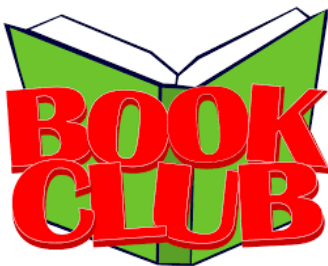


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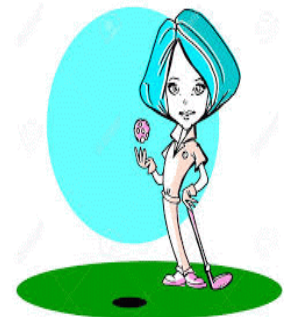
Welcome to Brandeis Summer Camp!



Does summer have you down? Is it just too, too hot? Have all your snowbird friends escaped to cooler climes leaving you believing that there is nothing to do now that they have gone? Is that how you are feeling? These complaints have an easy solution. The Brandeis National Committee (BNC) Phoenix Chapter **Summer Camp Program** offers exciting activities every single day of the summer for you, your spouse or significant other, all for a summer registration fee of \$25.00.

Now in its fourth year, BNC Summer Camp offers activities which include theater and lunch, "acting for fun," and jewelry and bread making workshops. There will be Chinese mahjongg and canasta lessons. Bowling and miniature golf are offered as well. There are two film groups and a course on film from the Brandeis program "Study with the Best." For foodies we have lunch bunches and happy hours. We even have classes in "Healthy Aging." Tours of the Basha Western Museum and Zak's Chocolate Factory will be offered. Bridge and mahjongg games are available along with Book Clubs and Current Events. There is simply no reason to complain about the summer heat in Arizona this year!

To go to the registration form [Click HERE](#) or see page 9. If you have any questions or are interested in facilitating an activity, please let us know: bncsummer@gmail.com



To register: Please send your registration form, along with a check for \$25 payable to BNC, to Bruce Galin, 9718 N. 106th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85258
bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members of the Brandeis Community:

We are honored to be chosen as Co-Presidents of the BNC Phoenix Chapter for the next two years. It is a privilege and an enormous responsibility to undertake the leadership of our award-winning chapter, which has a sixty-eight year history of success.

We consider our chapter a community and - being over 900-strong - a village.

In 1948, almost seven decades ago, our predecessors pledged to raise money for the school library to ensure the accreditation of Brandeis. Subsequently our mission has been to support the needs of the school.

Our support to Brandeis University through our fundraising efforts provides a scholarship to an Arizona high school graduate, fosters research in neurodegenerative diseases, and maintains and expands the University's library.

While contributing to Brandeis, our community of volunteers also are reaching out to the needs in Phoenix by distributing over 6500 books to schools, donating items to "Just Three Things" and the PVCC Food Bank, plus "Knit a Mitzvah" pieces for charitable organizations. Our Concerts and Conversations and Arizona Authors study groups provide our fellow Phoenixians with music and literature.

Last year our chapter developed over 44 study groups that appealed to a variety of interests, as well as programming that included dinner and theater parties, luncheons, the fabulous Book and Author event, summer camp and bridge and canasta marathons, in hopes that our members would meet people of like minds and interests.

Our reputation in the Valley is that we are a welcoming and inclusive group of men and women who help each other - and newcomers to the area - feel at home. Our goal is to continue to meet new people, learn and grow.

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

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Spring Luncheon and Installation



**Incoming Co-Presidents
Iris Wigal and Nancy Sacks**



**Outgoing President
Carol Abrams**



Joanie and Freddie installing Officers



**Incoming Treasurers
Harriet and Marcia**



Event Chairs Susie and Gail



Gail with her 'sweet' Thank-You treat



Incoming Board VP's



**VP Membership
Leith Baletin, with Judy Baletin**



Members arrive at the luncheon



Incoming Board Appointees and Members at Large



Study Groups News

2016 - 2017

Thanks to all of you, this year our Study Groups exceeded all expectations for the sheer number and variety of groups and for revenue generated for Chapter administration and the Brandeis Library. For 2016-2017, the cost for all study groups remains \$20. We still encourage early enrollment once the study guide is available online (mid-August) because some groups with participation maximums fill early. Most groups will continue next fall, but now is the time of year when new groups are created. We need your help as we begin to develop the 2016-17 Study Group Guide.

