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Temple Israel of Boston Welcomes Former Congressman Barney Frank
21st Annual Joy Ungerleider Jewish Book Month Program

Boston, MA: We are delighted to welcome former Congressman Barney Frank to be our speaker at the 21st Annual Joy Ungerleider Jewish Book Month Program, Friday evening, October 16. He will speak about his new memoir, [*Frank: A Life in Politics from the Great Society to Same-Sex Marriage*](#). As described in *The New York Times*, “One of the chief distinctions and rewards of ‘Frank’ is the way the author’s odyssey to honesty perfectly tracks America’s journey to a more open-eyed, healthier, better place. Both he and the country travel through the wake-up call of the AIDS crisis; the ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ policy for gays in the military; the Defense of Marriage Act; and the rapid rise of same-sex marriage. Frank was there for all of it, not just an observer but in many instances a key actor and in all cases someone with a special interest and stake in what was going on. Few politicians have a vantage point and story quite like his.”

Barney Frank is also the subject of a soon-to-be-released documentary, [*Compared to What? The Improbable Journey of Barney Frank*](#), which will air on Showtime at the end of October. The evening program will include Qabbalat Shabbat services, and a lecture delivered by Barney Frank followed by Q&A and a festive oneg.

About the Annual Joy Ungerleider Jewish Book Month Program: The Joy Ungerleider Jewish Book Month Program is an endowed lecture series established in memory of author, curator, philanthropist, and visionary Joy Ungerleider, and is under the supervision of the Temple Israel Library Committee. See the complete list of [21 years of speakers](#).

About Temple Israel of Boston: Temple Israel is a diverse, urban, Reform Jewish congregation where all are welcome to live Judaism together through discovery, dynamic spirituality, and righteous impact. We welcome the opportunity to comment further on this story.

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