

JANUARY 2018

28th Annual BNC Phoenix Book & Author



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Book & Author Event

**Monday, March 12, 2018
The Sheraton Grand Phoenix**

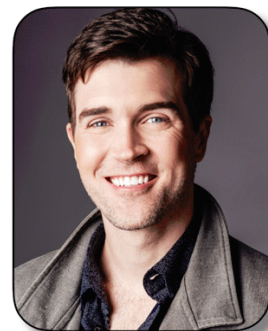
Boutiques: 9:00 - 3:30 pm
Book Sales: 9:30 - 3:30 pm
AM Program: 11:00 am
Lunch: 12:30 pm
PM Program: 1:30 pm



**Ticket price of \$125 includes
a \$5 coupon toward book purchases.**

**A Bookmark Donor Cocktail Reception with the authors
will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at a beautiful
private residence. See page 4 for information about
becoming a Bookmark donor.**

Watch for your invitation arriving in the mail soon!



A. J. Finn
MYSTERY/THRILLER



Kristin Hannah
FICTION



Lindsey Reiser
CBS 5 News
Moderator

**For information about all Book & Author 2018 events,
Contact Carol Abrams, Event Chair - bncphxba@gmail.com 480-442-9623**

Proceeds to benefit the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis University



Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Friends:

To us, 2017 will be remembered for many things. Not the least of which is that two Brandeis professors, Michael Rosbach and Jeffrey Hall, won the Nobel Prize in Medicine. In addition, three Brandeis faculty members were recently named to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is your

support for the Sustaining the Mind Fund that helped make all this possible.

For our chapter, 2017 has been a year of growth and innovation. Our membership has grown substantially. We are over 1100 strong. Our summer camp and study group registrations were at an all time high. The number of study groups increased to 54 and three of our Sunday groups have attracted couples. A second study group exclusively for men was added this year. Concerts and Conversations became a subscription series open to the community. Along with the marvelous musicians who performed for us in the past, this year for the first time, members of Ballet Arizona described the history of dance, led us in simple movements and demonstrated traditional choreography. Last month we had a new fundraiser - a golf tournament, luncheon and silent auction. It was a fantastic event and all those who attended had a wonderful time.

2017 was also the year we enjoyed a very successful fall luncheon. In addition, our community outreach program made contributions to "Just 3 Things" and succeeded in distributing 1389 books to the Tavan Elementary School.

In 2018, there are even more opportunities to support our chapter's mission to raise funds for Brandeis University, to make new friends and to learn more about the world around us. We are looking forward to the annual University on Wheels breakfast on January 5th. Eileen McNamara and Maura Jane Farrelly, professors of journalism at Brandeis, will address us on the subject *From Election to Investigation, and All the Fake News in Between: Media Coverage of this Presidency*. The UOW event will benefit the Brandeis Scholarship Fund. On February 21st, our Open Meeting will feature Carlos Galindo-Elvira, director of the Arizona chapter of the ADL.

The 28th Annual Book & Author Event begins with a phenomenal cocktail party in a beautiful home on Sunday, March 11th and is followed by a fabulous luncheon on Monday, March 12th. The Book & Author luncheon is our major fundraiser and all of the proceeds support the Sustaining the Mind Fund for scientific research and scholarship in neurodegenerative diseases.

Our Spring Luncheon and installation is scheduled for April 13th and it is guaranteed to be a beautiful event.

Thank you again for all of your support. Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal Co-presidents

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Book & Author Update 2018

I hope you are already planning to join us at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix on Monday, March 12th! There will be book sales and signings, a marvelous array of boutiques (including your all-time favorites as well as exciting new additions), presentations by our five best-selling authors and a lovely luncheon. Bookmark donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors the evening before at a beautiful Biltmore Estates home. Information on how you can become a Bookmark this year to support the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis for research and scholarships in neurodegenerative diseases is included on Page 4. Invitations will be mailed soon and as always, contain RSVP cards where you can list those with whom you wish to be seated. Come early with your friends - doors open at 9:00 for boutiques and book sales - plan to 'shop early, shop often!'

Thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and their many volunteers, the 28th Annual Book & Author Events are coming to fruition. As the date draws nearer, the excitement is building! For general information and continuing updates, see our website at www.brandeisphoenix.org. Hope to see you there!

Carol Abrams, Event Chair, bncphxba@gmail.com 480-442-9623



Read all About Our Fantastic Authors!



Tina Brown

Tina Brown, Bio

Tina Brown is an award-winning journalist, editor, author and currently founder and CEO of Tina Brown Live Media. Prior to this, Brown launched and edited the award-winning digital news site *The Daily Beast* with Barry Diller's IAC media and internet company in October of 2008. Between 1979 and 2001, she was editor-in-chief of *Tatler*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker* and *Talk* magazines-and later *Newsweek* in 2011. She also authored the 2007 best-selling biography of the *Princess of Wales*, *The Diana Chronicles*. In 2000, she was awarded the honor of Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth for her services to journalism. She is married to editor, publisher and historian Sir Harold Evans and lives in New York City. Tina's latest book, a memoir, is *The Vanity Fair Diaries: 1983-1992*.

Steven J. Ross, Bio

Steven J. Ross is a Professor of History at University of Southern California. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Philosophy from Oxford University, and a PhD from Princeton University. Professor Ross has written extensively in the areas of working-class history, social history, film history and political history. His last book, *Hollywood Left and Right: How Movie Stars Shaped American Politics*, received a Pulitzer Prize nomination and a Film Scholars Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the academic equivalent of an "Oscar." Ross' Op-Ed pieces have appeared in newspapers across the United States and his work on movie stars and politics has led to appearances on many national news shows and programs broadcast on international television, as well as numerous documentaries about Hollywood. In addition to his academic day job, Ross directs the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life. His most recent book is *Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America*.



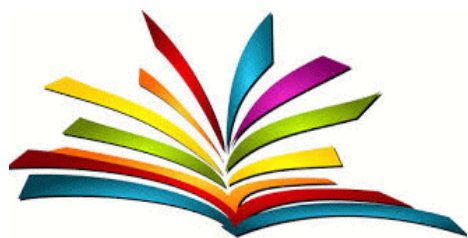
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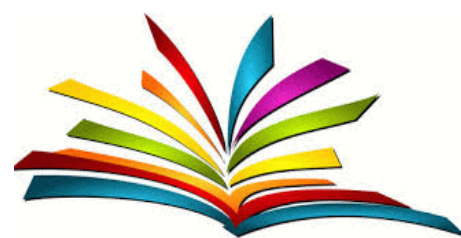
Tayari Jones

Tayari Jones, Bio

Tayari Jones is the author of the novels *Leaving Atlanta*, *The Untelling*, *Silver Sparrow*, and her newest book, *An American Marriage*. A member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, she has also been a recipient of the Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award in Fine Arts from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the United States Artist Fellowship, the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and the Radcliffe Institute Bunting Fellowship. *Silver Sparrow* was named a #1 Indie Next Pick by booksellers in 2011, and the National Endowment for the Arts added it to its Big Read Library of classics in 2016. Jones is a graduate of Spelman College, University of Iowa and our own Arizona State University. An Associate Professor in the Master of Fine Arts program at Rutgers-Newark University, she is spending the 2017-18 academic year as the Shearing Fellow for Distinguished Writers at the Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas' graduate program in creative writing.



Bookmark



Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!

Kick off the 28th Annual Book & Author events by having fun while supporting Brandeis University! Bookmark donors are those who contribute to this event, and thus to the university, at various levels as described below. As a Bookmark donor, you will be invited to a Cocktail Reception with the authors on the evening before the Book & Author luncheon. Join your friends, meet new people and get to know this year's authors over delicious food and fine wine at one of the Valley's most elegant homes. Bookmark donors at the most generous levels will have the opportunity to spend even more quality time with the authors at an intimate dinner following the Cocktail Reception.

Your contribution to become a Bookmark and attend this event goes to the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis for research and scholarships in neurodegenerative diseases. Your philanthropic contribution can truly make a difference: it supports groundbreaking research in the field of brain-related diseases, including ALS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, autism, epilepsy and MS. Brandeis scientists and researchers have already made headway in finding specific genes related to memory loss and autism.

