Game Night October 8th

Join our Beth Ami community at our annual family Shabbat Pot luck dinner. Let Lenore know what you will bring. RSVP golden.paws@hotmail.com.

This year we are asking families to bring their favorite board game.

Upcoming:

November: 12–14th Rabbi Jerris Visit

Sunday 7th -10 am *Jewish Cultural School #7 & Adult Ed at Countryside*

Saturday 13th -10 am Hike followed by lunch with Rabbi Jerris. Hike in the Golden area, then lunch at a casual restaurant nearby. (Inclement weather: tour the Denver Aquarium, followed by lunch)

AND 7:30 pm Havdalah with Rabbi Jerris at Montview "Praying without God: What do Humanistic Jews do?"

Sunday 14th -10 am *Jewish Cultural School Session 7 and Adult Ed* with Rabbi Jerris

1 pm Executive Committee Board Meeting with Rabbi Jerris

Monday 15th -Rabbi Jerris meets with Sheila & Michelle if needed

Evening presentation – Rabbi Jerris speaks at Boulder JCC "Praying without God: What do Humanistic Jews do?"

December: Chanukah begins 12/2

Sunday 5th -4 pm Community Chanukah Party at Countryside

Friday 10th -6 pm Shabbat and Movie Night at a home

Sunday 12th -10 am *Jewish Cultural School Session 8 and Adult Ed at Countryside*

January 2011 2nd Semester of JCS and Adult Ed

Sunday 9th -10 am *Jewish Cultural School Session 1 and Adult Ed at Countryside* & 1 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday 23rd -10 am *Jewish Cultural School Session 2 and Adult Ed at Countryside*





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Beth Ami started the New Year with lots of fun activities! - 5771



Jewish Cultural School celebrates Rosh Hashanah at
Stratford at Flatirons

Sukkot at the Budoff's



October Birthdays and Celebrations

Happy birthday to:

- Julia Genyuk—Oct. 9th
- Rena Segal—Oct 10th
- Simon Krauss—Oct. 13th
- John Malcolm—Oct. 20th
- Jim Kates—Oct. 30th



Happy anniversary to:

- Len & Gerrie Karasik—Oct 10th
- John & Barb Griss—Oct 22nd
- Michael* & Estelle Handler—Oct. 31st

*We remember and celebrate Mike Handler



Tashlich service at Ketner Lake