

15TH ANNUAL **CONNIE SPEAR BIRNBAUM MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
FEATURING **RON DERMER, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES**



**THE CHALLENGES  
FACING ISRAEL TODAY**

**Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30pm**

Temple Reyim, Newton • Dessert to follow

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [jrcrboston.org/CBLregister](http://jrcrboston.org/CBLregister)



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



**ABOUT THE SPEAKER: RON DERMER  
ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES**

Ron was born and raised in Miami Beach, Florida. He earned a degree in Finance and Management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from Oxford University. For three years, he was a columnist for the Jerusalem Post.

In 2004, Ron co-authored with Natan Sharansky the best-selling book, *The Case For Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror*, which has been translated into ten languages. From 2005-2008, Ron served as Israel's Minister of Economic Affairs in the United States. From 2009-2013, he served as Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

He is married to Rhoda and has five children.



Connie with one of her three children

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.

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