

## 2024 - 2025 Study Group Guide

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## Presidents' Message

On behalf of the Brandeis National Committee (BNC) Phoenix Chapter, we welcome you to the 2024-2025 Study Group year.



Our members have many opportunities to expand their social horizons and to make new friends. Members with similar interests come together in study/interest groups to discuss a wide range of books, review movies, hike, dine in new restaurants, discuss current events, study many other engaging topics, and participate in other intriguing educational and cultural activities around the Valley.

Our study groups are both in person and virtual, so chapter members have access to programming even when they're on the go. Joining one or more of our study groups is another great reason to be a paid-up member for the year 2024-2025. Our study groups serve as one of our chapter's strongest unifying assets and also serve as a vital membership recruiting vehicle.

Study Group Vice Presidents Carol Kadet, Harriet Schwartz, and Barbara Stern, as well as their committee and the study group facilitators, spend countless hours working to ensure wonderful experiences for our members. We can't thank them or praise them enough to express our gratitude for their efforts.

Here's to another memorable and successful year of learning and enjoying the wonders our communities have to offer – all in good health for us all.

*Joyce Steinberg and Stephanie Klopfer*  
Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

## About Brandeis University



Brandeis was established in 1948 by the American Jewish community at a time when Jews and other ethnic and racial minorities as well as women, faced discrimination in higher education. Its visionary founders created a nonsectarian research university that welcomed talented faculty and students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

From the outset, Brandeis focused on undergraduate education, while building a pioneering research enterprise. It is one of the youngest private research universities as well as one of the pre-eminent liberal arts universities in the country. It was granted a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter just 13 years after its founding, a distinction earned by fewer than 10% of U.S. colleges and universities.

As a medium-sized private research university with global reach, it is dedicated to first-rate education while making groundbreaking discoveries. Brandeis counts among its faculty and alumni a Nobel Laureate, MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" recipients, Pulitzer Prize winners and a number of Emmy Award-winning actors, broadcasters and producers. Brandeis University stresses an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge and the solution to real life problems. The campus community remains devoted to the concept of social justice, a legacy inherited from the namesake of the university, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

### BNC Mission Statement

Founded in 1948, Brandeis National Committee (BNC) is an organization committed to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. The membership is connected to the University through fundraising and activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism and service to the community.



## Study Group Vice Presidents' Welcome

Dear BNC Phoenix Members,

Welcome to the 2024 - 25 Study Group Guide. This year we have more than 100 groups spanning a wide range of interests. Many of last year's favorites have returned, and a variety of new groups were added.

Now that you have renewed your [membership](#) and reported any updates to your contact information, please read the registration instructions starting on the next page of this Study Group Guide carefully. The format of the registration system has changed to make the registration process easier.

You will receive an eblast with registration information in late August. Keep in mind that while some groups fill up quickly, there are similar options available. With so many groups offered this season, you will have multiple choices and decisions to make. If you're a snowbird, please plan to register as soon as possible and not wait until you're back in Arizona.

We hope you will take advantage of all that our BNC Phoenix Chapter has to offer for this season. Also, we would love to have you share the Study Group Guide with your friends who are not yet members and invite them to [join BNC Phoenix](#).

*Carol Kadet, Harriet Schwartz and Barbara Stern*

Study Group Vice Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

If you have questions, contact us at  
[phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com) or 602-730-1222

## The Study Group Guide

The Study Group Guide has undergone an update! An important feature of the new format is that it can easily be updated and remain current throughout the year. **To navigate from page to page of this Study Guide, see the instructions on [page 1](#).**

### Registration

**New Registration system!** While the screens look different than previous years, the new system is easy to use. As in the Study Group Guide, the groups are listed alphabetically by day of the week plus those on various days.

**Time Limit.** There is a time limit to the checkout process. You will need to be prepared with your list of groups, the associated group numbers, and your credit card, **before** you start registering.

**Waitlist.** Once a group is full, the 'register' button changes to a 'waitlist' button. Click it if you want to be added to the waitlist. Fill out your name, etc. and SUBMIT. Then continue registering for other groups.

**Pairs Groups.** We have several study groups where two people can participate as a pair for a \$40 registration fee. One of the pair must register and pay for both individuals. Both parties need to be Chapter members.

**Number of Groups.** During the first week that registration is open for all chapter members, you will be allowed to register for **up to five (5) groups**. This is so that more members will have an opportunity to join groups. You may register for additional groups during the second week of registration or any time after that. You will receive an eblast reminder about this.

**Follow the online instructions  
starting on the [next page](#).**

# Register for Study Groups

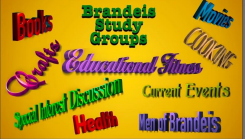
Before you begin, please read these Step-by-step instructions

Watch for the eblast alerting you to when Registration is open and the link is active.

If you do not get the eblast on September 4, go to the [BNC Phoenix website](#) and click on the Registration link.

## **BEFORE** You Register:

1. Read the descriptions in this Study Group Guide starting on [page 11](#). Groups are listed in alphabetical order by day of the week and then those on various days.
2. **Write down the Study Group names and associated numbers of your choices.** Only the name and number will be listed in the online registration system.
3. Have your **credit card ready** to use for checkout.
4. Click on the **Registration** link in your email **or** the link on the [BNC Phoenix website](#).



July 1, 2024/12:00 AM - May 31, 2025/11:59 EDT

## BNC Phoenix Chapter Study Groups 2024 -2025

The Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter offers a wide variety of study groups for the benefit of our members. We have something for everyone: book lovers, art lovers, movie lovers, foodies, hikers, crafters - just to name a few.

### Ticket Options

Ticket	Description	Price	Max Per Registrant
1. CANASTA KINGS	Every Monday (October-April); Facilitators: Bruce Lefco, Jeff Lerner, Marvin Mondlick; Maximum 30; Fee \$70 (includes facilities fee)	\$70.00	1
2. GARDEN PAVERS CLASS *NEW*	Facilitator: Debbie Gordon; Maximum: 12 Fee: \$20	\$20.00	1

This is the first screen you will see when you link to the Registration system.

**Note:** on this screen the word **Ticket = Study Group**

You may SKIP this section. It duplicates some of the information in the Study Group Guide.

**Scroll past this section** and you will see the screen at the top left on the [next page](#)

## Register for Study Groups (continued)

4. HOOKED ON BOOKS	First Mondays (November-May) Facilitators: Ruth Lerner, Hannah Meyerson, Linda Ulman; Maximum 22 Fee: \$20	\$20	1
5. LADIES HIGH TEA *NEW*	Facilitators: Jan Lebovitz, Linda Ulman, Iris Wigal, Maximum 12; Fee \$20	\$20	1

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1. CANASTA KINGS - \$70.00	2. GARDEN PAVERS - *NEW* - \$20.00
<a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">Register</a>
3. HAVE YOU READ ANYTHING GOOD LATELY - \$20.00	4. HOOKED ON BOOKS - \$20.00
<a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">Register</a>
5. LADIES HIGH TEA *NEW* - \$20.00	6. MEN'S CANASTA LESSONS - \$35.00
<a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">Join Waitlist</a>

Scroll down until you see the **Register** buttons.

Each Study Group is listed with the number and name corresponding to the Study Group Guide and has a **Register** button beneath it.

The registration fee for most Study Groups is \$20. Pairs Groups are \$40 (for two participants). For several groups, a facilities fee is included in the registration fee.

If the group has reached its maximum number, you will see a **Join Waitlist** button instead of the **Register** button. Click the button and follow the prompts. A pop-up box will appear, letting you know that you have been waitlisted.

49. WOMEN OF INFLUENCE - \$20.00	50. ARMCHAIR TRAVELER BOOK CLUB - \$20.00
<a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">Register</a>
51. A BISSEL AND A NOSH - \$20	52. BOOK BROTHERS - \$20.00
<a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">Register</a>
53. BRIDGING IT - \$20.00	Promo Code
<a href="#">Register</a>	<input type="text"/>
	<a href="#">Apply Promo Code</a>
First Name	Last Name
<input type="text" value="Lucy"/>	<input type="text" value="Blue"/>
Email	Name Tag
<input type="text" value="LucyBlue@aussiecute.com"/>	<input type="text" value="Lucy Blue"/>

To prevent adding multiple tickets for your event selections, do not click the Continue button more than once.

[Continue](#)

After you have selected your Study Groups, **SCROLL** to this section.

A Promo Code is provided to facilitators only if they facilitate multiple groups. If you facilitate multiple groups, enter the code you received via email and click on **Apply Promo Code**. If you are NOT facilitating multiple groups, skip this field.

Fill in your name and contact information, then click **Continue**. The next screen will take you to a list of your groups and then to the Shopping Cart.

## Register for Study Groups (continued)

**Complete Your Registration** Time to Expiration: 00:14:07  
Review your registration details, then hit "Submit" to confirm

**Payment Information**

**Pay With Credit Card**

Credit Card

Expiration Date

CVC

CVC

Enter your credit card information then click on **Submit Payment**.

Note: You will have a total of 15 minutes to complete this process.

If you registered successfully, you will receive a system-generated email from BNC with your registration information. **SAVE THIS EMAIL electronically. You will need it to modify and add additional Study Groups.**

If you are Waitlisted and a space opens, you will be notified by email. You have 24 hours to respond to the email and register. If you do not respond the space will go to the next name on the waitlist.

Group facilitators will send you a Welcome email once they receive a list of registrants. This may not come for several weeks. Please be patient.

[Printable 2024 - 2025 Registration Instructions](#)

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## Alphabetical Listing of Study Groups

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Note: The study group number is in parentheses.

