

Brandeis

BRANDEIS NATIONAL
COMMITTEE
Phoenix Chapter

2023 * 2024 STUDY GUIDE



About Brandeis University

This year Brandeis is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in recognition of the 75th anniversary of its founding. Many events have been planned to celebrate this historic milestone. Characterized by academic excellence since its founding in 1948, Brandeis is one of the youngest private research universities in the United States, as well as the only nonsectarian Jewish-sponsored college or university. It is regarded as one of the pre-eminent liberal arts and research universities in the country and was granted a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter just 13 years after its founding, a distinction earned by fewer than 10% of U.S. colleges and universities. Brandeis counts among its faculty and alumni a Nobel Laureate, MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” recipients, Pulitzer Prize winners and a number of Emmy Award-winning actors, broadcasters and producers. Brandeis University stresses an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge and the solution to real life problems. The campus community remains devoted to the concept of social justice, a legacy inherited from the namesake of the university, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

BNC Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee (BNC) 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, non-sectarianism and service to the community.



BNC Phoenix Chapter Presidents' Message

On behalf of the Brandeis National Committee's (BNC) Phoenix Chapter, we welcome you to the 2023-2024 Study Group year.

Our members have many opportunities to expand their social horizons and to make new friends. Members with similar interests come together in study/interest groups, such as book groups, movie review groups, hiking groups, dining groups, current events and other discussion groups, as well as cultural activities around the valley.

It is our great fortune that we have so many talented members who use their skills to both facilitate and engage in our study groups. We offer enormous thanks to our facilitators for their efforts. Lifelong learning is one of the tenets of our mission and ensures the vitality of our chapter.

Our Study Groups are both in person and virtual, so chapter members have access to programming wherever they may be.

Study Groups are one more reason to be a paid-up member for the year 2023-2024. There is no doubt that our Study Groups serve as a vital membership recruiting vehicle.

Our Study Group Vice Presidents, Marcia Langer, Myral Robbins, and Harriet Schwartz as well as their committee and the study group facilitators spend countless hours doing all in their power to provide wonderful experiences for our members. They have our huge gratitude and thanks.

Here's to a very successful year for learning, enjoying the wonders of our surroundings and most importantly a healthy year for all.

Ellen Widoff and Leith Baletin

Co-Presidents, BNC Phoenix Chapter



Welcome

Dear Members,

We are very excited to share with you this year's Study Guide. Our groups span a wide range of interests, with many of our favorite groups returning from last year, along with many new groups to choose from.

With so many groups offered in our Study Guide this season, you will have to make some choices. Please keep in mind that many of our groups fill up quickly, so plan to register as soon as possible, **even if you will not be back in Arizona until winter**. Since study groups are available only to current members of the Brandeis National Committee (BNC), now is the time to join or renew, which you can do online by going to the [BNC Membership](#) page.

An eblast with registration information will be sent in late August to the email address we have on record, so please be sure we have your preferred one. Please watch for this very important eblast.

The registration link will not be active on the [Study Group page](#) of the BNC Phoenix website until General Registration is opened for everyone at the same time.

We suggest you review [What's New](#) this year and the instructions for [How to Register](#) (starting on page 6) in advance, and then make a list of your choices **BEFORE** going into the BNC online registration application. This will ensure a more positive registration experience.

Please share this Study Guide with any of your friends who are not yet members of BNC and talk to them about joining.

We certainly hope you will take advantage of all that our BNC Phoenix Chapter has to offer for the 2023-2024 season.

Your Study Group VPs,

Marcia Langer, Myral Robbins and Harriet Schwartz

Questions: phxstudygroups@gmail.com or 602-730-1222

2023-24 Study Groups

**LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!**

FIVE GROUPS THE FIRST WEEK

This year you will be allowed to register for up to 5 groups **during the first week** of the chapter-wide registration.

This change was made so more members will have an opportunity to register for groups without running into “this group is closed” flag during the first day or two of registration. **You may register for additional groups during the second week of registration and any time after that. You will get a reminder eblast.**

PAIRS/COUPLES GROUP REGISTRATION

We have several study groups this year where any two chapter members can participate as a pair/couple for a \$40 registration fee. One of the pair will register and pay for both individuals.

See the Registration instructions on the next pages for more information on the procedure to register as a pair/couple in these specific groups.

How to Register for Study Groups

READ THESE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE WE GO LIVE

(You'll be glad you did!)

Use the Guide - Review the study guide and identify the groups you wish to join before you get the eblast announcing “registration is here.” Make a list of your choices in order of preference.

Key Registration Fact - Only the group name and number, meeting times and facilitator info will be on the online registration form. To ensure you are registering for the correct group, please include this information on your “top choices” study group list that you will refer to during your online registration!

Study Group Fees - The study group fee for individuals is \$20 per group. Pairs/Couples groups are \$40. Some groups have additional fees listed. These are based on the group’s activity (i.e., venue admission, lunch expenses, facility fees, and materials).

Study Group fees make up the administrative budget of the chapter, with any excess funds going to support the Brandeis University library.

Membership Status and Email - Please be sure your [BNC Phoenix chapter membership](#) is current, and your contact information is up to date. Make certain your email is unique to you — **partners/spouses may not share an email.**

How to Register for Study Groups

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, PLEASE READ THESE

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

WATCH FOR THE EBLAST ALERTING YOU TO WHEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND THE LINK IS ACTIVE.

- ⇒ **If you are registering for the first time**, click on the **REGISTRATION LINK** on the [BNC Phoenix Study Group](#) page of the BNC website.
- ⇒ Fill out your personal data, scroll down and hit **“save and continue.”** You will be asked if you are a BNC member or not. If you are not a current member, please go to the [BNC Membership](#) page to do so, before continuing your registration.
- ⇒ The next pages in the registration system list all study groups by days of the week. You can now scroll through the list to find your preferred group using the Study Guide and your “Top Five” list as a reference.
- ⇒ Open the drop-down box to add the registration fee. **You must click on that box.**
- ⇒ **For our pairs/couples groups** you will need to also enter your Additional Person’s first & last name. They need to be a chapter member, too. One person will pay for both participants.
- ⇒ For the first week of our chapter-wide registration, you may select up to 5 groups and hit **“next.”**

How to Register for Study Groups

- ⇒ If the group(s) you want are no longer available, you will see a message saying so. At the bottom of the form, you may add your name to any waitlists for groups that are not currently available.
- ⇒ The screen that opens will summarize your personal information, list the total price for your group(s) and ask for your credit card information.
- ⇒ Enter the requested information and click on “next.”
- ⇒ The last screen lists the group(s) for which you registered and paid. **Verify all information. Then click on “SUBMIT.”**
- ⇒ If you clicked on “SUBMIT”, a final screen will open with the completed registration form. It will include any groups for which you are waitlisted. You are not charged for any waitlisted groups.
- ⇒ You will receive an email from BNC with your registration information, which can also serve as a receipt. **SAVE THIS EMAIL!* Make sure [brandeis.edu](#) is in your favorites/contact list so this email does not go to SPAM.**
- ⇒ This confirmation email contains a link if you wish to register for additional groups starting the second week of the chapter-wide registration. **Click on the link that says, “Edit my registration” and continue to add study groups. Do not create a new record under a different email address!**

***If you do not receive your confirmation email**

or you have any questions:

phxstudygroups@gmail.com

602-730-1222

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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[Delicious Dramas & Dinners](#) [#44]
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[Explore the World of Interior Design](#) [#74]
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[Introduction to Writing Your Memoirs *New*](#) [#87]
[Investing 101 *New*](#) [#26]
[Jazzy Singles *New*](#) [#68]
[Jewish Book Group](#) [#48]
[Just Desserts](#) [#39]
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- [Leisure Hiking](#) [#47]
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- [Mah Jongg for Beginners](#) [#45]
- [Matchmaker, Make Me a Shidduch *New*](#) [#57]
- [Meditation: Pathways to Peace](#) [#14]
- [Men Of Brandeis \(MOB\)](#) [#32]
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- [Minutes to Meals](#) [#55]
- [Mitzvah Mavens](#) [#86]
- [Monday Mystery Ladies](#) [#9]
- [Mosaic Art](#) [#4]
- [Movers & Shakers](#) [#89]
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- [New Yorker Short Story Discussion Group](#) [#63]
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- [People Who Repair the World *New*](#) [#88]
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- [Pizza, Pizza](#) [#17]
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- [Restless Minds Discussion Group](#) [#83]
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- [Rock 'n Roll is Here to Stay](#) [#22]
- [Second Friday Films](#) [#71]
- [Second Wednesday AM Book Group](#) [#31]
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- [Singles Supper Club](#) [#25]
- [Sizzling Sundays: Evening Movie Discussion & Dinner](#) [#84]
- [Stitchery](#) [#38]
- [Study with the Best: A Potpourri of Classic Movies](#) [#51]
- [Taco Mondays *New*](#) [#6]
- [Theater Lovers Happy Hour](#) [#15]
- [Third Thursday AM Book Group](#) [#59]
- [Wine Not! *New*](#) [#81]
- [Women of Influence *New*](#) [#41]
- [Writing Your Stories](#) [#20]

GROUPS BY DAYS OF THE WEEK

Click on the [day of the week](#) to go to the page where the descriptions for groups meeting on that day begin.

