

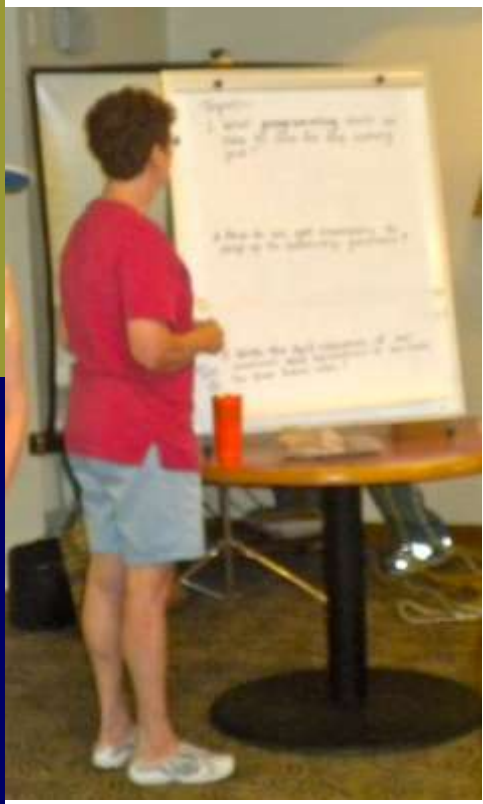


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*Beth Ami is a welcoming community where we connect to Jewish past, celebrate Jewish present and link to Jewish future through a humanistic philosophy*

## Annual Meeting

### Lots of new ideas generated at the Beth Ami July 24th Community Meeting



Kathy Kane took notes at the meeting

Kathy Kane filled up the large sheet of paper with ideas that will be discussed at the next Beth Ami board meeting on August 14th at Gerrie and Len Karasik's in Arvada. We welcome the community to attend and carpools from Denver and Boulder are available. Please contact Terry Fleisher 303-435-6457 in Denver and Sheila Malcolm 303-499-5933 in Boulder

We brainstormed answers for the following three questions:

1. What programming would you like to see for the coming year?
2. How do we get members to step up to leadership positions to enhance our organization?
3. With the upcoming ordination in April of our two madrikhot, what expectations do we have for their future roles?

We approved the 2011-12 slate of officers. Jon Budoff, president, Sheila Malcolm, secretary, and Ron Kingston, treasurer. Lenore Kingston will continue as director of our Jewish Cultural School. Dues will remain the same as last year and all members will receive complimentary High Holiday tickets.

Our 3rd annual Beth Ami family retreat will be on May 11-13th at YMCA of the Rockies. We will be inviting Society of Humanistic Judaism families throughout the United States to attend. Cost for lodging is \$125/night, food and entertainment are \$30 for each family member.

**Beth Ami means:**  
*House of my people*

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## August 7th—Faces of Israel\* see below

Sponsored by Congregations Har HaShem, Beth Ami and Bonai Shalom. Co-sponsored by Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado.

# SCREENING



### Where

Congregation Har HaShem  
North Building  
3950 Baseline Road  
Boulder

### When

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
At 6 PM - FREE

Check out the *Faces of Israel* trailer, read advance praise and learn more about the film by visiting [www.facesthemovie.com](http://www.facesthemovie.com)

### \*Faces of Israel: A Community Event!

Join the discussion about marriage, state and religion in the Jewish homeland – from many varied perspectives – at a **filming and talkback with the director of the new documentary “Faces of Israel.”**

Save the date of **Sunday, August 7 at 6 pm** for a free showing of “Faces of Israel” at Congregation Har HaShem, 3950 Baseline Road, Boulder. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by Congregations Har HaShem, Beth Ami and Bonai Shalom, and co-sponsored by Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado.

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## Heads UP!

Denver to Host the 2011 Allied Jewish Federation General Assembly (GA) in Denver, Nov. 6-9, 2011

With more than 3,000 Jewish leaders descending upon Denver, we are excited to bring the most influential decision makers in Jewish life across the globe here. It's been 17 years since Denver hosted this amazing event. As I mentioned, Michael and Debbie Feiner are serving as national General Assembly (“GA”) co-chairs, in partnership with Steve and Judy Silverman of Jacksonville, Florida and they are actively working to lead celebrations, events, volunteer opportunities and fundraising for our local Federation.