- Q** Is there anything you are specifically interested in seeing offered as a study group?
(Note: we especially welcome input from our Men of Brandeis members.)
- Q** Would you enjoy participating in or leading a limited group discussion (4 sessions) on a favorite topic or activity?
- Q** Do you have a special interest, talent or skill that you want to share with others?
- Q** Are you a winter resident who wants to create a group (a weekly Mah-Jongg or Canasta game) that starts later in the year?

If you enjoy meeting new people, enjoy sharing your experiences with others, have special talents or interests that others would enjoy...

YOU CAN FACILITATE A STUDY GROUP!

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, you already have all you need to be a wonderful Study Group Facilitator. Choose an activity, the day, dates and times you'd like (we can help you with scheduling) and start a study group! The rewards are many: interact with like-minded people in an activity that you already enjoy, see your efforts appreciated by your group participants and the entire Chapter, make new friends and most of all - HAVE FUN!

The time commitment is modest and in return, the approval, acclaim and admiration you receive is beyond measure.

SPECIAL NOTE TO WINTER RESIDENTS

Since some Groups frequently reach their group maximums very quickly, we suggest signing up from wherever you are spending the summer months. Watch for the e-blast in August that will announce that the Guide is online.

For more information, please contact the Study Group VPs at
phxstudygroups@gmail.com
Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group VPs



Ballet Aficionados Important Announcement

In order to take advantage of group ticket sale prices for the 2016-2017 Ballet season, you may join the 'At The Ballet' study group early this summer, before the study guide comes out. If you are interested in joining this group, or for further information, please contact: Sheila Berkowitz, sberk327@cox.net 602-469-8600

MAY	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
17	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Experienced bridge players meet for a fun afternoon of lunch and bridge. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
17	CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH		Enjoy a thought-provoking movie followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
19	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER	10:00	This group reads books that take place in foreign locales. Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106
19 26	INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG	11:45	A group for experienced players. Meet at the JCC for lunch first. Play starts at 12:15.	Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
20	BOOMERS	TBA	Peach Picking at <i>Schnepf Farms</i> in Queen Creek. Contact the facilitator if you want to attend.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
20	FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	1:00	The books are selected for easy access at the library or in paperback. The group meets in central Phoenix. RSVP to the facilitator for the location.	Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126
24	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS	2:00	Contact the facilitator if interested in participating this month.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-629
25	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Join us at the Coffee Plantation (Shea & 74th St.) to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393



