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It's almost here - the BNC 2018 - 2019 Study Group season!

Most of your favorite activities are returning, plus we have several new offerings, for a total of 58 groups. We are delighted to present a wonderful array of activities from which to choose - there is something fun and interesting for every BNC Phoenix member, every day of the week.

See page 3 for more details.

GAMES: Playing, Learning
INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS: Elections | Genealogy
THE ARTS: Music | Art | Film | Theater | Ballet
Books and Authors | Active Groups | Discussion Groups
Lunch | Food | Entertaining | Exploring the Valley
Community Outreach | Self-improvement | Crafts

Click HERE for a Membership Form.

Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

If you are a new member, or a seasoned member of our BNC Phoenix Chapter, we welcome you. Did you participate in our Summer Camp Program? If you did, were you aware that it was organized and facilitated by members just like you and successfully chaired by member volunteers Carol Isacson and Alisa Schwartzer?

We are a volunteer organization. We continue to grow because we have fantastic members who are willing to volunteer their time and energy.

Do you want to get the most out or your membership? Get involved! Volunteer! When you volunteer, not only will you be meeting new people and having a ton of fun, but you will be responsible for helping us meet our goal of raising money to purchase a resonant scanning two-photon microscope. Learn more about our new **Magnify the Mind** Campaign on Page 11.

Save the Dates for our two upcoming Volunteers meetings:

- September 28 - Volunteers Outreach event chaired by Terriann Kleiner and Jan Lebovitz, where you can learn about opportunities to be a volunteer at our Programming Events.
- October 29 - Book & Author Volunteers meeting, chaired by Michelle Fischler, Barbara Stern, and Sharon Tievsky.

We know that you will be delighted to see all the wonderful, varied Study Groups that are available. The study group guide will be released by eblast in a few weeks. In order to register for any of these groups, you must be a current member. For a membership form **click HERE**. Keep in mind that all our Study Groups are facilitated by our volunteer members.

After checking out our amazing study groups, check out some of the Chapter events that are planned for the rest of 2018. All our programs and fundraising events are planned and initiated by our member volunteers. The Programming team coordinated by Bonnie Clewans and Judy Krockey, and the Fundraising Committee led by Lori Roth, are off and running, with plans for:

- Fall Luncheon - October 5, chaired by Sue Karp and Vicky Leavitt
- Matters of the Mind: an Auction Featuring an Array of Items, Experiences and Art - November 10, chaired by Caryn Balaban and Terry Taubman
- Golf Tournament, Luncheon & Auction - December 9, chaired by Lori Roth

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Judy Levine & Marcia Langer
Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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

THE ARTS: **At the Ballet** and **Theater & Lunch Series** are returning. Also returning are **Studio Art & Bistro Lunch** and our Subscription Series, **Concerts & Conversations**.

BOOKS: **Arizona Author Speaker Series**. Brandeis members love to read. Joining the returning **Jewish Book Group**, **B-Puzzled: Mystery & Suspense** and **First Tuesday Book Group** are several other book groups: **Book Brothers**, **Monday Mystery Ladies** and **Let's Get Metaphysical! - New Age Non-Fiction**. New this year are **Women Poets**, **Second Tuesday AM Book Group** and **Central PHX Readers**.

CINEMA: If you like going to the movies, you have the returning **Camelview, Shea 14 Review & Lunch**, **First Friday Films & Feasts** and **Study with the Best: Potpourri of Classic Movies**, which will "feature" discussions of three films, using Brandeis-authored and other materials. Other movie groups include **Sunday Afternoon at the Movies** and **Movie Talk at Mimi's**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: BNC Phoenix continues to give back to the community as **Knit a Mitzvah** returns to knit or crochet scarves and newborn baby caps for donations to local organizations and hospitals, along with the new **Mitzvah Mavens**.

FITNESS: Stay fit with BNC friends as the **Intermediate Hiking Club**, **Leisure Hiking**, **Bowling for Fun**, **Play Golf**, **Yoga** and **Neighborhood Walks** return for your health and enjoyment. There's also the new **Jewels of the Desert Mini-Hiking**.

FOOD: Our ever-popular **Tuesday and Wednesday Lunch Bunch** groups and **Neighborhood Haunts** group are back, complemented by our **Ethnic Dining** group, followed by **Just Desserts**. New this year is **Holiday Prep**.

For details and to sign up for groups, see the Study Group Guide and Registration Form, coming soon to our website: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

STUDY GROUP NEWS

INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS: If discussion groups are to your liking, **Contemporary Issues** returns, along with the aptly named **Current Events** group. Other groups include **A Taste of Wise Aging** and the **Restless Minds Discussion Group**. New this year is **Understanding the Election Process and the 2018 Elections**.

