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## High Holidays



**Beth Ami**

*Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism*

*Invites you to join us in celebrating the*

**2011 - HIGH HOLIDAYS - 5772**

**Rosh Hashanah Family Service & Potluck Dinner**

*Thursday, September 29th, 4:00 p.m.*

*Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Golden*

**See page 4 for full flyer  
for all our High Holiday celebrations**



*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*



## Storahtelling

Storahtelling presented at our May Retreat and is growing rapidly in Colorado!

Help Storahtelling Colorado unlock a \$15,000 Rose Community Foundation Challenge Grant at its first ever fundraiser in September!  
Saturday, September 10th

Spend a compelling evening of Storahtelling, Havdalah, music, and delicious appetizers on Saturday, September 10th at 7pm at a private home in Englewood.

To RSVP for this event, email [caryn@storahtelling.org](mailto:caryn@storahtelling.org).

## Beth Ami - CCHJ Cares!

Did you know Beth Ami - CCHJ has a Caring Committee? We want to know when community members are experiencing illness, undergoing surgery, welcoming children, celebrating graduation or experiencing other major life events. Let us know when you or someone you care about is going through these experiences, Beth Ami - CCHJ wants to be in the loop! Please be in touch with Maida Deborah, our very own Caring Committee chair! She can be reached through email at [maidadeborah@comcast.net](mailto:maidadeborah@comcast.net) and by phone at 303-435-2390.

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# First Day Back at Beth Ami Jewish Cultural School

We have five groups in our community of learners. Katya Hirsch and Julia Litz are teaching our preschool class. Katya is preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, and has chosen the Hebrew value of kindness, *toev- lav*. Christie Gosch is teaching early ed, Marti Hirsch is teaching upper el, and Lenore Kingston is teaching the mitzvah class. Madrickha Michelle Davis taught Adult Ed. Madrickha Sheila Malcolm was out of town at her nephew's wedding.



Jewish Cultural School above & Adult Education on right

Our theme this year is justice. At our first session Adult Ed., the Mitzvah class, and Marti's class focused on justice in our everyday lives by discussing an essay written by Eve S. called *The In Group*. Eve reported the isolation she felt in middle school as her peers ignored her and laughed behind her back. Christie's group read the story *Snow In Jerusalem*. In the story a Palestinian and Jewish boy both care for a cat and her kittens. Katya and Julia's preschool group read a story about a mitzvah called *Something From Nothing*. Please contact Lenore our School Director for a copy of Eve's essay [bethamicolorado@gmail.com](mailto:bethamicolorado@gmail.com)



## News from the Denver JCC

Apples from the Desert  
September 8 - November 5, 2011  
Thursdays 7:30 p.m. | Saturdays 8:00 p.m. |  
Sundays 2:00 p.m.  
Pluss Theatre, MACC  
350 S. Dahlia St., Denver

A heartwarming romantic comedy by one of Israel's most acclaimed writers about two generations of women who find their modern voices while navigating through the conflicting forces of tradition and religion. A young Israeli, orthodox woman is witnessed breaking a taboo by conversing with a young man at the cinema. Her mother and aunt try to separate the lovers but wind up charmed by the match instead. A poignant play about the unstoppable will of the heart, the love of sisters, and the wonderful taste of apples from the desert.

Call 303.316.6360 for more information or to make reservations.  
Presented by Theatre Or and MACC

Save the dates!  
October 22 - November 3, 2011  
JAAMM Festival  
MACC/Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center  
350 South Dahlia  
Denver

Jewish books, authors, music, film, art, and theatre. This annual two week festival showcases dynamic music, authors, film, art, and theatre and creates a world-class, multi-disciplinary Jewish cultural celebration. Culture and community combined!  
Email [MFriedman@jccdenver.org](mailto:MFriedman@jccdenver.org) for more details.