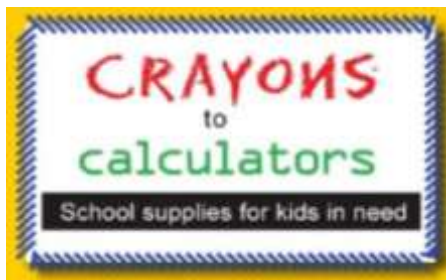
We are in the process of recruiting leadership in the following areas:

1. Celebratory event;
2. Volunteer coordination to help during the conference;
3. Day of service to benefit local Jewish and non-Jewish charities; and
4. Recruiting a large delegation of local participants to attend the GA for the first time.

If you are interested in getting involved, volunteering or just learning more, please contact Nneka McPhee <mailto:nmcphee@ajfcolorado.org?subject=Interested%20in%20Being%20Involved%20in%20the%20GA> We are looking forward to this second opportunity to partner with Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) in welcoming Jews from around the world and inspiring them with thought-provoking speakers, hands on workshops, fascinating exhibits and great networking opportunities.

\*The Society for Humanistic Judaism will let us know how Beth Ami can help support and represent our movement at this event.

## Beth Ami Co-Sponsors “Crayons to Calculators” Drive



The Boulder Jewish Community is once again joining together for the community-wide mitzvah project “Crayons to Calculators” school supply drive.

How can you help? Purchase non-gender specific backpacks and school supplies and bring them to the Boulder JCC by **August 2nd**. **If you don't have time to shop, consider a donation by tax-deductible check to: Boulder JCC Crayons to Calculators, c/o Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Ave, Boulder, CO 80301.**

With the high costs of school supplies, purchasing supplies presents challenges to many economically disadvantaged families in the Boulder Valley and St. Vrain school districts. The goal of this project is to increase community support of children in need and ensure that all students start school with the supplies they need to succeed. For the 2011-12 school year, the program will fulfill the needs of nearly 8,000 students!

### We All Scream For Ice Cream!

We need your help stuffing the packs! The Boulder JCC will be hosting a stuffing party and ice cream social on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5p:m—6:30pm at the Boulder JCC. **We'll stuff the packs while enjoying some delicious Glacier ice cream (kosher ice cream will also be available).**



### Thank you!

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our Jewish community sponsors which include:

- 18 Pomegranates Foundation
- Oreg Foundation
- Boulder JCC
- Chabad of Longmont
- Boulder Jewish News
- Congregation Beth Ami
- Congregation Har HaShem
- Congregation Bonai Shalom
- University of Colorado Boulder
- **Tuv Ha'Aretz**
- Kehillat Aish Kodesh
- Glacier Ice Cream



# Greetings and Salutations

## Jewish Studies—CU Boulder

Interested in a class in Jewish studies at C.U. Boulder? Check out: <http://www.colorado.edu/jewishstudies/> (if you are 50 or older, you can audit C.U. Classes with permission of the instructor.)

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ely Karasik, our favorite mandolin player, after back surgery.



## 80th Birthday Celebration

Mazel tov to young-at-heart Gerrie Karasik on her 80th birthday!



## 150 Miles for a Cure

Congratulations to Tim Miller for completing the MS Bike Tour to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tim rode over 150 miles to raise money for the society. He rides for his wife Katrina who was diagnosed with MS in 1994. "I ride so that one day MS will stand for 'Mystery Solved' and so that my children and yours will never have to hear the devastating words 'you have MS,'" says Tim. Tim and Katrina would like to thank their friends and supporters at Beth Ami. "It is a powerful thing to feel loved and receive such heartfelt support from our congregation. Thank you," - your editor, Katrina Miller

Congratulations to the Margolis-Dubow family on Ren's accomplished Bar Mitzvah ceremony held July 9! Lenore, Sheila and Michelle facilitated the Havdalah and Bar Mitzvah. We're very proud of you, Ren! Ren's presentation can be viewed at <http://boulderjewishnews.org/2011/parashat-balak-teen-dvar-torah/>