Please join us on Sunday, March 11th by becoming a Bookmark donor and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful Biltmore Estates setting, while at the same time supporting this most important medical research.

Janis Lipman, Bookmark Chair

Bookmark Donor Giving Levels

AUTHOR'S EDITION (\$250) - Luncheon and Cocktail Reception for one; anything contributed over \$155 is a charitable contribution

BEST SELLERS (\$325) - One luncheon and Cocktail Reception for two; anything contributed over \$210 is a charitable contribution

CLASSICS (\$500) - Luncheons and Cocktail Reception for two and one book of choice from featured authors; anything contributed over \$340 is a charitable contribution

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RARE FINDS (\$1,000) - Luncheons and Cocktail Reception for two, one book of choice from featured authors and dinner for one with the authors; anything contributed over \$460 is a charitable contribution

LIMITED EDITIONS (\$1,500) - Luncheons for two with preferred seating, Cocktail Reception for two, three books of choice from featured authors and dinner for two with the authors; anything contributed over \$640 is a charitable contribution

SPECIAL EDITIONS (\$3,500) - Luncheons for two with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for two, five books of choice from featured authors, dinner for two with the authors and membership in the Justice Brandeis Society; anything contributed over \$700 is a charitable contribution

COLLECTOR'S EDITIONS (\$5,000) - Luncheons for two with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for four, five books of choice from featured authors, dinner for four with the authors, membership in the Justice Brandeis Society and one hotel room at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix for Sunday, March 11, 2018; anything contributed over \$1,340 is a charitable contribution

Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted, including matching, foundation and planned gifts.

All charitable contributions will be listed in event materials.

Study Group News

The 2017-2018 season of Brandeis Phoenix study groups is in full swing as more and more groups have their first meetings! We have many study groups that have space available for more participants. For details and to sign up for available study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

Wise Aging

Living with JOY, RESILIENCE, & SPIRIT



STUDY GROUP EXTENDED INTO 2018!

The thought-provoking *A Taste of Wise Aging* study group is adding additional sessions! Join a small group of healthy, like-minded friends and explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. Facilitated by Marcy Strauss and Anita Hicks, this interactive discussion group meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in north central Scottsdale. The

additional dates are: January 21, February 4 and 18, March 18 and 25, April 15.

NOTE: Current group participants will automatically continue in the group.

For more information, contact Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291. To join this group now, [Click HERE](#) for the Registration Form. Print it and fill it out, check group #52, and send your \$20 check, payable to BNC, to Merrill Kalman at the address indicated on the form.

ARIZONA AUTHORS

Come hear Yamit on January 15th at the JCC from 12:30 - 2:00

The speaker for our January meeting is Yamit Armbrister with her historical novel, *One Moroccan Woman*. The book tells the story of the human spirit through the tale of the Moroccan Jews who fled to Israel in the 1950's. Yamit, who currently lives in Chandler, comes from a Moroccan Jewish family. She graduated with a B.A. in Social Sciences from Bar Ilan University in Israel and holds an M.B.A. from Walden University in Maryland. This novel was originally published in Hebrew, but is now available in English. Guests are welcome for \$5.00



RSVP required to Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation (marked with an * on the monthly calendar) may have openings from time to time. If you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Look for the monthly calendar on pages 8 - 11 for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply (\$7 for Concerts & Conversation - A Subscription Series Event).

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

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice Presidents



Concerts and Conversations

Monday, January 8

For our third program of the 2017-18 season, local sixteen year-old violinist Hannah Goldstick will present a virtuoso recital with Belorussian-born pianist Olga Gorelik. They will perform works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Paganini and Penderecki. The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, January 8, 2018. Doors will open at 12:45 pm at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. There will be refreshments following the performance.

Contact Joan Sitver, joansitver@aol.com (602) 971-0012, for more details.

Price for non-series subscribers: \$7.00 payable at the door.