[Cycleholics](#) \*NEW\* (90)  
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## Groups by Days of the Week

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### Monday

**AZ Energy: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow**

**Canasta Kings**

**Garden Paver Class** \*NEW\*

**Have You Read Anything Good Lately?**

**Hooked on Books**

**Kaffeeklatsche** \*NEW\*

**Ladies' Breakfast Club** \*NEW\*

**Ladies' High Tea** \*NEW\*

**Men's Canasta Lessons**

**Monday Mystery Ladies**

**Mosaic Art**

**Rummikub** \*NEW\*

**Taco Mondays** \*NEW\*

**Writing Your Stories**



### Tuesday

**Beginning Cake Decorating/Treat Decorating**

**Brandeis Listener's Podcast Club** \*NEW\*

**Camelview, Shea 14 - Movie and Discussion**

**Canasta Mavens**

**Current Events**

**The Elections of 2024** \*NEW\*

**Far North Canasta for Pairs 1 - Fall**

**Far North Canasta for Pairs 2 - Winter/Spring**

### Tuesday (cont.)

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**

\*NEW DAY\*

**Iconic Scottsdale Dining**

**Intermediate Mah Jongg**

**Investing 101**

**Le Cinéma Français**

**Pizza, Pizza**

**Rock 'N Roll Is Here To Stay**

**Simply Scrabble**

**Singles Supper Club**

**Theater Lovers' Happy Hour**

**Through the Looking Glass** \*NEW\*



### Wednesday

**Adventures in Asian Dining**

**Back in Time With Historical Fiction**

**Brandeis Bowling Just for Fun**

**Canasta Plus: Our Game or Yours** \*NEW\*

**Contemporary Fiction Book Group**

**Delicious Dramas and Dinners**

**Drawing for Beginners** \*NEW\*

**Ethnic Eats** \*NEW\*

**Foreign Film Zoomies**

**If Walls Could Talk** \*NEW\*

### Wednesday (cont.)

**Incredible Israeli Films** \*NEW\*

**Just Desserts**

**Knit a Mitzvah**

**Men of Brandeis (MOB)**

**Neighborhood Walks - One**

**Nonfiction Book Group**

**On and Off the Path of Jewish Orthodoxy** \*NEW\*

**Plant-Based Cooking**

**Short Stories and Lite Bites** \*NEW\*

**Women of Influence**



### Thursday

**Armchair Travelers Book Club** \*NEW DAY\*

**A Bissel Yiddish and a Nosh**

**Bead It! #2 Beaded Stretch Bracelets** \*NEW\*

**Book Brothers**

**Bridging It**

**Bring Out the Creativity Within** \*NEW\*

**Canasta for Beginners**

**Contemporary Issues**

**Contemporary Reads**

**Dine on the Town**

**Fused Glass Beginners Level 1**

**Fused Glass Level 2**

## Groups by Days of the Week (continued)

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### Thursday (cont.)

Intermediate Hiking Club  
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Jewish Book Group  
Leisure Hiking  
Let's Do Arizona/Phoenix Hikes  
Minutes to Meals  
Neighborhood Haunts  
New Yorker Short Story Discussion Group  
Poetry Study Group  
Study With the Best: Potpourri of Classic Movies  
Tai Chi - Beginning and Continuing  
Third Thursday AM Book Group  
Thursday Night Dinner Date \*NEW\*



### Friday

Aging is Not For Sissies  
Bead It! Beaded Stretch Bracelets \*NEW\*  
The Ethicist  
Explore the World of Interior Design  
First Friday Book Group  
Gallery Crawl \*NEW\*  
Italian Friday \*NEW\*  
Jewish Mindful Meditation \*NEW\*  
Neighborhood Walks - Two  
Pinochle for All - Morning  
Pinochle for All - Afternoon \*NEW\*  
Restless Minds for Men Discussion  
and Lunch  
Second Friday Films  
Studio Art and Bistro Lunch \*NEW\*



### Saturday

Crafting Trio for Art and Fun \*NEW\*  
International Red Wine Connoisseurs  
Neighborhood Walks - Three  
Wine Not!



### Sunday

Cycleholics \*NEW\*  
Restless Minds Discussion Group  
Sizzling Sundays: Movie, Dinner  
and Discussion



### Various Days

Arizona History and Lore \*NEW\*  
Boomers  
Burger Bites \*NEW\*  
Create Art in a Fun Afternoon  
Exploring the Valley's Treasures  
If Walls Could Talk \*NEW\*  
Mah Jongg Boot Camp for Beginners \*NEW\*  
Mitzvah Mavens  
Movers and Shakers  
People Who Repair the World  
Shopping Off the Beaten Track \*NEW\*

The following pages contain detailed descriptions  
for all of the 2024 - 2025 BNC Phoenix Study Groups

We look forward to another successful  
Study Group Season

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# Monday Study Groups



## 1. CANASTA KINGS

Join us every Monday for canasta play at Congregation Beth Israel in Scottsdale. To ensure competitive games, Canasta Kings will feature two player groups: seasoned veterans, defined as players with at least three years of regular play experience, and newer players with less than three years of experience. **Our inaugural game is October 28.** The games promise plenty of action. A facility fee covers venue costs and supplies. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious newcomer, join us for a fantastic canasta experience! Maximum 50

**Fee: \$70 (\$20 + \$50 facility fee)**

**Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm (October – May, excluding Holidays)**

Facilitators:

Bruce Lefco	bruce.lefco@gmail.com	414-235-0969
Jeff Lerner	jrlerner2@cox.net	480-710-6187
Marvin Mondlick	marvin@mondlick.com	315-289-7489

## 2. GARDEN PAVER CLASS \*NEW\*

Come get messy and have fun as we create a garden paver for your yard. Each participant will receive a 12" x 12" concrete paver to design and create a masterpiece! A \$20 materials fee will be collected at the first meeting and all materials will be provided. **Our first session is October 14.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + \$20 materials**

**Mondays, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon (October 14, 21, 28)**



Facilitator:

Debbie Gordon	mrsg395@gmail.com	602-478-1555
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## 3. HAVE YOU READ ANYTHING GOOD LATELY?

This book club will take a different approach by asking participants to share something they read and liked (book, story or article) with the others in the group. Everyone will, therefore, come to each meeting with something to discuss. A short summary and a recommendation for the other readers in the group is also requested. No restrictions on fiction, nonfiction, etc. but please leave partisan politics at home. We will meet in people's homes. **Our first lively discussion is Monday, October 21.** Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Joyce Steinberg	joyces12003@gmail.com	602-538-2561
Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106

## 4. HOOKED ON BOOKS

If you like to read, this group is for you! We will be reading current fiction books that we hope you all will love! Books will be selected by the group and each discussion will be led by a member or members. The book selected for our first meeting will be included in your welcome email to our book group. We will meet in person. **The first meeting is November 4.** Minimum 10, Maximum 22

**Fee: \$20**

**First Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (November - May)**



Facilitators:

Ruth Lerner	ruth.bncphx@gmail.com	480-223-8831
Hannah Meyerson	hannahm1016@gmail.com	520-403-1034
Becky Morris	beckym23@att.net	847-867-2286
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972

## Monday Study Groups (cont.)



### 104. KAFFEEKLATSCH \*NEW\*

Kaffeeklatsch at Brandeis Phoenix – a unique social group of women laughing! Did you know that one of the best predictors of emotional and physical health is a strong social network? This group is for women who wish to engage in relaxed conversations that foster real connection. We'll meet for coffee at various locations around town. An RSVP to the facilitator is required each week. Confirmed attendees will be notified of the location. **The first meeting is on Monday, December 9.** A waitlist will be maintained. Maximum 12  
**Fee: \$20**

**Second Mondays, 10:30 am - noon (December - March)**

Facilitators:

Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804
Gail Tenn	gdtenn@hotmail.com	818-216-1129



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### 105. THE LADIES' BREAKFAST CLUB \*NEW\*

Breakfast clubs seem to bring people together in unexpected ways! Join us to meet like-minded fun females who share your interests! We'll meet for breakfast, share stories, and enjoy good food at various locations around town. **The first meeting will be on October 21.** A waitlist will be maintained. Maximum 12  
**Fee: \$20**

**Third Mondays, 10:00 am – 11:30 am (October 21, December 16, March 17, May 19)**

Facilitators:

Wendy Cohen	wesc1949@yahoo.com	602-316-2993
Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804



### 5. LADIES' HIGH TEA \*NEW\*

Join us for four beautiful high tea afternoons, enjoying relaxing conversation in a small group atmosphere. Participants will be asked to provide a high tea food dish large enough to share with the group. (examples: scones, finger sandwiches, mini-desserts) The first three meetings will be in the facilitators' homes. The last one will be in a restaurant. **The first tea is November 11.** Maximum 12  
**Fee: \$20 + food and beverage**

**Mondays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, (November 11, December 16, January 13, April 10)**

Facilitators:

Jan Lebovitz	janice.lebovitz@gmail.com	847-772-2922
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972
Iris Wigal	wiggley@cox.net	602-980-5436

## Monday Study Groups (cont.)



### 6. MEN'S CANASTA LESSONS

This group is offered as a series of three consecutive canasta lessons. You will learn how to play and some of the strategies involved. It is important to attend all four lessons as each will cover a different fundamental element of the game. Location details will be emailed to participants. **The first session is October 7.**

Minimum 8, Maximum 16

**Fee: \$35 (\$20 + \$15 facility fee)**

**Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30pm (October)**

Facilitators:

Bruce Lefco                    bruce.lefco@gmail.com    414-234-0969

Marvin Mondlick            marvin@mondlick.com    315-289-7489

Robert Ullman                ubert888@gmail.com      520-977-0595

### 7. MONDAY MYSTERY LADIES

This book group will analyze mysteries written from the year 2000 to the present. We will meet monthly for lunch and a discussion.

Location details will be emailed to participants. October's book selection is *The Year of the Locust* by Terry Hayes. **The first meeting is Monday, October 7.** Maximum 16

**Fee: \$20**

**First Mondays, 12:00 pm (October - May)**

Facilitator:

Irene Mieszcanski            miesirene@aol.com



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### 8. MOSAIC ART

Join us as we learn the art of mosaic tiling. This group consists of three sessions where you will learn how to use a variety of materials to create your own mosaic piece of art. Each participant has the option to make a flowerpot or a 12" x 12" tile to create a picture or abstract work. A materials fee will be collected at the first meeting, and all materials will be provided. We will be working outside, and location will be sent to participants. **The first session is January 27.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + \$20 materials fee**

**Mondays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (January 27, February 3, February 10)**

Facilitator:

Debbie Gordon                mrsrg395@gmail.com      602-478-1555

### 9. RUMMIKUB \*NEW\*

Rummikub is a fun, tile-based game for 2-4 players. It combines the elements of the card game rummy with tiles similar to mah jongg. Rummikub is easy to learn, fun to play and challenges your mind as players can move and reuse the tiles that have already been placed on the table. Ideally participants will know how to play or at least be familiar with the game. During the first session, we will teach new players the rules of the game and establish "house rules." We encourage people to bring their own set of the Rummikub game to ensure we have enough game boards. **The first meeting is October 14.** Maximum 16 (4 tables)

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Mondays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Renee Karson                    reneekarson@gmail.com    303-257-0666

Ann Spector                      abnaz1@cox.net              602-653-5001





## Monday Study Groups (cont.)

### 10. TACO MONDAYS

Have fun exploring taquerias around the valley while enjoying great company for lunch. We will let you know in advance if a restaurant requires cash only. Hope you can join us! **The first lunch is**

**November 4.** Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**First Mondays, 11:30 am subject to availability  
(November 4, January 6, February 3)**



Facilitators:

Patti Grossman	psgrossman717@gmail.com	602-885-0158
Terriann Kleiner	tkleiner@gmail.com	314-761-3132

### 11. WRITING YOUR STORIES

Every person has stories to write, life experiences to share, or new ones to create. With writing prompts and discussion in a non-judgmental group atmosphere, you are encouraged to find your words and put them on paper, tablet, or laptop. We will be focusing on various forms of creative nonfiction, including personal essays, memoirs, nature, travel, city, food, and journal writing. Please be prepared to write and share a 1-to-2-page essay for each session. Both new and experienced writers are welcome. Location to be determined. **Our first meeting is Monday, January 13.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20**

**Second and Fourth Mondays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (January – May)**

Facilitator:

Judy Mosbacher	judeinphx@gmail.com	602-228-4138
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### 106. AZ ENERGY: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW \*NEW\*

Engage in stimulating conversations around how our state, one of the fastest growing in the nation, is addressing its energy requirements as we face the challenges of exponential growth, coupled with global warming. Initially we will review how Arizona met its energy challenges historically. From that foundation, we'll focus on where we are today and explore how we can address our energy future.

