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BNC-Phoenix Presents:
**University on
Wheels
2018**

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Friday, January 5, 2018 ~~ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Embassy Suites, 4415 E. Paradise Village Pkwy South, Phoenix, AZ 85032

This year's program features two Brandeis University faculty members whose experience and expertise presage an outstanding program. Professor Eileen McNamara and Assistant Professor Maura Jane Farrelly will discuss the role of the media in today's political environment in their non-partisan presentation, *From Election to Investigation and All the "Fake News" in Between: Media Coverage of This Presidency*. See page 3 for details; [Click HERE](#) for the reservation form.

Have any questions? Please contact Ms. Doris Perlmutter:

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Seating is Limited. Reservations must be received by December 27, 2017



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Friends and Colleagues:

As I write this message I am still enjoying the glow of our Fall Luncheon, "Lunch with Mrs. Robinson." It was a fantastic event! Our chair Carol Kadet and her committee provided a wonderful lunch, a marvelous speaker in

Beverly Gray and a beautiful atmosphere. Special thanks to Vicky Leavitt for the beautiful centerpieces and to Brina Pepper for putting us in a holiday shopping mood. Our new Programming Vice Presidents Michelle Fischler, Beth Messer and Barbara Stern and their tireless committee are off to a great start.

At this event our membership reconnected with each other after a long summer. It is on occasions like this that we realize how Brandeis has provided a home and a place in the Valley where we are truly amongst friends. Our Membership Committee, guided by its Vice Presidents Leith Baletin and Nan Waldman, welcomed each new member at the luncheon and assured them a seat at the new member table so everyone would have an opportunity to make new friends. New members were introduced to other members who share their interests, as well as those who came from their hometowns. Special thanks to Bruce Galin, Terriane Kleiner, Sue Lawler, Judy Levine, Susie Sacks and Nan Waldman, along with many of our friendly attendees, who made our new and returning members feel appreciated.

Not only did we all have a marvelous time, but our attendees generously contributed to our chapter's Community Outreach Program. Our Brandeis Chapter gives back to the Phoenix community. We have collected and donated over 4000 books to local schools this year alone, provided food through "Just 3 Things" for young adults transitioning from foster care to independent living, and through "Knit a Mitzvah" we have made and donated over 164 caps to newborns. Led by Vice Presidents Wendy Cohen, Ellen Kirschenbaum and Sharon Tievesky, our community outreach program is a success. Special thanks to Ronee Siegel and Ronda Kottle who facilitate the study group "Knit a Mitzvah."

The day represented the essence of our Brandeis Chapter - a wonderful, informative, friendly day in a beautiful atmosphere where we support Brandeis and our local community.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season,
Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal Co-presidents

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Professor Eileen McNamara

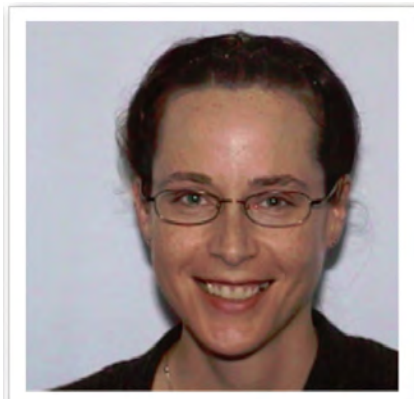
Journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning *Boston Globe* columnist, is chair of the Brandeis University Journalism Program and member of the American Studies Department. During her nearly 30 years at the *Globe*, she covered everything from the night

police beat to the United States Congress. She contributed to the *Globe's* coverage of the clergy sexual abuse scandal by recommending that the Spotlight Team look further into cases she had reported on previously. In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, she has been the recipient of multiple writing and public service awards, and has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *Nightline*, and *The Daily Show*. Her latest book, *Eunice, The Kennedy Who Changed the World*, will be released in April.

Maura Jane Farrelly

Assistant Professor of American Studies and director of the Brandeis University Journalism Program,

earned her PhD in History from Emory University. She worked as a full-time journalist for seven years - first for Georgia Public Radio in Atlanta and then for the *Voice of America* in Washington, D.C. and New York. Additionally, she did free-lance work for Public Radio International and the British Broadcasting Corporation. Professor Farrelly is the author of *Papist Patriots: The Making of an American Catholic Identity*.