Hannah
Goldstick,
Violin

Ms. Goldstick, a student of Phoenix Symphony violinist Jing Zeng, has won many local competitions and during the 2015 and 2016 season was the Arizona State Winner, the Southwest Division Winner and a National Finalist in the Music Teacher's National Association Junior Strings Competition. In January of 2017 Hannah was a finalist in the Blount-Slawson Young Artist Competition in Montgomery, Alabama.

She has attended distinguished summer festivals, including the 2016 Tanglewood Institute, where she served as concertmaster of the Young Artist Orchestra Program, and the 2017 Heifetz International Music Institute, where she studied with internationally renowned violinists from many prestigious music schools, including the Buchman/Mehta Academy of Tel Aviv University and the Juilliard School. Hannah, a student of Primavera Online High School, resides in Chandler, Arizona, where she enjoys camping, reading, drawing and watching science fiction and documentaries. She plans to attend a music conservatory in the fall of 2018 in preparation for a career in music.

Olga Gorelik, Piano

Belorussian-born pianist Olga Gorelik maintains an active international career as a solo and chamber musician, while serving as a devoted mentor to her students. Ms. Gorelik completed her formal studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM) with Paul Schenly, Margarita Shevchenko and Sergei Babayan (BM, MM, and Artist Diploma).

While living in Cleveland, Ms. Gorelik performed Rachmaninoff's *Third Piano Concerto* with the CIM orchestra, appeared at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and the WCLV 104.9 Cleveland Classical Radio.

Chamber music has been a significant part of Ms. Gorelik's education and performance career. As a member of the Klimt trio, she took a Silver medal at the 2007 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition as well as the Alice Coleman/Coleman Barstow Prize at the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition. Since graduating cum laude from CIM, her most recent career highlights include a series of collaborative recitals throughout the US and the UK, including appearances in Chicago, Cleveland, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and London.

Ms. Gorelik is an active member of the Phoenix Music Teacher's Association (PMTA) and serves as a co-chair for the PMTA Fall Festival. In the summer of 2015 she was invited to join the piano and the chamber music faculty at the Luzerne Music Center in upstate NY. Ms. Gorelik, having only just relocated to Phoenix, continues her mission to contribute to the culture of her new home as a performer, an educator and an advocate for the tradition of the art.



Study Groups At Play



Boomers in Fountain Hills on Sculpture Tour

Neighborhood Walks

north of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve



L-R: Joyce Goldstein, Marcy Strauss, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Nurit Burrow, Elaine Glazer.
Photo by: Sara Leopold

Leisure Hiking at *Piestawa Peak Park*



On a chilly December morning.
Photo by Simon Burrow.

Cultural Sites

60 members of the study group took a backstage tour of Arizona PBS.



Shown are Ronda Kottle and Sharon Tievsky discussing the breaking news of the day.

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JAN	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
TBD	OPERA BUFFS	TBD	Facilitators will notify group members of specific dates and activities by email.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky stievsky@yahoo.com 440-503-3339
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	Details of the activities will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard mllphx@cox.net 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
TBD	THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	11:45	Join us for a one-act play at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to the participants	Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806
TBD	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	TBD	Participants will be notified of the details by email.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
2	CURRENT EVENTS *	10:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 Stephanie Kloppe rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
2	FIRST TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP	10:00	The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814
2	FIRST TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP	1:30	The facilitators will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
2 9 16 23 30	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	1:30	This weekly group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea)	Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
2 9 16 23 30	SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	11:45	Canasta group for experienced players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Contact a facilitator for location.	Nancy Lirtzman nlirtzman@gmail.com 847-217-6963 Pat Miller patrmiller@gmail.com 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz sussholz2@gmail.com 847-363-0172
4 11 18 25	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	12:00	This group is intended for advanced intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
4 18	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	Varies	Hike challenging 4-6 miles trails with elevation gains and at a brisk pace. This group is not meant for the beginner or leisure hiker. Join us after the hike at a different brunch spot each time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348

