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*This is Our Chapter!
Supporting Brandeis University!*



**We are BNC Phoenix members helping each other
through difficult times.
Together we can accomplish so much.**

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and families!

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Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

Upon reflection, since our 2020-2021 Board began their tenure seven months ago, so much has happened! We have all been working extremely hard to come together in a time of unprecedented upheaval in our lives. We have used our time, expertise and commitment to the chapter to provide outstanding programming for the benefit of all.

On October 13 our chapter partnered with The Women's Leadership Institute to showcase a panel on Visionary Leadership. We all were inspired by the stories of the professional lives of four amazing women who persevered and overcame obstacles to become successful entrepreneurs. How lucky we are to have three of these four role models in our chapter: Flo Eckstein, Carol Kern and Janis Lipman! Kudos to our Executive VP Ellen Widoff, for serving as moderator and for all of her behind-the-scenes preparation and coordination. Thank you also to Joellyn Pollock for her review and feedback during the program's trial run and to Rabbi Elana Kanter, Director of the Women's Jewish Learning Center in Scottsdale. With her at the helm, the Women's Leadership Institute is cultivating women leaders for the future of our community. Our chapter was honored to be a part of this special evening!

Thank you again to our fabulous Study Group VPs for their continuous work to offer additional Zoom training, add a variety of new groups and ensure that facilitators were prepared for their sessions, many of which have already begun. Thank you to ALL our Facilitators! Because of you, our chapter stands out as a model to all BNC chapters for innovative and creative programming.

Our dedicated Membership VPs held a virtual coffee on October 19th for new and prospective members. This outreach effort enables new members to feel welcome and included! Thank you to all who identify prospective members, and to our Ambassadors, who reach out to new members. Thank you also to Bruce Galin and Marilyn Reinfeld for updating contact information on our membership list. What a team they all are!

Gift Showcase 2020, which took place from October 14 - 24, was a **BIG** success and raised critically needed funds for the HOH campaign. It truly took a village to organize our first online fundraiser. Thank you to Cindie Gittelman for the beautiful website, artwork and many hours of organizing and posting the donations. Thank you to Gale Gradus and Harriet Schwartz for leading the logistics portion, which was no small task! The numerous committee members who assisted with securing donations, advertising on social media and arranging for pick up, were critical to the success of the event. Thank you, thank you to all! We did an outstanding job with our first two chapter fundraisers for the campaign!! You all have made a difference and have made the chapter proud!!

For those who attended the October 24 Fundraising Programs event, which included the Installation of the Board and a Campaign kickoff, you heard about the many accomplishments, in such a short time, of so many people. It was a beautiful, touching and special evening - a labor of love, which required many hours of dedication by all of our volunteers. A special thanks to Chuck Abrams for the pictorial display of our new Board. Thank you to our members, their families and friends who attended and donated to the *Honoring Our History* (HOH) campaign by purchasing tickets. A mega thank you goes to our passionate Fundraising Program VPs, Carol Abrams and Terriann Kleiner, for their leadership in guiding their committees and organizing the first two fundraising events of the 2020-2021 Board. There were many moving parts to coordinate and they did a stellar job! Thank you to Marcia Langer, Harriett Schwartz, Sue Karp, Vicky Leavitt and their committee members for the lovely installation and meaningful tributes. Their hard work in organizing the event to formally welcome the 2020-2021 Board is greatly appreciated.

At our October 24 gala, the Chapter's *Honoring Our History* Campaign Chairs, Carol Kern and Judy Levine, formally launched the campaign. They gave a terrific presentation and we thank them for their passion and dedication. Through their leadership efforts, we are raising the funds necessary to answer Brandeis University's critical need to digitize important library collections. The chapter is so fortunate to have them! Thank you as well, to Sam Primack for the special entertainment, which was enjoyed by all. What a find, to have this local young talent perform for our chapter! We would be remiss if we didn't thank our wonderful husbands, Michael Lebovitz and Robert Ullman for courageously serving as the evening's Masters of Ceremony. They added a very special touch. How clever of Truda Chick to identify these budding comedians - the evening certainly provided the "FUN" in Fundraising!

