

**FEBRUARY 2018**

# Brandeis Boutiques at Book & Author 2018

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
The Sheraton Grand Phoenix

**AUTHORS and SHOPPING and FOOD, What Fun!**

Come for the books, come for the authors, stay for the shopping, the food and the fun! Doors open at 9:00 am, so come early to shop our new and returning boutiques and be ready for author signings at 9:30 am. A Bookmark Donor Cocktail Reception with the authors will be held on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at a beautiful private residence in Biltmore Estates.

## Boutique Vendors

Arizona Bed Sheets  
Beth Solem Jewelry  
Calle Rose  
The Classy Bag Lady  
i2i Optique  
Inspired Jewelry  
Jacqueline B  
Lupe Soto, Master Potter  
Mimi Designs  
Shelley's Fashions  
Treasured Accessory  
Wand of Fire

See more vendor information  
on page 3.

**Boutiques and  
Book Sales  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Book Signings  
begin at 9:30 am**

**Morning Program  
11:00 am**

**Lunch  
12:30 pm**

**Afternoon Program  
1:30 pm**

**Boutiques  
Book Sales  
Remain Open**



For more information about all Book & Author 2018 events,  
Contact Carol Abrams, Event Chair [bncphxba@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxba@gmail.com) 480-442-9623

Proceeds to benefit the Sustaining the Mind Fund:  
Research and Scholarships in Neurodegenerative Diseases



## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Phoenix Friends and Colleagues:

2018 is off to a marvelous beginning for the Phoenix Chapter, thanks in part to the Brandeis journalism professors Eileen McNamara and Maura Jane Farrelly. At our University on Wheels breakfast, we were riveted by their discussion: *From Election To Investigation And All The Fake News In Between: Media Coverage Of This*

*President*. The question and answer period on the state of journalism today could have continued for the remainder of the afternoon. It was a stimulating and spellbinding experience. Professors McNamara and Farrelly reminded us why we support Brandeis University. They made us proud to contribute to a scholarship fund that assists an Arizona student in obtaining a high quality education.

Beth Bernstein, the National Executive Director of BNC, thanked us for our efforts, which are significant to the success of the University and its students and are greatly appreciated.

In January, Concerts and Conversations treated us to an outstanding musical experience. Hannah Goldstick, a sixteen year-old violinist, and Olga Gorelik, a renowned pianist and teacher, enchanted us and the Phoenix Community with a wonderful concert. We thank Joan Sitver and her generous, hardworking committee, for providing us with a marvelous opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy. This was another wonderful beginning to 2018.

This month our Annual Open Meeting and continental breakfast is scheduled from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm at the McDowell Center at McDowell Mountain Ranch on February 21. There will be a short business meeting. The slate of new officers will be announced and voted on. Then Carlos Galindo-Elvira, Arizona Regional Director of the Arizona Anti-Defamation League, will be our speaker. He will inform us of the challenges the ADL faces in this state. Since space is limited, please reply by February 14<sup>th</sup> to Jo Ellen Susman, [joellensus@gmail.com](mailto:joellensus@gmail.com) or call 480-236-2789.

The Valley-renowned 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author Events will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Many luncheon reservations have already been received and the tables have begun to fill up. Register now to assure that you do not miss this memorable day. The afternoon and evening before the luncheon, our "Bookmark" donors have an opportunity to attend a marvelous cocktail party in a beautiful home, and an intimate dinner under the stars with our famous authors. It is a chance to get to meet them on a one-to-one basis. The Book & Author Event is our chapter's largest fundraiser. The proceeds will be donated to Brandeis' Sustaining the Mind Fund, which supports scholarships and research in neurodegenerative diseases. In 2017, Brandeis professors Dr. Michael Rosbash and Dr. Jeffrey Hall won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Their laboratories were funded by these donations.

Please join us for a wonderful day. Meet bestselling authors, buy their books, have them signed, and shop at our multitude of exclusive boutiques. It is a great way to have fun and also support our philanthropic mission.

Best Wishes for a great year!  
Nancy and Iris

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# Book & Author's

## Fabulous Boutiques! Don't Miss A Thing!

### ARIZONA BED SHEETS:

Quality Egyptian sheets sets, Bamboo luxury sheets, Twin/Full Queen/King Cal King/Split King, travel neck pillow, handmade designer jackets.



### BETH SOLEM JEWELRY:

Spectacular sterling silvery jewelry, limited edition and hand-forged with that "wow" factor.

### CALLE ROSE:

Always a favorite! Ladies' apparel, jewelry, watches, handbags and more!

### THE CLASSY BAG LADY

(California):

Fabulous variety of quality Leather Handbags in all styles and colors!



