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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. For more information call BJ Saul, 561-347-0618, [bjfsaul@comcast.com](mailto:bjfsaul@comcast.com)

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**President's Message**

by

Allen Gorrelick



I am proud to be a Jew and of the Jewish people. Listed below are some of the accomplishments of our people:

Jonas Salk created the first polio vaccine, and Albert Sabin developed the first oral polio vaccine.

Abraham Waksman coined the term antibiotics.

The first successful operation for appendicitis was performed by Simon Baruch

Abraham Jacobi is hailed as the father of pediatrics.

Four jews were among the 60 signers of the call to national action which resulted in the creation of the NAACP

Emile Berliner (not Thomas Edison) developed the modern-day phonograph that plays a disc.

Einstein, Freud and Marx were among the most influential thinkers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The most popular Christmas song (White Christmas) was created by Irving Berlin

Hayam Solomon and Isaac Moses are responsible for creating the first modern US banking institutions.

The first department stores were created by the Altmans, the Gimbels, the Kaufmanns, the Magnins and the Strausses.

Louis Blaustein opened the first gas station.

Luis de Santangel, a converso Jew, was the financier who provided most of the funds for Columbus' voyages.

22% of the Nobel laureates are Jews.

May 1	<b>Members In-Home Shabbat Discussion</b> <b>Topic:</b> “Kehillah: Remembering our Jewish community while growing up. What were your memories?”  <b>RSVP:</b> bethadam.com, <a href="mailto:info@bethadam.com">info@bethadam.com</a> , 561-443-1769  <b>Bring:</b> food for the Oneg	7:00 PM	Member’s Home
May 17	<b>Social Activity Members Event: Eat &amp; Schmooze</b> <b>Location:</b> Galini Greek Restaurant <b>Time: 5:00PM</b> <b>RSVP:</b> bethadam.com, <a href="mailto:info@bethadam.com">info@bethadam.com</a> , 561-443-1769	5:00 PM	Galini Greek Restaurant 7491N Federal Hwy Boca.Raton
May 15	<b>Community Shabbat Celebration</b> <b>Topic:</b> “Shavuot <b>RSVP:</b> if you would like a Zoom link: <a href="http://www.bethadam.com">www.bethadam.com</a> , 561-443-1769 <b>Bring:</b> food for the Oneg and donations for the needy	7:00 PM	Dr. André Fladell Civic Center 16700 Jog Rd Delray Beach

Happy Summer Vacation  
Activities and Events will resume in August



### **Community Shabbat: May 15**

May 15th come and experience a Humanistic secular Shabbat Shavuot celebration. Celebrate the story of Ruth and the wheat harvest.

**When:** May 15

**Topic:** “Shavuot

**Time:** 7 PM

**Location:** Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center

**Bring:** a friend, food for the Oneg and to be donated to feed the needy



### **Save The Date: High Holidays**

Join CBA for an inspirational High Holiday service.



**Where:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

**Rosh Hashanah:** Friday Sept. 11 at 7:30 PM  
Saturday Sept. 12 at 10 AM

**Yom Kippur:** Sunday Sept. 20 at 7:30 PM  
Monday Sept. 21 at 10 AM

**Memorial service** Monday Sept. 21 at 3:30 PM

**Upcoming Board Meetings 2025-26 at 10 AM on Zoom**  
**All Members Welcome**

MONTH	DATE
May	16
June	20

**Ha'achalat re'evim/ Feeding the Hungry**



“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.

Let’s continue our support to help others.

**CBA Leadership & Board of Directors**

**Executive Board**

<b>President</b>	Allen Gorrelick
<b>Vice President</b>	Susan Carroll
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yale Bogen
<b>Secretary</b>	BJ Saul



**Board of Director Members**

Judi Lemoine	Marcia Howard
Bruce Tannenbaum	Robert Fishman
April Klimley	

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Ceremonial Leader</b>	BJ Saul
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<b>Website</b>	BJ Saul
<b>Newsletter</b>	Vacancy
<b>Communication</b>	Vacancy

**May, June, July Simchas**

May			
	Judi Lemoine	1	
	Mitch Tilkin	6	
June			
	Charlotte & Al Weigarten		22
	Annette & Yale Bogen		27
	Marcia & Howard Gotkin		28
July			
	Marcia Gotkin	1	
	Gloria Bogen	7	
	BJ & Rick Saul		12
	Bj Saul	14	
	Alice Wujciak	16	
	Lenore Levy	30	

**Contribute 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 remembers in May: Richard Parson's mother Min Parson,  
 June: Shirley Shapiro's father Isidore Rabinowitz  
 July: Diana Parson's mother Gladys Chern Weinshank and Howard Gotkin's brother Allan Gotkin.



CBA would like to remember your loved ones. Contact BJ, [bjfsaul@comcast.net](mailto:bjfsaul@comcast.net), 561-347-0618 if you would like a family member to be included in CBA's Nizkor.

