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# Chapter of the Year!

BNC NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

Louis D. Brandeis Honor Roll

Membership Award for exceeding our Membership goal

Financial Award for exceeding our Financial goal

Sustaining the Mind Campaign Award for the greatest number of \$1,000+ donors

**Outstanding Bulletin Publications** 

Congratulations Phoenix Chapter members for your volunteer efforts and philanthropic support that made these awards possible!



For awards from the Greater Western Region: Click HERE - page 3





Dear BNC Phoenix Colleagues,

As I write this message, it's a beautiful Arizona morning with the temperature expected to rise to the mid-90's once again this afternoon - but the calendar says it's nearly November! And November is traditionally a month to take stock of the bounty in our lives, giving thanks with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day. So in addition to a quick thanks for the reappearance at Trader Joe's of all my favorite pumpkin products, I have the wonderful opportunity to think about how my

involvement in our Brandeis Phoenix Chapter has enriched my life over this past year. Here are just a few of the things I am thankful for as November 26<sup>th</sup> approaches:

- I am thankful for our Phoenix Chapter's abundance of talented, dedicated volunteers, making events like this past week's 'Food for Thought' Luncheon and the upcoming Chapter Awards brunch on November 22<sup>nd</sup> truly a celebration of those volunteers and our award-winning Chapter.
- I am thankful that with the hard work of those volunteers, we are able to plan and execute so many successful fundraising events in support of Brandeis University, such as our 2015-16 lineup of University on Wheels planned for January 8, 2016, Book & Author 2016 events on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and our spring luncheon and installation of officers on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I am thankful that we have the ability to support the only non-denominational university founded on Jewish values, offering since its inception the opportunity for a prestigious education to every qualified student without prejudice.
- I am thankful that as election season approaches, we have rich opportunities to talk about the democratic process in a non-partisan manner, learning together in study groups about the elections and other contemporary issues.
- I am thankful for meeting, through our Phoenix Chapter, good friends who have become an extended family for so many of us.
- I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to exercise my skills and expertise and see them expand and grow as your Chapter president.

All the best, Carol Abrams President, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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# Chapter of the Year!

## BNC Western Region Awards 2014 - 2015

Highest Achievement in Membership

Highest Achievement in Financial Goals

Outstanding Fundraising Events of 2014 - 2015

Congratulations to **Iris Wigal**Western Region President's Volunteer Achievement Award

Congratulations to **Kathleen Witkin**Western Region Presidential Citation for Chapter Communications

Exceptional Book & Author Fundraising Event

Western Region Presidential Citation Learning Opportunities/ Study Groups Program

Western Region Presidential Citation Outstanding Boomers Group and Men's Group (MOB)

Congratulations Phoenix Chapter members for your volunteer efforts and philanthropic support that made these awards possible!

# Study Group News



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS \*NEW\***

The Phoenix/Scottsdale area has many unique neighborhoods. Join us once a month for a moderately paced walk in and around one of them. In some cases, a resident of our neighborhood of the month may be able to lead us.

Our first walk will be January 26. Participants will be notified of the location by email. Maximum 12, minimum 4.

Fourth Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (January through May)

Facilitator:		Cost: \$20
Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291

#### #48 CASUAL EATS \* NEW \*

If you like discovering new restaurants without breaking the bank and have a spirit of adventure, this group is for you. We will meet for lunch the second Thursday of each month, January through April, in various locations throughout the Valley. Be prepared to try some off the beaten path "joints." Although we will try for separate checks, they may not be available, so be prepared to divide up equally. Cash may also be required.



The first lunch will be Th		
Second Thursdays (Janu	ary - April)	
Facilitators:		Cost: \$20
Sherry Widman	widmansherry@gmail.com	847-212-5679 until Dec. 15
Richard Mendelson	lablyr3@comcast.net	480-264-6440 after Dec. 15

#### **Registration for NEW Groups**

_	d Walks	
Enclosed is a check made out to BNC for \$		(@ \$20 per person per group)
Name(s):		
Email Address:		
Phone:	Cell Phor	ne:
F	Please send checks to our registr	ar, Merrill Kalman:

8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ 85255 mskbflo@aol.com



The first program this year of the BNC Phoenix Chapter's Concert and Conversation series opens with a string trio featuring **Melita Hunsinger**, newly appointed Principal Cello of the Phoenix Symphony, and two of her orchestral colleagues, Violinist **Karen Sinclair** and Violist **Christopher McKay**. They will perform works for string trio as well as pieces that feature each of them as soloists.

