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Phoenix Chapter

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Dear Members,

The faculty of Brandeis University established a lifelong learning program for what was known in 1955 as the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (BUNWC), which today is known as the Brandeis National Committee (BNC). The program syllabi were offered as a gift to the women who worked to help establish the library and assist the University in obtaining accreditation. Today the BNC chapters receive these learning opportunities materials in exchange for their support to the library. The study guides were created in the spirit of Louis D. Brandeis' philosophy: "Every citizen must have an education, broad and continuous. Education should continue throughout life."

Just as the chapters of the BNC have continued to raise funds for the expansion and now digitization of the library, the faculty has increased the original three syllabi to several study guides in each of twelve categories of learning. The offerings are in literature and poetry, theater and film arts, Jewish studies, and social justice, to name a few. This program offers members an opportunity to "study with the best."

Other learning opportunities include: "Deis Flicks," movies from the University's extensive visual record of the Jewish people, and the Encore Series, which through DVDs offer our members the presentations of faculty members and celebrated guest speakers.

In addition, thanks to our very talented members who act as facilitators, the Phoenix Chapter's study groups offer opportunities to learn new skills, share cultural sites and performances with others, discuss the issues of our time, share reading experiences in almost every genre, and explore the Valley. With innumerable choices and a vast variety of groups there is definitely something for everyone.

In order to register for any of these groups, you must be a paid-up member of BNC. A non-member guest fee of $5 is required to attend a group just once. After that, if someone wishes to attend again he or she must join BNC. Our study group offerings seem to expand year after year and many of our members join BNC just for that purpose.

We are sure that you will find a study group that you will really enjoy!

Wishing you a year of fun and learning!

Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal
Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Study Group Guide.

We are pleased to offer many returning study groups as well as some exciting new groups, covering a broad array of interests and pursuits. Study groups are available to paid-up members of the Brandeis National Committee (BNC). Come join your friends and meet new ones at a variety of activities.

Our website address is:

www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

This guide is available there, and so is a link to the registration form to make it easy to print out and return by mail to our registrar, Merrill Kalman. We created a calendar with as few scheduling conflicts as possible. We hope that the biggest problem will be that some groups with variable meeting dates and times may occasionally overlap, and participants of both groups will have to choose which wonderful group to attend!

Your study group costs are used to offset the administrative expenses of our BNC Phoenix Chapter. Any surplus study group costs will be designated to support the University's library.

We are always interested in creating new study groups! If you have any ideas or would like to organize and facilitate a new group, please contact us.

Finally, please keep in mind that many groups fill up quickly - some almost immediately - so plan to register as soon as possible, even if you won't be back in Arizona until winter. We encourage you to share this Study Guide with any of your friends who are not yet members of BNC. We hope you will take advantage of all that our BNC Phoenix Chapter has to offer!

Your Study Group VPs,
Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Brandeis National Committee

Phoenix Chapter Membership Form

❑ **New** ❑ **Renew**

Name(s):_____

Name of Spouse or Significant Other:_____

Local Address:_____Unit #_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Email:_____

Spouse's Email:_____

Phone: _____Cell: _____

Spouse's phone:_____Cell:_____

Summer Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Dates Summer Address:_____

❑ $60 Annual Member-Individual ❑ $100 Annual Members-Couple

Check enclosed, payable to BNC: $_____

BNC Memberships are tax deductible and apply through June 30, 2017

Mail this form and check for **MEMBERSHIP ONLY** to:

Irene Lubin, Financial Secretary
Brandeis National Committee
11935 E. Del Timbre, Scottsdale, AZ 85259
iwlubin@gmail.com

Call Irene at 480-948-3773 to use MasterCard or Visa

You must be a member to join Study Groups.
This form is for membership only.

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Registration Information

YOU MUST BE A PAID-UP MEMBER of Brandeis National Committee (BNC) **IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR STUDY GROUPS**. If you have not paid your annual membership dues, you must complete a membership form.

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
Go to www.brandeisphoenix.com/Membership.html
and click on the Membership Form link.

The membership form also appears on page 3 of this study guide. Send the form with your check to the Financial Secretary, Irene Lubin. You may also call Irene (at the number on the membership form) to use a credit card - both Visa and MasterCard are accepted for dues. Irene will then inform the Registrar of your membership. You may join a study group if you are a member of the Phoenix Chapter or another chapter and are visiting for the winter.

The Registrar will have an up-to-date membership list to check your status. If you are not a member, your study group registration may be delayed.

