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See page 8 for more details!

Fall is back – it's time to
celebrate with our
BNC Phoenix friends and family!



Join us for a fun, free evening.
Saturday, October 24, 2020

"Zoom" Doors open at 6:45 pm

"The Live Zoom Show"

starts promptly at 7:00 pm

Meet our incredibly Special MC's and join us for an
engaging evening:

- ✓ Launch of our Chapter's efforts for the current BNC Honoring Our History Campaign
- ✓ Reveal of the projected proceeds of the just-ended Gift Showcase 2020
- ✓ Cheer on our new 2020-21 Board and celebrate with them on their belated formal installation
- ✓ Hear from our Chapter Presidents Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman.
- ✓ Enjoy listening to and singing along with a special local talent who has performed on Broadway

Reservations are required. Last day to register
is Wednesday, October 21st.
See page 9 to register and for more details!



Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

Shana Tova to Everyone



We hope you are all well and welcoming in the New Year! Our hope is that life, as we've known it, is resuming – if only with baby steps. Our Coronavirus numbers are down and we hope that they will remain this way.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the loss of an amazing person, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, on Erev Rosh Hashanah. Brandeis has been the recipient of much of her work throughout her life and she received an honorary degree from Brandeis in 1996. Her entire career was grounded in a push for a full and inclusive definition of equality. Justice Ginsburg had a major impact in creating equality for both women and men in the workplace. She fought her entire career for the principles that Brandeis stands for – social justice and gender equality. Justice Ginsburg leaves a legacy that is so large – she will be missed!!

Many celebrated Rosh Hashanah, hopefully with family and/or friends (in person or remotely) and went on to celebrate Yom Kippur (the good news being that we truthfully didn't have much to atone for, since we've been pretty much been living a very sheltered existence). Our wish for next year is not just to celebrate in Jerusalem, but also to celebrate with our family and friends, wherever that may be.

We realize that so much of our lives we have taken for granted – getting together with family and friends, shopping, restaurants, travel – and then it was all up in the air! We re-examine what is really important in our lives – family, friends and community – and we know that not being able to be together in person is difficult, but we have found new ways to connect. We constantly marvel at the power of Zoom or other media platforms. We hopefully see some family and friends; we play cards and games, watch movies, theater, concerts, discuss books and enjoy happy hours online. Everything we do to fill our days and our minds make us more comfortable in our current world!!

We have many exciting things to look forward to this year!

We want to say a giant Thank You to our Study Group VP's, Barbara Stern, Joyce Steinberg and Stephanie Klopfer and their committee for the endless effort, creativity and hours that they have put in to develop our in-house, online Study Group registration. Thank you to everyone involved and thank you to all the wonderful facilitators who are heading up the study groups. As you know, all groups are meeting on Zoom until in-person events are considered safe. We have 51 online groups! Hope you all registered - we'll start enjoying our groups this month!!! Hurray!! If and when we can meet in person, there will be an additional 45+ study groups.

We want to thank our Registrar, Nurit Burrows, the Membership committee and Volunteer Outreach, Ruth Lerner and everyone who wrote emails and made calls to help update our members' contact information, so that they could register for Study Groups. Please renew your membership if you haven't done so already – you are missing out on so many fun and enlightening opportunities.

Thank you to our fabulous Fundraising Program VP's and their committees for planning an amazing year of events for everyone. We have an exciting October. From October 14 – 24th, we have our online Gift Showcase 2020 where you can shop 'til you drop. All monies raised will be designated to our campaign this year, *Honoring Our History*. On October 24th, we will have a special night: our Board installation (which couldn't happen in March), a kickoff for the *Honoring Our History* campaign and special entertainment presented by a Broadway singer. How exciting!

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Thank you to Chuck Abrams for doing a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies for our fun Travelogue Happy Hour. Everyone enjoyed it so much that they requested this be a study group.

Thank you to Jonathan Lifshitz for his presentation about traumatic brain injury. It was very informative and appreciated by all who attended.

Thank you to those activity leaders who continued their summer camp groups in September.