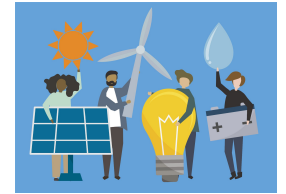
Materials will be provided before each session. We anticipate lively conversations with lots of member participation. **Our first session is January 13.** The location will be provided after registration. Members will have the opportunity to host. Maximum 18

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Mondays, 10:00am (January - April)**

Facilitators:

Janis Lipman	janislipman@gmail.com	203-216-2177
Greg Altschuh	gregshoe7@gmail.com	203-247-7732



## REMINDER

**WRITE DOWN** the study group Name and its Number *BEFORE* you register.

**Only** the group name and number appear on the registration form.



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### 12. BEGINNING CAKE/TREAT DECORATING

Looking to have your cakes resemble the ones you see on TV? In this in-person study group, you will learn the basics of how to use piping tips, fondant and different icings to make your treats look beautiful. A small materials fee will be collected at the first session. Location will be provided after registration. **The first meeting is January 14.**

Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + \$9 materials**

**Second Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (January - April)**



Facilitators:

Marilyn Reinfeld	mkr1227@cox.net	480-620-5601
Joyce Steinberg	joyces12003@gmail.com	602-538-2561

### 13. BRANDEIS LISTENER'S PODCAST CLUB \*NEW\*

Podcast clubs are like book clubs except you "listen" to different perspectives on a common topic. If you want to think out of the box by listening to diverse human-interest podcasts on a topic and then discuss your reactions with others, come join us. Topics will vary from Jewish-oriented to contemporary people issues. This is not a political discussion group. The group will pick a topic, and the facilitator will find 3 or 4 podcasts totaling about 4 hours for the group to listen to. You can easily find time while driving, walking or just relaxing to listen to these. We will meet at a local restaurant for brunch for the discussion.

**Our first discussion is on December 24.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20**

**Fourth Tuesdays, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (December - May)**



Facilitator

Marty Rosenstein	behappybike@gmail.com	651-338-6644
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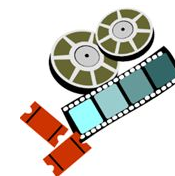
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### 14. CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 - MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month at your convenience. Movies will be chosen from *Netflix*, *Amazon Prime*, *HBO*, or potentially what is playing at the local movie theater and will then be discussed online. Occasionally a streaming movie may be chosen that will incur a small charge. Meeting notices will be emailed to participants with the name of the movie and where to view it. **Our first discussion is via Zoom on October 15.** No Maximum

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Tuesdays, 10:00 am (October - April)**



Facilitators:

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
Harriet Schwartz	harriet0715@gmail.com	602-738-0801

### 15. CANASTA MAVENS

Canasta Mavens is for experienced (intermediate/advanced) canasta players who are looking for a congenial, fun game. You need an understanding of general rules, splashes, and nuances. There is a one-time \$50 facility fee per player which is paid with your registration. Location is Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) at 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Shea. Detailed information will be emailed to participants, along with our canasta game rules, prior to the start date. **The first game is Tuesday, October 8.** Maximum 60

**Fee: \$70 (\$20 + \$50 facility fee)**

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Anne Mondlick	anne@mondlick.com	315-289-7499
Carol Kadet	carolkadet@gmail.com	415-828-1299
Becky Morris	beckym23@att.net	847-867-9550
Judy Rosen	judy.rosen915@gmail.com	314-973-1948

## Tuesday Study Groups (cont.)

Your \$40 pairs group registration for #17 and #18 is for TWO people

### 16. CURRENT EVENTS

Join our lively conversations as we explore current events that shape the world in which we live. Topics will be chosen by the members. Active participation and some research are the key to great discussions. **The first meeting is via Zoom on October 1.** In the future we may hold meetings in members' homes with an optional lunch to follow. Maximum 35

**Fee: \$20**

**First Tuesdays, 10:00 am (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815

Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792

Bonnie Furst jjsgrandma32@gmail.com 561-704-3276



## Welcome Back Event!



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Aunt Chilada's**

**Phoenix**

For more information, see [www.brandeisphoenix.org](http://www.brandeisphoenix.org)

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### 17. FAR NORTH CANASTA FOR PAIRS 1 - FALL \*NEW\*

*This is a pairs group, and you must sign up with a partner.* It is only for experienced, advanced canasta players who play special hands, can keep score and understand nuance. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a beginner or intermediate section. We will meet at *Terravita* (just south of the corner of Carefree Hwy. and Scottsdale Rd). Dinner will be at 5:00 pm and cards from 6:15 - 8:30 pm. Players who choose not to eat with the group will be charged a facility fee. A waitlist will be maintained and used to fill tables when needed. If you don't get in, please sign up on the waitlist so you can play when others cannot! **Our first meeting is Tuesday, October 8.** PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO PLAY ALL YEAR, YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR BOTH PAIRS-FALL AND PAIRS-WINTER/SPRING. Maximum 8 pairs

**Fee: \$40 per pair + \$5.00 facility fee if not having dinner**

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:30 pm (October - December)**

Facilitators:

David Applebaum

Mickie Applebaum mapplebaum@aol.com 847-309-7081

Bonnie Clewans



### 18. FAR NORTH CANASTA FOR PAIRS 2 - WINTER/SPRING \*NEW\*

This group is a continuation of Far North Canasta for Pairs 1 - Fall session above. Please make sure to read the description.

**Our first game for the Winter/Spring group is January 14, 2025.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO PLAY ALL YEAR, YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR BOTH PAIRS-FALL AND PAIRS-WINTER/SPRING.

Maximum 8 pairs

**Fee: \$40 per pair + \$5.00 facility fee if not having dinner**

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:30 pm (January - May)**

Facilitators:

David Applebaum

Mickie Applebaum mapplebaum@aol.com 847-309-7081

Bonnie Clewans

## Tuesday Study Groups (cont.)



### 19. GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP \*NEW DAY\*

Join us for discussions based on topics in the *Foreign Policy Association (FPA) Great Decisions, 2025 Edition* briefing book. The FPA series is America's largest discussion program on world affairs and critical global issues facing the U.S. today. Participants will be required to purchase either the print or the digital version of the *Great Decisions 2025* briefing book. The facilitators will notify group members when pricing and ordering information becomes available. The associated videos will be made available to the group. We plan to meet in person. Members will be expected to read the selected chapters and volunteer to lead discussions and host meetings. The facilitators will select the topic for the first meeting. For each of the following three meetings, group members will select the topic from among those in the materials. **The first meeting is Tuesday, January 28.** Maximum 18

**Fee \$20 + materials**

**Fourth Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (January – April)**

Facilitators:

Denis Duran	dbdlasenda@gmail.com	203-524-0054
Georgia Heller	georgiaheller@gmail.com	203-524-0053
Bob Kirschenbaum	bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com	602-614-5212

### 20. ICONIC SCOTTSDALE DINING

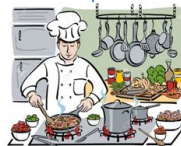
Join us for lunch and conversation in scenic Scottsdale and Paradise Valley resort hotels and iconic restaurant patios. Expect moderately priced, high-quality food, luxurious venues, and patio dining with exquisite scenery. A timely RSVP in advance to the facilitator is required for each session. **The first get-together is October 8.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + lunch**

**Various Tuesdays, 1:00 pm, (October 8, November 5, December 3, January 14, February 11, March 11, April and May TBA)**

Facilitators:

Andrew Tievsky	atievsky@yahoo.com	214-477-5762
Ellen Baumler	ewcustoms@yahoo.com	602-706-5855



### 21. INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG

This weekly group is intended for intermediate/experienced players with a thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. We will be playing at *Sanctuary at Desert Ridge* clubhouse, 22995 East 46th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85050. The gate code will be provided after people register. **Our first meeting is October 15.** Minimum 4, Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:30 pm (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Sharon Agopian	agopsh@agopian.us	216-849-5771
Eileen Nelson	enelson3@aol.com	631-379-7333

### 22. INVESTING 101

Join us for a 1½ to 2-hour workshop to learn the basic concepts of investing relating to equity and fixed income markets led by an MBA graduate from Columbia University. Some of the topics to be covered include CD's, what is a stock, what is a bond, mutual funds, ETF's, risk and volatility, and market timing, among others. Time will be allotted for questions and answers. We will meet at a North Scottsdale location to be provided by the facilitator. **Our first meeting date is October 8.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Tuesdays, 11:00 am (October 8, December 10, February 11)**

Facilitator:

Alex Morrow	texalope@gmail.com	610-248-2366
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### 23. LE CINÉMA FRANÇAIS

If you love film, foreign films, and particularly French Films, join us for three sessions of viewing a French film from *Amazon Prime*, *Netflix* or other streaming networks, followed a by a discussion. We will meet on Zoom. Sufficient notice will be given if any changes are necessary. **Our first meeting date is November 12.** Maximum 10

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (November 12,  
December 10, January 14)**

Facilitator:

Jeri Benoit

paristulips@mac.com

480-353-0124

### 24. PIZZA PIZZA

Join us as we enjoy a variety of noteworthy pizza (Neapolitan, Sicilian, Deep Dish, etc.) around town. Most restaurants will offer food other than pizza for those who prefer. Please note: some restaurants may require cash. **Our first lunch is Tuesday, January 28.** Maximum 30

**Fee: \$20 + food**

**Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am (January - March)**

Facilitators:

Ellen Kirschenbaum

ellenk102@gmail.com

602-214-5212

Michelle Fischler

michellyules@gmail.com

602-380-1559

Beth Messer

bethmae721@gmail.com

516-857-2551



### 25. ROCK 'N ROLL IS HERE TO STAY

This in-person group is for men and women of all ages who love rock 'n roll and rock 'n roll trivia. No in-depth knowledge is required, just a sense of enjoyment and fun in sharing the songs. We'll include music from the fifties through the eighties, and some from later decades as well. There will also be activities - including trivia questions ranging from easy to difficult - class discussions, and perhaps some singing and dancing. We'd love to hear what music has meant to you in your life. Plus, you'll learn some fascinating stories about rock 'n roll history. Location details will be emailed to participants. Come join us and rock on! **The first meeting is**