### MASTER POTTER LUPE SOTO:

from Mata Ortiz Village in Mexico Contemporary design, stunning handmade pottery by Master Potters from Chihuahua, Mexico.

### MIMI DESIGNS:

Textile collages by Mimi are created using hand-dyed fabrics and textiles from all over the world. Home décor plus children's wall art and blankets.

### SHELLEY'S FASHIONS (California):

Fashionable women's wear, featuring upscale clothing - jackets, coats, tops, sweaters, pants and much more!

### TREASURED ACCESSORY (California):

"Of the Moment" jewelry - so much to choose from!



### WAND OF FIRE:

Andrea Zampella, Artist  
Hand-blown glass-embellished tabletop products, along with fun and funky gifts.



### i2i OPTIQUE:

Fashionable and stylish readers, sunglasses and eyeglass cases.



### INSPIRED JEWELRY:

Amazing, one of a kind wearable art.

### JACQUELINE B (California):

Women's up to the minute clothing at great prices! Sweaters, Italian silk dresses, blouses, T Shirts and great sweatsuits.





# Book & Author Update

I hope you are planning to join us at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>! There will be book sales and signings, a marvelous array of boutiques (including your all-time favorites as well as exciting new additions), presentations by our five best-selling authors and a lovely luncheon. Bookmark donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors the evening before at a beautiful Biltmore Estates home. Information on how you can become a Bookmark this year to support the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis for research and scholarships in neurodegenerative diseases

is included on Page 6.

Invitations were mailed in early January and as always, contained RSVP cards where you can list those with whom you wish to be seated. Additionally, copies of the invitation and RSVP card are available to download on our website - [Click HERE](#) to find these and much, much more information about Book & Author!

Come early with your friends - doors open at 9:00 am for boutiques and book sales - and plan to 'shop early, shop often!' Thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and their many volunteers, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author Events are coming to fruition. As the date draws nearer, the excitement is building!

Hope to see you there! Carol Abrams, Event Chair, [bncphxba@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxba@gmail.com) or 480-442-9623

## Book & Author Transportation Options



We want to make it as easy as possible for you to get to the wonderful venue for our 2018 luncheon: the Sheraton Grand Hotel at 340 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in downtown Phoenix.

We've determined that the easiest way to get there is to drive, especially given that **complimentary parking** is included in the luncheon ticket price! Once you approach downtown from wherever you are coming from in the Valley, you will want to take 7<sup>th</sup> Street. [Click HERE](#) for specific directions.

We will be facilitating **car pools**. If you need a ride or if you can be a car pool driver, we will try to make a connection for you. Please contact Arline Salbe: [arline.bncphx@gmail.com](mailto:arline.bncphx@gmail.com) or Judy Krockey: 480-816-1221.

You might also want to consider taking Metro Light Rail from the Central and Camelback Park 'n' Ride transportation center which has 135 free parking spaces.

It takes about 15 minutes for the train to arrive at the Van Buren and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Station. From there, you can walk 3 blocks east to the hotel at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Van Buren.

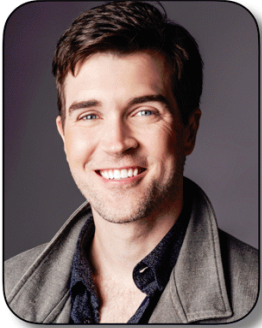
Another possibility if you do not want to drive or carpool is to use phone app-based ride sharing services, such as Lyft or Uber. If you've not used them before, there are discounts for new customers! Go to <https://www.lyft.com/promo-coupon-code-free-rides> for Lyft or <https://www.uber.com/promo/> for Uber.

Whichever way you choose to get there, we look forward to seeing you at Book & Author on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix!



# Book & Author Update

More About Our Fantastic Authors!



A. J. Finn  
MYSTERY/THRILLER

## A. J. Finn

A. J. Finn is the pseudonym of Daniel Mallory, currently a senior publishing executive at William Morrow/Harper Collins. An Oxford graduate and former book critic, he lives in New York City. His debut novel, *The Woman in the Window*, a psychological thriller reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's work, is being published simultaneously in 36 languages and is currently in development as a major motion picture at Fox. In an autobiographical statement, Mallory writes that he has for years struggled with depression. It is an experience, he writes, that "informs, in part, my debut novel and its traumatized heroine."

This book opened on *The New York Times* Best Seller list at #1!

## Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah is an award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels, including the international blockbuster *The Nightingale*, as well as *Winter Garden*, *Night Road*, and *Firefly Lane*. *The Nightingale* has been published in 43 languages and is currently in movie production at TriStar Pictures with an August 2018 release date. *Home Front* has been optioned by the film production company 1492 Pictures, founded by director Chris Columbus, which produced the Oscar-nominated movie *The Help*. Her newest novel, *The Great Alone*, has also been optioned for film. *Firefly Lane* became a runaway bestseller in 2009 and is considered a touchstone novel that brought women together. *The Nightingale* was voted a best book of the year by Amazon, BuzzFeed, iTunes, *Library Journal*, *Paste*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Week* in 2015. Additionally, the novel won the coveted Goodreads and People's Choice Awards. The audiobook of *The Nightingale* also won the Audiobook of the Year Award in the fiction category. Kristin is a former-lawyer-turned writer who lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband.



Kristin Hannah  
FICTION

## Lindsey Reiser-Moderator



Lindsey Reiser  
CBS 5 News  
Moderator

Lindsey Reiser joined the CBS 5 News team in August 2010. She is a Scottsdale native and an award-winning multimedia journalist. Lindsey returned to the Valley after covering border and immigration issues in El Paso, Texas. While in El Paso she investigated public corruption, uncovered poor business practices, and routinely reported on the violence across the border. Lindsey feels honored to have several awards under her belt, including a Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award, Hearst Journalist Award, and several National Broadcast Education Association Awards. She is a graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, and currently serves as a mentor to journalism students. She studied for a semester in Alicante, Spain and also earned a degree in Spanish at ASU. Lindsey is proud to serve as a member of United Blood Services' Community Leadership Council, a volunteer advisory board for the UBS of Arizona.



# Bookmark



## Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!

Kick off the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author events by having fun while supporting Brandeis University! Bookmark donors are those who contribute to this event, and thus to the university, at various levels as described below. As a Bookmark donor, you will be invited to a Cocktail Reception with the authors on the evening before the Book & Author luncheon. Join your friends, meet new people and get to know this year's authors over delicious food and fine wine at one of the Valley's most elegant homes. Bookmark donors at the most generous levels will have the opportunity to spend even more quality time with the authors at an intimate dinner following the Cocktail Reception.

Your contribution to become a Bookmark and attend this event goes to the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis for research and scholarships in neurodegenerative diseases. Your philanthropic contribution can truly make a difference: it supports groundbreaking research in the field of brain-related diseases, including ALS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, autism, epilepsy and MS. Brandeis scientists and researchers have already made headway in finding specific genes related to memory loss and autism.

Please join us on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> by becoming a Bookmark donor and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful Biltmore Estates setting, while at the same time supporting this most important medical research.

Janis Lipman and Susan Rollins, Bookmark Co-Chairs

## Bookmark Donor Giving Levels

**AUTHOR'S EDITION (\$250)** - Luncheon and Cocktail Reception for one; anything contributed over \$155 is a charitable contribution

**BEST SELLERS (\$325)** - One luncheon and Cocktail Reception for two; anything contributed over \$210 is a charitable contribution

**CLASSICS (\$500)** - Luncheons and Cocktail Reception for two and one book of choice from featured authors; anything contributed over \$340 is a charitable contribution

**RARE FINDS (\$1,000)** - Luncheons and Cocktail Reception for two, one book of choice from featured authors and dinner for one with the authors; anything contributed over \$460 is a charitable contribution

**LIMITED EDITIONS (\$1,500)** - Luncheons for two with preferred seating, Cocktail Reception for two, three books of choice from featured authors and dinner for two with the authors; anything contributed over \$640 is a charitable contribution

**SPECIAL EDITIONS (\$3,500)** - Luncheons for two with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for two, five books of choice from featured authors, dinner for two with the authors and membership in the Justice Brandeis Society; anything contributed over \$700 is a charitable contribution

**COLLECTOR'S EDITIONS (\$5,000)** - Luncheons for two with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for four, five books of choice from featured authors, dinner for four with the authors, membership in the Justice Brandeis Society and one hotel room at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix for Sunday, March 11, 2018; anything contributed over \$1,340 is a charitable contribution

Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted, including matching, foundation and planned gifts. All charitable contributions will be listed in event materials.



# Study Group News

The 2017-2018 season of Brandeis Phoenix study groups is in full swing! 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](http://www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html)



## ARIZONA AUTHORS

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:00 pm  
Scottsdale JCC

Our speaker for February will be Katrina Shawver, with her book, *Henry - A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America*. Couched in the interview style of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, *Henry* relates in his own

voice a life as a champion swimmer, interrupted by three years' imprisonment in Auschwitz and Buchenwald as a Polish political prisoner.

Katrina spent fifteen years researching WWII, Poland and Auschwitz, writing the view of the Holocaust through Polish eyes.