October 13th is our Visionary Leadership event, co-sponsored by the Women's Leadership Institute and our BNC Phoenix Chapter. This event will feature three of our chapter members as special guests: Flo Eckstein, Carol Kern and Janis Lipman.

In closing, *"Remember that the ultimate measure of a Man is not where he stands in comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenges and controversy."* – Martin Luther King

These are those times – attitude, being involved with family and community and Brandeis, of course, adds to our lives – looking forward to seeing you soon – on Zoom!!!

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

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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Study Group News

Many Study Groups are still available if you would like to engage with other BNC Phoenix members via Zoom to learn, share opinions and have fun!

BOOK & MOVIE GROUPS

- Books that Define an Era ■ Camelview Review ■ Poets Laureate
- Second Tuesday AM Book Group ■ Law Whisperers

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- Creating Emotional Resilience: Before & After the Pandemic
- Raise Your Consciousness, Change Your Life ■ Learning More About DSLR Photography
- Culture in Arizona ■ Knit a Mitzvah ■ Explore the World of Interior Design
- Why Men Need to Get Back to the Gym ■ Women of Substance
- Men for Brandeis Activities (MBA) [formerly Men of Brandeis (MOB)]

DISCUSSION GROUPS

- News & Politics ■ Restless Minds Discussion Group for Men

...And there are some NEW groups, just added!

- **Bake with Hillary *NEW***, meets Second Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, beginning January 13. Facilitated by Hillary Kaminsky hillary.kaminsky@gmail.com 602-953-3213.
- **Beginning Yoga *NEW***, meets 6 consecutive Tuesdays, at 9:30 am, beginning November 3. Facilitated by Debbie Gordon mrsq395@gmail.com 602-478-1555.
- **Restless Minds TWO Discussion Group *NEW***, meets Second Sundays, 7:00 pm, beginning October 11. Facilitated by Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-541-0155
- **Travel and Beyond *NEW***, meets Second Fridays, 10:00 am, beginning Nov. 13. Facilitated by Helen Abrams hsbbcd@aol.com and Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

This information is current as of the date of printing.

For more information about these groups, review the [Study Guide](#).

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT WAYS TO REGISTER:

- **If you have *not* previously registered** for any groups, go to the BNC Phoenix website under Study Groups or click on this Registration Link.
- **If you have previously registered for study groups**, open the email confirmation from Brandeis you received when you registered before and click on the link "Edit my Registration." This will take you into your account and you can then add to your previous registration. *Do not create a new account under a different email address.*

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

Study Group News



MEN FOR BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES (formerly Men of Brandeis) **Wednesday, October 14th at 12:45 pm**

On October 14th, Men for Brandeis Activities will hear from Brian Brener. Brian is a long term resident of Phoenix who received a heart transplant in April 2011 at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. He is passionate about organ donation, and volunteers for the Donor Network of Arizona by educating the public about organ donation and donor registration. He will share his story, explain the benefits of organ donation, discuss some of the processes involved and dispel many common myths. Some interesting facts: one donor can save 50 lives; all major religions support organ donation. We will begin our program at 1:00 pm on Zoom. However, so we can do a bit of socializing while we take care of any Zoom “housekeeping” issues, it is suggested you join in at 12:45 pm.

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

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

STUDY GROUP CALENDAR

GROUP	OCT	MEETING 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
JEWISH BOOK GROUP FULL	1	10:00	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307 Colleen Espinoza colleene1122@aol.com 480-483-8622
YIDDISH FOR NOSTALGIA AND THE BRAIN *NEW* FULL	1 8 15 22 29	10:00	Dr. Ettie Zilber aholocaustmemoir@gmail.com 480-249-8027
FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS FULL	2	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
NEWS AND POLITICS *NEW*	5 19	7:00 pm	Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
SHOW ME THE MONEY *NEW*	5	2:00	Rena Selden seldensays@gmail.com 602-200-0111
BOOKS THAT DEFINE AN ERA *NEW*	6	1:30	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
CURRENT EVENTS FULL	6	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
LIVE THEATER HAPPY HOUR *NEW* FULL	6	4:00 pm	Andrew Tievsky atievsky@yahoo.com 214-477-5762
MEDITATION *NEW* FULL	6	7:00 pm	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138
MOVIES OF THE HEART *NEW* FULL	7	1:30	Gale Gradus ggradus13@gmail.com 480-939-2917 Nyles Gradus negradus@gmail.com
BOOK BROTHERS. FULL	8	10:00	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631
CONTEMPORARY READS FULL	8	1:00	Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793 Hillary Kaminsky hillary.kaminsky@gmail.com 602-953-3213
ETHNIC JEWISH COOKING AND EATING *NEW* FULL	8	10:00	Carol Abrams abrams.carol@gmail.com 310-210-6751
RESTLESS MINDS FOR MEN DISCUSSION GROUP *NEW*	9	11:00	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639
RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP FULL	11	7:00 pm	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639
RESTLESS MINDS TWO Discussion Group *NEW*	11	7:00 pm	Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-541-0155

