

OCTOBER 2015

Food for Thought Luncheon

Friday, October 30th ~ 11:00 AM
Camelback Golf Club, 7847 N. Mockingbird Lane
Scottsdale, Arizona



Featuring

Famous Phoenix Food Critic

Howard Seftel



Before putting down his fork and knife, Howard Seftel spent over 23 years reviewing Valley restaurants for the *New Times* and for the *Arizona Republic*.

Please join us for an epicurean discussion and a fun-filled day with boutiques, silent auction and more!

Click HERE to make your reservation NOW!



President's Message

Dear BNC Phoenix Colleagues,

Last month I promised to tell you about more ways you can become actively engaged in Chapter activities, so it's auspicious that we received word a few days ago that our Chapter has been selected as Chapter of the Year for outstanding support of Brandeis National Committee for the FIFTH YEAR in a row ([Click HERE](#) for details)! Aside from having met (in fact exceeded) our financial and membership goals, what the award truly represents is the collaborative efforts of hundreds of

volunteers in our Chapter - Board members, committee members and study group facilitators, just to name a few. In fact, this past Saturday evening is a perfect example - the 30 members of the Programming Committee, under the direction of event chairs Brina Pepper and Terriann Kleiner, worked beautifully together to provide Chapter members with a fabulous Evening Under the Stars, graciously hosted by Sheila and Larry Landau at their lovely home - a fun, festive fundraising fiesta to benefit Brandeis University. Thanks to the entire committee for your efforts for a fabulous evening!

But YOU too have a wonderful opportunity very soon to join in the fun - plan to attend the 2016 Book & Author Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, October 21st from 2:00 to 4:30 pm at the Marriott Desert Ridge. The March 14, 2016 event authors will be announced; there will be snacks, and most important, you will have a chance to volunteer for the committee(s) of your choice! RSVP to Marcia Langer - details on [page 8](#).

More opportunities to get involved abound: volunteer to help with the October 30th 'Food for Thought' luncheon, or January's University on Wheels event, or February's Open Chapter Meeting. Think about facilitating or co-facilitating a new study group - tell us what you think would be fun for you and for fellow Chapter members, and we'll provide training and support to help make it happen! Or if you like best to work at home instead of attending meetings, think about helping to keep our membership data up-to-date, or help catalog our members' many skills and talents, gleaned through our Getting To Know You forms. Whatever your particular interest and style, there's a place waiting for you amongst our many, many active, vibrant volunteers!

All the best,
Carol Abrams
President, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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Howard Seftel



After reviewing Valley restaurants for 23 years, first for the *Phoenix New Times* and since 1999 for the *Arizona Republic*, Howard Seftel relinquished his role last May.

A native New Yorker and graduate of Brooklyn College, Seftel spent five years abroad during the 1970s: three years with the Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa, and two years in Iran as a contract employee teaching English to the Shah's navy.

He returned to the States as the Iranian revolution got underway, doing graduate studies in American and Middle Eastern history at U.C. Berkeley, and later teaching at Antioch University in Los Angeles.

He moved to Phoenix in 1990. He is married to former *Arizona Republic* editorial writer Kathleen Ingley, a fellow Peace Corps Senegal volunteer. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandsons.

There is more to enjoy at the



Food ^{for} Thought Luncheon

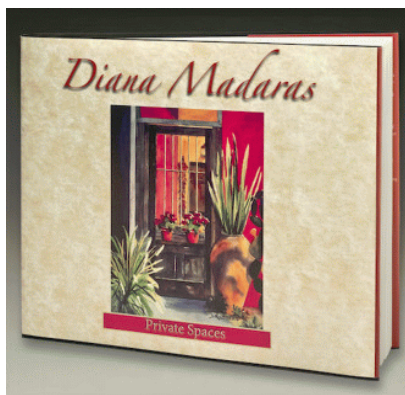
Doors open at 11:00 am

Come early to
shop the boutiques
and

check out the silent auction!

Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation TODAY

Study Group News



ARIZONA AUTHORS

Monday, October 19th

12:30 - 2:30 at the JCC

This month's featured speaker is Tucson artist Diana Madaras.

Artist Diana Madaras, who says painting "fills me with joy," is equally well known for her bold, colorful artwork as for her generous charitable giving. Madaras owns two galleries in Tucson, Arizona that feature her work exclusively, and is president of the nonprofit Art for Animals Foundation, a charity she founded in 1999 to help abused, injured and orphaned animals.