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As we approach Thanksgiving, we are very thankful for the camaraderie and commitment of our Board and chapter members. It's through **YOUR** efforts that we collectively offer kindness to one another through outreach, as well as a desire to present outstanding programming. We can't thank our Leadership Team enough, along with their incredible committee members.

As always, thank you to Paula Eckstein for the beautiful eblasts, which have been numerous and have kept her hopping! Our Bulletin is always striking and we have our Editor, Kathleen Witkin, along with Assistant Editors Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel, to thank for their organization, editing and proofreading skills. We also thank Carole Sherris, our long-time graphic artist, for her creativity and talent in creating a visually beautiful bulletin every month.

As we approach the national and local elections in just a few days, let us renew our commitment to our communities, our country and our world, to act with love, compassion and justice. We always have an opportunity to understand our differences in order to work together and to come together.

There are various Thanksgiving traditions that families share. Ours is to go around the table (now virtual or in person) and individually say what we are thankful for. It gives a moment to actually reflect on the past year and what is meaningful in our lives. We wish you a reflective Thanksgiving, giving appreciation for all you have and all we share.

Wherever you are during this Thanksgiving and whomever you are with, may your lives be healthy and your blessings abundant.

With warm regards,
 Jan & Linda
 Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter
BNCPhxPresidents@gmail.com 480-359-7262



Our 2020 - 2021 Board is officially installed!
 The Zoom recording of the event is available [here](#).

Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism and service to the community.

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Fundraising Programs in the Age of COVID-19



Gift Showcase

Our journey to the October 14 – 24 **Gift Showcase 2020** and the October 24 **Honor Our Past & Our Future** event started out like a bale of turtles crossing the road. It took almost 4 months, due to the uncertainties at Brandeis National Committee and the university, generated by the world-wide pandemic, to get approval to hit the ground for new, thinking outside-the-box fundraising, let alone to hit it running! But our mighty Fundraising Programs team persevered – and has not stopped running since! Thanks to the tireless efforts of the **Gift Showcase 2020** chair, **Cindie Gittelman**, and the **Honor Our Past & Our Future** Installation Event chairs **Marcia Langer and Harriet Schwartz**, we did it! We are thrilled to announce that their persistence and hard work, along with that of their dedicated sub-committee chairs and committee members, resulted in \$10,000 being raised through purchases of the many wonderful items donated to Gift Showcase 2020 by Chapter members and local artists and boutiques, as well as the many generous donations to Honoring Our History to celebrate the installation and program.

Board Installation Event



We want to congratulate our fellow Board members on being officially installed – finally! The Zoom recording of the event is available [here](#).

Thank you to all the participants in the live Zoom event, including our home-grown Broadway star, Sam Primack, for sharing his beautiful voice, time and talent; our entertaining MC's, Michael Lebovitz and Robert Ullman; our two esteemed 2020-22 Brandeis Phoenix Chapter Presidents, Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman; the inspiring installing officers, Sue Karp and Vicky Leavitt; and our distinguished National Campaign Chairs, Carol Kern and Judy Levine.

It truly takes a village to produce any special event – and these two undertakings were exceptional. From the bottom of our hearts, we offer our appreciation and thanks to the following:

Cindie Gittelman - Gift Showcase 2020 Chair

Marcia Langer & Harriet Schwartz - Fall Installation Event Chairs

Chuck Abrams
Caryn Balaban
Chapter Donors
Truda Chick
Hindie Dershowitz
Paula Eckstein
Michelle Fischler
Michael Gittelman
Jenny Glassman
Gale Gradus

Carol Kadet
Elaine Kaplan
Carol Kern
Judy Krockey
Vicky Leavitt
Jan Lebovitz
Michael Lebovitz
Sara Leopold
Judy Levine
Local Artists & Boutiques

