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Who's Who at BTS: Terry Wolfisch Cole

Terry Wolfisch Cole is a professional communicator. She manages emails, Zoom events, maintains the website and calendar, and does so much more for BTS. Terry is also a Moth champion and professional storyteller who regularly offers virtual and in-person true shows and workshops through her business, [Tell Me Another](#). After almost 15 months at home with two grown kids who should have been elsewhere, Terry and her husband Andrew are finally empty nesters enjoying some peace and quiet in Simsbury.

By now most BTS members know that you work for BTS, but what exactly is it that you do?

I take care of everything related to our online activities. I produce and distribute the weekly digest and reminders that you get right before events, manage our Zoom account, and keep the website up to date. During the High Holidays, I worked closely with the rabbi and others to produce the services from the sanctuary that members and the community were able to watch and participate in from home.

How did you end up in this line of work?

After my kids were born, I had a series of jobs rather than a straightforward career path. My previous work involved teaching yoga and managing yoga studios, where I had to use digital tools such as email and social media for communication. Much of what I do is self-taught.

What's your favorite part of this job?

I love being a part of Hartford's Jewish community and I especially love working with senior citizens. I lost my beloved grandmother this year at the age of 105 and when I work with older folks, I feel very connected to her. When vaccines became available earlier this year, the most efficient way to sign up for them was via computer, but we had members who didn't have the tech savvy to make it happen. One of the things I'm most proud of is that I helped them get appointments quickly and conveniently. It felt like I was helping them stay healthy so they could return to their families and friends.

Some BTS members know that you won the first time you appeared on "The Moth," a public radio show dedicated to storytelling. How did you get interested in storytelling? What did you do after that first win?

I have always been a creative person. My college degrees are in writing. I set that creativity aside to raise my family but always knew that I would somehow return to it. In 2015, a yoga student came to class telling me that she had gone to a personal storytelling show the night before and that she thought it was something I should check out. I took two workshops and then, on a whim, went to a competitive event sponsored by the Moth in New York City. I dropped my name in the hat, got a chance to tell a story (with no preparation!) and won. I then went to a higher level competition and won that, too. The Moth put my story on



the radio and in *Reader's Digest* and, after a year studying the craft, I launched **Tell Me Another**, my own series of workshops and shows (www.tellmeanotherstories.com). Storytelling is an incredibly rewarding endeavor. Through this passion, I've learned that everyone is interesting. I've become not only a better speaker, but a better listener as well.

You've kept a secret for a while, which is that you are appearing as a contestant on "Jeopardy!" in January. How did this come about and what can you tell us about your appearance?

I have always been an accumulator of trivia and I've watched Jeopardy! since the reboot in 1984. I took an online test and did well, took another and did well on that, too, then had an online group interview. I knew that, after that interview, the production team had 18 months in which to call me . . . or not. I was driving in Avon when I got "the call" on October 3. I answered my phone and a woman said, "Hi, this is Lauri. I'm with the television program Jeopardy!" I was so excited that I burst into tears and had to pull over. I studied flash cards for a month (anyone want to know the name of Andrew Jackson's Vice Presidents?), then went to Los Angeles and taped my appearance in early November. Ken Jennings was my host. We didn't get to spend much time talking, but he was very gracious and professional. I can't tell you anything about the returning champion or the outcome of the game, but you can tune in to WTNH Channel 8 on January 6 at 7:00 pm to watch.

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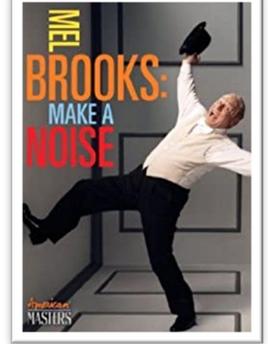
Mel Brooks: Make A Noise Film Schmooze

(Watch the film on-line one day, schmooze about it another.)

