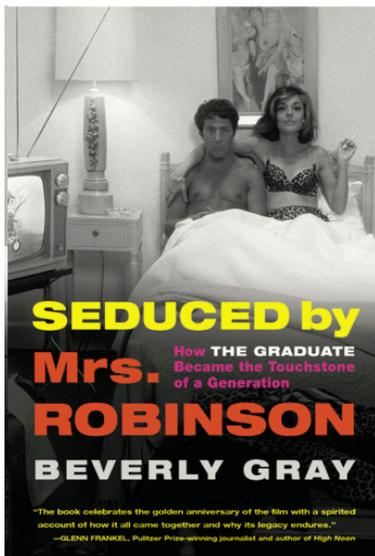


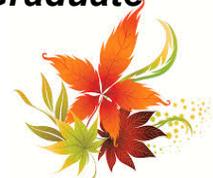
OCTOBER 2017



BNC Phoenix Fall Luncheon

Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of *The Graduate*

You're invited to
Lunch with *Mrs. Robinson*



Friday, November 3rd ~ 11:00 am
Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas
6333 North Scottsdale Road. Scottsdale 85250

Author Beverly Gray will fascinate us with insights and little known backstories from her book, *Seduced by Mrs. Robinson: How 'The Graduate' Became the Touchstone of a Generation*.

[Click HERE](#) for more information.

Brandeis National Committee, Waltham,
Massachusetts is very excited
to announce BNC's National Awards for 2017!



The Louis Brandeis Award Goes to Phoenix

This chapter succeeded in meeting its financial and membership goals, conducting a Brandeis-authored study group, submitting its slate, bulletins, and minutes, highlighting planned giving and hosting a University on Wheels program (UOW) with a Brandeis featured speaker.

Your contributions support Brandeis libraries, science research and student scholarships. Thank you for all that you do for Brandeis University and wishing you much luck and success in the 2018 calendar year. We are all so proud.



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members of the Brandeis Community:

For many of us it is "a new year" and a chance to "turn a page." It is an opportunity to be more generous with our time, more charitable with our funds, and better educated by learning new skills, honing old ones and becoming more aware of our world. Brandeis Phoenix Chapter offers us all of the above.

The volunteer meeting for the 2018 Book & Author Event is on Monday, October 30th between 10:30 and noon at the Sheraton Grand Hotel. It is a chance to work on the chapter's premier fundraiser and the Valley's most successful two-day happening. Please see the article on page four for more details.

In addition, there are several standing committees that would welcome new members for a variety of positions. The Chapter Registrar's Committee will train people to take reservations for our many fun events. If interested, please contact Bruce Galin at bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. The Membership Committee recruits, informs and maintains our membership. Contact Vice Presidents Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net or Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com. The Fundraising Committee is working on a new event for December this year. It is a golf tournament. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Roth, Fundraising VP lori.rothaz@gmail.com or her co-chair Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com. Anyone with skills in social media, websites, publicity or marketing, please contact Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com. The Program Committee does varied social fundraising events. They are always looking for new people and new ideas. If interested, please contact Michelle Fischler michelleuyules@gmail.com. These committees would really appreciate your help, as would your fellow members. Your efforts will make the chapter better for all of us. There is no better way to meet people and get to know them than to work with them.

The Program Committee not only offers a place for volunteerism, it also provides wonderful occasions that enable us to reunite with old friends and meet many new ones. The Membership Committee reserves special tables at all our functions so that new members will feel welcome. A portion of all of our events is tax deductible, allowing us to have fun and be charitable at the same time. November 3rd is "**Lunch with Mrs. Robinson.**" Beverly Gray, the author of *Seduced by Mrs. Robinson*, will join us from L.A. to speak on how *The Graduate* changed Hollywood and our culture some 50 years ago. It should be a delightful afternoon at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas, offering a chance to meet, greet, eat, learn, shop and donate all at one event. There are only two things that could possibly make it a better day: if you bring a book for a grammar school library - a serious need in Phoenix public schools, or donate packaged food for foster children transitioning into independent living. Our Community Outreach Committee will see to it that the books are distributed where there is the greatest need, through our Carol B. book program, and the food is brought to the Just Three Things program.