MEN OF BRANDEIS: The extremely popular and active **Men of Brandeis (MOB)** group returns for an eighth year with an exciting schedule of discussions, activities - and of course, lunch!

VALLEY ADVENTURES: Calling all explorers! **Boomers**, **Culture in AZ**, **Phoenicians of BNC**, **Sun Lakes Potpourri** and our happy hour group, **Don't Worry, Be Happy Hour,** are all back.

SPECIAL INTEREST: There are several diverse groups this year: **The World of Interior Design; Say It, See It, Be It: Change From Within** and **Where Do I Come From - Genealogy II.**

GAMES: Seasoned gamers or eager beginners - we have a group for you! There is **Bridging It!** for intermediate bridge players, along with the **Beginners**, **Intermediate** and **Advanced Intermediate Mah-Jongg** groups. Joining these groups, we have three Canasta for Beginners groups as well as **"Seriously" Canasta** for advanced, experienced canasta players, and the new **Simply Scrabble**.

BALLET AFICIONADOS - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to take advantage of group ticket sale prices for the 2018-2019 Ballet season, you may join the **At The Ballet** study group right now, before the study guide comes out. If you are interested in joining this group, or for further information, please contact Sheila Berkowitz: **sberk327@cox.net** 602-469-8600

STUDY GROUP NEWS

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

The cost per study group is $20. Since many groups fill early, send in your registration form as soon as you can! If you've joined our groups before, then you already know how wonderful they are; if you're a new member, you have a real treat in store. Look through the Study Group Guide, join all the groups that interest you - and tell your friends!

Brandeis Study Groups are for the benefit of BNC members only. If you have not yet renewed or joined, please contact Irene Lubin at 480-948-3773 or **iwlubin@gmail.com** for more information or to pay your membership dues by credit card. **Click HERE** for the membership form.

Watch for the Study Group Guide and Registration Form announcement, coming to your computer, phone and tablet very soon. You will get an email as soon as they're available on our website.

SPECIAL NOTE TO WINTER RESIDENTS:

Since some Groups frequently reach their group maximums very quickly, we suggest signing up from wherever you are spending the summer months. Watch for the e-blast later this month that will announce that the Guide is online.

For more information, please contact the Study Group Vice Presidents
at **phxstudygroups@gmail.com**
Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin, Study Group Vice-Presidents

BNC - Phoenix Fall Luncheon

Ready for a "Brain Tune-Up?"

Join us for a fascinating and fun look into brain fitness.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Janet Arnold Rees | Kathy Rood | Beverly Rubenstein

Embassy Suites Scottsdale | Chaparral Ballroom
5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Friday, October 5, 2018 | 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Open Seating

RSVP by September 25, 2018
Your payment is your reservation

Click HERE for a reservation form

Additional Information, please contact:
Sue Karp, 480-225-7250 (cell) or Vicky Leavitt, 317-418-8882 (cell)

All proceeds benefit MAGNIFY THE MIND
Advancing neuroscience research for Brandeis University.

2018 - 2019 Event Dates

VOLUNTEER OUTREACH EVENT
Friday, September 28, 2018
McDowell Center, McDowell Mountain Ranch

FALL LUNCHEON
Friday, October 5, 2018
Embassy Suites Scottsdale

BOOK & AUTHOR VOLUNTEER MEETING
Monday, October 29, 2018
The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

MATTERS OF THE MIND - Auction Featuring an Array of Items, Experiences and Art
Saturday, November 10, 2018

GOLF TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON
Saturday, December 9, 2018
McCormick Ranch Golf Club

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
Friday, January 11, 2019

OPEN MEETING
Wednesday February 20, 2019
McDowell Center at McDowell Mountain Ranch

BOOK & AUTHOR - BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Thursday, February 28, 2019

29TH ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT
Friday, March 1, 2019
The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

*Book & Author and all 2018-19 Chapter events are designated to support BNC's **Magnify the Mind** campaign.*

WE VALUE YOUR PRIVACY

All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential. and not be shared with other organizations.

RECENT MOVE? NEW PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please contact our Membership Database Manager Ms. Bruce Galin with your changes to make sure we don't lose touch.

