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## MARCH 2021



# ANNUAL BOARD MEETING (ON ZOOM)

Wednesday, March 17 at 10:00 am (AZ)

## Calling ALL Brandeis Members and Prospective Members to our Chapter's Annual Board Meeting

In addition to the introduction of the Chapter Board slate for 2021-22, the guest speaker will be Rabbi Pinchas Allouche. He is a well-recognized figure and a sought-after lecturer and author. Rabbi Allouche was born in Toulouse, France and grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa and Jerusalem, Israel. His travels have taken him to Geneva, Switzerland and Milan, Italy, where he received his rabbinic ordination. From 1999-2002, Rabbi Allouche served as a teacher and educator in the Jerusalem Seminaries for Young Jewish Women.

Rabbi Allouche is currently the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tefillah in Scottsdale. He is a highly respected and involved member of the Jewish community of Greater Phoenix and the Jewish Federation. He has been listed as one of *The Jewish Daily Forward's* most inspiring American rabbis.

Rabbi Allouche will speak about ***Finding Hope During Challenging and Life-Altering Times.***

REGISTER

Register by March 10 in order to receive the Zoom Link for this informative meeting.

Co-Chairs: Sue Lawler and Jo Ellen Susman  
For questions, please contact Sue Lawler: [suelawler9@gmail.com](mailto:suelawler9@gmail.com)



# Presidents' Message

Dear Chapter Members,

To quote from a *Fiddler on the Roof* song, “Wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles,” we have survived almost a year of this pandemic by caring, sharing and opening our hearts and minds to one another. We have stayed strong, stayed together and moved our chapter forward. The darkness of the pandemic is slowly transitioning to dawn and we look forward to the sunrise! Even with the new variants, as we all get vaccinated we are making our way, one day at a time, toward a brighter tomorrow. The visions of lunches together, meeting in our homes and other non-virtual events dance in our thoughts. Our dreams keep us attentive

to new goals which will become reality in the, hopefully, not too distant future.

With 90,000 people predicted to be moving to the greater Phoenix area each year until 2030, it is all but certain that we will be expanding our membership! We have to plan now to meet the needs of our members. Our study groups are absolutely vital to our existence and future growth as a chapter. To service our growing membership, we need lots of study groups and facilitators to lead them! If you have an idea or skill about which you are passionate, consider facilitating a study group. Please contact our study group VPs with your ideas at [2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com). They can help fine tune your group as well as assist in finding you a co-facilitator, if you'd like one. We offer facilitator training and will ensure you're prepared!

We want to offer a huge THANK YOU to our Winter Event program chairs Susie Sacks and Gail Tenn, and their committee; our Fundraising Programs VPs Carol Abrams and Terriann Kleiner; and, of course, Paula Eckstein, for an outstanding evening of Sherlock in Our Homes on February 20. What fun we all had! Our chapter consistently knows how to put the FUN in FUNDRAISING! Thank you for all your hard work!

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Meeting** on March 17 and the **University on Wheels** event on April 8. Stay tuned for other upcoming events! Additionally, please submit to the Co-Presidents your ideas for national webinars that would garner large chapter support.

Our wonderful Summer Camp Chairs are busy planning for a full and exciting **Summer Camp** calendar. If you have an activity you want to share, please email Ronee Siegel and Harriet Schwartz at [bncphxsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxsummercamp@gmail.com). You can be an activity leader for one or more virtual sessions during June, July and August, so let your ideas flow!!

As always, we wish you good health, safety and many special moments! Have fun and stay involved! We care about you!

All the best, Jan & Linda, Presidents  
[BNCPhxPresidents@gmail.com](mailto:BNCPhxPresidents@gmail.com) 480-359-7262

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## UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS (ZOOM)

Thursday, April 8 at 2 pm ET

**Please save the date of our first-ever virtual BNC University on Wheels.**

University on Wheels welcomes Hadassah Lieberman, wife of former U.S. Senator and Vice-Presidential nominee Joe Lieberman, and an author who has dedicated herself to promoting healthcare issues, assisting nonprofit organizations, improving educational standards, and advancing international understanding, particularly in the area of women's health.

She will be joined in conversation by Sylvia Fishman, the Joseph and Esther Foster Professor in Judaic Studies, Emerita. This event is exclusive to BNC members.

The ticket price is \$25, \$50 or \$100 and is a charitable contribution to BNC's Honoring Our History campaign.