NOTE: DO NOT COMBINE MEMBERSHIP DUES
and **STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION IN ONE CHECK.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES go to **IRENE LUBIN** and **STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION** goes to **MERRILL KALMAN.**

ENROLLMENT AND REFUND POLICY
Unless notified otherwise, you are enrolled in the study group(s) you have chosen. You will not receive a confirmation, so keep a copy of your Registration form. There will be no refunds unless a study group is cancelled or oversubscribed.

STUDY GROUP COST
The study group cost is $20 per group. There may be additional costs based on the group's activity (i.e. venue admission fees, golf greens fees, craft group fees and lunch expenses).

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION
You must be a paid-up member of BNC to join a study group. Fill out the registration form clearly and completely. Be sure to include your email

address, since this is the most efficient way for your facilitator(s) and the Registrar to contact you. Only one member per form. If you have a family membership, your spouse or significant other must complete a separate registration form.

THE REGISTRATION FORM IS AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE:
Go to www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html
and click on the registration form link.

All the necessary information is on the form. If you can't print the form, you may send a note that must include your name, phone, email and requested groups.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO BNC AND MAIL IT WITH THE FORM TO:

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

Study group costs are used for the administrative needs of the chapter. Any surplus study group costs will be designated to support the University's library.

GUESTS AND GUEST COSTS

BNC MEMBERS ATTENDING STUDY GROUPS AS GUESTS
Any BNC member may attend, as a one-time guest, up to four study groups in total - each time for a $5 guest cost. If you subsequently join the group, your guest cost will be applied to the registration cost. **HOWEVER, THE FACILITATOR MUST BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.**

NON-MEMBER GUESTS
People who are not yet BNC members may attend, as a one-time guest, a study group that runs more than two sessions, space permitting, and at the discretion of the facilitator. A $5 guest cost applies. If the non-member subsequently joins BNC and wishes to join the group, the guest cost paid can be applied to the study group registration cost.

GUEST COSTS
Facilitators collect all guest costs. The Facilitator can mail a check equal to the guest costs collected to the Registrar or give checks and/or cash collected to one of the Study Group VPs or our chapter treasurers, Harriet Schwartz and Marcia Langer.

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Bridging It!
Camelview, Shea 14 Review and Lunch
Canasta for Beginners *NEW*
Classics Book Group *NEW*
Concerts & Conversations
Contemporary Issues #1
Contemporary Issues #2
Cultural Sites in AZ
Current Events
Dessert - How Sweet It Is!
Don't Worry, Be Happy *NEW*
Ethnic Dining *NEW*
Fourth Weds. Lunch Bunch
Friday Matinee Movie & Lunch
Girls' Night Out
Intermediate Hiking Club
Intermediate Mah Jongg
Jewish Book Group
Knit A Mitzvah
Learn Chinese Mah Jongg! *NEW*
Leisure Hiking
Let's Get Creative *NEW*
Mah Jongg for Advanced Beginners *NEW*
Mah Jongg for Beginners
Men of Brandeis (MOB)
Neighborhood Haunts
Neighborhood Walks
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Phoenix Art Museum Tours
Play Golf
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Promoting Healthy Relationships
Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch
Shalom Hebrew *NEW*
Studio Art and Bistro Lunch
Study with the Best: Broadway on Film
Sun Lakes Potpourri
Understanding the American Election Process
Yoga

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Phoenix Chapter Study Groups

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Various

1. BOOMERS

Boomers has nothing to do with age - it is a state of mind. This active group explores all the Valley has to offer. From museums, lectures, field trips, game days and more, the Boomers are always on the go. We usually meet twice a month from October through May, often in the morning, and our meeting day is based on the activity, with Friday preferred. **Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.**

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net **602-214-5212**
Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com **480-563-0411**
Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com **917-273-0393**

2. CULTURAL SITES IN AZ

The venues we plan to visit this year include: Mesa Arts Center, a guided tour of the Roosevelt Arts District and Grace Museum of Americana. Additional possible outings include Mystery Castle, Tovrea Castle, Hispanic Museum and other arts and cultural venues, if there are special shows or festivals. We will visit 4-5 sites, which will be followed by an optional lunch. Entrance fees and lunch are additional. Maximum 70.