Diana is a colorist who celebrates the subtle, natural beauty of ordinary scenes in a way that is both intense and dramatic. She paints in watercolor and acrylic and has a diverse portfolio - from brilliant desert landscapes to expressionistic portraits.

Madaras was voted Tucson's Best Visual Artist four times. Dozens of newspaper and magazine articles have been written about her and her work, and she has been featured on television shows produced by NBC, CBS, and PBS affiliates.

Guests are welcome with a \$5.00 charge. **RSVPs are required for all group members and guests.** Reply to Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com

The JCC is at 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, 85254

BOOMERS

In its eleventh year, Arts & Flowers brings together creative floral arrangers to share their talent and inspiration, using fresh flowers to interpret artwork from the Museum's permanent collection.

Boomers will visit the *Phoenix Art Museum's Arts & Flowers Exhibit* on Friday, October 16. We'll meet at 10:00 am in the museum lobby for a self-guided exploration of the exhibit. At 11:30 am we will have lunch at the Viad Cafeteria across the street.

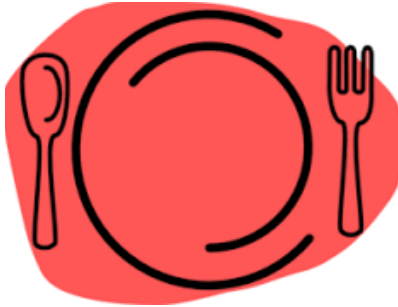
As usual, anyone interested should email

brandeisboomers@gmail.com.



Study Group News

Announcing a brand-new Study Group!



#48 CASUAL EATS * NEW *

If you like discovering new restaurants without breaking the bank and have a spirit of adventure, this group is for you. We will meet for lunch the second Thursday of each month, January through April, in various locations throughout the Valley. Be prepared to try some off the beaten path "joints." Although we will try for separate checks, they may not be available, so be prepared to divide up equally.

Cash may also be required. **The first lunch will be Thursday, January 14.** Maximum 20.

Second Thursdays (January - April)

Facilitators: **Cost: \$20**

Sherry Widman

widmansherry@gmail.com

847-212-5679 until Dec. 15

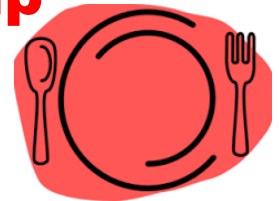
Richard Mendelson

lablvr3@comcast.net

480-264-6440 after Dec. 15

Registration for NEW Group

Casual Eats



Enclosed is a check made out to BNC for \$_____ (@ \$20 per person per group)

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please send checks to our registrar, Merrill Kalman:
8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ 85255 mskbflo@aol.com

Study Group News



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Men of Brandeis M.O.B.

The MOB will be hearing from Paul Messinger on October 14th. He's a lifelong resident of Scottsdale, born in the Valley before WW II. He writes a weekly column in the *Arizona Republic* about the early history of Scottsdale.

Wednesday, October 14th

1:00 pm at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd.

See or download the Study Group Guide - which has information about all our groups - as well as a separate Registration form, go to our website at www.brandeis.phoenix.com and click on the Study Groups tab.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a full group may have openings from time to time - if you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Very often there is! Look for the monthly calendars in this bulletin for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest cost will apply.

For details and to sign up for groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html
We look forward to an exciting 2015-2016 BNC year!

Study Group Vice-Presidents:
Merrill Kalman, Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

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
This will ensure you don't miss out on any Chapter mailings and information about programming events and study groups.



2015-16 REVISED Study Group Registration Form

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

PRINT CLEARLY - This is how your facilitators will contact you - Only one person per form

The groups below are still active this season. Even FULL groups sometimes have room for guests! Please contact facilitators for space availability; a \$5 guest cost applies.