She began her writing career more than twenty years ago by writing hundreds of newspaper columns for the *Arizona Republic*. Her favorite quote is "What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?" Guests welcome - \$5.00

RSVP required to Merrill Kalman  
[mskbflo@aol.com](mailto:mskbflo@aol.com)

## MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

The Men of Brandeis will learn about the history of public broadcasting from MOB member, Joe Widoff. 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.

Joe's talk is entitled *From Educational TV to Public Media: A History of Public Broadcasting in the U.S.* He spent most of his working years in public broadcasting and broadcast technology. He worked at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the national organization that distributes funds to stations and funds TV programs. He also worked as a senior executive at two stations in Washington, DC and Norfolk, VA. Beyond public broadcasting, he worked at the organization that tested high definition broadcast standards for the FCC, and served as the president of the national trade organization that represents the consumer-based satellite TV and broadband industry.

To attend or for more information,  
contact Leith Baletin: [Lbaletin@att.net](mailto: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 8 - 11 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](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com)

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice Presidents



# Concerts and Conversations



## A Subscription Series Event Monday, February 12, 2018

For our fourth and final program of the 2017-18 season, we are thrilled to have three young Arizona Opera artists: Stephanie Sanchez, Mezzo-soprano, Anthony Ciaramitaro, Tenor and Michael Lewis, Piano. Their performance of some of opera's beloved arias and duets will end our season on a literal high note.

The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, February 12, 2018. Doors will open at 12:45 pm at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. There will be refreshments preceding and following the performance.

Contact Joan Sitver, [joansitver@aol.com](mailto:joansitver@aol.com), (602) 971-0012, for more details.

The price for non-series subscribers: \$7.00 payable at the door.

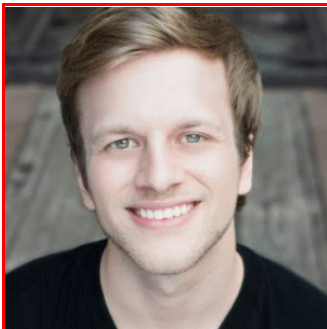


### Stephanie Sanchez, Mezzo-Soprano

Ms. Sanchez was born and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico, earned her Masters Degree in vocal performance from New Mexico State University in 2012 and received an Artist's Diploma from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston in 2017. Stephanie was a member of the Gerdine Young Artist and Gaddes Festival Artist programs at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis for three consecutive seasons (2014-2016) and performed with the Glimmerglass Festival in New York this past summer. She has also performed with Sarasota Opera, Atlanta Opera, Emerald City Opera in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Opera Breve in New York City. In 2016 she won first place in the Young Texas Artist Music Competition in Houston, Texas and second place in Opera Connecticut's Opera Idol Competition. She is onstage with Arizona Opera this season in *Hercules vs. Vampires*, *The Barber of Seville* and *Das Rheingold*.

### Anthony Ciaramitaro, Tenor

Anthony Ciaramitaro was born in Coral Springs, Florida and received degrees from Florida State University in Tallahassee and Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. He has performed nationally with the Florida State Opera, Chautauqua Opera, Merola Opera Program, and Wolf Trap Opera and internationally at the Franco-American Vocal Academy in Perigueux, France, and the Music Theater Bavaria in Oberaudorf, Germany. His concert soloist credits include performances with The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, The Messiah Choral Society, and The Villages Philharmonic. As a first year studio artist, he is onstage with Arizona Opera in this season's productions of *Hercules vs. Vampires*, *Candide* and *The Barber of Seville*.



### Michael Lewis, Piano

Born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Michael Lewis holds an undergraduate degree in vocal performance from Ithaca College and is completing a Master of Music degree at Arizona State University in the Collaborative Piano Program. He has appeared with the Aspen Music Festival, Glimmerglass Festival, Mill City Summer Opera and Tri-Cities Opera. As a vocalist, pianist, organist and composer, he brings a wealth of experience to his position as a first year studio artist with Arizona Opera. He is involved in this season's productions of *Hercules vs. Vampires*, *Tosca*, *Candide*, *The Barber of Seville* and *Das Rheingold*.





# Open Meeting and Election of Officers



**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

**ADL's Good Fight in Arizona**  
**Please join us at the Brandeis Open Meeting on**  
**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 -12:00 am**



All members and guests are welcome and are encouraged to attend this special event. We will meet at the McDowell Center, 16116 E. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road, Scottsdale. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Carlos Galindo-Elvira, the Arizona Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Carlos is responsible for fundraising, program delivery, leadership development, communications, government relations, fact-finding/research and office management to advance the ADL's mission within the state of Arizona.

