

DECEMBER 2016

**SATURDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 10, 2016 ~ 5:45 - 9:00 PM**

**BNC PHOENIX PRESENTS:
A TASTE OF THEATRE**

Please join us for a wonderful evening complete with a catered dinner, followed by an exciting show.



THE HERD

Rory Kinnear's passionate and heartfelt comedy-drama looks at a family in turmoil when life doesn't turn out as expected.

This show is a regional premiere. For a reservation form, [Click HERE](#)



**BNC-Phoenix Presents:
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
2017**

**THE AMERICAN MUSICAL
FROM THE 19TH CENTURY
TO *HAMILTON***

Ryan McKittrick, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Theater Arts, Brandeis University

Friday, January 13, 2017 ~ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Embassy Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Breakfast will be served / Open seating

Have any questions? Please contact Ms. Sharon Tievsky: 440-503-3339;

bncphxreg@gmail.com

All proceeds will benefit the BNC-Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

For each reservation, the amount over \$28 is tax deductible

Reservations must be received by January 6, 2017 ~ For a reservation form, [Click HERE](#)



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Friends and Colleagues:

As we focus on December, the month of giving, we think of the gifts that are most useful and provide the greatest pleasure to family and friends. These are often books, CD's, electronics and video games - the gifts that provide knowledge and challenge.

It is through knowledge that we remember our past, understand our present and develop our future. Brandeis has been educating its students since 1948 to do just that and so many of them have made major contributions to our society. It is difficult to go through our daily lives without being influenced by one of the Brandeis Alumni. People such as Debra Lipstadt, who was the subject of the movie *Denial* and who was also highlighted in our November Beat, preserve our past. Brandeis neuroscientist Eva Marder, who was recently awarded the Kavli prize for scientific innovation in mechanism of modulation of the nervous system function, contributes to a better future. Thomas Friedman interprets and explains foreign affairs in his syndicated column in major newspapers throughout the country, just to help us understand the present. Our knowledge has been greatly enhanced because of the work of these and countless other Brandeis professors and alumni.

Who knows what an Arizona student, given the opportunity to study with the outstanding faculty at Brandeis University, could contribute to society? The BNC Phoenix Chapter is working to endow a scholarship for one worthy student from the Valley. As you consider where to make a charitable contribution in the near future, we hope you will consider donating to the Phoenix Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Nancy and Iris

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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.

University on Wheels 2017

The American Musical

from the 19th Century to *Hamilton*



Ryan McKittrick, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Theater Arts, Brandeis University

Professor Ryan McKittrick will discuss the evolution of the American Musical from its roots in the 19th Century through the 20th century (*Showboat*, *Porgy and Bess*, *South Pacific*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*) to current Broadway hits including *Waitress* and *Hamilton*. His talk will feature scenes from famous film adaptations, as well as clips from more recent productions.

Ryan McKittrick is Assistant Professor of Theater Arts at Brandeis University and the Director of Artistic Programs/Dramaturg at the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.). Working with directors from around the world, he has served as the lead dramaturg on more than thirty professional productions of dramas, musicals, and operas, over half of which were world premieres. His articles on theater have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *Correspondence*, *Theater*, *A.R.T. News*, and *ARTicles*; his co-translations for the stage with Julia Smeliansky include Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull* and *Lady with a Lapdog*, Rezo Gabriadze's *Forbidden Christmas*, and *The Selected Letters of Olga Bokshanskaya*.



Click [HERE](#) for a Reservation form.





Concerts and Conversations



BNC welcomes coloratura soprano Anna-Lisa Hackett and tenor Guillermo Ontiveros to the second program of the 2016-2017 Concerts and Conversations series. This program is entitled *Opera 101: Irresistible Opera Melodies* and will include arias and duets from the vast and rich operatic repertoire. They will be accompanied by pianist Jeremy Peterman.

The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, December 12, 2016. Doors will open at 12:45 pm at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. This month, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, there will be a reception in honor of our new members following the concert. If you are a new member, the \$5 fee guest fee will be waived.