Judy Lohr-Safcik
Member Artists
Beth Messer
Sharon Nova
Brina Pepper
Gale Stam
Gail Tenn
Linda Ullman
Robert Ullman
Gail Vinik
Ellen Widoff



**We're looking forward to our Winter Event,
Sherlock in our Homes: a Virtual Scavenger Hunt,
which will be held on February 20, 2021.
Details will be "revealed" in early December.
Mark your calendars now!**



Fundraising Programs Vice-Presidents Carol Abrams 310-210-6751 (phone or text)
and Terriann Kleiner 314-761-3132 (phone or text) bncphxfrprograms@gmail.com



Out & About @ Home!

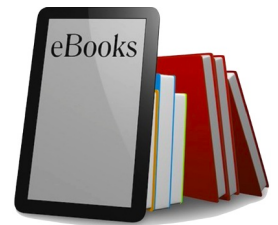


New Feature Read, See, Talk About!

This month, we are introducing a new feature to our bulletin. Thanks to an original idea from one of our members, we will list the books, films and theater performances that various study groups discussed recently.

As we go forward, selections can be submitted to us at BNCPHXbulletin@gmail.com by either facilitators or group participants.

Many thanks and happy reading and viewing!



THE DISCUSSIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER INCLUDED:

Books

Above the Bay of Angels by Rhys Bowen
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah
Bottle of Lies by Katherine Eban
Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
The Diamond Caper by Peter Mayle
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See
The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
The Weight of a Piano by Chris Cander
The World That We Knew by Alice Hoffman

Film

Bad Education (HBO)
Billy Elliot (Amazon Prime)
Live Twice, Love Once (Netflix)
Skin Deep: The Story of Sandra Laing (tubi)
West Side Story (1961, Amazon Prime)

Theater

Miss Saigon (Dailymotion app)

Study Group News

We're off to another wonderful season of BNC Phoenix study groups! By now, facilitators of each of the study groups have reached out to their group members with important information concerning their study group in particular and our chapter in general. If you have not yet been contacted by your facilitator(s), please email the Study Group VPs at 2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com and indicate the group name.

Our facilitators are fabulous and the study group activities look to be interesting and informative. Many study groups are still available.

The Study Group Guide and Registration Link are available at:

<http://www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html>

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Stephanie Klopper, Joyce Steinberg and Barbara Stern
2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com



MEN FOR BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES (formerly Men of Brandeis)

Wednesday, November 11 at 12:45 pm

Our November speaker will be Dr. James W. Rice, an Astrogeologist with over 30 years of research experience specializing in the exploration of the Solar System, especially the Moon and Mars. His career includes working for NASA, The Astrogeology Headquarters of the United States Geological Survey, the Mars Spaceflight Facility and the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory. Among his experiences was as a crew member - driving, working, living and conducting EVAs (Extravehicular Activities) in the Exploration Rover Vehicle for a 7-day duration lunar analog mission in northern Arizona (Aug-Sept 2010).

All meetings in 2020 will be conducted on Zoom. Members of the group who have RSVP'd to the facilitator will receive a Zoom link to attend. Please make sure in advance that the name on your computer or other device reads out accurately as your name, so that you can be recognized and admitted from Zoom's waiting room.

Leith Baletin, MBA's facilitator, will be in touch with members via email with more detailed instructions.

For additional information, contact facilitator: Leith Baletin lbaletin@gmail.com 480-874-9434

NEW STUDY GROUPS TO CONSIDER

BEGINNING YOGA

Come join us for this introductory yoga class, meeting every Tuesday from Nov. 3 to Dec. 8 from 9:30 - 10:30 am. This will be a learner's version of yoga, focusing on poses, balance, flexibility and stretches for bodies "of a certain age." Everyone is welcome to come and try it out. You will need a mat or towel and be able to work on the floor, as well as do standing poses.

