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## MAY/JUNE 2020

# Welcome to Summer Camp



Summer Camp will take on a new look this year, as we provide all of our activities on a digital platform.

We have so many wonderful and talented members who have gone the extra mile to come up with ideas and suggestions for a memorable experience. In this new normal we are facing, we have learned that the members of the Brandeis Phoenix Chapter are extremely resilient! Even though we will be social distancing, we will be together learning, listening, discussing, crafting, baking and so much more!

All offered free of charge!  
More activities to come in  
July and August.



**Click [HERE](#) for the list of activities and how to sign up!**



## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

The lyrics of *Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy)* by John Lennon contain the famous quote: "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other

plans." April was a month of cancelled plans, wiping clean a busy social calendar of dates with friends, attendance at movies, theatres, art fairs, sporting events and even grooming appointments. While challenging to say the least, we began filling our days with our 'Honey-Do' lists: we cleaned house, organized every room, decluttered and found things we didn't know we had, experienced happy hours and coffee klatches on Zoom, and took longer walks, appreciating the blooming cactus and listening to the birds sing and tweet in a way we hadn't before. We took stock of how lucky we are to live in a beautiful state with incredible weather at this time of year so that we could sit outside and walk easily at a social distance. In other words, the (hopefully temporary) new normal gave us an **opportunity**. We were given the most precious commodity of **TIME** - time to connect with friends and family, time to sit and be still, time to catch up on cooking, reading, a puzzle, movies and TV series, and time to reevaluate what is truly important.

The people of the world have come together to value life as never before. A decrease in human environmental impact has also been demonstrated. The extreme seriousness of this pandemic has put the entire world on pause, allowing us to decide how we want to live going forward - on this planet, in this country, in our neighborhoods and as individuals.

We can't control this situation but we can make a choice to be kinder and more patient with one another and to share our talents and compassion with each other in new and creative ways. Our chapter is doing just that! As Co-Presidents, we are so excited to see the creativity and level of sharing that is emerging. The 2020-2021 Board's VPs have hit the ground running in their new roles and are working together to disseminate information and create new avenues by which to communicate and share resources with our membership. Volunteers have come forward to share their ideas as participants of newly forming committees. Collaboration is heightened as we all work together towards our common chapter goals during unprecedented circumstances. We appreciate the willingness of so many to offer so much to our chapter.

Jan & Linda  
Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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## PRESIDENTS' THANK YOU!

We want to give a **Special Thank You** to the facilitators who offered their April/May Zoom study groups to anyone wishing to attend:

Tricia Beran, Joyce Goldstein, Irene Kestenbaum, Stephanie Klopfer, Marcia Langer and Joyce Steinberg.

**A Huge Shout-Out** goes to our amazing tech support, Paula Eckstein, Sara Leopold and Kathleen Witkin, who created the informative and beautiful chapter website addition, While@Home. We also thank Ellen Widoff, who is collaborating with them on the repository of information for that site, and to all those who wrote in with suggestions. While@Home is providing all of us with much-needed information and the resources with which to support us as long as we need to stay at home! This site will be updated for our membership as more resource material is added.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Cinco de Mayo, the chapter held its first virtual happy hour. It gave everyone an ability to connect, have fun and share stories of visits to Mexico. This was the first of more exciting virtual chapter celebrations to come!

Many thanks to Nyles Gradus for his great job as Master of Ceremonies!

We'd like to end by highlighting a major success for this chapter. Our annual Book & Author event keeps us all motivated, excited and engaged throughout the year. We are so proud of the labor of love put forth this year, which generated \$94,422 for the BNC Sustaining the Mind fund!! What an extraordinary achievement! It takes a village, as they say, to run an event of this magnitude. Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers and especially to Michelle Fischler, Barbara Stern and Sharon Tievsky, z"l, Chairs of BNC Phoenix Book & Author 2020, and their committee chairs, as follows:

Carol Abrams, Chuck Abrams, Tricia Beran, Wendy Cohen, Hindie Dershowitz,  
George Eckstein, Paula Eckstein, Bonnie Furst, Bruce Galin, Nancy Sacks-Goldberg,  
Joyce Grant, Henriette Hasley, z"l, Georgia Heller, Hillary Kaminsky,  
Sue Karp, Carol Kern, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Terriann Kleiner, Stephanie Klopfer,  
Sara Leopold, Freddie Lieberman, Beth Messer, Martha Patrick, Brina Pepper,  
Susan Roth, Merri Rubin, Susan Sacks, Harriet Schwartz, Ronee Siegel and Iris Wigal.

