



Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

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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.

October 2017

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Beth Ami Event Schedule

Saturday 10/7 – Celebrate Sukkot – the harvest festival. Please RSVP to BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com (10am-1pm, Malcolm home – [280 S. 39, Boulder](#) – see more below)

Sunday 10/8 – Beth Ami Arts Event: *The Revolutionists* – Beth Ami participants will meet in the Dairy Lobby after the show! [Click this link](#) for details and tickets. (2pm, Boulder Dairy Center – see more below)

Other Community Events

Sunday 10/22 – Flexigrass: Bluegrass Jazz Fusion with Banjo legend Pete Warnick (7pm, Boulder JCC)

Thursday 10/26 – Sunday 11/12 – Neustadt JAMM Fest (see more below)

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 10/9** – Julia Genyuk
- 10/13** – Ocean Anderson
- 10/20** – John Malcolm
- 10/24** – Troy Anderson
- 10/31** – Maren Weinberg Anderson

Anniversaries

- 10/10** – Gerrie & Len Karasik
- 10/22** – Barb & Don Griss

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Submission Deadline
11:59pm, Fri 10/27



Upcoming Events

November

Sunday 11/5 – Save the date: Beth Ami Arts Event: Join fused glass artist Joy Weinstein to create your own glowing jewelry! Snacks and drinks included in the reasonable fee. Minimum of 6 participants needed for this session! Details to follow. (2pm, Malcolm home)

April (2018)

Friday 4/13 – Sunday 4/15 – Shalom Y'all IISHJ tour (Savannah to Charleston – see more below)

Challah Baking

We came, we baked, we ate. Brian and Darby once again invited people of all generations to come to their home to braid and bake golden heartwarming challah. People shared their special techniques for braiding round challahs, as is traditional for Rosh Hashanah. The group also experimented with braiding four, five and six strands together. Some loaves had added raisins, cran-

berries or chocolate chips for extra deliciousness. Most of the challah were also decorated with poppy or sesame seeds. Lenore told the story, "Even Higher", a tale by I.L. Peretz of a rabbi who goes into the woods on Rosh Hashanah to collect firewood for an elderly woman. Marti lead the children in a shofar blowing lesson. It was a blast!

Rosh Hashanah

Beth Ami tried out a new location for Rosh Hashanah, the Avalon Ballroom, and, for the first time, had food catered instead of organizing a potluck. We hoped that this would make it easier for people coming to our event directly from work on a Wednesday evening. We also choose to eat first and have the service after to allow for gradual arrival. The theme of our event was “Caring for Ourselves and Others.” While this topic was chosen months ago, recent events made it even more appropriate.

Almost 50 people enjoyed delicious food and wine, dipped apples in honey, sang a few songs, contributed to the service and listened to the blast of the new year shofar.

It was a delightful evening and we all hope to see some of the new faces again at other events this year. L'shanah Tova!



Tachlich

Our Tashlich/Casting Off event at Harlow Platts Park/Veile Lake was another first for Beth Ami. Usually we have a Tashlich activity at our Rosh Hashanah service but this year we decided to let this event have its own day. Tashlich allows Humanistic Jews time to reflect, to cast off behaviors they are not proud of, and to vow to be better people in the year to come.

Our Tashlich event gave us a space to renew and reflect through yoga. Karen Cobble lead us in a centering yin yoga/meditation. We began on blankets

and chairs, metaphorically tossed our excess into the water at the shore of the lake, and finished with the sounds of a Tibetan singing bowl. There were several children at the event and Karen seamlessly wove in activities to keep the children engaged while allowing the adults to take full advantage of the time to focus inwardly. One of the children brought his shofar, so she incorporated that into our activities as well. We completed the event with a contemplative walk around the lake. It was a beautiful day.



Meetups!

Beth Ami now has 2 Meetup sites operating. Sign up for one or both! Michelle Davis is operating the “South Denver Humanistic Judaism” site which is drawing families in Highlands Ranch, Littleton and the

surrounding area. Marti Hirsch continues the “Beth Ami – CO Congregation for Humanistic Judaism” site focusing mostly on Boulder County.

Sukkot

Celebrate Sukkot, the harvest festival, at the Malcolm home on Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 1 pm.

This very family friendly event will focus on a modern interpretation of welcoming all under the sukkah, visiting the garden and its produce, and enjoying a “stone soup” light lunch.