By now, we hope many of you have registered for study groups and that those who have not will do so soon. We thank our Study Group Team: Vice Presidents Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, editor of the study guide Sara Leopold, registrar Merrill Kalman and the 83 facilitators for making it possible to learn new skills, perfect the old ones and broaden our horizons.

We are looking forward to seeing you in study groups this month and at the fabulous luncheon chaired by Carol Kadet in November.

Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal, Co-presidents

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BNC Phoenix Fall Luncheon

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the landmark film that turned Hollywood and American culture on their heads, Beverly Gray gives us the inside story in her new book of how *The Graduate* came to be, how it worked its magic, and how it continues to influence us today.

Join us for this insightful, historical perspective into the making of *The Graduate* and how it continues to resonate today. There will also be a Holiday Boutique for leisurely early shopping

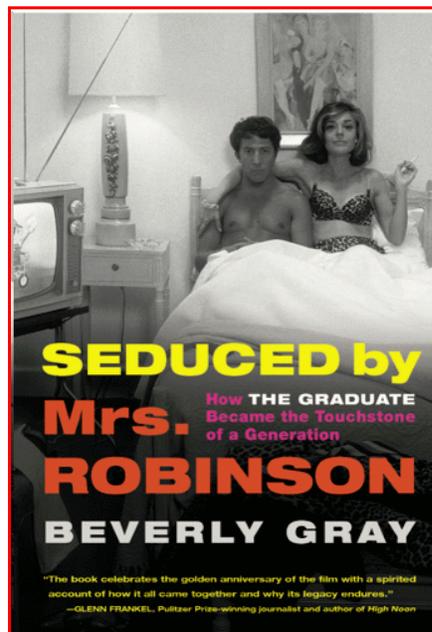
Please reserve your seat for our lovely 3-course lunch by October 25, 2017. Space is limited.

For additional information and the reservation form, [click HERE](#). All proceeds will benefit the BNC-Phoenix Scholarship Fund.



Beverly Gray

Beverly Gray was born in the heart of Hollywood and grew up with heightened interest in movies. She has spent her career fluctuating between the world of the intellect and show biz. As she was completing her doctorate, she surprised herself and everyone she knew, by taking a job with B-movie maven Roger Corman. Between editing scripts, writing publicity and working casting calls, she met producers, directors and



learned about show business. She eventually left that world for academics, but also found time to write about theatre and film.

More recently, Beverly has returned to both teaching and journalism. She has covered the entertainment industry for *The Hollywood Reporter* and leads screenwriting workshops for UCLA Extensions's world-renowned Writers' Program.

Book & Author 2018

Volunteers Meeting & Get Together!

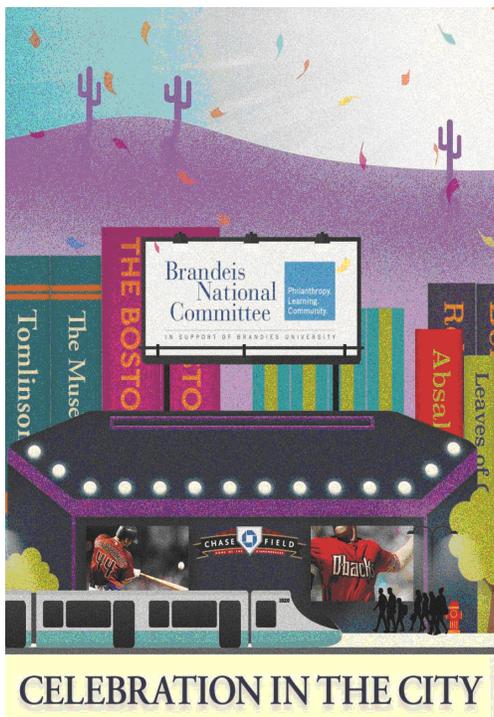
October 30, 2017

10:30 am - Noon

Sheraton Grand Phoenix

FUN

- ◆ **Be the first to hear who the Authors and moderator will be for our 2018 Book & Author Event**
- ◆ **Volunteer to join a committee: help is needed before, during and after the event**
- ◆ **Get more details about our 28th Annual Book & Author Event, to be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Phoenix**
- ◆ **Share the fun with present BNC friends and meet new friends**
- ◆ **Refreshments will be served**
- ◆ **Come and get familiar with the hotel layout**