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com

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

Membership News

- Congratulations to Myral Robbins on the birthday of her grandson, Finn River. The proud parents are Lane and Kelley Robbins-Thompson.
- Congratulations to Terry & Lon Taubman on the birth of her grandson, Reuben Mordecai Becker. The proud parents are Sadie & Andy Becker.
- Congratulations to Nan & Larry Waldman on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Sierra & Clay Waldman. The proud parents are Emily & Chad Waldman.
- We wish a speedy recovery to Larry Marks, husband of Jane Marks.
- Our sincere condolences to Caryn Balaban & Al Bick on the passing of Al's father, Norbert Bick.
- Our sincere condolences to Shirley & Brian Brener on the passing of their daughter, Vicki Frindell.
- Our sincere condolences to Anita Feld and April Feld Sandor on the passing of Robert Feld.
- Our sincere condolences to the family of Roz Fischer, our beloved friend and former chapter president, on her passing.
- Our sincere condolences to Stephanie Garfinkle on the passing of her mother, Hermine Soffer.
- Our sincere condolences to Jan Lavitt on the passing of her husband, Howard.
- Our sincere condolences to Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin on the passing of their daughter, Jennifer Lawler.
- Our sincere condolences to Diane Lores on the passing of her husband, George.
- Our sincere condolences to Phyllis Miller and her family on the passing of her sister, Gloria Kasper.
- Our sincere condolences to Barbara Zemel on the passing of her mother-in-law, Sabina Zemel.

Welcome New and Returning Members

Fredi Brown, Carole Cohen, Bette Feinerman, Iris Gittelman, Sheila Gold, Deborah Gordon, Evelyn Jacobs, Sharon Kaplan, Joan Kranitz, Gina Laitman, Norman Lynn, David Mieszcanski, Ronald Nathan, Sheila Nathan, Martha Patrick, Terry Samuels, Fred Schomer, Livia Steingart, Elliot Talenfeld, Ellie Trachtenberg, Jerry Weinstein, Barbara Weiss, Donald Weiss, Louis Wikler, Randi Wikler

Did you know??

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 (UOW)
- 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!

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENTS

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Roz Fischer

Dear All,

Roz Fischer was a kind, caring and thoughtful leader of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (BUNWC) - our name before the name was changed to the Brandeis National Committee (BNC) from 1987-1989.

Roz in her own words:

I arrived in Phoenix in 1981 and was asked to join Brandeis by Ellen Tuckman in 1992. I immediately joined the Thursday morning book group and remained a member of this group ever since. Soon after, my aunt, Sylvia Toll and my mom, Pearl New, moved here. They became active members as did my daughter, Sherri Strauss. A member of the Phoenix Symphony, Jan Septon, came to a Brandeis meeting and I was recruited to become a docent for the symphony. My task was to go to schools where children signed up for the Children's Series. There was an established volunteer community service program at that time, where we volunteered at various cultural and educational programs. My husband Bob and I volunteered at concerts and started a fundraising group of volunteers working at the symphony as well. I became President of the Chapter and started a study group visiting many important sites around Phoenix. Also started during my tenure was the Man of the Year Award. It was an excellent program and we raised a great deal of money.

One of my greatest achievements was when I started the music group (today - Concerts & Conversations) with volunteers from the Symphony. The group still continues under the leadership of Joan Sitver. The history and story of Brandeis University became an excellent outreach for our chapter and the university.

In 2009 I was honored with the first Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award* for my service.

Arlene Feldman: I moved here from Lexington, MA, a community right next to Waltham where I was taking Lifelong Learning classes at Brandeis University, and called Roz a week after I arrived in Phoenix. That one call involved me in the BNC and it has become my family.
Roz never had a harsh word or raised her voice to get things done. She would ask someone to do something and it was done. It was hard to refuse her! A group that she started called the Brandettes sang at meetings - even if you couldn't carry a tune. We had fun. She was a team player, knew how to delegate and get things accomplished. She respected everyone and made you feel good. On a recent visit, she told me "I want people to remember Brandeis - not me." She was a friend who helped me grow in this community and showed how it was done with dignity and class.

Connie Flegenheimer: I rejoined Brandeis after several years and Roz and I became close friends from that time on. She had innate generosity and a capacity for bringing people together in the BNC and in life. We had wonderful mahj games on afternoons at the Brandeis bookstore back room so that there would always be someone on hand to sell books.

Carol Kern: Roz was a person who saw potential in others even if they did not see it in themselves. She asked me to be the Chapter President when her term was over and worked her best to support and mentor me. She also told me that one day I would become the BNC National President, which was the furthest thing from my mind at the time.

Little did I know that she was a fortuneteller as well. As so many others have said when they speak about Roz as a leader and a friend, she never raised her voice and through her sweet disposition she got things done, even when there were challenges.