**We appreciate and thank all of you!!**

We look forward to getting out in the not too distant future and seeing you in person. In the meantime, please stay safe, kind and patient! Wishing you all good health,

Jan & Linda, Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

### A note of appreciation from the Bulletin editors:

Although our new presidents signed on for a very different job, they have undertaken this challenge with grace, dignity, intelligence and flexibility. They give their time whenever they're asked and have taken 'thinking outside the box' to an art form!

They welcome opinions from everyone, including - and maybe, especially - those with varying points of view. Assuming the duties of Chapter President is not easy to navigate in normal times, let alone these days. Our chapter is incredibly lucky to have these two wonderful leaders.

~ Kathleen, Sara and Ronee

# Meet Our Presidents



## Jan Lebovitz

Jan Lebovitz hails from Chicago, Illinois and has happily lived in the Valley for 3½ yrs. Jan comes to the BNC Phoenix Chapter with over 36 years of past professional experience working for several Federal agencies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology.

Jan managed an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Great Lakes region and served as an internal Organizational Consultant, traveling throughout the United States as a team builder, diversity trainer and mediator, helping to resolve issues between management, employees and unions. Jan has led training sessions and workshops on communication techniques, conflict resolution, diversity and mediation.

Jan served for several years in a co-lateral position as Chair of the Chicago Federal Executive Board's Shared Neutrals Program, coordinating mediations and training mediators for a consortium of Federal agencies located in Chicago and developing the same program for the Veterans Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Washington. Jan also has led workshops for the Chicago Center for Conflict Resolution and assisted them in training new mediators.

Jan's last position before retirement was as Senior Advisor to the FAA Great Lakes Region's Regional Administrator, working with the National Association of State Aviation Officials and their staffs to resolve aviation-related issues between the states and the FAA.

She greatly enjoys socializing with family and friends, yoga, walking, canasta, mah jongg and attending theatrical and musical events, though all are on hold at this unprecedented time.

Jan and her husband Mike live in Scottsdale and have 3 sons (Aaron, Brandon & Jeremy), two daughters-in-law (Mallory and Rachel) and two granddaughters (Ava and Layla), who also live in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area.

## Linda Ullman

Linda Ullman has had a travelled road to arrive at her final destination – Phoenix!! She is from Montreal, Calgary, Toronto, Los Angeles, Tucson and finally here! Linda comes to Brandeis with a variety of experiences, in roles dealing with people through Management, Fundraising and Sales.

Her degree in Psychology and Sociology helped prepare her for management of Temporary Personnel offices, development of a toy company, a variety of Sales positions and finally, as a Real Estate Broker for the last 25 years, while also raising her three sons. She has served on Professional Standard boards in Real Estate and dealt with varied issues in the Real Estate community. Linda is a self-starter and has always been involved in organizations. She was one of the founding members of a Hadassah Group in Los Angeles, and has been involved in many Hadassah, Synagogue and School functions, and fundraising.

She loves being busy and is constantly teased about her “FOMO” – fear of missing out!

She enjoys spending time with family and friends – loves reading, canasta, mahj, theater, shopping and dining out – and since arriving in Phoenix, Happy Hour has become a fun time to get together with friends as well.

Linda is married to her husband of 46 years, Robert, and has three sons, Eric, Phillip and Michael. She has two wonderful daughters-in-law, Janel and Adrienne, and a soon-to-be wonderful daughter-in-law, Allie. Linda has two very, very special grandchildren, Kayla and Alec, and a fabulous dog, Joey. The whole family is lucky enough to all be together in Scottsdale and it is the best time of our lives!!

# Looking Ahead...



Mark your calendars for a:

## Stars and Stripes Virtual Happy Hour!

Our Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour met with such success that another all-chapter Happy Hour is coming your way on

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Get ready to tell your favorite 4<sup>th</sup> of July stories from years past -  
Where were you and what happened?  
More info to follow. . .