CELEBRATION IN THE CITY

**Everyone is welcome - bring your friends!
RSVP by October 23rd to:**

**Marcia Langer, Terriann Kleiner, Hillary Kaminsky
B & A Volunteers Co-Chairs
BncPhxBAvol@gmail.com 914-943-7804**

**Need more information about all
Book & Author 2018 events?
Please contact Carol Abrams, Event Chair
bncphxba@gmail.com 480-442-9623**

(Directions and specific meeting room information to follow)

STUDY GROUP NEWS

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

We have several study groups that have space available for more participants. Perhaps you would like to consider a new book group - the Tuesday **Let's Get Metaphysical** group has openings. **Play Golf** or join **Mah Jongg for Beginners** or **At the Ballet**.

For a more physically active group try the **Intermediate Hiking Club**. See how sweet it is by joining the **Dessert group**. These groups and more are there for you to enjoy.

Click HERE for the Study Group Registration Form. The Study Group Guide can be viewed or downloaded at: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

The Study Group calendar of October groups begins on page 9.

***Special Note about Full Groups:**

Even a group that has reached its maximum capacity 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 in the monthly calendar pages below for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators.

A \$5 guest fee will apply.

For details and to sign up for these and other study groups, see the Guide, and the Registration Form on our website:

www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

For more information, please contact the Study Group Vice Presidents at
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice Presidents

Study Groups Begin Fall Season!



Arizona Authors

The October speaker will be crime fiction novelist, Laurie Fagen.

Laurie is a long-time "writer by habit" who has written for radio and television news, corporate video, films and documentaries, plus magazines and newspapers.

An honorable mention in a national short story contest and a love of reading whodunits led to three published anthology short stories, and ultimately her debut crime fiction novel, *Fade Out*, followed by the second in the series, *Dead Air*.

A former publisher of a community newspaper, Fagen is also an artist and jazz singer.

October 16th
12:30-2:30
Scottsdale JCC

Guest are welcome with a
\$5.00 fee.

RSVP required to
Merrill Kalman
mskbfo@aol.com



Who Knew? Quirky History of Arizona Fort McDowell

Fort McDowell's Colorful Characters:
Stuff You Don't See at the Movies

Join us for a quick tour of assertive wives, strange children, insane clergy...hired assassins and more...

When: **Thursday, October 19th**
10:30 a.m.

Who: **Speaker, Leonard Marcisz, from the Sonoran Desert Conservancy**

Location: **Lucy Dickens art studio and home in Carefree**



www.LucyDickensFineArt.com

To attend or for more information,
contact Barbara Abrams:
bfabrams4109@gmail.com



Wednesday October 11th will be the kick-off meeting for the MOB

Don Baine will be speaking about his recent trip to Cuba this past spring. He will be showing the extensive photos and videos that he took during his stay. The talk and photos promise to be a chance to hear first-hand about the current conditions in the country.

Don is a former college professor and founder of Multi-Media Communications - one of the oldest media production companies in the USA. He currently is the host of his syndicated webcast *The Gadget Professor Show*, viewed in 172 countries around the world.

Don is also a Tech Commentator at both the *Consumer Electronics Show* and the *National Association of Broadcasters* in Las Vegas.

Don Baine, CEO Digital Media Distributors, LLC Multi-Media Communications, LLC

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www.digitalmediadistributors.com
www.thegadgetprofessor.com

To attend or for more information,
contact Leith Baletin:
LBaletin@att.net

First Annual Brandeis Phoenix Chapter Golf Classic

Sunday December 10, 2017 ~ 7:30 - 2:30

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

7505 E. McCormick Parkway Scottsdale, AZ 85258



A Community-Wide Event - Everyone Is Welcome

Don't miss out! Join BNC Phoenix Chapter on December 10, 2017 for our **First Annual Golf Classic Tournament & Luncheon**. Calling all golfers, both women and men, for the **Scramble**. Play 18 or 9 holes in the gorgeous topography of the opulent McCormick Ranch Golf Club. What could be better than enjoying the sunshine, the sublime views and the game of golf with friends old and new. Prizes for **Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, Hole in One** and winners included. Non-golfers and guests are welcome to Putt Against Our Celebrity, Buddy Schultz, the Baseball Celebrity who is also our MC. There will be a Silent Auction. Attend the delicious Luncheon and take part in the **Auction of Experiences**, ranging from fine dining to dynamic Opera, and many other once in a lifetime experiences!