Doors will open at 12:45 pm. The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 2015, at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253 and will be followed by refreshments.

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



**MELITA HUNSINGER** 

Melita Hunsinger joined the Phoenix Symphony as Principal Cello in 2015, after having served in the same position in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.

A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Melita graduated summa cum laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. She received her Master of Music degree from Rice University in Houston, Texas.

After joining the Fort Wayne Philharmonic as Principal Cello, Melita was a member of the orchestra's resident string quartet. A dedicated teacher, Melita also served as Associate Faculty for Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.



KAREN SINCLAIR

Violinist Karen Sinclair holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music, a Diploma of Postgraduate Performance from London's Royal Academy of Music, and a Master of Music degree from Rice University. She made her solo debut at age eleven with the Philadelphia Orchestra and has returned twice to perform with them. She has won many prizes, both in the US and in Italy, Romania and Switzerland, among others.

Karen has participated in many music festivals and courses both in the States and abroad, including Aspen, New York, Holland, France and England. Karen currently performs as a member of the Phoenix Symphony in Arizona and the Grant Park Orchestra in Chicago.



**CHRISTOPHER McKAY** 

Christopher McKay joined the Phoenix Symphony viola section in 2008. He has served in many capacities as orchestral musician, chamber musician, soloist, and teacher. He received his viola performance degrees from Louisiana State University (Bachelor of Music) and Indiana University (Master of Music).

His past engagements include several orchestras in the US. His summer engagements include fellowships at Tanglewood Music Center, Spoleto Festival USA, and the Artur Balsam Chamber Music Workshop.

Christopher's teaching experience encompasses a wide range of ages, including camps, clinics and university students.

#### ARIZONA AUTHORS - NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - 12:30 - 2:30, JCC, SCOTTSDALE

Diane Lynn grew up in Virginia and pursued her nursing career in Baltimore, where she specialized in surgery and emergency medicine. She is a first-time author who hopes to continue pursuing her passion in writing. Diane is a resident of Paradise Valley. She's married to an attorney and they have two children and three grandchildren. Diane enjoys spending her summers by the beach in Coronado, gathering her thoughts so that they can be transformed into written works. Her novel, *The Secondary Target*, is part mystery, part love story, part medical thriller. Diane Lynn is the pen name of Phoenix BNC member Diane Bienstock. Guests welcome - \$5.00 Must RSVP to Merrill Kalman - mskbflo@aol.com





#### MEN OF BRANDEIS M.O.B.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the MOB will be leaving the Valley, but only temporarily. We're headed for Tucson, where we will tour the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, near the foothills of the Saguaro National Park. The mission of the museum is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering an appreciation and understanding of the Sonoran Dessert. The tour takes about two hours. For more information, please contact the facilitators: Leith Baletin <a href="mailto:lbaletin@att.net">lbaletin@att.net</a> 480-874-9434 or Sam Summer <a href="mailto:samsummeraz@yahoo.com">samsummeraz@yahoo.com</a> 480-488-1540

#### **BOOMERS**



### CHALLENGER SPACE CENTER FRI., NOV. 13, 10:30, PEORIA, AZ

Join us for a docent-led tour of the Challenger Space Center, 21170 N 83rd Ave, Peoria AZ 85382. Following the tour we will have lunch. Carpools will be arranged. If you are interested in the event, please contact Ronee at <a href="mailto:brandeisboomers@gmail.com">brandeisboomers@gmail.com</a>



#### LINE DANCING AT HANDLEBAR J SCOTTSDALE, TUES, NOV. 17, 6:00 PM

Brought back by popular demand, we will take a nighttime break and learn Line Dancing from the expert dancers at Handlebar J in Scottsdale. We will meet for dinner, followed by dance instruction. There will be no carpools. If you are interested in this event, please contact Ronee at brandeisboomers@gmail.com.