Mark your selection(s) – **All groups are \$20**

You can download a copy of this form and the Study Guide at: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

VARIOUS

1. _____ Boomers
2. **FULL** Cultural Sites in AZ
3. _____ Gallery Girls
4. _____ Men of Brandeis (MOB)
5. _____ Phoenixians of BNC

MONDAY

6. _____ **Promoting Healthy Relationships *NEW***
7. **XX** Antique Gatherings *Canceled*
8. _____ **Discover Your Crafting Talents *NEW***
9. _____ Concerts and Conversations
10. _____ **Writing Workshop *NEW***
11. _____ Arizona Authors Speaker Series

TUESDAY

12. _____ Mah Jongg for Beginners
13. **FULL** Yoga
14. _____ Understanding the American Election Process
15. **FULL** Contemporary Issues #2 (New day)
16. _____ **Current Events *NEW***
17. **FULL** First Tuesday Book Group
18. _____ Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch
19. _____ Camelview Review and Lunch
20. _____ Bridging It!
21. **FULL** **Learn Pickleball! *NEW***
22. _____ **American Jewish Experience *NEW***

WEDNESDAY

23. _____ Dessert and More (New name)
24. _____ Knit A Mitzvah
25. _____ Play Golf

WEDNESDAY (cont.)

26. _____ Fourth Wednesday Lunch Bunch
27. **FULL** Non-Fiction Book Group
28. **FULL** **Phoenix Art Museum Tours *NEW***

THURSDAY

29. _____ Intermediate Mah Jongg
30. _____ Jewish Book Group
31. _____ Study with the Best: Film on Film
32. _____ Sun Lakes Potpourri
33. _____ Intermediate Hiking Club (New name)
34. _____ Leisurely Hiking
35. _____ Next Level Bridge
36. _____ **Bellasera Book Group *NEW***
37. _____ Bowling for Fun
38. **FULL** CHEAPEATz (New name)
39. **FULL** Books for the Armchair Traveler
40. _____ Contemporary Issues #1
41. **FULL** Neighborhood Haunts

FRIDAY

42. _____ Friday Matinee Movie and Lunch
43. _____ Friday Afternoon Book Group
44. **FULL** Studio Art and Bistro Lunch

SATURDAY

45. _____ At the Ballet
46. _____ Girls' Night Out

_____ **Groups @\$20 each = \$** _____

Check # _____

Mark your selection(s) and mail ONLY the Registration Form and check payable to BNC to:

Merrill Kalman, 8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ 85255 mskbflo@aol.com

*If you can't print this form, you may send a note that **must** include your name, phone, email and requested groups.

DO NOT INCLUDE DUES PAYMENTS HERE; it will delay your membership and registration -

see the Membership Form at: www.brandeisphoenix.com/Membership.html or on page 3 of the Study Guide.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Any excess study group costs will be designated to the Sustaining the Mind Fund, supporting research and scholarship in neurodegenerative diseases.

26th Annual Book & Author Event

Volunteer Meeting!

Wednesday, October 21st 2:00 ~ 4:30 pm

Marriott Desert Ridge (specific meeting room information to follow)

- ☐ Be the first to hear the Author Lineup for our 2016 Book and Author Events
- ☐ Share an afternoon with BNC friends and meet new friends
- ☐ Volunteer to join a committee: help is needed before, during and after the event
- ☐ Get more details about Book and Author 2016, to be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Marriott Desert Ridge

Everyone is welcome - bring your friends!

Refreshments will be served.

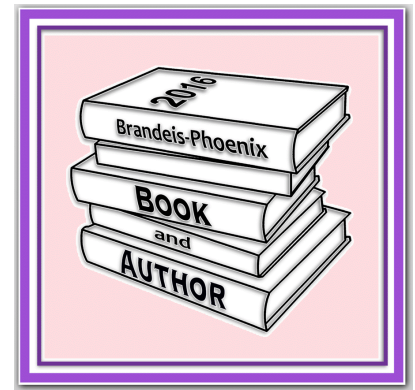
Please reply by October 14th to:

Marcia Langer, B & A Volunteers Chair

marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804

Marcy Strauss and Sara Leopold, Event Chairs

BncPhxBA@gmail.com



Please don't miss . . .

On The Cutting Edge. . .Today's Jewish Woman Symposium

Sunday, November 1, 2015 8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

Enhance your mind and be at the top of your game! Spend the morning learning from exemplary instructors on a wide-range of amazing topics. Enjoy a gourmet luncheon and raffles. It's a win-win for Brandeis women.