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4	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
4 18	LEISURE HIKING *	Varies	These 2.5 - 4 miles hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will be at a comfortable pace. After the hike, join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
4	STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM *	1:00	The film will be viewed on each meeting date, followed by group discussions. Details will be emailed to participants.	Carol Kern cak8219@gmail.com 480-948-9236 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815
4	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
7	RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP	7:00 PM	This co-ed evening group participates in stimulating topics and conversations. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306
7	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES *	Varies	Meet at various movie theaters for a late afternoon movie followed by a light supper. Participants will be notified of the theater, movie and supper locations.	Marcy Strauss & Wayne Stutzer mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
8 15 22 29	CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS JANUARY *	10:00	Meet new people, have fun and learn a classic game all at the same time! NOTE: The rules used will be Modern American. The location in the Desert Ridge area will be emailed to participants.	JoEllen Susman joellensus@gmail.com 480-236-2789
8	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS A SUBSCRIPTION SERIES EVENT	1:00	Award-winning young Violinist Hannah Goldstick, accompanied on piano by Olga Gorelik See page 6 for more information. Event performances are held at the Palo Cristi Church, 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, in Paradise Valley. Refreshments are served. All proceeds benefit Brandeis National Committee's <i>Sustaining the Mind Fund</i> . Individual concerts: \$7 payable at the door.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
9	NOVEL WOMEN WHO READ	6:30 PM	This <i>evening</i> book group meets for book discussion and refreshments. Contact the facilitator book to be discussed and for directions.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
9	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH		Join in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. You must reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table. Details are emailed to participants.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
10	DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY	5:00 PM	NOTE DATE CHANGE Meet new friends and sample some of the Valley's outstanding watering holes. The place, time and details will be emailed to participants.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
10 24	ACTING IS FUN! *	10:30	Read skits which regale the trials and tribulations and joys of life, play theatre games, and explore how characters are created on stage and in film. Location details will be mailed to group members.	April Feld Sandor afsplays@gmail.com 215-882-2600
10 24	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at <i>The Coffee Plantation</i> near Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
11	BOOK BROTHERS *		This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. Participants will be notified of the book to be discussed and the meeting location.	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631

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11	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenhheimer mrsbachy@mac.com 412-780-0730
12	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls". This month we will see the play 'Harvey' at the Don Bluth Theatre. Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch jkluxury@yahoo.com 480-458-7876
12	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ *	10:00	Visit historic Sahuaro Ranch in Glendale. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 602-354-5006 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958*
12	THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	11:00	Join professional designer Sheila Landau on field trips to explore the latest products, followed by lunch. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
15	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	The author is Yamit Armbrister discussing her book <i>One Moroccan Woman</i> . Books will be available for purchase that day. See page 5 for more information. You must RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
15 29	GENEALOGY: RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE *	10:30	Learn how to use the Internet to trace your family tree. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777
16	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW & LUNCH	Varies	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion and lunch at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
16	SAY IT, SEE IT, BE IT: CHANGE FROM WITHIN *	10:30	This group will be devoted to discussions and fun exercises on how to change negative thinking and mind talk, creating more confidence, self-esteem and a better self-image. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Arlene Rosenberg ar@arlenerosenberg.com 480-993-5322
16 23 30	YOGA *	8:30	An all-levels class good for first-timers as well as experienced practitioners. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439
17	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS *	2:00	This group goes for moderately paced walks in and around various local neighborhoods. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
17	YAPPY HOUR	5:00 PM	Bring your pup out to sniff and play while you eat, drink and schmooze with friends. Also welcome to join this group is anyone else who loves to be around pups! The location will be sent to participants prior to the meeting.	Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
18	WHO KNEW? - A QUIRKY HISTORY OF ARIZONA'S VALLEY	11:00	This group will explore our area's beginnings from early Native American tribes to early settlers and the Wild West. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Barbara Abrams bfabrams4109@gmail.com 312-965-4109
21	SUNDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES WITH ABBY & JOHN!	10	Meet at the AMC Desert Ridge 18 and then go to Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge Marketplace to enjoy a nosh and talk about the movie.	Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba
21	A TASTE OF WISE AGING	10:30	Explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. Based on the first chapters of the book: Wise Aging by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Meet in north central Scottsdale. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks anitabh@cox.net 602-494-1924