Monday

B-Puzzled: Mystery and Suspense
Canasta Kings
The China - U.S. Contestation
NEW
Great Decisions
Have You Read Any Good Books
Lately *NEW*
Hooked on Books
Monday Mystery Ladies
Mosaic Art
Taco Mondays *NEW*

Intermediate Hatha Yoga
Intermediate Mah Jongg
Meditation: Pathways to Peace
Men's Canasta Lessons
Pizza, Pizza
Rock 'n Roll is Here to Stay
Simply Scrabble
Singles Supper Club
Theater Lovers Happy Hour
Writing Your Stories

Tuesday

Beginning Cake/Treat Decorating
Camelview, Shea 14 - Movie &
Discussion
Canasta for Pairs - One *NEW*
Canasta for Pairs - Two *NEW*
Canasta Mavens
Current Events
Exploring the Valley's Treasures
Iconic Scottsdale Dining *NEW*
Investing 101 *NEW*

Wednesday

Adventures in Asian Dining *NEW*
The Agathas *NEW*
Award-Winning Jewish Books
NEW
Brandeis Bowling for Fun *NEW*
Delicious Dramas & Dinners
Don't Worry, Be Happy Hour
NEW
Foreign Film Zoomies
Just Desserts
Knit a Mitzvah

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Wednesday continued

Mah Jongg for Beginners
Men of Brandeis (MOB)
Movies of the Heart
Neighborhood Walks - One
Nonfiction Book Group
Plant-Based Cooking *NEW*
Second Wednesday AM Book
Group
Stitchery
Women of Influence *NEW*

Dine on the Town *NEW*
Intermediate Hiking Group
Introduction to Writing Your
Memoirs *NEW*
Jazzy Singles *NEW*
Jewish Book Group
Learn to Make Beautiful Fused
Glass *NEW*

Leisure Hiking
Let's Do Phoenix Hikes *NEW*
Matchmaker, Make Me a Shidduch
NEW
Minutes to Meals
Neighborhood Haunts
New Yorker Short Stories
Discussion Group
Pinochle - Learn and Play *NEW*
Study With the Best: A Potpourri of
Classic Movies
Third Thursday AM Book Group

Thursday

A Bissell Yiddish & a Nosh
Beginning & Continuing Tai Chi
Book Brothers
Books for the Armchair Traveler
Bridging It
Canasta for Beginners
Contemporary American Poets
Contemporary Issues
Contemporary Reads

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Friday

- Aging is Not for Sissies
- Artists in Residence
- The *Ethicist* *NEW*
- Explore the World of Interior Design
- First Friday Book Group
- Neighborhood Walks - Two
- Restless Minds for Men Discussion and Lunch
- Second Friday Films

Saturday

- International Wine Connoisseurs
- On Cloud Wine
- Wine Not! *NEW*



Sunday

- Gals Who Do Brunch
- Restless Minds Discussion Group
- Sizzling Sundays: Movie Discussion & Dinner

Various Days

- Boomers
- Every Day is Brunch Day *NEW*
- Mitzvah Mavens
- Movers and Shakers
- People Who Repair the World *NEW*

Monday

1. B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

This book group will focus on mystery and suspense. Books are chosen by participants and range from classic "whodunits" (Agatha Christie) to current mysteries (Louise Penny), spy novels (Daniel Silva) and psychological thrillers (Gillian Flynn). Our first meeting will be via Zoom. The book we will be discussing is *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai. **Our first meeting date is October 23, 12:00 pm.** Minimum 10, maximum 15.



Fourth Mondays, 12:00 pm (October - April)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**
Arlene Gluck aqluck1128@gmail.com **760-559-7558**

2. CANASTA KINGS



Canasta Kings is for serious and advanced canasta players who want to join a group of like-minded men on Monday afternoons at Congregation Beth Israel in Scottsdale. You will have a fun time playing cards and making new friends. We will begin in October and need at least 24 players but have room for up to 36 to play. The game will be from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. There is a one-time facility fee. Sign up now and we will email you the rules and special hands in detail, as well as the procedure to pay the facility fee. **Our first game is October 9** and we meet every Monday unless CBI is closed due to Jewish or secular holidays. See you there! Minimum 24, maximum 36.

Every Monday, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm (October - April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + \$50 facility fee**
Jeff Lerner irlerner2@cox.net **480-710-6187**
Marvin Mondlick marvin@mondlick.com **315-289-7489**
Bruce Lefco bruce.lefco@gmail.com **414-235-0969**

Monday

3. GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us for discussions based on topics in the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) *Great Decisions, 2024 Edition* briefing book. The FPA series is America's largest discussion program on world affairs and critical global issues facing the U.S. today. Participants will each purchase either the print or the digital version of the *Great Decisions 2024* briefing book. When the materials become available, the facilitators will provide pricing and ordering information to the members of the group. The facilitators will provide access to the associated videos. We plan to meet in person. Members will be expected to read the selected chapters, lead discussions and host meetings. The facilitators will select the topic for the first meeting and notify group members. For each of the following three meetings, group members will select the topic from among those in the materials. **The first meeting is Monday, January 22.** Minimum 10, maximum 18.



Fourth Mondays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (January – April)

Facilitators:.....Fee: \$20 + materials

Denis Duran	dbdlasenda@gmail.com	203-524-0054
Georgia Heller	georgiaheller@gmail.com	203-524-0053
Bob Kirschenbaum	bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com	602-614-5212

4. MOSAIC ART



Join us as we learn the art of mosaic tiling. This group will be *three sessions*, where you will learn how to use a variety of materials to create your own mosaic piece of art. Each participant will receive a 12 x 12 tile as their “canvas” to create a picture or abstract work. A \$15 materials fee will be collected at the first meeting and all materials will be provided. We will be working outside and

location will be provided to participants. **The first session will be January 22.** Maximum 12.

Mondays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (January 22, January 29 & February 5)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20 + \$15 materials fee

Debbie Gordon	mrsq395@gmail.com	602-478-1555
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Monday

5. HAVE YOU READ ANYTHING GOOD LATELY? *NEW*



This book group will take a different approach by asking participants to share, with others in the group, something they read and liked (book, story or article). Everyone will, therefore, come to each meeting with something to discuss. A short summary and a recommendation for the other readers in the group is requested, too. No restrictions on fiction, nonfiction, etc. but please leave partisan politics at home. We will meet in people’s homes. After the meeting we may go out for a snack. **Our first lively discussion is on Monday, October 16.** Minimum 10, maximum 25.

Third Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-663-3106
Joyce Steinberg	joyces12003@gmail.com	602-538-2561

6. TACO MONDAYS *NEW*



Have fun exploring taquerias around the valley while enjoying great company for lunch. We will let you know in advance if a restaurant requires cash only. Hope you can join us! **The first meeting will be October 2.** Maximum 25.

First Mondays, time varies around 11:30 am (October 2, December 4, and March 4)

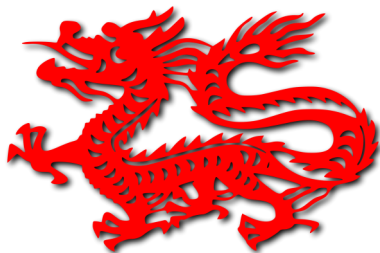
Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + meal

Patti Grossman	psgrossman717@gmail.com	602-885-0158
Terriann Kleiner	tkleiner@gmail.com	314-761-3132

Monday

7. THE CHINA - U.S. CONTESTATION *NEW*

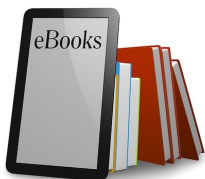
This study group will examine the contestation for economic, political and technological dominance that is occurring between China and the United States. We will meet at a location to be determined. **The first meeting will be October 9.** Minimum 8, maximum 20.



Second Monday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (October - March)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20
Mark Stern mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480

8. HOOKED ON BOOKS



If you like to read, this group is for you! We will be reading current books that we hope you will all love! Our selection for our first meeting in November is Thrity Umrigar's new book, *The Museum of Failures*. We are excited to read this, as her past books, such as *Honor*, have been a favorite of many. We will meet in person. **The first meeting will be November 6.** Minimum 10, maximum 20

First Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (November - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20
Ruth Lerner ruth.bncphx@gmail.com 480-223-8831
Linda Ullman linda@lindaullman.com 520-405-7972
Hannah Meyerson hannahm1016@gmail.com 520-403-1034
Becky Morris beckym23@att.net 847-867-2286

Monday

9. MONDAY MYSTERY LADIES

This book group will analyze mysteries written from 2000 to the present. We will meet the first Monday of the month at noon for lunch and discussion. Location details will be emailed to participants. **Our first meeting will be Monday, October 2.** LIMITED OPENINGS




First Mondays, 12:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20
Irene Mieszcanski miesirene@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

BOOK AND AUTHOR 2024



Friday, February 2, 2024 - Luncheon/Authors/
Boutiques

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Cocktail Reception
with the Authors

Westin Kierland Resort - Scottsdale

Tuesdays

10. INTERMEDIATE HATHA YOGA

In this class, we will practice and experience the many benefits of yoga, including better flexibility, more energy and more resilience to meet our challenges in a healthy way. Each session will end with a calming savasana - a complete relaxation - and handouts will be provided so participants can practice on their own. Since this is an intermediate class, participants should have a basic practice of the standard postures (asanas). If you have a pre-existing condition or specific questions, please contact the facilitator before registering. Have a mat, water and any prop (block, belt, etc.) you like to use.