Questions - contact Doris Perlmutter doris1@q.com 480-998-0017.

Please **Click HERE** for the reservation form, complete, tear off and mail with payment. Reservations must be received by December 27, 2017. For each reservation, the amount paid over \$28 is tax deductible.

All proceeds from University on Wheels will benefit the BNC-Phoenix Scholarship Fund.

Book & Author News 2018

We hope you are already planning to join us at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix on Monday, March 12, 2018! There will be book sales and signings, an array of fabulous boutiques for your shopping pleasure, presentations by the authors and a lovely luncheon. The previous evening, Sunday, March 11th, Bookmark Donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors at a beautiful Biltmore Estates home.

Now in its 28th year, Book & Author has generated its own terminology, which has evolved over time. For example, Table Captains: originally, they were called Table Hostesses, then Table Hosts, and now Captains. Being a Table Captain is open to all men and women, members and non-members. It does not require anyone to cover the cost of the entire table; rather, it means organizing a minimum of 8 people to sit together at a table. Many Table Captains organize more than one table!

This year, each table seats a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 people. The importance of Table Captains cannot be overstated - they are integral to the success of the event! All Table Captains will be acknowledged in the Program Book every guest receives at the event.



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

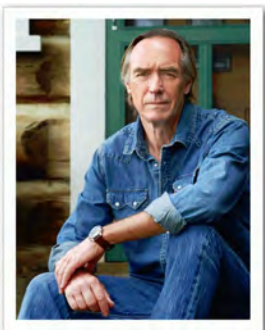
Did you know that complimentary parking at the Sheraton Grand is included in the 2018 Book & Author ticket price? Or perhaps you are thinking of carpooling or want to explore other transportation alternatives? Our brand-new Transportation Committee has lots of useful information for you! Contact Co-Chairs Judy Krockey at bobjudyaz@aol.com or Sue Karp at suekarp1@me.com.

We greatly appreciate and thank all our committee chairs and volunteers for their hard work. Volunteer jobs are still available! To join in the fun, [click HERE](#) to contact the Volunteers Committee. For general information, contact Event Chair Carol Abrams at bncphxba@gmail.com or call her at 480-442-9623. See our website at <http://www.brandeisphoenix.org> for frequent updates. Follow us on social media and tell your friends to do the same: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Proceeds from Book and Author 2018 will benefit the Sustaining the Mind Fund, which supports research in neurodegenerative diseases and scholarship in the medical sciences at Brandeis University.

Study Group News

The 2017-2018 season of Brandeis Phoenix study groups is in full swing as more and more groups have their first meetings! We have many study groups that have space available for more participants. For details and to sign up for available study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html



ARIZONA AUTHORS

Monday, December 18th, 12:30 - 2:30 ~ Scottsdale JCC

Our December speaker will be Jim Fergus, author of the much loved, award-winning novel, *One Thousand White Women*. The 20th anniversary edition of *One Thousand White Women* has just been released, along with the long hoped-for sequel, *The Vengeance of Mothers*. *The Vengeance of Mothers* continues the story of the courageous women who went West as part of the government's "Brides for Indians" program. This sequel is already receiving numerous accolades and I can personally tell you that it's every bit as good as the first book.

RSVP required to Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com

MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

On **Wednesday, December 20th**, the Men of Brandeis will learn about the history of the Scottsdale Airport, formerly known as Thunderbird Field II. As usual, the MOB will meet at the Valley of the Sun JCC on Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale. Come at noon for a nosh; the talk will begin at 1:00 pm.

Our speaker, Steve Ziomek, is Chairman of the Board at Thunderbird Field II Veterans Memorial Inc. During World War II, the airfield was used by the United States Army Air Forces Training Command as "Thunderbird Field II." It began

on June 22, 1942, as a primary flight training school for Army Air Corps pilots, graduating more than 5,500 students - a total three times greater than contemplated by the AAF's original expansion program. In addition, Thunderbird II pilots flew nearly 26,500,000 miles, more than 3,000 times around the world at the equator. The school was deactivated on October 16, 1944. While in operation, Thunderbird II underwent a transformation that took it from a small piece of isolated desert to a primary training school.



