



Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism



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Two Exciting Events—Register Now!!

Beth Ami Retreat May 7th—9th

Friday night: Shabbat dinner and short service. Entertainment by YMCA of the Rockies performers

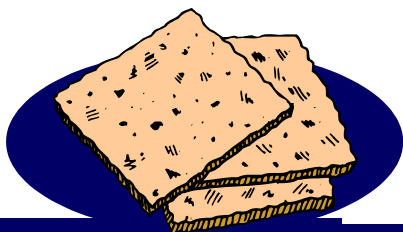
Saturday: a variety of activities from which to choose: nature crafts, a Jewish environmental concert with guitarist Jeff Kagan of the Thorn Ecological Institute and Open Space Mountain Park, interpretative hikes increasing your understanding of tikkun olam designed for different ages and interests (ecology, wildlife, etc.), campfire featuring Jewish music, and free time to go swimming or horseback riding

It will be fun to "play" and relax with our Beth Ami community in a beautiful setting.

Cost for Saturday only is \$10/ adult plus food

Cost to stay overnight is \$79-\$120/night. Plus food

RSVP to Lenore at:
golden.paws@hotmail.com or



Limmud Colorado— May 28th—31st

Participate in Limmud Colorado's Third Annual Conference and join us in a celebration of Jewish learning, arts, and culture.



Limmud, which means "learning" in Hebrew, connects Jews of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences for an exciting weekend of Jewish learning and joy. Limmud Colorado is pluralistic and thrives on the diversity of our Jewish world.

Carpools will be arranged. Go to www.limmudcolorado.org to register.

Passover Seder March 28th 4pm

Please join us for our Passover Seder at the Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W. 32nd Ave. Golden, CO

Beth Ami – CCHJ will provide several main dishes, including chicken, brisket and a vegetarian meal; wine grape juice and other drinks and the matzo.

Guests are expected to bring potluck contributions of a "family size" salad, side dish or dessert.

RSVP by March 26th to Gerrie at 303-422-3110. At that time, please let her know what you will be bringing to the

Pot Luck (side dish, salad or dessert).

COST: \$10./student, \$15/adult member, \$25/adult non-member, Dependant children are free

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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Humanists are not atheists

According to Rabbi Miriam Jerris, rabbi of the [Society for Humanistic Judaism \(SHJ\)](http://www.ajwnews.com/archives/4909), Humanists focus on what they believe rather than on things for which they have no evidence.

For the complete article go to:

<http://www.ajwnews.com/archives/4909>



Rabbi Miriam Jerris

Seeking the Hidden Jews

Carlos Zarur will lead an in-depth examination of the rich history and complex experience of hidden Jews. Also known as Crypto-Jews, Anusim, Marranos and Conversos, these Jews were forced to adopt another religion in public while steadfastly avowing their faith in private.

The evening includes an art show with work by Beatriz Pestana-Osuna, food prepared from recipes in "A Drizzle of Honey: The Life and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews," a showing of the documentary film "Hidden Star," and a discussion facilitated by Carlos Zarur and Beatriz Pestana-Osuna, a Sephardic Jewess from Spanish-Portuguese origin of Crypto-Jewish background.

March 7th , 5pm—9pm
Boulder JCC

Cost: \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door which includes dinner and program

Contact: Kathryn Bernheimer at 303-998-1021 or kathryn@boulderjcc.org to register

Beth Ami is a proud sponsor of the 8th Annual Fred Marcus Memorial Holocaust Lecture

"Remembering Life: A Moving Exploration of the
Holocaust Through Photos"

Sunday, March 14th at 4pm.

Infinity Park Event Center, International Ballroom

4400 E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale, Colorado.

The lecture will feature Dr. Ann Weiss, author of *The Last Album: Eyes from the Ashes of Auschwitz-Birkenau*. Her fascinating presentation will recount the discovery of the only known surviving collection of photos from a whole transport and her 20-year journey researching the stories behind them. Ann will show photos from the collection during her talk and will sign copies of her book during the reception. To read about Ann and her project, go to www.thelastalbum.org.

Reservations are necessary for all attendees by February 28, 2010. The cost of the lecture is \$15 a person. (There is no charge for students and Holocaust survivors.) We encourage you to place reservations online at

www.alumni.du.edu/fredmarcus, or — if you don't have internet access — by calling HAI's event reservation line at 303-871-3097.