Facilitator: Debbie Gordon

mrsq395@gmail.com

602-478-1555

SHOW ME THE MONEY

This is a Book & Discussion Group about investing and money makers past, present and future. The group meets on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Beginning Nov. 2, we'll discuss the book, *The Intelligent Investor* by Benjamin Graham, revised edition. Warren Buffett described *The Intelligent Investor* as "...the best book about investing ever written." Future books and subject matter will be democratically selected by the group.

Facilitator: Carol Kadet

carolkadet@gmail.com

415-828-1299

Meet Our Study Group Vice Presidents



Stephanie Klopper

Stephanie Rudolph Klopper is a senior high school and college educator with more than 40 years of teaching, critical evaluation and course development experience. Following completion of a 30-year career as a high school teacher in Los Angeles and Phoenix, where she served as both an educator and department chair, she sharpened her focus on college-level education, teaching a wide range of courses for Rio Salado College and writing course curriculum for history for the growing and diverse online student body.

Stephanie earned her teaching credential at California State University, Long Beach following a BA degree in History with a minor in Art History at UCLA. After teaching junior high school in Los Angeles during the 1970s, she transferred to Huntington Park High School until moving to Arizona in 1986. There, she taught at two Phoenix Union High School District schools, teaching Writing for the Media, History, and Government, and serving as Department Chair and earned an MA in Educational Administration at the University of Phoenix. After retirement, she continued to work at Rio Salado College, where she was recently named one of the outstanding adjunct instructors and as a student teacher supervisor for Northern Arizona University. Today, she continues to teach Film and Humanities at Rio Salado.

If you don't blink, you can see Stephanie in the films "Mortuary" and "Swing Shift." She also won "some of our contestants receive the following" on the TV game show *Tic Tac Dough*.

Over the years, Stephanie has been active in the community through her involvement with several BNC programs and today serves as a co-VP of Study Groups.

Stephanie is married to Hal, a retired aerospace communications manager, has two adult children and three canine grandchildren.



Joyce Steinberg

Growing up in Far Rockaway, NY, Joyce studied Art at Brooklyn College. She earned a BS in Art Education from Buffalo State University and taught High School Art until she moved to Arizona, where she completed her MA in Art History at Arizona State University. After relocating to California, she became the Education Director at the Long Beach Art Museum. When her husband, Matthew, unexpectedly passed away, she began working as a photographer while raising her children, Marni and Andrew, and then started her own commercial photography business.

Seeing how her mom struggled after becoming disabled, Joyce changed careers. After she moved back to Arizona, she went to work at the Rehabilitation Services Administration, providing services to individuals with significant disabilities. She earned a Doctorate in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Arizona and as an Adjunct Professor, supervised Master's counseling practicums and taught graduate counseling classes. As the Manager for the Statewide Independent Living and Technology Services programs, she provided adaptive technology solutions to assist persons with disabilities to fully integrate into their communities. After retiring from the state, Joyce worked as Project Manager designing case management software for multiple state agencies.

Joyce and her husband Nick enjoy traveling, especially car trips through the UK, and hope to do so again in the future. Joyce most enjoys being a Grandma to her three grandchildren: Ella, 16; Matthew, 13; and Brooke, 9.

Joyce joined the Board in 2019. She is looking forward to a time when we can all enjoy each other's company in person, and hopes to meet many of you this year in Study Groups.

Meet Our Study Group Vice Presidents

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Barbara Stern

Barbara moved to Scottsdale in July, 2013 after a career first as a high school social studies teacher in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and then in Buffalo, NY. Moving to Richmond in 1975 she started her family and co-owned a tutoring service focused on SAT Verbal preparation. After relocating to Kentucky in 1979, she worked as an adjunct instructor at the University of Louisville. It was there that she earned a Master's degree in Higher Education and College Administration. Upon moving to Orlando, FL in 1981, she resumed her high school teaching. After 12 years, Barbara returned to student status, earning a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Central Florida (1995). Barbara always tells her students she was on the degree a decade plan (1971, 1984, 1995), a not uncommon trajectory for both women and teachers.