JAN	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
22	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY &SUSPENSE *	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. We will meet at 18 th , the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, in Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
23	BRIDGING IT!	11:30	This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Location details will be emailed to the participants	Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
23	ETHNIC DINING*	11:30	Join us for lunch as we visit four unusual ethnic restaurants in the Valley. Location will be sent to participants by email.	Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212
24	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the Valley. The location will be announced monthly to the members. RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
24	PLAY GOLF	1:00	Play at Silverado. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date. Details of time and location will be emailed to participants.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800
24	LET'S GET METAPHYSICAL! - New Age Non-Fiction	10:00	*NOTE DATE CHANGE* This non-fiction book group explores topics viewed as metaphysical such as energy systems in the body, reincarnation and books focused on raising levels of consciousness. Participants will be notified of the book and location by email	Carol Wolf peanuts526@aol.com 847-207-9954
25	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP **20 YR Anniversary**	9:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
26	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH	10:30	Visit Artists in their studios and discuss their works over lunch. Details will be emailed to participants.	Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com 602-380-1559 Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com 617-571-7337

Open Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

ADL's Good Fight in Arizona



Please join us at the Brandeis Open Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st from 10:00 -12:00. We will meet at the McDowell Center, 16116 E. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road, Scottsdale. All members and guests are welcome and are encouraged to attend this special event.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Carlos Galindo-Elvira, the Arizona Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Carlos is responsible for fundraising, program delivery, leadership development, communications, government relations, fact finding/research and office management to advance the ADL's mission within the state of Arizona. Additionally, there will be a very brief business meeting where members will get to vote on the 2018-19 slate of officers for our Brandeis National Committee, Phoenix Chapter.

A continental breakfast catered by JJ's Deli, as well as delectable delights provided by our many talented Brandeis bakers, will be served.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting and informative program.

RSVP by February 14th to reserve a seat: Jo Ellen Susman joellensus@gmail.com or 480-236-2789.

Thanks and we hope to see you there,

Event Co-Chairs: Jo Ellen Susman and Sue Lawler



Lori Roth, Chair



Lori Roth, Leslie Pearlstein, Past BNC National President and Nancy Sacks



Marti Zelikoff Golfer Registrar and Bruce Galin selling 'Mulligans' and 'Skirts'

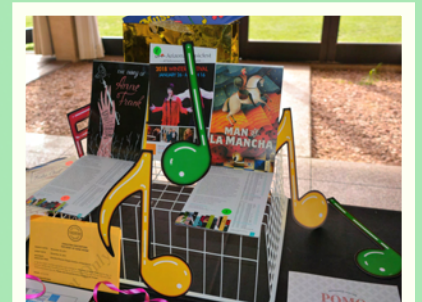


Emcee Buddy Schultz



Silent Auction Items

Phoenix Chapter Golf Classic





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Membership News

Congratulations to Miriam Lowe, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Congratulations to Marcy Strauss on the engagement of her son, David, to Hanna Tabakova.

We wish Iris Wigal a speedy recovery.

Our sincere condolences to Roberta Berman on the passing of her husband, Jerry.

Our sincere condolences to Sara and Jay Leopold on the passing of Jay's father, Jim Leopold.

New and Rejoining Members

Stephanie Klurfeld, Harriet Lobliner, Barbara Weiss



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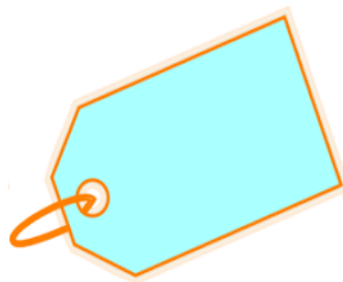
Member-to-Member

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

- Attend a Study Group
- Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels (UOW)
- Experience a cultural event
- Participate in a community service event

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

[Click HERE](#) to display and print a Membership Form.



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 form)

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Community Outreach

We'll be collecting Just 3 Things and children's books at University on Wheels.