For details and to sign up for study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: <a href="https://www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html">www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html</a>

#### SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a full group may have openings from time to time - if you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Very often there is! Look for the monthly calendars in this bulletin for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest cost will apply.

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Merrill Kalman, Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel <a href="mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com">phxstudygroups@gmail.com</a>

2015-16 REVISED Study Group Registration Form				
Name:				
Home Phone: Cell Phone:				
Email:				
PRINT CLEARLY - This is how your facilitators	will contact you - Only one person per form			
The groups below are still active this season. Even FULL groups sometimes have room for guests! Please contact facilitators for space availability; a \$5 guest cost applies.				
Mark your selection(s) -	All groups are \$20			
You can download a copy of this form and the Study G	uide at: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html			
VARIOUS	WEDNESDAY (cont.)			
1. Boomers	26. Fourth Wednesday Lunch Bunch			
2. <b>FULL</b> Cultural Sites in AZ	27. FULL Non-Fiction Book Group			
3 Gallery Girls	28. FULL Phoenix Art Museum Tours *NEW*			
4 Men of Brandeis (MOB)	<del></del>			
5. Phoenicians of BNC	THURSDAY			
	29 Intermediate Mah Jongg			
MONDAY	30 Jewish Book Group			
6 Promoting Healthy Relationships *NEW*	31 Study with the Best: Film on Film			
7. XX Antique Gatherings Canceled	32Sun Lakes Potpourri			
8 Discover Your Crafting Talents *NEW*	33Intermediate Hiking Club (New name)			
9 Concerts and Conversations	34Leisurely Hiking			
10 Writing Workshop *NEW*	35Next Level Bridge			
11 Arizona Authors Speaker Series	36Bellasera Book Group *NEW*			
	37 Bowling for Fun			
TUESDAY	38. FULL CHEAPEATz (New name)			
12. FULL Mah Jongg for Beginners	39. FULL Books for the Armchair Traveler			
13. <u>FULL</u> Yoga	40 Contemporary Issues #1			
14 Understanding the American Election Process	41. FULL Neighborhood Haunts			
15. <u>FULL</u> Contemporary Issues #2 (New day)	EDIDAY			
16Current Events *NEW*	FRIDAY			
17. FULL First Tuesday Book Group	42Friday Matinee Movie and Lunch			
18 Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch	43Friday Afternoon Book Group			
19 Camelview Review and Lunch	44. <u>FULL</u> Studio Art and Bistro Lunch			
20 Bridging It! 21. FULL Learn Pickleball! *NEW*	SATURDAY			
22. American Jewish Experience *NEW*	45At the Ballet			
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WEDNESDAY	.oonio ragne ode			
23 Dessert and More (New name)	Groups @\$20 each = \$			
24 Knit A Mitzvah				
25 Play Golf	Check #			
Mark your selection(s) and mail ONLY the Regi				

\*If you can't print this form, you may send a note that **must** include your name, phone, email and requested groups. DO NOT INCLUDE DUES PAYMENTS HERE; it will delay your membership and registration -

see the Membership Form at: <a href="https://www.brandeisphoenix.com/Membership.html">www.brandeisphoenix.com/Membership.html</a> or on page 3 of the Study Guide.

#### EVEN FULL GROUPS SOMETIMES HAVE ROOM FOR GUESTS! A \$5 GUEST COST APPLIES. PLEASE CONTACT FACILITATORS FOR AVAILABILITY.

Check your Study Group date carefully as some have changed due to the holiday.