She began her career as a teacher educator at Randolph Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA before moving to James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA in 1998. Over 15 years at JMU, she advanced from Assistant to Associate and then became a Full Professor, retiring with Emerita status. Along the way, she wrote and co-wrote numerous journal articles and book chapters. She served for 3 years as Associate Editor and 6 years as Editor of *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*, the journal of the American Association of Teaching and Curriculum. Barbara has published two books (one edited) on social studies education. She currently teaches a required graduate level course in "Curriculum Theory and Issues" for James Madison University.

A Life Member of BNC, courtesy of her late mother, Minna Slater, she served as President of the Fort Lauderdale chapter in 1983. Barbara has served on the Phoenix Board in a variety of capacities including: Co-VP of Programming, Co-Chair of the Book & Author event Author Committee, Co-Chair of the B&A Event and Parliamentarian. She is currently Co-VP of Study Groups, along with Joyce Steinberg and Stephanie Klopper. She lives in Scottsdale with her husband Mark. They have two sons, Ben and Jeff. Jeff is married to Sara and they have two children, Micah and Owen.

If you have an idea for a Study Group you wish to facilitate, please contact the Study Group VPs.

Brandeis Happenings



Ruth Bader Ginsburg's casket is carried into a service Sept. 23 in Washington, D.C.

In death, as in life, Ruth Bader Ginsburg balanced being American and Jewish.

Jonathan Sarna examines Ginsburg's funeral services and burial.

As news of the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spread on the eve of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, a common question heard in discussions among American Jews was: "When will she be buried?"

As a longtime scholar of American Jewish life, I understood that the question behind that question was whether, in death, Justice Ginsburg's family would comply with longstanding Jewish tradition that mandates prompt burial. Or, in accordance with longstanding American tradition, would her burial be delayed so that mourners might pay her respects?

In death, as in life, American Jews looked to see how Justice Ginsburg balanced being an American and being a Jew.

Here is the full [article](#).

By Jonathan Sarna
Sept. 25, 2020

STUDY GROUP CALENDAR

| GROUP | NOV | TIME | FACILITATOR |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| CULTURE IN AZ | TBD | TBD | Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-980-5436 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047 |
| HOLOCAUST EDUCATION - UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL | 2 | 10:00 | Jan Lebovitz janice.lebovitz@gmail.com 847-772-2922 |
| NEWS AND POLITICS * | 2 16 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480 |
| SHOW ME THE MONEY * | 2 | 2:00 | Carol Kadet carolkadet@gmail.com 480-718-9141 |
| BEGINNING YOGA | 3 10 17 24 | 9:30 | Debbie Gordon mrsg395@gmail.com 602-478-1555 |
| BOOKS THAT DEFINE AN ERA * | 3 | 1:30 | Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252 |
| CURRENT EVENTS * | 3 | 10:00 | Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 |
| MEDITATION * | 3 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480- 577-1439 Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 |
| LIVE THEATER HAPPY HOUR * [Note date change this month] | 4 | 4:00 pm | Andrew Tievsky atievsky@yahoo.com 214-477-5762 |
| JEWISH BOOK GROUP * | 5 | 10:00 | Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307 Colleen Espinoza colleene1122@aol.com 480-483-8622 |
| STUDY WITH THE BEST: POTPOURRI OF CLASSIC MOVIES | 5 | 12:30 | Carol Kern cak8219@gmail.com 602-315-1595 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 |
| YIDDISH FOR NOSTALGIA AND THE BRAIN * | 5 12 19 | 10:00 | Contact 2021PhxStudyGroups@gmail.com |
| FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS * | 6 | 10:00 | Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793 Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 602-790-7603 |
| RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP * | 8 | 7:00 | Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 |
| RESTLESS MINDS TWO DISCUSSION GROUP | 8 | 7:00 pm | Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-541-0155 |
| LOOM KNITTING FOR FUN | 9 | 10:00 | Joyce Steinberg joyces12003@gmail.com 602-538-2561 |
| WRITING YOUR STORIES * | 9 23 | 1:30 | Judy Mosbacher judeinphx@gmail.com 602-228-4138 |
| LEARNING MORE ABOUT DSLR PHOTOGRAPHY | 10 | 10:00 | Chuck Abrams abrams.charles@gmail.com 310-666-2861 |