Even full groups sometimes have room for guests!
In all cases, please contact facilitators for availability. A \$5 guest fee will apply.

GROUP	OCT	MEETING TIME	FACILITATOR
WRITING YOUR STORIES FULL	12 26	1:30	Judy Mosbacher judeinphx@gmail.com 602-228-4138
LEARNING MORE ABOUT DSLR PHOTOGRAPHY *NEW*	13	10:00	Chuck Abrams abrams.charles@gmail.com 310-666-2861
SECOND TUESDAY AM BOOK GROUP	13	10:00	Leslie Kiefus lk907@yahoo.com Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804
KNIT A MITZVAH	14 28	1:00	Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393 Joan Davis davis6j@gmail.com 602-499-8357
MEN for BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES (MBA) [Formerly known as Men of Brandeis (MOB)]	14	1:00	Leith Baletin lbaletin@gmail.com 480-874-9434
BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL	15	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 FULL	15	9:30	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 973-715-6475
EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	16	11:00	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
WHY MEN NEED TO GET BACK TO THE GYM *NEW*	19	10:00	Larry Waldman larrywaldmanphd@cox.net 602-418-8161
CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 - REVIEW & LUNCH	20	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 *NEW*	20	9:45	Arlene Rosenberg ar@arlenerosenberg.com 480-993-5322
LAW WHISPERERS *NEW*	20	2:00	Rena Selden seldensays@gmail.com 602-200-0111
POETS LAUREATE	22	1:30	Freyda Libman poetprof329@gmail.com 630-926-3193
B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE	26	12:00	Arlene Gluck agluck1128@gmail.com 760-559-7558 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 551-427-8365
RAISE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, CHANGE YOUR LIFE	27	11:00	Carol Wolf peanuts526@aol.com 847-207-9954
WOMEN of SUBSTANCE *NEW*	28	6:30 pm	Ileen Herberg herberg@aol.com 602-460-0047 Joyce Steinberg joyces12003@gmail.com 602-538-2561

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Gift Showcase
2020
BRANDEIS
PHOENIX CHAPTER



Choose from a dazzling collection of Brandeis members' and local boutique artisans' exquisite handmade wares! Gift Showcase 2020 features an amazing collection of vintage and gently loved donated items. Marketplace shoppers are sure to find a great assortment of merchandise from across the Valley. Proceeds from the marketplace are being directed to BNC's **Honoring Our History Campaign**.

Enjoy 10 days of pure shopping bliss from the comfort of your home!



Art & Collectibles
Experiences & Gift Baskets
Holiday Gifts
Home Essentials
Jewelry & Accessories



Shop with your American Express, MasterCard or Visa credit cards - no cash or checks.
PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SALES ARE FINAL - NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

STAY TUNED

The website link for Gift Showcase 2020 website address
will arrive in your email Inbox on October 14, 2020.
First come, first served, so come early to shop and buy!!

*We are planning **curbside pickup only** for your purchases
at designated Phoenix and Scottsdale locations.*

You will be notified by email with information about locations and times.

For additional information please contact bncphxgiftshowcase2020@gmail.com

Honoring Our History & Our Future

Our BNC Phoenix chapter is kicking off its 2020-21 programming season with a LIVE virtual event via Zoom. The Fall Event, chaired by Harriet Schwartz and Marcia Langer, in collaboration with Fundraising Programs Vice-Presidents Carol Abrams and Terriann Kleiner and the amazing Fall Event and Fundraising Programs Committees, will be held on Saturday evening, October 24th.

