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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 \$700 per year; individual membership is \$350 per year. We also have snowbird rates. For more information call BJ Saul, 561-347-0618, bjsaul@comcast.com

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President's Message

by

Allen Gorrelick



This month I am quoting from a document provided by the American Humanist Association's Center for Education. As humanists we live by The Ten Commitments. These are our central defining focus. Each one of us is responsible for the collective welfare of humanity, other beings and the resources of our planet. We value freedom, reason and tolerance and it is our responsibility to develop this heritage for future generations. The Ten Commitments represent our shared humanistic values and principles that attempt to promote a democratic world in which every individual's worth and dignity is respected, nurtured and supported and where human freedom and ethical responsibility are natural aspirations for everyone.

The Commitments are:

Altruism

Critical Thinking

Empathy

Environmentalism

Ethical Development

Global Awareness

Humility

Peace and Social Justice

Responsibility

Service and Participation



Sept. 11	Erev Rosh Hashana Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Time: 7:30 PM RSVP: Tickets required bethadam.com	7:30 PM	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton
Sept. 12	Rosh Hashana Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Time: 10:00 AM RSVP: Tickets required bethadam.com	10:00 AM	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton
Sept. 20	Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Time: 7:30 PM RSVP: Tickets required bethadam.com	7:30 PM	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton
Sept. 21	Yom Kippur Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Time: 10:00 AM RSVP: Tickets required bethadam.com	10:00 AM	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton
Sept. 21	Yom Kippur Memorial Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Time: 3:00 PM RSVP: Free bethadam.com	3:30 PM	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton
Sept. 21	Break the Fast Location: TBD Time: 5:00 PM	5:00 PM	TBD
Sept. 26	Sukkot Celebration Location: member's home Bring: your own lunch, fruit	11:30 AM	Member's Home Location will be provided to members
Oct. 2	Member's Shabbat Discussion Topic: TBD Location: Member's Home Time: 7:00 PM RSVP: bethadam.com , info@bethadam.com , 561-443-1769	7:00 PM	Member's Home Location provided following registration
Oct. 11	Social Activity Members Event: Eat & Schmooze Location: TBD Time: 5:00 PM RSVP: bethadam.com , info@bethadam.com , 561-443-1769	5:00 PM	TBD
Oct. 16	Community Shabbat Celebration: RSVP: if you would like a Zoom link: www.bethadam.com , 561-443-1769 Bring: food for the Oneg and donations for the needy	7:00 PM	Dr. André Fladell Civic Center 16700 Jog Rd Delray Beach

High Holiday Services

Join CBA for a inspirational High Holiday celebration. Everyone is invited. Guests require a reservation Page 7

Early Reservation: Postmarked by August 28, 2026. See registration form

Pay online or Make Check Payable to: CONGREGATION BETH ADAM

Send Reservations to: Congregation Beth Adam

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Rosh Hashanah:

Fri. Sept. 11 @7:30 PM

Sat. Sept. 12 @ 10 AM

Yom Kippur:

Sun. Sept. 20 Kol Nidre @ 7:30 PM

Mon. Sept. 21 Yom Kippur @ 10 AM

Mon. Sept. 21 Memorial @ 3:30 PM

Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton



Upcoming Board Meetings 2026-27 at 10 AM on Zoom
All Members Welcome

MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE
Sept.	19	Feb.	20
Oct.	17	March	20
Nov.	21	April: Members Meeting	17
Dec.	19	May	15
Jan.	16	June	19

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.

Let's continue our support to help others.

CBA Leadership & Board of Directors

Executive Board

President	Allen Gorrelick
Vice President	Susan Carroll
Treasurer	Yale Bogen
Secretary	BJ Saul

Board of Director Members

Judi Lemoine	Marcia Howard
Bruce Tannenbaum	Alice Wujciak
April Klimley	

Committee Chairs

Ceremonial Leader	BJ Saul
Financial	Yale Bogen
Fundraising	BJ Saul
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Social Action	BJ Saul, Alice Wujciak
Social Activities	Allen Gorrelick Elaine Steinberg Judi Lemoine
Website	BJ Saul
Newsletter	Vacancy
Communication	Vacancy

September Simchas

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	Alice & Ed Wucjaick		6
	Rick Saul	28	
	Bob Citrin	29	

Contribute to CBA

CBA thanks Bob Citrin, Carole and Mitch Tilkin for their generous donation and Allen Gorrellick's donation in memory of Yale Bogen's mother.

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 Diana Parson's father Bernard Chern, Richard Parson's mother Anna Parson, and Carole Tilkin's mother, Rose Goldstein.

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

**Good News to Share**

Bob and Susie Citrin share that they have a new granddaughter, Bomi.