Contact Joan Sitver, joansitver@aol.com (602) 971-0012, for more details. Guest Fee: \$5.00



*Anna-Lisa Hackett,
Coloratura Soprano*

Ms. Hackett has won many competitions, including The Southwest Vocal Competition, Schubert Club, Singers Cultural Exchange Competition and was a finalist in the Loren L. Zachary Society National Vocal Competition. She has been a featured soloist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Phoenix Symphony, the Marina del Ray Symphony, ProMusica of Arizona and continues to concertize with the Phoenix Opera, Palm Springs Opera Guild and the Loren L. Zachary Society of Los Angeles.



*Guillermo Ontiveros,
Tenor*

Mr. Ontiveros was born in Hermosillo, Sonora and has concertized extensively in Italy, Mexico, and the United States. He was selected for the 2007 George Solti Accademia di Bel Canto and performed three concerts in Memory of Maestro Solti in Castiglione Della Pescaia, Italy. Since moving to Arizona in 2008 he has performed as a concert artist with the Phoenix Opera, with whom he is currently recording the album *Los Tres Tenores*.



*Jeremy Peterman,
Organist and Pianist*

Mr. Peterman is active in the Phoenix Valley as a performer, teacher and vocal coach. He earned undergraduate degrees in French and Piano Performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a Master of Music degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano from Arizona State University. He has played with Arizona Opera, the Phoenix Symphony and the Phoenix Opera as well as the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. He is currently the pianist for Chandler Children's Choir, piano professor at Arizona Christian University, and organist and director of hand bells at La Casa de Cristo.

Study Group News



ARIZONA AUTHORS

Monday, December 19st
12:30 - 2:30 pm
JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd

On Monday, December 19th, our speaker will be Arthur Kerns. Arthur earned degrees in International Relations from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia and an MBA from New York University. He joined the FBI

with a career in counterespionage and counterterrorism. Upon retirement, he became a consultant with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Department of State. His lengthy assignments took him to over sixty-five countries.

Arthur has written three espionage thrillers featuring CIA operative Hayden Stone. *The Riveria Contract*, *The African Contract* and his third book, *The Yemen Contract*, was published this past June.

In addition to his espionage thrillers, he has completed a mystery based on the unsolved 1929 murder of an FBI agent in Phoenix.

RSVP - Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com
Guests are welcome - \$5.00



MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

Wednesday, December 14th

On Wednesday, December 14th, the Men of Brandeis will be visiting the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg. The museum is dedicated to displaying exhibits focused on the Western heritage of the town of Wickenburg and environs. Our docent-led tour will be followed by lunch at a nearby eatery.

For more information,
 please contact the facilitators:

Leith Baletin
lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434

Sam Summer
samsummeraz@yahoo.com
 480-488-1540

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

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 for the monthly calendars in this bulletin 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 Study Guide, the Mid-Year Group Details and the Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

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

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Study Group News = New Groups



50. THEATER & LUNCH SERIES *NEW*

Join us for an exciting program for theater buffs at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Each performance is a one-act play lasting 45 minutes. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. **Tickets will only be sold as a series of four plays for a total of \$24 per person, payable by check due no later than January 1, 2017.** No refunds or exchanges; if you are unable to attend, you can send a friend in your place!

After you register for this group, contact the facilitator immediately for the address to send your check for the series. The performances are:

JANUARY 11 - *I DO DISABILITY, DON'T YOU?!* - LUNCH TIME THEATER

Theatre360 brings personal stories about their experience with disabilities, sure to cause some laughs, some tears, some joy, but most of all an appreciation and understanding of what we all experience... being human.

FEBRUARY 8 - *A LEGACY OF JUSTICE - SIPUEL V. BOARD OF REGENTS UNIV OF OKLAHOMA*

Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher understood that being a test plaintiff in 1946 Oklahoma for the NAACP would make her a target for the hostility of segregationists. With a legal team lead by Thurgood Marshall, her determination to receive a law degree at the educational facility of her choice would change the course of history.