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am Registration, Mulligans and Skirts Sale, Driving Range and Putting Green Open, Putt Against Celebrity Contest
- 8:00 am Tee-off Scramble, Palm and Pine Courses
- 12:00 noon Luncheon Award Ceremony and Silent Auction of Experiences to enjoy!
(Location - West Lawn Pavilion)

[Click HERE](#) to Sign Up [Click HERE](#) for Sponsorship Opportunities



Golf Tournament Co-Chairs Cheryl Lennon and Lori Roth
Golf Questions call Lori Roth 480-310-1605

...MORE Summer Camp



L-R: Carol Abrams, Ellen K, Gail Tenn, Sara Leopold, Janet Lottman, Harriet Schwartz, Ilene Kornblue, Beth Messer, Lois Segal, Barbara Abrams, Carla Schneider

Photo: Chuck Abrams



...and Summer Camp ends with a special day...and a preview of the 2018 Book and Author location

The summer event group, *Behind the Scenes at the Sheraton Grand in Phoenix*, met for lunch after an extensive tour of the hotel. The hotel is the location of our 2018 Book & Author event.

From the right counterclockwise: Bonnie Furst, Paula Bernstein, Alisa Schwartzer, Marcia Ross, Laurie Checkoway, Arline Salbe, Marcia Carrocci, Barbara Stern, Terry Bachenheimer, Judy Levine, Nancy Sacks, and Rae McClean.



**Winners of the 3rd Annual Summer Bridge Marathon
Sheila Shapiro and Jane Coleman**



Join us next summer to experience and share interesting and diverse activities! Thanks to all who helped make our summer delicious, educational and entertaining, all while keeping cool.

***SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS (denoted by an asterisk):**

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation 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 in the monthly calendar pages below for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply.

OCT	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	BOOMERS	Varies	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	Varies	Join us for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. Details of the first meeting will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard mlphx@cox.net 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
1 8 22	A TASTE OF WISE AGING	10:30	Explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. This discussion group of thoughtful agers will be based on the first chapters of the book: <i>Wise Aging</i> by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Meet in north central Scottsdale. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks anitabh@cox.net 602-956-9711
1	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES*	Varies	Meet at various movie theaters for a late afternoon movie followed by a light supper. Participants will be notified of the theater, movie and supper locations.	Marcy Strauss & Wayne Stutzer mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
1	RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP	7:00 PM	This co-ed evening group participates in stimulating topics and conversations. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306
2	POLITICAL HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP*	7:00 PM	Join us to discuss Walter Isaacson's political biography <i>The Wise Men and the World They Made</i> . Participants will be notified of the location.	Mark Stern, Ph.D mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
3 10 17 24	CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS*	10:00	Meet new people, have fun and learn a classic game at the same time! The rules used will be Modern American. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nancy Lash nbl1000@gmail.com 248-762-5720
3	FIRST TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP	10:00	The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814
3	CURRENT EVENTS*	10:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
3	FIRST TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP	1:30	The facilitators will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
3 10 17 24 31	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	1:30	This weekly group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. We will meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea).	Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
4	DESSERT - HOW SWEET IT IS!	1:30	Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth. Participants will be notified of the locations by email.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825
4	DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY	5:00 PM	Meet new friends and sample some of the Valley's outstanding watering holes. The place, time and details will be emailed to participants.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
5 12 19 26	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	12:00	This group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203