**January 7.** Maximum 40

**Fee: \$20**

**First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 pm (January - April)**

Facilitator:

Jeffrey Glassman

jeffg47@sbcglobal.net

847-212-1699



### 26. SIMPLY SCRABBLE

Playing Scrabble changes the way you use your brain. This is an opportunity to enhance your skills, challenge your brain and have fun. All levels are welcome. We will meet at Starbucks, located inside the Safeway store at 4747 E. Greenway in Phoenix. Members may be asked to bring a Scrabble set. **The first meeting is October 8.**

Minimum 8, Maximum 16

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:30 pm (October-April)**

Facilitator:

Marcia Langer

marciala@msn.com

914-943-7804



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### 27. SINGLES SUPPER CLUB

Spend fun evenings with unattached BNC members dining at four gourmet restaurants across Phoenix and Scottsdale. Expect to spend a minimum of \$50 per meal. Locations and times will be provided after RSVP. **The first dinner is November 12.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + dinner**

**Tuesdays, 6:00 pm (November 12, January 14, February 11, March 11)**

Facilitators:

Nancy Sacks	nhshobo@aol.com	480-299-1792
Gloria Sappol	gloriasemail@aol.com	480-213-0222
Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291
Iris Wigal	wiggley@cox.net	602-980-5436

### 28. THEATER LOVERS HAPPY HOUR

BNC theater mavens have a lively discussion of a variety of theater topics at our Zoom meetings. Our repertoire includes streamed plays from the *National Theatre* in London, *Disney*, and other online sources, local productions by the *ATC* and *Phoenix Theater Company*, guest lectures from theater professionals, and documentaries on *YouTube*. Members should anticipate a nominal viewing charge or inexpensive cancelable monthly subscription. The group meets via Zoom on various (1st or 2nd) Tuesdays for a discussion of the monthly viewing selection and theater talk. There will be one live happy hour meeting. **The first meeting date is December 10.** No maximum

**Fee: \$20 + viewing fees**

**Various Tuesdays, 4:00 pm (December 10, January 7, February 4, March 4, additional dates TBD)**



Facilitator:

Andrew Tievsky	atievsky@yahoo.com	214-477-5762
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### 29. THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS \*NEW\*

*A PERSPECTIVE ON GLASS COLLECTING*

Join us to view special private glass collections and other collectibles in local homes. We will meet three times during the year. A waitlist will be maintained. **The first meeting date is December 10.** Maximum 20  
**Fee: \$20**

**Various Tuesdays, 1:15 pm (December 10, January 14, March 25)**

Facilitators:

Gail Tenn	gdtenn@hotmail.com	818-216-1129
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972
Anne Mondlick	anne@mondlick.com	315-289-7499



### 103. THE ELECTIONS OF 2024 \*NEW\*

In this study group, we will discuss the 2024 elections, focusing on the presidential and congressional elections. As appropriate, Mark will provide background information, given his career as a university professor studying U.S. elections. **The first meeting is October 1.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**Tuesdays weekly, 6:30 - 8:00pm (October 1 - November 26)**

Facilitator:

Mark Stern	mstern@shepherd.edu	540-664-0480
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## Wednesday Study Groups



### 30. ADVENTURES IN ASIAN DINING

Join in as we explore diverse types of Asian cuisine. We will be visiting four Asian restaurants for a scrumptious lunch. The place, time and details will be emailed to participants prior to each meeting. **Our first lunch is Wednesday, December 4.** Maximum 24  
**Fee: \$20 + meal**

**First Wednesdays, 12:30 pm (December 4, March 5, April 2, May 7)**

Facilitators:

Janice Lebovitz	janice.lebovitz@gmail.com	847-772-2922
Ruth Lerner	ruth.bncphx@gmail.com	480-223-8831
Wendy Cohen	wesc1949@yahoo.com	602-316-2993

### 31. BACK IN TIME WITH HISTORICAL FICTION \*NEW\*

Let's go back in time with the Historical Fiction Book Club! We welcome you to join us as we read outstanding books about the past, starting with *Dissolution* by CJ. Sansom. We will ask group members for book suggestions, limit of 300 pages, for our future reads. **Our first meeting is October 23** and will be on Zoom for the benefit of our snowbirds. Maximum 16  
**Fee: \$20**



**Fourth Wednesday, 10:00 am (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Judy Krockey	bobjudyz@aol.com	815-735-6866
Andi Freed	readerpainter@gmail.com	480-951-6572
Lois Siegel	lois.segal@cox.net	480-206-5428

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### 32. BRANDEIS BOWLING JUST FOR FUN

Join us for a monthly bowling activity open to all chapter members – have fun and make new friends! All levels of bowlers are welcome. There will be a bowler fee, plus shoe rental, if needed, each month. Each session includes 2 games per bowler. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258. You must RSVP each month to the facilitators to assure a spot. A waitlist will be maintained. **Our first meeting is October 23.** Minimum 16, Maximum 40  
**Fee: \$20 + \$10 monthly bowling fee + shoe rental**



**Fourth Wednesdays, 1:00 pm (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Michael Horn	hornmd@comcast.net	847-226-6548
Debby Horn	deb.e.horn@gmail.com	847-226-8580

### 33. CANASTA PLUS: OUR GAME OR YOURS \*NEW\*

This group is for experienced canasta players looking for a game **OR**, as a space for you and your friends to meet and play a game of your choice, including canasta. If you want Wednesday afternoon canasta, this is your group. If you want to come to play as a foursome, any game, but need a space to play, you have this option. NOTE: all players must register for the study group. After you enroll, facilitators will ask if you are playing in the study group canasta game or you are playing with your own group. The room rental/facility fee is added to all registrations, no other fee will be collected. Detailed information and location address will be emailed to participants, along with group canasta game rules, prior to our start date. **The first game is Wednesday, October 16.** Minimum 30, Maximum 50  
**Fee: \$55 (\$20 + \$35 facility fee)**



**Every Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October – March)**

Facilitators:

Lin Katzenstein	tknyne@gmail.com	602-600-7847
Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106



## Wednesday Study Groups (cont.)

### 34. CONTEMPORARY FICTION BOOK GROUP

This group reads current fiction. Participants are encouraged to suggest books and lead book discussions. **The first meeting is on November 13** via Zoom, but all other months we will meet in person. Facility fee TBD. Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Wednesdays, 10:00 am (November - April)**



Facilitators:

Susan Rollins	serollins52@gmail.com	480-563-0411
Cheri Rolnick	cheri747@gmail.com	612-210-6668

### 35. DELICIOUS DRAMAS AND DINNERS

This is an In-Person Film Dinner Discussion Group. A commonality across cultures is a love of good food enjoyed with friends and family. In this group we will individually view dramatic films that deal with cooking from different cultures – and meet over dinner for a discussion of the film, generally at an ethnic restaurant. Films are available from *Netflix*, *Amazon*, or *Kanopy* (public library system), and most films will have a minimal charge. Participants will receive an email in advance with the movie title, restaurant, and RSVP deadline. You will register for this group as a pair. **Our first meeting is October 30.** A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum 6 pairs, Maximum 9 pairs

**Fee: \$40 per pair + meal**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm (October 30, December 11, January 22, March 19)**



Facilitators:

Laurie & Bruce Herman	laurielherman@gmail.com	414-559-7009
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### 36. DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS \*NEW\*



Talent IS NOT required. Beethoven did not write his 5th symphony when he began! All participants will need is a 5" x 7" sketch book, #2 pencils, a ruler, and an artists' eraser. Meeting place to be announced. **The first session is October 9.** Maximum 10  
**Fee: \$20**

**Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am, (October - May)**

Facilitator:

Andi Freed	readerpainter@gmail.com	480-951-6572
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### 37. FOREIGN FILM ZOOMIES

Join us as we explore the world of foreign films. The selected films will be available on *Netflix*, and the discussions will be on Zoom. Please note that the films may have subtitles. We will provide the name of each film in advance so you can plan. **Our first meeting is December 11.** Minimum 5, Maximum 40  
**Fee: \$20**



**Second Wednesdays, 3:00 pm (December - April)**

Facilitators:

Ileen Herberg	iherberg@aol.com	602-460-0047
Joyce Steinberg	joyces12003@gmail.com	602-538-2561

Your \$40 pairs group registration is for TWO people

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### 107. ETHNIC EATS!! \*NEW\*

Ready for adventurous dining? Join us for Ethnic Eats - a NEW study group - for those daring to try some global delights! An opportunity to whet your appetite and be amongst new and old friends! Right here in the greater Phoenix area! **The first dinner is Wednesday, November 6.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**First Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (November 6, December 4, March 5, April 2)**

Facilitators:

Karen & Alan Stein	krstein628@gmail.com	678-429- 9722
Linda & Robert Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972



### 39. INCREDIBLE ISRAELI FILMS \*NEW\*

This an in-person Film Dinner Discussion Group. Over the past two decades, the Israeli film industry has grown tremendously. Their films are recognized for their quality, innovation, and willingness to tackle subjects of depth and complexity. This study group offers a taste of modern Israeli film, including viewing a new Israeli film at the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival in February. We will be sharing dinner in casual restaurants that can accommodate our group. Films will be available from various streaming services, and most will have a minimal charge. Participants will receive an email in advance with the movie title, restaurant, and RSVP deadline. **The first meeting is November 13.** A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum 6 pairs, Maximum 8 pairs

**Fee: \$40 per pair + film charge + meal**

**Various Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (November 13, January 8, February TBA, April 2 )**

Facilitators:

Bruce & Laurie Herman	laurielherman@gmail.com	414-559-7009
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### 40. JUST DESSERTS

Are you in the mood for something yummy and decadent? Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth! **Our first sugar high is Wednesday, November 6.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + dessert**

**First Wednesdays, 2:00 pm (November, December, March, April)**

Facilitators:

Sara Leopold	sara1225@gmail.com	480-359-5599
Gail Tenn	gdtenn@hotmail.com	818-216-1129
Iris Wigal	wiggley@cox.net	602-980-5436



### 41. KNIT A MITZVAH

If you knit or crochet and want to be a part of a wonderful group that makes scarves (donated to *Sojourner Center*), newborn baby caps and lap blankets (donated to *HonorHealth Medical Center*) and chemo caps (donated to *Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center*), then this is the group for you! We will meet at *Coffee Plantation* (7366 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale) one afternoon a month for knitting or crocheting, kibitzing and sharing ideas. It will be a stitch! **The first meeting is October 9.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Ronee Siegel	ronees@aol.com	917-273-0393
Joan Davis	davis6j@gmail.com	602-499-8357



Your \$40 pairs group registration is for TWO people

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### 42. MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