Presented by: MACC/JCC — [www.jccdenver.org](http://www.jccdenver.org)

## Schedule of Events

### September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Shabbat Hike & Picnic
11 JCS & Adult Ed	12	13	14	15	16	17 Exec Mtg
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Alex Litz Bar Mitzvah
25 JCS & Adult Ed	26	27	28	29 Rosh Hashanah Service	30	

10th—10am Shabbat Hike & Picnic, Boulder. RSVP bethamicolorado@gmail.com  
 11th—10am Jewish Cultural School & Adult Education, holiday song session at Countryside Recreation Center 10470 Oak St. Westminster.  
 17th—Executive Committee Meeting at the Karasik's  
 24th—10am Alex Litz Bar Mitzvah at the Denver Aquarium  
 25th—10am Jewish Cultural School & Adult Education, holiday song session at Countryside Recreation Center 10470 Oak St. Westminster.  
 29th—4pm Rosh Hashanah service and community potluck dinner, Jefferson Unitarian Church. See below (or page 4 for full flyer of all our high holiday celebrations ).

### Upcoming:

#### October      *Yom Kippur 10/8*      *Sukkot 10/13*

Friday 7th - 7:30pm Kol Nidre service at Eisenhower Chapel

Saturday 8th - 4pm Yom Kippur service, community break-the-fast meal at Jefferson Unitarian Church

Sunday 16th - 10am JCS Session 4 Celebrate Sukkot!

Sunday 23th - 10am JCS Session 5 and Adult Ed at Countryside

#### November

Friday 4th - 7:30pm Shabbat at Montview

Saturday 5th - 3pm Havdalah & family movie event at Laura Moin's clubhouse, Boulder

Sunday 6th - Possible Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday 13th - 10am JCS Session 6 at Countryside

#### December      Channukah 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

### **Rosh Hashanah Family Service & Potluck Dinner**

Thursday, September 29th, 4:00pm  
 Jefferson Unitarian Church  
 14350 W. 32nd Ave.  
 Golden, CO

Members are free.

Non-members: \$20 suggested donation (or \$50 total if attending this Rosh Hashanah Family Service & Potluck, the Kol Nidre Service on October 7th, and the Yom Kippur Service & Break-the-fast Potluck on October 8th). \$10 student suggested donation. Under 18 free.

Please RSVP to Kathy at 303-751-0936

For attendance, potluck sign up and transportation assistance (if needed). See page 4 for full flyer

# *Looking for a meaningful Jewish alternative?*



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*Eisenhower Chapel, 293 Roslyn St, in Lowry Town Center*

***Yom Kippur Service & Break-the-Fast Potluck***

*Saturday, October 8th, 4:00 p.m.*

*Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Golden*

***Cost for all three Services:***

*Members are Free, and will receive their tickets in the mail.*

*Non-members: \$50 suggested donation for all three services, or \$20 suggested donation per service. Students: \$10 suggested donation. Under 18 free.*

*Please also bring a canned food donation for the Weinberg Pantry.*

***Please RSVP to Kathy at 303-751-0936***

*for attendance, food contributions, and (if needed) transportation assistance.*

*For Community information, see <http://www.bethami.com>*

## More news:

Save the dates for the General Assembly in Denver, Nov. 6-9, 2011

We are building momentum as we move closer each day to the General Assembly. 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. The GA is the premier event of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), a national umbrella organization representing 157 Jewish Federations and over 400 network communities nationwide. We are anticipating an impressive line-up of keynote speakers this year, including President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

2011 GA programming tracks will focus on:  
Inspirational Leadership

- The Innovation Imperative
- The Middle East 2011-2012
- Community Building
- The Federation Philanthropic Forum

For the most up-to-date information on the 2011 GA program schedule and list of speakers, please visit [www.generalassembly.org](http://www.generalassembly.org)

Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War and the Holocaust  
September 8 - October 22, 2011

Opening reception, Wednesday, September 7, 6-8PM

CU Art Museum, University of Colorado Boulder

Museum hours are Monday-Friday 10AM to 5PM, Tuesday 10AM to 7PM and Saturday 12PM to 4PM. For additional information, visit <http://cuartmuseum.colorado.edu> or contact the Program in Jewish Studies at 303.492.7143. As part of this exhibit, Professor Shneer will be presenting a special lecture at the Colorado Photographic Art Center at Belmar in Lakewood on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30PM and a lecture and guided tour on Thursday, September 15 at 7PM at the CU Art Museum in Boulder. RSVPs are required. For more information and to RSVP, please email [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu) or call 303.492.7143.