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5	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
6	FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS	Varies	View interesting movies playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Lunch and casual conversation follows at a nearby eatery. Details will be emailed to participants.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 602-790-7603 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793
7	OPERA BUFFS	9:55	Experience the Metropolitan Opera in HD <i>Norma</i> , Cinemark 16 Mesa, 1051 N Dobson Rd, Mesa, AZ 85201. Contact the facilitators for more information.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky stievsky@yahoo.com 440-503-3339
10 17 24 31	MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS	9:30	Learn how to read and thoroughly understand the playing card, set up and deal the tiles, choose a hand and acquire basic strategies for playing the game. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea).	Daron Barness daronday2@gmail.com 602-619-1136
10	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH*	12:00	Join in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. You must reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table. Details are emailed to participants.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
10	NOVEL WOMEN WHO READ	6:30 PM	This <i>evening</i> book group meets for book discussion and refreshments. Our first book will be <i>Lilac Girls</i> by Martha Hall Kelly. Contact the facilitator for directions.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
11 25	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at a location convenient to Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
11	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	1:00	Don Baine will speak about his recent trip to Cuba at our first meeting at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. Come early and join us at <i>Milk and Honey</i> (JCC's coffee shop) for lunch.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
12	BOOK BROTHERS*	10:00	Men read too! The book this month is <i>Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every President</i> by Chris Whipple. This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. Participants will be notified of the location.	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631
12	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenheimer mrsbachy@mac.com 412-780-0730
14	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	Varies	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch jbkluxury@yahoo.com 480-458-7876
16	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	This group focuses on local authors and stories. Books will be available for purchase that day. You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254	Merrill Kalman mskbfo@aol.com 480-296-3355
17	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW & LUNCH	Varies	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion and lunch at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
17	SAY IT, SEE IT, BE IT:CHANGE FROM WITHIN*	10:30	This group will be devoted to discussions and fun exercises on how to change negative thinking and mind talk, creating more confidence, self-esteem and a better self-image. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Arlene Rosenberg ar@arlenerosenberg.com 480-993-5322

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17 24 31	SERIOUSLY CANASTA*	11:45	Canasta group for experienced players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Participants will be notified of location by email.	Nancy Lirtzman nlirtzman@gmail.com 847-217-6963 Pat Miller patrmiller@gmail.com 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz sussholz2@gmail.com 847-363-0172
19	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	TBD	Warm-up optional hike in October. Hike challenging 4-6 miles trails with elevation gains and at a brisk pace. This group is not meant for the beginner or leisure hiker. Join us after the hike at a different brunch spot each time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
19	LEISURE HIKING*	TBD	Warm-up optional hike in October. These 2.5 - 4 miles hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will be at a comfortable pace. After the hike, join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
19	WHO KNEW? - A QUIRKY HISTORY OF ARIZONA'S VALLEY	10:30	This group will explore our area's beginnings from early Native American tribes to early settlers and the Wild West. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Barbara Abrams bfabrams4109@gmail.com 312-965-4109
23	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE*	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. We will meet at 18°, the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, in Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
24	LET'S GET METAPHYSICAL! -New Age Non-Fiction	10:00	This non-fiction book group explores topics viewed as metaphysical such as energy systems in the body, reincarnation and books focused on raising levels of consciousness. The first book is <i>Hidden Messages in Water</i> by Masaru Emoto. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Carol Wolf peanuts526@aol.com 847-207-9954
24	BRIDGING IT!	11:30	This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
24	ETHNIC DINING*	11:30	Join us for lunch as we venture around the world, savor regional cuisine and experience the distinct flavors of four unusual ethnic restaurants in the Valley. Location will be sent to participants by email.	Michelle Fischler michellyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212
25	PLAY GOLF	9:00	Play at Silverado. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date. Details of time and location will be emailed to participants	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriegreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800
25	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the Valley. The location will be announced monthly to the members. RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
26	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP **20 YR Anniversary**	9:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
26	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS	11:30	Join us for lunch as we sample four best-kept secret locales This is a wonderful chance to meet new people in a fun setting! Cash is preferred.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Harriet Schwartz harriet0715@gmail.com 602-738-0801
27	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH*	10:30	Visit Artists in their studios and discuss their works over lunch. Details will be emailed to participants.	Michelle Fischler michellyules@gmail.com 602-380-1559 Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com 617-571-7337
28	AT THE BALLET	2:00	Enjoy the ballet <i>Swan Lake</i> . For more information, see the website: www.balletaz.org . If a participant cannot attend a performance, that person is solely responsible for finding a substitute. Contact the facilitator for details.	Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net 602-469-8600



Save the Date!