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

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation (marked with an * on the monthly calendar) 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. Look for the monthly calendar on pages 7, 8, 9 and 10 for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply (\$7 for Concerts & Conversation - A Subscription Series Event).

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

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice Presidents

Concerts and Conversations



A Subscription Series Event Monday, December 11, 2017

For our second program of the 2017-18 season, BNC features a Piano-Cello Duo with pianist Susan Fishman and Phoenix Symphony cellist Frederick Chao. They will perform the *Beethoven Sonata for Cello and Piano, Opus 5 No. 2* and the *Chopin Sonata for Cello and Piano, Opus 65*.

The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, December 11, 2017. Doors will open at 12:45 pm 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.

Price for non-series subscribers: Individual concerts are \$7.00 per concert, payable at the door.



Susan Fishman

Ms. Fishman was born in Albuquerque, where she made her orchestral debut with Yoshima Takeda and the New Mexico Symphony. She continued her studies in Los Angeles and at the Aspen Music Festival with Aube Tzerko and John Perry. She was one of only 37 chosen internationally to compete in the Seventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Susan performed across the United States as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. After taking time off to be a mom and develop a career as a realtor, she returned to the piano and has been playing solo recitals and chamber music with members of the Phoenix Symphony at a variety of venues.

Frederick Chao

Mr. Chao, a member of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and Quartet Sabaku, was previously the Associate Principal Cellist of the Honolulu Symphony. An avid chamber musician, he has been a member of the Delmar Trio, Stony Brook Trio and the Philharmonic String Quartet. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University, where he was awarded the coveted Performer's Certificate. His Master of Music degree is from the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he was chosen to be a member of the Stony Brook Graduate Trio. He has studied cello performance with Janos Starker, Bernard Greenhouse, Gary Hoffman, Ronald Leonard, Frank Miller and Dudley Powers.





Phoenicians at the Japanese Friendship Garden



Concerts and Conversations
Photo by Joel Zolondek

STUDY GROUPS IN ACTION



Intermediate Hiking group at
Brown's Ranch Cone Mountain Trail



A summer visit to the English Rose Tea Room



ANNOUNCEMENT - EVENT RESCHEDULE BID IT TO WIN IT! IT'S A WIN-WIN!

Art Sale and Auction Soiree Saturday, November 10, 2018

We are so excited to announce that this FABULOUS event to benefit Sustaining the Mind has been rescheduled to be our Chapter's **Opening Program** next fall. After seeing the quality and scope of the incredible donations that were received, it was unanimously decided that they warranted a SOIREE - an elegant evening party. More details will be announced closer to the event. So **SAVE THE DATE**, Saturday evening, November 10, 2018. We promise that this will be an unforgettable evening!

To donate please contact co-chairs:

Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806
Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351

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

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation may have openings from time to time - if you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Very often there is! Look in the monthly calendar pages below for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply. There is a \$7 Fee for Concerts & Conversations.

DEC	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBA	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	Varies	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch jbkluxury@yahoo.com 480-458-7876
TBA	OPERA BUFFS	Varies	Facilitators will notify group members of specific dates and activities by email.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky stievsky@yahoo.com 440-503-3339
TBA	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	Varies	Details of the activities 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
TBA	THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	11:45	Join us for a one-act play at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806
1	FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS	Varies	View interesting movies playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Lunch and casual conversation follows at a nearby eatery. Details will be emailed to participants.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 602-790-7603 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793
3	A TASTE OF WISE AGING	10:30	Explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. Based on the first chapters of the book: Wise Aging by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Meet in north central Scottsdale. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks anitabh@cox.net 602-956-9711
3	RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP	7:00 PM	This co-ed evening group participates in stimulating topics and conversations. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306
3	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES *	Varies	Meet at various movie theaters for a late afternoon movie followed by a light supper. Participants will be notified of the theater, movie and supper locations.	Marcy Strauss & Wayne Stutzer mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
4	STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM *	1:00	This month the film will be <i>Driving Miss Daisy</i> . The 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 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815
4	POLITICAL HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP *	7:00 PM	Participants will be notified of book to be discussed and the meeting location.	Mark Stern, Ph.D. mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
5	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 480-251-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
5	FIRST TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP	10:00	The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814