Dr. Nancy Siefer, a registered and certified yoga instructor with over 20 years of teaching experience, will lead the classes via Zoom. Our classes will meet on *six consecutive Tuesday* mornings. **The first meeting will be January 9.** Maximum 24.

Six Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am (January 9 - February 13)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**

Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439

11. ICONIC SCOTTSDALE DINING *NEW*

Lunch and conversation in iconic Scottsdale resort hotels and country clubs. Expect moderately priced, high-quality food, luxurious venues and patio dining with exquisite scenery. You must RSVP each month to the facilitator to assure a spot. **Our first meeting will be October 10.** Minimum 6, maximum 12. A waitlist will be maintained.



Various Tuesdays, 12:30 pm (October 10, November 14, December 5; January 2, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 7)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20 + meal**

Andrew Tievsky atievsky@yahoo.com 214-477-5762

Tuesdays

12. CURRENT EVENTS



Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Topics will be chosen by the members. Active participation and some research are the key to great discussions. **The first meeting will be via Zoom on October 3.** Maximum 30. In the future we may hold meetings in members' homes with an optional lunch to follow.

First Tuesdays, 10:00 am (October - April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815
Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792
Bonnie Furst jisgrandma32@gmail.com 561-704-3276

13. BEGINNING CAKE/TREAT DECORATING

Looking to have your cakes resemble the ones you see on TV? In this in-person study group, you will learn the basics of how to use piping tips, fondant and different icings to make your treats look beautiful. Location will be provided after registration.



The first meeting is January 9. Maximum 12.

Second Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm (January - April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + \$9 materials fee**

Marilyn Reinfeld mkr1227@cox.net 480-620-5601
Joyce Steinberg joyces12003@gmail.com 602-538-2561

Tuesdays

14. MEDITATION: PATHWAYS TO PEACE



This Study Group will focus on how to ensure serenity amid personal transitions and challenges. We will discuss traits that enable peacefulness and use meditation experiences to achieve this goal. This study group is suitable for beginners as well as those who have an established practice. To enhance this experience, we will invite a variety of meditation practitioners to guide us. For those who attended previously, this is an opportunity to reinforce and habituate what we learned previously. Join us each week, for a total of six evening sessions via Zoom. **Our first meeting is November 14.** Minimum 15. No maximum.

Six Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm (November 14 - December 19)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Nancy Siefer	n.siefer@gmail.com	480- 577-1439
Ellen Widoff	ebwidoff@gmail.com	602-513-3138

15. THEATER LOVERS HAPPY HOUR

For our fourth season, members will stream at their leisure one 1 ½ - 3-hour play from the American and British theater for discussion by the group. Our repertoire includes videos of live plays and musicals, movie adaptations of theatrical works, contemporary movie musicals and guest lectures by theater professionals. Members should anticipate a nominal viewing charge or inexpensive cancellable monthly subscription. The group meets on various (1st or 2nd) Tuesdays for a discussion of the monthly viewing selection and theater talk. We will meet via Zoom. There will be 1-2 live happy hour meetings. **Our first meeting will be October 3.** Minimum 15.



Various Tuesdays, 4:00 pm (October 3, December 12, January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, additional 2024 dates pending)

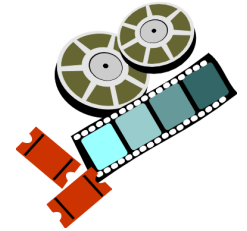
Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Andrew Tievsky	atievsky@yahoo.com	214-477-5762
Sue Rollins	serollins52@gmail.com	480-563-0411

Tuesdays

16. CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 - MOVIE & DISCUSSION

Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month at your convenience. Movies will be chosen from *Netflix*, *Amazon Prime*, *HBO*, or potentially what is playing at the local movie theater, and will then be discussed online. Occasionally a streaming movie may be chosen that will incur a small charge. Meeting notices will be emailed to participants, with the name of the movie and where to view it. **Our first discussion will be via Zoom on October 17.**



Third Tuesdays, 10:00 am (October - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
Harriet Schwartz	harriet0715@gmail.com	602-738-0801

NOTE: There are several movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

17. PIZZA, PIZZA



Join us as we enjoy a variety of noteworthy pizza (Neapolitan, Sicilian, Deep Dish, etc.) around town. Most restaurants will offer food other than pizza for those who prefer. Please note: some restaurants may require cash. **Our first lunch will be Tuesday, January 23.** Maximum 30.

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am (January- March)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + meal

Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Michelle Fischler	michelleuyules@gmail.com	602-380-1559
Beth Messer	bethmae721@gmail.com	516-857-2551

Tuesdays

18. INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG



This weekly group is intended for intermediate/experienced players with a thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. We will be playing at *Sanctuary at Desert Ridge* clubhouse, 22995 East 46th St. in Phoenix. The gate code will be provided after people register. **Our first meeting will be October 17.** Minimum 4, maximum 20.

Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Sharon Agopian agopsh@agopian.us 216-849-5771
 Eileen Nelson enelson3@aol.com

19. EXPLORING THE VALLEY'S TREASURES

We look forward to our second season of exploration! This is a unique group, which offers experiences in the areas of history, culture and/or science. The activities may consist of a walking tour, attending special events or visiting select university programs. We'll explore 3-4 treasures during the season. Lunch may follow the activities. New discoveries and exciting adventures will be announced prior to each meeting date. We welcome any suggestions for special events or places. We will usually meet on Tuesdays. Entrance fees and meals are additional. RSVPs will be required so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. **Our first adventure is planned for October, date TBD.** Minimum 6, maximum 30. A waitlist will be maintained.



Meeting times and dates will vary (October - March)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + entrance fees

Helen Abrams hsbbcd@aol.com 312-593-4456
 Felice Goff icswaz@hotmail.com 602-315-4248

Tuesdays

20. WRITING YOUR STORIES



Every person has stories to write, life experiences to share, or new ones to create. With writing prompts and discussion in a non-judgmental group atmosphere, you are encouraged to find your words and put them on paper, tablet, or laptop. We will be focusing on various forms of Creative Nonfiction, including personal essay, memoir, nature, travel, city, food and journal writing. Please be prepared to write and share a 1-to-2-page essay for each session. Both new and experienced writers are welcome. Location to be determined. **Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9.** Minimum 6, maximum 12.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (January - May)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20

Judy Mosbacher judeinphx@gmail.com 602-228-4138

21. CANASTA MAVENS



Canasta Mavens is for experienced (intermediate/advanced) canasta players who are looking for a congenial, fun game. You need an understanding of general rules, splashes, and nuances. There is a one-time \$40 room rental fee per player collected prior to the first session. Location is centrally located at 56th Street and Shea (not a restaurant). Detailed information and location address will be emailed to participants, along with our canasta game rules, prior to our start date. **The first game will be on Tuesday, October 10.** Maximum 40 players.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: 20 + \$40 facility fee

Carol Kadet carolkadet@gmail.com 415-828-1299
 Anne Mondlick anne@mondlick.com 315-289-7499
 Becky Morris beckym23@att.net 847-830-2286
 Judy Rosen judy.rosen915@gmail.com 314-973-1948

Tuesdays

22. ROCK 'N ROLL IS HERE TO STAY

This in-person group is for men and women of all ages who love rock 'n roll and rock 'n roll trivia. No in-depth knowledge is required, just a sense of enjoyment and fun in sharing the songs. We'll include music from the fifties through the eighties, and some from later decades as well. There will also be activities - including trivia questions ranging from easy to difficult - class discussions, and perhaps some singing and dancing. We'd love to hear what music has meant to you in your life. Plus, you'll learn some fascinating stories about rock 'n roll history. Location details will be emailed to participants. Come join us and rock on! **The first meeting will be January 2.** Maximum 20.



First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 pm (January - April)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20

Jeffrey Glassman jeffg47@sbcglobal.net 847-212-1699

23. SIMPLY SCRABBLE



Playing Scrabble changes the way you use your brain. This is an opportunity to enhance your skills, challenge your brain and have fun. All levels are welcome. We will meet at Starbucks, located inside the Safeway store at 4747 E. Greenway in Phoenix. Members may be asked to bring a Scrabble set. **The first meeting will be October 10.** Minimum 8, maximum 16.

Second Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:30 pm (October- April)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20

Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804

Tuesdays

24. MEN'S CANASTA LESSONS

This group is offered as a series of four consecutive canasta lessons on these Tuesdays: October 10, 17, 31 and November 7. You will learn how to play and some of the strategies involved. It is important to attend all four lessons as each will cover a different fundamental element of the game. Location details will be emailed to participants. **The first session will be October 17.** Minimum 8, maximum 10.



Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (October - November)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Robert Ullman ubert888@gmail.com 520-977-0595
 Bruce Lefco bruce.lefco@gmail.com 414-234-0969

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The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry will reinvigorate the Brandeis



Library's mission to empower its community to become scholars, creators, and innovators through the creation of two interactive additions to the Library. The first will be the construction of a research archive of original letters, photographs, documents and family objects that shed light on the life and the lasting contributions of Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The second addition to the Brandeis Library will be the creation of a new Judaica reading room in the library. This space will provide the Brandeis community with a place to engage with Jewish texts outside of the typical classroom and religious environments. By presenting Jewish texts in conversation with writings from cultural and religious traditions from around the world, the room will serve scholars and students alike.