NOV	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
ТВА	PLAY GOLF	9:00	Come join the fun and golf with Phoenix Chapter members. All levels are welcome. Each player is responsible for greens fees and lunch costs. RSVP to a facilitator. Contact a facilitator for details.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Sue Adatto sueadatto@cox.net 480-563-0006
ТВА	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Meet at a variety of mostly new, exciting restaurants around the valley, Everyone is responsible for their own meal. RSVP to a facilitator in order to secure a place at a table. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Annette Kurland <u>annettekurland@me.com</u> 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein <u>lylweck@gmail.com</u> 602-840-8555
ТВА	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	ТВА	Place and time to follow. Details will be emailed to participants.	Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net 602-316-2993 Halette Fealey caseysadie@aol.com 480-529-1247
ТВА	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	ТВА	This group meets for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. Details will be emailed to participants.	Joellyn Pollock Joellynpollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Marilyn Pomerantz pomerantzcentral@cox.net 602-758-8651 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
2	DISCOVER YOUR CRAFTING TALENTS AT THE CREATING SPOT	10:15	Workshop class by <i>The Creating Spot</i> , a new studio in downtown Scottsdale, at 7127 E. 6th Avenue, followed by lunch nearby. Contact the facilitator for details.	Cheryl Senkfor Info@TheCreatingSpot.com 216-272-1697 Bobby Harr 480-272-6004
2	PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS	1:00	Retired psychotherapist James P. Krehbiel will discuss ways to promote healthy relationships. Location will be emailed to group members.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel drcraberry@gmail.com 480 951-6572
3	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 FULL	9:30	Join 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.	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216 0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300
3 10	MAH-JONGG FOR BEGINNERS FULL	9:30	Learn how to read and thoroughly understand the playing card, set up and deal the tiles, choose a hand and acquire basic strategies for playing the game. Purchase a current MahJongg card prior to the first meeting. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea).	Daron Barness daronday@aol.com 602-619-1136
3	CURRENT EVENTS	10:30	Join the lively conversation as the group explores current events that shape the future. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047
3 10	UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICAN ELECTION PROCESS	7:00 pm	This group provides an introduction to the election process in America.  Meet at 7181 East Camelback Rd, Scottsdale, 85251	Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480 Susan Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319
4	DESSERT AND MORE	ТВА	Enjoy dessert with a side dish of Valley history. Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth and learn a little about the history of the Valley. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Julie Bronstein thefunnygirl@gmail.com 480-797-5691 Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Judi Saperstein judisaperstein@gmail.com 480-426-2646 Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825
5 19	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	7:30	These hikes in the Phoenix area will be on challenging trails with elevation gains, at a brisk pace. Join us after the hike for a meal. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time.	Nancy Siefer <u>n.siefer@gmail.com</u> 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner <u>caryllwebner@yahoo.com</u> 602-989-1348

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5 19	LEISURELY HIKING	8:00 or 8:30	Hike at a comfortable pace on trails in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond. After the hike, join us for brunch. Members will be notified of the place and time.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
5	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	Read <i>The Museum of Extraordinary Things</i> by Alice Hoffman. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). RSVP to Ellen for each meeting.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
5 12 19 26	INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG	11:45	This weekly group is intended for experienced players. A thorough knowledge of the rules and a fast pace of play are expected. Meet at the JCC for lunch first. Play starts at 12:15.	Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
5	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	This group includes book and movie reviews, discussions on contemporary issues and visits to local places of interest. Contact the facilitators for the location.	Irene Kestenbaum <u>irenek0426@gmail.com</u> 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold <u>bzgold9333@gmail.com</u> 480-802-7945
6	FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH.	10:00	View interesting movies at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101, or the Camelview. Lunch will follow at a nearby eatery. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
9	CONCERTS AND CONVERSATIONS	1:00	Enjoy musical performances and discussions by professional musicians. Come at 12:45 for refreshments and to socialize. Program begins at 1:00.  Location: Palo Cristi Church at 36th Street and Lincoln.  Click HERE for details.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
10	MEN OF BRANDEIS (M.O.B.)	TBA	Join the MOB for a tour of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Location and times will be emailed to participants. Click HERE for details.	Leith Baletin <u>lbaletin@att.net</u> 480-874-9434 Sam Summer <u>samsummeraz@yahoo.com</u> 480-488-1540
10	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	12:00	Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences and dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. Reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table. Wait list maintained.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195
11	PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS FULL	11:00	Join docent and Brandeis member Mark Sendrow to tour an exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum admission is extra. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420
11 25	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Join us to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com
12	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This relaxed, non-competitive bowling group meets at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Vía Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau <u>buildor2@cox.net</u> 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler <u>suelawler9@gmail.com</u> 480-502-9036
12	BELLASERA BOOK GROUP	11:00	Meet in the <i>Bellasera</i> community to discuss fiction, biographies and occasionally nonfiction as well. Location details will be emailed to the participants	Carol Padwe <u>carol.padwe@cox.net</u> 480-242-8183