Happy Hour Art Sale and Auction

Sunday, January 28th, 2018

Caryn Balaban and Terry Taubman invite everyone to participate in the Brandeis Phoenix Chapter's **Happy Hour Art Sale and Auction** on January 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites on Chaparral and Scottsdale Road. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Members will be asked to donate "closet art," which means those oil paintings, watercolors, sculptures and works of art that someone else can now appreciate. We all have stacks in our closet or garage that could be someone else's treasures. Those who donate items for sale or auction will receive a tax donation receipt, with the proceeds made that day benefitting *The Sustaining the Mind Fund*.



For details about delivering your art, please contact:

Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com or
Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunities

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

The current skill sets needed are:

Website, Marketing, Publicity

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas,
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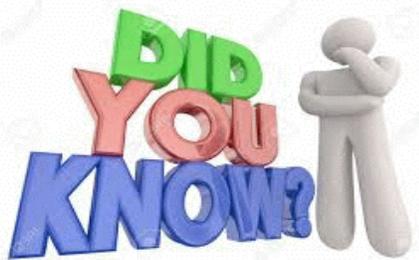
Membership News

We wish a speedy recovery to Gloria Kasper
 We wish a speedy recovery to Perky Linder



New and Rejoining Members

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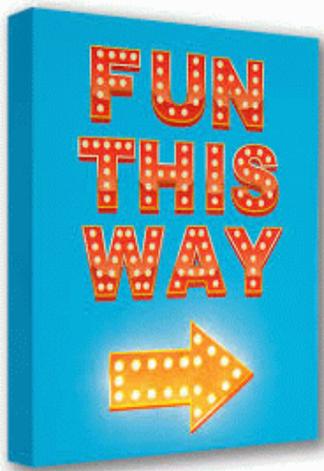
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- Attend a Study Group
- Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels (UOW)
- Experience a cultural event
- Participate in a community service event

So bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to your next BNC chapter event, and share Brandeis!
[Click HERE](#) to display and print a Membership Form.

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Save the DATE!



October 20, 2017
NEW MEMBER COFFEE

October 30, 2017
VOLUNTEER MEETING
Book & Author

Friday, November 3, 2017
FALL LUNCHEON
Hilton Scottsdale Resort

Sunday, December 10, 2017
GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Friday, January 5, 2018
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
Embassy Suites Phoenix-Scottsdale

Sunday, January 28, 2018
ART AUCTION

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
OPEN MEETING
McDowell Center, Scottsdale

Sunday, March 11, 2018
BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT
BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Monday, March 12, 2018
28TH ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT
The Sheraton Grand Phoenix

Friday, April 13, 2018
SPRING LUNCHEON
DoubleTree by Hilton
Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale

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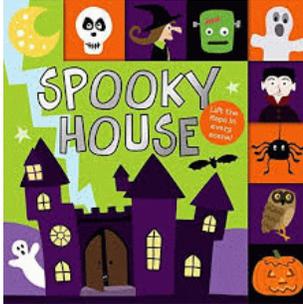
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All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential. and not be shared with other organizations.

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
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Just 3 Things



Jewish Family and Children's Services
(JFCS)

*Real World Job Development and Youth
In Transition* programs.

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/>



Knit A Mitzvah



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

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. We also knit or crochet newborn baby caps that are donated to HonorHealth/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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Brandeis Happenings

**Professor Jordan Pollack
recognized for outstanding
contributions to
computer science –
Pollack has spent decades
researching artificial life
and computer-simulated
evolution.**

By Lawrence Goodman, Sept. 11, 2017

Jordan Pollack, chair of the computer science department, has received the International Society for Artificial Life's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his work on computer-simulated evolution and artificial life forms.

Pollack, who came to Brandeis in 1994, develops computational and mathematical models that can mimic evolution. The grand objective is to achieve artificial intelligence by enabling computers to continually "evolve" entities of greater complexity and intelligence without the need for programming. In 1997, Pollack and Pablo Funes, PhD '01, wrote a computer program that applied the laws of physics to building robots with Lego bricks. The computer then "evolved" more complicated structures on its own. The research, which was published in the journal *Artificial Life*, garnered Pollack international press as well as funding for another decade of research on evolving robotic life forms.

"I'm very happy to be recognized by my chosen scientific field," Pollack said.

