



Food for Thought
Saturday, March 21



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Kerem Shalom

Things to Know

What's so special about Saturday night, March 21?

It is the evening of Food for Thought! You can have a fabulous night out, enjoy a gourmet meal, connect with old friends and meet new ones in an intimate setting, listen to an exciting speaker, and support the quality programs that make Kerem Shalom so distinctive and special.

What is the cost to attend Food for Thought?

The cost is \$180 per person. There is a limited pool of discounted tickets made possible by the generosity of our event sponsors. To participate in Food for Thought at a reduced rate, please contact Robyn Barabe at ksadmin@keremshalom.org

Why this event at this cost?

Membership dues do not cover all Kerem Shalom's operating expenses. To pay our brilliant and dedicated staff – and keep the lights on - we need to fundraise. Food for Thought gives our members a chance to get together for a unique event while raising necessary funds.

How and when to RSVP.

Please fill in the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail ASAP. Or use this QR code and send us your information electronically. We will do our best to give you your first choice, but if that is not possible, we will try to place you with one of your other choices.



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN...
SPACE IS LIMITED...**

REPLY BY MARCH 12!



#1 - Behind the Scenes with a Leading Chef and Culinary Innovator: A Farm-to-Table Success Story

Speaker: Ben Elliott
Deb & Chris Wysopal, Concord

#2 - Exciting Digs and Unusual Finds: Share discoveries and try out virtual reality with an archaeologist

Speaker: Darlene Brooks Hedstrom
Faye & Peter Speert, Lincoln

**#3 - Reimagining the Wizard of Oz:
A Wicked Good Evening**

Speaker: Gregory Maguire
Linda & Steve Kanner, Lincoln

#4 - Escaping the Nazis: A Remarkable Story of Survival and Success

Speaker: Lionel Fray
Karen & David Gaylin, Concord

#5 - Traveling the World with the Tennis Elite: Insights from a Veteran Tournament Umpire

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Sherry & Steve Litwack, Concord

#6 - An Intimate Look at WBUR's Morning Edition

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#7 - The Next Chapter for Concord's Wright Tavern: Rekindling Civic Engagement

Speaker: Tom Wilson
Ann & Bob Gross, Concord



Behind the Scenes with a Leading Chef and Culinary Innovator: A Farm-to-Table Success Story

Speaker: Ben Elliott

Hosts: Deb & Chris Wysopal, Concord

Ben Elliott will describe the challenges and satisfaction he derives from running Saltbox Enterprises, which are highly regarded for the fresh, farm-sourced food and beer produced right here in Concord.

Ben Elliott's culinary career includes more than 20 years as a professional chef at premier restaurants such as LaFolie and the Fifth Floor in San Francisco and Locke-Ober and No.9 Park in Boston. Ben left the fine dining scene to restore his family farm and work as a local chef for private clients. Soon after, Ben launched the Saltbox Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, the Cooking School at Saltbox Farm, Catering by Saltbox, and opened Saltbox Kitchen as a neighborhood café and craft brewery in Concord.

Ben oversees every stage of the farm-to-table cycle, taking an active role in planting, harvesting, preparing, and serving his cuisine while leading his businesses. And what spectacular cuisine it is!



Exciting Digs and Unusual Finds: Share discoveries and try out virtual reality with an archaeologist

Speaker: Darlene Brooks Hedstrom

Hosts: Faye & Peter Speert, Lincoln

If you enjoy solving puzzles, you'll especially enjoy hearing Brandeis University Associate Professor Darlene Brooks Hedstrom describe how an archaeologist takes pieces of an image and fits them together. At this dinner Darlene will also demonstrate and enable guests to try out virtual reality, a tool she uses in her work. Darlene says, "Students learn best when they are getting their hands dirty in the field. Archaeology is truly experiential learning at its best."

The author of an award-winning book on the monastic landscape of late antique Egypt, Darlene tells us that "the past is made of fragments we may assemble to make a story". As both an archaeologist and historian, she has many fascinating stories to share.

Darlene is Myra and Robert Kraft and Jacob Hiatt Chair in Christian Studies and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and Classical Studies at Brandeis University.



Reimagining the Wizard of Oz: A Wicked Good Evening

Speaker: Gregory Maguire

Hosts: Linda & Steve Kanner, Lincoln

Gregory Maguire is celebrated for his novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*. Since publication in 1995, *Wicked* has sold over 5 million copies, and inspired a hit Broadway musical and two popular movies.

The author of two dozen books, Gregory has long been a prominent figure in the world of children's literature. He helped found and co-direct Children's Literature New England, Inc., a nonprofit that raises awareness of the significance of literature in the lives of children. He has also served as Professor and Co-director of the Simmons College Center for the Study of Children's Literature.