We will have a very full program with special MC's, well-known Brandeis Phoenix speakers, an incredibly moving formal installation of our 2020-21 Chapter Board, and outstanding entertainment. But wait – there's more! You'll also find out the projected proceeds from the **Gift Showcase 2020** marketplace that starts October 14th and ends on October 24th.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

Zoom "Doors" open at 6:45 pm

Festivities start promptly at 7:00 pm

Join us for a fun, free evening | Open seating courtesy of Zoom

Refreshments provided by "Chez You"

Last day to register is October 21, 2020

Click [Here](#) to Register Now



HONORING OUR PAST

Inspiring words about BNC's new **Honoring Our History Campaign** will be presented by the two National Campaign Chairs - from our own Phoenix chapter - Carol Kern and Judy Levine.

HONORING OUR FUTURE

We are honored to conduct the formal installation of our 2020-21 Brandeis Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors – the lifeblood of our organization. We would love to have installed them as planned in March at our spring event, but Covid-19 threw a monkey wrench into those plans as it did to so many other carefully orchestrated events. Thankfully Zoom will allow us to see each other and to cheer on our new **Board**.

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

To take our celebration over the top, we have planned some special entertainment, provided by a young local talent whose career on Broadway has already begun. Details on our special entertainment will be coming soon!

Fundraising Programs Vice-Presidents

Carol Abrams 310-210-6751 (phone or text) and Terriann Kleiner 314-761-3132 (phone or text)

bncphxfrprograms@gmail.com

BNC Phoenix

is co-sponsoring this event
that features some of our members.

Please join us for a special, virtual event:

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

*Sponsored by the Women's Leadership Institute and
Brandeis National Committee - Phoenix Chapter*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Be inspired by women who persevered, overcame obstacles and succeeded.

Join special guests:

Flo Eckstein

Carol Kern

Janis Lipman

Dr. Lois J. Zachary



Save your spot! [Please click to register.](#)

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Note: Event is from 6:30 - 8:00 pm Arizona time.

Meet our Membership Vice Presidents



Gale Gradus



Gale was born in NYC but grew up a South Jersey Girl! As a teenager, her family had the opportunity to move to Europe; first to The Netherlands and then to Belgium. There, she graduated from the International School of Brussels in 1973. During these formative years, her “soul” was fed rich cultural and ethnic diversity. Included in the mix was a summer working as a volunteer on Kibbutz Rosh Hanikrah.

Gale moved back to the States to attend Boston University, School of Nursing. Obtaining her BSN in 1977, she worked full-time holding both Clinical and Management positions. Her primary passions were Woman’s Health, Pain Management and being the Nurse Manager of the OR at Hospital for Special Surgery, NYC.

On Christmas Eve 1987, Gale met Nyles at the Tunnel Disco in NYC, during a Jewish Singles dance billed as the “First Annual Latke and Snow Ball.” Love and marriage ensued, followed by two baby carriages. (Brenna and Halley!) Their dreams of parenthood were made possible by the blessings of Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Gale worked the night shift and slept while the kids were at school. When college “emptied the nest,” along came the big decision: Where to go for retirement? Using their GPS (Gradus Positioning System), they set their compass to Phoenix. After 25 years, they left Bergen County, NJ, saying good-bye to friends and family and left for the “Wild West.” Not knowing anybody in the Valley of the Sun, they discovered Brandeis. Jumping in, they registered for many Study Groups and became Co-Facilitators of Lunchtime Theater. Team Gradus was asked to join the Board as Members at Large followed by Gale joining the Membership Committee. From there, Gale was honored to step up to become Co-VP of Membership.

Gale’s other passions include cooking, sewing, quilting and nature photography.



Carol Kadet



Self-described as “Mother, Grandmother, Writer, Marketeer, Entrepreneur, Volunteer, Genealogy Buff, Friend,” Carol was born in Springfield, IL and moved to Phoenix while in elementary school. She is a product of Phoenix schools and earned a BS degree in Demographics and English at ASU.