Tuesdays

25. SINGLES SUPPER CLUB

Spend fun evenings with unattached BNC members dining at four gourmet restaurants across Phoenix and Scottsdale. Expect to spend a minimum of \$35 per meal. Locations and times will be provided after RSVP. **The first dinner will be November 14.** Maximum 20.



Tuesdays, 6:00 pm (November 14, January 16, February 20 and March 19)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + dinner**

Iris Wigal	wiggley@cox.net	602-980-5436
Gloria Sappol	gloriasemail@aol.com	480-213-0222
Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291

26. INVESTING 101 *NEW*

Join us for a 1 1/2 to 2 hour workshop to learn the basic concepts of investing relating to equity and fixed income markets, led by an MBA graduate from Columbia University. Some of the topics to be covered include CD's, what is a stock, what is a bond, mutual funds, ETF's, risk and volatility and market timing, among others. Time will be allotted for questions and answers. We will meet at a North Scottsdale location to be provided by the facilitator. **Our first meeting date is October 10.** Minimum 3, maximum 12.



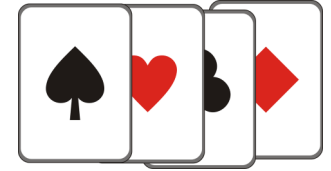
Second Tuesdays, 11:00 am (October 10, December 12 and February 13)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**

Alex Morrow	texalope@gmail.com	610-248-2366
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Tuesdays

27. CANASTA FOR PAIRS - ONE *NEW*



Pairs Canasta is only for experienced players who have a solid understanding of the rules, splashes and nuances. We will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner (optional) and play from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Members are asked to sign up for this group paired with another person. There is a facility fee for some sessions. An RSVP is required and due prior to each session to ensure we have enough players for each of our canasta tables. During the season, we will play at either *Terravita* in far North Scottsdale or *Chompies* on Cactus. **Our first game is October 24.** A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum number of pairs/couples 6, maximum 10.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:30 pm (October - December)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$40 per pair + occasional \$5.00 facility fee**

Mickie and David Applebaum mapplebaum@aol.com 847-309-7081

SEE [REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS](#) FOR HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PAIRS/COUPLES GROUP

28. CANASTA FOR PAIRS - TWO *NEW*

Pairs Canasta is only for experienced players who have a solid understanding of the rules, splashes and nuances. We will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner (optional) and play from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Members are asked to sign up for this group paired with another person. There is a facility fee for some sessions. An RSVP is required and due prior to each session to ensure we have enough players for each of our canasta tables. During the season, we will play at either *Terravita* in far North Scottsdale or *Chompies* on Cactus. **Our first game is January 9, 2024.** A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum number of pairs/couples 6, maximum 10.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:30 pm (January - May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$40 per pair + occasional \$5.00 facility fee**

Mickie and David Applebaum mapplebaum@aol.com 847-309-7081

Wednesdays

29. AWARD-WINNING JEWISH BOOKS *NEW*

Please join us for thought-provoking and stimulating discussions of both fiction and nonfiction. Selected books have won Jewish awards in the recent past. We will discuss *One Hundred Saturdays*, by Michael Frank: Winner of the *Wall Street Journal's* Ten Best Books of the Year and winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Holocaust Memoir and Sephardic Culture. Our monthly meetings will be held in members' homes. **Our first meeting will be October 25.** Minimum 6. Maximum 15.



Fourth Wednesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (October – April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**
Corinne Baskin corinneb210@comcast.net **847-997-3300**
Hana Lange fslange@aol.com **602-502-7091**

30. KNIT A MITZVAH



If you knit or crochet and want to be a part of a wonderful group that makes scarves (donated to *Sojourner Center*), newborn baby caps and lap blankets (donated to *HonorHealth Medical Center*) and chemo caps (donated to *Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center*), then this is the group for you! We will meet at *Coffee Plantation* (7366 E. Shea Rd, Scottsdale) one afternoon a month for knitting or crocheting, kibitzing and sharing ideas. It will be a stitch! **The first meeting will be October 11.** Maximum 20.

Second Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**
Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com **917-273-0393**
Joan Davis davis6j@gmail.com **602-499-8357**

Wednesdays

31. SECOND WEDNESDAY AM BOOK GROUP

Stimulating reading and discussion of both fiction and nonfiction books. Participants will be asked to lead book discussions. This group will meet on Zoom. **Our first meeting is Wednesday, October 11.** Maximum 20.



Second Wednesdays, 10:00 am (October - May)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**
Gerri Gould gerijim@hotmail.com **480-305-0123**

32. MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

Men of Brandeis (MOB) is now in its 12th year. Programming begins in October with a guest speaker. Guest speakers are also scheduled in December, February and March. Many group members come at noon and have a nosh at the J's in-house eating establishment *Milk and Honey*. The guest speakers begin their talks at 1:00 pm. There is a facility fee.



In November, January and April, we will visit local places of interest in or around the Valley, followed by lunch. A schedule of speakers and tours will be sent out as available. Starting times will vary. **The first meeting will be October 4** at the JCC on Scottsdale Road.

Wednesdays at "The J," 1:00 pm, lunch optional at 12:00 pm (October 4, December 20, February 14 and March 13)

PLUS...

Wednesdays "Around the Valley," usually the Second Wednesday, times may vary (November, January, April)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$30 (includes a \$10 facility fee)**
Leith Baletin lbaletin@gmail.com **480-874-9434**

Wednesdays

33. BRANDEIS BOWLING JUST FOR FUN *NEW*



Join us for a monthly bowling activity open to all chapter members – have fun and make new friends! All levels of bowlers are welcome. There will be a \$10 bowler fee plus shoe rental each month. Each session includes 2 games per bowler. You must RSVP each month to the facilitators to assure a spot. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda,

Scottsdale 85258. **Our first meeting date is October 18.** Minimum 16, maximum 40. A waitlist will be maintained.

Third Wednesdays, 1:00 pm (October-April), 2 games completed per session.

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + \$10 bowling fees + shoe rental

Michael Horn	hornmd@comcast.net	847-266-6548
Debby Horn	deb.e.horn@gmail.com	847-226-8580
Joe Widoff	jwidoff@gmail.com	703-946-8869

34. ADVENTURES IN ASIAN DINING *NEW*

Join in as we explore different types of Asian cuisine. We will be visiting 3 Asian restaurants for a scrumptious lunch. A fourth date may be added. The place, time and details will be emailed to participants prior to each meeting. **Our first lunch will be on Wednesday, November 8.** Maximum 16.



Second Wednesdays, approximately 12:00pm, (November 8, December 13 and March 13)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + meal

Janice Lebovitz	janice.lebovitz@gmail.com	847-772-2922
Ruth Lerner	ruth.bncphx@gmail.com	480-223-8831
Wendy Cohen	wencohen@cox.net	602-316-2993

Wednesdays

35. FOREIGN FILM ZOOMIES



Join us as we explore the world of foreign films. The selected films will be available on Netflix and the discussions will be on Zoom. Please note that the films may have subtitles. We will provide the name of each film in advance so you can plan ahead. **Our first meeting will be November 8.** Minimum 5, maximum 30.

Second Wednesdays, 3:00 pm (November - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Ileen Herberg	ihenberg@aol.com	602-460-0047
Joyce Steinberg	joyces12003@gmail.com	602-538-2561

NOTE: There are several movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

36. DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY HOUR *NEW*

Great news, ladies! Happy hour is back! Come relax and celebrate Wine Wednesday with us. Unwind with old friends and make new ones as you enjoy a little mid-week break at upscale venues in Scottsdale or Phoenix. We'll meet in the late afternoon but actual times may vary with availability. Patio seating when available, season permitting. **Our first get together is December 13.** The place, time and details will be emailed to participants. RSVP's will be required. Confirmed attendees will be notified of the time and location. Minimum 8, maximum 20. A waitlist will be maintained.



Second Wednesdays, Late afternoon (December - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + happy hour choices

Amy Khedouri	amyarizona@hotmail.com	480-661-9333
Jo-Ann Mullen	jmullencolorado@gmail.com	970-302-8954

Wednesdays

37. MOVIES OF THE HEART



Join us as we explore Movies of the Heart: Stories of Forbidden Love. Love conquers all or, does it? Can romantic relationships survive the scrutiny and condemnation of cultural, societal, political or religious forces? Find out as we screen and discuss films that just may wring or buoy your heart. The films will be offered on either Netflix or

Amazon Prime. Everyone will watch the movie at their own convenience, prior to each discussion, which will be held as a Happy Hour at various locations within the Valley of the Sun. **The first meeting will be held on November 1.** Maximum 25. A waitlist will be maintained.

First Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm (November 1, December 6, February 7, March 6)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + happy hour choices**

Gale Gradus ggradus13@gmail.com 480-939-2917
Nyles Gradus negradus@gmail.com

NOTE: There are several movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

38. STITCHERY

This group is open to members who would like to gather in person to do any type of stitching. Examples include Needlepoint, Canvas work and Embroidery. We can also discuss stitching methods and problems that arise. If anyone wants to know how to design a canvas, I will instruct in that, as well. Location to be emailed after registration. **The first meeting will be November 15.** Minimum 4, maximum 12.