Various Tour Dates (December - March or April)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us **480-307-9300**
Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com **480-773-7958**

3. MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

The M.O.B. is now in its sixth year. We meet every other month on Wednesdays at the JCC at 1:00 pm (preceded by a nosh at the coffee shop) with a variety of guest speakers. In the intervening months, usually on Tuesdays, we explore interesting sites. Among our speakers will be: Joshua Borths, Director of Education at the Arizona Opera, who will be speaking about opera history. Jay Witkin, a retired attorney at the FCC, will be discussing regulation and all that it entails. Finally, Dr. Richard Ellen will be speaking about the National Institutes of Health. Our tours will include visits to the Wickenburg Western Museum, T-Gen and the Scottsdale Water Management facility. There will be another tour of the Ping Factory for those who missed it last year. Also, we plan on having a night out at a Comedy Club and a social for couples in the spring. Due to Yom Kippur, **our first meeting will be at the JCC on October 19 at 1:00 pm**. Come early and join us at the coffee shop for lunch. Location and times of events to be determined and will be emailed to participants.

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net **480-874-9434**
Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com **480-488-1540**

4. PHOENICIANS OF BNC

This group will meet once a month from October through May for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. An exciting list of potential activities has already been generated to begin in the fall. The particular day of the week, time and place will be determined by the planned activity. Each month's program will be coordinated by 1-2 participants. **The first meeting is scheduled to be a happy hour to reconnect with each other after the summer hiatus.** Details will be emailed to group participants. Minimum 10.

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com **602-257-4327**
Mickey Leonard mllphx@cox.net **602-459-6972**
Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com **602-319-8351**

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5. UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICAN ELECTION PROCESS

This study group will provide an introduction to the election process in America. We will seek to understand the dynamics of U.S. elections in general, the U.S. Senate elections, the U.S. House elections and presidential elections, with an emphasis on the elections of 2016. Mark Stern has a Ph.D. in political science, with a specialization in U.S. politics, elections, political parties and the presidency.

The five Monday evening sessions will cover:

SESSION 1, October 10: Types of elections and party identification. The keys to understanding the processes of election outcomes;

SESSION 2, October 17: The role of ethnic and other characteristics in U.S. voting;

SESSION 3, October 24: What we know about the presidential primaries and caucuses of 2016;

SESSION 4, November 7: What we think we know about tomorrow's election outcomes and what we think we do not know;

SESSION 5, November 14: Can we understand and explain what actually occurred in the 2016 elections and the impact of these elections?

Location of the first session will be at Mark Stern's house (details will be emailed to participants). We will arrange to have subsequent sessions at participants' houses or other locations. Minimum 6, maximum 15.

Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (Oct. 10, 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu **540-664-0480**

6. PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Do you have friends? Family? Co-workers? If so, this group is for you! Once a month, retired psychotherapist James P. Krehbiel, M.S., Ed.S. will discuss ways to promote healthy relationships, exploring topics such as: Boundary setting, Conflict resolution, Listening skills, Assertiveness and Building healthy relationships. **The first meeting will be Monday, November 7.** Location will be based on participation; details will be emailed to group members. Minimum 8, maximum 12.

First Mondays, 1:00 pm (November - April)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com **480-221-9777**

7. ANTIQUE GATHERINGS

Join this group as we "gather" to talk about finding, pricing and collecting the antiques you love. Regardless of what your passion is, we will be able to share our knowledge and our treasures. **The first meeting will be on Monday, October 10 at 10:00 am.** Destination details will be emailed to participants. Minimum 10, maximum 15.

Second Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (October - May)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com **480-221-9777**

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8. CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS

This ever-popular group will present musical performances and discussions by professional musicians. Refreshments will be served.

The first concert will be Monday, November 14, with 17 year-old violinist Tiffany Chang, accompanied by pianist Zhou Jiang. The series continues on December 12, with soprano Anna-Lisa Hackett, and tenor Guillermo Ontiveros performing arias and duets, accompanied by pianist Jeremy Peterman. On January 9, Susan Fishman will be performing on piano, along with Dana Pasley on violin and Fred Chao on cello. The series ends on February 13, with a performance by saxophonist Joseph Wytko.

Note: *The program on December 12 is in conjunction with the Membership Committee - there is no guest fee for new members.*

Location: Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln Drive

Second Mondays, 1:00 pm (November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012

Music Committee:

Phyllis Becker, Marilyn Blynder, Margie Bold, Arlene Feldman, Paulette Fraenkel, Carole Goldstein, Ruth Le Grand, Susan Peskind, Mark Sendrow, Susan Sendrow, Mort Sitver, David Tuckman, Ellen Tuckman, Elaine Wagner.

