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**Time is Running Out – Saturday Evening
November 12th**

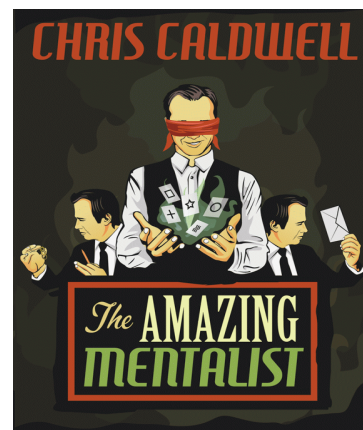
UNFORGETTABLE!

The Extraordinary Christopher Caldwell, Mentalist

Doors will open at 6:00 pm for dessert.

Showtime is at 7:00 pm.

Mentalist Chris Caldwell engages and astonishes audiences by dramatizing the unusual powers of the mind.



Event Co-chairs: Harriet Gartner and Mark Itkowitz

The cost will be \$25.00/person.

Seating will be limited to 100 people ~ REGISTER NOW.

McDowell Center at McDowell Mountain Ranch,
16116 N. McDowell Mt. Ranch Road, Scottsdale

For a reservation form: [Sorry, Sold Out!](#)



**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 further information see page 3.

For a reservation form, [Click HERE](#)



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Brandeis Friends and Colleagues:

With the cooler weather, we are able to savor the beauty of Arizona: the mountains, the lakes and of course the magnificent desert. Now we can comfortably walk, jog and bicycle through our pristine neighborhoods. Our mornings are delightful and our evenings under the stars are glorious. This is the weather that makes us thankful that we live in the Valley.

November is the month of Thanksgiving – a time to consider and be grateful for all of our good fortunes. Brandeis Phoenix Chapter is one of those good fortunes.

- BNC has become ‘a home away from home’ for many of our members who are transplants from other parts of the country. It has provided new friendships and even extended families
- BNC has arranged fabulous events for its members like the Autumn Luncheon, in an idyllic location highlighting wonderful entertainment
- BNC has provided its members with diversified learning opportunities:
 - 1) Skill games like Mah Jongg, Canasta and Chinese Mah Jongg
 - 2) Book, movies and contemporary issues discussions
 - 3) Opportunities to learn and enjoy the arts: Arizona Authors, Studio Art and Bistro Lunch, At the Ballet, and Concerts and Conversations
 - 4) Enjoying the wonders of the Valley through Cultural Sites and Boomers, as well as through the many lunch groups that keep us up-to-date on the new gourmet, ethnic and neighborhood restaurants
- MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, the Brandeis Phoenix Chapter gives us an opportunity to use our lifelong talents and develop new ones to "give back" to Brandeis University, the only non-denominational university founded on Jewish values. It provides us with ways to furnish talented Arizona students with scholarships, support research in neurodegenerative diseases and sustain the Brandeis University library.

We are grateful for all our tireless volunteers who make our lives through Brandeis meaningful and fun-filled. We thank Leith Baletin and Nan Waldman, VPs of Membership and their committee, for introducing new members to us, and the Programming Committee, headed by VP Sandy Itkowitz, for providing us with so many wonderful events such as the beautiful Autumn Luncheon, chaired by Marcy Strauss. We appreciate the many facilitators and the entire study group team: VPs Susie Sacks, Ronee Siegel, Merrill Kalman, registrar and Sara Leopold, who produced the Study Guide that is making our days interesting and exciting. Special thanks go to Kathleen Witkin, editor of the Beat and Paula Eckstein, our Electronic Communications Manager, without whom we would not know how many activities are available to enrich our lives.

We are looking forward to seeing you on November 12th for an Amazing Evening with the incredible Chris Caldwell, Mentalist. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and many good fortunes for which to be grateful.

Nancy and Iris

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**A TASTE OF THEATRE
THEATRE ARTISTS STUDIO**

**PARADISE PLAZA
4848 E. CACTUS RD #406,
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254**

Our December chapter fundraising event will be held at the Theatre Artists Studio. We will start with a delicious, catered dinner, which will be followed by the play, *The Herd*: Rory Kinnear's passionate and heartfelt comedy-drama looks at a family in turmoil when life doesn't turn out as expected.

