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Who We Are

Secular Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity. We affirm the power and responsibility of human beings to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority, and that ethics and morals are human centered. Beth Adam is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

Membership

Join the Beth Adam family! Membership for a family is \$650 per year; individual membership is \$325 per year. We also have snowbird rates. Our Sunday school (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) meets every other Sunday from 10 AM-12 noon. Tuition \$500, \$450 for additional children. For more information call BJ Saul, 561-347-0618, bjfsaul@comcast.com

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President's Message

by
 Allen Gorrelick



As we all know, fall in most of the country, a continuation of summer here in Florida, marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year.

Humanistic Jews see Rosh Hashanah as a time for renewal, reflection and perhaps new beginnings. Our focus is on the affirmation of human (not supernatural) power and human dignity. For many of us it is a time to consider the possibilities for change, improvement and happiness we can create for ourselves, our family and others. Rosh Hashanah offers an occasion for us to examine our behavior in the most recent year and renew our commitment to higher values. Our services reflect these themes. Sounding the shofar evokes memories of a time when the blasts of the ram's horn called the Jewish community together. Today, it hopefully serves as a call to put our values into action.

For Humanistic Jews, Yom Kippur is a time for continued reflection. The holiday offers the opportunity to ask forgiveness from those we have wronged in the recent year. Some Humanistic Jews choose to fast. Most do not.

I look forward to seeing most of you at our services in early October.



| Date | Event | Time | Location |
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| Oct. 2 | Erev Rosh Hashanah Reservations required See pg. 7 or register www.bethadam.com | 7:30 PM | The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Boca Raton |
| Oct. 3 | Rosh Hashanah Reservations required | 10:00 AM | The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship |
| Oct. 11 | Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Reservations Required | 7:30 PM | The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship |
| Oct. 12 | Yom Kippur Reservations Required | 10: 00 AM | The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship |
| Oct. 12 | Yom Kippur Memorial Service FREE | 3:30 PM | The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship |
| Oct. 12 | Break the Fast (Eat and Schmooze) Reservation Required: www.bethadam.com, Allen Gorrelick: (561)509-9144, avja@verizon.net | 5:30 PM | TooJays Regency Plaza |
| Oct. 19 | Sukkot Celebration: RSVP: Susan Carroll, (561) 376-6975, mippy@aol.com Bring your own lunch | 11:30 AM | Susan Carroll 2785 NW 26 St Boca Raton Fl 33434 |
| Nov. 1 | Members In-Home Shabbat Topic: "The War in Gaza; 1 year later" RSVP: Allen Gorrelick (561) 509-9144, avja@verizon.net | 7:00 PM | Home of Allen Gorrelick 10703 Whitewind Circle Boynton Beach Fl 33473 |
| Nov. 10 | Social Activity: Eat & Schmooze RSVP: Allen Gorrelick (561) 509-9144, avja@verizon.net | 11:30 AM | Burt & Max Delray Market Place |
| Nov. 15 | Community Shabbat: B'Mitzvah of Cameron Jacobs Bring: food donations for the needy. | 7:00 PM | South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Rd Delray Beach & Zoom |

High Holidays

CBA will be celebrating the High Holidays. Members and guests are invited. Free tickets will be provided to all members. Tickets required: see page 7 for reservation form. www.bethadam.com

Location: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Boca Raton

Rosh Hashanah:

Wednesday Oct. 2nd at 7:30 PM
Thursday Oct. 3rd at 10:00 AM

Yom Kippur:

Friday Oct. 11 at 7:30 PM
Saturday Oct. 12 at 10 AM

Memorial Service: FREE

Saturday Oct 12. 3:30 PM



Mark your Calendar: November 15th Shabbat: Cameron Jacobs B'Mitzvah

Join Cameron November 15th as he celebrates his B'Mitzvah. He has worked very hard and wants to share his accomplishment. Everyone is invited.

Location: South County Civic Center

Time: 7 PM

Bring: Food donation to feed the needy



**Upcoming Board Meetings 2024-25 All Members Welcome 10 AM
On Zoom**

| MONTH | DATE | MONTH | DATE |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Oct. | Cancelled Due to High Holidays | March | |
| Nov. | 9 | April | 5 CBA Annual Mtg. on Zoom |
| Dec. | 14 | May | 10 |
| Jan. | 11 | June | 14 |

Ha'achalat re'evim/ Feeding the Hungry



**BOCA
HELPING
HANDS**

“You shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your needy brother, but...lend him sufficient for his need.” ~ Deuteronomy 15:7

Please bring food and trial size hygiene products to all of CBA's events to be donated to Boca Helping Hands to help feed those in need.