**"Is Paris Safe for Jews" -- "The Supreme Court and Same Sex Marriage" --
"To Be a Christian Woman in Iraq" are just a few of the sessions of note.**

For information contact: jewished@bjephoenix.org

For the full program description and reservation form, please [Click HERE](#)



*Carol Kern Sustaining
Leadership Award
and Ellen Woodnick
Emerging Leadership Award
November 22, 2015*

We will honor Sue and Kathleen at a brunch on Sunday, November 22nd at the home of Carol Kern. Cost for the brunch will be \$15 per person. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us in honoring our wonderful Chapter leaders!

Sue Karp

Sue Karp will receive the Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award. This award is conferred on a member who has been involved in the Chapter for a minimum of ten years, has assumed leadership roles during that time, and whose vision has inspired others to be actively involved in the Phoenix Chapter.

Kathleen Witkin

Kathleen Witkin will receive the Ellen Woodnick Emerging Leadership Award. This award honors a newer member who actively serves on committees and in doing so, demonstrates leadership skills and vision.

Please [Click HERE](#) for the Awards Registration Form

Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award

Susan Olderman Karp

From the moment Sue saw the "Welcome to Brandeis University" sign, she was hooked.

When she was a little girl, her mother, a wonderful pianist, had a small statue of Louis Brandeis on their piano. She idolized him and his thinking and many times hinted to Sue to enroll at Brandeis, but instead Sue took a different path that got her there, so let's see how that materialized.

As an only child of Lenore and Sam Olderman, Sue grew up in the small town of Ansonia, Connecticut, a suburb of New Haven. Like many young girls, she became a Brownie and then a Girl Scout, enjoying the meetings, getting her badges of merit and continuing her friendships throughout her younger years. She was also a member of Young Judea. In high school she was a cheerleader and became a sports enthusiast, sharing many sports events with her father, almost always watching football and baseball games together.

Sue enjoyed working in retail during high school and this led her to enroll at Chamberlain School of Retail Fashion in Boston, Massachusetts. After graduation, she returned to Ansonia, worked in New Haven and did occasional modeling at Macy's Department Store. And then she met Bob.

Sue and Bob were married in 1963. Bob was in the home improvement business and Sue helped in the operations of the business, whether in the office or on the road, and she loved it. She did volunteer work for Jewish Family and Children's Services and would visit seniors with limited access in their activities and take them shopping and to appointments. She was also a member of Hadassah and Ort.

In 1988 Sue and Bob decided to move to the Southwest. Scottsdale, Arizona became their home. Once settled, Sue

began looking for "things to do." It was suggested to her that she join Brandeis National Women's Committee (now Brandeis National Committee) - she did and never once regretted her decision.

She joined the membership committee



and began her journey with Brandeis! Soon she became a Vice-President of Membership and then a short four years later, President of the Chapter. There was no stopping her. She has worked on all committees for her chapter except study groups. Sue has worked on Book and Author for many years, as well as being a member of the Phoenix Chapter Board and Executive Committee. She served a second term as Co-President with Freddie Lieberman. She has been on the National Board for many years, serving as VP for Study Groups and now is Chair of Goals and Awards. Sue says truly her best Brandeis job with National has been as a Co-President of the Western Region with Phyllis Perkal from 2007-2011. She traveled to every chapter in the region, met bright and talented ladies and men who have enriched her life. She is now Long

Range Planning Chair for the Phoenix Chapter.

Sue says her children have sometimes said she loves Brandeis more than them. Her family is the most important thing to her. Her home is where her heart is. Dana is married to Evan Kern, son Jeff is married to Laura and daughter Katie is married to Andrew Rabinowitz. And most importantly, they have given her six beautiful grandchildren: Aaron, Sydney, Max, Jordan, Benjamin and Jacob. Sue said "I have had many years of pleasure from each and every one of them. Bob, my very patient and loving husband and I have been married for 52 years. I could have gone on with my life and chosen any profession I wanted. I'm right here where I want to be!"

This is what happened from the moment she saw the welcome sign to Brandeis University. This is the path she took to Brandeis. Her mother would be proud of this journey. Sue says she was hooked the very first time she was on campus. Today, many years later, she feels the same emotion as she approaches Brandeis...pride. Pride for what has been accomplished in such a short time. Pride that she been a part of the growth through BNC. Pride for all the books in the library that were given to the University from our chapter and many members across the country. It warms her heart to know her family has supported Scholarships for students and Sustaining the Mind campaign. She has come to realize her love for Brandeis University stemmed from her mother. She had such respect for Louis Brandeis and his values for social justice. She hopes her mother would be proud of what she has accomplished. Brandeis National Committee has given her so much in the 25 years she has been a member.