Here are some excerpts from the reviews and a little bit about the author.

Chicago Tribune: April 12, 2015: *The Herd*, which you will not want to miss, is about three generations of a fractured British family, but it is the grandparents, portrayed by Smith and Mahoney, who emerge as the moral core of the story. . . *The Herd* does an awful lot really well . . . but it is rare indeed to find a contemporary play with such richly written roles for older characters. It is as if Kinnear was determined to nix all the usual cliches: Smith's Patricia and Mahoney's Brian have aging bodies that get in their way at times, but they are intellectual, vital, sexualized and, above all, humorous beings, and their role in this play would be to dispense the wisdom of experience had Brian not come to the apt conclusion that life is little more than "luck and doggedness."

NY Times Review, May 1, 2015 "The drama of family discord has been such a staple of the American theater that a curtain rising upon a suburban living room almost automatically makes us settle in and wait for the fireworks to start. But the British can squabble and stew, stiff upper lips be damned, quite as well as the rest of us, as is illustrated by *The Herd*, a lively and moving comedy-drama by the British actor Rory Kinnear. . . ."

The author is the 38 year-old acclaimed British actor Rory Kinnear. His range runs from the Shakespearian Iago at the National Theatre through *Penny Dreadful*, appearing in *The Imitation Game* and three James Bond movies. Prior to writing *The Herd*, he had never written a play. But Rory related that an actor has time on his hands, thus he wrote his first play.

This show is a regional premiere.

For a reservation form, [Click HERE](#)

Study Group News



ARIZONA AUTHORS

Monday, November 21st

12:30 - 2:30 pm

JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd

Speaking for us on Nov 21st, at 12:30 at the JCC, will be the ever-handsome best selling author Andrew Gross.

Andrew co-wrote five best sellers with James Patterson and then went on to write nine of his own thriller novels.

His new book, *The One Man*, is a WW II thriller taken from his own family history:

In the midst of World War II, America and her allies find themselves racing against the Germans to see who can construct the first atomic bomb. While scientists all over the world are working on different formulas and equations, there are only two men on the face of the planet with the necessary knowledge to complete one of the most crucial steps in developing the bomb.

One of those men, a scientist, is working for the Germans, which means America must locate and secure the other. Unfortunately, they discover that the man they need is in the last place anyone wants to go in order to get him.

The origin of the idea for this exciting new novel came to Andrew because of his father-in-law, who lived through the Holocaust and never spoke of it, even though he didn't know what became of his family in Poland.

Come join us to hear Andrew tell us more about this "edge of your seat" story.

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



MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

Wednesday, November 9th

JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd

The M.O.B. will be touring the Mesa Arts Center on November 9th. The tour will begin at 10:00 am and will cover the entire Arts Center. After the tour, which is approximately 90 minutes long, the group will meet at a sandwich shop within walking distance. More information will be available closer to the date of the event.

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 other available study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website; www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

We are always looking for facilitators of additional groups. If you are interested, please contact the Study Group 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 five plays for a total of \$30 per person, payable by check due no later than December 1, 2016.** 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:

DECEMBER 14 - THEMES & VARIATIONS...TIS THE SEASON

In SCAN Originals' new musical revue, a group of long-time friends gather for their annual Christmas party to celebrate the season through stories and songs.

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!

Five Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (December - May)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20 + \$30 for tickets**
 Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com **602-788-6806**

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

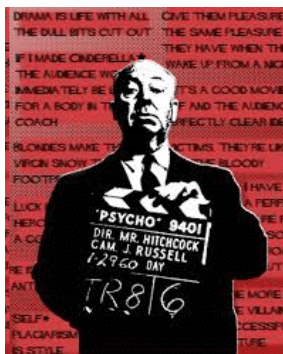
We are ladling up some fun-filled mornings - come into our kitchen for a taste! We will have three sessions, each in a private home kitchen. You will experience three different soups per session along with a tasty garnish demonstration. January brings three hearty soups, while in March we offer three 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 27, March 24, and April 28**. 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 \$_____ (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.