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13	BOOMERS	10:30	Join the group at the <i>Challenger Space Center</i> , Peoria, AZ.  Click HERE for details.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393
16	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Meet mystery author Diane Lynn. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat.  Click HERE for details.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
17	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players. 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	ТВА	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau <u>buildor2@cox.net</u> 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley <u>henriette.hasley@cox.net</u> 602-494-1924
17	LEARN PICKLEBALL! FULL	1:00	Meet for lunch at the Lariat Restaurant and Lounge followed by play at the Carefree Resort, 37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377. Contact the facilitators for details.	Abby Tucker and John Poremba skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
17	BOOMERS	6:00 PM	Enjoy Line Dancing and dinner at the Handlebar J in Scottsdale.  Click HERE for details.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393
19	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL	10:00	This group will read 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	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS FULL	12:00	Join this group for lunch as they sample four best-kept secret locales. This is a wonderful chance to meet new people in a fun setting! CASH ONLY. Wait list maintained.	Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599
20	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH FULL	10:00	Expand your artistic and culinary horizons. Travel with us as we discover artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. Location will be emailed to group members.	Susan Sacks <u>susan.sacks@gmail.com</u> 201-887-0319 Nancy Sacks-Goldberg <u>nhshobo@aol.com</u> 480-661-3852 Iris Wigal <u>wiggley@cox.net</u> 602-274-8771
20	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	9:30	One member of the group researches a topic, and all members are encouraged to add information or to ask questions. Contact the facilitator for directions to the location.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
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



#### **MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS**

To report life-cycle events please contact
Susan Sacks at 480-860-5256 or <a href="mailto:susan.sacks@gmail.com">susan.sacks@gmail.com</a>
To learn about becoming a member, please contact
Nan Waldman at 602-996-5639 or <a href="mailto:nanlarry@cox.net">nanlarry@cox.net</a>

#### Member News

- Congratulations to Judy and Rick Cooper on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin. Proud parents are Jenn and Andy Cooper.
- Our very sincere condolences to the family of Barbara Shelley.
- We send our sincere condolences to Barbara Allyn on the passing of her mother, Hilda Ginns.

#### Welcome New Members

Barbara Garber, Leonard Katzenstein, Beth Sennett





#### 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
- ◆ 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.

#### **Membership Co-Vice Presidents**

 Kathleen Witkin,
 witkinbnc@gmail.com
 480-473-4825

 Leith Baletin,
 lbaletin@att.net
 480-874-9434



# Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award and Ellen Woodnick Emerging Leadership Award November 22, 2015

We will honor Sue and Kathleen at a brunch on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Carol Kern. Cost for the brunch will be \$15 per person. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us in honoring our wonderful Chapter leaders!

### Sue Karp

Sue Karp will receive the Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award. This award is conferred on a member who has been involved in the Chapter for a minimum of ten years, has assumed leadership roles during that time, and whose vision has inspired others to be actively involved in the Phoenix Chapter.

# Kathleen Witkin

Kathleen Witkin will receive the Ellen Woodnick Emerging Leadership Award. This award honors a newer member who actively serves on committees and in doing so, demonstrates leadership skills and vision.



#### BRIDGE AND CANASTA MARATHON FUNDRAISER ENDED IN A POTLUCK ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

The event was co-chaired by Beth Messer for canasta and Nancy Sacks-Goldberg for bridge. Prizes were given to the canasta team winners: Arline Cover and Evy Marks, and for bridge: Elaine Eisenberg and Charlotte Lawrence. All of the participants received a token prize for participation.