REGISTER



## A fun and successful event!

**"Sherlock in Our Own Homes: A Virtual Scavenger Hunt"**

On Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 pm, 23 teams with 6 members per team embarked on a virtual scavenger hunt organized and managed by the company FrogQuest. Prior to the start of the hunt, everyone had downloaded and logged into the FrogQuest app. After an organizational Zoom meeting for all participants, the teams moved into breakout rooms. The first task was for all teams to take a team photo and upload the photo to FrogQuest. There were 62 additional tasks on the app and the teams had till 7:00 pm to complete as many tasks as possible. The tasks ranged from "entire team in tiny hats" to "teammate wearing a coat that is still hanging in a closet or on the rack."

The tasks were worth a varying number of points and bonus points were awarded for especially creative solutions, of which there were many!

Everyone gathered in the main Zoom room at 7:00 pm to watch a slide show comprised of over 200 slides that had been uploaded to FrogQuest and the winning teams were announced. "Don't Mess with us Detectives" came in first, followed by "The Brain Stormers" and "Silver Seekers." A very good time was had by all!

### THE WINNING TEAM MEMBERS ARE:

**Joyce Grant (team leader), Helen Abrams, Tricia Beran,  
Stephanie Klopper, Roni Nassberg, Martha Patrick**

Our thanks to our event committee: Michelle Fischler, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Sue Lawler, Sara Leopold, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Brina Pepper, Lori Roth, JoEllen Susman, Lyn Walter and Marti Zelikoff. Additional thanks to Ken Walter and Paula Eckstein, as well as the chairs of the Fundraising Programs Committee, Carol Abrams and Terriann Kleiner, and our chapter presidents, Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman.

Gail Tenn and Susan Sacks, Event Co-Chairs



Quest 21: Still Hanging Around  
 – wearing a coat that is still hanging in the closet



Quest 10: Witchy Wo(man) - flying on a broomstick (must be airborne)



Quest 43: 10-Gallon Hats - the entire team wearing oversized hats



Quest 0: Team Photo - this is the 6 Jokers team



Quest 5: Up a Creek – rowing a boat on dry land

# Study Group News



**MEN FOR BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES**  
Wednesday, March 10 at 12:45 pm



On March 10, our speaker will be Ruth Lerner. She is our Chapter's Volunteer Outreach Chair and was born in Shanghai, China. She will share her family's story of their escape from Hitler's Germany in 1939 and their 11-year experience in the Shanghai Ghetto before they immigrated to Seattle in 1951.

All meetings in 2020 will be conducted on Zoom. Members of the group must RSVP to the facilitator in order to 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](mailto:lbaletin@gmail.com) 480-874-9434

## MBA Looking Forward...

**APRIL 14 - BILL WEISS** - Bill is retired from AT&T's corporate offices. He also spent time at Bell Labs. His topic will be *The Jewish Mafia in the US*.

Looking for this month's STUDY GROUP CALENDAR? See our website:

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

From the website, you can return to the Bulletin.

# Study Groups: Looking Ahead!

2020 - 2021 has been another successful season - even on Zoom - and it's not over yet. The chapter continues to attract new members and a major part of that attraction is the availability of many and varied study groups in which to participate.

To continue this success, we need your help. As we begin to think of next season (yes, your Study Group Team is already looking ahead to next year) we are looking for facilitators with ideas for new groups.



## Ask yourself the following questions:



Do you have an idea for a study group that you want to facilitate?  
(Note: we especially welcome input from our Men of Brandeis members.)

Are you interested in starting a group that meets on Sunday?

Would you enjoy leading a limited group discussion (4 sessions) on a favorite topic or activity?

Do you have a special interest, talent or skill that you want to share with others?



## STUDY GROUP IDEAS from Brandeis Chapters around the country

Chat en Français on Zoom (can be used for any language)

Comedy Time – TV, Film, Stand-Up

Critics' Choice (view film/play then discuss the critiques)

Eastern Thought (religions)

Fun With Origami

Historical Fiction

History Lessons (Social, Political, Economic)

Jewish Supreme Court Justices

Music Appreciation - Classical

Netflix Documentaries

Playwrights (read plays aloud/discuss)

Southwest Textiles & Baskets

Survival Beginning Spanish

Talmud and Current Issues

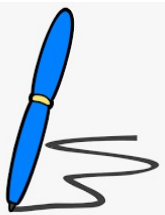
Ted Talks

Writing as Self Discovery (Journaling)

Zoom 101



**TED** Ideas worth spreading



**iHOLA**

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

Study Group Vice-Presidents:

Stephanie Klopper, Joyce Steinberg, Barbara Stern [2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com)



# Out & About @ Home

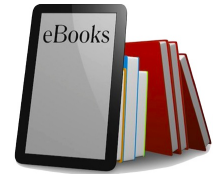
## Read, See, Talk About!