Sunday, January 23rd at 4:00 pm

Available on Amazon Prime

After more than seventy years in show business, the legendary Mel Brooks has won more major awards than any other living entertainer. Like so many others, he got his start in the Borscht Belt, initially as a drummer and pianist and later as a comedian. Showcasing the Brooklyn native's brilliant skewed originality, this American Masters episode features never-before-heard stories and new interviews with Brooks, Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, Cloris Leachman, Carl Reiner, Tracy Ullman and others.



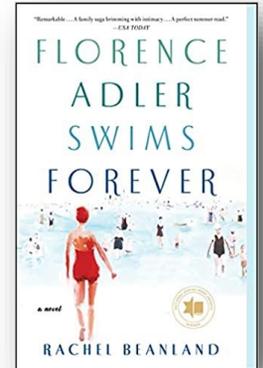
Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion of this infamously funny man's humor and lifework. Only one registration is necessary to register for all online BTS Film Schmooze events. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/H8lr37R/BTSFilmSchmooze>

Sisterhood Book Discussion

Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland

Sunday, February 6th at 2:00 pm

Atlantic City, 1934. Every summer, Esther and Joseph Adler rent their house out to vacationers escaping to "America's Playground" and move into the small apartment above their bakery. Despite the cramped quarters, this is the apartment where they raised their two daughters, Fannie and Florence, and it always feels like home. Now, Florence has returned from college, determined to spend the summer training to swim the English Channel, and Fannie, pregnant again after recently losing a baby, is on bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy. After Joseph insists they take in a mysterious young woman whom he recently helped emigrate from Nazi Germany, the apartment is bursting at the seams.



Esther only wants to keep her daughters close and safe but some matters are beyond her control: there's Fannie's risky pregnancy—not to mention her always-scheming husband, Isaac—and the fact that the handsome heir of a hotel notorious for its anti-Semitic policies, seems to be in love with Florence. When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the shocking decision to hide the truth—at least until Fannie's baby is born—and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies, bringing long-buried tensions to the surface that reveal how quickly the act of protecting those we love can turn into betrayal.

Join Shari J. Cantor for a discussion of this richly drawn family saga, based on a true story. Only one registration is necessary to register for all online Sisterhood book discussions. <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/HgXjUNS/BTSSisterhoodBookGroup>

Paul Robeson: Here I Stand Film Schmooze

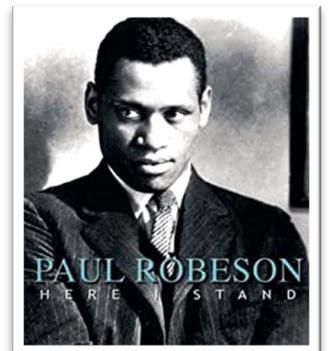
(Watch the film on-line one day, schmooze about it another.)

Sunday, February 20th at 4:00 pm

Available on YouTube



Paul Robeson: Here I Stand presents the life and achievements of an extraordinary man. Athlete, singer, and scholar, Robeson was also a charismatic champion of the rights of the poor working man, the disenfranchised and people of color. He led a life in the vanguard of many movements, achieved international acclaim for his music and suffered tremendous personal sacrifice. His story is one of the great dramas of the 20th century—spanning an international canvas of social upheaval and ideological controversy. This film blends voices, music, visual montages and interviews into a seamless portrait of a remarkable man.



Join Bilal Dabir Sekou for a discussion of Paul Robeson's life. An associate professor of political science at Hillyer College at the University of Hartford, Bilal's research interests include race and politics, urban politics, campaigns, elections and voting behavior. He sits on the boards of Common Cause, The Connecticut Mirror, Connecticut Citizen's Action Group, Connecticut Center for a New Economy and Common Cause Connecticut. Only one registration is necessary to register for all online BTS Film Schmooze events.