Throughout the summer 12 canasta teams and 12 bridge teams made up of Brandeis members and non-members played 5 games each. The games were played at the convenience of the players, at anytime

and at any place. The final assigned game took place at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Center on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

After the games, a potluck lunch was served. The players had an opportunity to renew acquaintances with those they had played during the summer and meet others who they had not had the opportunity to play. Names and phone numbers of possible players for existing games were exchanged and many renewed acquaintances with old friends. During the summer, due to the marathon we stayed cool, had lots of fun, met new people and raised some money for Brandeis. Many have shown an interest in doing it again next year.



#### **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. <a href="mailto:bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com">bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com</a>. This will ensure you don't miss out on any Chapter mailings and information

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 <a href="mailto:bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com">bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com</a>. You will be notified when your access is available.

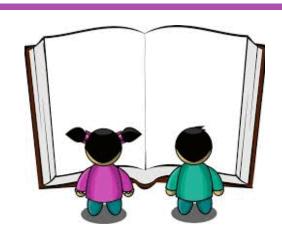
#### WE VALUE YOUR PRIVACY

All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for Brandeis business shall remain confidential and not be shared with other organizations or be used for other purposes.

# Evening Under the Stars



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

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Please visit the website for recommended items.

<a href="http://www.jfcsaz.org/">http://www.jfcsaz.org/</a>

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

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#### **Volunteers Needed**

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

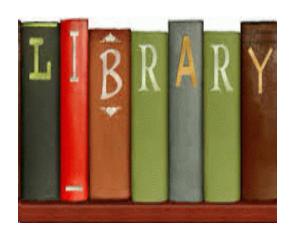
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# Brandeis students digging up Concord's hidden history - Looking for clues about a farm's former inhabitants, from Native Americans to German prisoners of war



By Julian Cardillo '14 – September 29, 2015

Brandeis students plan to literally dig up the untold story of one of America's most historically significant towns this semester.

McGrath Farm, a former part of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in Concord, Massachusetts, which served as an arsenal for the Concord Militia during the Revolutionary War, is the site of an archaeological dig conducted by professors Andrew Koh and Travis Parno and their students.

"When people hear 'Concord,' they think R e v o l u t i o n a r y W a r a n d transcendentalism," said Koh, assistant professor of classical studies and anthropology and the Florence Levy Kay Fellow in Chemistry. "But oral history says there could be more going on here."

The Barrett Farm's connection to the Revolutionary War is well documented. On April 19, 1775, the British army set out on its march from Boston to Concord to seize munitions and military supplies, including those believed to be stored at Barrett's Farm. The British were met with armed resistance in Lexington and Concord in what would be the first skirmishes in the Revolutionary War, made famous decades later by Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn" commemorating the "shot heard 'round the world" at the North Bridge.

According to local lore, freed slaves, Italian and Irish immigrants and German prisoners from World War II attended to the farm in the years following the Revolutionary War. Native American fire pits and stone tools give silent testimony to an even much earlier history.

It is this lesser known history that attracted Koh and Parno, who is a lecturer in anthropology, to the site.

"We want to talk about the other things going on here in Concord," said Koh. "And it's not just about digging things out of the ground in the short term. It's about doing it right: conserving things properly, studying them properly and storing them properly so they can be available to future generations."

Students in Parno's and Koh's courses, "Archaeology in Theory and Practice" "Materials and Methods in Archaeological Chemistry," respectively, started working the site in early September and will continue on the dig as long as weather permits. The teams have been working three sites on the 10-acre property and already have found ground stones, ceramic sherds and a dateable milk bottle that will help shed insight on the farm's inhabitants following the Civil War. At the southern end near the Assabet River, they expect to find signs of Native American activity and a dairy barn connected to the Middlesex Central Railroad that ran through the parcel.