Concerts and Conversations

BNC welcomes back prize-winning violinist Tiffany Chang to the first program of the 2016-2017 Concerts and Conversations series. She will perform with pianist Zhou Jiang and the program will include the *Andante and Allegro of Bach's Sonata No. 2 in A minor*, Movement 1 of Beethoven's *Violin Sonata No. 7*, Paganini's *Caprice No. 21*, Sibelius' *Violin Concerto in D Minor Movement 1*, *The Red Violin Caprice* by John Corigliano, and Elgar's *Salut D'Amour*.



Doors will open at 12:45 pm. The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30pm on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. There will be refreshments following the performance.

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



Tiffany Chang, Violin

Tiffany Chang, age 17, is a senior at Corona Del Sol High School and a member of her school chamber orchestra. She is currently studying with Phoenix Symphony violinist Jing Zeng.

Ms. Chang began playing the violin at the age of three. At age six, she joined the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and was Concertmaster by age ten, when she was honored with the 2009-2010 Division 1 Director's Award. In 2014 and 2016, she was concertmaster of the All State Orchestra sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association.

Tiffany was the winner in the Junior Category of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition in 2009, 2011 and 2012 and advanced to the Division level in Hawaii,

Las Vegas, and Utah.

This past summer she attended the Interlochen Arts Camp, where she was recognized as one of the top young musicians in the country. Not only did she win one of the coveted concertmaster positions of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, she also performed the third movement of the Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto* with the orchestra as winner of the extremely competitive concerto competition.



Zhou Jiang

Pianist Zhou Jiang was born in Kunming, Yunnan province of China. She began her piano studies at the age of five. She pursued her undergraduate studies at Shanghai Conservatory of Music, where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 2008. There she took part in many performances with fellow students and faculty.

Ms. Jiang obtained her Master's Degree and Piano Performance Certificate in Collaborative Piano at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. She is currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Collaborative piano at Arizona State University.

She has concertized throughout the U.S. and Europe. In 2012 and 2013, she toured Texas, Tennessee, North Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Oregon. Her European tours have taken her to Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg. In 2014, she performed as a Guest Artist at the Saarbarg International Festival in Germany and Vienden International Festival in Luxemburg.

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

NOV	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	The group meets monthly for a potpourri of activities, primarily in Central Phoenix locations. Details will be emailed to group participants.	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
1	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
1 8 15 22 29	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
2	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
2 16	POKER - TEXAS HOLD'EM **	3:00	Learn to play and laugh a lot! Location details will be emailed to participants.	Jay Leopold jay@fixnflipz.com 480-290-2040
2	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
3 17	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	TBD	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
3 17	LEISURE HIKING	TBD	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
3	JEWISH BOOK GROUP **	10:00	The book will be <i>The Paris Architect</i> by Charles Belfoure. RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
3 17	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
3 10 17	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	11:45 lunch 12:15 play.	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

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.**

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3 17	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
3	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
3	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:00	We will watch the video <i>The 50 Children</i> , and have a discussion. Contact the facilitators for the location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 80-802-7945
4	FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH	TBD	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
5	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Myra Orkin morkin@cox.net 480-231-8909
7 14	UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICAN ELECTION PROCESS	7:00 pm	This study group will provide an introduction to the election process in America. Details will be emailed to participants.	Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
8	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH **	12:00	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
9 23	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
9	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	TBD	Touring the Mesa Arts Center. Lunch at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
10	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
10	PLAY GOLF	1:00	**Note Day/date/time change** 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