She met her late husband, Rick, at the Phoenix JCC while still in high school. Out of college, she was a writer for an advertising agency and started a family. After moving to Schenectady, Carol was a columnist for a weekly newspaper. Additional career moves took the family to Iowa, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Minnesota, and Northern California.

While in the Philadelphia area, Carol earned an MBA from Drexel University, triggering a 35-year career in technology. She was one of a handful of women in technology sales, and later held positions as Director of Inside Sales, Business Development and Director of Content for software companies in Philadelphia, Providence, and Silicon Valley before retiring in 2015.

Carol founded and managed an engraving company, certified woman-owned, in RI, and served on the board of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce and co-founded a women’s networking group.

Always a “joiner,” Carol served as president of BBG, AEF Sorority, multiple congregational Sisterhoods, and AAUW. In the 1970’s, she was president of the Des Moines County, IA Planned Parenthood and was named the Burlington, IA “Young Woman of the Year” in 1976. She started a Religious School in Iowa and, when one was established in RI, served as treasurer and by-laws chair.

She served as chair of fundraising and programming committees for several organizations and served on her synagogue board of trustees while in CA.

After Rick was killed in biking accident and she retired, Carol moved back to Arizona. Her family includes a daughter, two sons and several grandsons and granddaughters.



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

- ★ Congrats to Patti Grossman on the birth of her grandson, Miles Andrew.
- ★ Congrats to Terriann & Rich Kleiner on the marriage of their son, Keith, to Catherine Harris.
- ★ Best wishes to Andie Morrison for a speedy recovery.
- ★ Best wishes to Roberta Scharf for a speedy recovery.
- ★ Our sincere condolences to the family of Sandy Bregman.
- ★ Our sincere condolences to the family of Loretta Forrest.
- ★ Our sincere condolences to Life Member Addie Gould on the passing of her husband, Clarence Gould.
- ★ Our sincere condolences to the family of Nancy Shifman.

We Welcome our New and Rejoining Members!

Sheri Bretan, Glenn Eder, Sandy Eder, William Hoffman, Susan Kaufman,
Roberta Lazarz, Gayle Levin, Damian Preciado, Amy Rohald, Melissa Rolloff, Karen Spiegel

MEETING

The next *New & Prospective Member Social* is Monday, October 19, 2020 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on **Zoom**. If you know of a prospective member, please contact the Membership VP's.

Did you know ??

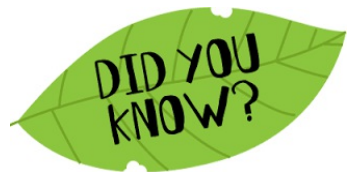
Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an activity by a friend? With so many exciting programs and events coming up in our chapter, why not invite a friend to join you?

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.



Carol Kadet and Gale Gradus, Membership Vice Presidents
brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com

Community Outreach

Charitable Organizations Need Our Help!

Although we cannot really collect items due to limited garage space, 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.

If you have these items, please call Ellen at 602-214-5212 to make arrangements to drop them off.

As soon as we can, we will be collecting cosmetic bags and mini-toiletries to give to those in need.

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:

Ronee Siegel

ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393

Joan Davis

davis6j@gmail.com 602-499-8357

Over the summer, our awesome knitters produced 138 newborn caps and 12 baby lap blankets, which were donated to Honor Health Scottsdale. We thank Barbara Frank, Joan Davis and Lauren Glick for the caps. A special thanks to Janet Lottman's mother, Lillian Stam, for knitting 12 beautiful baby lap blankets.

For more information, contact the Community Outreach chairs:
Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com



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

ruth.bncphx@gmail.com



We Value Your Privacy



All members' contact information shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential and not be shared with other organizations.

Friendly Reminder - Chapter Policy:

Please remember that any information discussed at a Brandeis National Committee event, planning meeting and/or board meeting is to be used for Brandeis purposes alone and is not to be shared with friends, relatives or members of other local organizations. Funds raised at or by Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter events are for the sole purpose of supporting BNC. Therefore, monetary collections and solicitations for the benefit of other organizations at Brandeis events, including study groups, is inappropriate. All directories, phone numbers, addresses and emails shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain for Brandeis business use only and not shared with other organizations.