"I want to pursue a career in archaeology, possibly in a museum or something along those lines, so this opportunity is incredible," said Savannah Bishop, a junior from the D.C. area. "It's so cool. It's a hands-on and interactive experience."

Koh's Concord connection - he is a Concord resident, a member of the town's historical commission and chair of its archaeology advisory committee - paved the way for Brandeis students to have such a hands-on experience so close to school.

The project, which has been over two years in the making, is a joint venture between Brandeis and the town of Concord. Both Koh and Parno want this to be a sustained venture for future students, as well as a blueprint for other cities and towns to follow. Concord voiced its strong support last

April in town meeting by allocating \$10,000 from its Community Preservation Act Fund to implement the project.

"This is an unprecedented situation," said Koh about the partnership between Brandeis and Concord and the opportunity it affords the students. "I have to thank the town, as well as Brandeis and the full support we have received from Dean of Arts and Sciences Susan Birren, our departments and Experiential Learning and Teaching at Brandeis."

Experiential Learning and Teaching, which has provided vans to transport students from campus to Concord, aims to help students deepen what they learn through active learning and reflective processes that connect theory to practice and facilitate the synthesis of new ideas.

"It's not just about the digging or the classroom reading," said Daniel Langenthal, the director of Experiential Learning and Teaching at Brandeis. "It's about helping the students connect and relate what they are learning to what's happening around them - in this case, connecting the past to the present."

The artifacts found during the dig will be given to the town of Concord for safekeeping, though Koh is seeking a more permanent place of storage. Both professors have been preaching patience to their students, as the dig is still in its infant stages. But the whole team is marveling at the fact that it's conducting research in Brandeis' own backyard.

"It's phenomenal to have this course offered at Brandeis," Bishop said. "It's happening so close to us. All we have to do is hop into one of the university's Experiential Learning vans and we're there in minutes. It's amazing, being able to discover new history."

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

Today, increasing funding for scholarship assistance for our students is the University's top priority. Consider that:

- Two out of three Brandeis students receives some form of financial aid. In the 2013-14 academic year, Brandeis awarded \$88.4 million in scholarship aid (undergraduates and graduate students).
- For the same period, the endowment and annual gifts designated to scholarships provided \$17.2 million (19.4% of the total financial aid budget).

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, contact Ronda Kottle, ronda@kottlehome.com

For a Scholarship donation form, Click HERE.

# BNC Scholarship Campaign Donations - October

Friday Mahjong Gals in honor of the marriage of Margie & Jerry Bold's grandson,

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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 hiatus) at 10:30 am. We generally meet at the JCC in Scottsdale.

If you are interested in attending, email: President, Carol Abrams:

<u>bncphxprez@gmail.com</u> to let her know you are coming and for driving directions.



# BNC PHOENIX BOARD AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

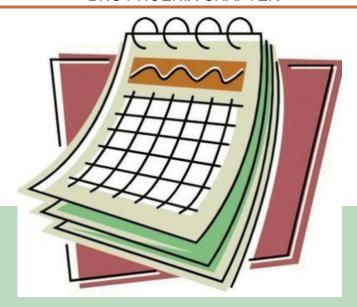
#### **November**

- Jewish Women's Symposium
- 2 Programming Committee
- 4 Executive Committee
- We host Western Region Mini-Retreat!
- 18 Board Meeting\*
- 22 Leadership Awards Brunch
- 23 Membership Committee

#### **BOARD NOMINATIONS**

This is a request for nomination suggestions for the Phoenix Chapter Board. Please send any request to <a href="mailto:lori.rothaz@qmail.com">lori.rothaz@qmail.com</a> The Phoenix Chapter Nominating Committee

# SAVE



Date!

Sunday, November 1, 2015 Women's Symposium

Sunday, November 22, 2015
Brandeis Leadership Awards Brunch
Home of Carol Kern

January 8, 2016 University on Wheels

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Open Board Meeting March 13, 2016
Bookmark Donors Cocktail Reception

March 14, 2016 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author Luncheon Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

April, 2016
Women's Seder at the JCC

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 Spring Luncheon

### 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.



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