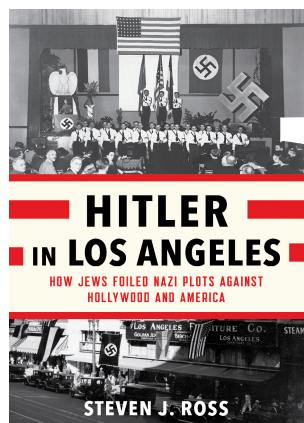
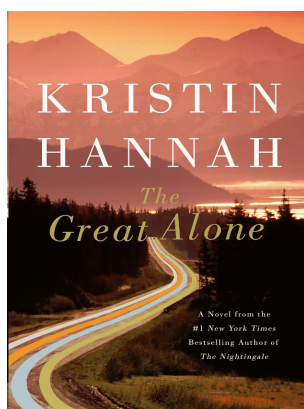
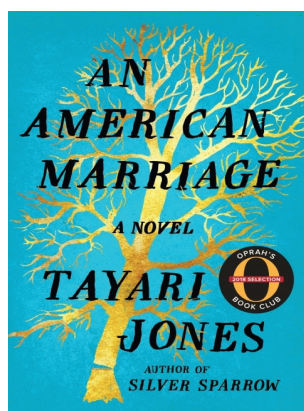


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28th Annual BNC Phoenix Book & Author



Our Star-studded Lineup!

Monday, March 12, 2018
The Sheraton Grand Phoenix

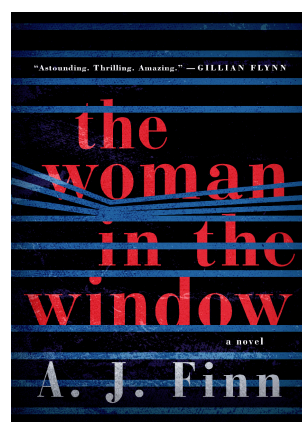


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Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Members,

At last, the Brandeis Phoenix Chapter's "Event of the Year" is finally here! The 28th Annual Book & Author begins on Sunday March 11th with a cocktail party and dinner attended by our generous Bookmark donors. Not only will the attendees have an opportunity to meet and dine with the award-winning authors, but this year Ron Liebowitz, the President of Brandeis University, will join them as well. This event will take place at a magnificent home in the Biltmore area. Thanks to our Bookmark Co-Chairs Janis Lipman and Sue Rollins, along with their committee, it will be an evening not to be missed. There is still time to attend, but the final cut-off date for all reservations (cocktail party, dinner with the authors and luncheon) is **Tuesday, March 6th**. To make a reservation for any of these wonderful events, please phone Julie Bronstein with your credit card information: 480-797-5691.

The Luncheon on Monday March 12th at the Sheraton Grand is the result of the efforts of over 100 Brandeis volunteers under the leadership of Book & Author Chair, Carol Abrams. Everyone has worked diligently to make this day as near perfect as possible. The Author committee, which is comprised of Joyce Grant, Beth Messer and Barbara Stern, has brought us the authors who have written the most popular and acclaimed books of the year. See our website at www.brandeisphoenix.org for more interesting details about the authors and reviews of their books.

Thanks to Brina Pepper, Daron Barness and Henriette Hasley, there will be fantastic boutiques, which will make us want to "shop until we drop." Many of us wait all year to visit our favorite vendors. A day of food for the mind and souvenirs for the soul!

Our volunteers have worked all year to attend to every detail that this event requires. We are all proud and devoted to raising money for Brandeis University's "Sustaining the Mind Campaign." This fund, which supports scholarships and research, helped Professors Michael Rosbash and Jeffrey Hall win the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Their research is instrumental in understanding the causes of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Autism. There is still time to support this worthy cause by attending this phenomenal event. For transportation, contact Judy Krockey at bobjudyaz@aol.com, Arline Salbe at arlinebncphx@gmail.com or Sue Karp at suekarp1@me.com. Our table captains, registrars and greeters will make you feel welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

All our best,

Nancy Sacks-Goldberg and Iris Wigal, Co- Presidents

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Book & Author's

Fabulous Boutiques! Don't Miss A Thing!

ARIZONA BED SHEETS:

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

NEW!