Ride Bikes, Change Lives!

Sunday, September 11, 2011

CU Boulder Campus

Join faculty, staff and students of the Program in Jewish Studies for this year's ride - our team name is Jewish Jetters! With 5 separate courses ranging from the 14 mile Little Buff (that includes ice cream!) to the 100-mile century, your entire family can participate and help support a brighter future for CU students! To ride with the Program in Jewish Studies, contact [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu) or 303.492.7143 or register with the Jewish Jetters Team at [www.buffalobicycleclassic.com](http://www.buffalobicycleclassic.com).



New York, New York

Sunday, September 18 at 5:30PM

Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe, Boulder, CO 80303

Join Menorah: Arts, Culture and Education at the Boulder JCC for their fundraiser that celebrates Jewish New York and honors Professor David Shneer. It will be an evening celebrating vibrant culture, diverse cuisine and the rich history of the country's largest Jewish city. The cost of the evening is \$75 per person. To register for New York, New York, visit <https://boulderjcc.wufoo.com/forms/new-york-new-york/>.

The Holocaust Awareness Institute at DU's Center for Judaic Studies invites you to a celebration of 'Phase 1' of the Holocaust Memorial Social Action Site on Sunday, September 18 at 12:30 PM. For more information or to RSVP, visit [www.du.edu/cjs](http://www.du.edu/cjs) or call 303.871.3013.

The Beth Ami Executive Committee welcomes new board members Kathy Kane and Maury Kroopnick! Kathy, familiar to many of us as a long-time congregation member, has retired from teaching in DPS (Mazel Tov!) and has agreed to share her facilitation and recording skills, starting with the July Community Meeting. Maury just relocated from Michigan to Colorado this past spring (Mazel Tov!). He's a joiner, whether it's a biking or hiking group, or the Boulder Jewish Festival, where Maury found us in June. He's a psychiatric social worker by profession, and enjoying his new home in Boulder. Thanks to both of you! *The Executive Committee meets monthly at the Karasik home in Arvada and welcomes all interested participants!*



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Alex Litz is raising money to support The Wild Animal Sanctuary for his mitzvah project. **“Any donation, even a \$1 will help me reach my goal and improve the lives of the animals at TWAS ,”** said Alex

Bar Mitzvah Invitation  
 Beth and Steve Litz would be thrilled if you could join us for our son Alex's Bar Mitzvah ceremony and oneg.  
 Saturday, September 24th  
 10:00-11:30am  
 Denver Aquarium  
 Nautilus Ballroom  
 700 Water Street  
 Denver, CO  
 RSVP by September 5th  
 AlexBarMitzvah13@gmail.com  
 303-666-1434

To contribute to his project you can mail a check payable to The Wild Animal Sanctuary and send it to Alex Litz or bring it to Jewish Cultural School



Calla is now 20 months old! She has had a great summer visiting family, going to the pool and eating popsicles. She and her parents are excited to announce that this winter, Calla will become a big sister! Another little one will be arriving sometime mid-January to mid-February.

Mazel Tov Michelle, Ben and Calla  
 From Beth Ami

**September Birthdays and Celebrations**



Happy birthday to:

Mitchell Budoff	14
Katya Hirsch	18
Maida Deborah	20

Alex Litz Bar Mitzvah 24th

Happy anniversary to:

Christie and Stan Gosch	5
Roz and Stu Budoff	15



**Remember to buy your King Sooper's Cards!**

Do you shop at King Soopers?

Maida Deborah is now selling \$100 King Soopers cards. If you shop at King Soopers, please see her to purchase your cards. Just bring a check made out to Beth Ami. It makes shopping easy, and every \$ you spend at King Soopers benefits Beth Ami. No extra cost to you!