For further information on the Fred Marcus Memorial Holocaust Lecture, contact Shoshana Zeldner at the Holocaust Awareness Institute, 303-871-3013



Ann Weiss

March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 JCS & Adult Ed	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat	13
14 Exec mtg Holocaust Memorial Event	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 JCS & Adult Ed- note location change	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Passover Seder	29	30	31			

Upcoming:

April:

Sunday 4th 10am, *Jewish Cultural School & Adult Education*

Friday 9th 7pm, Shabbat celebration –
Montview Blvd Presbyterian, Denver
Guest Speaker: Susan Greene,
a columnist for the Denver Post

Sunday 11th Executive Board Meeting

Saturday 17th 5pm, Havdalah/Movie night –
Back to the Promised Land (see side bar)
Hillel Center, University of Denver, Denver

Sunday 18th 10am, *Jewish Cultural School & Adult Education*

May:

Friday 7th - Sunday May 9th
JCS Retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies
Come for the weekend
or join us for only the day-Saturday

June:

Sunday 6th Boulder Jewish Festival

July:

Date TBD Congregational Meeting - Shabbat hike? Picnic?

Schedule of Events - March 2010

7th—JCS & Adult Education. Countryside Rec Center, 10470 Oak St. Broomfield—10am—12 followed by a community Pot Luck lunch

12th—Shabbat, Montview Blvd Presbyterian, Denver. Speaker: Bob Henson, National Center for Atmospheric Research* see page four

14th— Exec Board Meeting, , 10 am at Terry's meeting room, followed by Fred Marcus Holocaust Memorial event in the afternoon

21st—JCS & Adult Ed, Stratford at Flatirons for Passover Presentation

28th—Passover Seder, 4pm, Jefferson Unitarian Church

Back to the Promised Land:

What happens when eleven black teenagers from Bedford-Stuyvesant – a tough New York City neighborhood of drugs, guns, and graffiti – spend ten weeks on a quiet Israeli kibbutz? How do these youths with “bad habits and unrecognized potential” adjust to the demands of kibbutz living? All they know of Jews are the black-garbed Hasidim whose communities border their own; all they know about Israel are the headlines. But when their teacher suggests the trip to the kibbutz, they're eager to go. With winning portraits of guests and hosts, *Black to the Promised Land* explores the different expectations of the kibbutz members and the black teens. Both were alien to each other and both were surprised by what they found. As the teens grapple with structure, responsibility, and boredom, the kibbutz is infused with the high spirits of their visitors. 95 minutes.



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The Secular Coalition for America

The Secular Coalition for America exists to ensure that you have a voice in Washington: to oppose injustices resulting from theocratic encroachments on government; to win American non-theists respect and recognition befitting our community; and to promote policy that is based on facts and reason.

We are delighted to announce that on February 26 **the Secular Coalition for America engaged with White House officials** to discuss issues that matter to secular Americans like you. This will mark the first time in U.S. history that a non-theist organization met with a presidential administration for an official policy briefing focused on our issues.



Our work on behalf of American non-theists continues. There will be many more interactions with those who shape, dictate, and design national policy. **That's why we want to hear from you.** Among the

issues that concern non-theists and the role of religion in government, we want to know more about which are most important to you. Maybe you have ideas about maintaining church-state separation. **You might even know of people who have been done real harm by the privileging of religion.** We want to know what you think we ought to be talking to policy makers about.

So here's what you can do right now:

1. **Go to www.secular.org and vote.** Take part in a poll to let us know what issues are most important to you
2. **Share this letter with your friends** and online connections so they can weigh in too, and encourage them to sign up for messages like this one.
3. **Donate at www.secular.org** We've come a long way in a very short period of time, and we need your help to keep up the momentum.

The Secular Coalition for America is the national lobby for atheists, humanists, freethinkers, and other non-theistic Americans.

March Birthdays and Celebrations

Happy birthday to:

- Christie Gosch—1st
- Barry Goldberg— 24th
- Barry Levene –11th
- Donna Levene-31st
- Steven Deutsch—17th
- Toni Budoff– 21st
- Paul Budoff—11th



Happy anniversary to:

- Ron & Lenore Kingston– 7th
- Barry & Donna Levene—10th

Can we do anything about Global Warming?

We welcome Bob Henson to our Shabbat service on March 12th at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver, CO. His topic is "Climate Change in the 2010s: What's new, what's true, and what we can do." He will share the research and explain why people should take climate change seriously.

Bob recently attended the Copenhagen meetings on global warming last December and is happy to give an overview of that experience.

He is with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).



NCAR in beautiful
Boulder, CO