Men of Brandeis (MOB) is now in its 13th year. Programming begins in October with a guest speaker. Guest speakers are also scheduled in December, February and April. Many group members come at noon and have a nosh at the JCC's in-house eating establishment *Milk and Honey*. The guest speakers begin their talks at 1:00 pm. There is a facility fee. In November, January and March we will visit local places of interest in or around the Valley, followed by lunch. A schedule of speakers and tours will be sent out as available. Starting times may vary. **The first meeting is October 9** at the JCC on Scottsdale Road. No maximum

**Fee: \$20 + \$10 JCC facility fee**

**Second Wednesdays, 1:00 pm (October 9, December 11, February 12, April 9)**

**“Around the Valley” day and time may vary, dependent on venue (November, January, March)**

Facilitator:

Leith Baletin                      lbaletin@gmail.com                      480-874-9434

### 43. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - ONE

Join with other Brandeis members for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Valley's many unique neighborhoods. In some cases, a resident of the selected neighborhood may be able to lead us and some months may include historical information. You will be notified of each location by email a week prior, as well as whether there will be a pre-walk lunch. **The first walk is October 16**. Minimum 6, Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (October - April)**

Facilitator:

Marcy Strauss                      mss29@comcast.net                      612-710-6291



### 44. NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Join us to explore nonfiction over a wide range of topics: history, current affairs, biography and more! The October meeting will be via Zoom and the facilitators will notify participants about the book to be discussed at the October meeting. The books for the rest of the meetings will be selected by the group and each discussion will be led by a member or members. **The first meeting is October 23**. Minimum 10, Maximum 20  
**Fee: \$20**

**Fourth Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Georgia Heller                      georgiaheller@gmail.com                      203-524-0053  
Janis Lipman                      janislipman@gmail.com                      203-216-0177



### 45. ON AND OFF THE PATH OF ORTHODOXY \*NEW\*

Please join us for a thought-provoking and stimulating book group. Our books will be both fiction and nonfiction and focus around joining or leaving Orthodox Jewish communities. The first month we will read *On Division: A Novel* by Goldie Goldbloom. **Our 1st meeting is October 23**. Location will be provided via email to participants. Maximum 15  
**Fee: \$20**

**Fourth Wednesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (October – April)**



Facilitators:

Corinne Baskin                      corinneb210@comcast.net                      847-997-3300  
Hana Lange                      flslange@aol.com                      602-502-7091

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### 46. PLANT-BASED COOKING

It's fall in AZ and it's still too warm to cook. Join me in the kitchen as I whip up a few plant-based recipes such as a bean dish, a salad, a pasta dish or a veggie dish. One or two dishes will be prepared, then followed by a sit-down lunch. Come hungry and enjoy these plant-strong foods with new friends. The facilitator is a home-based cook with over 12 years' experience preparing plant-based dishes as well as a Registered Dietitian. There is a materials fee. The Scottsdale location and recipes will be emailed to the participants. **The first meeting is November 13.**

Maximum 16

**Fee: \$20 + \$20 per session materials fee**

**Wednesday or Thursday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Wednesday, November 13; Thursday, December 12; Wednesday, January 22; Thursday, March 13)**

Facilitator:

Lisa Lane                      lisajl480@gmail.com                      480-861-4196

### 47. SHORT STORIES AND LITE BITES \*NEW\*

Short stories will be shared each month with the group, then we'll meet for a Happy Hour at a local restaurant to discuss over HH fare. Stories will be from a mix of genres and authors that lend to lively dialogue. For example, one month may offer stories by Alice Munro, another month may feature a genre like mystery/suspense or a series of monologues. We'll meet at different locations each month. **The first get-together is October 16.** Maximum 20

Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm (October – May)**



Facilitators:

David Slivken                      booklover553@yahoo.com                      937-474-0502  
Alisa Spangler                      alisaspangler55@gmail.com                      937-287-2668

**48. TAI CHI is now on Thursday, [see page 30](#) for the description.**

### 49. WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

In this group participants will delve into the lives of influential women as chosen by the members of the group. These are women who have made a difference in the lives of others throughout history and throughout the world. Group members will be asked to take an active role in leading presentations. Please join us to celebrate exceptional women. The first meeting will be via Zoom. **Our first meeting is**

**December 4.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**First Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (November - April)**

Facilitators:

Myral Robbins                      myralrobbinsdo@aol.com                      248-514  
Izzy Goodman                      izzyg95@gmail.com                      847-951



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### 50. ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK CLUB \*NEW DAY\*

#### BOOKS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND LUNCH

In this fiction book group, we experience many cultures, historical events and foods that have not been part of the traditional American education. This broadens our experience from the perspective of authors worldwide. Books are recommended and chosen by the members of the group. The participants are expected to recommend books they have read, vote on them, facilitate or co-facilitate a book, or host. When possible, we will meet in members' homes. The first book is the best-seller *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrin. She is an awarding-winning French author of literary fiction. **The first meeting is**

**Thursday, October 24.** Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + optional restaurant lunch**

**Fourth Thursdays 10:00 a.m. (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Linda Burech                      lburech@mac.com                      480-794-1988

Nancy Sacks                      nhshobo@aol.com                      480-299-1792

### 109. BEAD IT! #2 - BEADED STRETCH BRACELETS \*NEW\*

Let's get together, meet new friends, and have some crafting occupational therapy! In just 90 minutes, we can get our minds off this crazy world and let our creative juices flow. The best part is that you will go home with a beautiful bracelet! The fee for materials is \$40 per session which includes material and instruction. **Our first session is February 6.** All sessions will be held at *Bead World*, Scottsdale.

Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + class fees**



**First Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (February – April)**

Facilitators:

Barb Gould                      fiveftbarbie@yahoo.com                      520-270-7785

Hannah Meyerson                      hannahm1016@gmail.com                      520-403-1034

Linda Ullman                      linda@lindaullman.com                      520-405-7972

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### 51. A BISSEL YIDDISH AND A NOSH

Make new friends schmoozing over a light lunch at a location to be announced. We'll share poetry, songs and fond memories of growing up in Yiddish-speaking homes. Speaking Yiddish is not required. **Our first nosh is January 9.** Minimum 6, Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + lunch**



**Second Thursdays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (January - March)**

Facilitators:

Marlene Harris	mrh1212@yahoo.com	847-433-0240
Sharon Messing	sharmess@optonline.net	718-930-4164

### 52. BOOK BROTHERS



Men read too! This book group will focus on history, biography, other interesting nonfiction topics and historical fiction, with an eye toward Jewish themes and/or authors. The group meets at *Congregation Or Tzion*, 16415 North 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Our first book will be *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larsen, a fascinating history of the period just prior to the start of the Civil War told through some of the key players. The reading list for the year will be distributed at the **first meeting, which is Thursday, October 10.** Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant for those interested. Maximum 40

**Fee: \$20 + One time facility fee: \$20**

**Second Thursdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Fred Schomer:	fredschoomer@gmail.com	480-209-3269
Michael Rosnick	rosnickm@cox.net	240-988-6675

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### 53. BRIDGING IT

This monthly group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players. We will be playing at a location to be announced to participants the week before our games. Our **first meeting is Thursday, November 7.** Optional Dutch Treat Lunch, 11:30 am. *As we need at least 4 participants to play, the facilitators will cancel if there is not a viable group attending. If you need to cancel within 24 hours of our game, you are responsible for finding a substitute and paying the guest fee.*

Minimum 6, Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + lunch**



**First Thursdays, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (November - May)**

Facilitators:

Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291
Nan Waldman	nanlarry46@gmail.com	602-410-5639

### 54. BRING OUT THE CREATIVITY WITHIN \*NEW\*



We will explore the use of different media to create three unique art projects. Each project can be completed within the allocated time frame. Let's get together, tap into our creative selves, and have some fun! Participants will need to bring: a small glue gun with refill glue sticks, a bottle of Elmer's or craft glue, and a pair of scissors. Location will be sent to registrants before our first session. **The first meeting is November 7.** There will also be a small supply fee to cover materials. Project 1 – Fabric Flowers, Nov 7; Project 2 – Canvas Art, Jan. 9; Project 3 - Picture Frames, Mar 6. Maximum 10

**Fee: \$20 + materials**

**Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (November 7, January 9, March 6)**

Facilitators:

Hannah Meyerson	hannahm1016@gmail.com	520-403-1034
Cindy Stone	butzycat@aol.com	972-689-4010



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### 55. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

Come join the fun and meet new friends as we learn the rules and variations of Modern American Canasta. You must commit to attending four classes. We will meet consecutive weeks at Congregation Beth Israel. A one-time facility fee will be collected after registration. Details will be sent to participants. The facility fee can be paid at our **first meeting, November 7**. Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + \$15 facility fee**



**Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (November 7, 14, 21, December 5)**

Facilitators:

Laurie Burns	madison337@aol.com	520-405-6162
Jo Ellen Susman	joellensus@gmail.com	480-236-2789

### 56. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Active participation by everyone is the key to great discussions. The first meeting is **Thursday, October 17 via Zoom**. We intend to have the rest of our meetings in person at members' homes. Minimum 12, Maximum 24

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Joyce Goldstein	joyce@goldstein.us	973-715-6475
Janis Lipman	janislipman@gmail.com	203-216-0177

### 57. CONTEMPORARY READS

We read both fiction and nonfiction books that have been published within the last five years. Book group members agree to be co-discussion leaders. Our **first meeting is on October 10** at the BJE Resource Center at the JCC in Scottsdale. The October book is *The Teacher* by Alexandra Robbins. There is a small facility fee that will be collected before or at the first meeting. Additionally, we meet for an optional lunch at the JCC Cafe prior to the book group. Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20 + facility fee**

**Second Thursdays, 12:45-2:45 pm (October - May)**



Facilitators:

Joyce Grant	jhgrant35@gmail.com	847-877-5793
Hillary Kaminsky	hillary.kaminsky@gmail.com	602-953-3213



### 58. DINE ON THE TOWN

This group will meet at local restaurants. All members who enjoy going out "On the Town" are welcome. RSVP to the facilitator is required. Conversation is just as important as food! Meeting times will vary and will be determined by restaurant availability. **The first dinner is November 21**. Minimum 8, Maximum 16 A waitlist will be maintained. **Fee: \$20 + meal**

**Third Thursdays, November 21, January 16, March 20, May 15**

Facilitators:

Wendy Cohen	wencohen@cox.net	602-316-2993
Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804

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### 59. FUSED GLASS BEGINNERS LEVEL 1

#### LEARN HOW TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL FUSED GLASS PIECES

Looking for something different and fun? Join us for a 3-part class to create fused glass pieces. The cost of the class will be \$275, which INCLUDES MATERIALS AND STUDIO FEES to create 3 beautiful pieces. The class fee must be paid in advance by November 1, 2024. The lessons are held at *Art for Fun! Studio and Gallery*. Any missed classes can be rescheduled with Barbara Becker, the owner of the studio. Maximum 6