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5	FIRST TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP	1:30	The facilitators will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
5 12 19 26	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	1:30	This weekly group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. We will meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea).	Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
5 12 19 26	SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	11:45	Canasta group for experienced players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Contact a facilitator for location.	Nancy Lirtzman nlirtzman@gmail.com 847-217-6963 Pat Miller patrmiller@gmail.com 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz sussholz2@gmail.com 847-363-0172
6	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
7 14 21 28	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	12:00	This group is intended for advanced intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
7 21	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	Varies	Hike challenging 4-6 miles trails with elevation gains and at a brisk pace. This group is not meant for the beginner or leisure hiker. Join us after the hike at a different brunch spot each time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
7 21	LEISURE HIKING *	Varies	These 2.5 - 4 miles hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will be at a comfortable pace. After the hike, join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
7	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
11	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS A SUBSCRIPTION SERIES EVENT	1:00	Pianist Susan Fishman and Cellist Frederick Chao. Event. Performances are held at the Palo Cristi Church, 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, in Paradise Valley. Refreshments are served. See page 6 for more information. All proceeds benefit Brandeis National Committee's <i>Sustaining the Mind Fund</i> , Fee: Individual concerts: \$7 payable at the door.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
12	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH		Join in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. You must reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table Details are emailed to participants.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
13	ACTING IS FUN! *	10:30	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. Location details will be mailed to group members.	April Feld Sandor afsplays@gmail.com 215-882-2600
13 27	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at a location convenient to Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393

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14	BOOK BROTHERS *		This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. Participants will be notified of the book to be discussed and the meeting location.	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631
14	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 builder2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenhheimer mrsbachy@mac.com 412-780-0730
14	WHO KNEW? - A QUIRKY HISTORY OF ARIZONA'S VALLEY	10:30	Visit Scottsdale's Museum of the West. "Cowboys" is the theme with our own quirky touch. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Barbara Abrams bfabrams4109@gmail.com 312-965-4109
15	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ *	10:00	Visit the AZ PBS studio. Participants will be advised of the details by email.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 602-354-5006 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958*
17	SUNDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES WITH ABBY & JOHN!	10	Meet at the AMC Desert Ridge 18 and then go to Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge Marketplace to enjoy a nosh and talk about the movie.	Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba
18	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Our speaker will be Jim Fergus, author of the much loved, award-winning novel, <i>One Thousand White Women</i> . You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254	Merrill Kalman mskbfo@aol.com 480-296-3355
19	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW & LUNCH	Varies	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion and lunch at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau builder2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
19	SAY IT, SEE IT, BE IT: CHANGE FROM WITHIN *	10:30	This group will be devoted to discussions and fun exercises on how to change negative thinking and mind talk, creating more confidence, self-esteem and a better self-image. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Arlene Rosenberg ar@arlenerosenberg.com 480-993-5322
20	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	1:00	Learn about the history of the Scottsdale Airport , formerly known as Thunderbird Field II. As usual, the MOB will meet at the Valley of the Sun JCC on Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale. Come at noon for a nosh; the talk will begin at 1pm. See page 5 for more information.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
20	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS *	2:00	This group goes for moderately paced walks in and around various local neighborhoods. Participants will notified of the location by email.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
20	YAPPY HOUR	5:00 PM	Bring your pup out to sniff and play while you eat, drink and schmooze with friends. Also welcome to join this group is anyone else who loves to be around pups! The location will be sent to participants prior to the meeting.	Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Sheila Landau builder2@cox.net 602-809-5100

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21	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	**Note Date Change** RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
26	BRIDGING IT!	11:30	This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
27	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the Valley. The location will be announced monthly to the members. RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
27	PLAY GOLF	1:00	Play at Silverado. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date. Details of time and location will be emailed to participants.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriegreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800
28	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP **20 YR Anniversary**	9:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
28	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS *	11:30	Join us for lunch as we sample four best-kept secret locales This is a wonderful chance to meet new people in a fun setting! Cash is preferred.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Harriet Schwartz harriet0715@gmail.com 602-738-0801



There is still time to sign up now for the BNC Golf Classic Scramble Tournament & Luncheon with Jazz and the Auction of Experiences on Sunday, December 10.