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STUDY GROUP CALENDAR

| GROUP | NOV | TIME | FACILITATOR |
|---|-----|---------|--|
| SECOND TUESDAY AM BOOK GROUP | 10 | 10:00 | Leslie Kiefus lk907@yahoo.com Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804 |
| FOREIGN FILM FOODIES | 11 | 3:00 | Ileen Herberg iherberg@aol.com 602-460-0047 Joyce Steinberg joyces12003@gmail.com 602-538-2561 |
| KNIT A MITZVAH (NOTE: No meeting November 25) | 11 | 1:00 | Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393 Joan Davis davis6j@gmail.com 602-499-8357 |
| MEN OF BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES (MBA) [formerly known as Men of Brandeis (MOB)] | 11 | 1:00 | Leith Baletin lbaletin@gmail.com 480-874-9434 |
| BOOK BROTHERS * | 12 | 10:00 | Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631 |
| CONTEMPORARY READS * | 12 | 1:00 | Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793 Hillary Kaminsky hillary.kaminsky@gmail.com 602-953-3213 |
| ETHNIC JEWISH COOKING AND EATING * | 12 | 10:00 | Carol Abrams abrams.carol@gmail.com 310-210-6751 |
| RESTLESS MINDS FOR MEN DISCUSSION GROUP | 13 | 11:00 | Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 |
| TRAVEL AND BEYOND | 13 | 10:00 | Helen Abrams hsbbcd@aol.com Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 |
| WHY MEN NEED TO GET BACK TO THE GYM | 16 | 10:00 | Larry Waldman larrywaldmanphd@cox.net 602-418-8161 |
| CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 - REVIEW & LUNCH | 17 | 11:00 | Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Harriet Schwartz harriet0715@gmail.com 602-738-0801 |
| CREATING EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE: DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC | 17 | 9:45 am | Arlene Rosenberg ar@arlenerosenberg.com 480-993-5322 |
| LAW WHISPERERS | 17 | 2:00 | Rena Selden seldensays@gmail.com 602-200-0111 |
| BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER * | 19 | 10:00 | Linda Burech lburech@mac.com 480-794-1988 Bruce Galin bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com 480-661-0842 Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 |
| CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP * | 19 | 9:30 | Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 973-715-6475 |
| EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN | 20 | 11:00 | Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 |
| B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE | 23 | 12:00 | Arlene Gluck agluck1128@gmail.com 760-559-7558 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 551-427-8365 |
| WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE | 25 | 6:30 pm | Ileen Herberg iherberg@aol.com 602-460-0047 Joyce Steinberg joyces12003@gmail.com 602-538-2561 |

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MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events, please contact

Susan Sacks at 480-860-5256 or susan.sacks@gmail.com

To learn about becoming a member, please contact

Carol Kadet at brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com

Membership News

- ◆ Our congratulations to Anne and Marvin Mondlick on the birth of their first granddaughter, Halle Ruth Mondlick. The proud parents are Leah & Josh Mondlick.
- ◆ Congratulations to Harriet Schwartz on her granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah.
- ◆ Congratulations to Linda & Robert Ullman on the marriage of their son Phillip to Allie Veitengruber.
- ◆ Best wishes to Vicky Leavitt for a speedy recovery.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Joan Gill.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Hana Lange on the passing of her brother Zvi Gryziak.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to the family of Beverly Weltman.



