

JANUARY 2017

27th Annual BNC Phoenix Book & Author

Coming soon...

The Best Event in the Valley!



**Monday, March 13, 2017
at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge**

Boutiques:	9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Book Sales and Signing:	9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Morning Program:	11:00 am
Lunch:	12:30 pm
Afternoon Program:	1:30 pm

**COST: \$125 includes a \$5 coupon
toward book purchases.**

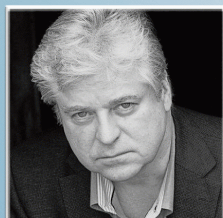
A Bookmark Donor Cocktail Reception
with the authors will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017
at a beautiful private residence.

Contact us for information about becoming a Bookmark Donor.
Watch for your invitation arriving in the mail soon!

For more information about all Book & Author 2017 events,
Contact Carol Abrams, Event Chair
bncphxba@gmail.com 480-442-9623



Christina Baker Kline
Fiction/Art History



Linwood Barclay
Mystery



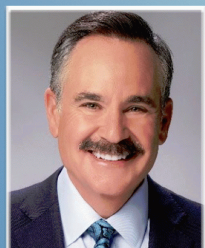
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Fiction



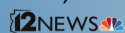
Dava Sobel
Science/History



John Dickerson
Politics



Mark Curtis, Moderator





Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Friends and Colleagues:

We wish you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Looking back on 2016, we would like to thank our tireless volunteers and loyal members who have supported our chapter's fundraising on behalf of Brandeis University. Their efforts have made the following activities

successful: summer camp, study groups, amazing events such as the beautiful Fall luncheon, the "Evening with Chris Caldwell," the wonderful dinner theater party and the canasta tournament. We also greatly appreciate their many donations to the Brandeis library, scholarship and the Sustaining the Mind funds.

In 2017, there are so many more opportunities to support our chapter's mission to raise funds for Brandeis University.

In just two weeks, on January 13th the University on Wheels breakfast will enable us to support the Brandeis scholarship fund. Ryan McKittrick, an Assistant Professor in the Theater Arts Department of Brandeis University, will speak on the American Musical (for reservations, [click HERE](#)).

The 27th Annual Book & Author Luncheon on March 13th provides not only a marvelous day but a wonderful way to support the Sustaining the Mind Fund for scientific research and scholarship in neurodegenerative diseases.

Other fun and exciting activities in 2017, including our Spring luncheon on April 28th, will be featured in The Beat.

Thank you again for all of your support. The very best in the New Year!

Nancy and Iris

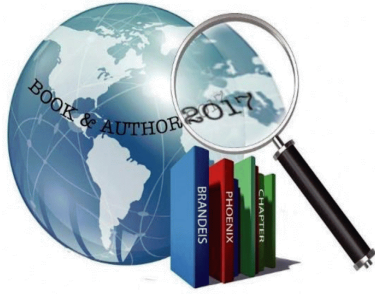
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Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism and service to the community.



Book & Author 2017 Update Expand Yourz World Through Books!

I hope you are already planning to join us at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort on Monday, March 13th! There will be book sales and signings, a marvelous array of fifteen boutiques (including your all-time favorites as well as exciting new additions), presentations by the authors and a lovely luncheon.

Bookmark donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors, being held the evening before at a beautiful Paradise Valley 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 5.

Invitations will be mailed soon and as always, contain RSVP cards where you can list those with whom you wish to be seated. Plan to come early with your friends - doors open at 9:00 for boutiques and book sales. As a native Chicagoan, I just can't refrain from reprising an old saying you may recognize 'shop early, shop often!'

Thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and their many volunteers, all of the pieces of the 27th 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.com.

Hope to see you there!

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

Read all About Ourz Fantastic Authors!

Christina Baker Kline, Bio



Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels. Her most recent novel, *Orphan Train*, has spent more than two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list, including five weeks at # 1, and has been published in 38 countries. More than 100 communities and colleges have chosen it as a "One Book, One Read" selection. Her other novels include *The Way Life Should Be*, *Sweet Water*, *Bird in Hand*, and *Desire Lines*.

