Center for Judaic Studies, Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury Ave., Suite 157

Colors of My Life, The Paula Burger Art Collection
Donated in 2014 by Paula Burger—local artist, author, and Holocaust survivor—Colors of My Life speaks to the power of light and color to help us heal and draw lessons from a dark chapter of human history. This collection of 7- & 9-branched menorahs, abstracts, and florals is displayed throughout the office suite.

Art/Awareness/Diversity, an annual art project
Inspired by Colors of My Life, in 2016 the Holocaust Awareness Institute launched an annual exhibit and call for proposals that bring together individuals and organizations of diverse backgrounds over issues of diversity, inclusion, bridge-building & prejudice. For more information about the project, visit our website; For information on how you can participate, email us at hai@du.edu.

Anderson Academic Commons (AAC), 2150 E. Evans Ave.

Home of the Beck Archives
The Ira M. and Peryle Hayutin Beck Memorial Archives of the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society reflects the history and culture of the Colorado Jewish community from the late 1800s until the present day. The Beck Archives contains a variety of materials, including manuscripts, institutional records, oral histories, photographs, newspapers, memorabilia, and private papers that reflect the history of local organizations and businesses, as well as the lives of key individuals who have contributed to building Jewish life in the area. Beck Archives hosts numerous exhibits throughout the year. To find out what is on display today, check with Special Collections (1st Floor of AAC); to inquire about an appointment to view select items from the collection, email Jeanne.Abrams@du.edu.

Holocaust Memorial Social Action Site
An ever-present call for “tikkun olam” (repairing the world). Designed as a city-wide hub dedicated to fostering and promoting ethical awareness and intercultural bridge-building, the Holocaust Memorial Social Action Site honors the memory of lives lost to the Holocaust by calling for positive action in our local and global communities.

Symbolism at the Holocaust Memorial Social Action Site:
✦ Metal lattices recall Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass. They also spell the Hebrew word hineni, “Here I am,” a biblical term which Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas highlights as the defining utterance of the responsible human; it is the utterance whereby we identify ourselves as beings called upon to respond to the plight of others.
✦ Central seating area in the shape of the word chai, the Hebrew word for “life,” symbolizes the life-affirming and action-oriented nature of the site. Chai is stylized to evoke an eternal flame in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and as a call to translate that memory into action.
✦ “Peace, peace, to the far and to the near” in Hebrew script echoes the biblical prophet Isaiah (57:19) whose message of ethics, care for humanity, and restoration remains relevant today.
✦ Six trees with six lights symbolize the 6-million Jews who perished, while emphasizing the need to illuminate the dark areas of the human experience, and to use that light toward improving the world.

Self-Guided Walking Tour
• Center for Judaic Studies
• Holocaust Awareness Institute,
• Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society & Beck Archives
3 Locations, 6 Things to See! (flip over for more details)

   - Colors of My Life, The Paula Burger Art Collection of the Holocaust Awareness Institute
   - Art/Awareness/Diversity, an annual art project
2. Anderson Academic Commons, 2150 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80208
   - Home of the Beck Archives of the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society
   - Rotating exhibits on Colorado Jewish history on display throughout the building
3. Holocaust Memorial Social Action Site, a project of DU’s Holocaust Awareness Institute
   - Architectural & landscape features symbolize concepts that call for ethical engagement
   - Space dedicated to social consciousness-raising, bridge-building & learning initiatives

For more information on these & other initiatives, visit www.du.edu/ahss/cjs.