We can't get *Out & About*, but we can visit places around the country and world through these books, films and shows recently discussed in some of our study groups.

As we go forward, selections can be submitted to us at [BNCPhxBulletin@gmail.com](mailto:BNCPhxBulletin@gmail.com) by either facilitators or group participants.

Many thanks - happy reading and viewing!



### THE DISCUSSIONS IN FEBRUARY INCLUDED:

<b>Books</b>	<p><i>The Alice Network</i> by Kate Quinn</p> <p><i>Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present and Future of American Labor</i> by Steven Greenhouse</p> <p><i>The Chief / The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice Roberts</i> - by Joan Biskupi</p> <p><i>The Crowded Hour: Theodore Roosevelt, the Rough Riders and Dawn of the American Century</i> by Clay Risen</p> <p><i>The Darwin Affair</i> by Tim Mason</p> <p><i>The Last Kings of Shanghai</i> by Jonathan Kaufman</p> <p><i>Long Bright River</i> by Liz Moore</p> <p><i>Lost Roses</i> by Martha Hall Kelly</p> <p><i>Moonflower Murders</i> by Anthony Horowitz</p> <p><i>The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace</i> by Jeff Hobbs</p> <p><i>Transcendent Kingdom</i> by Yaa Gyasi</p> <p><i>The Wartime Sisters</i> by Lynda Cohen Loigman</p> <p><i>The Virgin Suicides</i> by Jeffrey Eugenides</p> <p><i>When Time Stopped</i> by Ariana Neumann</p>
<b>Film</b>	<p><i>The Dig</i> (Netflix)</p> <p><i>Mank</i> (Netflix)</p> <p><i>My Octopus Teacher</i> (Netflix)</p> <p><i>Uncle Frank</i> (Amazon Prime)</p> <p><i>The White Tiger</i> (Netflix)</p> <p><i>Young Man with a Horn</i> (HBO, Amazon Prime \$2.99)</p> <p><i>Z</i> (1969) (HBO Max; Amazon Prime and iTunes \$3.99)</p>
<b>Theater</b>	<p><i>All My Sons</i> by Arthur Miller</p> <p>filmed live at the Apollo Theatre, London, 2010</p>

Please note: Viewing platforms for Films and Theater performances are subject to change.

# Bulletin Survey Update!



In February, we asked chapter members to participate in a survey about our monthly Bulletin; 211 members responded. 203 members indicated they read the bulletin each month on an electronic device such as computer, tablet or cell phone. The majority of responses thought issuing the Bulletin once a month is just right, although comments included suggestions to shorten parts of the communication.

Access to study group information is especially important. Half of the respondents said they rely on the study group calendar for information and 80% (170) said they would use a link to the calendar on our website (which is currently accessible).

In response to the question "What items in the current newsletter are important to you?" of high importance are the Presidents' message, fundraising programs, study group news, Save the Date, membership news and community outreach. Less important to responders are Out & About@Home, Board meeting notices, Brandeis Happenings, the Donations list and the Board Members list.

While responses overwhelmingly support the Bulletin as it is, the Bulletin Review committee will revisit the format and find ways to streamline it. The committee identified many items where there can be a link, such as Volunteer Opportunities, Brandeis Happenings, housekeeping items (security, privacy and rules/responsibilities) and the Board Member list.

The Bulletin editors will review these suggestions and develop a draft version of a potentially new format. Stay tuned to see more changes in your chapter Bulletin!



## Meet the Board's Corresponding Secretaries and Recording Secretaries



**Bonnie Furst**

I was born and grew up in New York City, moving to Long Island at the age of 15. I lived there most of my adult life, teaching middle grades for 27 years. After retirement I lived in Florida and then moved to Scottsdale 10 years ago to be closer to my one son and two grandsons.

I became a member of Brandeis Phoenix in 2011, participated in many Study Groups and have been a Board Member for 4 years. I also co-chaired the Book Sales Committee for Book & Author. I enjoy travel, movies and live theater, but my real love is ballet and music. My tastes range from Mendelssohn to Rachmaninoff to Tchaikovsky to the Beatles.