Pollack was given the award last week at the European Conference on Artificial Life, in Lyon, France.

BrandeisNow sat down with Pollack when he returned to campus to talk about his research and career.

How far along are we in developing artificial life?

The progress is slow and hard won. People are really amazed when they fathom the complexity of even single-cell creatures. It takes a supercomputer to simulate even one neuron. And to really make progress in terms of automated robot design and manufacture, you would need a tremendous breakthrough in manufacturing, like 3D printing that can print not just plastic, but metal and rubber and springs - a *Star Trek* replicator level of fabrication. So yes, we do have a long way to go.

What is the highlight of your career?

I've had two dozen career highlights, and those are the PhDs and the postdocs whom I've mentored in this field.

What advice do you have for students considering a career in computer science?

Write computer programs for every process that you can think of, even though you won't approach the 10-billion lines of code necessary to create artificial intelligence.



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.

Chapter Membership Roster Available

The chapter membership roster is now available online by request. You must have an email address for us to provide secure access.

Please send your request to Bruce Galin at bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com.

You will be notified when your access is available.



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 and August hiatus) 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.

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BOARD CALENDAR

- 4 Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 Board Meeting
- 23 Membership Meeting



Programming Committee

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!

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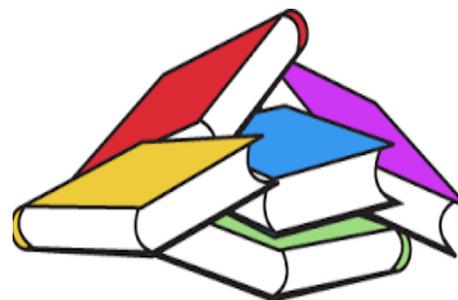
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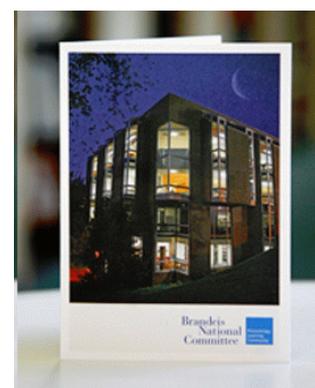
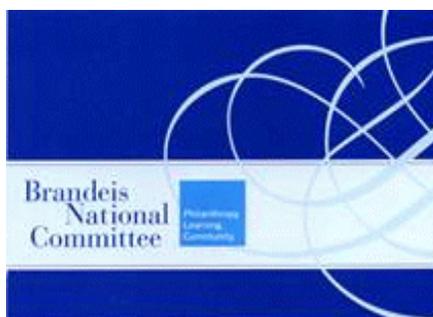
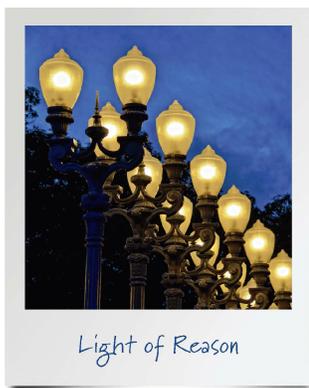
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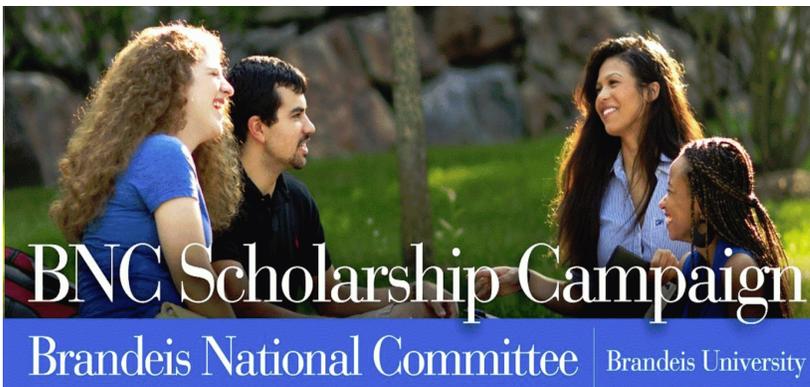
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Minimum donations \$25, please.

A card will be sent to your honoree.



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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, [click HERE](#) for a donation form.

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