MARCH 22 - *COUPLED - A RELATIONSHIP REVUE*

Hello wacky world of friends and lovers, and the songs that celebrate the best of the best, and the best of the worst! *16 Bars* is serving up a sweetly seasoned celebration of relationships.

MAY 10 - *LIFE IN THE THEATRE* - LUNCH TIME THEATER

Playwrights from Theatre Artists Studio share brand new plays about *Life In the Theatre*. This year they happily bring you the full spectrum! Comedy, drama and musical presentations will reveal what goes on behind and in front of the footlights!

Four Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (December - May)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20 + \$24 for tickets**
 Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806

51. SOUP'S ON!!!! *NEW*

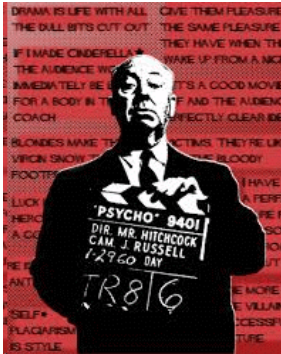
We are ladling up some fun-filled mornings - come into our kitchen for a taste! We will have three sessions, each in a private home kitchen. You will experience three different soups per session along with a tasty garnish demonstration. January brings three hearty soups, while in March we offer three lighter springtime soups. May bursts forth with three amazing fruit soups. You will enjoy all the offerings, along with some fun surprise tastings. Participants will be notified of the meeting location by email. Limited to 16 "souper" gals, minimum 10.

Three Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (January 20, March 10, May 5)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**
 Beth Reisman breism@cox.net 480-488-9883
 Lynn Kahn lynnkahn@ymail.com 480-998-0387
 Jane Kuznitsky cashew3@cox.net 480-595-9787
 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771



Study Group News • New Groups Continued



52. STUDY WITH THE BEST - HITCHCOCK FILMS *NEW*

Do you like Alfred Hitchcock? Using Brandeis-authored and other materials, this study group will examine three of his later films: *North by Northwest*, *Psycho*, and *The Birds*. View the films on your own, then come and discuss with the group. We will meet at various homes three times: **January 23, March 27 and April 24**. Participants will be notified of the meeting location by email. Minimum 10, maximum 20.

Fourth Mondays, 1:30 pm (January, March, April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**
Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com **480-251-0815**
Marilyn Morris rodonmi@aol.com **412-478-2724**

53. THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN *NEW*

Join professional designer Sheila Landau on field trips to explore the latest products. We will go to different showrooms in the Scottsdale Airpark area to view new kitchen products, including a Steam Oven demo, and new Plumbing products, Flooring, Wall Coverings and Lighting. We will also visit a Granite and Quartzsite factory. Our field trips will always be followed by lunch. Minimum six.

Three Fridays at 11:00 am (January 6, February 3 and March 3)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**
Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net **602-809-5100**



Registration for NEW Groups

- 50. _____ Theater and Lunch Series
- 51. _____ Soup's On!!!!
- 52. _____ Study With the Best - Hitchcock Films
- 53. _____ The World of Interior Design



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

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mark your selection(s) and mail this form and your check to:
 Merrill Kalman, 8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ, 85255 mskbfl@aol.com

If you can't print this form, you may send a sheet of paper, which must include:
 your name, phone, email and group names and group numbers.

Note: You may also use the updated Registration Form on page 8.

2016-17 UPDATED Study Group Registration Form - with NEW Groups

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 available for registration this season.

*The New Mid-Year Group details are available from Study Group Tab on our website.