We Welcome our New and Rejoining Members!

Barry Franklin, Joan Fuller, Karen Karras, Sondra Mesnik, Arlene Reitman



Did you know ??

Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an activity by a friend? With so many exciting programs and events coming up in our chapter, why not invite a friend to join you?

Share Brandeis, invite your friend to:

- ✓ Attend a Study Group
- ✓ Participate in a 'virtual' community service activity

So tell a friend, neighbor or family member about your next BNC chapter event and share Brandeis!

More information about [becoming a member](#) is available on our website.

Membership Vice-Presidents
 Carol Kadet and Gale Gradus
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Community Outreach

Charitable Organizations Need Our Help!

JFCS is once again accepting donations! Here's an abbreviated list of needed items: canned goods, pasta, mac and cheese, rice, microwaveable foods, juice, powdered milk, PB and J, individual food cups, deodorant soap and toiletries, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors and laundry detergent.

Ellen has graciously offered to help with your donations to *Sojourner Center* for abused women and children. However, *Sojourner's* only accepts NEW items such as socks, clothing (women and children), bedding, full-size unscented lotion and full-size hair products.

Please call Ellen or Wendy when you have items to drop off or if you have any questions. Ellen: 602-214-5212 or Wendy: 602-316-2993.

VOLUNTEER FROM HOME

Do you have time on your hands? One of the pillars of the BNC Mission Statement is Community Outreach. Members who are interested in doing volunteer work for various charities from home, can contact Ellen Kirschenbaum at ellenk102@gmail.com.

Stay safe and stay well!
Ellen Kirschenbaum and Wendy Cohen



Knit A Mitzvah

Do you Knit?

Do you Crochet?

**Help us make Scarves,
Newborn Baby Caps and Lap Blankets**

We donate newborn baby caps and lap blankets to Honor Health Scottsdale Medical Center, and scarves and adult lap blankets to JFCS and chemo caps to Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center.

For more information, please contact:

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Joan Davis

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Volunteer Opportunities

A wonderful way to get involved with our local BNC Chapter is to share your expertise with us. It's a Win-Win! You get to meet some of the other members, maintain your skills and learn new ones, and the Chapter benefits from your experience.

The current skill sets needed are:

**Website, Marketing, Publicity, Technology,
Study Group Facilitator**

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas, please contact: Ruth Lerner
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Chapter Board Meetings

Board meetings will be conducted virtually, using Zoom. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18 from 10 am -12 pm. Board members will receive a Zoom invitation.

All Chapter Board meetings are open to our members. You are welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of every month (except July) at 10:00 am. Board meetings are conducted virtually, using Zoom.

If you are not a current Board member and would like to attend, please email Corresponding Secretary Joyce Grant at jhgrant35@gmail.com in order to receive the Zoom meeting details.

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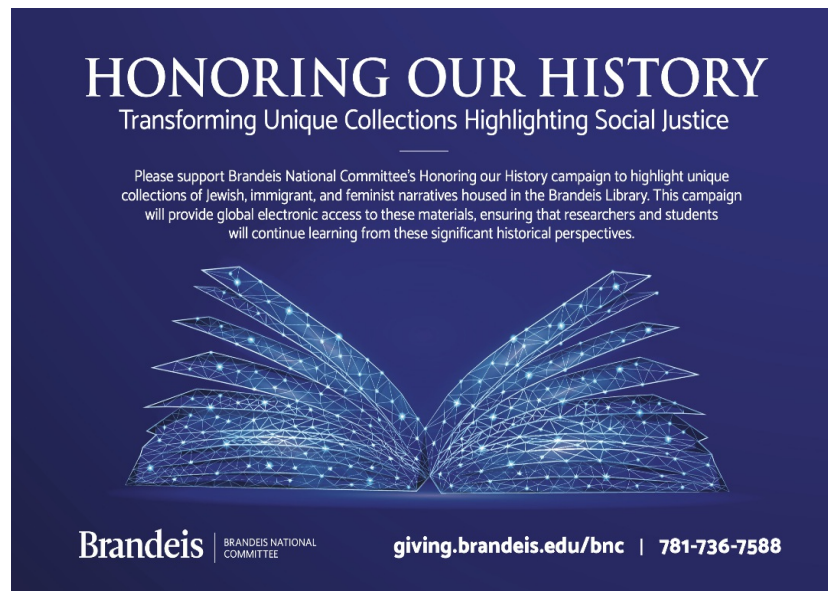
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VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
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WINTER EVENT
Sherlock in our Homes: a Virtual Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, February 20, 2021
5:00 – 7:00 pm