BNE Summer Camp Activity Information

MONDAYS

Sign up Canasta* and Lunch	11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Desert Rays Café, 14891 Northsight Blvd, Scottsdale. (June 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 22, 29) Facilitator: Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com 216-272-1697
1 st Monday Bridge*	11:30 am - 3:00 pm, Stone Creek Golf Club, Tatum and PV Parkway (June 6, July 11, August 1) Facilitator: Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792
2 nd Monday # Google, Schmoogle JUNE	10:00 am - 12:00 pm (June 13) Scottsdale Near Mountain View and Hayden (Limit 6) Come and learn to love Google Docs, Google Sheets and more! Bring laptop, tablet, or smart phone for hands-on learning. Facilitator: Carol Abrams abrams.carol@gmail.com 480-948-1717
Happy Hour	3:30 - 5:30 pm (June 13) Location to be announced by e-mail prior 4:00 - 6:00 pm (July 11) Location to be announced by e-mail prior 4:00 - 6:00 pm (August 8) Location to be announced by e-mail prior Facilitators: Barbara Janger barbarajanger@gmail.com 480-451-8901 Ilene Kornblue blondladi@gmail.com 480-314-9929
3 rd Monday # Art Wear Jewelry Workshop JUNE	1:00 - 3:00 pm, Scottsdale 96th St and Mountain View Rd (Limit 8) (June 20) The project is one-of-a kind bead necklaces. Supply fee \$20 paid directly to the facilitator. A pendant for an additional \$5 is available at the class. For more information, contact the facilitators. Facilitators: Melissa Hirsch beadlover480@gmail.com 480-785-0744 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036 Checks paid to Melissa at 2080 E. Huron Ct., Gilbert, AZ 85234
3 rd Monday # Jewelry Making Workshop JULY	11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Scottsdale near Via Linda and Shea (Limit 6) (July 18) The project is a necklace. For more information contact the Workshop facilitators directly. \$15 supply charge paid directly to the facilitators. Facilitators: Marcia Ross marcia85258@yahoo.com 480-614-1456 Shirlene Kemp
4 th Monday # Bread-Making Workshop	1:00 pm, (June 27) Scottsdale near Mountain View & Hayden (Limit 6) For more information, please call facilitator directly. Workshop Supply fee \$5 paid directly to facilitator. Facilitator: Carol Abrams abrams.carol@gmail.com 480-948-1717

TUESDAYS

1 ST Tuesdays First Tuesday Book Club	1:30 pm - Meets in private homes (limit 20) (June 7) <i>Circling the Sun</i> , Paula McClain (July 5) <i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i> , Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (August 2) <i>The Paris Wife</i> , Paula McClain Facilitator: Judy Levine Judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252 Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804
2 nd Tuesday Lunch Bunch	12:00 pm - Each month we will meet in a different restaurant - June 14, July 12, August 9 Facilitators: Phyllis Becker psb830@gmail.com 480-838-1210 Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958

* Denotes irregular meetings # Denotes one time only

TUESDAYS

3 rd Tuesday Camelview Movies now at the Shea 14, Review & Lunch	This ongoing group sees thought-provoking movies followed by a discussion and lunch. (June 21, July 19, August 16) Facilitators: Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924 Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999
4 th Tuesday Study with the Best	10:00 am -12:00 am, Library at Congregation Beth Israel (56th St. & Shea) (June 28, July 26, August 23) Using Brandeis-authored and other materials, <i>Film on Film</i> explores three classic Hollywood films: <i>All About Eve</i> (1950), <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> (1952) and <i>Rear Window</i> (1954). Prior to the production of these films, Classic Hollywood intended what happened on the screen to reflect the real world. These innovative film makers raised cinema to an art form. Facilitator: Marilyn Morris rodonmi@aol.com 602-494-2800
5 th Tuesday # Jewelry Workshop AUGUST	1:00-3:00 pm - Cactus and 96th Street (limit 8) (August 30) The project is a bracelet using two-part epoxy with Swarovski crystals set in the piece. For more information contact the facilitator. \$30 supply charge paid directly to the facilitator. Facilitator: Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com 216-272-1697

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday Sign-Up Mah Jongg & Lunch	11:00 am - 3:00 pm*, Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Road Scottsdale, AZ *Note: On June 1 and June 15, we will begin at 12:30 pm Facilitators: Sue Karp suekarp1@me.com 480-451-9511 Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804
2 nd Wednesday # Eddie Basha's Private Collection of Western & Indian Art	10:30 am, (July 13) meet at The Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery 22402 S. Basha Road, Chandler, AZ Take a self-guided tour, then meet for lunch at Keegan's Grill and Taproom 1095 W. Queen Creek Rd, Chandler (Limit 20) Facilitator: Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815
Wednesdays * Theater & Lunch	(June 22, 11:45 am) Mrs. Wyatt Earp (July 20, 11:45 am) Judy Garland: A Musical Legacy (August 10, 11:45 am) Land of a Thousand Dances An exciting program for theater buffs at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Each performance is a one act play lasting 45 minutes. Lunch will follow at The District Kitchen and Wine Bar across the street. Pay \$6 for play and approximately \$9 for lunch. For more details type: Summer Camp Theater Program (in subject line) and email facilitator. Facilitator: Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com
4 th Wednesday # Acting for Fun Workshop	10:30 - 12:30 pm (June 29) At the library at Congregation Beth Israel Shea & 56th Street. Workshop emphasizes having fun while learning some of the skills of the actor, including approaching text and character creation. Work with scripts, play theatre games, and learn some tricks of performance and public speaking. Facilitator: April Feld Sandor afsplays@gmail.com 215-882-2600 April has been a professional actor and acting coach.