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

You can download this form, the Study Guide and the New Mid-Year Group details at:

www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

VARIOUS

1. _____ Boomers
3. _____ Men of Brandeis (MOB)
4. _____ Phoenicians of BNC

MONDAY

8. _____ Concerts and Conversations
9. _____ Arizona Authors Speaker Series
10. _____ B-Puzzled: Mystery and Suspense

TUESDAY

17. _____ Camelview, Shea 14 Review and Lunch
18. _____ **Let's Get Creative *NEW***
19. _____ Bridging It!
20. _____ **Ethnic Dining *NEW***

WEDNESDAY

22. _____ Dessert - How Sweet It Is!
23. _____ **Don't Worry, Be Happy *NEW***
26. _____ Knit A Mitzvah
27. _____ Neighborhood Walks
28. _____ Play Golf

Details about groups 1-48 are in the Study Group Guide; details about groups 50-53 are in the New Mid-Year Group descriptions. Links to both are on the Study Group tab on our website at:

www.brandeisphoenix.com

THURSDAY

30. _____ Intermediate Mah Jongg
34. _____ Sun Lakes Potpourri
35. _____ **Shalom Hebrew *NEW***
36. _____ Intermediate Hiking Club
37. _____ Leisure Hiking
38. _____ **Learn Chinese Mah Jongg! *NEW***
40. _____ Bowling for Fun
43. _____ Contemporary Issues #1

FRIDAY

45. _____ Friday Matinee Movie and Lunch

SATURDAY

47. _____ At the Ballet
48. _____ Girls' Night Out

***NEW MID-YEAR GROUPS**

Various Days, Dates and Times

50. _____ **Theater & Lunch *NEW***
51. _____ **Soup's On *NEW***
52. _____ **Study With The Best
- Hitchcock *NEW***
53. _____ **The World of Interior Design *NEW***

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

Check # _____

Mark your selection(s) and mail 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 sheet of paper that **must** include:
your name, phone, email and group names and numbers.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

DEC	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	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 15	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	Start 7:00 - 9:00	Hike challenging trails with elevation gains and at a brisk pace. This group is not meant for the beginner or leisure hiker. 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 at a different brunch spot each time, to give us time to socialize.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
1 8 15 22 29	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG **	11:45 for lunch and play begins promptly at 12:15.	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 meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
1	JEWISH BOOK GROUP **	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
1 15	LEARN CHINESE MAH JONGG!	1:30	Chinese Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, calculation (and luck!) that originated in China. The location will depend on participation; details will be emailed to the group.	Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba
1 15	LEISURE HIKING	8:00 a.m. or 8:30 am	These bi-monthly hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will be at a comfortable pace. You will be able to enjoy the scenery, talk to the other hikers and get good exercise. Plan on 2.5 - 4 miles round trip, around 2 - 2.5 hours, plus destination time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions. After the hike, join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
1 15	SHALOM HEBREW	10:00	"Ma Nishma?" means "How are you doing?" If you would like to know more than just "Shalom," join us for Hebrew conversation concentrating on auditory skills: listening and talking. No previous knowledge of Hebrew required. The meetings will be at the facilitator's home in north Scottsdale. Contact the facilitator for details.	Maya Hazan allwomyn08@gmail.com 480-292-8282
1	STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM **	1:00	Broadway on Film explores three Hollywood films created from Broadway plays. One film will be viewed on each meeting date, followed by group discussions. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Carol Kern cak8219@gmail.com 480-948-9236
1	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	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		We'll be viewing interesting movies playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Lunch and casual conversation will follow at a nearby eatery. Details will be emailed to participants.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815

GROUPS SOMETIMES HAVE ROOM FOR GUESTS! A \$5 GUEST FEE APPLIES.

**** THESE GROUPS HAVE VERY LIMITED SPACE. IN ALL CASES, PLEASE CONTACT FACILITATORS FOR AVAILABILITY.**

DEC	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
2	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 michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com 617-571-7337
7	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
6	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 Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-851-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
6 13 20 27	MAH-JONGG FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS	1:30	Expand your skills and meet new friends in the process, 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
7	DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY	5:00	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
7 21	POKER - TEXAS HOLD'EM **	3:00	Join this group, learn to play and laugh a lot! Location details will be emailed to participants.	Jay Leopold jay@fixnflipz.com 480-290-2040
8	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 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036
12	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS	1:00 pm	Musical performance and discussion by professional musicians. This month, in conjunction with the Membership Committee - there is no guest fee for new members. Refreshments will be served. Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln Drive. For details see page 4.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
13	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	TBD	Join us 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 will be emailed to participants.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
14	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ		Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958
14 28	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at a location that is convenient to Scottsdale and Shea.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
14	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	10:00	Touring Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg For more information see page 5.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540

