



Beth Ami

Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

A welcoming community of secular and cultural Jews

Dear Beth Ami Community,

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In the preamble to [Staying Sane in a Crazy World](#), the founder of Secular Humanistic Judaism states:

I am a believer.

I believe that we live in a crazy world, that there is no guarantee that the good will be rewarded and that the wicked will be punished.

I believe that the strength to cope with a crazy world comes from within ourselves, from the undiscovered power we have to look reality in the face and to go on living.

I believe that the love of life means the love of reason and the love of beauty.

I believe that human dignity comes from the courage to live with reality and to enjoy its challenges.

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine was a brilliant visionary and a down-to-earth realist. He was an original “influencer” for those of us seeking a way to live and “do” our Jewishness in an often crazy world. Rabbi Wine founded the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and Beth Ami - Colorado Congregation for Humanistic Judaism is one of its affiliate members.

As we emerge from pandemic times, Beth Ami is providing in-person events along with our Zoom offerings. Monthly Shabbat and Havdalah ceremonies usually include a reflective and informative adult education component and/or some social schmoozing. Readers Circle Book Club and Good Movie Club are relaxed gatherings focused on Jewish and Humanistic themes. Holiday celebrations are returning to the degree that we can meet in safety and honor our Jewish backgrounds through a humanistic lens. High Holidays are around the corner, combining Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich at a family-friendly outdoor event in South Boulder. Ten days later, we will Zoom a Yom Kippur/Memorial/Kol Nidre with beautiful musical accompaniment. The harvest fest of Sukkot will complete the observances. Food and financial donations to local Community Food Share are included in all fall events.

Madrikha Sheila Malcolm is available to facilitate the Jewish Life Cycle Events of Baby-Namings, Bar/Bat Mitzvah (or Cultural B Mitzvah), Weddings and Memorials.

Upcoming plans for the year 5783 include more hikes, the return of international meals out, new social justice initiatives, a little politics, theater and music, networking with other Jewish groups... and YOU!

Join us at the participation level and financial level that works for you. Your presence in Beth Ami supports our local community, enriches our cultural Jewish offerings, and provides meaningful Jewish context in a crazy world. Your financial membership supports Beth Ami and its programs, and our parent organization SHJ. (About \$100 of Beth Ami dues are allocated to SHJ to support salaries, office space, national-level programs, the excellent "Humanistic Judaism" magazine, websites and more. The balance is allocated to our Beth Ami budget.) We are returning to pre-COVID dues of \$400 for a 2-adult household, \$250 for an individual adult. Need to stagger payments? Contact Treasurrrrrs Stu Dolnick or Arlene Gerwin. You are also welcome to "pay-per-visit" at in-person Beth Ami events.

Use [PayPal.me/bethamicolorado](https://www.paypal.com/bethamicolorado) or send a check made out to **Beth Ami – CCHJ** to Stu Dolnick, 1603 Waneka Lake Trail, Lafayette, CO 80026. Either way, kindly send Stu your phone number, physical address and names of all household members. Please address financial questions to Stu at treasurer.bethami@gmail.com.

Thank you! We're all about navigating this crazy world together as we "do" Jewish – humanistically!

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