THURSDAYS

Every Thursday Intermediate Mah Jongg JCC	11:45 Lunch and play begins at 12:15 pm and ends at 3:00 pm This ongoing group is intended for experienced players. Join a great group of women for 3 hours of fun. A great way to spend Thursday afternoons. Facilitator: Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
1 st Thursday * Healthy Aging JULY & AUGUST	(July 7) 9:30 am meets at Scottsdale Fashion Square: coffee, walk, talk about current health tips, 11:00 lunch-brunch at Zoe's Kitchen. (Aug 4) 11:00 am meet at True Food (Scottsdale Quarter) for brunch and recipes for longevity. Facilitator: Nancy Wise njowise@hotmail.com
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays Chinese Mah Jongg Lessons & Play	1:30 - 3:30 pm, Library at Congregation Beth Israel (Shea & 56 Streets) (June 2, 16, July 7, 21, August 4, 18) (Minimum 8, Limit 20) Chinese Mah Jongg (Open to both women and men) Bring a mahj set if you have one. Facilitators: Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba

THURSDAYS

2 nd Thursday Bowling & Lunch	10:00 am, Via Linda Lanes, 90th Street and Via Linda (June 9, July 14, August 11) Facilitators: Sheila Landau builder2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036
3 rd Thursday Armchair Traveler Book Club & Lunch	10:00 - 12 pm, Library at Congregation Beth Israel (Shea & 56th Streets) This book club reads books that take place in foreign locales. (June 16) <i>The Underground Girls of Kabul</i> , Jenny Norberg (July 21) <i>The Hare with the Amber Eyes</i> , Edmund de Waal (August 18) <i>The Garden of Burning Sands</i> , Corban Addison Facilitators: Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106
4 th Thursday Neighborhood Haunts	12:00 noon (June 23, July 28, August 25) Meet at the restaurant. This ongoing group goes to lunch at popular out of the way restaurants. Facilitators: Sheila Landau builder2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-3162
5 th Thursday * Current Events & Lunch	10:00 - 12:00 pm, Library at Congregation Beth Israel (Shea & 56 th Streets) This group discusses national and international issues. PLEASE NOTE THIS GROUP MEETS IRREGULARLY (Thursday June 30, Wednesday July 27, Wednesday August 17) Facilitators: Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792 Gladys Simon gladi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958