**Joyce Grant**

Joyce Grant hails from Chicago, IL, where she has lived since earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University and the University of Michigan, respectively. From 1969-2002, she taught English at New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL and was ultimately appointed English Department chair. At 32, she was the youngest person and first woman to head an academic department at New Trier West.

While balancing her teaching and administrative duties, Joyce married Paul, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, and later became mother to daughter Jill. Civic minded, Joyce founded the Working Parents Task Force in Glencoe, IL. She was later elected to the Glencoe school board, and for two years served as its vice-president. Her major accomplishment during her tenure was her leadership in passing a \$12.5 million referendum to accommodate Glencoe's burgeoning student population.

After her retirement, Joyce and a former colleague founded Edu-Tainment. Under its auspices, they created and delivered over 100 presentations on literature and film throughout the Chicago area.

Joyce and her husband Paul continue to split their time between Chicago and Scottsdale. She joined Brandeis in 2013 and subsequently became co-facilitator of both Contemporary Reads and First Friday Films. In addition, she served on the Author Committee for the Book & Author event and was Author Committee co-chair for the past two years. She currently serves on the Board as co-corresponding secretary. Joyce is very grateful for the wonderful friends she has made through her involvement with Brandeis.

## Meet the Board's Corresponding Secretaries and Recording Secretaries (continued)



**Vicky Roberta Leavitt**

Looking back, I have spent the most time being a caretaker, artist, wife, mother and now "Nana."

I am most proud of my family. My son and his wife just had their first baby. My daughter has two Old English Sheepdogs!! All have great careers and are able to work from home in these COVID times.

I was born in Dayton, OH and attended the public school in honors college prep courses. My first fundraiser was for my high school Drill Team, raising enough money to buy 50 girls' summer uniforms from a "Battle of the Bands" contest. I realized I was a true go-getter. I went to Miami University and graduated with a BFA in Fine Arts.

In 1981, I married my husband, Mark, after dating eleven years. We did not want to rush into anything!! We both worked full time and I became an Art Director with Fortune 500 companies, art studios, advertising agencies and textbook publishing companies. I taught Senior Design courses at a professional art college and ran the work placement program.

We moved to Carmel, Indiana for my husband's profession with Merrill Lynch in 1994. I began volunteering as the Program Director for Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's Sisterhood and The Ronald McDonald House. I also started a successful home-based business, marketing designer cremation urns for Batesville Casket Company.

We moved again, to the Southwest in 2016, to be closer to family. We love Scottsdale and all it has to offer, including BNC Phoenix. I am lucky to have many childhood and new friends living here.



**Judy Krockey**

Judy Krockey was born and raised in Joliet, IL. She graduated from Joliet Township High School and began her postsecondary education at the University of Illinois. She graduated from the College of St. Francis in Joliet (now known as the University of St. Francis), earning an undergraduate degree in Psychology with a Minor in Physiology. In addition, she possesses a Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology from George Williams College in Downers Grove, IL and certification in substance abuse counseling.

Her professional experience featured working in rehabilitation centers as well as the Psychiatric Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet, where she conducted neuropsychological testing of individuals suffering from traumatic brain injuries, learning disabilities, and cognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's and dementia. While in Joliet, Judy was a member of the Women's Board of the Joliet Area Community Hospice, the first nonprofit freestanding hospice in Illinois. She also served on the Joliet Junior College Foundation Board, the school being the first junior college in the country.

Judy and her late husband, Robert, purchased a home in Fountain Hills in 1998, where they lived primarily during the winter and spring. Following her husband's death, Judy moved to Fountain Hills full time in May, 2017. She has three children and four grandchildren.

Judy joined the Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter in 2016, when she was introduced to the group by Georgia Heller. She has been a member-at-large, Co-Vice President for Programming and presently serves the Board as Co-Corresponding Secretary.

Judy's interests include reading, traveling, theater, discussion groups, Canasta and spending time with friends.



## Chapter Board Meetings

Board meetings are conducted virtually, via Zoom. Chapter members are welcome to attend all meetings, which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am.

**This month, the Board meeting is our All-Chapter Annual Meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, March 17, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.**

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

### Chapter Presidents

Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman [bncphxpresidents@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxpresidents@gmail.com)

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



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Rabbi Pinchas Allouche**  
Wednesday, March 17 - 10:00 am

**VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS - Webinar**  
Thursday, April 8  
2:00 pm (ET) 11:00 am (AZ)



## 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](mailto:bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com).