Join the fun! If you are not a golfer, you can play Canasta.

This is a community-wide event; guests are welcome.

[Click HERE](#) for the reservation form.

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December

MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events please contact

Susan Sacks at 480-860-5256 or susan.sacks@gmail.com

To learn about becoming a member, please contact

Nan Waldman at 602-410-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Membership News

- ◆ Congratulations to Sue & David Adatto on the marriage of their daughter, Mollie, to Ian Mahler,
- ◆ Congratulations to Joyce & Neil Goldstein on the marriage of their daughter, Meryl, to Chandan Prithiani.
- ◆ Congratulations to Carol & Allan Kern on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Justin.
- ◆ Congratulations to Carol Kern for receiving "The Spirit of Philanthropy Award" from the Arizona Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.
- ◆ Congratulations to Terry & Lon Taubman on the marriage of their daughter, Sadie Reuben, to Andrew Becker.
- ◆ Congratulations to Evye & Jim Woldman on the birth of two new grandchildren: Molli Ava Walsh and Owen James Gavin.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Sue Adatto on the passing of her father, Alan Marcus.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Sue Lawler on the passing of her mother, Katherine Bregoff.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to the family of Ada Levin on her passing.



New and Rejoining Members

Judy Albert, Molly Albert, Phyllis Bayer, Barbara Ben, Larry Berle, Rochelle Clark, Carol Dresner, Ian Dresner, Paulla Epstein, Audrey Hollander, Joseph Krantz, Wende Levy, Barbara Mark-Dreyfuss, Sharon Messing, Charlene Molotsky, Anne Mondlick, Marvin Mondlick, Sheri Stanford

Member-to-Member

Most of our members find out about the 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 and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels (UOW)
- Experience a cultural event
- Participate in a community service event



So bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to your next BNC chapter event, and share Brandeis!

[Click HERE](#) to display and print a Membership Form.

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GOT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2018 - 2019 BRANDEIS PHOENIX CHAPTER BOARD?

The Nominating Committee has begun its work to provide a slate of Officers and Members at Large for the 2018-2019 Board, for a vote of the Chapter members present at the February 21, 2018 Open Meeting. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for members (including yourself!) who might be interested in various Board positions, please let the Nominating Committee chair, Carol Abrams, know your thoughts as soon as possible: abrams.carol@gmail.com or 480-948-1717.

Support BNC Phoenix : You Dine, We Earn



HOW: Eat, Drink, Bring Your Friends for Lunch or Dinner

WHERE: Any Valley California Pizza Kitchen. Restaurants are open 11 am - 10 pm

WHEN: Thursday December 14, 2017

SHOW: Click the coupon link below, or tell the server you are from Brandeis and 20% of your bill will be donated to Brandeis by California Pizza Kitchen.

Click [HERE](#) for Coupon

Community Outreach



Carol B's Children's Book Collection

We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools.

For more information, please contact Ellen Kirschenbaum

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Just 3 Things



Jewish Family and Children's Services
(JFCS)

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

Help JFCS stock the **Just 3 Things** food pantry by donating non-perishable food items to provide needy youth with food as they transition from foster care to independence.

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



Knit A Mitzvah



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

The Knit A Mitzvah Study Group continues its Community Outreach! The group members knit or crochet scarves that are donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services. We also knit or crochet newborn baby caps that are donated to HonorHealth/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center.

You do not have to be a member of the Knit A Mitzvah Study Group to participate.

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By Julian Cardillo '14

Brandeis Happenings

Anita Hill joins national conversation on sexual assault in CNN town hall

Brandeis University
Professor Anita Hill
participated in
CNN's panel

**"Tipping Point:
Sexual Harassment in America"**

Brandeis University Professor Anita Hill participated in a panel hosted by CNN entitled *Tipping Point: Sexual Harassment in America* on November 9, 2017.