Additionally, there will be a very brief business meeting where members will get to vote on the 2018-19 slate of officers for our Brandeis National Committee, Phoenix Chapter. See **page 16** for the slate of Officers.

A continental breakfast catered by JJ's Deli, as well as delectable delights provided by our many talented Brandeis bakers, will be served.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting and informative program.

**RSVP by February 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat:**  
**Ellen Susman [joellensus@gmail.com](mailto:joellensus@gmail.com) or 480-236-2789.**

**Thanks and we hope to see you there,**  
**Event Co-Chairs: Jo Ellen Susman and Sue Lawler**

## Study Group at Play!

The Phoenicians group viewed the special Calder prints exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum and then tried their hands at making a Calder-like print.



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FEB	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg <a href="mailto:ngolden1@hotmail.com">ngolden1@hotmail.com</a> 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch <a href="mailto:jbkluxury@yahoo.com">jbkluxury@yahoo.com</a> 480-458-7876
TBD	OPERA BUFFS	TBD	Facilitators will notify group members of specific dates and activities by email.	Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com">ellenk102@gmail.com</a> 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky <a href="mailto:stievsky@yahoo.com">stievsky@yahoo.com</a> 440-503-3339
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	Details of the activities will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock <a href="mailto:joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com">joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com</a> 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard <a href="mailto:mllphx@cox.net">mllphx@cox.net</a> 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman <a href="mailto:terrytaubman@gmail.com">terrytaubman@gmail.com</a> 602-319-8351
1 15	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	TBD	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 <a href="mailto:n.siefer@gmail.com">n.siefer@gmail.com</a> 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner <a href="mailto:caryllwebner@yahoo.com">caryllwebner@yahoo.com</a> 602-989-1348
1 15	LEISURE HIKING *	TBD	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 <a href="mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com">ellenk102@gmail.com</a> 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com">bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com</a> 602-614-5212
1	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
1 8 15 22	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG *	12:00	This group is intended for <b>advanced intermediate/ experienced</b> players with complete knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules, ability to maintain a speedy pace and play defensively. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett <a href="mailto:basennett@gmail.com">basennett@gmail.com</a> 414-418-4203
1	STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM *	1:00	The film will be viewed on each meeting date, followed by group discussions. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Carol Kern <a href="mailto:cak8219@gmail.com">cak8219@gmail.com</a> 480-948-9236 Stephanie Klopper <a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a> 480-251-0815
1	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum <a href="mailto:irenek0426@gmail.com">irenek0426@gmail.com</a> 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold <a href="mailto:bzgold9333@gmail.com">bzgold9333@gmail.com</a> 480-802-7945
2	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email*	<a href="mailto:brandeisboomers@gmail.com">brandeisboomers@gmail.com</a>
2	FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS	TBD	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 <a href="mailto:ronika1@aol.com">ronika1@aol.com</a> 602-790-7603 Stephanie Klopper <a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a> 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant <a href="mailto:jhgrant35@gmail.com">jhgrant35@gmail.com</a> 847-877-5793
2	THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	11:00	Join professional designer Sheila Landau on field trips to explore the latest products, followed by lunch. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100
4 18	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 <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks <a href="mailto:anitabh@cox.net">anitabh@cox.net</a> 602-956-9711

