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Behar's books include *Translated Woman: Crossing the Border with Esperanza's Story*; *The Vulnerable Observer: Anthropology That Breaks Your Heart*; and most recently, *An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba*.

Ruth Behar was born in Havana, Cuba. After Castro's rise to power, four-year-old Ruth Behar and her family left Cuba, along with most of the island's other Jews. But even as a child Behar felt the pull of her native country and wondered what happened to the Jews who had remained. In *An Island Called Home*, Behar recounts her journey back to Cuba and the Jewish communities she discovers there.

### ***Praise for *An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba****

"Ruth Behar's personal account of the last Jews of Cuba moved me to tears. Courageous, keenly observed, and beautifully written, *An Island Called Home* is cultural anthropology that rises to the level of great literature."

—Aaron Lansky, National Yiddish Book Center

"Ruth Behar's *An Island Called Home* is a kaddish, an offering, dedicated to the exiles and to the children of the exiles and for those wandering still, searching for their homes. May they 'not be given up for lost.'"

—Sandra Cisneros, author of *Caramelo*



**Thursday Sept 25, 7pm: "Journey to Jewish Cuba"  
Lawrence Jewish Community Center, 917 Highland Drive  
Free and open to the public.**

**Friday Sept 26, 3:30-5pm: "Travels with *An Island Called Home*,"  
Latin American Seminar, Hall Center Conference Hall**

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