Third Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (November, January, February and April)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**
Helen Greenberg hln.greenberg@gmail.com 602-432-2016

Wednesdays

39. JUST DESSERTS

Are you in the mood for something yummy and decadent? Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth! **Our first sugar high will be on Wednesday, December 6.** Maximum 20.



First Wednesdays, 2:00 pm (December, March, April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + dessert**

Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net 602-316-2993
Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599
Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 818-216-1129
Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-980-543

40. THE AGATHAS *NEW*



Where does mystery begin? Why.... with Agatha Christie, of course! This group will read a classic "Agatha" every month and meet on Zoom to investigate the real elements in her writing that have made her the bestselling mystery writer of all time. Small group, big investigations. **First meeting will be October 11.** Maximum 12.

Second Wednesday 10:30-11:30 am (October-May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Andrea Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777
Judy Krockey bobjudy@aol.com 815-735-6866

Wednesdays

41. WOMEN OF INFLUENCE *NEW*

In this group, participants will delve into the lives of influential women as chosen by the members of the group. These are women who have made a difference in the lives of others throughout history and throughout the world. Group members can be active in leading presentations. Please join us to celebrate exceptional women. The first meeting will be via Zoom. **Our first meeting will be November 1.** Maximum 20.



First Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (November - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Patti Grossman psgrossman717@gmail.com 602-885-0158
 Myral Robbins myralrobbinsdo@aol.com 248-514-9895

Note: This group is an updated version of *Women Behind the Presidents*

42. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - ONE



Join with other Brandeis members for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Valley's many unique neighborhoods. In some cases, a resident of the selected neighborhood may be able to lead us and some months may include historical information. You will be notified of each location by email a week prior, as well as whether or not there will be a pre-walk lunch. **The first walk will be October 18.** Minimum 6, maximum 20.

Third Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (October - April)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20

Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

Wednesdays

43. NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Join us to explore nonfiction over a wide range of topics: history, current affairs, biography and more! The October meeting will be via Zoom and then maybe moved to in-person meetings. Books will be selected by the group and each discussion will be led by a member or members. **The first meeting will be October 25.** LIMITED OPENINGS



Fourth Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (October - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Georgia Heller georgiaheller@gmail.com 203-524-0053
 Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177

44. DELICIOUS DRAMAS AND DINNERS



An In-Person COED Film Dinner Discussion Group. A commonality across cultures is a love of good food enjoyed with friends and families. In this group we will individually view dramatic films that deal with cooking from different cultures – and meet for a discussion of the film at a restaurant that reflects the ethnic food of the film. Films will be available from *Netflix*, *Amazon*, or *Kanopy* (public library system), and most films will have

a minimal charge. Participants will receive an email in advance with the movie title, restaurant and RSVP deadline. You will register for this group as a pair/couple. **Our first meeting will be October 4.** A waitlist will be maintained. Minimum 6 pairs/couples, maximum 9.

Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm (October 4, November 8, January 17, March 6, and possibly one more in April or May).

Facilitators: Fee: \$40 per pair + meal

Laurie and Bruce Herman laurielherman@gmail.com
 414-559-7009

NOTE: There are several movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

SEE [REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS](#) FOR HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PAIRS/COUPLES GROUP

Wednesdays

45. MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

Learn Mah Jongg, the game our moms and Bubbies played many years ago! People are playing, buzzing, laughing and having fun! Sign up to learn and join the fun! Please plan on attending all 5 classes. We want you to be comfortable with the game when classes are over. You will need a current Mah Jongg card for 2023. They can be purchased through the *National Mah Jongg League*. The lessons will be held at a location TBD. **The first lesson will be January 17.** Maximum 10.



Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am (January 17, 25, 31 and February 7, 14)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Hannah Meyerson hannahm1016@gmail.com 520-403-1034
 Sharon Messing sharmess@optonline.net 718-930-4164

46. PLANT-BASED COOKING *NEW*

It's fall in AZ and still too warm to cook. Join me in the kitchen as I whip up a few plant-based recipes such as a bean dish, a salad, a pasta dish or a veggie dish. At least two dishes will be prepared followed by a sit-down lunch. Come hungry and enjoy these plant-strong foods with new friends. The facilitator is a home-based cook with over 10 years' experience preparing plant-based dishes as well as a Registered Dietitian.



There is a \$10 materials fee. The Scottsdale location and recipes will be emailed to the participants. **The first meeting will be October 11.** Maximum 9.

Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (October 11, November 29, December 13)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20 + \$10 materials fee**

Lisa Lane lisajl480@gmail.com 480-861-4196

Thursdays

47. LEISURE HIKING

If you like the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie, our hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you to beautiful trails at a comfortable pace. The group has been going strong for ten years, and is open to men and women. Plan on a 3 mile-5 mile round trip. We generally hike together as a group for the first half of the hike, then divide into two groups (one more ambitious than the other) for the return, around 2-2.5 hours of hiking. Participants must remain with one or the other of the subgroups.



Hiking shoes are mandatory, hiking poles frequently advised. **NOTE:** This is hiking, not walking – there will be elevation gain and some of the trails have uneven terrain. The outdoor temperature and time of year will determine the designated start time, but generally it will not be earlier than 8:00 am or later than 8:30 am. (We start on time as a courtesy to other members.) Our first official hike will be Thursday, November 2, but we will schedule an October 26th warm-up hike. Members will be notified by email prior to each hike as to the destination, expected duration and difficulty of the hike.

After the hike, the group usually meets for breakfast or lunch at a nearby restaurant. Maximum of 75 participants. Guests will be permitted to attend at the discretion of the facilitators.

First and Third Thursday mornings (November – early April), with an optional 5th Thursday hike if there are 5 Thursdays in a month during the season.

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212
 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
 Dave Cohen dave95070@gmail.com 408-391-6562
 Simon Burrow simonburrow@mac.com 626-221-7808
 Mike Wheeler mr.mike915@gmail.com 602-478-9965

Thursdays

48. JEWISH BOOK GROUP

The Jewish Book Group is a continuing group that votes on books to discuss at the end of the prior year. The books are either Jewish-themed or by a Jewish author. Our first book is *The Choice* by Maggie Anton, who will be joining us for this meeting. All meetings are conducted via Zoom. Please contact Ellen Tuckman for the complete list of books before signing up. **Our first meeting will be November 2.** Maximum 15.



First Thursdays, 10:00 am (November - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Ellen Tuckman		602-953-9307
Colleen Espinoza	colleenE1122@aol.com	480-773-4568

49. DINE ON THE TOWN *NEW*



This group will meet at local restaurants. All members who enjoy going out "On the Town" are welcome. RSVP to the facilitator is required. The conversation is just as important as the food! Meeting times will vary and will be determined by restaurant availability. **The first dinner will be November 16.** Minimum 8, maximum 16. A waitlist will be maintained.

Third Thursdays: November 16, January 18, March 21 and May 16

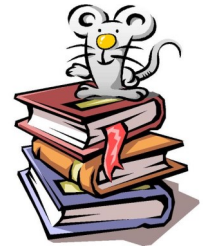
Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + meal

Wendy Cohen	wencohen@cox.net	602-316-2993
Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804

Thursdays

50. BOOK BROTHERS

This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. It will cover a broad range of topics, including American history, WWII, business, science and technology. On occasion we may choose a book of historical fiction. Books will include, but not exclusively focus on, Jewish themes, individuals and events. The reading list will be distributed prior to the first meeting.



Lunch will follow for those who are interested. The location is Congregation Or Tzion in Scottsdale. There will be a one-time donation to the synagogue for use of their facility. **The first meeting will be October 12.** Maximum 30.

Second Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + \$20 facility fee donation

Joe Widoff	jwidoff@gmail.com	703-946-8869
Frank Lange	franklange@cox.net	602-768-3631

51. STUDY WITH THE BEST: A POTPOURRI OF CLASSIC MOVIES



Using Brandeis-authored and other materials, **Potpourri of Classic Movies** explores four Hollywood classic films from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's that will engage us in lively discussions. SWTB members will send in film selections which will then be voted on by the group. The films will be available on Netflix or Amazon Prime, with participants viewing them prior to the discussions. The film selection details will be

emailed to participants. **The first meeting will be via Zoom on October 5.** Maximum 35.

First Thursdays, 12:30 pm (October, November, December, and March)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Carol Kern	cak8219@gmail.com	602-315-1595
Stephanie Klopper	rednoz@aol.com	480-251-0815

Thursdays

52. LET'S DO PHOENIX HIKES *NEW*



Come explore hikes in the Phoenix area on the second Thursday of the month from October to April. The outdoor temperature and time of year will determine the designated start time. We promise a steep uphill or more to get the heart rate up and burn a few calories on each hike. Old favorites like Fat Man's Pass in South Mountain, will be included, along with others that leave from lesser-

known cul-de-sacs and neighborhoods. Each hike will be between three and six miles in length. Please come prepared with lots of water, sunscreen, hat and walking sticks if you use them. Intermediate and advanced hikers welcome. **The first hike will be October 12.** Minimum 6. Maximum 30.