Above all, she thanks her family for their patience, love and support.



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

Nan Waldman at 602-996-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Member News

- Congratulations to Howard and Lorrie Cohen on the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Jamie Cohen, to Nathan Hug.
- Best wishes to Joyce Goldstein for a speedy recovery.
- Our condolences to the family of Selma Ost: Life member, Board member, actively involved, and friend to many.

Welcome New Members

Greg Altschuh, Carole Benkel, Lynn Coffee, Cindy Faber,
Elaine Fleischmann, Sharon Glick, Anita Gluck, Ruth Guth, Alan Jablin,
Linda Kaplan, Billie Keitelman, Howard Keitelman, Perky Linder,
Richard Mendelson, Jerry Newman, Sandra Rabinovitch, Miriam Rollins,
Sydney Saperstein, Myrna Silver, Shelly Silver, Ruth Smilg,
Joan Smith, Joyce Somers, Carole Starikoff, Larry Sucharow,
Sharon Tievksy, Syril Weiss, Lynda Ziskin



Member to Member

Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an event 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
- ◆ Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels
- ◆ Experience a cultural event
- ◆ Participate in a community service event

**So bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to your next
BNC chapter event, and share Brandeis!**

Click [HERE](#) to display and print a Membership Form.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Kathleen Witkin,	witkinbnc@gmail.com	480-473-4825
Leith Baletin,	lbaletin@att.net	480-874-9434

**EVEN FULL GROUPS SOMETIMES HAVE ROOM FOR GUESTS! A \$5 GUEST COST APPLIES.
PLEASE CONTACT FACILITATORS FOR AVAILABILITY.**

OCT	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBA	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBA	Meet for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. Details of the first meeting will be emailed to participants.	Joellyn Pollock Joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Marilyn Pomerantz pomerantzcentral@cox.net 602-758-8651 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
1	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	The first book will be <i>The Lion Seeker</i> by Kenneth Bonert. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). For the complete list of books call Ellen. RSVP to Ellen for each meeting.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
1	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	This month, socialize and plan our calendar of meetings. Contact the facilitators for the location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
2	FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH	10:00	View interesting movies at local theaters. Lunch will follow at a nearby eatery. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
6 13 20 27	MAH-JONGG FOR BEGINNERS	9:30	Learn how to play the game. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel, (56th and Shea) in the library.	Daron Barnes daronday@aol.com 602-619-1136
6	CURRENT EVENTS	10:30	Join the lively conversation as the group explores current events that shape the future. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047
7	DESSERT AND MORE (New name)	1:00	Enjoy dessert with a side dish of Valley history. Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth and learn a little about the history of the Valley. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Julie Bronstein thefunnygirl@gmail.com 480-797-5691 Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Judi Saperstein judisaperstein@gmail.com 480-426-2646 Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825
7	PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS FULL	2:00	Join docent and Brandeis member Mark Sendrow to tour an exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum. Museum admission is extra. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420
8	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This relaxed, non-competitive bowling group meets at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036

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8	BELLASERA BOOK GROUP	11:00	Meet at the Bellasera community in North Scottsdale to discuss fiction, biographies and occasionally non-fiction as well. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Carol Padwe carol.padwe@cox.net 480-242-8183
8	INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG	11:45	This weekly group is intended for experienced players. Meet at the JCC for lunch first. Play starts at 12:15	Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
13	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	TBA	Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195
14	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Join us to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
14	MEN OF BRANDEIS (M.O.B.)	1:00	Our guest speaker is Paul Messinger. Meet at the JCC (preceded by a nosh at the coffee shop). For more info, click HERE .	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
15	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL	10:00	Read books that take place in foreign locales. Our first book is <i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman. Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106
16	BOOMERS	10:00	<i>Phoenix Art Museum's Arts & Flowers Exhibit</i> . Meet at in the museum lobby for a self-guided exploration of the exhibit. At 11:30 we will have lunch at the Viad Cafeteria nearby. For more info, click HERE .	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393
16	FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	1:00	The group meets in central Phoenix. RSVP to the facilitator for the location and book title.	Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126
16	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBA	The first meeting will be organizational. Details will be emailed to participants.	Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net 602-316-2993 Halette Fealey caseysadie@aol.com 480-529-1247
19	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Meet Tucson artist Diana Madaras. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat. JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. For more info, click HERE	Merrill Kalman mshbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
20	CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH	TBA	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
20	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