Carol B's Children's Book Collection

Community Outreach is pleased to report the delivery of 1389 books to Tavan Elementary School. Principal Margaret Serna, students and teachers, were all thrilled to receive the beautiful books. Tavan is a Title 1 School in the Scottsdale Unified School District. We know the books are in welcoming hands. A special appreciation to Linda and Gary Perlman for their major contribution to this effort and to all those who generously participated.

For more information, please contact Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com

I have always imaged that paradise will be a kind of library. - Jorge Luis Borges

Just 3 Things



Jewish Family and Children's Services
(JFCS)

*Real World Job Development and Youth
In Transition* programs.

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

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



Knit A Mitzvah



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

The Knit A Mitzvah Study Group continues its Community Outreach! The group members knit or crochet scarves that are donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services. We also knit or crochet newborn baby caps that are donated to HonorHealth/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center.

You do not have to be a member of the Knit A Mitzvah Study Group to participate.

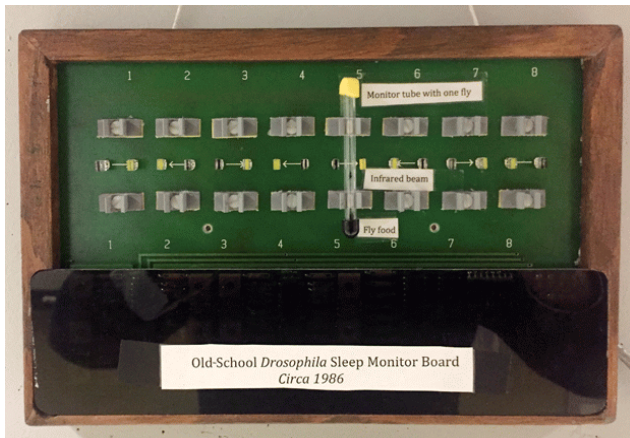
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BRANDEIS NOBEL WINNERS DONATE FRUIT FLY SLEEP MONITOR TO MUSEUM

Photo by Lawrence Goodman, December 8, 2017

Once a wall ornament at the entrance to Rosbash's lab, the monitor is now preserved in Stockholm for posterity

One of the Nobel Museum's latest acquisitions? A contraption that measures the sleeping habits of fruit flies.

Professors Michael Rosbash and Jeff Hall donated the device, which was hand built at Brandeis, as part of a decade-old tradition of Nobel laureates bestowing an item of their choosing to the museum's permanent exhibit. This week it took its place at Stockholm's Nobel Museum beside Harvard economist Amartya Sen's bicycle, Pakistani peace activist Malala's headscarf and a silver platter from the movie, *The Remains of the Day*.

The two scientists, in Sweden this week to receive the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, used the apparatus in the 1980s when they undertook much of their ground-breaking research into the molecular mechanisms

controlling circadian rhythms in fruit flies.

It remained in Hall's office until the late 2000s when Brandeis demolished the building. Rosbash spotted it amidst the wreckage and hung it on a wall outside his lab in the Carl J. Shapiro Science Center. It will share display space at the Nobel Museum with the silver platter, a gift from this year's Nobel Prize in Literature winner Kazuo Ishiguro, whose novel, *The Remains of the Day*, was the basis for the movie.

The fruit fly activity monitor enabled Rosbash and Hall to track the insects' sleeping habits. They placed a fly inside a test tube and hitched it to the machine's backing using brackets. An infrared red light shone across the middle of the test tube.

When the fly was awake, it flew around and broke the beam. When the insect was at rest, the infrared light remained undisturbed. The machine recorded the state of the beam for the duration of the experiment.

Rosbash and Hall compared the sleep schedule of normal and genetically mutated flies. If the schedule was irregular, it meant the gene they'd mutated was implicated in the timing of the fly's rest and wakeful periods. Circadian rhythms drive the timing of sleep so the gene was clearly behind this larger set of physiological processes as well.

They couldn't have done it without the fruit fly activity monitor.