## August 2011

| Sun                          | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri       | Sat              |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|------------------|
|                              | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5 Shabbat | 6                |
| 7                            | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12        | 13 Kagan Concert |
| 14 Exec Mtg                  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19        | 20               |
| 21 JCS & Adult Ed Open House | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26        | 27               |
| 28                           | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |           |                  |

*JCS open house is August 21, followed by a swim party at Countryside Pool*

### August Events:

- 5th 7:30pm Shabbat at Montview with presentation about Birthright Israel
- 13th 4pm \*Jeff Kagan concert, Chautauqua Park in Boulder. This is his CD release concert. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy after the concert. *\*Note date change from previous posting*
- 14th Executive Committee Meeting
- 21st Jewish Cultural School & Adult Education Open House and pool party at Countryside Pool, Westminster.

Buy tickets for Jeff Kagan concert on August 13th through the following link  
<http://chautauqua.frontgatetickets.com/choose.php?a=1&lid=54521&eid=6234>

### Funny bone: submitted by Steven Langer, Ph.D., SPHR 20 THINGS I DIDN'T LEARN IN HEBREW SCHOOL

1. The High Holidays have absolutely nothing to do with marijuana.
2. Where there's smoke, there may be salmon.
3. No meal is complete without leftovers.
4. According to Jewish dietary law, pork and shellfish may be eaten only in Chinese restaurants.
5. A shmata is a dress that your husband's ex is wearing.
6. You need ten men for a minion, but only four in polyester pants and white shoes for pinochle.
7. One mitzvah can change the world; two will just make you tired.
8. After the destruction of the Second temple, God created Nordstroms.
9. Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.
10. Never take a front row seat at a Bris.
11. Next year in Jerusalem. The year after that, how about a nice cruise?
12. Never leave a restaurant empty handed.
13. Spring ahead, fall back, winters in Boca.
14. WASP's leave and never say good bye; Jews say good bye and never leave.
15. Always whisper the names of diseases.
16. If it tastes good, it's probably not kosher.
17. The important Jewish holidays are the ones on which alternate side of the street parking is suspended.
18. Without Jewish mothers, who would need therapy?
19. If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it. But if you can afford it, make sure to tell everybody what you paid.
20. Laugh now, but one day you'll be driving a Lexus and eating dinner at 4:00 PM in Florida





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## Family Tree

Would you like to learn how to research your family tree?

See page 8 for information on The Jewish Family Tree Initiative workshop and mentoring series.

See page 8 for the flyer.

**The Jewish Family Tree Initiative Workshop and Mentoring Series** is designed to engage newcomers to Jewish genealogy, as well as those who have already started researching but need a primer on the latest tools and repositories. Seven beginner topics are offered once a month starting in the fall each year.

## Society for Humanistic Judaism Stands Up for Workers' Rights

As the right of workers to organize comes under attack, not only in the United States, but worldwide, we recognize that, as Humanistic Jews, we have an **obligation to support efforts to preserve workers' economic security and workplace safety, hard-won through the battles of the past century. In this on-going struggle for workers' rights, the Society for Humanistic Judaism has issued a statement that reads in part:**

**"Therefore be it resolved:**

- **"That the Society for Humanistic Judaism proclaims its support for the rights of all workers to earn a fair wage and enjoy safe and reasonable working conditions as an expression of their human dignity, and**
- **"That the Society for Humanistic Judaism proclaims its support of the institution of collective bargaining where necessary to protect the basic rights of workers to earn a fair wage and enjoy safe and reasonable working conditions, and**
- **"That the Society for Humanistic Judaism urges all governments to protect the rights of workers to earn a fair wage and enjoy safe and reasonable working conditions." (Full statement may be found online at <http://www.shj.org/WorkersRights.html>)**  
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## August Celebrations:

### Happy Birthday to:

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Edmund Tatar | 25 |
| Len Karasik  | 27 |



### Happy Anniversary to:

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Beth and Steve Litz             | 3  |
| Michelle Davis and Ben Stafford | 16 |
| Herb and Cass Josepher          | 17 |



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The Core Principles of the Society for Humanistic Judaism state that as Humanistic Jews **"we seek solutions to human conflicts that respect the freedom, dignity, and self-esteem of every human being."** Jewish tradition supports fair and appropriate treatment for workers, provides for a day of rest, and exhorts all to **"not take advantage of the hired worker."** The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ratified by the U. S. A. in 1992 and Canada in 1976) states: **"Everyone shall have the right to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of their interests (article 22)."**