FEB	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
4	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES *	TBD	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 <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291
4	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 <a href="mailto:digsee@me.com">digsee@me.com</a> 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum <a href="mailto:irenek0426@gmail.com">irenek0426@gmail.com</a> 480-734-7306
12	GENEALOGY: RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE *	10:30	Learn how to use the Internet to trace your family tree. Participants will be notified of the location by email. <b>*NOTE DATE CHANGE*</b>	Andi Freed-Krehbiel <a href="mailto:readerpainter@gmail.com">readerpainter@gmail.com</a> 480-221-9777
5	POLITICAL HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP *	7:00 PM	<i>Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson</i> by Gordon S. Wood. Participants will be notified of the meeting location.	Mark Stern, Ph.D. <a href="mailto:mstern@shepherd.edu">mstern@shepherd.edu</a> 540-664-0480
6 13 20 27	YOGA *	8:30	An all-levels class good for first-timers as well as experienced practitioners. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Siefer <a href="mailto:n.siefer@gmail.com">n.siefer@gmail.com</a> 480-577-1439
6	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 <a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a> 914-943-7814
6	CURRENT EVENTS *	10:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Gladys Simon <a href="mailto:gladsi26@hotmail.com">gladsi26@hotmail.com</a> 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopper <a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a> 480-251-0815 Amy Richman <a href="mailto:amy@richmanfamily.com">amy@richmanfamily.com</a> 480-664-6901
6 13 20 27	SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	11:45	Canasta group for <b>experienced</b> players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Contact a facilitator for location.	Nancy Lirtzman <a href="mailto:nlirtzman@gmail.com">nlirtzman@gmail.com</a> 847-217-6963 Pat Miller <a href="mailto:patrmiller@gmail.com">patrmiller@gmail.com</a> 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz <a href="mailto:sussholz2@gmail.com">sussholz2@gmail.com</a> 847-363-0172
6	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 <a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a> 914-943-7814 Judy Levine <a href="mailto:judithlevine43@yahoo.com">judithlevine43@yahoo.com</a> 480-496-0252
6 13 20 27	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 <a href="mailto:ebwidoff@gmail.com">ebwidoff@gmail.com</a> 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman <a href="mailto:terrytaubman@gmail.com">terrytaubman@gmail.com</a> 602-319-8351
7	DESSERT - HOW SWEET IT IS!	1:30	Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth. Participants will be notified of the locations by email.	Lori Roth <a href="mailto:lori.rothaz@gmail.com">lori.rothaz@gmail.com</a> 480-310-1605 Kathleen Witkin <a href="mailto:witkinbnc@gmail.com">witkinbnc@gmail.com</a> 480-473-4825
7	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 <a href="mailto:clennon60@gmail.com">clennon60@gmail.com</a> 602-999-8858
8	BOOK BROTHERS *	TBD	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 <a href="mailto:jwidoff@gmail.com">jwidoff@gmail.com</a> 703-946-8869 Frank Lange <a href="mailto:franklange@cox.net">franklange@cox.net</a> 602-768-3631
8	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler <a href="mailto:suelawler9@gmail.com">suelawler9@gmail.com</a> 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenheimer <a href="mailto:mrsbachy@mac.com">mrsbachy@mac.com</a> 412-780-0730

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9	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ *	10:15	Tour <i>Molina Fine Jewelry</i> . Mr. Molina will discuss gems, the jewelry business, some history, and will answer all you are questions. Lunch will follow the visit.  Location details will be mailed to group members.	Joyce Goldstein <a href="mailto:joyce@goldstein.us">joyce@goldstein.us</a> 602-354-5006 Gladys Simon <a href="mailto:gladsi26@hotmail.com">gladsi26@hotmail.com</a> 480-773-7958*
12	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS A SUBSCRIPTION SERIES EVENT	1:00	<i>Arizona Opera</i> artists Stephanie Sanchez, Mezzo Soprano, Anthony Ciaramitaro, Tenor and Michael Lewis, Pianist. See page 8 for more information. Performances are held at the Palo Cristi Church, 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley. Refreshments are served.  All proceeds benefit Brandeis National Committee's <i>Sustaining the Mind Fund</i> .  Individual concerts: \$7 payable at the door.	Joan Sitver <a href="mailto:joansitver@aol.com">joansitver@aol.com</a> 602-971-0012
13	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	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 <a href="mailto:andsue1@cox.net">andsue1@cox.net</a> 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan <a href="mailto:hskaplan@cox.net">hskaplan@cox.net</a> 480-585-1777
13	NOVEL WOMEN WHO READ	6:30 PM	This <i>evening</i> book group meets for book discussion and refreshments. Contact the facilitator book to be discussed and for directions.	Cheryl Lennon <a href="mailto:clennon60@gmail.com">clennon60@gmail.com</a> 602-999-8858
14 28	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 <a href="mailto:afsplays@gmail.com">afsplays@gmail.com</a> 215-882-2600
14 28	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at <i>The Coffee Plantation</i> near Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle <a href="mailto:ronda@kottlehome.com">ronda@kottlehome.com</a> 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel <a href="mailto:ronees@aol.com">ronees@aol.com</a> 917-273-0393
14	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	1:00	Meet at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. See page 7 for more information. Come early and join us at <i>Milk and Honey</i> (JCC's coffee shop) for lunch.	Leith Baletin <a href="mailto:lbaletin@att.net">lbaletin@att.net</a> 480-874-9434 Sam Summer <a href="mailto:samsummeraz@yahoo.com">samsummeraz@yahoo.com</a> 480-488-1540
15	WHO KNEW? - A QUIRKY HISTORY OF ARIZONA'S VALLEY	11:00	This group will explore our area's beginnings from early Native American tribes to early settlers and the Wild West. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Barbara Abrams <a href="mailto:bfabrams4109@gmail.com">bfabrams4109@gmail.com</a> 312-965-4109
18	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 <a href="mailto:skyranch52@gmail.com">skyranch52@gmail.com</a> 917-816-8261 John Poremba
19	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	The speaker will be Katrina Shawver. This group focuses on local authors and stories. Books will be available for purchase that day. You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. See page 7 for more information. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254	Merrill Kalman <a href="mailto:mskbfl@aol.com">mskbfl@aol.com</a> 480-296-3355
20	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW & 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 <a href="mailto:builder2@cox.net">builder2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley <a href="mailto:henriette.hasley@cox.net">henriette.hasley@cox.net</a> 602-494-1924
20	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 <a href="mailto:ar@arlenerosenberg.com">ar@arlenerosenberg.com</a> 480-993-5322