“See” you then! Your hosts, Jan & Linda

Please  
Join Us

## BNC Phoenix Chapter Programs Galore!

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[bncphxfrprograms@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxfrprograms@gmail.com)  
2020 -2021 Fundraising Programs Vice-Presidents

The 2020-21 Fundraising Programs Committee has held its first two meetings: a brainstorming session on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and our regularly scheduled monthly meeting (via Zoom) on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chairs and co-chairs and committee members have already graciously volunteered to plan a fall event, University on Wheels, a winter event, Chapter Annual Meeting and a spring event, plus a couple more fun events in between! Several of the event committees and sub-committees that will support every event have also begun to hold meetings, as they are so excited to get the ball rolling.

There's always room for more members of this fun committee! If you would like to help plan and implement these fabulous programs and events for our BNC Phoenix Chapter, please join us on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** for our next Zoom meeting. Just email or call us to let us know you'll attend and we will be certain to send you the link to our secure online meeting. We look forward to hearing from you!

# STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Study Group team recognizes this has been a difficult time for all of us, yet our chapter members have persevered and learned how to engage with others in a Zoom Study Group. Some of you even like it! Right now, there are several groups meeting online and many that will continue using this format in the fall. The Study Group VPs are optimistic that this will end and we will be able to leave our homes once again. In the meantime, until we know that it is safe for our membership, we will be offering our study groups on a digital platform only. We will monitor the situation and if things change, we will adapt as necessary. We all need to be creative and think of ways to make both new and existing study groups available virtually.

With that in mind, in order to reach more of our members, it is also time to think outside the box and expand to evenings and weekends, along with our weekday groups. We also would like to increase our men's and couple's groups, thus giving more men a reason to join Brandeis.

It's never too early to be thinking about different ways to explore our beautiful cities, make new friends, and learn new things, even online. Maybe you can team up with a friend to co-facilitate a study group? Maybe you have been hoping that Brandeis would offer a study group for your particular passion---we'll be more than happy to help YOU get it off the ground.

Here are just a few ideas generated from our Prospective Facilitator events that could use facilitators:



## Sunday Foreign Film Group

Men's film group that sees "Films My Wife Would Never See!"



## Sunday Morning Walking Group

(observing social distancing)

## Debut Novels Book Group

## Memoir or Biography Book Groups

## Gluten-Free or Healthy Cooking Groups

## Travelogue Study Group



We also have a lot of creative people out there; how about an online Knitting or Crocheting group, or a virtual Art Appreciation or Painting group?

Remember, Facilitator training is always provided. Let us hear from you!  
Please send your ideas for study groups that YOU would be willing to facilitate to:

**Study Group Vice-Presidents:**  
Barbara Stern, Joyce Steinberg and Stephanie Klopper  
2021phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Also see: <http://www.brandeisphoenix.org/Study-Groups.html>



## SUMMER CAMP IS GOING DIGITAL

Contact the activity leaders if you are interested in an activity.  
Once registered, you will receive a Zoom invitation. Note: all times are Arizona time.