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

## 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.



### MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events, please contact

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To learn about becoming a member, please contact

Carol Kadet at [brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com](mailto:brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com)

## Membership News

Our sincere condolences to the family of chapter past President, Joanie Bream.

Our sincere condolences to Gloria Goebel-Gildin on the passing of her husband, Leon Gildin.

Our sincere condolences to the family of chapter past President, Harriet Hirshberg.

Welcome to our Returning Member  
**Ilene Lashinsky**



Membership Vice-Presidents Carol Kadet and Gale Gradus  
[brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com](mailto:brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com)



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
- Listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels (UOW)
- Participate in a community service activity

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

[Click HERE](#) for information on becoming a member.

# Community Outreach



## Charitable Organizations Need Our Help!

The C.A.R.E.S. (Clothing And Resources Exchange Support) Pantry is managed by youth in the JFCS Real World Job Development Program. The pantry provides gently used clothing and shoes, household goods and small appliances to JFCS clients and clients of community partner agencies. SOJOURNER CENTER for abused women and children accepts socks, clothing (women and children), bedding, full size unscented lotion and full-size hair products

Ellen has offered to help with your donations. If you have these items, please call Ellen at 602-214-5212 to make arrangements to drop them off.

JUST 3 THINGS continues to collect food items. Most needed are: rice, powdered milk, canned meat, vegetables & beans, cooking oil, fruit cups, cereal, granola bars, toilet paper, laundry detergent and disinfectant wipes. (Contact [jfcsaz.org](http://jfcsaz.org) for a complete list of items.)

Call Wendy at 602-316-2993 to arrange to drop off these items.

Stay safe and stay well!  
Ellen Kirschenbaum and Wendy Cohen

## Donate Passover Food

**The Bureau of Jewish Education** provides Passover food for over 225 families. There is a collection bin at the JCC for items, or contact Ellen at 602-214-5212.



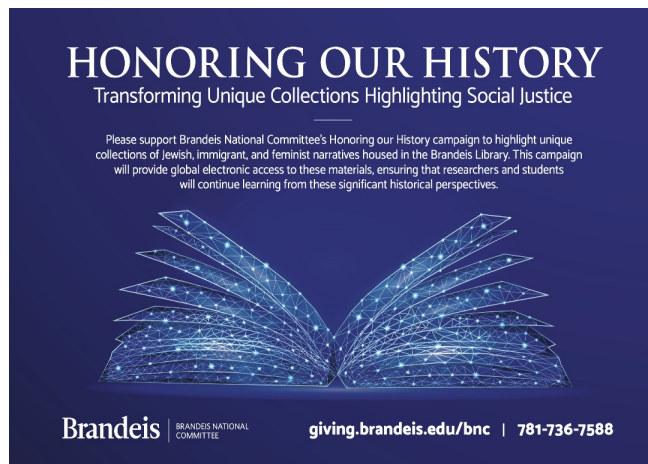
## Knit A Mitzvah

**Do you Knit?  
Do you Crochet?  
Help us make Scarves,  
Newborn Baby Caps and Lap Blankets**

This season, we are also making chemo caps to donate to Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at HonorHealth.

**For more information, please contact:  
Ronee Siegel  
[ronees@aol.com](mailto:ronees@aol.com) 917-273-0393**

**For more information, contact the Community Outreach chairs:  
Wendy Cohen [wencohen@cox.net](mailto:wencohen@cox.net) Ellen Kirschenbaum [ellenk102@gmail.com](mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com)**



# Honoring Our History

The story of Passover has been told and celebrated for centuries. It is a reminder that slavery existed long before minds could remember and, without the written word, this story of freedom would not exist today.

Jewish people, and others who were deemed different from those in power, suffered discrimination throughout history. Their stories must be told again and again, with the hope that injustices will never happen again. Passover is exactly the right time to understand the importance of preserving and sharing the written word.

The *Honoring Our History* campaign strives to fulfill the principles of access, inclusivity and tolerance by digitizing social justice collections that are in the archives at the Brandeis Library. For the past few months we have highlighted many collections such as the [Leo Frank](#) letters and newspaper articles, [The Helmut Hirsch Collection](#), the [Spitzer Family Papers](#), the [Jewish Feminism Collection](#) and the [University Photography Collection](#). They are stories about injustices to be told and shared worldwide.

We may not be the youngest in our families to ask the four questions that are asked at Passover year after year, however, here is our version of the *Honoring Our History* four questions.

Q: Why is this campaign different from all other campaigns?