**Fee: \$20 + \$275 Class fee**

**Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 3:30 pm (November 7, 14, 21)**

Facilitators:

Hannah Meyerson	hannahm1016@gmail.com	520-403-1034
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972

### 60. FUSED GLASS LEVEL 2

#### CONTINUE DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS IN MAKING GLASS ART

This group is for students who have taken the beginner class or have experience working with glass at another studio. Students will work on projects of their own choosing to create beautiful, fused glass art pieces. The cost of the class is \$150, which INCLUDES STUDIO FEES FOR 3 SESSIONS AND USE OF ALL THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT. Students will also pay for the cost of materials: the glass for their chosen projects. The cost will depend on the size of the projects and types of glass chosen. The \$150 class fee must be paid in advance by February 1, 2025. **Classes start February 6** and are held at *Art for Fun! Studio and Gallery*. Missed classes can be rescheduled with Barbara Becker, the owner of the studio. Maximum 6

**Fee: \$20 + \$150 Class fee and art piece (paid at the class)**

**Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 3:30 (February 6, 13, 20)**

Facilitators:

Hannah Meyerson	hannahm1016@gmail.com	520-403-1034
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972

### 61. INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB

Join us if you enjoy fresh air, the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie. These bimonthly hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you on some challenging trails and elevations. This group is for intermediate hikers and we will average 4-6 miles per hike. Hikes are usually three hours or less, plus destination time. Our start time is determined by the outdoor temperature, but it will be approximately 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Although we have hike facilitators, individual hikers will choose and lead their favorite hikes, thus allowing a greater variety. Members will be notified prior to each hike of the place and time. To give us time to socialize, we hope you can join us for brunch after the hike. **The first hike is December 12.** Maximum 30  
**Fee: \$20**

**Second and Fourth Thursdays, 7:00 am - 9:00 am  
(December - April)**



Facilitator:

Andrea Greenspan    andreagreenspan@comcast.net    847-668-0409

### 62. IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY \*NEW\*

Have an iPhone? Want to improve your picture-taking skills? This is the group for you. In this group we will learn to compose, edit, share, and use special effects to make your pictures pop! We will meet once a month for 4 sessions to learn iPhone technology techniques, then take photos to practice what we've learned and share our results at the following session. Note -- this group is only for iPhone 6 or newer users (not Android) and is for photography only. We will not be discussing questions about using other iPhone apps or features. Location details will be provided to registrants. **The first session is December 12.** Maximum 10

**Fee: \$20 + Optional group lunch**

**Second Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (Dec - March)**

Facilitator:

Ken Wirt    ken.wirt@gmail.com    408-867-7381



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### 63. JEWISH BOOK GROUP

The Jewish Book Group votes on books to discuss at the end of the prior year. The books are either Jewish-themed or by a Jewish author. Our first book is *Babylon: A Novel of Jewish Captivity* by author Michelle Cameron, who will be joining us for this meeting. All meetings are conducted via Zoom. Please contact Ellen Tuckman for the complete list of books before signing up. **Our first meeting is**

**November 7.** Maximum 18

**Fee: \$20**

**First Thursdays, 10:00 am (November - April)**



Facilitators:

Ellen Tuckman	docdavid39@gmail.com	602-953-9307
Colleen Espinoza	colleenE1122@aol.com	480-773-4568

### 65. LET'S DO ARIZONA & PHOENIX HIKES

This is an advanced intermediate hiking group. We hike at a slow pace, but we do significant climbs on rocky trails. The focus will be on hikes in the Phoenix area and feature off-the-beaten-path trails. We will occasionally explore outside the Phoenix area. Each hike will be between three and six miles in length. Please come with lots of water, sunscreen, hat, and walking sticks if you use them. **The first hike is**

**November 14.** Minimum 6, Maximum 30

**Fee \$20**

**Second Thursday mornings (November - April)**



Facilitators:

Mike Eavenson		
Joellyn Pollock	joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com	602-257-4327

### 64. LEISURE HIKING



If you like the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie, our hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you on beautiful trails at a comfortable pace. This Group has been going strong for 12 years and is open to men and women. Plan on a 3-to-5-mile hike round trip, depending on elevation gain and terrain. We generally hike together as a group for the first half of the hike, then divide into two groups, (one more ambitious than the other), for the return, around 2-2.5 hours of hiking. Participants must remain with one or the other subgroup.

Hiking shoes are mandatory, hiking poles frequently advised. NOTE: This is *hiking*, not *walking* – there will be elevation gain and some of the trails have uneven terrain. The outdoor temperature and time of year will determine the designated start time, but generally it will not be earlier than 8:00 am or later than 8:30 am. (We start on time as a courtesy to other members.) **Our first official hike is Thursday, November 7**, but we will schedule an October 31 warm-up hike. Members will be notified by email prior to each hike as to the destination, expected duration and difficulty of the hike. After the hike, the group meets for breakfast or lunch at a nearby restaurant. Maximum of 75 participants. Guests will be permitted to attend at the discretion of the facilitators. Maximum 75

**Fee: \$20 + meal**

**First and Third Thursday mornings (November – early April), with an optional hike if there are 5 Thursdays in a month during the season (e.g., January 2025)**

Facilitators:

Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Bob Kirschenbaum	bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com	602-614-5212
Simon Burrow	simonburrow@mac.com	626-221-7808
Dave Cohen	dave95070@gmail.com	408-391-6562

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### 66. MINUTES TO MEALS

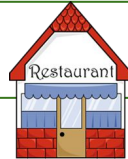
No time to cook? From prep to serving, in a flash! Reduce prep time. Revitalize and recreate recipes with shortcuts to savor healthy meals. Recipes will be sent out in advance of the session. Our meetings are via Zoom and the **first meeting is January 16**. Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**Third Thursdays, 1:00- 3:00 pm (January - March)**

Facilitators:

Joan Davis	davis6j@gmail.com	602-499-8357
Lori Roth	lifeisgrand48@icloud.com	480-369-6737



### 67. NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Are you ready to experience new and interesting neighborhood haunts? Join us for lunch as we sample new locales along with some of our old favorites, each offering up a different flavor. This is a wonderful chance to meet new people or reconnect with others in a fun setting! Cash payment is preferred. Our **first meeting is October 24**. A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum 10, Maximum 50

**Fee: \$20 + meal**

**Fourth Thursdays, 12:30 pm (October - April, except Thanksgiving)**

Facilitators:

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
Harriet Schwartz	harriet0715@gmail.com	602-738-0801

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### 68. NEW YORKER SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

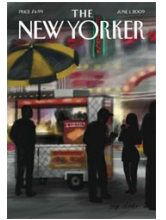
Short stories in *The New Yorker* can be literary gold mines or incomprehensible, and either case warrants discussion! This group will meet on Zoom. The facilitators will send a monthly email with the links to the three stories to be discussed. It is not necessary to subscribe to *The New Yorker*. Story selections for the first meeting will be listed in our welcome email in September. **Our first meeting is November 7**. Minimum 10, Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**First Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (November - April)**

Facilitators:

Leslie Kiefus	lk907@yahoo.com	
Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804



### 69. POETRY STUDY GROUP

Our study of eminent poets will leave North America to enter the world of the celebrated Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, often cited as the finest poet of the twentieth century. His work spans the political and the personal; he is the quintessential poet of injustice and love. Please purchase *The Poetry of Pablo Neruda*, edited by Ilan Stavans, published by Farrar, Straus and Geroux. The book is available from Amazon. The first session is October 24 on Zoom. Minimum 8, Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + book**

**Fourth Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (October - May, except Thanksgiving)**

Facilitator:

Freyda Libman	poetprof329@gmail.com	630-926-3193
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### 70. STUDY WITH THE BEST: A POTPOURRI OF CLASSIC MOVIES

Using Brandeis-authored and other materials, Potpourri of Classic Movies explores four Hollywood classic films from the '40s, '50s, 60's and 70's that will engage us in lively discussion. SWTB will have four members select films that will be available on *Netflix*, *Amazon Prime*, or other venues, with participants viewing them before the discussions.

The film selection details will be emailed to participants. **The first meeting is November 7 via Zoom.** Maximum 35

**Fee: \$20**



**First Thursdays, 12:30 pm (November, December, March, April)**

Facilitators:

Carol Kern	cak8219@gmail.com	602-315-1595
Sheila Cohen	sheila1jay@gmail.com	914-806-1151
Freddie Lieberman	fredarts1@gmail.com	480-203-0700
Susan Rollins	serollins52@gmail.com	216-469-5439

### 48. TAI CHI - BEGINNING AND CONTINUING \*NEW\*

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Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese art combining mind and body. Tai Chi's slow and relaxed movements are sometimes referred to as "meditation in motion." There are many benefits, including, but not limited to: stress reduction, improving balance, endurance and agility. We will meet weekly on six consecutive Thursdays at the facilitator's home.

Participants will be emailed the location after registration. **The first meeting is Thursday, October 17.**

Minimum 3, Maximum 8

**Fee: \$20**



**Thursday, 10:30 - 11:30 am (October 17 - November 21)**

Facilitator:

David Burns	bogieb4@aol.com	520-444-1255
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### 71. THIRD THURSDAY AM BOOK GROUP

This group selects and discusses books from the banned list. Please contact one of the facilitators below for the books to be read before signing up. **Our first meeting is December 19** at 10:00 am, with guest author, Michelle Cameron, leading the discussion of her book, *Babylon: A Novel of Jewish Captivity*. All meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

Maximum 18

**Fee: \$20**



**Third Thursdays, 10:00 am (December - April)**

Facilitators:

Colleen Espinoza	colleenE1122@aol.com	480-773-4568
Ellen Tuckman	tuckman@dancris.com	602-953-9307



### 72. THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER DATE \*NEW\*

Great food and stimulating, topical conversation at moderately-priced contemporary restaurants in Scottsdale and nearby Phoenix. This is a pairs group, and you will register as a pair. **The first get-together is December 12.** Maximum 8 pairs (16 people)

**Fee: \$40 per pair**

**Various Thursdays, 6:30 pm (December 12, January 9, March 6)**

Facilitators:

Andrew Tievsky	atievsky@yahoo.com	214-477-5762
Randy Weiss	randywlcsw@gmail.com	602-799-2919

Your \$40 pairs group registration is for TWO people

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### 73. AGING IS NOT FOR SISSIES

Join us for a fun-filled casual discussion on how aging affects us all. We all have fun stories to share, and it's nice to discuss them with others. Each month we will have a theme and, when possible, a speaker. We will meet monthly at different restaurants. **The first discussion is October 11.** Maximum 30

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Fridays, 12:30 pm (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Joan Davis	davis6j@gmail.com	602-499-8357
Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100

### 74. BEAD IT! BEADED STRETCH BRACELETS \*NEW\*

Let's get together, meet new friends, and have some crafting occupational therapy! In just 90 minutes, we can get our minds off this crazy world and let our creative juices flow. The best part is that you will go home with a beautiful bracelet! The fee for materials is \$40 per session which includes material and instruction. **Our first session is February 7.** All sessions will be held at *Bead World*, Scottsdale.