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20	AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE	1:00	Join this discussion series as we explore some historical aspects of American Jewish history that contributed to the cultural identity we have today. Meet at 7181 East Camelback Rd, Scottsdale, 85251	Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420
20	LEARN PICKLEBALL! FULL	1:00	Men and women of Brandeis - find out what the Pickleball craze is all about. The resort provides paddles and balls and charges \$5 per session. Meet for lunch first at the Lariat Restaurant and Lounge, Carefree Resort, 37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377.	Abby Tucker and John Poremba skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
20 27	UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICAN ELECTION PROCESS	7:00 pm	This group provides an introduction to the election process in America. Meet at 7181 East Camelback Rd, Scottsdale, 85251	Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480 Susan Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319
22	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	7:30	Hike on challenging trails at a brisk pace. Plan on 4-6 miles, around three hours, plus destination time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time. Join us after the hike for brunch.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
22	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	9:30	The participants choose current issues one meeting ahead. One member of the group researches a topic, and all members are encouraged to add information or to ask questions. Contact the facilitator for directions to the location.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
22	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS FULL	TBA	Join this group for lunch to sample best-kept secret locales. CASH ONLY. Location will be emailed to group members.	Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599
23	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH FULL	10:00	Expand your artistic and culinary horizons. Discover artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. Location will be emailed to group members.	Susan Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
28	PLAY GOLF	9:00	October game will be at STARFIRE. All levels are welcome. Each player is responsible for greens fees. Optional lunch after the game. RSVPs required by the Monday prior to the golf date. No refunds of greens fees after RSVP. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Sue Adatto sueadatto@cox.net 480-563-0006
28	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Meet at a variety of exciting restaurants around the valley. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Members will be notified by email of the location. RSVP to a facilitator in order to secure a place at a table.	Annette Kurland annettekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein lylweck@gmail.com 602-840-8555
31	AT THE BALLET	2:00	The performance this month is <i>Coppelia</i> . For more information, see the website at: balletaz.org . Car pools will be arranged. Contact the facilitator for more information.	Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net 480-451-5229

Social Justice



Carol B's Children's Book Collection

We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools.

For more information, please contact:
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*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more you learn,
the more places you'll go. ~ Dr. Seuss*



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Help JFCS stock the **Just 3 Things** food pantry by donating non-perishable food items to provide a needy youth with food as they transition from foster care to independence.

<http://www.jfcsaz.org/>

We will collect food items at our Board meetings and several Chapter events.

Julie Bronstein and Ellen Kirschenbaum



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:
SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, MARKETING, PUBLICITY**

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas, contact Kathleen Witkin at witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825

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Community Service #1

Princeton Review ranks Brandeis first in the US for student community service

Brandeis University was named the top-ranked college for student engagement in community service by *Princeton Review* in recognition of Brandeis' longstanding commitment to social justice and giving back.

BNC Western Region Board Position

An opportunity has come up to appoint a new Liaison to our Western Region Board; being part of the National Team reveals the true essence of Brandeis.

Contact Pauline
greenp2@att.net
for a job description.

BNC Western Region Retreat Comes to Phoenix

**November 5th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

We are fortunate to be hosting a Western Region Mini Retreat on Thursday, November 5th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Gainey Suites Hotel in Scottsdale. Mark your calendars now and plan to meet and share exciting ideas about supporting Brandeis University with fellow BNC members from Tucson and Las Vegas as well as Western Region leaders. Stay tuned for more details - coming soon!

Orientation explores social justice, celebrates Brandeis

Mixing activities that are fun with those that are informative, new students learn what it means to be Brandeisian

Guided by orientation leaders, students participated in a variety of events and activities that introduced them to one another, highlighted campus organizations and services, and explored how the Brandeis community approaches a range of contemporary social issues, including race relations, income inequality and sexual assault.

Dean of Student Life **Jamelle Adams** welcomed the students to their “home away from home” during a festive **This Is Our House** event in the Spingold Theater. In a highly energetic celebration of all things Brandeisian, the students were challenged to become active members of the Brandeis community and to encourage their fellow students to do the same.

