

17TH ANNUAL
**CONNIE SPEAR BIRNBAUM
MEMORIAL LECTURE**



Current Challenges of the Jewish World: Rising Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 5:30pm

Temple Emanuel, Newton • Reception to Follow

*Keynote Speaker: Isaac Herzog,
Chairman of the Executive of The Jewish Agency for Israel*



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**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:
ISAAC HERZOG**

In June 2018, the Board of Governors of The Jewish Agency for Israel unanimously elected Isaac Herzog to succeed Natan Sharansky as the Chairman of the Executive of this historic and influential organization. Mr. Herzog was born in Israel in 1960 and is an attorney by profession. Before entering his new position at The Jewish Agency, Mr. Herzog had been a member of Knesset (Israel's parliament) since 2003. He had been the Chairman of Israel's Labor Party since 2013, as well as the Knesset Opposition Leader. In 2015, Mr. Herzog was a front-runner to win the election for Israel's Prime Minister. He led the alliance between the Labor Party and the Hatnua Party to create Israel's largest center-left political party, and was the leading candidate to unseat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the national elections. In the past 15 years, Mr. Herzog has held several ministerial posts: Minister of Housing and Construction; Minister of Tourism; Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Society and the Fight Against Anti-Semitism; and Minister of Welfare and Social Services. He also served as Government Secretary and as the Israel Government Coordinator for the provision of humanitarian aid to Gaza in 2008-2009.



**FEATURED PANELIST:
SHIRA RUDERMAN**

The evening will include a conversation with Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Executive of The Jewish Agency for Israel and Shira Ruderman, Executive Director, Ruderman Family Foundation to discuss the relationship between Israelis and American Jews, combatting antisemitism and anti-Zionism, and more.

This meaningful, community-wide lecture was established in Connie's memory in 2004 and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.



Upon her untimely passing from breast cancer at age 48, **CONNIE SPEAR BIRNBAUM** became a symbol of Jewish unity and the inspiration for an annual event which would bring together Jews from across the width and breadth of Jewish life.

Connie with one of her three children