DATE/TIME	GROUP	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT TO REGISTER
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 1 11:30	ASK THE INTERIOR DESIGNER	Sheila Landau – Activity Leader -- Sheila will conduct a Zoom presentation where she will be delighted to answer any questions you might have regarding your own personal home and discuss the newest innovations on the market.	<a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a>
<b>Tuesdays</b> JUNE 2, 16, 23 12:00	REAL MAH JONGG	Hindie Dershowitz – Activity Leader – Play Mah Jongg with friends using the app <i>RealMahJongg</i> . <i>RealMahJongg</i> can be played on the computer, phone or tablet. You can get the app by going to your app store, or on your computer, by going to <a href="http://realmahjongg.com">realmahjongg.com</a> . We will socialize virtually, while playing with each other as we would be playing in person. You will need two devices, one to play <i>Real Mah Jongg</i> on and one to virtually see and talk with your table partners	<a href="mailto:hindiebershowitz@gmail.com">hindiebershowitz@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> JUNE 2 10:00	NEWSIES ZOOM MEETING	Stephanie Klopper, Gladys Simon and Nancy Sacks – Activity Leaders– Current events discussion.	<a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a>
<b>Friday</b> JUNE 5 10:00	FRIDAY FILM GROUP	Stephanie Klopper – Activity Leader – Watch a movie on Netflix or possibly HBO - and discuss via Zoom.	<a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a>
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 8 10:30	BOOKS AROUND THE WORLD BOOK CLUB	Nancy Sacks – Activity Leader -- The book will be <i>Heliopolis</i> by James Scudamore. Each participant will read the book and then it will be discussed via Zoom.	<a href="mailto:nhshobo@aol.com">nhshobo@aol.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> JUNE 9 10:00	SUMMERTIME READS!	Marcia Langer and Leslie Kiefus – Activity Leaders – June book selection is <i>Dear Girls</i> by Ali Wong	<a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> JUNE 9 10:00	TUESDAY MOVIE GROUP	Sheila Landau & Harriett Schwartz – Activity Leaders –Sheila and Harriett will select a Netflix movie for you to watch and will conduct a Zoom discussion.	<a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> <a href="mailto:harriet0715@gmail.com">harriet0715@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> JUNE 9, 23 1:00	EMBELLISHED CREATIVE NEEDLEPOINT	Vicky Leavitt and Cindie Gittleman – Activity Leaders –Learn to add some “extras” to your needlepoint. We will be adding beads, feathers, flowers or jewels! Learn a different way to make your needlepoint more interesting. Each attendee will need to buy a complete needlepoint kit online, at Michaels or a craft store. More info to come. We will then take it from there with Zoom learning sessions. Join in the fun!	<a href="mailto:vickstar11@gmail.com">vickstar11@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:creativemedicalid@yahoo.com">creativemedicalid@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> JUNE 10 10:00	PHOENIX PUBLIC MARKET	Sara Matlin – Activity Leader – Market Manager – Learn about the downtown <i>Phoenix Public Market</i> and all it has to offer! Open since 2005, the market supports the community with a variety of vendors and is open year-round.	Jan Lebovitz <a href="mailto:janice.lebovitz@gmail.com">janice.lebovitz@gmail.com</a>
<b>Thursday</b> JUNE 11 AUGUST 13 6:30 PM	FOREIGN FILM ZOOMIES	Joyce Steinberg & Ileen Herberg – Activity Leaders – Join us as we explore the world of foreign films. Each month, a foreign film (most likely with subtitles) will be chosen for you to view on Netflix. We will provide the name of each film in advance, so you can plan ahead. We will meet online for lively discussions using Zoom. Participants will be emailed the Zoom invitation when they register.	<a href="mailto:joyces12003@gmail.com">joyces12003@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:iherberg@aol.com">iherberg@aol.com</a>

Click [HERE](#) to go to the website to print the calendar.

## JUNE EVENTS

DATE/TIME	GROUP	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT TO REGISTER
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 15 11:00	MASK MAKERS, MASK MAKERS, MAKE ME A MASK!!	Gale Gradus – Activity Leader – Let’s have fun together and learn how to sew a beautiful protective face mask for yourselves, family, friends or donations! No sewing machine required (preferred), only basic sewing/mending skills necessary. Upon registration, the pattern will be sent to you, with details regarding the materials needed to make a mask. You will create beautiful face coverings!	<a href="mailto:ggradus13@gmail.com">ggradus13@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 15 1:30	“PHOTO CAR COLLAGES”  THE FINE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHING CLASSIC & EXOTIC CARS AND MORE	Chuck Abrams – Activity Leader – This is the story of how Chuck started to photograph classic and exotic cars and stumbled onto creating unique collages. He will show/describe how a collage is created and then show many examples of classic cars, exotic cars, race cars, antique cars, trucks, hot rods, motorcycles, and even airplanes. He will also include some stories behind several of the car collages. You may see some of your favorite cars in a very unique way.	Leith Baletin, <a href="mailto:lbaletin@gmail.com">lbaletin@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> JUNE 17 5:00 PM	HAPPY HOUR	Nancy Sacks – Activity Leader – Let’s get together and enjoy conversation while sipping on our favorite cocktail. This gives us a chance to visit while social distancing and catching up with each other, which is essential under these difficult circumstances.	<a href="mailto:nhshobo@aol.com">nhshobo@aol.com</a>
<b>Thursday</b> JUNE 18 10:00	HOLOCAUST EDUCATION	Doris Lazarus – Activity Leader – Doris Lazarus has dedicated her life to Holocaust education. She is a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, a certified speaker for the Museum’s Speaker Bureau and a moderator for the Museum’s Survivor Hologram technology. Doris will present virtually from Chicago and will tell her mother’s story as a Polish Jew and survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Additionally, she will be happy to take questions about her experiences in connection with the Museum.	Jan Lebovitz, <a href="mailto:janice.lebovitz@gmail.com">janice.lebovitz@gmail.com</a>
<b>Friday</b> JUNE 19 10:00	PACKING LITE	Ruth Lerner – Activity Leader – Join Ruth for a Zoom demonstration on how to pack for a long trip using a carry-on suitcase.	<a href="mailto:ruth.bncphx@gmail.com">ruth.bncphx@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 22 11:00	JAM-MAKING	Debbie Gordon – Activity Leader – Learn how to make jam using fresh fruit from your garden or purchased at the store. You will end up with a jar of delicious jam and a recipe to continue your jam-making in the future. Enjoy this fun project while you are at home during this pandemic!	<a href="mailto:mrsq395@gmail.com">mrsq395@gmail.com</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> JUNE 23 10:00	SHARE YOUR STORY!!	Judy Levine – Activity Leader – Connect with fellow members to better get to know each other. This month’s theme will be - the <i>Story of your Family Origin!</i> We will talk about when and why your family came to the United States.	<a href="mailto:judithlevine43@yahoo.com">judithlevine43@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> JUNE 24 10:00	CREATING A CHEMICAL-FREE HOME	Carol Kadet – Activity Leader – From washing our hands to cleaning our countertops, floors, windows and laundry, we are taking unwanted chemicals into our homes and bodies. Even the hand sanitizers we are now using multiple times daily may contain unhealthy chemicals. Learn about the Dirty Dozen of additives, how to pick the best products for you, and tips to create a chemical-free home environment. All you need is a little knowledge and willingness to make some changes.	<a href="mailto:carolkadet@gmail.com">carolkadet@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b> JUNE 29 10:00	BOOK CLUB	Marilyn Morris – Activity Leader – The first book we will read is <i>The Only Woman in the Room</i> by Marie Benedict. Marie is a past Book & Author speaker. I expect a very lively discussion of this book!	<a href="mailto:rodonmi@aol.com">rodonmi@aol.com</a>



## MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events, please contact

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To learn about becoming a member, please contact

Carol Kadet at [brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com](mailto:brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com)

## Membership News

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Arlene Feldman.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sandi Oppenheim.

Our sincere condolences to Fredi Brown on the passing of her husband, Howard Treshansky.

Our sincere condolences to Life Member Fran Frazin and her family on the passing of her husband, Larry.

Our sincere condolences to Stephanie Klopper on the passing of her stepfather, Bill Tunnell.

Our sincere condolences to Beth Messer on the passing of her father, Milford (Mickey) Burger.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Ruth Anne Myers on her passing.

## Welcome New and Rejoining Members!

Gerald Chanan, Jay Chodock, Deborah Finkel, Lee Finkel, Julie Glass, Elaine Kaplan, Rich Kleiner, Linda Kristall, Barbara Krupp, Rosalyn Meadow, Hedy Orodener, Ken Walter



The next **New & Prospective Membership Social** is postponed due to the Covid-19 situation.

The Membership Committee, together with the Study Group Committee, will host a **Study Group Guide Orientation for New & Prospective Members** in July. This will be in advance of the publication of the Study Group Guide. Location and date to be determined.



For more information regarding Membership, please email the Brandeis Membership Committee: [brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com](mailto:brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com)

[Click HERE](#) for information on becoming a member.

## In Memorium – Ruth Anne Myers

Ruth Anne passed away on March 31<sup>st</sup> and our Chapter lost a treasure. She facilitated the original Contemporary Issues Discussion Group, our longest continually running study group, for 23 years.

She was a character; smart, witty, lively and wonderful to be around. She was an annual Book & Author Bookmark donor, attended every chapter event and when her eyesight was too bad for her to drive and she couldn't get a ride, she called Uber. Ruth Anne was 80 years old and a force to be reckoned with. Her enthusiasm for all things Brandeis and her dedication as a facilitator, even in light of her health issues, was greatly appreciated.



Carol Kadet and Gale Gradus, Membership Vice Presidents  
[brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com](mailto:brandeismembershipphx@gmail.com)

## It's Time To Renew Your Brandeis Membership!

Last year we inaugurated online renewal, and the feedback was very positive. This year we encourage you to renew online. It is very straightforward, quick and secure. When you access the page from the link below, be sure to indicate Phoenix Chapter. You will receive an immediate confirmation and receipt that your membership has been renewed for the next year.

Life Members need not renew. However, if you'd like to make a donation, we are most appreciative.

If you are uncomfortable or unable to renew online, please contact Irene Lubin at 480-948-3773 or Bruce Galin at 480-661-0842.