Programming: Jan Septon

Advisor: Roz Fischer

9. ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES

Our state of Arizona contributes much to the literary world, with authors and also with story settings. This group will focus on both. Once a month, for seven months, we will be treated to an appearance by an author who is either from Arizona, resides in Arizona now or uses Arizona as a locale for a book. The author will speak to us about his/her life and writing. There will be a question and answer period followed by book signings. You do not need to read the author's book in advance but you are, of course, welcome to do so. Books will be available for purchase that day. The authors do not charge us for their appearance, but selling books is how they make their living, so it is always nice for our group to support them. **You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. The first meeting will be on October 17.** Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254.

Third Mondays, 12:30 - 2:30 pm (October - April)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355

10. B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. **The first meeting will be on October 24** and the book we will discuss is *The Book of Air and Shadows* by Michael Gruber. Future books will be chosen by the group participants. We will meet at 18°, the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, Scottsdale. Minimum: 10, Maximum: 15

Fourth Mondays at 1:00 pm (October - April)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777

Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909

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11. MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

If you've always wanted to learn how to play "The Game of a Thousand Intelligences," this group is for you! You will 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. You will need to purchase a current Mah Jongg card prior to the first meeting. If you have a Mahj set, please let the facilitator know after you register for the group. **The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18.** We will meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea). Minimum 12.

Six Tuesdays of instruction from 9:30 - 11:00 am (October 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22). There may be extra sessions of instructional play on November 29 and December 6.

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Daron Barness daronday2@gmail.com **602-619-1136**

12. MAH-JONGG FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS * NEW *

If you are beyond the basics of this great game, want to further expand your skills and meet new friends in the process, this group is for you. You will need a 2016 Mah-Jongg card. Periodic strategy sessions will be offered. We meet weekly at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). **Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18.** Minimum 9, maximum 15.

Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com **602-513-3138**

Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com **602-319-8351**

13. YOGA

Join us for our yoga group, an all-levels class good for first-timers as well as experienced practitioners. Modifications and suggestions will be given to enhance each pose (asana), including breathing techniques for energy and for relaxation. Each session will end with a calming savasana - a complete relaxation. The stiffer you are, the better! In addition, specific areas such as back pain or issues such as headaches and insomnia will be addressed. Handouts will be given so participants can practice at home. Dr. Nancy Siefer, a registered and certified yoga instructor with 17 years' teaching experience, will lead the classes. Bring a mat, water, and any prop (block, belt, etc.) you like to use. Our classes will meet from 8:30 - 9:30 am on consecutive Tuesday mornings, **beginning January 17**. Location details will be emailed to participants; there may be a nominal charge for the use of a dedicated space. Maximum 20.

Eight Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am (January 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com **480-577-1439**

14. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS * NEW *

Meet new people, have fun and learn a classic game all at the same time! This group is offered as a consecutive 4-week session in February, with meetings once a week. Each lesson will cover a different and fundamental element of the game, so **it is important to attend all 4 sessions**. The location will be determined later, depending upon participation. **Our first session will be on Tuesday, February 7.** Minimum 4, maximum 10.

Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (February 7, 14, 21, 28)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com **216-272-1697**

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15. CURRENT EVENTS

Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Topics will be chosen by the members. Active participation and some research is the key to great discussions. Members will be asked to hold meetings in their homes and/or provide refreshments. **The first meeting will be on Tuesday November 1.** Participants will be notified of the location by email. Maximum 25.

First Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (November - April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com **480-773-7958**
Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com **480-851-0815**
Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com **480-664-6901**

16. SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. We will meet on the second Tuesday at well-reviewed, diverse and interesting restaurants. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. If separate checks are not available, we will divide the bill evenly among ourselves. You must reply to the facilitator in order to secure a place at the table. **Our first lunch will be October 11.** Maximum 30.

Second Tuesdays (October - May)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net **602-840-8195**
Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net **480-585-1777**

17. CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW AND LUNCH

Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion and lunch at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at Harkins Camelview at Scottsdale Fashion Square, at Harkins Shea 14, or at another theater in the area. Meeting notices will be emailed to participants each month, about five to seven days before the meeting date (after movie schedules are set), with specific details of movie name, time and location of theater and restaurant. **Our first movie will be Tuesday, October 18**.

Third Tuesday Mornings
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net **480-998-8999**
Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net **602-494-1924**

18. LET'S GET CREATIVE * NEW *

If you want to discover your inner crafter and create beautiful jewelry, this three-class group is for you. You will experience a different jewelry technique with each class. There is an additional charge for supplies. The classes are held in a private home in Scottsdale and the location will be provided to members of the group. The group meets on the third Tuesday in January, February and March from 10:30am to 12:30 pm.