Her new novel, *A Piece of the World*,

based on the iconic painting "Christina's World" by Andrew Wyeth, will be published in Winter 2017.

Kline was born in Cambridge, England, and raised there as well as in the American South and Maine. She is a graduate of Yale, Cambridge, and the University of Virginia, where she was a Henry Hoyns Fellow in Fiction Writing. She has taught fiction and nonfiction writing, poetry, English literature, literary theory, and women's studies at Yale, NYU, and Drew University, and served as Writer-in-Residence at Fordham University for four years. She is a recipient of several Geraldine R.

Dodge Foundation Fellowships and Writer-in-Residence Fellowships at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She supports a number of libraries and other associations in New Jersey and Maine, and is a member of the Advisory Board for Roots & Wings, a nonprofit that provides support for at-risk adolescent and aged-out foster care youth. In addition to her five novels, Kline has written and edited five nonfiction books. She commissioned and edited two widely praised collections of original essays on the first year of parenthood and raising young children, *Child of Mine* and *Room to Grow*, and a book on grieving, *Always Too Soon*. She is the co-editor, with Anne Burt, of a collection of personal essays called *About Face: Women Write About What They See When They Look in the Mirror*, and is co-author, with her mother, Christina Looper Baker, of a book on feminist mothers and daughters, *The Conversation Begins*. Her essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Money*, *More*, *Psychology Today*, among other places.

Kline lives in an old house in Montclair, New Jersey, with her husband, David Kline, and three sons, Hayden, Will, and Eli. She spends as much time as possible in an even older house in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Read all About Our Fantastic Authors!

Linwood Barclay, Bio



Linwood Barclay is the #1 internationally bestselling author of sixteen novels, including *Trust Your Eyes*, *A Tap on the Window*, *No Time for Goodbye* and that novel's follow up, *No Safe House*.

Last summer, his thriller *Broken Promise*, the first of three linked novels about his fictional upstate New

York town Promise Falls, was released. Book two, *Far From True*, came out earlier this year, and now the much-anticipated conclusion, *The Twenty-Three*, is out.

Over the years, several of Barclay's novels have been optioned for film and television. Later in November, his novel *The Accident* will debut as a six-part TV series in France, where his book *No Time for Goodbye* is also in development for TV. And next year, filming is to begin in Canada for a movie version of *Never Saw it Coming*, for which Barclay wrote the screenplay.

After spending his formative years helping run a cottage resort and trailer park after his father died when he was 16, Barclay got his first newspaper job at the *Peterborough Examiner*, a small Ontario daily. In 1981, he joined the *Toronto Star*, Canada's largest circulation newspaper.

He held such positions as assistant city editor, chief copy editor, news editor, and Life section editor, before becoming the paper's humor columnist in 1993. He was one of the paper's most popular columnists before retiring from the position in 2008 to work exclusively on books.

Barclay was born in the United States but moved to Canada just before turning four years old when his father, a commercial artist whose illustrations of cars appeared in *Life*, *Look* and *The Saturday Evening Post* (before photography took over), accepted a position with an advertising agency north of the border. Barclay, who graduated with an English literature degree from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, was fortunate to have some very fine mentors; in particular, the celebrated Canadian author Margaret Laurence, whom Linwood first met when she served as writer-in-residence at Trent, and Kenneth Millar, who, under the name Ross Macdonald, wrote the acclaimed series of mystery novels featuring detective Lew Archer. It was at Trent that he met Neetha, the woman who would become his wife. They have two children, Spencer and Paige.

Dava Sobel, Bio



Dava Sobel, a former New York Times science reporter, is the author of *Longitude*, *Galileo's Daughter*, *The Planets*, *A More Perfect Heaven*, *And the Sun Stood Still* and *The Glass Universe*. She has also co-authored six books, including *Is Anyone Out There?* with astronomer Frank Drake. A longtime science contributor to *Harvard Magazine*, *Audubon*, *Discover*, *Life*, *Omni*, and *The New Yorker*, she wrote about leap seconds and the transit of Venus for the online Aeon.co.