What's Happening

Friday, January 5, 2018

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Embassy Suites Phoenix-Scottsdale

Friday, January 12, 2018

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

OPEN MEETING

McDowell Center, Scottsdale

Sunday, March 11, 2018

BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT

**BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL
RECEPTION**

Monday, March 12, 2018

28TH ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT

The Sheraton Grand Phoenix

Friday, April 13, 2018

SPRING LUNCHEON

**DoubleTree by Hilton
Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale**

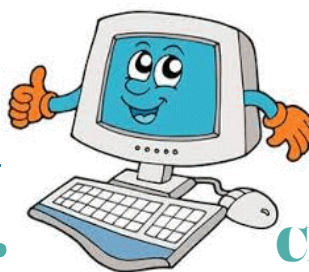


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We Value Your Privacy

All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential. and not be shared with other organizations.



Chapter Roster

If you have recently moved, or changed your phone number or email address, please let Bruce Galin, our Chapter's Data Manager, know of those changes.

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. This will ensure you don't miss out on any Chapter mailings and information.

Chapter Membership Roster Available

The chapter membership roster is now available online by request. You must have an email address for us to provide secure access.

Please send your request to Bruce Galin at bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. You will be notified when your access is available.

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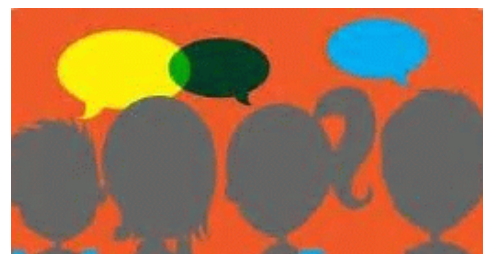
Board Meetings

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

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BOARD CALENDAR

3 Executive Committee Meeting
17 Board Meeting



Programming Committee

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

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Donor	Recipient	Occasion
BOOK FUND		
Arlene & Irving Feldman	Joanie Bream	Birthday wishes
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	Carol & Allan Kern	In honor of Justin Kern's Bar Mitzvah
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	Carol Kern	In honor of Carol receiving the "Spirit of Philanthropy" Award
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg	Miriam Lowe	Happy 100 th Birthday
Helen & Mike Greenberg	Sue Prouty	In honor of recent marriage
Connie Flegenheimer	Nancy Sacks	Thank you for remembering my special birthday
Arlene & Irving Feldman	Nancy & Stu Siefer	In honor of receiving the 2017 Heritage Award
Sara & Jay Leopold	Marcy Strauss	In honor of son David's engagement to Hanna Tabakova
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg		
Iris Wigal		
Connie Flegenheimer	Iris Wigal	Thank you for remembering my special birthday
Helen & Mike Greenberg	Sandi Berger	Wishes for speedy recovery
Helen & Mike Greenberg	Sandy Brody	Best wishes for speedy recovery
Iris Wigal	Rosalie Disner	Get well wishes
Arlene & Irving Feldman	Sue Adatto	In memory of Sue's father, Alan Marcus
Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum		
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Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum		
Phoenix Board Sunshine Fund		
Nancy Sacks-Goldberg		
Harriet Schwartz		
Iris Wigal		
LOUIS BRANDEIS LIBRARIES		
Nan & Larry Waldman	Sue Lawler	In memory of Sue's mother
BNC MEDICAL JOURNAL		
Phoenix Board Sunshine Fund	Dr. Michael Steingart	Thank you for your work at the chapter Golf Tournament

Since 1948, BNC members have raised more than \$131 million to support Brandeis students, faculty, the library and cutting-edge research in neuroscience.

Sustaining the Mind Fund: Research and Scholarship in Neurodegenerative Diseases

To support the Sustaining the Mind Fund, [click HERE](#) for a donation form.

Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com

Minimum donations \$25, please.

A card will be sent to your honoree.



BNC SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN



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

Financial assistance plays a pivotal role in upholding Brandeis' founding principle of equal access to higher education, regardless of a student's financial circumstance. Scholarships ensure that the best and brightest students are able to pursue an education at this unique institution.

Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of its students. Endowed scholarship funds, which provide a consistent, dependable funding source, are required to accomplish this.

To support the BNC Scholarship campaign, [click HERE](#) for a donation form.

Ronda Kottle, ronda@kottlehome.com

Minimum donations \$25, please.

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