OUR Roz Fischer will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know her and she has left a great legacy for our chapter to emulate through her creativity and leadership.

**The Chapter established an award in Carol's name for Sustaining Leadership and another in the name of Ellen Woodnick for Emerging Leaders, given when the chapter deems appropriate.*

Community Outreach

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 Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@gmail.com

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. ~ Groucho Marx

Just 3 Things

Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS)
Real World Job Development and *Youth In Transition* programs.
We will collect food items at our Board meetings and several Chapter Events

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

Please visit the website for recommended items.
http://www.jfcsaz.org/

Contact Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@gmail.com

Photo: Sara Leopold

Feeling good while doing good - chapter volunteers pitched in on July 16 to help VP Ellen Kirschenbaum pack back-to-school backpacks for needy students. 50 backpacks were filled for students from K-6 and 24 were filled for students in grades 7-12!

Knit A Mitzvah

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

The Knit A Mitzvah Study Group continues its Community Outreach! The group members knit or crochet scarves that are donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services and newborn baby caps and lap blankets that are donated to HonorHeath/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center. You do not have to be a member of the Knit A Mitzvah Study Group to participate.

For more information, please contact:
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For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:
Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net
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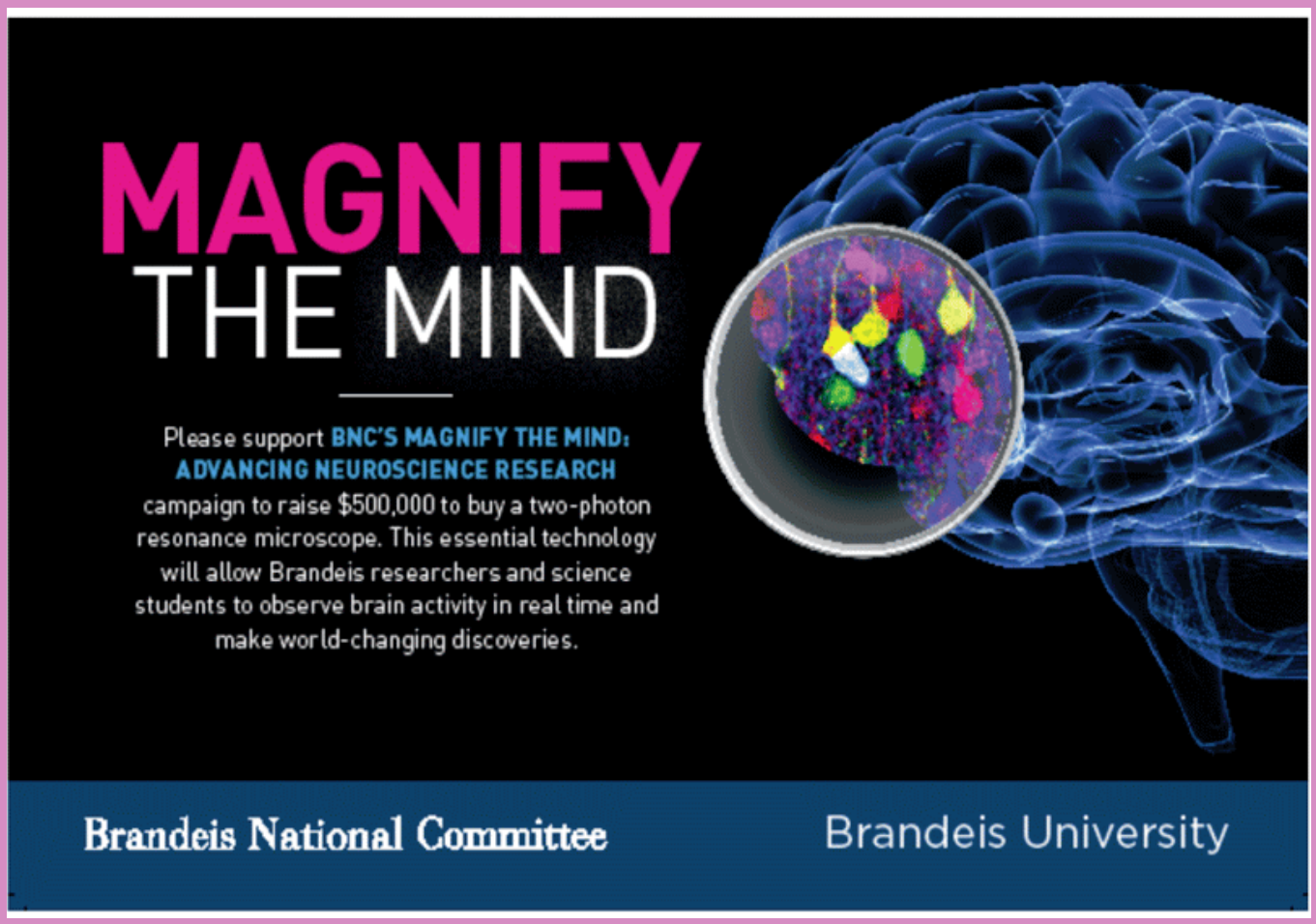
Since 1948, BNC members have raised more than $131 million to support Brandeis students, faculty, the library and cutting-edge research in neuroscience.