Maximum 10

**Fee: \$20 + class fees**

**First Fridays, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (February – April)**



Facilitators:

Barb Gould	fiveftbarbie@yahoo.com	520-270-7785
Hannah Meyerson	hannahm1016@gmail.com	520-403-1034
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972

### 75. THE ETHICIST

Based on the *New York Times* column, *The Ethicist*, we will discuss a different question on a topic that involves ethics each month. How would you respond to the question posed? Let's talk, because it is your chance to be The Ethicist! **The first meeting is November 1** via Zoom. Minimum 8, Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**



**First Fridays, 10:00 - 11:00 am (November - April)**

Facilitators:

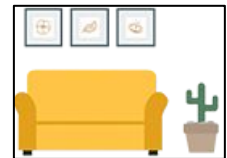
Sue Karp	suekarp1@me.com	480-225-7250
Judy Levine	judylevine0125@gmail.com	480-323-6707

### 76. EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN

Join professional designer Sheila Landau and explore the latest trends in interior design. You can email your photos for kitchens or bathrooms you would like to update or renovate. Sheila will answer your questions and show you some of the newest products and creative ideas. There will be tours of various design showrooms. **The first meeting is October 18.** Maximum 15

Maximum 15

**Fee: \$20**



**Third Fridays, 12:00 pm (October – April)**

Facilitator:

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
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### 77. FIRST FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

Join us for fun, stimulating reading and a lively discussion of a variety of both fiction and nonfiction books. Book discussions will be led by group members. We will meet in person and participants will be asked to volunteer their homes for meetings and provide light refreshments.

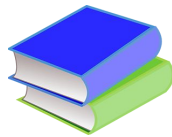
**The first meeting is November 1** and we are reading *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. The December 6 book will be *Absolution* by Alice McDermott. Thereafter, the group will vote on book selections. If you love to read, please join us! Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**First Fridays, 10:00 am (November - May)**

Facilitators:

Michelle Fischler	michellyules@gmail.com	602-380-1559
Terriann Kleiner	tkleiner@gmail.com	314-761-3132
Beth Messer	bethmae721@gmail.com	516-857-2551
Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106



### 78. GALLERY CRAWL \*NEW\*

Each month we will explore current exhibitions at two art galleries in Scottsdale, followed by lunch in a local restaurant. In April, we will visit a local auction house for a behind-the-scenes look as they prepare for an upcoming auction. **Our first gallery visit is January 17.**

Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + entrance fees + lunch**

**Third Fridays, 10:30 am (January – April)**

Facilitators:

Sharon Polan	duchyof2@gmail.com	203-253-7276
Joellyn Pollock	joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com	602-257-4327



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### 79. ITALIAN FRIDAY \*NEW\*

Everyone loves Italian food, but all Italian restaurants are not the same. They are as unique as the many regions of Italy. We will experience a different Italian restaurant each month, indulging in unique and tantalizing dishes for a fun experience combining food and conversation over lunch. The place, time and date will be emailed to each participant prior to the date. RSVP is required 3 days before the meeting. **The first lunch is November 8.** A wait list will be kept.

Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + lunch**

**Second Fridays, (November – April)**

Facilitators:

Linda Gelt	lindagelt@att.net
Andrea Malkin	andi20@cox.net



602-487-5718

### 80. JEWISH MINDFUL MEDITATION \*NEW\*

What is Jewish mindful meditation? Jews have been practicing forms of meditation for thousands of years and developed a variety of techniques that originally were passed down by word of mouth and later written down. Techniques used focus on the breath, our body sensation and sometimes a mantra or nigan. They teach us how to be aware of our thoughts and which ones are preventing us from living in the moment. Often people find this reduces stress and helps them relax. This group will meet weekly on Zoom. **The first meeting is October 18.** One does not need previous experience to join this group. However, if a person wants to join and has not practiced meditation before, please contact the facilitator before the group begins.

No Maximum.

**Fee: \$20**

**Fridays, 8:00 am (October – April)**

Facilitator:

Monda Sagalkin	monda.sagalkin@gmail.com	240-291-6983
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## Friday Study Groups (cont.)



### 81. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - TWO



Join with other Brandeis members on a Friday for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Valley's many unique neighborhoods. In some cases, a resident of the selected neighborhood may be able to lead us, and some months may include historical information. You will be notified of each location by email the week prior. **The first walk is October 25.** Minimum 6, Maximum 25

**Fee: \$20**

**Fourth Fridays, 9:30 – 11:30 am (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291
Sherry Kesden	shkesden@gmail.com	631-379-4225

### 82. PINOCHLE FOR ALL - MORNING

All levels of players are invited to join us for 5 sessions in January for Pinochle. If you don't know the game, we'll teach you how to play in one hour or less! We'll give everyone strategy tips for each of the game-play variations. Participants will meet at the facilitators' home in Carefree. Location details will be emailed to participants. **The first session is January 3.** Minimum 8, Maximum 16

**Fee: \$20**

**Fridays, 10:15am - 12:30 pm (January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)**

Facilitators:

John Poremba		
Abby Tucker	skyranch52@gmail.com	917-816-8261



### 108. PINOCHLE FOR ALL - AFTERNOON \*NEW\*

See Pinochle Study Group 82 above for description

**Fee: \$20**

**Fridays, 1:45 - 4:00 pm (January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)**

Facilitators:

John Poremba		
Abby Tucker	skyranch52@gmail.com	917-816-8261

### 83. RESTLESS MINDS FOR MEN, DISCUSSION AND LUNCH

*From a Guy's Point of View*

Does the news keep you awake at night? Looking for a group to talk to about this and see if there are solutions out there? Man-to-Man, let's share our thoughts over brunch. Often it is said the world's problems are "old white guy problems." Here's a chance for old white guys with restless minds to explore solutions. A short article or podcast will be provided to prime the pump on solutions, and we will take turns choosing the topic. **The first meeting is October 11**, at the Wildflower restaurant on Indian Bend. Minimum 6, Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + Brunch**



**Second Fridays, 9:30 am (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Marvin Kestenbaum	digsee@me.com	480-501-0029
Marty Rosenstein	behappybike@gmail.com	651-338-6644

### 84. SECOND FRIDAY FILMS

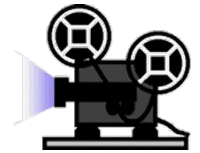
We select interesting movies from a variety of genres, including mainstream, indies, foreign language films and documentaries, or limited series streaming on *Netflix*, *Amazon Prime* and occasionally *MAX*. The group will be emailed the movie title in advance, then we'll discuss the selection on Zoom. **Our first meeting is October 11.** Minimum 5, Maximum 70

**Fee: \$20**

**Second Fridays, 10:00 am (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Joyce Grant	jhgrant35@gmail.com	847-877-579
Stephanie Klopper	rednoz@aol.com	480-251-0815



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### 85. STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH \*NEW\*

Expand your artistic and culinary horizons. Travel with us as we discover three different artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. We will meet at the artists' location.

Note: Dates are subject to change due to unexpected scheduling for the artists. Sufficient notice will be given if any changes are necessary.

**Our first tour is January 24.** Maximum 40

**Fee: \$20 + Lunch**

**Fridays, 10:30 am (January 24, February 28, March 28)**

Facilitators:

Susie Sacks	susan.sacks@gmail.com	201-887-0319
Merle Tarnow	tarnowm@aol.com	617-571-7337



## Saturday Study Groups



### 86. CRAFTING TRIO FOR ART AND FUN \*NEW\*

Beaded Jewelry! Wire Bead-Wrapped Utensils! Seashell Artistry! There will be three unique crafting sessions and in each one you will create something special: a beaded necklace, a wire-beaded serving utensil for entertaining, and a beautifully decorated seashell to hold your trinkets and treasures. Plus, you'll have fun in the process. **The first session is January 4.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + \$30 material fee (paid to facilitators)**

**Saturdays 9:00 – 11:30 am (January 4, 25, February 15)**

Facilitators.

Janet Lottman	lottmanjanet@gmail.com	480-251-0746
Terri Rimer	terrigoooding@gmail.com	602-859-9264



This year we are offering two wine groups. Please register for only one, so that others may have the opportunity to participate in one of these groups.

### 87. INTERNATIONAL RED WINE CONNOISSEURS

Each get-together will be themed to explore various wine regions around the world. Varietals of red wine will be tasted. Members are asked to sign up in pairs. Each pair will be asked to bring a bottle of that month's wine type/area at a price point of approximately \$25-\$30, plus a hearty appetizer large enough to share with the group. (It is dinner time.) Each pair will be asked to present their wine selection to the group. The hosts will provide paper goods, water and dessert. The group meets in the facilitators' homes. **The first wine tasting is November 2.** Maximum 12 pairs

**Fee: \$40 + wine and appetizer**

**Saturday evenings 6:00 – 9:00 pm (November 2, January 11, March 1, May 10)**

Facilitators:

Jan Lebovitz	janice.Lebovitz@gmail.com	847-772-2922
Mike Lebovitz	michaellebovitz95@gmail.com	847-924-0659
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972
Robert Ullman	ubert888@gmail.com	520-977-0595

Your \$40 pairs group registration is for TWO people

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## Saturday Study Groups (cont.)

### 88. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - THREE

Join us for a Saturday Stroll and Sips as we walk through some historic, unique, or much-loved preselected paths. With other Brandeis members, we will take a moderately paced walk. An optional neighborhood coffee shop stop will follow our adventure. You will be notified of each location by email the week prior. RSVP at least 3 days before the event and let us know if you are coming and whether you will be joining us for coffee. **The first walk is Saturday, October 19.**

Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20 + food**

**Third Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am (October - April)**



Facilitators

Diann Horne      hornediann@gmail.com      435-659-1735

Carol Mangen      carolmangen2@gmail.com      480-560-4136

### 89. WINE NOT!

Enjoy a monthly series of themed wine events. We will meet in the homes of our facilitators on the first Saturday evening of each month. Come and learn about wine selection from grape variety, region, production and food pairing. We will sample both red and white wines, international and domestic. This is a pairs group. Each pair is asked to bring a \$20-\$25 bottle of wine from the region or variety to be explored, plus a hearty appetizer to share. The facilitators will provide desserts.