Hill was joined on the panel by Gretchen Carlson, a former Fox News anchor, and New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Alisyn Camerota, an anchor on CNN's *New Day*, moderated the discussion.

"Sexual harassment and assault is something that happens to women of all races, all ages, all sizes, all backgrounds, all religions," Hill said. "And until we can believe all women - every woman's voice has value - none of us, really, will be seen as equal."

Hill, who testified during a 1991 senate hearing that she was sexually harassed by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, also participated in the town hall's question and answer forum with audience members.

One participant, victims' rights attorney Carrie Goldberg, asked about Hill's personal experience of speaking out publicly against Thomas despite character attacks and skepticism from numerous detractors.

"Remember that sexual harassment or sexual assault is something that happened to you - it is not who you are," said Hill. "You are bigger and more than that incident or that series of assaults that have occurred."

If you reach back and know who you are, know your value, know your worth and surround yourself with people who know that and who love you, that's one way to weather it," Hill added. "Always believe in yourself and exclude those people who are the naysayers."

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 10, 2017
GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

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

Friday, January 12, 2018
NEW MEMBER COFFEE

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

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

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

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



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.



We Value Your Privacy

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



Chapter Roster

If you have recently moved, or changed your phone number or email address, please let Bruce Galin, our Chapter's Data Manager, know of those changes.

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. This will ensure you don't miss out on any Chapter mailings and information.

Chapter Membership Roster Available

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

Please send your request to Bruce Galin at bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. You will be notified when your access is available.

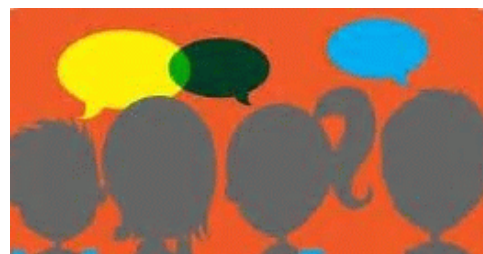


Did you know that all Chapter Board meetings are open to our members? You are welcome to join us the third Wednesday of every month (except for our July and August hiatus) at 10:30 am. If you are interested in attending, email either of our chapter presidents to let them know you are coming and for driving directions.

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BOARD CALENDAR

December 6	Executive Committee Meeting
December 20	Board Meeting
TBA	Membership Meeting (Holiday conflict)



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The Programming Committee would love to hear from anyone interested in joining in the fun of helping to plan our upcoming events. We look forward to hearing from you!

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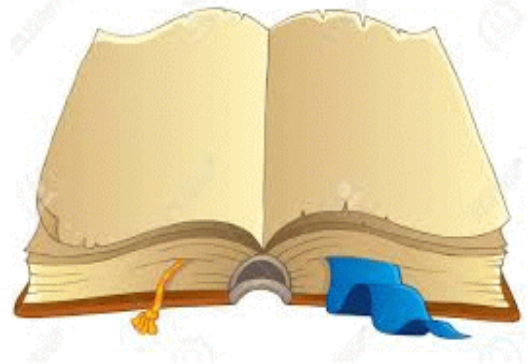
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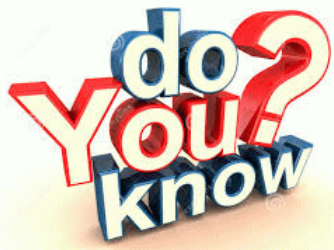
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N. Scottsdale Friday AM Book Group to Bert Levin in memory of Ada Levin

To support the Sustaining the Mind Fund, [click HERE](#)
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Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com

Minimum donations \$25, please.

A card will be sent to your honoree.



BNC Scholarship Campaign

Sue & Bob Karp to Carol Kern in honor of receiving the “Spirit of Philanthropy Award”



Since our earliest days, the Brandeis National Committee has stood as a resolute partner with the University.

Financial assistance plays a pivotal role in upholding Brandeis' founding principle of equal access to higher education, regardless of a student's financial circumstance. Scholarships ensure that the best and brightest students are able to pursue an education at this unique institution.

Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of its students. Endowed scholarship funds, which provide a consistent, dependable funding source, are required to accomplish this.

To support the BNC Scholarship campaign, [click HERE](#) for a donation form.

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