BETH SOLEM JEWELRY:

Spectacular sterling silver 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



NEW!

MIMI DESIGNS:

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

OH SO TOES:

NEW!

High-end and luxury socks from all over the world

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

NEW!

WAND OF FIRE:

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

NEW!

i2i OPTIQUE:

Fashionable and stylish readers, sunglasses and eyeglass cases

NEW!

INSPIRED JEWELRY:

Amazing, one-of-a-kind wearable art

JACQUELINE B (California):

Women's clothing at very good prices - sweaters, Italian silk dresses, blouses, T-shirts and great sweat suits

NEW!

MASTER POTTER LUPE SOTO:

from Mata Ortiz Village in Mexico: contemporary design, stunning handmade pottery by Master Potters from Chihuahua, Mexico

We thank these vendors for donating 20% of their sales at Book & Author 2018 to the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis University.



Bookmark Donors

There is still time to become a Bookmark donor! Join us on Sunday evening, March 11th, at the Bookmark Cocktail Reception and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful Biltmore Estates setting, while at the same time supporting groundbreaking medical research at Brandeis University. For more details [Click HERE](#). The final cut-off date for reservations is **Tuesday, March 6th**. To attend, please phone Julie Bronstein with your credit card information: 480-797-5691.

~ Janis Lipman and Susan Rollins, Bookmark co-Chairs

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Special thanks to our Bookmark Donors!
This list is current as of the date of printing.

28th Annual Book & Author Committee

Event Chair: Carol Abrams

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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 3rd 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 7th 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 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 1st Avenue Station. From there, you can walk 3 blocks east to the hotel at 3rd 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 12th at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix!

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

ARIZONA AUTHORS

March 19th, 12:30-2:00 pm
Scottsdale JCC

The speaker for the March 19th meeting of Arizona Authors will be Steve Weitzenkorn with his historical novel, *Shakespeare's Conspirator: The Woman, The Writer, The Clues*.

Could a Jewish woman have written many of Shakespeare's plays?

This novel is about the life and legacy of Amelia Bassano Lanier, a Jewish woman and early feminist, largely lost in the sweep of history. Strong circumstantial evidence suggests she may have written many of Shakespeare's most famous plays and embedded a web of clues pointing to her authorship.

There is no hard evidence supporting Shakespeare's authorship of the plays. There is more circumstantial evidence supporting Amelia Bassano than Shakespeare. Clues to Amelia's authorship are scattered throughout 22 or more scripts.

Shakespeare's Conspirator, is an intriguing historical novel depicting how this may have come about.

RSVP required to Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com

Guests welcome with a \$5.00 charge.



MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)



FEED THE HUNGRY

On Tuesday morning, March 13th, the Men of Brandeis will tour the St. Mary's Food Bank facilities in west Phoenix. Lunch will follow after the tour.

St. Mary's Food Bank is a community-based organization. Individual donors, corporate donors, and private grants help feed hungry individuals and families in our area. Serving two-thirds of Arizona's 15 counties, they are committed to volunteerism, building community relationships and improving the quality of life for Arizonans in need. St. Mary's distributes food to nearly 500 nonprofit partners in 13 Arizona counties. These agencies include food pantries, dining halls, homeless shelters, and more. Their vision is to see that no child goes to bed hungry, so they can live healthy and productive lives. St. Mary's Food Bank operates programs that fight child hunger, including Kids Café® and the Backpack Program. In addition, they have a 12-week culinary training program aimed at giving students a second chance in life by providing all of the skills necessary to be successful in the food service industry.

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

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation (marked with an * on the monthly calendar) may have openings from time to time. If you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Look for the monthly calendar on pages 9-12 for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply.

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

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice President

Study Group News – Looking Ahead

2017-2018 has been the most successful Study Group season in our Chapter's history, and it's not over yet. The chapter continues to attract new members and a major part of that attraction is the availability of many and varied study groups in which to participate.

To continue this success, we need your help. As we begin to think of next season (yes, your Study Group Team is already looking ahead to next year) we are looking for facilitators with ideas for new groups. Ask yourself the following questions:

- ☐ Do you have an idea for a study group that you want to facilitate? (Note: we especially welcome input from our Men of Brandeis members.)
- ☐ Are you interested in starting a group (hiking? film? lunch?) that meets on Sunday?
- ☐ Would you enjoy leading a limited group discussion (4 sessions) on a favorite topic or activity?
- ☐ Do you have a special interest, talent or skill that you want to share with others?
- ☐ Are you a winter resident who wants to create a group (i.e. weekly Mah-Jongg or Canasta) that begins in January?

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!

(Training will be provided)

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, you already have all you need to be a wonderful Study Group Facilitator. Identify an activity, the day, dates and times you'd like to meet (we can help you with scheduling) and start a study group in the 2018-2019 season! Find a friend to co-facilitate the group with you. 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.

For more information and to share your proposed study group's details, please contact the Study Group VPs at

phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel



Spring Luncheon and Installation Something To Chew On!

April 13th ~ 11:00

**DoubleTree Resort, 5401 N. Scottsdale Road,
Paradise Valley-Scottsdale 85250**

**Celebrate our Incoming Officers
and Board of Directors and Listen to
Lucia Schnitzer, Restaurateur and Entrepreneur**



Lucia's restaurants and marketplaces are landmarks helping to support the Valley's economy and communities. Her personal story is unique, her spirit is contagious.

Lucia Schnitzer was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 while breast-feeding her then 6 month-old daughter. During her treatment and recovery, her husband, Ken, raised the idea of opening a coffee bar and health store. After some resistance to the idea, Lucia ultimately agreed. Luci's Healthy Marketplace started to take shape. Ken's fight to open Luci's while helping to raise their four children under five years old, while both his wife and sister-in-law fought breast cancer, plays an important part in Lucia's journey. Once Lucia's treatment plans were finished, with the support of their family, Luci's opened for business in 2008. For the reservation form, [Click HERE](#).

Truda Chick, Luncheon Chair



Study Groups at Play!

The Studio Art study group visited Brian Lensink, an artist who makes beautiful wood items and mobiles.

Photo by Char Hajny

Leisure Hikers Group on the
Brown's Ranch Trail, Scottsdale
Photo by Simon Burrow



***SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:**

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

MAR	GROUP	TIME		FACILITATORS
TBD	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch jbkluxury@yahoo.com 480-458-7876
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	Details of the activities will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard mlphx@cox.net 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
TBD	THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	11:45	Join us for a one-act play at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to the participants	Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806
TBD	OPERA BUFFS	TBD	Facilitators will notify group members of specific dates and activities by email.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky stievsky@yahoo.com 440-503-3339
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 n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 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 ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
1 8 15 22 29	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG *	12:00	This group is intended for advanced intermediate/ experienced players with complete knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules, ability to maintain speedy pace and play defensively. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
1	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
2 23	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
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 ronika1@aol.com 602-790-7603 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 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 buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
3	RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP	7:00 PM	This co-ed evening group participates in stimulating topics and conversations. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306
4	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ *	10:30	Details will be emailed to participants.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 602-354-5006 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958*

MAR	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 mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
5	POLITICAL HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP *	7:00 PM	Participants will be notified of the book and meeting location.	Mark Stern, Ph.D. mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
6	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 n.siefer@gmail.com 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 marciala@msn.com 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 gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
6 13 20 27	SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	11:45	Canasta group for experienced players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Contact a facilitator for location.	Nancy Lirtzman nlirtzman@gmail.com 847-217-6963 Pat Miller patrmiller@gmail.com 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz sussholz2@gmail.com 847-363-0172
6	FIRST TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP	1:30	The facilitators will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
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 ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 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 lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com 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 clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
8	BOOK BROTHERS *	10:00	This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. Participants will be notified of the book to be discussed and the meeting location.	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631
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 builidor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenhheimer mrsbachy@mac.com 412-780-0730
8	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	*NOTE DATE CHANGE* RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
13	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	TBD	*NOTE DATE CHANGE* Tour the St. Mary's Food Bank facilities in west Phoenix. Lunch will follow after the tour. RSVP to Leith. See page 6 for more details.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540