Second Thursday mornings (October - April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Joellyn Pollock and Mike Eavenson
joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327

53. BRIDGING IT

This monthly group is intended for intermediate/experienced players. We will be playing in a location to be announced to participants the week before our games. **Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 5.** Minimum 4, maximum 20.

First Thursdays, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (October - May).

Facilitators: **Fee \$20**

Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639
Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291



Thursdays

54. A BISSEL YIDDISH AND A NOSH

Make new friends schmoozing over a light lunch at a location to be announced. We'll share poetry, songs and fond memories of growing up in Yiddish-speaking homes. Speaking Yiddish is not required. **Our first nosh will be November 9.** Minimum 6, maximum 12.



Second Thursdays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (November, January, February, and March)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + lunch**

Sharon Messing sharmess@optonline.net 718-930-4164
Marlene Harris mrh1212@yahoo.com 847-433-0240

55. MINUTES TO MEALS



No time to cook? From prep to serving, in a Flash! Reduce prep piddling, revitalize and recreate recipes with shortcuts to savor healthy meals. Recipes will be sent out in advance of the session. Our meetings are via Zoom. **Our first meeting will be January 18.** Maximum 20.

Third Thursdays, 1:00- 3:00 pm (January, February and March)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-440-4429
Joan Davis davis6j@gmail.com 602-499-8357

Thursdays

56. BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

In this book group, we experience many cultures and historical events that have not been part of a traditional American education. It broadens our experiences from the perspective of authors worldwide. Participants are expected to recommend books, facilitate and host should we decide to hold meetings in each other's homes. Our first meeting will be on Zoom. At that time, we will decide the location of future meetings and vote on the books for the group. The first book is *The Watchmaker's Daughter* by Larry Loftis. **Our first meeting will be October 19.** Maximum 25.



Third Thursdays 10:00 am (October to May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Linda Burech	lburech@mac.com	480-794-1988
Nancy Sacks	nhshobo@aol.com	480-299-1792
Gladys Simon	gladsi26@hotmail.com	480-282-2047

57. MATCHMAKER, MAKE ME A SHIDDUCH *NEW*

Matchmaker, find me a bride, find me a groom—"and for me, well, I wouldn't holler if he were as handsome as anything." But how is it done in today's wired world and in different cultures? And why is it SO frustrating to watch? Our discussions will delve into the world of matchmaking through the lens of *Jewish Matchmaking* (Netflix), *Indian Matchmaking* (Netflix) and finally, the timeless 1988 movie, *Crossing Delancey*. Please join us for insightful and exciting discussions about the world of matchmaking! By then, who knows what experts we'll be? All three group discussions will be conducted under a digital chuppah (aka Zoom). **The first meeting will be January 11.**



Second Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (January 11, February 8, March 14)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Elaine Howard	elaine.howard@comcast.net	847-899-1938
Leslie Kiefus	lk907@yahoo.com	

Thursdays

58. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Active participation by everyone is the key to great discussions. **The first meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, October 19.** This year we anticipate having at least some of our meetings in person at members' homes. LIMITED OPENINGS



Third Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Janis Lipman	janislipman@gmail.com	203-216-0177
Joyce Goldstein	joyce@goldstein.us	973-715-6475

59. THIRD THURSDAY AM BOOK GROUP



This is an ongoing group discussing banned books that have been chosen by committee. Please contact one of the facilitators below for the books to be read before signing up.

Our first meeting will be held November 2 at 10:00 am, with guest author Maggie Anton discussing *The Choice*. All meetings, with the exception of the first one, meet the third Thursday of each month and will be conducted via Zoom. LIMITED OPENINGS

Third Thursdays, 10:00 am (November 2,- December - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Ellen Tuckman		602-953-9307
Colleen Espinoza	colleenE1122@aol.com	480-773-4568

Thursdays

60. CONTEMPORARY READS



In this group we read both contemporary fiction and nonfiction. **Our first meeting will be on October 12** at the Bureau of Jewish Education at the JCC in Scottsdale There is a small facility fee that will be collected at the first meeting. LIMITED OPENINGS

Second Thursdays, 12:45 - 3:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitators:Fee: **\$20 + facility fee**
Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793
Hillary Kaminsky hillary.kaminsky@gmail.com 602-953-3213

61. CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETS



This group will continue our study of American poets laureate with the work of Ada Limon, the first Latina to win the award and the nation's 24th poet laureate. We will resume our exploration of theme and technique in her brilliant work, *The Hurting Kind*, published by Milkwood Editions in 2022 and winner of the National Book Award (available on Amazon). Once again, we will read the poems closely to explore sound and sense, and ultimately, the heart of the poet. Even if you are a newcomer to poetry, you will be comfortable in this compatible and friendly group which is now in its fifth season led by a professor emerita and published poet. This group will meet via Zoom. **The first meeting will be October 26**, Minimum 8, maximum 20.

Fourth Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (October - April, except Thanksgiving)

Facilitator: Fee: **\$20**
Freyda Libman poetprof329@gmail.com 630-926-3193

Thursdays

62. BEGINNING & CONTINUING TAI CHI



Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese art combining mind and body. Tai Chi's slow and relaxed movements are sometimes referred to as "meditation in motion." There are many benefits, including, but not limited to: stress reduction, improving balance, endurance and agility. We will meet weekly on *six consecutive Thursdays* at the facilitator's home. Participants will be emailed the location after registration. **The first meeting is Thursday, October 12.** Minimum 3, maximum 8.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am (October 12 - November 16)

Facilitator: Fee: **\$20**
David Burns bogieb4@aol.com 520-444-1255

63. NEW YORKER SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP



Short stories in *The New Yorker* can be literary gold mines or incomprehensible, and either case warrants discussion! This group will meet on Zoom. The facilitators will send a monthly email with the links to the three stories to be discussed. It is not necessary to subscribe to *The New Yorker*. Story selections for the first meeting will be listed in our welcome email in September. **Our first meeting will be November 2.** Minimum 10, maximum 20.

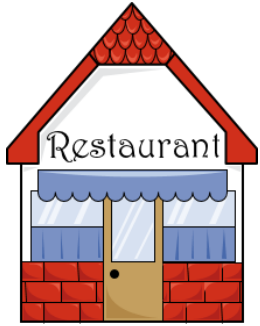
First Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am (November - April)

Facilitators: Fee: **\$20**
Leslie Kiefus lk907@yahoo.com
Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804

Thursdays

64. NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Foodies ...are you ready to experience some new and interesting neighborhood haunts? Join us for lunch as we sample new locales along with some of our old favorites, each offering up a different flavor. This is a wonderful chance to meet new people or reconnect with others in a fun setting! Cash payment is preferred. **Our first meeting will be October 26.** Minimum 10, maximum 30. A waitlist will be maintained.



Fourth Thursdays, 12:30 pm (October - April, except Thanksgiving)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
 Harriet Schwartz harriet0715@gmail.com 602-738-0801

65. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

Come join the fun and meet new friends as we learn the rules and variations of Modern American Canasta. You need to attend all four classes. We will meet at Congregation Beth Israel. A facility fee will be paid to the facilitators after registration. Details will be sent to participants. **Our first meeting will be November 2.** Maximum 18.



Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (November 2, 9, 16 and 30)

Facilitator: Fee: \$20 + \$10 - \$12 facility fee

Jo Ellen Susman joellensus@gmail.com 480-236-2789
 Laurie Burns madison337@aol.com 520-405-6162

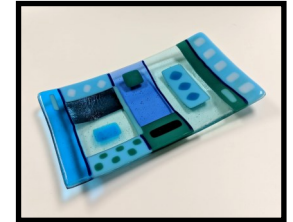
Thursdays

66. LEARN HOW TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL FUSED GLASS *NEW*

Looking for something different and fun? Join us for a 3-part art class in creating beautiful Fused Glass pieces in a relaxed, friendly environment at *Art for Fun* in Phoenix.

- **Class 101 – Intro to Glass Fusing:**

January 11 – 1:00 to 3:30 pm
 Learn the basics of glass fusing, cutting glass and designing a small plate.
 Cost: \$70 includes studio fees and materials



- **Class 102 – Glass Fusing Beginner Plus:**

February 8 – 1:00 to 3:30 pm
 Create a larger piece – sizes between 9.5" x 9.5" to 10" x 7.5".
 Cost: \$90 includes studio fees and materials



- **Class 103 – Glass Fusing Intermediate:**

March 21- 1:00 to 3:30 pm
 Create larger dishes and platters sizes from 12" x 12" to 10.25" x 14.25 "
 Cost: \$115 includes studio fees and materials



Students *MUST* commit to all three classes. Total cost for the three projects is \$275, to be paid before the first class.

If you have any questions or would like to see examples of the various projects, please contact the facilitators. **Our first meeting will be January 11.** Minimum 2, maximum 8.