After you register for this group, contact the facilitator to sign up for all or any of the following classes:

JANUARY 17 - CLASS 1 - Make an epoxy clay and Swarovski crystal bracelet. Supplies: $35-$45.
FEBRUARY 21 - CLASS 2 - Create a resin pendant. Supplies: $30
MARCH 21 - CLASS 3 - Make a crystal ball and leather tassel. Supplies: $30

No experience needed; all supplies and tools are included in the supplies cost. Maximum 8 per class.

Third Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (Jan, Feb, March)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20 + Supplies
Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com **216-272-1697**

19. BRIDGING IT!

This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players who are willing to enjoy a non-competitive and relaxed afternoon of bridge. We meet from October to May on the third Tuesday of each month. **Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18.** Participants will be notified of the location.

Third Tuesdays, Noon - 3:30 pm (October - May)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net **602-410-5639**
Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net **612-710-6291**

20. ETHNIC DINING * NEW *

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. We will meet at 11:30 am on the following Tuesdays: **November 29, January 24, February 28 and March 28.** We will select our own meals from the restaurant menu. The details for each restaurant will be sent to participants in advance of the meeting date. Maximum 20.

Four Tuesdays, 11:30 am (November 29, January 24, February 28, March 28)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com **602-667-0313**

Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net **602-214-5212**

Wednesday

21. PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS

Join docent and Brandeis member Mark Sendrow this year in touring Phoenix Art Museum featured exhibits. Specific tours will depend on the available exhibits; details will be emailed to the participants. **The first tour will be Wednesday, December 14.** Minimum 10, maximum 20.

Various Wednesdays at 11:30 am: December 14, January 25, February 22 and March 22.

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20 + museum admission

Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com **602-307-5420**

22. DESSERT - HOW SWEET IT IS! (New name)

Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth. We will meet three times on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month at various locations. If separate checks are not available, we will divide the bill evenly among ourselves. **Our first sugar high will be Wednesday, November 2.** Participants will be notified of the locations by email. Maximum 20.

First Wednesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (November 2, February 1, April 5)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com **480-310-1605**

Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com **480-473-4825**

23. DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY *NEW*

Looking for some great Happy Hour adventures? Then this is the group for you. Meet new friends and sample some of the Valley's outstanding watering holes. The group's members will assist the facilitator in planning our monthly destinations. We hope you'll join the delightful members of this group. **The first meeting, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016**, will be organizational, though nibbles and alcohol will be involved. The place, time and details for the first and subsequent meetings will be emailed to participants.

First Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com **602-999-8858**

24. POKER - TEXAS HOLD'EM * NEW *

It's the flop! It's the turn! Now it's the river! Have you seen this game on TV for a long time but didn't know when to hold 'em? When to fold 'em? Don't walk away - here's your chance! Join this group, learn to play and laugh a lot! **Our first meeting will be October 5 at 3:00 pm**. Location details will be emailed to participants. Minimum 6, maximum 10.

First & Third Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 pm (October - January)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20

Jay Leopold jay@fixnflipz.com **480-290-2040**

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25. ACTING IS FUN! * NEW *

If you are looking to have some fun, share some laughs, learn some of the tricks about performance and public speaking, and make new friends, then this is DEFINITELY the place to be. The group is open to anyone, any age, any ability AND no experience OR memorization is necessary. Most of the work will be in chairs and is physically and vocally accessible for all PLUS April provides all the materials. If you enjoy theatre and film, then you will enjoy playing in this group. Read skits which regale the trials and tribulations and joys of life, play theatre games, and explore how characters are created on stage and in film. **Our first meeting will be on January 11.** Scottsdale location details will be mailed to group members. Minimum 4, maximum 10.

Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (Jan. - Apr.)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
April Feld Sandor afsplays@gmail.com 215-882-2600

26. KNIT A MITZVAH

If you knit or crochet and would like to be a part of a wonderful group that will be making scarves (to be donated to a charitable organization) and newborn baby caps (to be donated to Honor Health Scottsdale Shea Medical Center), then this is the group for you! If your skills need improving, we will help you. Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at a location that is convenient to Scottsdale and Shea. **Our first meeting will be October 26.**

Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212
Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393

27. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS (New Day)

The Phoenix/Scottsdale area has many unique neighborhoods. Join us once a month for a moderately paced walk in and around one of them. In some cases, a resident of our neighborhood of the month may be able to lead us. **Our first walk will be Wednesday, November 16.** Participants will be notified of the location by email. Minimum 6, Maximum 20.