**The first event is December 7.** Minimum 6 pairs, Maximum 12 pairs

**Fee: \$40 pair + wine and appetizer**

**First Saturdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm (December 7, January 4,  
February 1, March 1)**

Facilitators:

Gale & Nyles Gradus      ggradus13@gmail.com      201-906-2897

Myral & Jerry Robbins      myralrobbinsdo@aol.com      248-514-9895

Susan & Jay Roth      susanlroth1@gmail.com      480-322-4783



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This year we are offering two wine groups. Please register for only one, so that others may have the opportunity to participate in one of these groups.

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## Save the Dates!

**Book & Author  
2025**



**October 28, 2024**

**35th Annual Book & Author  
Author Reveal & Volunteer Sign-Up  
1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Westin Kierland Resort • Scottsdale**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Bookmark Donors, Cocktail Reception  
and Dinner With the Authors**

**Monday, February 24, 2025  
Luncheon, Authors, Boutiques  
Westin Kierland Resort • Scottsdale**

For more information see [www.brandeisphoenix.org](http://www.brandeisphoenix.org)





## 90. CYCLEHOLICS \*NEW\*

Calling all avid gal and guy cyclists who like to bike, eat and socialize. Join us for Sunday morning rides starting from the Valley of the Sun JCC to explore the best road-riding the metro area has to offer. We will ride together on the road in street bike lanes and occasionally on a bike trail. Maps will be provided. This is a social ride, and no one will be dropped. You must have a well-maintained pedal or pedal-assist electric bike and be able to ride at a 15 mile per hour pace. After the ride, we will have an optional brunch. Before signing up, contact Betty or Marty to make sure these rides are at your ability level. Our start time will be determined by the outdoor temperature, but it will be between 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, our **first ride is Sunday, December 8th**. The group will determine how often to ride after that.

Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + food**

**First and Third Sundays (December to May)**

Facilitators:

Betty Rosenstein	rosenstein1926@gmail.com	651-216-6644
Marty Rosenstein	rosenstein1926@gmail.com	651-338-6644

Your \$40 pairs group registration is for TWO people

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## 91. RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this coed EVENING group and participate in stimulating conversations. Do you have an opinion on “What makes an educated person?” “Is there a war on Science?” “Can Socialism and Capitalism Coexist?” or other mind-expanding topics? The members of the group will suggest topics, research them, and share in leading the discussion. Meetings will be held in participants’ homes or community rooms, and the host will provide refreshments. **The first meeting is October 6.**

Maximum 20

**Fee: \$20**

**First Sundays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (October - May)**

Facilitators:

Irene Kestenbaum	irenek0426@gmail.com	480-734-7306
Marvin Kestenbaum	digsee@me.com	480-883-7639



## 92. SIZZLING SUNDAYS: EVENING MOVIE DISCUSSION AND DINNER

Join this coed pairs group for a lively discussion of quality new movies. Participants will view the movies on their own. Movies will usually be in theaters, but we try to select films that are also streaming on *Netflix* or *Amazon Prime*. A monthly email will be sent in advance with the movie title and RSVP deadline. We will meet for dinner and discuss the films in a variety of restaurants that can accommodate our group. Participants are responsible for their food purchases. You will register for this group as a pair. **Our first meeting is October 13.**

Minimum 5 pairs, Maximum 12 pairs or 24 people

**Fee: \$40 per pair + meal**

**Sundays, 5:30 – 8:00 pm (October 13, December 8, February 9, April 20)**

Facilitators:

Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106
Mark Stern	mstern@shepherd.edu	540-664-0480





## Various Days Study Groups

### 93. ARIZONA HISTORY AND LORE \*NEW\*

Wander the trails and tales through the Wild (and not-so-wild) West, hear the stories and lore, and witness it through a different lens. We'll visit places not frequented by tourists including museums, lectures, and sites off the beaten path. The group will meet November through April, and dates will be sent to the participants. As some places are out of our immediate area, we will arrange carpools or pick-up spots to travel together. For some outings, a lunch venue will be selected. Entrance fees and meals are your responsibility. **The first adventure is November 13.**

Maximum 30

**Fee: \$20 + entrance fees + meals**

**Meeting days and times vary (November – April)**

#### Facilitators:

Carol Kadet	carolkadet@gmail.com	415-828-1299
Renee Kaminitz	rkaminitz@gmail.com	401-954-1015



### 94. BOOMERS

Boomers is a state of mind – it has nothing to do with age. We will offer at least four activities, in person or virtual. Our activities range from museums to lectures, field trips and more. We will meet, often in the morning, and our meeting day is based on the activity, with Friday preferred. Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email. Maximum 100

**Fee: \$20 + entrance fees and food**

**Meeting day and times vary (October – May)**

#### Facilitators:

Michelle Fischler	michellyules@gmail.com	602-380-1559
Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Susan Rollins	serollins52@gmail.com	480-563-0411
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### 95. BURGER BITES \*NEW\*

Join us as we bite into some of the top-rated burgers in the Valley. Whether it be lunch or dinner, we will explore the best of Burger Heaven. This group will meet four times. The exact location and time will be revealed after members commit to attend. Due to the nature of the restaurants, we are limiting the size of the group. Maximum 16

**Fee: \$20 + food**

**Meeting days and times vary (October, December, January, April)**



#### Facilitators:

Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612 710-6291
Iris Wigal	wiggley@cox.net	602 980-5436

### 96. CREATE ART IN A FUN AFTERNOON \*NEW\*

Let your imagination run wild. Work with a talented artist in her studio located in Scottsdale. We will do three different classes throughout, one at each session. Classes will consist of working with clay, mosaics, and ceramics, and you may attend one, two or all three. The cost of each class is \$45.00, payable to the facilitator. The dates and times may vary and will be emailed closer to the start of the group. Maximum 30

**Fee: \$20 + class fee**

**Meeting days and times vary (November, January, March)**

#### Facilitator:

Sue Lawler	suelawler9@gmail.com	602-525-0231
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### 97. EXPLORING THE VALLEY'S TREASURES

We look forward to our third season of exploration! This is a unique group, which offers experiences in the areas of history, culture and/or science. The activities may consist of taking tours, attending special events or visiting select university programs. We will explore four treasures during the season and then have lunch together. New discoveries and exciting adventures will be announced prior to each meeting date. We welcome any suggestions for special events or places. The days and times may vary due to venue availability. A waitlist will be maintained. **The first meeting is in November.** Maximum 30  
**Fee: \$20 + entrance fees + lunch**

**Meeting day and times vary (November, January, March, April)**

Facilitators:

Helen Abrams	hsbbcd@aol.com	312-593-4456
Felice Goff	lcswaz@hotmail.com	602-315-4248

### 98. MAH JONGG BOOT CAMP FOR BEGINNERS \*NEW\*

Learn Mah Jongg, the game our moms and bubbies played many years ago! People are still playing, buzzing, laughing and having fun! Sign up to learn and join the fun! You will need a current Mah Jongg card for 2024. They can be purchased through the *National Mah Jongg League* and/or *Amazon.com*. Please be sure you can attend all four dates to get the most out of the instruction. Our goal is for you to be able to play Mah Jongg by the end of the last class. **The first lesson is Wednesday, January 15.** Maximum 12

**Fee: \$20 + Mah Jongg card**

**Various days, 12:30 - 2:30 pm (January 15, 16, 17, 20)**

Facilitators:

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Michele Duncan	micheleduncan4@hotmail.com	520-235-8292
Barb Gould	fiveftbarbie@yahoo.com	520-270-7785



### 99. MITZVAH MAVENS

The women and men in this group have made an impact over the last few years by volunteering at a variety of Valley non-profit organizations. We meet at the locations of the organizations on various dates based on what the organization needs. In the past we have partnered with several local food banks, *JFCS*, *the Assistance League*, *Gesher*, and *Read Across America Day*, to name a few. Maximum participation may vary with the activity. Join us and feel good while doing good. No maximum  
**Fee: \$20**

**Meeting days and times vary (October – May)**

Facilitators:

Patti Grossman	psgrossman717@gmail.com	602-885-0158
Ileen Herberg	iherberg@aol.com	602-460-0047
Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Nan Waldman	nanlarry46@gmail.com	602-410-5639



### 100. MOVERS & SHAKERS

Join us as we explore new and unusual venues in the Valley of the Sun. These may include historical tours, museums, exhibits and participatory experiences, followed by lunch, if possible. We will meet four times. Participants will be notified by email about each event along with details of the specific activity. Activity fees may apply for individual events, and the number of participants could be limited. A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum 10, No Maximum

**Fee: \$20 + entrance fees + meal**

**Meeting days and times vary (October - April)**

Facilitators:

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
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Harriet Schwartz	harriet0715@gmail.com	602-738-0801



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### 38. IF WALLS COULD TALK \*NEW\*

Have you ever entered a historic building and wondered what took place within the walls over the years?

We will travel to some of the historic hotels and buildings in the Valley, learn about their origins, history, and hopefully gain some insight into what those walls may have seen. Of course, all the iconic places have eateries, so our adventure will include lunch. **The first tour and lunch is at The Arizona Biltmore on Monday, November 4.** Maximum 30  
**Fee: \$20 + tour + lunch**

**Various, 10:00 am (November, January, March)**

Facilitators:

Beverly Gordon	bev@bevgordon.com	847-477-5647
Carol Kadet	carolkadet@gmail.com	415-828-1299
Renee Kaminitz	rkaminitz@gmail.com	401-954-1015

### 101. PEOPLE WHO REPAIR THE WORLD

Meet three stellar people who truly repair the world. These speakers impact both the Jewish world and society at large. They make their mark at White House events, in far-flung locations and in settings that cross religious boundaries. Speaker, day and time will be announced later. Please join us for amazing and impactful discussions. All three sessions will be on Zoom and last for about an hour and a half. **The first meeting is in January, date TBD** as the schedule is subject to speaker availability. Maximum: 50

**Fee: \$20**

**Meeting days and times vary (January – March)**

Facilitator:

Elaine Howard	elaine.howard@comcast.net	847-899-1938
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### 102. SHOPPING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK \*NEW\*

Who doesn't like a 'shopping experience'? We will meet four times during the year to explore unusual and unique shopping venues. You may find a deal, steal or discount - who knows? **The first meeting is November 13.** Maximum 40

**Fee: \$20**

**Meeting times vary (November 13, January 8,  
February 12, March 12)**

Facilitators:

Anne Mondlick	anne@mondlick.com	315-289-7499
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Lois Ross	lolor1105@gmail.com	315-415-7761



**103. THE ELECTIONS OF 2024** is on Tuesday, see [page 19](#)

**104. KAFFEEKLATSCH** is on Monday, see [page 12](#)

**105. THE LADIES' BREAKFAST CLUB** is on Monday, see [page 12](#)

**106. AZ ENERGY: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW** is on Monday, see [page 14](#)

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**108. PINOCHLE FOR ALL - AFTERNOON \*NEW\*** is on Friday, see [page 33](#)

**109. BEAD IT! BEADED STRETCH BRACELETS \*NEW\*** is on Thursday, see [page 25](#)



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