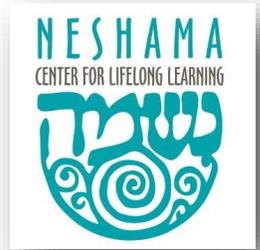
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Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, January 9th at 10:30 am

Friends of Yiddish is an informal, mostly English, bilingual drop-in social group which meets to hear a guest speaker or discussion & maybe absorb a Yiddish word or two. For more information, contact Barbara Katzman at 860-666-7651. Only one registration is necessary to attend all online Friends of Yiddish sessions.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/M9zaVIX/BTSFriendsOfYiddish>



Tangling with Talmud

Wednesdays at 10:30 am *Tangling with Talmud will not meet on January 12th*

The Talmud is a rich and lively conversation among many generations. Passionate arguments about law and justice are intertwined with wild stories and musings about the meaning of life. Come participate and add your own voice. No experience needed. Only one registration is necessary to attend all online Tangling With Talmud sessions.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/G64q6Ah/BTSTanglingWithTalmud>

Partners in Creation:

Encountering Mystery—Opening the Gates of Imagination with Rabbi Debra Cantor and Melinda Wright

Sunday, January 23rd at 10:30 am

We continue to live in a time of vulnerability and uncertainty about the future. How might we use our creativity to deal with the insecurity of not-knowing and bring some healing? Our theme for January is "Encountering Mystery: Opening the Gates of Imagination. Together, we will reflect on a short Jewish teaching and relate it to the challenges and opportunities of our own time. Then we'll do some reflective writing and expressive art with items easily found around the house.



Please have a pencil or pen and any kind of paper handy, plus any kind of art supplies you have: colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, whatever. (Just pencil and paper is okay, too.) Absolutely no experience needed! This event is free and open to all. Only one registration is necessary to attend all online Partners in Creation sessions. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9VWyzyV0/PartnersInCreation>

Neshama Virtual Shabbat Lunch and Learn:

When Public Policy Limits Jewish Religious Freedom: The Case of Reproductive Rights

Shabbat Deep Dive will not take place on January 29th. Please join us for this event.

Saturday, January 29th Noon-1:15pm (BYOL—Bring Your Own Lunch!)

The last weekend in January is National Repro Shabbat 2022, co-sponsored by a host of Jewish organizations from every movement of Judaism, including Women's League for Conservative Judaism. During this Lunch & Learn, we'll explore how the Jewish views on reproductive rights, including access to health care and abortion, are challenged by recent restrictions in various states and the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court. What role should religious belief and practice play in determining public policy? And what when religious values collide? Join our lively discussion!



Register for this event at: <https://bit.ly/January2022LunchAndLearn>.

Advance registration is required for all online BTS events, including services and study. With just one registration for any recurring event, you'll automatically be signed up for each week's meeting. You'll also receive emails 30 minutes in advance to remind you to sign in and provide you with everything you need to participate. If you do not have a computer, tablet or smartphone, contact Maria during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm) and she will provide you with the information to dial in.

In-Person Event Guidelines

- Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks or observe social distancing at outdoor programs.
- When in the synagogue, everyone must wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- Those who are unvaccinated for any reason must wear masks and maintain distance at all times, both outside and in the building.
- There will be no eating or drinking at indoor group events.

Weeknight Minyan

Wednesday night at 7:00 pm

Only one registration is necessary to attend all online weeknight minyanim.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/TvYx9y4/BTSWednesdayMinyan>

Welcome Shabbat

Fridays at 7:00 pm

We'll gather on Zoom to gently make the transition from the stresses of the week into Shabbat. We'll sing some Shabbat melodies, share words of Torah, recite a prayer for healing and Mourner's *Kaddish*, and then make *kiddush*. BYOB (Bring your own wine and *kiddush* cup.)

Only one registration is necessary to attend all online Welcome Shabbat services.