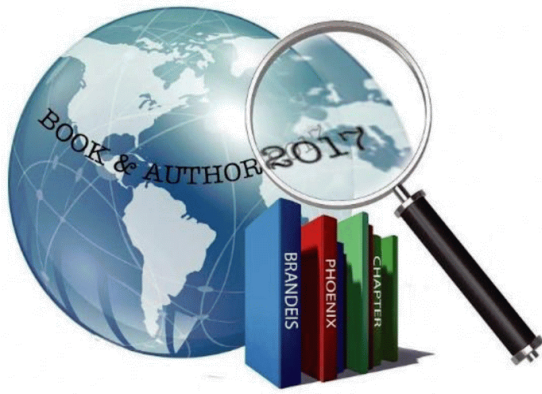
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11	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH **	10:30	Visit Artists in their studios and discuss their works over lunch. Details will be emailed to participants.	Michelle Fischler mishelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com 617-517-7337
14	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS	1:00	Musical performance and discussion by professional musicians. Refreshments will be served. Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln Drive.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
15	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
15	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
16	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
17	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
17	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER **	10:00	This group reads books that take place in foreign locales. The participants recommend the books and presentation responsibilities are shared. Meetings are in the members' homes. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106 Tricia Beran tricia@beran.net 480-229-5668
21	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Held at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat.	Merrill Kalman mskbfl@aol.com 480-296-3355
28	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE	1:00	This book group focuses on Mystery & Suspense. It meets at 18 Degrees, the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, Scottsdale. RSVP to a facilitator.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
29	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. The details for each restaurant will be sent to participants in advance of the meeting date.	Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212
30	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH **	11:30	*NOTE DATE CHANGE* 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

And the 2017 Book & Author Events Authors are. . . .

The 2017 Book and Author event will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort on Monday, March 13, 2017. Doors open at 9:00 am for registration, book sales and Boutique shopping, with personalized book signings by the authors beginning at 9:30. The authors will speak before and after the luncheon is served.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE THESE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS:

- Fiction/Art History: Christina Baker Kline - new novel *A Piece of the World*
- Fiction: Caroline Leavitt - new novel *Cruel Beautiful World*
- Mystery: Linwood Barclay - new Promise Falls novel *The Twenty-three*
- Politics: John Dickerson - new book *Whistlestop: My Favorite Stories from Presidential Campaign History*
- Science/History: Dava Sobel - new book *The Glass Universe*

And THE MODERATOR for 2017 is:

Mark Curtis - 12 News weeknight news anchor



Look for more information about the authors and moderator in upcoming bulletins!

A cocktail reception with the authors will be held for Bookmark donors on Sunday evening, March 12, 2017 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at a beautiful private residence. Details about making Bookmark donations will be in future issues of this bulletin as well as in the invitation, which will be mailed in January.

If you have not yet signed up to volunteer to help with this wonderful event and would like to do so, please contact Marcia Langer, marciala@msn.com.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you at Book & Author 2017!

Need more information about all Book & Author 2017 events?

Please contact Carol Abrams, Event Chair

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**Saturday Evening,
November 12, 2016 ♦ 6 - 9:30 pm**
CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL, MENTALIST
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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 - 1:00 pm
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS (UOW)
Embassy Suites Scottsdale
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Wednesday, February 15, 2017
OPEN MEETING

Sunday, March 12, 2017
BOOK AND AUTHOR
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Monday, March 13, 2017
27TH ANNUAL BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT
at the Marriott Desert Ridge

Friday, April 28, 2017
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To learn about becoming a member, please contact

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Membership News

- Congratulations to Laurie Checkoway on the engagement of her son, Brian, to Karen Cassidy.
- Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Betty Rosenzweig, on her passing.



Welcome New and Rejoining Members



Carol Bergers, Diane Brown, Marsha Chanan, Joan Davis, Carl Feinberg, Eunice Feinberg, Debbie Fishbein, Carol Kadet, Barbara Kroungold, Harvey Lash, Ilene Lashinsky, Jerry Laskin, Roberta Lazarz, Janice Lebovitz, Michael Lebovitz, Marlene Levin, Nancy Lirtzman, Gary Morrison, Sharon Rothzeit, Marla Samuels, Pamela Snyder, Abbey Sussholz, Bonnie Weinstein, Arline Wolff