To support the **Magnify the Mind** campaign, **click HERE.**

For more information, contact Ronda Kottle **ronda@kottlehome.com**
A card will be sent to your honoree.

In addition to the **Magnify the Mind** campaign, donations to the Sustaining the Mind fund and the Scholarship fund continue to be welcome.

JULY DONATIONS - MAGNIFY THE MIND CAMPAIGN

Susie Sacks & Jim Andrews	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of Jennifer Lawler
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of Jennifer Lawler

MAY-JUNE DONATIONS - SUSTAINING THE MIND FUND

Sharon & Andrew Tievsky	Carol Abrams	In honor of Carol Abrams
Bonnie Clewans & Sam Summer	William Diamond	In memory of Jack Diamond
Sunshine Fund	Caryn Balaban & Al Bick	In memory of Al's father, Norbert
Sunshine Fund	Sherri & Steve Strauss	In memory of Roz Fischer

Book Fund

For all your Book Fund needs, contact: Henriette Hasley
11844 N. 40th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028
602-494-1924 henriette.hasley@cox.net
We accept credit card donations, Visa or MasterCard only
for orders of $10 or more.
For a donation form and additional information, Click HERE

Donor	Recipient	Occasion
GENERAL BOOK FUND		
Helen & Michael Greenberg	Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum	Birth of grandson, Benjamin
Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum	Neil Goldstein	Neil's special Bon Voyage birthday
Sunshine Fund	Nan & Larry	Congratulations on birth of twin grandchildren, Sierra & Clay
Sunshine Fund	Nancy Siefer	Speedy recovery
Iris Wigal	Bruce Galin	Speedy recovery
Phyllis Becker	Sherri Strauss and family	In memory of Roz Fischer
Arlene Feldman	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of your daughter, Jennifer
Ellen Kirschenbaum	Stephanie Garfinkel	In memory of Hermine Soffer
Ellen Kirschenbaum	Pamela Snyder	In memory of daughter
Harriet Schwartz	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of your daughter, Jennifer
Sunshine Fund	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of your daughter, Jennifer
Sunshine Fund	Barbara & Barry Zemel	In memory of Barry's mother, Sabina
Iris Wigal	Caryn Balaban & Al Bick	In memory of Al's father, Norbert
Iris Wigal	Sue Lawler & Jeff Fagin	In memory of your daughter, Jennifer
Iris Wigal	Sherri & Steve Strauss	In memory of your mother, Roz Fischer
LOUIS BRANDEIS FUND		
Sunshine Fund	Susie Sacks	Congratulations on your special birthday
Sandra Berger & Allan Rubin	Helen Greenberg	Get well wishes
Sunshine Fund	Chuck Abrams	Get well wishes
Sunshine Fund	Sandy & Mark Itkowitz	Thinking of you
Sunshine Fund	Vicky & Mark Leavitt	Get well wishes
Ruth Braunstein	Sherri & Steve Strauss	In memory of Roz Fischer
LEARNED RESEARCH JOURNAL		
Margie & Jerry Bold	Sherri Strauss and family	In memory of our special friend Roz

You can establish a Book Fund Savings Account!
The Account allows you to send Book Fund Tributes with ease.
For more information, contact Henriette Hasley
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DID YOU KNOW?

BOARD MEETING

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 July) at 10:30 am. If you are interested in attending, email either of our chapter presidents to let them know you are coming and for driving directions.

Marcia Langer
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For a full list of the Phoenix Chapter Board members, **click HERE**.

Michelle Fischler,
Executive Vice President
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Programming Committee Meeting

It may still be summer but we are working on our upcoming season. Now is the time to volunteer for the Programming Committee and have the opportunity to meet new friends and support our mission. The Programming Committee would love to hear from anyone interested in joining in the fun of helping to plan our upcoming events. We look forward to hearing from you! Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 12:15 at Congregation Beth Israel

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Judy Krockey
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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.