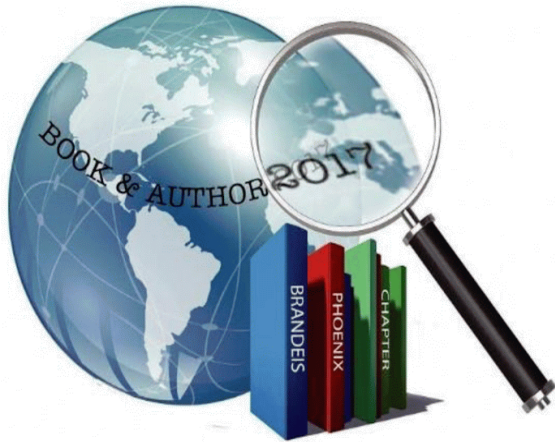
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14	PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS	11:30	Join docent and Brandeis member Mark Sendrow this year in touring Phoenix Art Museum featured exhibits. details will be emailed to the participants.	Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420
15	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER	10:00	This group reads books that take place in foreign locales. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106 Tricia Beran tricia@beran.net 480-229-5668
15	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 **	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.	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300
19	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Author Arthur Kerns. Held at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
20	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Experienced bridge players meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
20	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW AND LUNCH	TBD	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 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
21	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS	2:00	Join us for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Phoenix/Scottsdale unique neighborhoods. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
22	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	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
22	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS	11:30	Foodies! are you ready to experience out of the way neighborhood haunts? 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.	Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599
26	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. It meets at 18 Degrees, the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
28	PLAY GOLF	1:00	Play at Silverado. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriegreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800
28	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. You must RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Annette Kurland annetekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

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Book and Author

We hope you are already planning to join us at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort on Monday, March 13, 2017! There will be book sales and signings, an array of fabulous boutiques for your shopping pleasure, presentations by the authors and a lovely luncheon. The previous evening, Sunday, March 12th, Bookmark donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors at a beautiful Paradise Valley home.

Now in its 27th year, Book and Author has generated its own terminology, which has evolved over time. For example, Table Captains: originally they were called Table Hostesses, then Table Hosts, and now Captains. Being a Table Captain is open to all men, women, members and non-members. It does not require anyone to cover the cost of the entire table; rather, it means organizing people to sit together at one or more tables.

This year, each table seats a maximum of 10 people; there are no larger tables. The importance of Table Captains cannot be overstated - they are integral to the success of the event! All Table Captains will be acknowledged in the Program Book every guest receives at the event.

Invitations to be mailed in January will contain RSVP cards where attendees can list those with whom they plan to sit, along with their entrée choices. In the meantime, if you would like to put together one or more tables for yourself and your friends, you don't have to wait! Please contact the Table Captain Committee Co-Chair, Stephanie Altman, steffyaltman@gmail.com to let her and Co-Chair Sue Karp know your plans, or if you have any questions.

We thank our committee chair and volunteers for their hard work. Volunteer jobs are still available! To join in the fun, [Click HERE](#) to contact the Volunteers Committee. For general information, contact Event Chair Carol Abrams at bncphxba@gmail.com or call her at 480-442-9623. See our website at www.brandeis.phoenix.com for frequent updates!

Proceeds from Book and Author 2017 will benefit the Sustaining the Mind Fund, which supports research in neurodegenerative diseases and scholarship in the medical sciences at Brandeis University.

**Need more information about all Book & Author 2017 events?
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Sunday, December 4, 2016
WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM
AT THE JCC

Saturday Evening,
December 10, 2016
5:45 - 9:00 pm

DINNER & THEATRE
Theatre Artists Studio - Phoenix

Friday, January 13, 2017
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS (UOW)
Embassy Suites Scottsdale
(formerly Chaparral Suites)

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
OPEN MEETING



Sunday, March 12, 2017
BOOK AND AUTHOR
BOOKMARK DONOR COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Monday, March 13, 2017
27TH ANNUAL BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT
at the Marriott Desert Ridge

Friday, April 28, 2017
SPRING LUNCHEON



Mentalist 2016



Thank you to all the people that made the Mentalist event a success!

