



# Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

## Let's get to know our JCS teachers This month—Christie Miller Gosch



Many of you know Christie as the Jewish Cultural School teacher for K-2<sup>nd</sup>. This is Christie's 4<sup>th</sup> year teaching for Beth Ami JCS and the fall session has started out with a bang including lots of holiday celebrations and delving into the subject of Justice. She is also continuing to support JCS to compost and recycle – yep, she's the one who is always letting you know what can and can not go into the compost bag.

When Christie isn't teaching at JCS, she is a busy mom of two (Macy and Noah) who owns her own graphic/web

design business and is a featured writer for 30 Second Mom, a new website for mobile moms on the go! Her tag line is that *she works from home, but is never there.*

You can learn more about Christie at [www.cgoschdesign.com](http://www.cgoschdesign.com) and read her tips for busy women and moms at [www.30secondmom.com](http://www.30secondmom.com).



## Community Service Month

The Society for Humanistic Judaism has designated the Hebrew month of Heshvan (October 29-November 26, 2011) as Community Service Month, a month when all of our affiliates can participate in a service project. The entire global Jewish community has designated the month of Heshvan as Jewish Social Action month.

In October, Beth Ami participated in a Service Learning Toolbox workshop sponsored by 18 Pomegranates in Boulder. Repair the World, a national organization supporting Tikkun Olam, led the workshop to assist local educators to develop models for service learning opportunities in Boulder. Gerrie Karasik Adult Ed, Marti Hirsch Upper El teacher, Katya Hirsch and Julia Litz preschool teachers, and Lenore Kingston, Jewish Cultural School Director, represented Beth Ami.

Beth Ami continues to support Jewish Family Service Weinberg Pantry at each Jewish Cultural School session and holiday program. We are participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and will celebrate JCS students' efforts to collect tzedakah on Halloween.



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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*

## Beth Ami means: House of my people

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## Sukkot at Beth Ami—submitted by Lenore Kingston



Building the Sukkah

Sukkot is one of three times each year that our ancestors journeyed to Jerusalem to make harvest offerings at the Temple. Obviously there were no motels. Instead they built temporary dwellings, sukkahs to stay in.

After the sukkah was built, we listened to the story Stone Soup. In this classic story some hungry people come to a small village and say they can cook a wonderful soup with a stone. All they need is a large pot and a little help from the villagers. On Sunday, JCS and Adult Ed cooked a delicious vegetable soup with a stone from Marti's mother. Each family brought an item for the soup. We learned the importance of sharing and working together to make a difference



### Save the date— Beth Ami Adult Ed is going to the theatre (with discussion to follow)

Join Beth Ami Adult Education to see:

*Two Things You Don't Talk About at Dinner.*

Miriam's Passover Seder, a multicultural mix of family and friends, threatens to explode as politics and religion hijack the conversation, severely testing the ties that bind. Is peace possible—even at the dinner table?



Beth Ami will be attending the performance at 3:30 on Feb. 12th at The Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Although individual ticket prices are \$47; we have been offered a group discount. The group price will be determined once we know how many will attend (about \$36). Kindly RSVP soon so that Laura can negotiate the group discount for us at: [laura.m.1520@gmail.com](mailto:laura.m.1520@gmail.com)

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Havdalah & movie
6 Exec mtg	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 JCS & Adult Ed	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Schedule of Events: November

**5th** - 5pm Havdalah & Family movie at Laura Moin's clubhouse, Boulder

**6th** - Exec BOD Mtg

**13th** - 10am JCS & Adult Ed, Countryside Rec Center 10470 Oak St. Westminster

## Upcoming:

**December** Chanukah 12/20

Sunday 4th - 10am JCS Session 7 and Adult Ed, Countryside

Saturday 10th - 3pm Havdalah & adult movie event at Karasik home

Sunday 11th - Possible Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday 17th - 10am - 1:30pm JCS Session 8 at JUC - Celebrate Chanukah!

Saturday 31st - 6pm New Years Eve party, Hirsch home

## **Adult Education 2011—2012 The Year of Lifelong Learning Your children do NOT have to be in JCS for you to attend**

Join Sheila Malcolm, Beth Ami Madrikha and other adults to:

- Learn more about Secular Humanistic Judaism's roots and practices, including philosophy, celebrating holidays and cultural aspects SHJ
- Socialize and interact with other adults and guest presenters
- Model adult learning for our children during the Sunday school sessions
- Use materials and activities from "Facing History and Ourselves" and other sources to explore issues of identity, memory, history and legacy

Upcoming topics:

**Nov. 13** Justice and Injustice – Biblical, cultural, societal responses to these historical issues, and where we stand today. Why is this a Jewish theme?