Third Wednesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (October - March)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

28. PLAY GOLF

"The most important shot in golf is the next one," said pro golfer Ben Hogan. Let's hit 'em straight! Come join the fun and golf with BNC Phoenix Chapter! All levels are welcome. This group will meet once a month from October through March. Scottsdale Silverado Golf Club will be the meeting place on the 4th Wednesday from December through March. The venue and time for **October 26** are still to be determined. The November game will be played at Silverado on **Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 am.** Greens fees will be $39 + tax ($44.10) for 9 holes, $59 + tax ($65.69) for 18.

The greens fees for December to March are $49 + tax ($54.44) for 9 holes, $69 + tax ($76.49) for 18 holes. All listed rates include the cart. Each player is responsible for greens fees and lunch costs. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date. No refunds of greens fees will be allowed once an RSVP has been given. **Our first outing will be on October 26**; details will be emailed to participants. Maximum 16.

Fourth Wednesdays, 1:00 pm (December - March plus October 26 & November 10)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20 plus greens fees
Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605
Laurie Greenfield lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800

29. FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

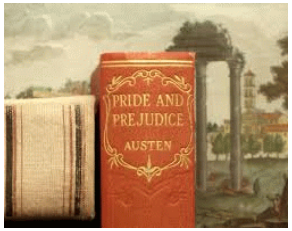
This lunch group meets monthly from October through April to enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of mostly new, exciting restaurants around the Valley, **beginning Wednesday, October 26, at 11:30 am.** Everyone is responsible for their own meal. The location will be announced monthly to the members. We will sample various cuisines and venues. You must RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table. Maximum 25.

Fourth Wednesdays (October - April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Annette Kurland annettekurland@me.com **516-236-6271**
Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net **612-710-6291**

30. INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG

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 at 11:45 for lunch and play begins promptly at 12:15. **Our first meeting will be Thursday, October. 13.**

Every Thursday, 12:15 - 3:00 pm
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com **414-418-4203**



31. CLASSICS BOOK GROUP *NEW *

This group will select six classic books from a list, one of which will then be read and discussed at each meeting. (Some participants may choose to use *CliffsNotes* or see the movie instead; we are not here to judge.) **The first meeting will be on October 6** and the book will be *Pride and Prejudice*, by Jane Austen. We will meet at members' homes - details will be emailed to participants. Minimum 5, Maximum 25.

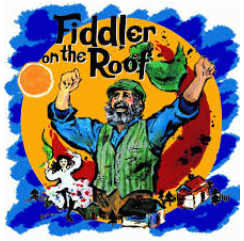
First Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (October - April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com **602-667-0313**
Sandy Itkowitz sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com **480-650-6779**

32. JEWISH BOOK GROUP

This book group meets at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). **The first meeting will be on October 6** and the book will be *Leaving Berlin* by Joseph Kanon. On November 3 the book will be *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. If you would like the complete list of books, call Ellen. RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. Maximum 20.

First Thursdays, 10:00 am (October - May)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Ellen Tuckman **602-953-9307**

33. STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM



Using Brandeis-authored and other materials, Broadway on Film explores three Hollywood films created from Broadway plays. *Fiddler on the Roof* (1971) and *Cabaret* (1972) address issues fundamental to the Jewish ethnic heritage, among which are questions of survival, society and family relationships, ritual and religion, and tradition versus adaptation. *Evita* (1996) explores the theme of heroes and hero worshipers. The films will be viewed on the meeting date, followed by group discussions. Location details will be emailed to participants. Maximum 25.

First Thursdays, 1:00 pm (Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Carol Kern cak8219@gmail.com **480-948-9236**

34. SUN LAKES POTPOURRI

This group will include book and movie reviews, discussions on contemporary issues and visits to local places of interest. It is open to people outside the Sun Lakes area, and meets the first Thursday of each month. **At our first meeting on October 6,** we will socialize and plan our 2016-2017 calendar of meetings. Contact the facilitators for the location.

First Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639
Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945

35. SHALOM HEBREW * NEW *

"Ma Nishma?" means "How are you doing?" If you would like to know more than just "Shalom," join us for Hebrew conversation. We will concentrate on auditory skills: listening and talking. In addition, there will be an introduction to Hebrew language basics (letters and grammar). No previous knowledge of Hebrew required. The lessons will be customized to the students' needs, levels and requests. All you need is a clipboard, writing paper and index cards. **We will meet for 8 sessions, beginning November 3 at 10:00 am.** The meetings will be at the facilitator's home in north Scottsdale. Details will be emailed to participants. Maximum 6.