MEMBER TO MEMBER



Most of our members find out about BNC because they are invited to an event by a friend. With so many exciting programs and events coming up in our chapter, why not invite a friend to join you? Share Brandeis, invite your friend to:

- ◆ Attend a Study Group
- ◆ Meet & 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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Social Justice



Carol B's Children's Book Collection

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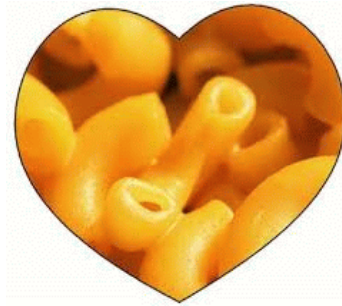
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Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.

– Kate DiCamillo



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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.

Deborah Lipstadt, MA'72, PhD'76, honored with
 Alumni Achievement Award ~
 The Holocaust historian received
 the award prior to a screening of the film *Denial*.

By Jarret Bencks September 23, 2016

Deborah Lipstadt, MA'72, PhD'76, was presented the Brandeis Alumni Achievement Award in a ceremony followed by a screening of a film based on her legal battle against Holocaust denier David Irving. After the screening, Lipstadt engaged in a conversation with Oscar-winning filmmaker Errol Morris, H'11, in front of a packed house at Wasserman Cinematheque.

Brandeis University President Ron Liebowitz presented Lipstadt with the award, which is the highest form of university recognition bestowed exclusively on alumni. "We are gathered here this evening to watch an important movie together and to hear from the real heroine of the film, alumna Deborah Lipstadt, whose career has been dedicated to pursuing the truth, even unto its innermost parts," Liebowitz said. "Deborah, you have brought great honor to us here at Brandeis."

Lipstadt is one of the world's foremost authorities on the Holocaust and the study of Holocaust deniers. She has been a professor of modern Jewish history and Holocaust studies at Emory University for over 20 years, and her books include: *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*; *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*; *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier* and *The Eichmann Trial*.

She was thrown into the international spotlight when Irving, a purported historian and Holocaust denier, filed a



Deborah Lipstadt, MA'72, PhD'76

photo/Mike Lovett

defamation case against her in 1996. Instead of settling the case, she elected to take him on before a British judge. *Denial* tells the story of the trial. Academy Award-winning actress Rachel Weisz plays Lipstadt in the film. In the discussion between Lipstadt and Morris that followed the screening, Lipstadt said that in order to expose those who deny history, you have to go beyond name calling, even if the names are true.

"You've got to do the hard work, you can't just say, 'You are a bigot,'" she said. "You've got to show, you've got to challenge. I think in our country and lots of other countries there's a great failure of that." Morris - who interviewed David Irving while making his 1999 film *Mr. Death*, which focuses on another Holocaust denier, Fred Leuchter - remarked on the importance of Lipstadt's mission of defending truth against the denial of history. "There's this terrible post modern notion, which I revile, that there is no such thing as truth, that everything is up for grabs ... I respectfully, or disrespectfully, disagree. There is such a thing as truth, there's such a thing as historical reality, a world in which things have happened or not happened," Morris said. "Digging our way back to historical reality is a deeply noble and important enterprise."

The screening and discussion were a collaboration of the Brandeis University Alumni Association and the Film, Television and Interactive Media Program. *Denial* premieres September 30.

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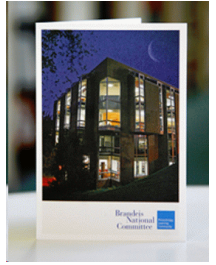
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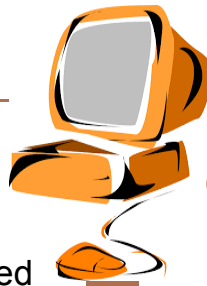
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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AVAILABLE

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

November 2	Executive Committee Meeting
November 7	Program Committee Meeting
November 12	Chris Caldwell, Mentalist
November 16	General Board Meeting
November 19	Canasta and Lunch
November 28	Membership 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.

For meeting locations, RSVP to: sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com
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