**The negation of workers' ability to preserve safe and just working conditions and fair wages threatens a sound economic structure and future generations. Collective bargaining enables workers to have a meaningful voice in negotiating with their employers to ensure that they receive a fair wage, reasonable working conditions, a safe work environment, and job security. Efforts to deny the rights of workers to collective bargaining curtail workers' pursuit of economic justice.**

**"The dignity and equality of all people are threatened by the ongoing attacks on workers' rights,"** said Bonnie Cousens, Executive Director of the Society for Humanistic Judaism. **"As Humanistic Jews, we cannot allow the clock to be turned back to a time when the rights of workers to safe working conditions, a fair wage, and job security are nullified. Our tradition supports collective bargaining as a fundamental civil right, one that enforces economic justice and promotes citizens' abilities to influence their own lives."**

The Society for Humanistic Judaism is the national umbrella organization for Humanistic Jewish congregations in North America. Humanistic Jews value their Jewish identity and the aspects of Jewish culture that offer a genuine expression of their contemporary way of life. Humanistic Jews believe in the human capacity to create a better world rather than in reliance on a supernatural power or an omniscient deity, seeking solutions to human conflicts that respect the dignity, freedom, and self-esteem of every person. This growing movement provides a community for many unaffiliated Jews who identify **as cultural, secular, "just Jewish" and "not very religious."** Forty-nine percent of the United States' 5.5 million Jews say that their outlook is secular and forty-eight percent do not belong to a synagogue or other Jewish organization, according to the American Jewish Identification Survey undertaken by professional statisticians under the auspices of the Center for Jewish Studies at the City University of New York. The Society helps to organize local congregations and havurot, creates and disseminates celebrational and educational materials, provides national programs, including programs for teens and young adults, and serves the needs of individual members who do not live near an existing Humanistic congregation.

For more information, contact the Society for Humanistic Judaism at 248-478-7610, [www.shj.org](http://www.shj.org)  [<http://www.shj.org>](http://www.shj.org) .

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Coming to Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance (HEA) ...

# The Jewish Family Tree Initiative

## Workshop and Mentoring Series

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Sun. Oct. 30th, 1-3 PM  | <b>Introduction to the Jewish Family Tree Initiative</b> with Ellen Kowitt<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.  |
| Sun. Dec. 4th, 1-3 PM   | <b>Becoming an American: Following Your Ancestor's Paper Trail</b><br>with Terry Lasky<br>Held in the University of Denver Computer Lab.<br>RSVP to tlasky@comcast.net |
| Sun. Jan. 22nd, 1-3 PM  | <b>What's Jewish about Jewish Genealogy: Naming Patterns, Calendar, Gravestones, Lifecycle and More</b> with Ellen Kowitt<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.                   |
| Sun. Feb. 26th, 1-3 PM  | <b>The New Megillah: Jewish Genealogical Resources Online</b><br>with Terry Lasky<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.   |
| Sun. Mar. 18th, 1-3 PMn | <b>Locating Living Relatives and Friends</b> with Sandy Greenberg<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.   |
| Sun. Apr. 22nd, 1-3 PM  | <b>Everything Wasn't Destroyed in the Shoah: Documenting Victims and Finding Survivors</b> with Barry Levene<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.                                |
| Sun. May 20th, 1-3 PM   | <b>Planting Your Jewish Family Tree for the Next Generation: Creative Ways to Share Your Research</b> with Jen Lowe<br>Held in the HEA Chapel.                         |

### *Make your Jewish family story a part of history.*

Researching family history is a multi-generational activity that is rewarding and fun.

Co-sponsored by Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance (HEA) and

led by members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado,

each session includes an instructional lecture and a workshop to optimize success.

Attendance is not required at all lectures and mentoring assistance is available outside of class.

**Beginners are encouraged to attend!**



**\$30 one-time fee includes a book and annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado.**  
For information, [info@JGSCO.org](mailto:info@JGSCO.org) or [www.JGSCO.org](http://www.JGSCO.org).

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