**Shabbat Celebration**

Friday April 21st, CBA celebrated the first Shabbat of the season. We welcomed guests and was glad to see CBA friends. Everyone had a great time. See you at the High Holidays.

Bruce
Tannenbaum



Alice
Wujciak



BJ Saul leading a song

Social Activity: Eat and Schmooze

Everyone had a great time at the August 9th Eat and Schmooze at Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ. Food and friendship were 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 October 11th

TIME: 11:30 AM

WHERE: TBD

RSVP www.bethadam.com, info@bethadam.com, 561-443-1769



Save the Date: In-Home Shabbat Discussion

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

At the May 1st shabbat, we had a lively discussion about "Kehillah: remembering our Jewish community while growing up. What were your memories?"

Join the October 2nd discussion

Come and enjoy friendships.

When: Join the October 2nd Shabbat discussion at 7 PM

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

Topic: "TBD"

RSVP: www.bethadam.com, info@bethadam.com, 561-443-0618



Sukkot Celebration

Celebrate the fall holiday of Sukkot. Sukkot is an eight-day fall harvest festival. Literally meaning "booths," the central ritual of the holiday is building a *sukkah*, which commemorates the temporary huts built in the fields for shelter during the harvest (rather than walking all the way home).

The *sukkah* is decorated with branches and fruit, symbols of the season, along with fun artwork.

Join with CBA members for a joyous Sukkot lunch celebration.

When: Saturday Sept. 26

Time: 11:30 AM

Where: Member's Home/Boca Raton

Bring: your own lunch and fruit

RSVP for location: bethadam.com, info@bethadam.com, 561-443-1769



9-11 WAS NOT A DREAM.....BY BRUCE TANNENBAUM

It was a glorious late summer Tuesday morning. The previous night's storm had cleaned out the humidity and made Sept. 11th a most perfect New York day. So many possibilities. There was a Mayoral primary this day. The Yankees took 3 in a row from the hated Red Sox, rained the previous night. They were well on their way to another World Series and firmly installed in first place. I was driving to work, thinking what a day. Blue skies truly smiling down, not a blemish of a cloud in the sky. Little did I know that in a few short hours the darkest cloud would hover above us all and linger for months and years.

I arrived at work early as was my custom. Got my coffee, my roll, and set up my desk for the day's business. Nothing out of the ordinary. Not until my personal desk phone rang. The clock read 8.53 a.m. I picked up the receiver and heard an out of breath deep voiced male on the other end. "Hello", I said. "Bruce, its Danny". Let me tell you about Danny. I worked in the automotive industry and was used car manager at a Ford dealership in Brooklyn, NY. Danny was hired in 1998 for the new car Dept. There was just one problem, Danny was a terrible salesman. He had worked for the city but was furloughed earlier in the year. However, being a local guy getting to work on time was not a problem for him. In spite of this with his sales production so bad, the bosses decided to let him go. Yet I saw something in Danny. He was well liked, a bit older, and he spoke well and since Danny was born in the Caribbean. I saw someone who could be a very good addition to my team.

So Danny came to work for me and very soon became a good earner and trusted member of my team. But all good things must end. In the spring of 2001 Danny was rehired by the city, working downtown across from the twin towers. Back to the phone call., "hey Bruce I'm looking at one of the towers and there's a giant hole in the side and a bad fire is going on and papers and all kinds of stuff falling. I know you used to live downtown so I thought you should know. What do you think I should do?" "Do? I said, Get the hell out of there and go home now!!" Danny said one more thing before hanging up, "Hey, I think it was a plane" Hearing that I said loudly again "GET OUT...NOW!" I always feared this exact thing happening. And now it did. I just hoped and prayed he got out safely. I never heard from Danny again.

Twenty-Five years and a quarter of a century later a generation born and grown, only to know of this day in books, videos and documentaries. Twenty-five years and a blink of an eye, a birth a death. And on 9-11 many deaths. One thing 9-11 did was became an equal opportunity day for on this day Christians, Jews, Muslims. Hindus, Sheikhs and atheists were all showed no mercy; pilots, air attendants, women, children, 343 NYC firefighters and countless others perished on this day.

9-11 brought us together as never before; we were one country; we cried together, mourned together rose up from the ashes together. We were resolved to find those bastards who attacked our country and destroy them. After a few months reality snuck back to our daily lives.

It's too easy to say, "be vigilant, be mindful, be aware and if you see something, say something." It's action which carries weight. I want to live in a society where I feel safe and loved and wanted, one in which we are all equal and as Lincoln said, and I paraphrase him, that this country was founded by the people, by the people and for the people and we shall not perish from the earth.

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

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Services conducted by BJ Saul, Madrikha, Ceremonial Leader

Music by Eduardo Macadar

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Location: TBD



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❖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. 8th	\$150.00	
	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	Individual payment	NA
		Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Name of Attendees	Home Address	Email address	Phone#

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