Students also came together throughout the week to discuss social justice. An event called **A Call for Change** gave students a look at injustices through performances, media installations and conversations. In one skit that focused on the Black Lives Matter movement, orientation leaders showed how two families might react to a news broadcast about a young African-American man’s encounter with police brutality. Another performance, entitled **“Complicated,”** featured three students who spoke about the limbo they were in with their friends because of their views on various social issues, including LGBT rights, women’s rights and hurtful

speech. Student Union President Nyah Macklin concluded the event by performing a song that urged people to turn the page on inequality and racism, and create a world where such brutalities do not exist.

“This was a very powerful display,” said Michael Chow ’19, from New



York City. “It was really well done, and it got everyone thinking about how we’re here to make a difference in the face of a lot of injustices in the world.”

The year’s New Student Forum featured a conversation with Booker Prize winner Michael Ondaatje, author of *“Anil’s Ghost,”* a novel about a forensic pathologist who investigates the supposed murder of an innocent man by the Sri Lankan government during a civil war. The students were asked to read the book this summer in preparation for discussing its themes with Ondaatje, members of the Brandeis faculty and fellow students.

“We chose *‘Anil’s Ghost’* in part because the social-justice mission of Brandeis resonated well with the story,” said John Plotz, a professor of English and a member of the committee of faculty, staff and undergraduates who selected the book. “This is a story of wartime

massacres and someone who can figure out what happened and why. The hero is a forensic pathologist — someone put in a situation of bringing things to light. It’s engaging. It asks you about the relationship between vocation and ethics — how duties intersect with the profession you’ve chosen.”

Harleen Singh, associate professor of literature and women’s, gender and sexuality

studies, interviewed Ondaatje about the book and its themes. One student asked Ondaatje whether *“Anil’s Ghost”* depicted a scientist’s moral obligation to tell the truth, even in the face of danger and consequences.

“That is a very good question,” said Ondaatje. “Sometimes, the characters might feel it’s dangerous to tell the truth. The book isn’t one political stance. It’s an argument, in a way. I would say of course you are responsible for the truth, and that is Anil’s belief, too.”

With the start of classes on Thursday, Aug. 27, the students began the next phase of their Brandeis journey.

By Julian Cardillo ’14



Since our earliest days, the Brandeis National Committee has stood as a resolute partner with the University.

Today, increasing funding for scholarship assistance for our students is the University's top priority. Consider that:

- Two out of three Brandeis students receives some form of financial aid. In the 2013-14 academic year, Brandeis awarded \$88.4 million in scholarship aid (undergraduates and graduate students).
- For the same period, the endowment and annual gifts designated to scholarships provided \$17.2 million (19.4% of the total financial aid budget).

Financial assistance plays a pivotal role in upholding Brandeis' founding principle of equal access to higher education, regardless of a student's financial circumstance. Scholarships ensure that the best and brightest students are able to pursue an education at this unique institution.

Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of its students. Endowed scholarship funds, which provide a consistent, dependable funding source, are required to accomplish this.

**To support the BNC Scholarship campaign, contact
Ronda Kottle, ronda@kottlehome.com**

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Did you know that all Chapter Board meetings are open to our members? You are welcome to join us the third Wednesday of every month (except for our July hiatus) at 10:30 am. We generally meet at the JCC in Scottsdale.

If you are interested in attending, email: President, Carol Abrams: bncphxprez@gmail.com to let her know you are coming and for driving directions.



BNC Phoenix Board and Committee Calendar

October

- 5 Programming Committee**
- 7 Executive Committee**
- 21 Board Meeting**
- 26 Membership Committee**



Friday, October 9, 2015
Fall Membership Coffee

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
2:00 - 4:30 pm
Book & Author Volunteer Meeting
Marriott Desert Ridge

Friday, October 30, 2015
Fall Luncheon
Camelback Golf Club Paradise Valley

Sunday, November 1, 2015
Women's Symposium

Sunday, November 22, 2015
Brandeis Leadership Awards Brunch
Home of Carol Kern

January 8, 2016
University on Wheels

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Open Board Meeting

March 13, 2016
Bookmark Donors Cocktail Reception

March 14, 2016
26th Annual Book & Author Luncheon
Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

April, 2016
Women's Seder at the JCC

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Spring Luncheon

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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