**Dec. 4** Dealing with December – A Support Session? The perennial dilemmas of what and how to celebrate, what it means for you and your family, and how humor may save the day.

## Augustine and the Jews—CU Boulder

Paula Fredriksen Speaks at CU Boulder About Augustine and the Jews:  
Thursday, November 3 @ 7PM University Memorial Center Rm. 235  
The Program in Jewish Studies at CU together with the Festival of Books and Culture at the Boulder JCC, Ilyf School of Theology and the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver welcome noted author, scholar and historian Paula Fredriksen to Boulder. Her latest book, *Augustine and the Jews: A Christian De-*

fense of Jews and Judaism, draws upon the life, times and thought of Augustine of Hippo (396-430). Augustine's theological innovation survived the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, and it ultimately served to protect Jewish lives again the brutality of medieval crusades.

The event is free and open to the public but RSVPs are appreciated.

Nicholas.Underwood@colorado.edu or call 303.492.7143. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture.

### JAAMM—Continues through Nov 3rd

JAAMM Festival (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Festival) is a unique celebration of Jewish life and culture that reaches out to the Jewish community and the community at large. This annual fall festival combines the longstanding Leah Cohen Festival of Jewish Books and Authors (a book sale, personal appearances by authors of international prominence and a Denver Jewish Community Reads program), with dynamic concerts ranging from



jazz to classical, contemporary films on a variety of topics, an educational art workshop, an art exhibit and theatre events to create a world-class, multidisciplinary Jewish cultural celebration.

<http://www.maccjcc.org/jaamm/>



**Movers Presents: Art and Conscience**, a year-long series of programs exploring Jewish visual culture and the intersection of art and moral responsibility.

Lectures, performances, art exhibits, concerts and films examining visual art as an expression of Jewish identity and values.

Beth Ami is a participating organization! Events are held in Boulder, usually at the BJCC. [www.jewishmovers.org](http://www.jewishmovers.org)

## Limmud Colorado: Explore, Discover, Grow, Connect, Share, Laugh, Learn.

Join us for a dynamic event which connects Jews and their loved ones of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Limmud Colorado is all about community, learning, and choice. Choose from many concurrent sessions—art, culture, worship, film, performance, texts, and more.



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January 21-22, 2012

Inverness Hotel & Conference Center, Denver Tech Center

Early bird rates available through October 31.

Contact Beth at: 303-908-2785

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## Jewish Teen Event November 6th

### ACTivism Thru Comedy

Laugh out loud and use your voice to make a difference. Joel will perform his comedy show, making us laugh about his real life experiences in the Israeli army. Following his show we will engage with movers and shakers in the Jewish community from around the country to see how we can ACT through our own voice.

November 6, 2011

Curious Theatre, 1080 Acoma St. Denver Colorado 80204

12:00 pm lunch, 12:30-2:30pm Show and Workshops

\$5 w/pre-registration online <http://tinyurl.com/coloradojewishteens>

\$10 at the door (or \$5 w/donation to JFS Weinberg Food Pantry)

Open to all Jewish teens 8th-12th grade

For more information: Call Stacey @

CAJE 303-321-3191 x 216

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Hahaha...no but seriously

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**The Funny bone—by  
Steve Langer**

**SIGNS ON SYNAGOGUE  
BULLETIN BOARDS:**

- Under same management for over 5,763 years.
- Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
- What part of "Thou shalt not" don't you understand?

**News from National**

Wondering how other SHJ communities celebrate high holidays?

Here's a link to an article featuring Congregation Machar and the HJ approach to Yom Kippur.

<http://washingtonjewishweek.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=4&ArticleID=15886>

**November  
Birthdays & Celebrations**

**Happy birthday to:**

Nathan Wilson	1
Anya DuBow Margolis	2
Eitan Moin	8
Alex Wilson	9
Ron Kingston	15
TayTay Anderson	28



**COLLOQUIUM 2012**

*How will 'half-Jewish' change Judaism?  
Can you be 'Jewish and' rather than 'Jewish or'?  
Can the world handle 'half-Jewish'?  
Is 'half-Jewish' no big deal anymore?*

**“HALF JEWISH?”  
THE HEIRS OF INTERMARRIAGE**

**April 20-22, 2012**

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