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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 andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
13	NOVEL WOMEN WHO READ	6:30 PM	This evening book group meets for book discussion and refreshments. Contact the facilitator book to be discussed and for directions.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 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 afsplays@gmail.com 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 The Coffee Plantation near Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
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 bfabrams4109@gmail.com 312-965-4109
18	SUNDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES WITH ABBY & JOHN!	10:00	Meet at the AMC Desert Ridge 18 and then go to Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge Marketplace to enjoy a nosh and talk about the movie.	Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba
18 25	A TASTE OF WISE AGING	10:30	Explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. Based on the first chapters of the book: Wise Aging by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Meet in north central Scottsdale. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks anitabh@cox.net 602-956-9711
19	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	The speaker will be Steve Weitzenkorn with his historical novel, Shakespeare's Conspirator: The Woman, The Writer, The Clues. You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. See page 6 for more details. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 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 builidor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
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 mss29@comcast.net 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 suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Sheila Landau builidor2@cox.net 602-809-5100

MAR	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
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 ramyers@aol.com 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 buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Harriet Schwartz harriet0715@gmail.com 602-738-0801
23	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
24	AT THE BALLET	2:00	Enjoy the ballet Today's Masters. For more information, see the website: www.balletaz.org . If a participant cannot attend a performance, that person is solely responsible for finding a substitute. Contact the facilitator for details.	Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net 602-469-8600
26	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE *	1:00	This book group focuses on Mystery & Suspense. We will meet at 18 ⁰ , the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, in Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 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 peanuts526@aol.com 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 nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 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 michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 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 mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 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 lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800



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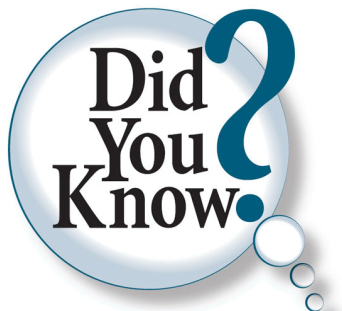
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- ❖ We wish Helen Greenberg a speedy recovery.
- ❖ We wish Lori Roth a speedy recovery.
- ❖ Our sincere condolences to the family of Sue Ehrenreich Koslow on her passing.
- ❖ Our sincere condolences to the family of Marian Leibsohn on her passing.
- ❖ Our sincere condolences to Kathleen and Jay Witkin, on the passing of Jay's mother, centenarian Frances Witkin.



New and Rejoining Members

Steven Arkoff, Roberta Berger, Thea Glicksman,
Louise Kapner, Dennis Kesden, Freyda Libman, Nancy Lipman,
Evie Peskin, Sylvia Smolensky, Judy Sternberg



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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Open Meeting and Election of Officers



Our speaker,
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Sue Lawler, Marcia Langer

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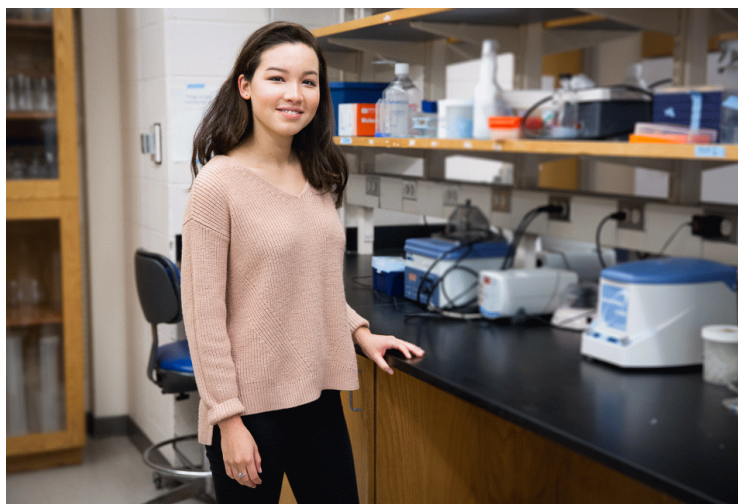


3 Arlenes!
Arlene Feldman, Arlene Gluck, Arline Salbe

**Thank you
to JJ's Deli and
our bakers for
providing the
delicious nosh!**



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Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Biotech Student Hopes Her Research Will Enable Long-term Space Exploration

As a dual MS/MBA student in the Biotechnology program, Ana Ward combines disparate interests in botany, astronomy, and bioengineering with a singular focus: to research the impacts of outer space on terrestrial life and help pave the way for long-term space exploration.