Please check expiration dates.

Let's continue our support to help others.

CBA Leadership & Board of Directors

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Spotlight on Celebrations

High Holiday Celebration In-person and on Zoom

Members and guests invited.

WHEN: October (see calendar of events)

WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2601 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton

RSVP: must have tickets- see page 7

BRING: food donations to help feed those in need



Sukkot Celebration

Celebrate the harvest festival of Sukkot. Bring fruit to decorate the Sukkah.

WHEN: Saturday Oct. 19

WHERE: the home of Susan Carroll, 2785 NW 26 St., Boca Raton Fl 33434

BRING: your one lunch and fruit for the Sukkat



Members In-Home Shabbat: Discussion

In-person Only

This members event is designed to bring us together. Guests are invited to attend once to meet CBA members. Come, have fun, and meet new friends.

WHEN: Friday November 1, at 7 PM

WHERE: Allen Gorrelick

RSVP: Gated Community: Valencia Reserve
(561) 509-9144, avja@verizon.net

TOPIC: "The War in Gaza 1 year later"

BRING: a dessert for the Oneg and food donations help feed those in need.



Community Shabbat in-person and Zoom

WHEN: Friday Nov. 15, at 7 PM

WHERE: South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach

TOPIC: Cameron Jacob's B'Mitzvah

BRING: donations to help feed those in need.



Everyone Welcome!

October Simchas

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| Oct. | | |
| | Alexis Bogen | 6 |
| | Yale Bogen | 20 |

Contribute to CBA



CBA thanks Charlotte Weingarten for her generous donation to CBA.

If you would like to contribute to Congregation Beth Adam for a special occasion (i.e., graduations, birth, memorial, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, etc.) please make a check payable to: Congregation Beth Adam, P.O. Box 2579, Boca Raton, FL 33427.

Please let us know to whom and where to send acknowledgment of your contribution or call (561) 347-0618.

Nizkor

CBA would like to remember your loved ones. CBA remembers Richard Parsons, father Ben Parson, Harris Shapiro's father Louis Shapiro, Judith Lemoine's mother Sylvia Vogel, and her husband Ron Lemoine.

Contact BJ, bjsaul@comcast.net, 561-347-0618 if you would like a family member to be included in CBA's Nizkor.



Social Activity: Eat and Schmooze

Join CBA for monthly “Eat and Schmooze” This members event is designed to bring us together and have a good time. Guests are invited to attend once to meet CBA members. Come have fun, and meet new friends.

WHEN: Sunday November 10th
TIME: 11:30 AM
WHERE: Burt & Max
 9089 Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach
 Delray Market Place
RSVP: Allen Gorrelick
 (561) 509-9144, avja@verizon.net



Social Action: Religious Freedom Shabbat

Social Action is an important value for CBA. At the September 20th CBA’s Shabbat, CBA participated in the Jews for Secular Democracy’s Religious Freedom Shabbat. Liturgy and music were modified to reflect this meaningful service. We enjoyed listening to Ken Thomas from the League of Women Voters educate participants regarding the amendments on Florida’s November ballot. Finally, everyone wore pink to recognize Sharsheret’s Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Religious Freedom Shabbat

Ken Thomas: League of Women Voters

Sharsheret’s Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Shabbat

Vote Yes on Amendment 4

By Charlotte Weingarten

Jews for Secular Democracy and CBA support voting YES! for amendment 4 on the Florida ballot in November. An interesting backdrop to this issue is the documentary *The Janes*, which can be viewed on HBO-MAX, YouTube, Hulu, or Amazon Prime Video, among others



Welcome New Members

CBA welcomes new members Howard and Marcia Gotkin to the Beth Adam family. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and events.



A DAY OF REVERENCE.....AND REMEMBERENCE.....by Bruce Tannenbaum

The night of September 10th, the rains fell hard, lightening flashed, and thunder boomed. The wet streets were flooded. Windshield wipers made a whooping sound back and forth as drivers struggled to navigate their way down soaked avenues. The Yankees were washed out against the hated Red Sox in the final of a four-game series of which the Yanks won the first three. Since they were leading their division by 17 games the cancellation didn't seem important. The Bronx Bombers were on their way to another pennant and World Series.