Thank you in advance. We appreciate you renewing your membership and look forward to a healthy future.

To join our Phoenix chapter as a new member or to renew your dues, please follow the instructions below.

The membership fee is \$60 for an individual or \$100 for a couple and covers our fiscal year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Here are step-by-step instructions for completing your membership online:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the BNC membership page
2. Choose your membership level: "Regular" or "Couples."
3. Under Designations you will see "BNC Annual Membership" with either \$60 or \$100 pre-selected, depending on what you chose in Step 2.
4. For BNC Chapter, scroll the drop-down until you see "Phoenix" and select it.
5. Click "Next." [Please skip the Scheduled Payments box.]
6. Fill in the Personal Information fields.
  - a. Couples: If Husband and Wife have the same last name, enter it in the Last Name(s) field. Enter Wife's first name and Husband's first name in the First Name(s) field (e.g., Ann & Joe). If the couple has different last names, enter the Husband's full name in the First Name(s) field and enter the Wife's full name in the Last Name(s) field.
  - b. Enter Email address and confirm.
  - c. For Preferred Class Year, scroll the drop-down arrow until you see "N/A" and select it (unless you actually attended Brandeis University).
  - d. For Relationship to Brandeis, scroll the drop-down arrow until you see "BNC Member" and select it.
  - e. Enter at least one Phone Number and additional ones as you prefer.
  - f. Complete the Home Address fields.
  - g. Click "Save and Continue." Or "Back" to edit the previous entries.
7. Fill in the Billing Information to PAY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD.
8. Click "Next."
9. Once you see the "THANK YOU" page, you're done!

***IF you need assistance*** with online membership renewal:

And your last name begins with A – L, call Irene Lubin at 480-948-3773.

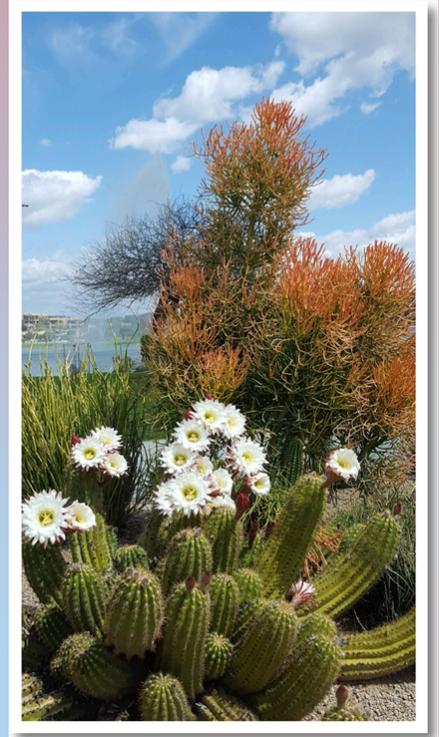
Or your last name begins with M – Z, call Bruce Galin at 480-661-0842.



# OUT AND ABOUT!



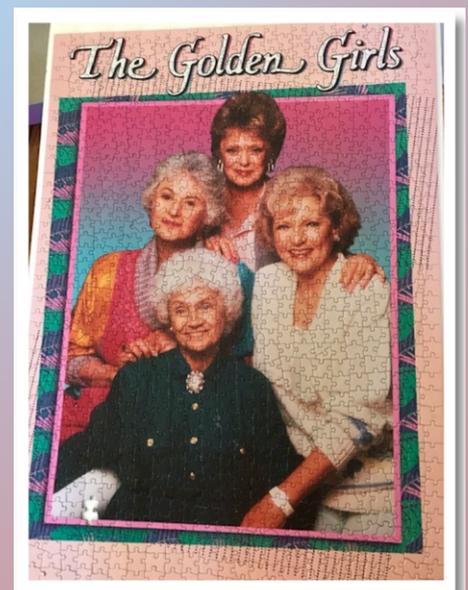
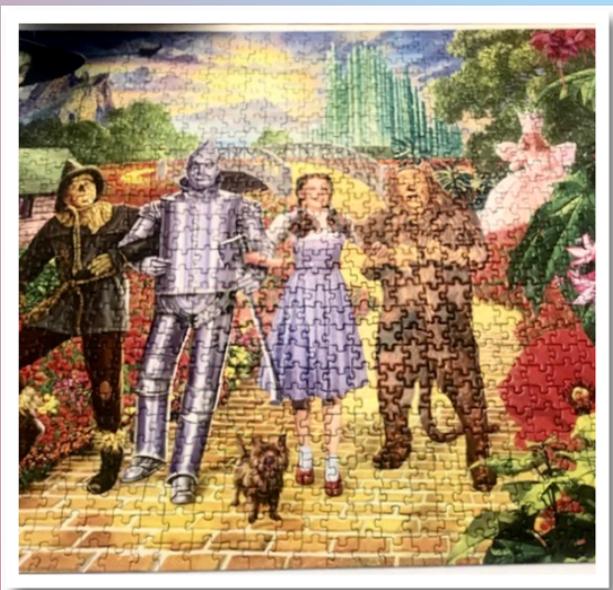
A lake in McCormick Ranch