FRIDAYS

1 st Friday * Friday Matinee Movie & Lunch	Ongoing group attends movies at various Harkins Theaters. Lunch will be near the theater. (June 3, July 8, August 5) Facilitators: Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476
2 nd & 4 th Friday * Canasta Lessons & Play JUNE	10:00 am - 12:00 pm, home on 96 th Street & Mountain View (3 sessions - June 10, June 24 and to be decided) Limit 8 Facilitators: Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net 602-469-8600 Beth Messer bethmae721@gmail.com 480-284-5555
2 nd Friday * Jewelry Making Workshop JULY	12:00 - 3:00 pm, Home - Scottsdale/Carefree Hwy (Limit 6) (July 15) Cost of supplies is \$15 paid directly to the facilitator. For more information and registration, please contact the facilitator directly. Facilitator: Bonnie Clewans beadorder@aol.com 602-509-4507
3 rd Friday # Miniature Golf & Lunch JULY	10:00 am, Meet at Paradise Valley Mall Miniature Golf Center, 11:15 am lunch at Chompies. (July 22) (Limit 10) (Group rate \$5) Facilitator: Phyllis Stone mommystone@aol.com 602-451-6428
3 rd Friday # Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Party AUGUST	2:00 pm (August 19) Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Parlor, 4005 N. Scottsdale Rd. Afternoon of fun and ice cream. Facilitator: Beth Messer bethmae721@gmail.com 480-284-5555
4 th Friday # Tour of Zak's Chocolate JULY	10:00 - 11:00 am (July 29) Zak's Chocolate, 6990 E. Shea Blvd #116, Scottsdale (Minimum 8 Limit 16) Cost \$10 paid by check directly to the facilitator no later than July 18th with your contact information : phone number and e-mail address. Zak's is a small batch craft chocolate - making factory. It is considered to make the best chocolate in the Metro-Phoenix area. For checks: 33 West Missouri Avenue #29, Phoenix, AZ, 85013 Facilitator: Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
5 th Friday # Jewelry Workshop AUGUST	10:30 - 12:30 pm (August 26) Location Cactus and 96 th Street (Limit 8) Project is a resin pendant using mixed media paper, beads, sequins and glitter. Supply Fee \$20 paid directly to the facilitator. For more information contact the facilitator. Facilitator: Cherly Senkfor senk4@aol.com 216-272-1697

BNC Summer Camp Registration Form

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE# _____

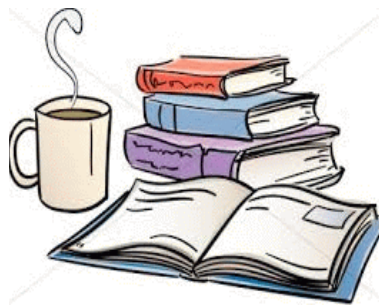
By enrolling in the summer program you and your spouse or significant other may attend all activities listed on the calendar, providing there is sufficient space. A prompt response to e-mail announcements of a given activity would not only be appreciated but will help the facilitator plan appropriate venues. Several of the workshops are limited as to number of participants and require either a facility fee OR an additional cost for supplies.

TO ENROLL IN SUMMER CAMP:

Mail this form and your check for \$25 payable to **BNC** to:
Bruce Galin, 9718 North 106th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85258
(480-661-0842) bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com

Registering for most workshops should be done directly with the facilitator who will collect any fees for supplies and confirm your acceptance in the workshop.

PARTICIPANTS MUST RSVP TO ALL ACTIVITIES THEY PLAN TO ATTEND



Click [HERE](#) to print the form



MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events please contact

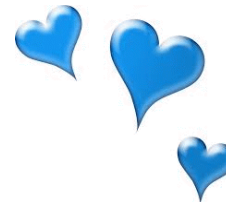
Susan Sacks at 480-860-5256 or susan.sacks@gmail.com

To learn about becoming a member, please contact

Nan Waldman at 602-996-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Membership News

- Congratulations to Sandy Itkowitz on the birth of her granddaughter, Harper Rose. Proud parents are Heather and Ryan Anderson.
- Congratulations to Sara and Jay Leopold on the marriage of their daughter Caren to Brian Sonken.
- We wish Merrill Kalman a speedy recovery.
- Our sincere condolences to Life member Joanie Bream on the passing of her brother-in-law, Howard Bream.
- Our sincere condolences to Sharon Sucher on the passing of her husband, Marvin.