Thursdays. 1:00 - 3:30 pm (January 11, February 8, March 21)

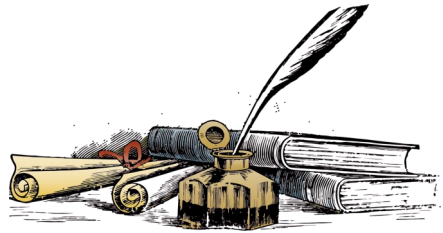
Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + studio & materials fees as indicated

Linda Ullman linda@lindaullman.com 520-405-7972
 Hannah Meyerson hannahm1016@gmail.com 520-403-1034

Thursdays

67. INTRODUCTION TO WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS *NEW*

Capturing your personal memories on paper, to share with family and future generations, can provide an insight into who you really are. This study group will help you organize and share your stories with those you love for a wonderful glimpse into your life. Tools, prompts, discussion and suggested topics will assist you in writing your life story... two pages at a time. Our initial meeting location will be emailed to participants. Locations for subsequent meetings will be decided by the group. **The first meeting will be Thursday, October 26.** Minimum 4, maximum 8.



Second and Fourth Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - April)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**

Darlene Sobel darsobel@gmail.com 312-403-7611

68. JAZZY SINGLES *NEW*



Join us as we explore the jazz scene in Phoenix and Scottsdale. We will visit three venues and familiarize ourselves with popular local jazz artists. Dinner before or after is optional. Club fees and dinner costs are additional. Participants will receive details before each session. **Our first club date is January 11.** Maximum 25.

Second Thursdays, times may vary (January 11, February 8, March 7)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 plus club & dinner**

Nancy Sacks nhshobo@aol.com 480-299-1792
Sheila Shapiro shlshapiro@yahoo.com 480-596-1245
Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-980-5436

Thursdays

69. PINOCHLE - LEARN AND PLAY *NEW*

Anybody can learn to play pinochle! It's a lot easier than Canasta, and just as much fun. Participants will meet at the facilitators' home in Carefree on four Thursday afternoons in January. Location details will be emailed to participants. You are welcome to join us for Happy Hour at an eatery in Carefree after our gaming is over. **Our first game will be Thursday, January 4.** Minimum 8, maximum 12.



Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (January 4, 11, 18, 25) plus optional Happy Hour

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Abby Tucker and skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261
John Poremba

70. INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB



Join us if you enjoy the fresh air, the natural beauty of the desert, exercise and camaraderie. These bi-monthly hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you on some challenging trails and elevations. This group is for intermediate hikers and will average 4-6 miles per hike. Hikes are usually three hours or less, plus destination time. Our start time will be determined by the outdoor temperature, but it will be approximately 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Although we have hike facilitators, individual hikers will choose and lead their favorite hikes, thus allowing a greater variety of hikes and participation of hikers. Members will be notified prior to each hike of the place and time. We hope you can join us for brunch after the hike, to give us time to socialize. **The first hike is December 7.** Maximum 30.

First & Third Thursdays, 7:00 am - 9:00 am (December - April)

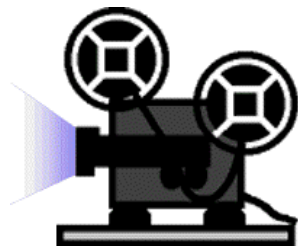
Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**

Andrea Greenspan andregreenspan@comcast.net 847-668-0409

Fridays

71. SECOND FRIDAY FILMS

We select interesting movies (including mainstream, indies, foreign language films and documentaries) or limited series streaming on Netflix or Amazon Prime and occasionally MAX. We'll email the group in advance with the movie title, and will discuss the selection on Zoom, ending no later than noon. **Our first meeting will be October 13.** Minimum 5, maximum 65.



Second Fridays 10:00 am (October - April)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Stephanie Klopper	rednoz@aol.com	480-251-0815
Joyce Grant	ihgrant35@gmail.com	847-877-5793
Roni Nassberg	ronika1@aol.com	602-790-7603

NOTE: There are several movie groups offered this year, so they may occasionally select the same movie.

72. AGING IS NOT FOR SISSIES

Join us for a fun-filled casual discussion on how aging affects us all. We all have fun stories to share and it's nice to discuss with others. Each month we will have a 'theme' and when possible, a speaker. We will meet monthly at different restaurants. **The first meeting will be October 13.** Maximum 30.

With Age comes skills
It's called MultiTasking
**I CAN
LAUGH, COUGH,
SNEEZE, AND PEE ALL
AT THE SAME TIME.**



Second Fridays, 12:30 PM (October to April)

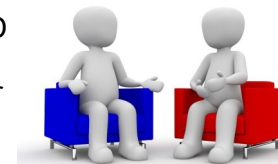
Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
Joan Davis	davis6j@gmail.com	602-499-8357

Fridays

73. RESTLESS MINDS FOR MEN DISCUSSION & LUNCH

FROM A GUY'S POINT OF VIEW: What keeps you awake at night? What kind of world will our grandchildren inherit? Did you have any GOOD experiences during the pandemic? Can we stop gun violence? Man-to-man, let's share our thoughts over brunch, from 11:00 am to whenever we finish eating. We will take turns choosing the restaurant and topic. **Our first meeting will be October 13.** Minimum 6, maximum 12.



Second Fridays, 11:00 am - 12:30 (October - May)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20 + lunch**

Marvin Kestenbaum	digsee@me.com	480-883-7639
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74. EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN



Join professional designer Sheila Landau to explore the latest trends in interior design. You can email your photos for kitchens or bathrooms you would like to update or renovate. Sheila will answer your questions and show you some of the newest products and creative ideas. There will be tours of various design showrooms. **The first meeting will be October 20.** Maximum 15.

Third Fridays, 12:00 pm (October – April)

Facilitator: **Fee: \$20**

Sheila Landau	buildor2@cox.net	602-809-5100
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Fridays

75. FIRST FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

Join us for fun and stimulating reading and discussion of a variety of both fiction and nonfiction books. Participants will be asked to lead book discussions. We will meet in person and participants will be asked to volunteer their homes for meetings and provide refreshments. The October book will be *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The November 3rd book will be *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Thereafter, the group will vote on book selections. If you love to read, please join us! **The first meeting will be October 6.** Maximum 25.



First Fridays, 10:00 am (October - May)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Michelle Fischler	michelleuyules@gmail.com	602-380-1559
Terriann Kleiner	tkleiner@gmail.com	314-761-3132
Beth Messer	bethmae721@gmail.com	516-857-2551
Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106

76. ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE



We will visit the *Celebration of Fine Art* and *Arizona Fine Art Expo* to speak with several artists in residence about their work. Lunch will follow in the tent café. There will be a one-time group entry fee at each tent of approximately \$10, which will allow you to visit all season. Location to be announced.

The first meeting will be January 19. Maximum 25.

Third Fridays, 10:30 am (January - March)

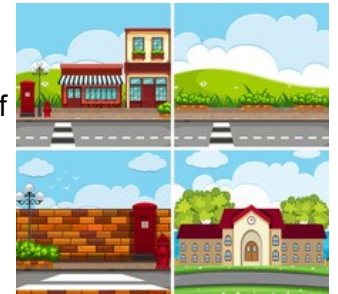
Facilitators: Fee: \$20 + lunch & entry fees

Joellyn Pollock	joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com	602-257-4327
Sharon Polan	duchyof2@gmail.com	203-253-7276

Fridays

77. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - TWO

Join with other Brandeis members on a Friday for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Valley's many unique neighborhoods. In some cases, a resident of the selected neighborhood may be able to lead us and some months may include historical information. You will be notified of each location by email the week prior. **The first walk will be October 27.** Minimum 6, maximum 20.



Fourth Fridays, 9:30 – 11:30 am (October 27, November 17*, December 29*, January - April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Marcy Strauss	mss29@comcast.net	612-710-6291
Sherry Kesden	shkesden@gmail.com	631-379-4225

**Note: change in meeting date due to holidays*

78. THE ETHICIST *NEW*



Based on the *New York Times* column *The Ethicist*, we will discuss a different question each month. How would you respond to the question posed? Let's talk, because it is your chance to be *The Ethicist!* **The first meeting will be October 6** on Zoom. Minimum 8, maximum 20.

First Fridays, 10:00 - 11:00 am (October -

April)

Facilitators: Fee: \$20

Judy Levine	judithlevine43@yahoo.com	480-323-6707
Sue Karp	suekarp1@me.com	480-225-7250

Saturdays

THIS YEAR THERE ARE THREE WINE GROUPS OFFERED.. PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE, SO THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP.

79. ON CLOUD WINE

Who doesn't enjoy getting together with friends new and old, good food, lots of convivial conversation and wine?! Each month will be themed to explore a particular wine region. We will sample both international and domestic wines, sometimes red, other times white. You will register for this group as a pair/couple. Each duo is asked to bring a bottle of wine from the region of the month, plus an appetizer large enough to share with the group. The price point for the wine is approximately \$20-\$25. We will meet in member's homes. **Our first meeting is November 4.** You will receive an email with detailed information in October. Maximum 12 pairs/couples.



First Saturdays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm (November-March)

Facilitators:Fee: \$40 per pair + bottle & appetizer

Laurie Burns	madison337@aol.com	520-405-6162
Carol Kadet	carolkadet@gmail.com	415-828-1299
Renee Kaminitz	rkaminitz@gmail.com	401-954-1015
Jo Ellen Susman	joellensus@gmail.com	480-236-2789

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Saturdays

THIS YEAR THERE ARE THREE WINE GROUPS OFFERED.. PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE, SO THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP.