Bruce Galin, Henriette Hasley, Harriet Gartner, Sandy Itkowitz, Mark Itkowitz, Marcia Langer, Gail Tenn, Iris Wigal, Carol Abrams, Jo Ellen Susman, Michele Fischler, Brina Pepper, Lori Roth, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Sheila Berkowitz, Andie Morrison, Sue Godwin, Harriet Schwartz, Elliott Gartner



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Membership News

Congratulations to Carol and Dan Reynolds on the marriage of their son, Aaron, to Lydia Shelley.
 Our sincere condolences to the family of Life member Dinah Libman, on her passing.
 Our sincere condolences to Irene Mieszcanski on the passing of her father, Jack Dechter.
 Our sincere condolences to Carol and Dan Reynolds on the passing of Carol's mother, Elaine Nadeau.
 Our sincere condolences to Gail and Dan Tenn on the passing of Dan's sister, Miriam Kolitz.

New and Rejoining Members

Frieda Bleier, Anne Brunick, Margey Cheses, Carole Kauffman,
 Fran Lamden, Judy Sussman, Rhoda Weiner

Need Help?

**Brandeis Ambassador:
 You Ask! We Listen!**

Are you new to our Brandeis Chapter and you aren't sure which Study Group to select? Or, perhaps you are considering volunteering for the Book and Author Luncheon because your talents lie in decorations or favors? We want every Brandeis member to feel comfortable attending every event offered by our Brandeis Chapter. The Ambassadors are there to help you enjoy the Brandeis Experience.

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Social Justice



Carol B' s Children' s Book Collection

We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools. Reminder - If you go to garage sales, please check for children's books.

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There is no substitute for books in the life of a child. – May Ellen Chase

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

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Knit A Mitzvah

As part of the Chapter's Social Justice activities, if you can knit or crochet, we can use your help in

making newborn baby caps. The patterns and yarn are free – donated by Honor Health/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center – and we bring the completed caps to them. The caps are small and very easy to make.

If you are experienced or just a novice and want to participate in this effort, please contact

Ronee Siegel at ronees@aol.com
 (917-273-0393) for more information.



The Boomers toured the St. Mary's Food Bank facility in Phoenix where, through individual and corporate donations, they coordinate collection and distribution of over 74 million pounds of food yearly.

THESE BOOMERS ATTENDED THE TOUR:

Front row (L-R): Judy Baletin, Ruth Lerner, Nancy Lash, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Ronee Siegel, Stephanie Garfinkle, Lois Tager
 Back row (L-R): Sara Leopold, Janis Lipman, Corinne Baskin, Carla Schneider, Marcia Langer, Jane Coleman, Cindy Faber, Bonnie Furst

A comic connection: Hugh Hefner and Lenny Bruce



A two-day conference on the legacy of Lenny Bruce was opened with a keynote address from Christie Hefner '74

Photo/Mike Lovett
Christie Hefner '74.

Lenny Bruce and Hugh Hefner had a lot in common.

They shared a place on the forefront of the tidal wave of cultural change that occurred in the late 1950s and 1960s. They shared a determination to fight for freedom of expression, even when those fights left them entangled with the legal system.

They also shared a friendship, said Christie Hefner '74, Hugh's daughter and former chairman and CEO of Playboy Enterprises.

"Like contemporary art and contemporary jazz, Hef dug Lenny," Hefner said Thursday.

In the keynote address that kicked off "Comedy and the Constitution: The Legacy of Lenny Bruce," a two-day symposium dedicated to the study of Bruce, Hefner described the many intersections between her iconic father and the iconic comic.