First &Third Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am (Nov - Feb)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Maya Hazan allwomyn08@gmail.com 480-292-8282

36. INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB

Join us if you enjoy the fresh air, the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie. These bi-monthly hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you on 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. Our start time will be determined by the outdoor temperature, but it will be approximately 7:00 - 9:00 am. Members

will be notified prior to each hike of place and time. We hope you can join us after the hike at a different brunch spot each time, to give us time to socialize. **There will be an optional warm-up hike on October 20.**

First & Third Thursdays. Starting date November 3, 2016
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
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Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348

37. LEISURE HIKING

If you like fresh air, the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie, these bi-monthly hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you to beautiful trails at a comfortable pace. You will be able to enjoy the scenery, talk to the other hikers and get good exercise. This group is not meant for those who want to go "all out" or on very steep trails. Plan on 2.5 - 4 miles round trip, around 2 - 2.5 hours, plus destination time. The outdoor temperature and time of year will determine our start time, but it will be 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 am. **Our first hike will be Thursday, November 3.** Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions. After the hike, we hope you can join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Minimum 15.

First &Third Thursdays (November - April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212
Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212

38. LEARN CHINESE MAH JONGG! *NEW*

This is not your grandma's Mah Jongg! Chinese Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, calculation (and luck!) that originated in China. Regional variations of this game are played by men and women throughout Asia, using tiles and dice (not color-coded cards). If you know how to play rummy, you can learn this game in minutes. **The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 20.** Please bring your Mahj sets with you so we will have enough to go around. The location will depend on participation; details will be emailed to the group. Minimum 8, maximum 25.

First &Third Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:30pm (October - April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261
John Poremba

39. BELLASERA BOOK GROUP * NEW *

This group will meet in Bellasera in North Scottsdale and is open to everyone. We will discuss fiction, biographies and occasionally non-fiction as well. The books will be selected by the group three months at a time. **Our first meeting will be organizational and will be on Thursday, October 13.** Location details will be emailed to the participants. Minimum 6, maximum 12.

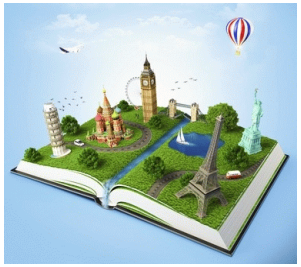
Second Thursdays, 11:00 am (October - May)
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Carol Padwe carol.padwe@cox.net 480-242-8183

40. BOWLING FOR FUN

Join our Bowling League! This relaxed, non-competitive group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes once a month to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Vía Linda, Scottsdale 85258. **Our first game will be Thursday, October 13.** Minimum 8.

Second Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (October- April)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20 plus lane fees
Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999
Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036

41. BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER



This group will read books that take place in foreign locales. The participants will recommend the books and presentation responsibilities will be shared. Meetings will be in the members' homes. **Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 20** and we will discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. Location details will be emailed to participants. Minimum 10, maximum 26.

Third Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (October - May)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106
Tricia Beran tricia@beran.net 480-229-5668

42. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 (NEW DAY)

Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Topics will be chosen by the members. Active participation by everyone is the key to great discussions. Members will be asked to hold meetings in their homes and/or provide refreshments. **The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 20.** Location details will be emailed to participants. Maximum 22.

Third Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am (October - May)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177
Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300

43. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1

This discussion group has met continuously since 1997. Led by Ruth Anne Myers, the participants choose current issues one meeting ahead. One member of the group researches a topic, but all members are encouraged to add information or to ask questions. Equal participation is important. Some members will be asked to hold meetings in their homes or to provide refreshments. Members are asked to contact the facilitator, who will give them directions to the location of that month's meeting. **The first meeting will be on October 27.** Maximum 25.

Fourth Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20
Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216

44. NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Foodies… are you ready to experience out of the way neighborhood haunts? Join us for lunch as we sample four best-kept secret locales on these **Thursdays: October 27, December 22, February 23 and March 23.** This is a wonderful chance to meet new people in a fun setting! Cash is preferred. Maximum 25.

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am (Oct., Dec., Feb. and March)
Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20
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Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462
Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599

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45. FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH

We'll be viewing interesting movies (including indies, foreign language films and documentaries) playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Movies usually begin about 10:00 am; lunch and casual conversation will follow at a nearby eatery. We'll email the group in advance with our movie title, film location, meeting time and restaurant selection. **Our first meeting will be October 7. Minimum 5.**

First Fridays, (October - April)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com **480-488-4476**

Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com **480-251-0815**

NOTE: There are two movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

46. STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH

Expand your artistic and culinary horizons. Travel with us as we discover three different artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. **Join us at 10:30 am on October 28**, December 2 and January 27 at each artist's location. Maximum 40.