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21	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS *	2:00	This group goes for moderately paced walks in and around various local neighborhoods. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291
21	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 <a href="mailto:suelawler9@gmail.com">suelawler9@gmail.com</a> 602-525-0231 Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100
22	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 <a href="mailto:ramyers@aol.com">ramyers@aol.com</a> 480-947-8216
22	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 <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100 Harriet Schwartz <a href="mailto:harriet0715@gmail.com">harriet0715@gmail.com</a> 602-738-0801
23	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 <a href="mailto:michelleyules@gmail.com">michelleyules@gmail.com</a> 602-380-1559 Susie Sacks <a href="mailto:susan.sacks@gmail.com">susan.sacks@gmail.com</a> 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow <a href="mailto:tarnowm@aol.com">tarnowm@aol.com</a> 617-571-7337
26	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE *	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. We will meet at 18 <sup>0</sup> , the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, in Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel <a href="mailto:readerpainter@gmail.com">readerpainter@gmail.com</a> 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman <a href="mailto:ahelfman2002@yahoo.com">ahelfman2002@yahoo.com</a> 480-264-6909
27	LET'S GET METAPHYSICAL! - New Age Non-Fiction	10:00	This non-fiction book group explores topics viewed as metaphysical such as energy systems in the body, reincarnation and books focused on raising levels of consciousness. Participants will be notified of the book and location by email	Carol Wolf <a href="mailto:peanuts526@aol.com">peanuts526@aol.com</a> 847-207-9954
27	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 <a href="mailto:nanlarry46@gmail.com">nanlarry46@gmail.com</a> 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291
27	ETHNIC DINING*	11:30	Join us for lunch as we visit four unusual ethnic restaurants in the Valley. Location will be sent to participants by email.	Michelle Fischler <a href="mailto:michelleyules@gmail.com">michelleyules@gmail.com</a> 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com">ellenk102@gmail.com</a> 602-214-5212
28	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the Valley. The location will be announced monthly to the members. RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> 602-274-8771
28	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 <a href="mailto:lori_rothaz@gmail.com">lori_rothaz@gmail.com</a> 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield <a href="mailto:lauriegreenfield@gmail.com">lauriegreenfield@gmail.com</a> 312-316-8800

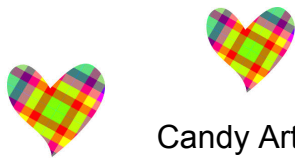


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 Nan Waldman at 602-410-5639 or [nanlarry@cox.net](mailto:nanlarry@cox.net)

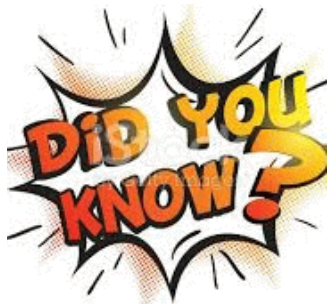
**Membership News**

- ♥ Congratulations to Nancy Chait on the birth of her grandson, Samuel Alan Sher. Proud parents are Sofia and Zachary Sher.
- ♥ Congratulations to Anne Mondlick on the birth of her grandson, Zane Howard. Proud parents are Leah and Josh Mondlick.
- ♥ Congratulations to Chari and Michael Rosnick on the birth of their grandson, Aram Nathan Rosnick. Proud parents are Shadi Yaghoubian and Benjamin Rosnick.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Irene Lubin on the passing of her son, Scott Lubin.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Selma Mackoff on her passing.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Roma Wittcoff on the passing of her husband, Raymond.



**New and Rejoining Members**

Candy Arthur, Guy Benoit, Judy Edelstein, Donna Feinberg, Susan Franklin, Andrea Greenspan, Max Greenspan, Judy Hoffman, Lee Kaster, Sherry H. Kesden, Jeffrey Morris, Rebecca Morris, Judith Plaut, Reva Steinberg, Larry Waldman



**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!  
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# University on Wheels 2018



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Barbara Stern, Co-Chair



Professor Eileen McNamara



More than 200 people attended the UoW



Asst. Professor Maura Jane Farrelly

# BRANDEIS PHOENIX CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2018 - 2019

Please join us for the February 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chapter Open Meeting and election of Chapter Officers and Members at Large for the 2018 - 19 fiscal year. Thank you to all these dedicated volunteers for their willingness to serve our BNC Phoenix Chapter!