New and Rejoining Members

Linda Benaderet, Roberta Berman, Barbara Beyer, Shirley Brener, Andrea Carrino, Evelyn Chavkin, Howard Cohen, Bill Feinberg, Carol Flaherty-Zonis, Allen Galin, Barbara Glassman, Elaine Glazer, Barbara Gutman, Dorthy Herzberg, Evelyn Howard, Arlene Karel, Miriam Kicis, Judith Krockey, Luann Lavin, Barbara Mayer-Golen, Bobbi Moss, Lenore Newman, Larry Newman, Roberta Newman, Jack Poles, Marilyn Reinfeld, Gail Rineberg, Dorothy Rostler, Pat Schnitz, Lois Segal, Sheila Shapiro, Susie Silverman, Arlene Stine, David Stine, Carol Wolf, Frani Wolfe

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.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Leith Baletin	lbaletin@att.net	480-874-9434
Nan Waldman	nanlarry@cox.net	602-996-5639



Member to Member

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

- ◆ Attend a Study Group
- ◆ Meet & listen to a Brandeis professor at 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.



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. We generally meet at the McDowell Center at McDowell Mt. Ranch in Scottsdale.

If you are interested in attending, email chapter Co-Presidents, Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal to let them know you are coming and for driving directions.

Nancy-Sacks Goldberg - nhshobo@aol.com
Iris Wigal - wiggley@cox.net



Please join us! Our door is always open!
We continue to work on our event plans for 2016-2017
Monday, June 6th 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Get involved! Share your expertise!
No experience necessary!

RSVP to: sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com
480-650-6779

Location and directions will be emailed after you RSVP
We meet the 1st Monday of each month;
no meeting in July and change of date in September

Social Justice

Carol B's Children's Book Collection



Our third and last delivery of the 2015-2016 school year will be approximately 350

K-8 books to Montebello Elementary School in the Alhambra School District. They have 1300 K-8 students.

Our BNC Chapter has distributed 6500 books in Phoenix to 17 schools. We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools.

For more information, please contact:

Dorry Sunenshine

dsunenshine@gmail.com

Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net

"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks."

-- Dr. Seuss



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 a needy youth with food as they transition from foster care to independence.

Please visit the website for recommended items.

<http://www.jfcsaz.org/>

We will collect food items at our Board meetings and several Chapter events.

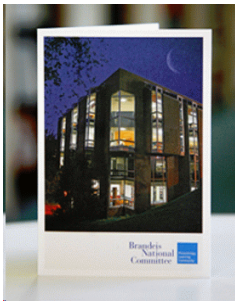
Julie Bronstein
Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@cox.net

A wonderful way to get involved with our local BNC Chapter is to share your expertise with us. It's a win-win! You get to meet some of the other members, maintain your skills and learn new ones, and the Chapter benefits from your experience.

The current skill sets needed are:
SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, MARKETING, PUBLICITY

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas, contact Kathleen Witkin at witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825





Book Fund



For all your Book Fund needs, contact: Phyllis Becker,

9199 N. 107th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85258 480-838-1210 psb830@gmail.com

We accept credit card donations, Visa or MasterCard, only.

For a donation form and additional information, [Click HERE](#)

Donor	Recipient	Occasion
Learned Research Journal		
Marcia & Richard Ross	Paula Corman	In loving memory of your husband, Joel
Special Tribute Card		
Carol & Allan Kern	Judge Morton & Joan Sitver	Congratulations on being honored by Beth El Congregation
Joyce Lefco, Nan Waldman, Truda Chick	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	In appreciation for your extra help planning and implementing the Canasta tournament
Carol & Allan Kern Joan & Sumner Sheff	Dorothy Katz Ruth Anne Myers	In memory of your dear husband, Jerry In memory of your sister
Louis Brandeis Card		
BNC Phoenix Board	Sandy & Mark Itkowitz	Congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter, Harper Rose
Helen & Michael Greenberg	Carol & Allen Kern	Congratulations on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Dylan Kern
Helen & Michael Greenberg	Janie & Jeffrey Kuznitsky	Congratulations on the B'nai Mitzvah of your twin grandsons
BNC Phoenix Board BNC Phoenix Board	Marcia Langer Sara & Jay Leopold	Mazel Tov on your new home Congratulations on the marriage of your daughter Caren to Brian Sonken
BNC Phoenix Board Arlene & Irving Feldman Helen & Michael Greenberg Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	Lori & Steve Roth	Congratulations on the birth of your new grandson, Ethan Bradley
Iris Wigal	Lori & Steve Roth	Mazel Tov on all your recent blessings: Ari's graduation from ASU; the birth of your new grandson, Ethan Bradley; the Mellon Award your daughter-in-law, Sarah, received from Northwestern University.
Iris Wigal	Judge Morton & Joan Sitver	Congratulations on being honored by Beth El Congregation
BNC Phoenix Board Arlene & Irving Feldman	Roz Fischer	Get well wishes for a full and speedy recovery