Hefner recalled how her father was so impressed with Bruce when he saw him perform in San Francisco in 1958 that he decided to use his influence in the Chicago nightclub scene to have Bruce play in some of the city's premiere clubs. Bruce was also profiled in *Playboy* magazine, which later excerpted and then published his book, "How To Talk Dirty and Influence People."

Both were dragged through prolonged legal battles as they

fought to protect their first amendment rights, but Bruce faced an additional burden as he lacked an organization with enormous resources to help him, Hefner said.

"In Hef's battles, he had a large company behind him and a powerful platform in the magazine. Lenny had none of that. "Just friends," Hefner said. "Hef was one of those friends who believed in Lenny, and who stood with him in good times, bad times, unpopular times and all times. Because alone among those rebellious artists, those talented men and women who were his contemporaries, Lenny Bruce was persecuted and prosecuted for his words and his ideas."

Bruce's commitment to his ideas and his craft resulted in an impact on the world of comedy that is still felt today. Society turns to comedians not only for comedy, but for critical perspective, Hefner said, and that's a testament to Bruce's legacy.

"We live in a time when Lenny's comic bloodlines have flourished like never before," Hefner said. "Much of the comedy that we hear today was pioneered by Lenny. Comedy that similarly channels and challenges the contemporary zeitgeist."

The symposium, organized by Sarah Shoemaker, associate university

librarian for Archives and Special Collections, and Stephen Whitfield, the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, marked the formal opening of the Lenny Bruce collection at Brandeis' Archives and Special Collections, which features Bruce's personal papers and recordings.

Thanks to a grant from the Hugh M. Hefner Foundation, the university acquired the papers in 2014 from Bruce's daughter, Kitty, who attended the symposium and shared some personal memories of her father. She was joined by Hefner and Brandeis University President Ronald Liebowitz in a ceremonial ribbon cutting that opened the collection to the public.

"I find it quite appropriate that Brandeis, with our motto of 'Truth, even unto its innermost parts,' is now home to the personal papers of an individual who deeply believed in that same ideal, even to the point of persecution," Liebowitz said. "We are honored to have been chosen as the keepers of this historic collection and we look forward to the scholarly opportunities it will provide to researchers for years to come.

By Jarret Bencks

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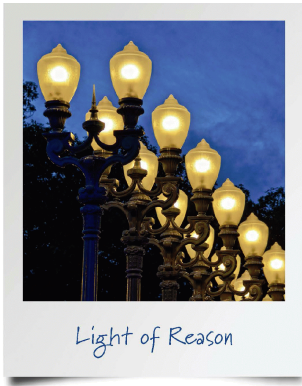
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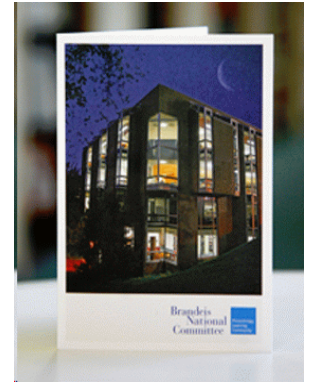
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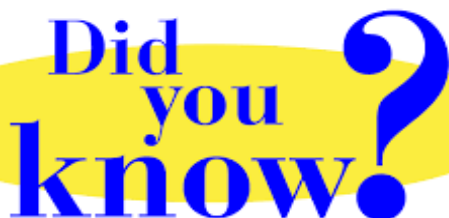
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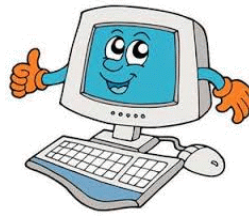
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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AVAILABLE

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

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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 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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BNC Phoenix Board and Committee Calendar

December 4	Women's Symposium
December 5	Program Committee Meeting
December 7	Executive Committee Meeting
December 10	Dinner and Theatre Party
December 21	General Board Meeting
December 26	Membership Committee Meeting



PROGRAMMING MEETING

Planning has begun on a variety of great events this coming season. Attend the Programming Meeting the 1st Monday of each month.

Join a great committee and make new friends as we work on the details of our upcoming events.

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Autumn in Paradise Luncheon
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