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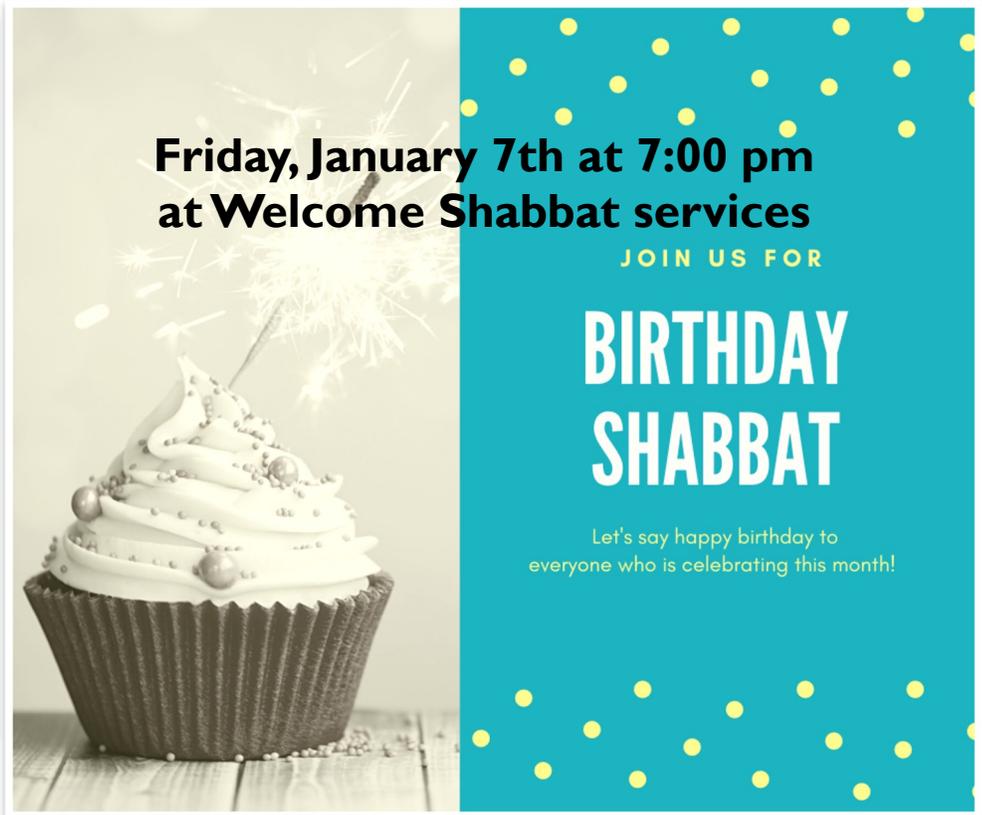
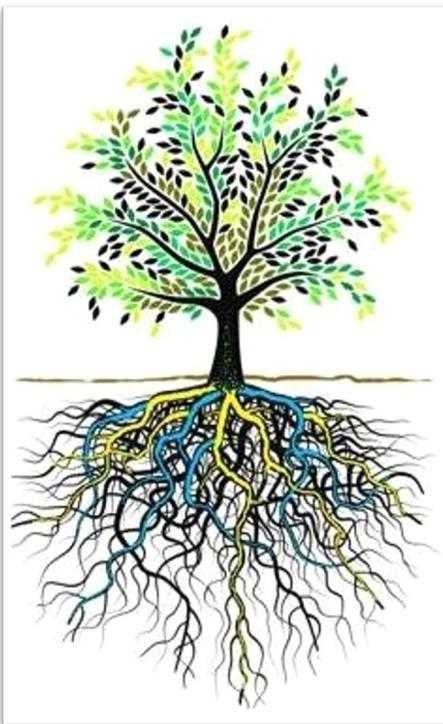
Shabbat Morning Deep Dive: Torah Reading & Lively Text Study

Saturdays at 11:00 am *Shabbat Deep Dive will not take place on January 29th.*

Engage in Rabbi Cantor's interactive Shabbat Torah study right in your living room (or kitchen, or office!) Each week, after a short Torah reading, we'll delve into a section of the portion together, and conclude by reciting *Kaddish* and *kiddush*. Bring your own wine!

Only one registration is necessary to attend all online Shabbat Morning Deep Dive Services.

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Mazal Tov to:

Julie and Steven Shifreen, on the engagement of their son, Aaron Shifreen to Maggie Touchton.

Fillis and John Stober, on their 51st Wedding Anniversary on January 31st.

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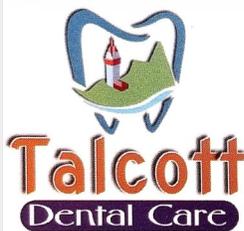
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