Book Fund

Donor

Recipient

Occasion

Louis Brandeis Card - continued

Iris Wigal
Helen & Michael Greenberg

Arline Salbe
Marcy Strauss & Wayne Stutzer

Get well wishes
Best wishes for Wayne's full and speedy recovery

Iris Wigal
Helen & Michael Greenberg

Joanie & Harvey Bream
Phyllis Loewenstein & Sheldon Plotnik

In memory of Harvey's brother, Howard
In memory of your brother/brother-in-law

Carol & Chuck Abrams
BNC Phoenix Board
Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum
Iris Wigal

Susan & Mark Sendrow

In memory of Susan's mother, Millie Goldman

BNC Phoenix Board
Iris Wigal

Barbara Zemel & Family

In memory of your mother, Frances Horn

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How Brussels' Molenbeek district became a jihadist hotbed Brandeis Professor Jytte Klausen explains how one district in Belgium has developed a reputation as home to terrorists

By Jarret Bencks

For more than a decade, Jytte Klausen, the Lawrence A. Wien Professor of International Cooperation, has been tracking and documenting Islamic extremists in Europe. In the aftermath of Monday's terrorist attacks in Brussels that killed dozens and wounded hundreds, she discussed her expertise on jihadism in Belgium and the extremist recruitment process in Europe with BrandeisNOW. The opinions expressed here are her own.

BN: How did the Belgian district of Molenbeek become a jihadist hotbed?

JK: In the '60s and '70s Molenbeek was a working class district in Brussels. Today it's an inner city district of older housing that has transitioned from industrial housing to housing for immigrants and a lot of hipsters. In that sense it's a lot like Brooklyn; perhaps Brooklyn 20 years ago. There is a high concentration of gangs, and Islamic extremists have recruited predominantly from those gangs, and a network of extremists has formed.

Today, the area has a reputation as a home to extremists. It's where authorities say the attacks in Paris in November 2015 were plotted, and it's where they turned their focus in the aftermath of attacks in Brussels Monday.

BN: Where are Belgium's jihadists coming from?

JK: They are second - or third - generation children of immigrants from Morocco or Algeria. Because of Europe's open borders and easy transportation, many French extremists



moved to Belgium after France cracked down on extremism in the wake of a series of attacks known as the Metro bombings were carried out in the mid-1990s by extremist Algerians. Over the years, a concentration of extremists emerged in the area of Molenbeek.

BN: How are prospective extremists recruited and radicalized?

JK: You have a neighborhood effect, a convergence between gangs and underground jihadists. They network online, creating analog peer groups on social media linking extremists in Molenbeek with those in Raqqa and beyond. They travel openly to the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, so someone says 'Hey lets go,' and they

go, and that process happens many times over.

As a result of those trips to the Islamic State, we get people who are already acclimatized to violence from their experience in gangs furthering that experience in a war zone. They also meet like-minded people from other countries and they expand their contacts. We have seen a merger of Belgian and French networks, for example. It's still a relatively small group but they are well connected and that gives them extreme mobility, which allows them both to hide and to deploy.

BN: How does this differ from the recruitment process in the United States?

JK: Here in the U.S. we just don't have these elements of contagion points. We don't have these extremist neighborhoods, and we don't have unfettered travel to Syria and Iraq. The U.S. government has been very successful in restricting travel to Islamic states in recent years, compared to Europe, where thousands left for the Islamic State between 2012 and 2014. Now they are coming back.

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