80. INTERNATIONAL WINE CONNOISSEURS

Each get-together will be themed to explore various wine regions around the world. Varietals of red wine will be tasted. Members are asked to sign up in pairs. Each pair will be asked to bring a bottle of the wine type/area of the month at a price point of approximately \$25-\$30, plus a hearty appetizer large enough to share with the group. The hosts will provide water and dessert. Each pair will be asked to present their wine selection to the group. We will meet at the facilitators' homes. **Our first meeting will be November 11.** Maximum 12 pairs.



Second Saturdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, (November 11, January 13, March 2 and May 11)

Facilitators: Fee: Pair \$40 per pair + bottle & appetizer

Jan Lebovitz	janice.lebovitz@gmail.com	847-772-2922
Linda Ullman	linda@lindaullman.com	520-405-7972

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Saturdays

THIS YEAR THERE ARE THREE WINE GROUPS OFFERED. PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE, SO THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP.

81. WINE NOT! *NEW*

Enjoy a monthly series of themed wine events. We will meet in the homes of our facilitators on the third Saturday evening of each month. Come and learn about wine selection from grape variety, region, production and food pairing. We will sample both red and white wines, international and domestic. You will register for this group as a pair/couple. Each pair is asked to bring a \$20-\$25 bottle of wine from the region or variety to be explored, plus a hearty appetizer to share. The facilitators will provide desserts. **The first meeting will be November 18.** Minimum 6 pairs, maximum 12 pairs.



Third Saturdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm (November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17 and March 16)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$40 per pair + bottle & appetizer**

Myral Robbins	myralrobbinsdo@aol.com	248-514-9895
Susan Roth	susanroth1@gmail.com	480-322-4783
Shelley Gurton	shelleygurton@yahoo.com	480-575-9555

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Sundays

82. GALS WHO DO BRUNCH

Rise and Shine! Please join us for a brunch around town in honor of gals who brunch! Do you value good food, great friends, and everything in between? Brunch is the best meal of the week and we've made it our mission to find the best brunches around Scottsdale and Phoenix at well-reviewed and interesting restaurants, many with great views and outdoor dining. Seating will be in small groupings. RSVPs to the facilitator are required and confirmed attendees will be notified of the location. Actual times are subject to restaurant availability. **The first brunch is October 15.** Minimum 8, maximum 16. A waitlist will be maintained.



Sundays, 10:00 or 11:00 am (October 15, December 3, February 25 and April 21)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20 + meal**

Marcia Langer	marciala@msn.com	914-943-7804
Wendy Cohen	wencohen@cox.net	602-316-2993

83. RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this coed EVENING group and participate in stimulating conversations. Do you have an opinion on "What makes an educated person?," "Is there a war on Science?," "Can Socialism and Capitalism Coexist?" or other mind-expanding topics? The members of the group will suggest topics, research them and share in leading the discourse. Meetings will be held in participants' homes or community rooms and the host will provide refreshments. You will register for this group as a pair/couple. **The first meeting will be October 8.** LIMITED OPENINGS



Second Sundays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$40 per pair**

Irene Kestenbaum	irenek0426@gmail.com	480-734-7306
Marvin Kestenbaum	digsee@me.com	480-883-7639

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Sundays

84. SIZZLING SUNDAYS: EVENING MOVIE DISCUSSION & DINNER

Join this coed group for a lively discussion of quality new movies. Participants will view the movies on their own. Movies will usually be in theaters, but we try to select films that are also streaming on *Netflix* or *Amazon Prime*. A monthly email will be sent in advance with the movie title and RSVP deadline. We will meet for dinner and discuss the films in a variety of restaurants that can accommodate our group. Participants are responsible for their food purchases. You will register for this group as a pair/couple. **Our first meeting will be October 15.** Minimum 5 pairs, maximum 12 pairs/couples.



Sundays, 5:30 – 8:00 pm (October 15, December 17, February 18 and April 7)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$40 per pair + meal**

Barbara Stern	sternbts@gmail.com	540-664-3106
Mark Stern	mstern@shepherd.edu	540-664-0480

Various Days

85. BOOMERS

Boomers is a state of mind – it has nothing to do with age. We will offer at least 4 activities, in person or virtual. Our activities range from museums to lectures, field trips and more. We will meet, often in the morning, and our meeting day is based on the activity, with Friday preferred. Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email. Maximum 80. A waitlist will be maintained.



Meeting day and times vary (October – May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Michelle Fischler	michelleuyes@gmail.com	602-380-1559
Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Susan Rollins	serollins52@gmail.com	480-563-0411
Ronee Siegel	brandeisboomers@gmail.com	917-273-0393

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This year Brandeis celebrates 75 years of academic excellence.

In 1948, the BNC (formerly BUNWC) was founded alongside the university to provide philanthropic support and now, nearly 75 years later, continues to support the mission and principles upon which Brandeis was founded.

86. MITZVAH MAVENS



The women and men in this group have made an impact over the last few years by volunteering at a variety of Valley non-profit organizations. We meet at the locations of the organizations on various dates based on what the particular organization needs. In the past we have partnered with various local food banks, *JFCS*, the *Assistance League*, and *Go With the Flow*, to name a few. Maximum

participation may vary with the activity. Join us and feel good while doing good.

Meeting day and times vary (October - May)

Facilitators: **Fee: \$20**

Ellen Kirschenbaum	ellenk102@gmail.com	602-214-5212
Nan Waldman	nanlarry46@gmail.com	602-410-5639
Ileen Herberg	iherberg@aol.com	602-460-0047
Patti Grossman	psgrossman717@gmail.com	602-885-0158

Various Days

87. EVERY DAY IS BRUNCH DAY *NEW*

Good friends, light fare and fabulous conversations. Come meet the Guys and Gals of BNC Phoenix. Couples, singles, all are welcome, but please leave pets at home. *Brunch on any day* is the best meal of the week and we've made it our mission to find the best brunches at well-reviewed and interesting restaurants in and around Scottsdale and Phoenix, many with outdoor patios. An RSVP to the facilitator is required and participants will register as a pair/couple. The seating will be in small groupings. Confirmed attendees will be notified of the location. **Our first brunch is Sunday, October 22.** The remaining three dates will be announced. Maximum 10 pairs/couples. A waitlist will be maintained.



Day of week and time subject to restaurant availability. (Four brunches)

Facilitators: Fee: \$40 per pair + meal

Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7804
 Gail & Dan Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462

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88. PEOPLE WHO REPAIR THE WORLD *NEW*



Meet three stellar people who truly repair the world. These speakers impact both the Jewish world and society at large. They make their mark at White House events, in far-flung locations and in settings that cross religious boundaries. Speakers, day and time will be announced at a later date. Please join us for amazing and impactful discussions. All three sessions will be on Zoom and last for about an hour and a half. **The first meeting will be in January, date TBD.**

Meeting days and times vary (January - March); schedule subject to speaker availability.

Facilitator: Fee: \$20

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Various Days

89. MOVERS & SHAKERS

Join us as we explore new and unusual venues in the Valley of the Sun. These may include historical tours, museums, exhibits, and participatory experiences, followed by lunch, if possible. We will meet four times. Participants will be notified by email for each event with details of the specific activity. Activity fees may apply for individual events and the number of participants could be limited. A waitlist will be maintained.



Meeting day and times vary (October - April) Minimum 10, maximum 50.

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BNC PHOENIX **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Fall Event - Saturday, October 14, 2023
 An Italian Feast

Winter Event - Sunday, December 3, 2023
 Canasta Tournament

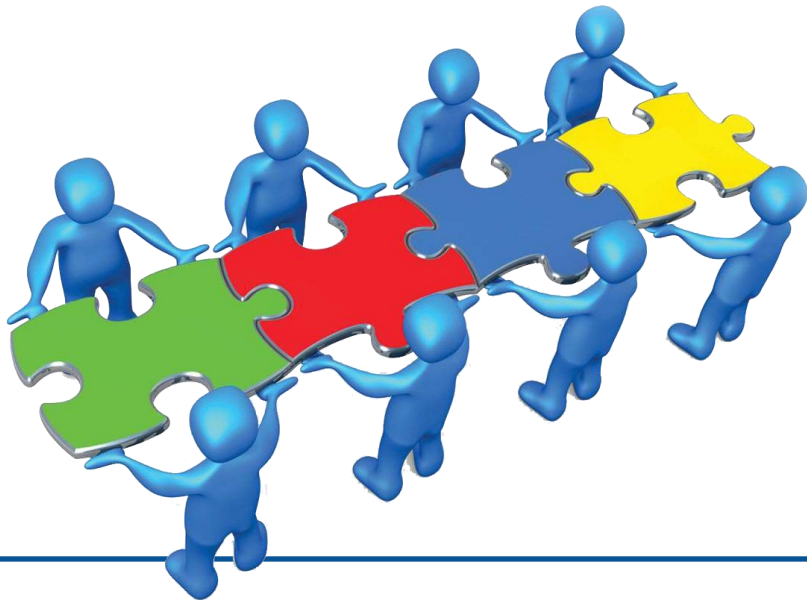
University on Wheels - Friday, January 5, 2024

Book & Author 2024
 Friday, February 2, 2024 - Luncheon/Authors/Boutiques
 Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Cocktail Reception
 with the Authors

Let's Dance! - Saturday, March 9, 2024

Annual Meeting - Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Spring Event - Wednesday, April 17, 2024
 Installation of Officers



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