Fridays, 10:30 am (October, December, January)

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

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Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com **201-887-0319**

Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com **617-571-7337**

Saturday

47. AT THE BALLET

Do you love the Ballet? Would you like to go more often with your friends? This group will get tickets at a group rate for three of this year's performances. We will see *Romeo & Juliet* (February 11), *Today's Masters* (March 25) and *All Balanchine* (May 13). Optional this year: An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden for subscribers for $33. (May 23 - June 10 at 8:00 pm). For more information, see the website: www.balletaz.org. Car pools will be arranged. Minimum participation for the group discount of 30% is 10 people. **Please sign up by August 20** so that we can order tickets as soon as possible. NOTE: Once the tickets are purchased, we will pick them up at the box office just prior to the first performance. If a participant cannot attend a performance, that person is solely responsible for finding a substitute. Maximum 20.

Saturday Matinees, 2:00 pm (February 11, March 25, May 13)

Facilitator: . . . . . COST: $20 plus tickets

Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net **480-451-5229**

48. GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Girls' Night Out returns with opportunities to have a wonderful time with "just the girls." This coming season, group members will meet to plan four special events for the group. We've been to neon miniature golf, wonderful restaurants, plays, comedy clubs, cooking classes, art exhibits and many more fun activities. It's all up to the members to plan. We hope you'll join us and the delightful members who join this group. **The initial meeting, on Saturday, November 5, 2016,** will be organizational. The place, time and details for that and the four subsequent meetings will be emailed to participants.

Various Saturday evenings from November - May

Facilitators: . . . . . COST: $20

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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.

About Brandeis University and the BNC

Characterized by academic excellence since its founding in 1948, Brandeis is one of the youngest private research universities in the United States, as well as the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college or university. It is regarded as one of the pre-eminent liberal arts and research universities in the country. Brandeis counts among its faculty and alumni a Nobel laureate, MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" recipients, Pulitzer Prize winners and a number of Emmy Award-winning actors, broadcasters and producers. The university stresses an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge and the solution to real life problems. The campus community remains devoted to the concept of social justice, a legacy inherited from the namesake of the university, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The Brandeis National Committee (BNC) has provided philanthropic support for the University and its libraries since 1948. As a volunteer-driven fundraising organization, BNC has to date contributed over $131 million to Brandeis, while at the same time utilizing the rich educational resources of the university to provide unique programming for its members.

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This is a convenient, meaningful way to acknowledge both happy and sad occasions - or just to let family and friends know you are thinking of them. We send personalized Tribute cards for you, and your gift to the Book Fund in return goes directly to support the Brandeis Libraries. A variety of cards are available for donations ranging from $10 to $500.

See these beautiful cards and read a description of each at:
www.brandeis.edu/bnc/philanthropy/brandeis-libraries.html

To order through our BNC Phoenix Chapter, **click HERE** for the form to print out and mail to our Book Fund chair, Phyllis Becker.

The funds provided by BNC have supported student scholarship in the sciences and the expansion of the Brandeis libraries. Recently, BNC raised nearly $5 million to name a neurodegenerative disease research laboratory in the University's Science Center, to create an Endowed Medical Science Journal Fund, and to create the Sustaining the Mind Fund supporting research in neurodegenerative diseases, such as ALS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and autism.

Your support of the BNC Phoenix Chapter through Chapter events ultimately supports this cutting-edge research - thank you! You can also make a donation to the Sustaining the Mind Fund directly; **click HERE** for a form to send to our Donations Chair, Ronda Kottle.

Our exciting new campaign initiative is called the BNC Scholarship Campaign, with a goal over the next year to finish raising $1 million to provide scholarships to ensure that the best and brightest students are able to enroll at Brandeis. Monies raised for the campaign by our Chapter will go towards endowing our local scholarship. To donate to the Scholarship Campaign, **click HERE** for the form. You will find more information about Brandeis University and the BNC at **http://www.brandeis.edu/bnc** and more about our Phoenix Chapter at **http://www.brandeisphoenix.com**.

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Dates to Remember!

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Fall Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
Women's Symposium at the JCC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017
University on Wheels

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017
Book and Author Event -
Bookmark Donors Cocktail Reception

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017
27th Annual Book and Author Event
at the Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Spring Luncheon

Notes

Study Groups I signed up for: