

AUGUST 2019



It's almost here - the BNC 2019 - 2020 Study Group season!

Most of your favorite activities are returning, plus we have several new offerings, for a total of 59 groups. We are delighted to present a wonderful array of activities from which to choose - there is something fun and interesting for every BNC Phoenix member, every day of the week.



GAMES: Playing, Learning
INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS: Elections | Discussion Groups
THE ARTS: Music | Writing | Film | Theater | Ballet
Books and Authors | Active Groups | Discussion Groups
Lunch | Food | Design | Exploring the Valley
Community Outreach | Self-improvement | Crafts

See Page 3 for more details.



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

It is summer in Arizona and we are fortunate to be kept busy and entertained with our Summer Camp activities. For this, we thank Carol Isacson and Alisa Schwartz for chairing this terrific endeavor. We also thank all of our Summer Camp facilitators. As always, our wonderful member volunteers lead and facilitate our activities. Our BNC Phoenix Chapter could not exist without our members "stepping up to the plate."

Thinking ahead, it is now time to plan our Autumn, Winter and Spring BNC Calendar. Please check out the Study Guide when it arrives in your inbox later this month. The Study Guide will be amazing, with 59 study groups being offered to our members this year. There are over 80 facilitators, 20 of them new, and there is something for everyone! Thank you to Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin, our VP's of Study Groups, and their committee for coordinating this awesome task.

Our Programming VP's Bonnie Clewans and Judy Krockey and their committee are busy planning our exciting Chapter events.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of our Book & Author Luncheon. It will be spectacular!

Membership VP's Leith Baletin and Carol Kadet tell us that renewing or joining the BNC Phoenix Chapter online has made the entire process much easier.

We are so fortunate to be in a win-win situation. Being BNC members, we can pursue opportunities for leadership and personal growth while we support the important work of Brandeis University. We support the cutting-edge research being conducted in labs at Brandeis. We support scholars working on potentially life-saving breakthroughs, while nurturing the next generation of leading scientists.

Aren't we the lucky ones!

Marcia Langer & Judy Levine
Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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STUDY GROUP NEWS

THE ARTS: At the Ballet and Theater & Lunch Series are returning. Also returning is our subscription Series, **Roz Fischer Concerts & Conversations**, joined by new **Writing Your Stories**.

BOOKS: Brandeis members love to read. In addition to the popular **Arizona Author Speaker Series** are the returning **Jewish Book Group**, **B-Puzzled: Mystery & Suspense**, **Central Phx Readers** and **First Tuesday Book Group**. Joining them are **Book Brothers**, **Monday Mystery Ladies**, the **Second Tuesday AM Book Group**, **Books for the Armchair Traveler** and **Raise Your Consciousness, Change Your Life**. New this year is **Poets Laureate**.

CINEMA: If you like going to the movies, we have a new group this year, **Foreign Film Foodies**. **Camelview**, **Shea 14 Review & Lunch**, **First Friday Films & Feasts** and **Movie Talk and Munchies** are returning this year. Also returning is **Study with the Best: Potpourri of Classic Movies**, which will "feature" discussions of three films, using Brandeis-authored and other materials.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: BNC Phoenix continues to give back to the community with our **Mitzvah Mavens** group. **Knit a Mitzvah** returns to knit or crochet scarves and newborn baby caps for donations to local organizations and hospitals.

FITNESS: Stay fit with BNC friends as the **Intermediate Hiking Club**, **Leisure Hiking**, **Bowlero Via Linda Lanes**, **Play Golf**, **Jewels of the Desert Mini-Hiking** and **Yoga** return for your health and enjoyment.

FOOD: Our ever-popular **Tuesday and Wednesday Lunch Bunch** and **Neighborhood Haunts** groups are back, complemented by our **Just Desserts** group and the new **Off the Beaten Path** lunch group.

For details and to sign up for groups, see the Study Group Guide and Registration Form, coming soon to our website:

www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

STUDY GROUP NEWS

INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS: If discussion groups are to your liking, there are two **Contemporary Issues** groups, along with the aptly named **Current Events** group. Other groups include the **Restless Minds Discussion Group** and new this year is the **2020 Presidential Nomination Process and Election**.

MEN OF BRANDEIS: The extremely popular and active **Men of Brandeis (MOB)** group returns for a ninth year with an exciting schedule of discussions, activities - and of course, lunch!

VALLEY ADVENTURES: Calling all explorers! **Boomers, Culture in AZ, Phoenicians of BNC, Sun Lakes Potpourri** and our happy hour group, **Don't Worry, Be Happy Hour**, are all back, joined by the new **Movers and Shakers, Ancient Peoples of Central AZ** and **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**.

SPECIAL INTEREST: There are several diverse groups this year: **Explore the World of Interior Design, Staying Relevant, Putting Your Life in Motion**, and the new **A Bisseleh Yiddishkeit** and **A Community-Building Group for Couples**.

GAMES: Seasoned gamers or eager beginners - we have a group for you! There is **Bridging It!** for intermediate bridge players, **Simply Scrabble**, and the **Beginners** and **Intermediate Mah Jongg** groups. Joining them, we have two groups teaching beginning canasta, as well as the new **Advanced Canasta for Fun** for experienced canasta players. For the first time, there is an **Evening Coed Partners Canasta** group.

BALLET AFICIONADOS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to take advantage of group ticket sale prices for the 2019-2020 Ballet season, you may join the **At The Ballet** study group **right now**, 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



STUDY GROUP NEWS

REGISTRATION

The cost per study group is \$20 (\$25 for Men of Brandeis, Concerts & Conversations and Arizona Authors Speaker Series). Since many groups fill early, send in your registration form as soon as you can! If you've joined our groups before, then you already know how wonderful they are; if you're a new member, you have a real treat in store. Look through the Study Group Guide, join all the groups that interest you - and tell your friends!

MEMBERSHIP

Brandeis Study Groups are for the benefit of BNC members only. If you have not yet renewed or joined, you must before you can be registered for a study group.

The 2019-2020 fiscal year brings some technology changes to BNC for annual membership dues. Registration is online this year! The membership fee is \$60 for an individual or \$100 for a couple and covers our fiscal year through June 30, 2020.

[Click HERE](#) to go to the BNC Membership page.

If you need assistance with online registration:

If your last name begins with A - L, call Irene Lubin at 480-948-3773

If your last name begins with M - Z, call Bruce Galin at 480-661-0842



Watch for the Study Group Guide and Registration Form announcement, coming to your computer, phone and tablet soon. You will get an email as soon as they're available on our website.

SPECIAL NOTE TO WINTER RESIDENTS:

Since some Groups reach their group maximums very quickly, we suggest signing up from wherever you are spending the summer months. Watch for the eblast later this month that will announce that the Guide is online.

For more information, please contact the Study Group Vice Presidents
at phxstudygroups@gmail.com
Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin, Study Group Vice-Presidents



BNC Fall Event

Friday, October 11, 2019

Save the Date

Summer is almost over and we're busy working on interesting and informative programs for the coming year. BNC Phoenix has been very fortunate to obtain Josh Trachtenberg, Neuroscientist as our speaker for the Fall Event.

Josh Trachtenberg graduated from Brandeis in 1990 and is a leader in studying the living brain in action using advanced imaging technology. After establishing his research laboratory at UCLA, he founded a company – Neurolabware – in order to build the sophisticated custom research microscopes that are needed to perform groundbreaking work in understanding how the brain develops and how diseases and injuries interrupt its normal functioning.

Due to your generosity, Brandeis University is in the process of acquiring one of these advanced microscopes that can observe fundamental processes. The two-photon microscope allows researchers to understand and see inside the living brain and observe the effect of illness.

In the past, the brain could only be studied upon death. The two-photon microscope has made it possible to study a disease while the patient is alive. The implications are unlimited.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, October 11th - more information and Reservation Forms will be in the September Bulletin!

Volunteer Outreach Program Please join us!

This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with everyone after the summer and find out how to get involved. Whether you're a new member, a prospective member or an existing member, everyone is welcome!

Monday, September 16, 2019 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

Temple Chai
4645 E. Marilyn Road, Phoenix

RSVP to Terriann Kleiner - tkleiner@gmail.com
Volunteer Outreach Committee



Prepare To
Roll Up Your
Sleeves -
while
having
FUN!

Programming Committee Meeting

The
Programming
Committee
Wants You!

Wednesday, September 25th at 10:00 am

Fall will soon be upon us and with it another season of programming events for our chapter. Several members have approached us with ideas for some new and exciting programs. We hope you will join our committee - we need your talents and offer you the chance to plan events with friends while also meeting new people and forging new friendships!

The first programming committee will take place on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 10:00 am**. (See page 11 for details.) Our first program will be held Friday, October 11, 2019. We hope you can join us on September 25th - we look forward to hearing from you.

Bonnie Clewans and Judy Krockey, Programming VPs

RSVP to: Bonnie Clewans beadorder@aol.com 602-509-4507
Judy Krockey bobjudyaz@aol.com 480-816-1221

Study Group Orientation for New Members



Photo by Gale Gradus



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
 Leith Baletin at lbaletin@gmail.com 480-874-9434

Membership News

- ◆ Congratulations to Lorrie and Howard Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, Reese Jameson Hug. Proud parents are Jamie and Nathan Hug.
- ◆ Congratulations to Nancy Elkins Davis on the birth of her grandson, Ari Nathan Grossman. Proud parents are Sarah and Doni Grossman.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to the family of Judy Frank.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Glenna Gibbons on the passing of her brother, Lark Flanigan.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Valerie Harris on the passing of her son-in-law, Nathan Van Briesen.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Joellyn Pollock on the passing of her husband, Jerry.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Debra Seplow on the passing of her husband, Andrew.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to the family of Ellie Shapiro.
- ◆ Our sincere condolences to Bud Wagner and the family of Elaine Wagner.



New and Rejoining Members

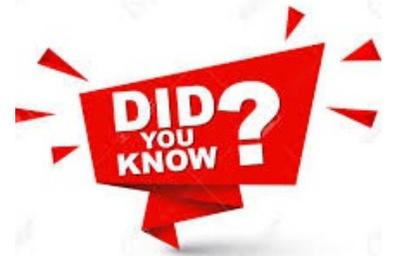
Ann Appel, Marcia Benjamin, Moselle Benjamin, Ilene Blau, Albert Carrino, Derek Davis, Jill Davis, Shirley Fisher, Dayle Friedman, Miles Gilburne, Norma Green, BJ (Betty Jane) Hernandez, David Hirschfield, Tamie Kaufman, Billie Keitelman, Laurie Kessler, Stuart Kessler, Alan Kremin, Isadore Lifshitz, Marilyn Lillienfeld, Ken Lirtzman, Julie Lubar, Richard Mendelson, Heidi Leverant, Gale Pincus, Steven Pincus, Arthur W. Provost, Shirley Reis, Ken Rimer, Terri Rimer, Gail Robins, Jodi Schneider, Richard Schneider, Elaine Stone, Ruth Wachs, Roger Walton, Jasenka Zbozinek, Ginny Zelov, Nina Zolt

Member-to-Member

Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an activity 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 outing
- ◆ Participate in a community service activity



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

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENTS

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 Carol Kadet carolkadet@gmail.com 415-828-1299



Volunteer Outreach Program
Monday, September 16, 2019
Temple Chai

BNC Fall Event
Friday, October 11, 2019
Starfire Golf Club

University on Wheels
Friday, January 10, 2020

**Bookmark Donors
Cocktail Reception**
Thursday, February 20, 2020

**Book & Author
30th Anniversary Event**
Friday, February 21, 2020
The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa

Spring Event
TBD



We Value Your Privacy

All members' contact information shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential and not be shared with other organizations.

Friendly Reminder Chapter Policy:

Please remember that any information discussed at a Brandeis National Committee event, planning meeting, and/or board meeting is to be used for **Brandeis purposes alone** and is **not to be shared** with friends, relatives or members of other local organizations. Funds raised at or by Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter events are for the sole purpose of supporting BNC. Therefore, monetary collections and solicitations for the benefit of other organizations at Brandeis events, including study groups, is inappropriate. All directories, phone numbers, addresses and emails shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain for Brandeis business use only and not shared with other organizations.

**RECENT MOVE?
NEW PHONE NUMBER
OR EMAIL ADDRESS?**



Please contact our Membership Database Manager Ms. Bruce Galin with your changes to make sure we don't lose touch.

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com

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.

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

Just 3 Things

Jewish Family and Children's Services
(JFCS)

*Real World Job Development
and Youth*

In Transition programs.

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

Help JFCS stock the

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

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

Contact Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@gmail.com



Knit A Mitzvah

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



Last season, the Study Group presented
404 newborn baby caps and 16 blankets
to Honor Health Scottsdale Medical center and 25 scarves to
Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Next season, we will also be making Chemo Caps to be
donated to Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Honor Health.

For more information, please contact:
 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393

BNC Summer Campers!

On June 3rd, a group of BNC summer campers,
helped assemble 100 backpacks for Jewish Family
and Children Services. These backpacks will be
distributed to elementary school students in grades
1-6. Thanks to BNC ladies for helping with the
3rd annual project.

For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:
 Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 am
Temple Chai
4645 E. Marilyn Road, Phoenix
(West of Tatum, South of Greenway)

Did you know that all Chapter Board meetings are open to our members? You are welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of every month (except July and August) 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.

Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com
 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com

Board List

For a full list of the Phoenix Chapter Board members, [Click HERE](#).

Executive Vice Presidents,

Jan Lebovitz - janice.lebovitz@gmail.com

Linda Ullman - linda@lindaullman.com



Please share it here!

Programming Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 am
Watch your email for details.

We need your input in planning our upcoming events.
 Looking forward to seeing you!