You would be correct in expecting something special from the author of *Wicked*. In his own words, "I'll consider my experience in a life of reading and making stuff up and writing it down, and its effect on my life as a Concord citizen and neighbor that I have so relished. The blandishments of reading and writing fantasy, the costs and limitations as well as the rewards, may enter into it."

Travel with Gregory down the yellow brick road!



Escaping the Nazis: A Remarkable Story of Survival and Success

Speaker: Lionel Fray
Hosts: Karen & David Gaylin, Concord

As a five-year-old, Lionel Fray and his mother fled Paris while the Nazis were marching toward the city. The pair narrowly escaped a roundup that would have sent them to a concentration camp. They experienced a series of "miracles" throughout occupied France and Casablanca, finally arriving in America. In 1942, Lionel and his mother were reunited with his father.

On their journey from Paris to America, Lionel and his mother encountered ordinary people who made extraordinary choices, risking everything to help a mother and her child. Their courage and humanity became the difference between life and death.

Fast forward 1942 until the present. Lionel has built an amazing career. Highlights include:

- Founding 4 start-ups (one went public).
- Serving as president of two companies that developed special methods to search for offshore oil and gas that were sold to industry leaders.
- Consulting to clients including Exxon, CBS, John Deere, GE and Intel.

Now in his 90s, Lionel continues to serve as a management consultant. Lionel has transcended the harrowing journey he took as a five-year-old child to become a remarkable American entrepreneur and business leader.



Traveling the World with the Tennis Elite: Insights from a Veteran Tournament Umpire

Speaker: Mary Lou Tierney

Host: Sherry & Steve Litwack, Concord

Have you ever wondered how someone becomes a tennis umpire? Mary Lou Tierney, a former professional tennis umpire, can tell you. Mary Lou served as a chair umpire in the US Open, Wimbledon, the French Open, the Barcelona Olympics and other international competitions and achieved significant milestones along the way. Highlights included chairing the women's final match at the US Open in 1991 overseeing players Monica Seles and Martina Navratilova and putting her name in the record books as the lone American official and only non-French woman to work the event.

Mary Lou's tennis journey began on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in 1981 where she served as a volunteer official and ended in 1993 when the ITF decided to hire only men fulltime. She returned to college to complete her bachelor's and master's degrees and today works as a leadership development coach and expert in co-creating psychological safety on teams.

Mary Lou will share stories about her experiences including what it was like to serve as a tennis umpire, fascinating people she met along the way, the pressures of the business, and how the transition to fulltime, men-only referees unfolded and was handled.



An Intimate Look at WBUR's Morning Edition

Speaker: Tiziana Deering

Hosts: Jill Block & Wade Rubenstein, Concord

You start your coffee. You turn on the radio. And there's Tiziana Deering, providing news from around the corner and around the world. Before becoming host of Morning Edition, Tiziana hosted Radio Boston, WBUR's award winning daily local magazine, for five years.

Tiziana developed her journalistic chops after a career that has spanned nonprofits, academia, and management consulting.

- She served as the first woman president of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston.
- She taught graduate students at the Boston College School of Social Work, where she also chaired its program in Social Innovation and Leadership.
- She ran a start-up foundation focused on breaking generational cycles of poverty in Boston.
- She ran a research center at Harvard's Kennedy School

At Food for Thought, you'll have the opportunity to ask Tiziana whatever is on your mind. Come with questions you'd like her to discuss; her responses will be drawn from her morning program and career. After this dinner, you'll listen to Morning Edition with a new appreciation of Morning Edition and its remarkable host.



The Next Chapter for Concord's Wright Tavern: Rekindling Civic Engagement

Speaker: Tom Wilson

Hosts: Ann & Bob Gross, Concord

This iconic, nearly 300-year-old, red building in Concord Center holds a unique place in the history of Concord, of Massachusetts, and our nation. Now in the process of being transformed through restoration, preservation and renewal, it is on the way to becoming an inviting community gathering place and center for the exploration of democracy. Each room is dedicated to some aspect of Concord's history and offers stories and authentic décor that create a unique experience.

Tom Wilson leads this effort, heading the Wright Tavern Legacy Trust. A Concordian with a distinguished career in management consulting, business, and writing, Tom authored: *Concord's Wright Tavern: at the Crossroads of the American Revolution* and *The Next Stage: In Your Retirement, Create the Life You Want*.

Tom will show slides and share exciting and seldom told stories about the role of the Wright Tavern in the Revolutionary period and in the years that followed... some containing surprises about well-known historical figures. He'll also describe how a reimagined Wright Tavern can become a home for community dialogue and activity in the years ahead. Leading Wright Tavern's renewal enabled him to find new meaning and purpose in his own retirement.

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