Then came September 11. We woke to a glorious, bluer than robins' eggs, crystal clear morning with an early autumn chill, crisp and clear air to be breathed in deeply. Driving to work, I thanked my maker for making such a beautiful world. A more beautiful day I never observed. I was in my glory. It was also NY city's primary day for mayor, and I intended to vote after work. My thoughts turned to baseball and football and the new house I recently bought. All seemed perfect.

At 8:46 AM it all changed. My city and country were under attack. My world became, at that moment, an imbalance of fright and paranoia. At 8.50 I received a call at my desk from an ex-employee. His name is Danny Bryce and he worked on Liberty Street, directly across from the World Trade Center. He told me that a plane had crashed into the upper floors of one of the towers and remembering I lived in Battery Park City in the 1990s thought to call me. Danny and I used to discuss planes and how easy it would be to crash one into a tower. Little did we know.....

At 9:03 AM the hammer continued to pound NYC.

At 9:59 AM I fell to my knees by my desk and prayed and asked "Why?"

Finally at 10:29 AM my city's destruction was complete. Shattered, bruised and broken NY was down on one knee. The once perfect day was now a distant memory of long ago and far away. Goodness and light, good and evil, blackness and sunshine, all that was sacred and pure and good was gone.

Morning became afternoon. The sky wasn't as blue; winds of change were coming fast. Papers and ash were falling out of the sky, remnants of the morning changed in a NY minute. The wind was blowing that day into Brooklyn, into backyards, and onto my in-laws home. The letterheads from Cantor Fitzgerald financial service firm, where over 600 souls perished that day also littered the air. Now the air had an acrid smell as the day wore on. My coworkers wanted to go home but were transfixed by the events shown on the little tv we had. Those with wives and kids were sent home. Others just gazed, zombie-like, at the screen showing over and over again the second plane hitting then both towers collapsing. We wondered how many died. Who did we know in the buildings? How many firefighters perished? The answers would come later... too many funeral, remains never found, pieces of loved ones buried.

Yet through it all, NY came through. NY rose up after taking a knee, like a heavyweight champion to be bigger, better, stronger, richer. The 12 years of Mayor Bloomberg were a testament to how things could work if we all worked together. There were new buildings, new businesses and new firemen. The fear of coming into NY lessened. New Yorkers felt proud. The Freedom Tower opened. It seemed NY was back. But alas, things are never what they seem. The good feelings didn't last. The past decade has seen a decline once again as the fabric built up .crime, corruption, illegals, Covid, and taxes. It seems NY is back on that knee. But like that beautiful September day in 2001, NY will rise again and be stronger than ever. Oh and as for Danny Bryce, he made it home soot covered, tired, walking over the Brooklyn Bridge, .to the safety of his family and his favorite chair. For those who gave their all that day, we must never forget the sacrifice they made, always honoring them with good deeds and above all with love and respect for each other. May their memory be a blessing.

**Congregation Beth Adam, South FL Center for Humanistic Judaism
Holiday Services and Break-Fast Schedule and Reservation form**

**Where: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Boca Raton
And on Zoom**

Services conducted by BJ Saul, Madrikha, Ceremonial Leader
Music by Eduardo Macadar

Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday Oct. 2 7:30 PM
 Thursday Oct. 3 10:00 AM
Yom Kippur: Friday Oct. 11 7:30 PM
 Saturday Oct. 12 10:00 AM
 Saturday Oct 12 3:30 PM
Break-Fast: Saturday Oct. 12 6:00 PM



Location: TBD

Make Check Payable to: CONGREGATION BETH ADAM
Send Reservations to: Congregation Beth Adam
PO Box 2579
Boca Raton, FL 33427

Or pay online: www.bethadam.com

Deadline:

Early Reservation: Post Marked by September 18, 2024

For further information, call BJ Saul 561-347-0618

❖Don't forget to bring your food donations for Boca Helping Hands!!

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| Qty | Activity | Cost Per Person | Total |
|-----|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | All Services: Member Adult/Children | No Charge | NA |
| | All Services: Early Reservation: Non-Member Adult | \$100.00 | |
| | All Services: Non-Member Adult: after Sept. 18th | \$130.00 | |
| | All Services: Non-Member Child ages: 13-18 years | \$50.00 | |
| | All Services: Non-Member Child under 13 years | No Charge | NA |
| | Break-Fast: Location: TBD | TBD | |
| | | Total Enclosed | \$ _____ |

| Name of Attendees | Home Address | Email address | Phone# |
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