Any questions, please contact
 Co-Vice Presidents

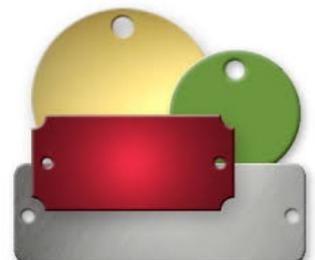
Bonnie Clewans (602) 509-4507
beadorder@aol.com

Judy Krockey (815) 735-6866
bojudyz@aol.com

Name Tags

Would you prefer not to wear the stick-on name tags used at Brandeis functions? Brandeis has solved the problem. We are offering personalized, magnetic Brandeis name tags for \$13.00, including shipping. You can get your name tag by filling out the order form and mailing it to the listed address.

[Click HERE](#) for order form.



Make A Donation

Celebrating a birthday, milestone or looking for the best way to honor the memory of a loved one?

Gifts to the Brandeis National Committee support:

BOOK FUND - Libraries are the heart of a great university, the lifeline of teaching, learning and research. Make an impact on one of America's leading research universities.

SCHOLARSHIP - Financial assistance plays a pivotal role in upholding Brandeis' founding principle of equal access to higher education, regardless of a student's financial circumstance.

SUSTAINING THE MIND - Brandeis National Committee's "Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships" fund fosters research in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases.

PLANNED GIVING - Planned gifts provide donors the opportunity to meet both their philanthropic and financial goals. Examples of planned gifts include charitable-gift annuities, bequests, deferred annuities, charitable-remainder trusts and donor-advised funds.

For all your donation needs [Click HERE](#) to go to the Brandeis website **Making a Gift** page.

If online donation is not available to you, contact: Sue Lawler 602-525-0231

suelawler9@gmail.com

We accept credit card donations. Tributes start at \$10. A card will be sent to your honoree.

Brandeis Art Cards

The BNC is excited and proud to introduce Brandeis Art Cards. These all-occasion cards feature original works of art from Brandeis students. The four different designs wrapped in packages of four are sold for \$14 per package. All cards are blank on the inside and feature the artists' information on the back.



Donations

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If online donation is not available to you, contact: Sue Lawler 602-525-0231 suelawler9@gmail.com

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Donor	Recipient	Occasion
GENERAL BOOK FUND		
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Terriann and Rich Kleiner Judy and Warren Levine Nancy Sacks-Goldberg Arline Salbe Harriet Schwartz & Richard Askinazi Sunshine Fund	Bonnie Clewans " " " " "	Speedy Recovery " " " " "
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LEARNED RESEARCH JOURNAL		
Joan Gill	Sandy and Marty Rosencrans	65 th Wedding Anniversary
MAGNIFY THE MIND		
Marjorie & Jerry Bold Karen Kaiz Sue & Bob Karp " Judy Krockey	Arlene Feldman Carol Isacson Roberta & Marty Scharf Barbara Stern Pinki Lifshitz	In honor of birth of great grandson, Caleb George In honor of Carol Isacson In honor of 50 th wedding anniversary In honor of your Bat Mitzvah In honor of Pinki Lifshitz
Contemporary Readers Book Group Bonnie Furst Nancy Herman Judy Krockey Ruth Anne Myers	Allen Frank Faith Zubasky and Family Emma Goldberg & Peter Evans Anne Wright Bud Wagner	In memory of Judy Frank In memory of Alvin Zubasky In memory of Ila Sue Stone In memory of Craig T. Wright In memory of Elaine Wagner
SCHOLARSHIP		
Barbara Stern	Allen Frank	In memory of Judy Frank
SUSTAINING THE MIND		
Georgia Heller	Margot O'Donnell	In memory of Wayne O'Donnell

Brandeis Happenings

Brandeis places 5th in *Nature's* global rankings

By Lawrence Goodman

Nature, one of the most prestigious scientific journals, has ranked Brandeis 5th globally in its annual survey of institutions with the highest output of top-quality research in the natural sciences.

The journal described the top-tier institutions in the Nature Index Annual Table as "punching above their weight in producing high-quality research."

The rankings were calculated based on the share of articles published in 2018 by an institution's researchers in 82 prestigious scientific journals as a proportion of their overall output. This method, used for the first time this year, gives more recognition to schools with fewer faculty, but with a higher percentage publishing in premier journals.

Among the other institutions in the top five were the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, The Rockefeller University in New York and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

Read the full story in BrandeisNow. www.brandeis.edu/now/2019/june/nature-ranking-index

Date: June 25, 2019



Summer Camp Activities



Creating a Chemical-Free Home

Photo by Gale Gradus



Taking in the cars at the Martin Auto Museum

Photo by Chuck Abrams