A: This is the first attempt to digitize collections that are deteriorating.

Q: Why is it so important to preserve historical collections?

A: No other campaign provides insight into narratives of 20<sup>th</sup> century men and women living in a time of overt anti-Semitism, racism and institutionalized sexism.

Q: What will digitization do?

A: It ensures the discoverability of social justice collections outside the Brandeis Community so they can be used in schools and for international research.

Q: How can we support this endeavor?

A: By donating to *Honoring Our History*. Let's not pass over our commitment to support Brandeis University and the founding principles that are so important to us.

For more information, please see the [BNC website](#).

Have a Happy and Safe Passover,  
Carol Kern and Judy Levine, National Campaign Chairs

For more information please contact Campaign Chairs Carol Kern, [cak8219@gmail.com](mailto:cak8219@gmail.com)  
and/or Judy Levine, [judithlevine43@yahoo.com](mailto:judithlevine43@yahoo.com).

# Brandeis Happenings



Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman  
By [Lawrence Goodman](#) Jan. 21, 2021

## Rosenstiel Award given to pioneering scientists behind COVID-19 vaccines

**This year's prize for distinguished work in basic medical research was awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for work on messenger RNA.**

Brandeis University and the Rosenstiel Foundation are pleased to award the 50th annual [Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Basic Medical Research](#) to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman '81, MA '81, P'15, for their groundbreaking work in the modification of nucleic acids to develop RNA therapeutics and vaccines.

Karikó, senior vice president at BioNTech RNA Pharmaceuticals, and Weissman, a professor of medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, pioneered much of the science underlying two of the COVID-19 vaccines now being given to tens of millions of people across the globe.

By engineering a modified version of the messenger RNA (mRNA) inside human cells and then developing a system to deliver it to its target, the two researchers laid the groundwork for the vaccines brought to fruition by [Pfizer/BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#).

"This award celebrates how basic research in molecular biology can be the foundation for applications that can affect the lives of us all," said James Haber, the Abraham and Etta Goodman Professor of Biology and director of the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center.



The Rosenstiel Award

For more information, see the full [article](#). The video recording of the full Award program can be found [HERE](#).



## 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](mailto:ruth.bncphx@gmail.com)



## Donations

To make a donation, you can go to the Brandeis website  
Making a Gift page at [giving.brandeis.edu/bnc](http://giving.brandeis.edu/bnc)  
or, contact Sue Lawler:

602-525-0231 [suelawler9@gmail.com](mailto:suelawler9@gmail.com)

Tributes start at \$10. We accept credit card donations and  
a note will be sent to your honoree.

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Recipient

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### GENERAL BOOK FUND

Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum	Lillian Spier	Mazel Tov on your 101st birthday
Nancy Sacks	Carol Abrams	In honor of Birthday
Nancy Sacks	Brina Pepper	In honor of Birthday
Nancy Sacks	Marcy Strauss	In honor of birth of Robert Leonid
Nancy Sacks	Gloria Sappol	Speedy recovery
Bonnie Clewans	Bream Family	In memory of Joanie Bream
Bonnie Clewans	Hirshberg Family	In memory of Harriet Hirshberg
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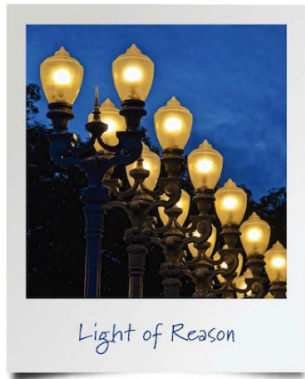
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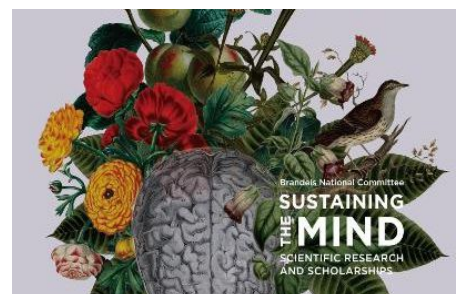
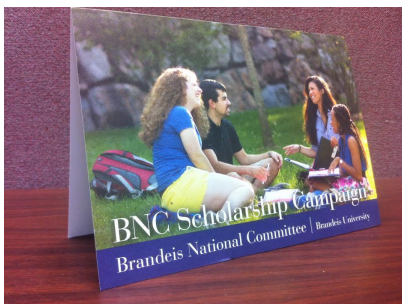
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