Fountain Hills Lake Botanical Garden

## ... AND AT HOME

Two of several 1000-piece puzzles completed by Ronee Siegel and Wendy Cohen



Share your photos from your excursions outside and interesting craft items from inside!

# ZOOM!

## Chapter Board Meetings

Board meetings will be conducted virtually, using Zoom.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am -12 pm.

Board members will receive a Zoom invitation. If you are not a current Board member and would like to attend, please email Corresponding Secretary Joyce Grant at [jhgrant35@gmail.com](mailto:jhgrant35@gmail.com) in order to receive the Zoom meeting details.

Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman, Presidents

For a full list of the Phoenix Chapter Board members, [click HERE](#).

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and Ellen Widoff [ebwidoff@gmail.com](mailto:ebwidoff@gmail.com) 703-946-8869

BNC-Phx General Board Meeting April 15, 2020



# Community Outreach

## Charitable Organizations Need Our Help!

Now that you've gone through your garage, drawers, closets and house, what should you do with the items you no longer need? There are many charitable organizations that will still pick up your items. And, since we all have the time to do Google searches, you can find those organizations online.

When we return to "normal," in addition to our continuing opportunities to serve our community, we will have some new opportunities.

**Don't forget, food banks  
are really in need!**



**Stay safe and stay well!  
Ellen Kirschenbaum and Wendy Cohen**

## Knit A Mitzvah

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

We continue to make and donate scarves to Jewish Family and Children's Services, Newborn Baby Caps and Lap Blankets to Honor Health Scottsdale Medical Center and Chemo Caps to the Virginia Piper Cancer Center.

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

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## Community Outreach will be collecting:



- ★ Empty prescription bottles (for shampoo for the homeless)
  - ★ Stuffed animals for schools
- ★ Jigsaw puzzles for shelters and nursing homes
  - ★ Bras to be recycled
- ★ Household items in good condition



**For more information, contact the Community Outreach chairs:  
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# Brandeis News



## Alumni on the front line of the fight against coronavirus

*Eugene Vortsman '08 is an emergency medicine physician at Long Island Jewish, a large teaching hospital in East Queens, New York.*

Scores of Brandeis alumni around the world are active on the front line of the response to the COVID-19 crisis, as healthcare workers, first responders, scientists, policy makers and community activists. These alumni exemplify Brandeis' founding value of repairing the world.

Many are working in New York City, the epicenter of the virus outbreak in the United States, and their efforts mirror those of Brandeis alumni doctors and healthcare professionals in the fight against the virus worldwide.

The Alumni Association invited several New York City alumni to provide dispatches from the field and reflect on living and working in the city during this pandemic.

[Dr. Julia Blanter '13](#) is a medical resident taking care of COVID-19 patients at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City.

[Dr. Alex Blutinger '10](#) is a veterinary small animal emergency and critical care specialist at BluePearl Veterinary Partners in New York City.

[Dr. Erik Blutinger '09](#) has been treating COVID-19 patients as an emergency medicine physician at Mount Sinai Queens.

[Dr. Cheryl Schreiber Lewison '85](#), associate director of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Queens Hospital Center in New York City, has been immersed in the fight against COVID-19.

[Shen Tong '91](#) is spearheading a grassroots COVID-19 relief effort to get masks and protective equipment to New York City hospitals.

[Dr. Eugene Vortsman '08](#) is treating COVID-19 patients as an emergency medicine attending physician at Long Island Jewish, a large teaching hospital in East Queens.

[Dr. Hannah Zeltzer '12](#) is a second-year obstetrics/gynecology resident at a hospital in Queens, where she treats a vulnerable patient population, some of whom have COVID-19.



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