Please RSVP to: BethAmiRSVP@gmail.com



The Revolutionists

We keep our eye out for arts events with either Humanist and/or Jewish content and this fresh "unflinching" comedy about equality and activism surely fits the bill.

The play, *The Revolutionists*, written by Lauren Gunderson, is about the life of de Gourge and three other women during the Reign of Terror in France. The story delves deeply into what it means to be a woman and an artist in times of great political upheaval. Issues of equal pay, equal representation, rights to inheritance, and parental rights for women are brought into question.

The Dairy Center marketing blurb states "We want to share the human experience... We want to show our audience the variety of life that is out there." (Stephen Weitz)

Buy your tickets online from the Dairy:

<https://tickets.thedairy.org/online/>

RSVP on meetup:

<https://www.meetup.com/Beth-Ami-Colorado-Congregation-for-Humanistic-Judaism/events/243420454/>

Seats are going fast so act quickly!

Flexigrass – Music@TheJ

Kathryn Bernheimer wrote in a recent Boulder Jewish News article about a new series of musical programs:

"A monthly musical series running from Sept. 2017 to May, 2018, music@thej features nine illuminating musical events each of which is “more than a concert.” Each event explores the expansive nature of music, which knows no borders and unites peoples around the world.

From Banjo to Broadway to Tiki Beat, from Persia to Polynesia, from a Hootenanny to a Jewish Christmas

Eve Party, music@thej offer Boulder audiences an eclectic collection of memorable musical evenings unlike any other concerts being produced locally. Presented by ACE: Arts, Culture and Education at the Boulder JCC, the unique concert series reflects its mission of cultural engagement through the arts.”

For more info, visit:

<https://boulderjewishnews.org/2017/musical-migration-theme-underscores-jazz-crossings-and-permeates-musicthej/>

Neustadt JAMM Fest

The Neustadt JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music) is a cultural extravaganza celebrating all kinds of Jewish arts. October 26 through November 12.

For information about the shows, films, lectures, tickets and more, visit:

jccdenver.org/arts-culture/jaamm-2017

Shalom Y'all IISHJ Tour

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston – April 13-15, 2018

Colonial Savannah & Historic Charleston: the home of revolutionary statesman, early Jewish communities, slavery, and freedoms. Join us as Rabbi Adam Chalom's thoughtful perspective brings the antebellum South to life.

This IISHJ tour includes daily opening lectures and concluding discussions with Rabbi Adam Chalom, four nights accommodations, daily breakfast, Shabbat dinner, Savannah to Charleston transportation, lunch at Magnolia Plantation, and all tour entrance fees and gratuities.

Fee per person: \$950

Booking deadline: January 31, 2018

Highlights include:

- Two of the oldest Jewish congregations in North America
 - The streets of historic Savannah, saved from destruction after General Sherman's infamous march to the sea
 - Magnolia Plantation and Gardens to experience the beauty and challenges of the antebellum American South
 - Charleston, the "Holy City" of religious tolerance, home to Jewish settlement since 1965, exporting cotton and importing slaves
- Register at <https://iishj.org/shalom-yall>

News From National

Check out the newly-formatted Humanorah magazine at <http://www.shj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/HuJewMagAutumn2017.pdf>

This beautiful, informative edition makes us proud!

Family News and Events

If you or someone you know is experiencing important and life-altering events, please share the news with Beth Ami. In times of need, Beth Ami members can offer support. In times of happiness, we can help celebrate. To share your news, please contact Sheila Malcolm, Madrikha, or Michelle Davis, Madrikha.

- October is a busy month for the Malcolm family. Brenda will become Dr. Brenda on Oct. 9 after defending her dissertation in Cognitive Neuroscience at Albert Einstein Medical Center in the Bronx.
- John Malcolm retires from Peak Engineering in Golden after 30 years. Let the world travels continue! Sheila and John will be hosting visiting family members throughout October!

Support Beth Ami With An Honorary Donation

To honor or remember family or friends with a donation to Beth Ami, please email our treasurer at treasurer@bethami.com. A notice of the contribution will be sent to the honoree or family. Our congregation will express its gratitude in the newsletter for donations received in the previous month.

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Hi, all. I'm Rachel Hirsch. I was a student at the Beth Ami JCS until my Bat Mitzvah in 2008.

I am the editor of the Beth Ami newsletter this year, and plan on continuing for as long as possible (I am currently a Computer Science Master's student at Colorado State University).

I welcome any input you have, so feel free to email me any articles or information you want to see in next month's newsletter.

-Rachel