**Welcome New CBA Board of Directors**

CBA is delighted to announce the Board of Directors. Their term will commence on July 1st and conclude on September 30th. The executive board will be elected during the May board meeting.

CBA extends its heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment and dedication.

Welcome: Yale Bogen, Susan Carroll, Allen Gorrelick, Marcia Howard, April Klimley, Judi Lemoine, BJ Saul, Bruce Tannenbaum, and Alice Wujciak.

### Social Activity: Eat and Schmooze

Everyone had a great time at the April Eat and Schmooze at Mama Mia's Restaurant. The food and friendship was great. 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 May 17

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**WHERE:** Galini Greek Restaurant, 7491N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton

**RSVP:** [www.bethadam.com](http://www.bethadam.com), [info@bethadam.com](mailto:info@bethadam.com), 561-443-1769



### In-Home Shabbat Discussion

Join the Members In-Home Shabbat Discussion the 1st Friday of each month.

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> we look forward to a lively discussion about "Kehillah: remembering our Jewish community while growing up. What were your memories?"

Join the May 1st discussion

Come and enjoy friendships.

**When:** Join the May 1<sup>st</sup> Shabbat discussion at 7 PM

**Where:** member's home (will be contacted with location following registration)

**Topic:** "Kehillah: Remembering our Jewish community while growing up. What were your memories?"

**RSVP:** [www.bethadam.com](http://www.bethadam.com), [info@bethadam.com](mailto:info@bethadam.com), 561-443-0618



## Celebrating Passover

Members and guests gathered for a joyous Passover seder and a delectable dinner. Participants engaged in reading from the Haggadah and delved into the significance of the potato, orange, and olive on the seder plate. We even had the youngest person sing the Ma Nishtana.



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Delicious food

## CBA's Lending Library

CBA is glad to announce its lending library. Enjoy reading humanistic books by authors, TK Thorne, Rabbi Sherwin Wine, Howard Schwartz, Yaakov Malkin, Dale McGowan, JR Rosenbloom and more.

Contact BJ Saul for more information. [bjfsaul@comcast.net](mailto:bjfsaul@comcast.net)



## Jack Roosevelt Robinson. By Bruce Tannenbaum

In my office at work hung a photograph of a ballplayer stealing home against the mighty New York Yankees in the 1955 World Series. Safe the ump signaled and despite Yogi Berra's ranting up and down, the call stood. The Dodgers, or as we said in Brooklyn, Dem Bums, finally made it to the mountaintop that glorious year. Beating the Yanks was the highlight of so many people's lives. Brooklyn was working class; hardscrabble lives hanging their laundry on wires connected to neighbors' windows. Men wore hats and tipped them when a pretty lady walked by. Rock n roll was in its infancy; Bill Haley was "Rockin Around the Clock" and Elvis wasn't even a household name yet. The Beatles were still 9 years away and everyone liked Ike. The Supreme Court outlawed segregation in schools and the Russians had the A bomb. The world was changing, and we as a country were too. Morals were easing. The world was spinning wildly, sometimes too fast it seemed. Martin and Lewis were all the rage out of Hollywood. Sinatra was into his second act as performer and was bigger than ever. The Russians were about to send a dog into space. But the biggest change of all, and the most important figure of the 20th century in my opinion, wore a baseball uniform with the number 42 embroidered upon his back. When he came to bat on April 15, 1947, at Ebbets Field not one person in the crowd knew who he was. But the gasps and ooohs and ahhs heard that day, told the story. A black man was playing in what had been an all-white man's game. Now it wasn't. The barrier had been broken. The good old boys club had come tumbling down. Robinson was the perfect man to be first. A gifted athlete, he endured many taunts and curses from crowds in stadiums so filled with hate and ignorance, yet he always turned the other cheek. His mentor was Branch Rickey, general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He knew that Jackie was the right man for the job and his faith was delivered.

Jack Robinson was among other things a patriot too; having reached the rank of second lieutenant in his army career from 1942-1944. He suffered terrible abuse while in the service and was discharged honorably after a false court martial resulted in an acquittal. He married his beloved Rachel, who is now 104 years old, and had three children, one of which passed away. He was active in civil rights and marched with Dr. King many times. He died in 1972 from diabetes and the world lost more than a man, but also a symbol of peace and brotherhood.

I was raised to know the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, justice from injustice. I was raised in a world where antisemitism and bigotry ran rampant. I was taught that there is good in the world and people are generally good. Sometimes it's so hard to accept that, but I still do, because I have to, I want to, I need to. The picture of Jackie Robinson sliding home is put away and gathers dust. My memory of the brave man will not fade. As I write this tribute today, just know that on this day all major league players honor the man by wearing his number 42. A finer man was never born.

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