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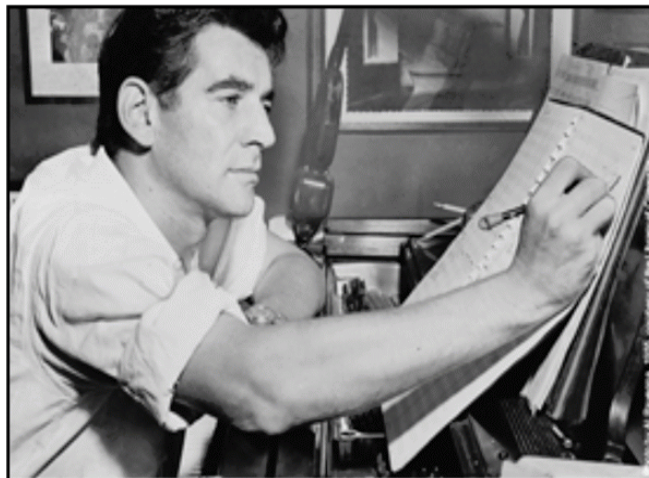
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Carol Abrams, Chair  
Stephanie Altman, Bruce Galin, Georgia Heller,  
Marcia Langer, Joellyn Pollock, Nancy Siefer





# Brandeis Celebrates Bernstein



This year, Brandeis celebrates the centennial birthday of acclaimed American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, a Brandeis faculty member and a supporter of the University from its earliest days.

From 1951-56, Bernstein taught courses at Brandeis on modern music, opera and composition. He founded the university's Festival of the Creative Arts, which today honors his legacy as an artist, an educator, an activist and a humanitarian. Centennial events will include special concerts, classes and other campus wide activities during the Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts, April 15-22, 2018.

Featured events include selections from Bernstein's opera *Trouble in Tahiti* performed by the Boston Lyric Opera; *Late Night with Leonard Bernstein*, a cabaret-style concert narrated by his daughter, Jamie Bernstein; and a concert version of Bernstein's *Mass*, performed by the Brandeis University Chorus and guest artists.

### **Bernstein at 100**

The 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Leonard Bernstein is a worldwide celebration. Visit the official website to learn more about his life and works, centennial events around the world, or to share your memories of the maestro: <https://leonardbernstein.com/at100>.

### **'Memories of a Jet and a Shark'**

Explore Leonard Bernstein's site on Google Arts & Culture, ([www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/entity/m0bvzp](http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/entity/m0bvzp)) where the maestro comes alive through rich multimedia stories featuring interviews with former cast members and students.

### **Bernstein Piano Hits the Road**

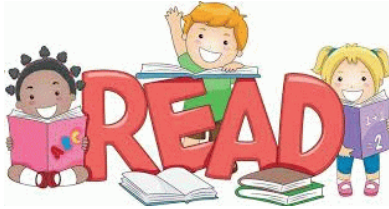
Leonard Bernstein's childhood piano, **given to Brandeis in 2002**, usually sits sedately in the Slosberg Music Center lobby. For the next couple of years, though, the dark-brown upright on which the promising young Bernstein lad practiced his music lessons will have a new address: "on the town." The piano is on loan to "Leonard Bernstein at 100," organized by the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the renowned composer, conductor and one-time member of the Brandeis music faculty.

 **Leonard  
Bernstein**  
at 100

# 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 [ellenk102@gmail.com](mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com)



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-- Frederick Douglass

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## 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.

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Ronee Siegel** [ronees@aol.com](mailto:ronees@aol.com) 917-273-0393

For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:

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**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**  
**OPEN MEETING**  
**AND ELECTION OF CHAPTER**  
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**Monday, March 12, 2018**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT**  
**The Sheraton Grand Phoenix**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**  
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Iris Wigal to Sara & Jay Leopold  
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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.

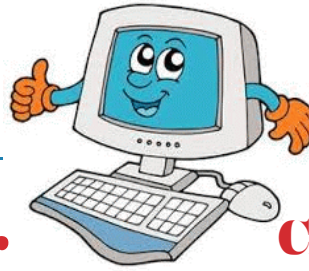
Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of its students. Endowed scholarship funds, which provide a consistent, dependable funding source, are required to accomplish this.

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

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Minimum donations \$25, please.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com). You will be notified when your access is available.

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## Board Meetings

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

- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 \*Open Meeting 10 am - 12 pm  
See page 9 for details.



## Programming Committee

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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