ZOOM!

Chapter Board Meetings

Board meetings will be conducted virtually, using Zoom. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 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 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.

Chapter Presidents

Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman bncphxpresidents@gmail.com

A full list of the [Phoenix Chapter Board members](#) is available.

Save These
DATES

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP EVENT

October 13, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

GIFT SHOWCASE 2020

October 14 - 24

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SOCIAL

Monday, October 19

HONORING OUR HISTORY

KICKOFF AND BOARD INSTALLATION

October 24, 7:00 pm



Chapter Roster

If you have recently moved,
or changed your
phone number or email address,
please let Bruce Galin,
our Chapter's Data Manager,
know of those changes.

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com.

She will ensure you don't miss out on any
Chapter mailings and information.



Honoring Our History

The *Honoring Our History* team was saddened to hear that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away in September, on Erev Rosh Hashanah. Justice Ginsburg visited Brandeis Supreme Court in 1993. In 1996 she accepted an honorary degree and was a [keynote speaker](#) at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of namesake Louis D. Brandeis' ascension to the Supreme Court. We encourage you to click on the link to listen to the speech. Hearing her express how Justice Brandeis was so influential to her and others is inspiring. Brandeis president Ron Leibowitz wrote [a letter to the Brandeis community](#) in her memory. Supreme Court Justice Breyer said that "The world is a better place for having her in it."

As a tribute to her memory, this month *Honoring Our History* is highlighting a collection from the Brandeis Jewish Feminism Collection. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a feminist icon. Her fight for women's rights led to the enactment of many landmark Supreme Court decisions.

One of the rich collections related to Jewish feminism is the [Aviva Cantor Papers](#). This collection consists of research materials, records relating to organizations and conferences, publication drafts and correspondence, and recordings, all broadly related to Aviva Cantor's work as a feminist activist, particularly dealing with women's roles and feminist issues within Judaism.

Aviva Cantor is a Jewish feminist activist, scholar, and author. Cantor was born on February 12, 1940 in the Bronx, New York. After receiving degrees from Barnard College and from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, she worked as a reporter for the Jewish Chronicle. In the late 1960s, she became active within the Jewish Zionist movement and within the feminist movement, and quickly emerged as one of the leading voices in Jewish feminist circles. Cantor was a co-founder of the Jewish Liberation Project in 1968 and was the founding editor of its publication, the *Jewish Liberation Journal*. In 1976, she helped found the Jewish feminist magazine *Lilith*, serving as an editor and a contributing writing until 1987.

Cantor was involved with several national and international Jewish feminist organizations and projects, and has been especially active in researching and writing about women in Israel. Her best known publications include *Jewish Women/Jewish Men: The Legacy of Patriarchy in Jewish Life* (1995), *The Jewish Woman Bibliography* (1986) and *The Egalitarian Hagada* (1991). Cantor continues to work as an activist, writer, and editor in New York.

For more information about the [Honoring Our History Campaign](#) and how to make a donation honoring the memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, please contact: **Carol Kern**, cak8219@gmail.com and/or **Judy Levine**, judithlevine43@yahoo.com.



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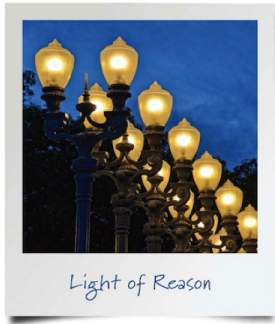
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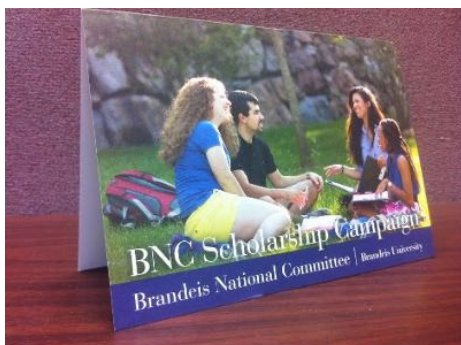
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