Honoring Our History

In a democracy, "we, the people" have a voice. On November 3rd, across the United States of America, American citizens will have the opportunity to take part in the National election and cast a vote.

This month the *Honoring Our History* Chairs are highlighting the [Helmut Hirsch Collection](#). This Collection was selected because it illustrates the need to take a stand for what we believe to be honest and true, so that one can say "I was not silent" when witnessing injustices.

The personal papers of Helmut Hirsch, a German Jew - technically an American citizen - was a member of the anti-Nazi organization, the Black Front, which plotted to bomb the Nazi headquarters at Nuremberg. Hirsch was to carry out the plot, which was intercepted by the Nazis; he was arrested, tried for treason in secret and executed by the Nazis in 1937, at the age of 21.

In the few months of his internment, Hirsch came to terms with his life, his decisions and his death. He left behind a rich collection of artistic and idealist materials: correspondence with his parents and sweetheart, diaries, notebooks, artwork, poetry, short stories and other writings, as well as photographic scrapbooks that enabled him to express his search for identity as a Jewish youth in Germany.

These materials were donated to Brandeis by his sister, Katie Hirsch Sugarman, because she was eager to see her brother's legacy enlivened for posterity. Interest in the Hirsch case reemerged in recent years and a documentary about him was shown on German television several years ago.

The collection will be digitized at the Brandeis Library for research scholars, students and also for future generations to see and learn about not being silent observers.

The past is history.... what we do with it is our future.

Please support [Honoring Our History!](#)

For more information please contact Carol Kern, cak8219@gmail.com and/or Judy Levine, judithlevine43@yahoo.com.



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| Joyce Grant | BNC Phoenix Chapter | In honor of Visionary Leaders Carol Kern, Janis Lipman & Flo Eckstein |
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| Terriann & Rich Kleiner | Sue Karp & Vicky Leavitt | Outstanding Board Installation |
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| Terriann & Rich Kleiner | Nancy Sacks | Continued dedication to BNC |
| Jan & Mike Lebovitz | Sue Karp & Vicky Leavitt | In honor of beautiful installation |
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| BNC Phoenix Chapter Board | Sue Karp & Vicky Leavitt | Beautiful, meaningful installation |
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| BNC Phoenix Chapter Board | Linda & Robert Ullman | In honor of Phillip's marriage to Allie |
| Jo Ellen Susman & Marty Goodman | Anne & Marvin Mondlick | In honor of birth of granddaughter Halle Ruth |
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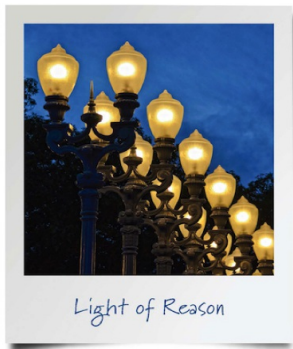
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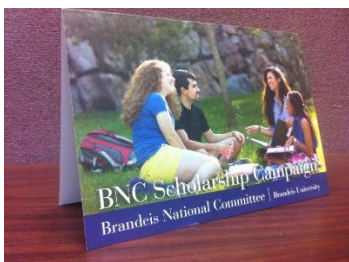
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