Growing up in south Florida, Ana always had an interest in plants, experimenting with the tomatoes in her garden and pollinating them by hand to produce better yields. An internship at the USDA's Invasive Plant Research Laboratory gave Ana the opportunity to work with plants outside of her garden, and she decided to pursue her interest in botany further. As an undergraduate at the University of Florida, she studied agronomy and plant sciences, but also discovered a passion for astronomy and the planetary sciences. This led her to work at the Planetary Geology Laboratory, where she first began to investigate galactic cosmic radiation, or GCR, which she continues to study today.

The idea of growing crops on Mars or the moon inspires the public imagination, but knowledge of how GCR would affect seeds transported through space would be essential to the success of such a project. "Mankind's transit to outer space will take terrestrial biology outside of the protection of Earth's magnetic field and expose organisms to GCR," says Ana. "These rays originate outside of the solar system and consist primarily of high energy protons and atomic nuclei." Seeds affected by GCR will likely undergo genomic changes that threaten the plant's survival. "The consequences are poorly understood and little research has been done to understand the effects of GCR exposure on seed biology."

Ana hopes that completing a master's degree in Biotechnology will help her better understand the challenges associated with the pursuit of agriculture in space. She chose to attend Brandeis because of its stellar reputation as a research institution, the comprehensive but flexible nature of its Biotechnology program, and her acceptance into the 2018 Diversity, Excellence and Inclusion Scholarship (DEIS) cohort. "I was initially unsure about attending a master's program because I was not in a position where it was financially feasible. The support of the DEIS program has allowed me to pursue my academic and career goals," says Ana. "Also, being a graduate student can be quite hectic. The intense immersion into the interdisciplinary field of biotechnology and the individual growth I experience are extremely exciting and makes the stressful moments worth it."

After graduation, Ana hopes to conduct research in a European aerospace center, possibly as part of a doctoral program. The program's dual MS/MBA degree feature has been a perfect fit with her future goals. "Eventually I would like to perhaps manage a space biotechnology company," she says, "but my long term career goal is to pave the way for future long-duration space exploration and mankind's potential transition to outer space."

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January 2018

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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

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I [haven't] read." ~ Abraham Lincoln

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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:
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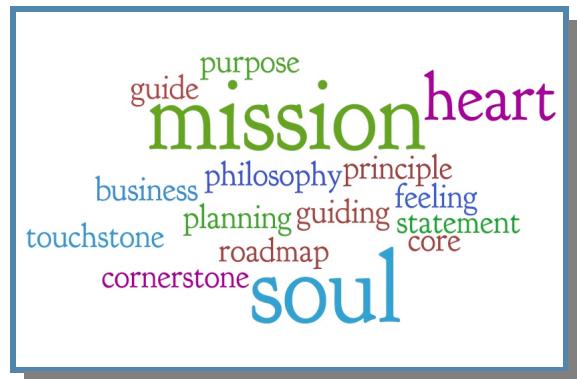


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Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com
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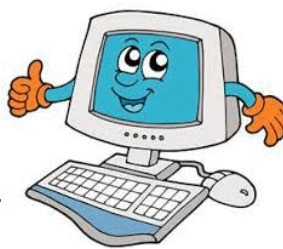
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Chapter Roster

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. 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.

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Board Meetings

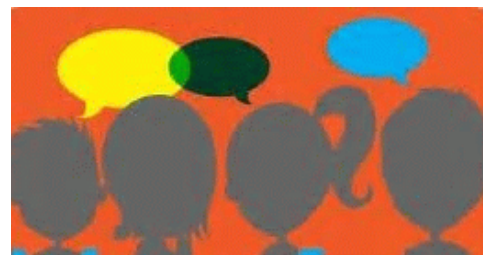
Did you know that all Chapter Board meetings are open to our members? You are welcome to join us the third Wednesday of every month (except for our July hiatus) at 10:30 am. If you are interested in attending, email either of our chapter presidents to let them know you are coming and for driving directions.

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BOARD CALENDAR

March

7 Executive Committee Meeting
21 Board Meeting



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

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