Ms. Sobel has won numerous awards for increasing understanding and appreciation of astronomy among broad segments of the general public. Her 2014 Cultural Award from Eduard Rhein Foundation in Germany commends her "for using her profound scientific knowledge and literary talent to combine facts with fiction by merging scientific adventures and human stories in order to give the history of science a human face."

Her book *Longitude* went through twenty-nine hardcover printings before being reissued in October 2005 in a special tenth anniversary edition with a foreword by astronaut Neil Armstrong. It has won several literary prizes in the US, and "Book of the Year" in England.

Ms. Sobel based her book *Galileo's Daughter* on 124 surviving letters to Galileo from his eldest child. She translated the letters from the original Italian and used them to elucidate the great scientist's life work. *Galileo's Daughter* won several awards and was a finalist for the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in biography. The paperback edition was the #1 *New York Times* nonfiction bestseller for several weeks.

The PBS science program "NOVA" produced a television documentary called "Lost At Sea-The Search for Longitude," based on Ms. Sobel's book. Granada Films of England created a dramatic version of the story, "Longitude," starring Jeremy Irons and Michael Gambon, which aired on A&E as four-hour made-for-TV movie. A two-hour "NOVA" documentary inspired by *Galileo's Daughter*, called "Galileo's Battle for the Heavens," aired on public television in 2002 and won an Emmy in the category of historical programming.

Lecture engagements have taken Ms. Sobel to speak at the Smithsonian Institution, the Explorers' Club, NASA's Goddard Spaceflight Center, the New York Public Library, the Hayden Planetarium, the U. S. Naval Observatory, the Royal Institution (London), and the American Academy in Rome. She has been a frequent guest on NPR programs, including "All Things Considered," "Fresh Air," "Science Friday," and "The Diane Rheem Show."

A 1964 graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, Ms. Sobel attended Antioch College and the City College of New York before receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1969. She holds honorary doctor of letters degrees from the University of Bath, in England, and Middlebury College, Vermont, both awarded in 2002, and also an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Bern, Switzerland, 2015.



Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!

Kick off the 27th 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 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 12th by becoming a Bookmark donor and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful Paradise Valley setting, while at the same time supporting this most important medical research.

Janis Lipman, Bookmark Chair

Bookmark Donor Giving Levels

Benefitting the Sustaining the Mind Fund for Research and Scholarships in Neurodegenerative Diseases

NEW RELEASES (\$100 - \$224) Cocktail Reception only - invitation for one (does not include the luncheon)

AUTHOR'S EDITION (\$225 - \$299) One luncheon, Cocktail Reception invitation for one

BEST SELLERS (\$300 - \$499) One luncheon, Cocktail Reception for two

CLASSICS (\$500 - \$749) Two luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three

FIRST EDITIONS (\$750 - \$999) Two luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three and book of choice from a featured author

RARE FINDS (\$1,000 - \$1,499) Two luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three, book of choice from a featured author and dinner with the authors for one

LIMITED EDITIONS (\$1,500 - \$3,499) Two luncheons with preferred seating, Cocktail Reception for four, two books of choice from featured authors, dinner with the authors for two and membership in the Justice Brandeis Society

SPECIAL EDITIONS (\$3,500 - \$4,999) Two luncheons with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for four, all the books from featured authors, dinner with the authors for two and membership in the Justice Brandeis Society

COLLECTOR'S EDITIONS (\$5,000 and above) Two luncheons with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for four, all the books from featured authors, dinner with the authors for four, membership in the Justice Brandeis Society and one hotel room at JW Marriott Resort and Spa Sunday, March 12, 2017

Donors making a gift of **\$1,000 or more** in addition to the Fair Market Value of any of the levels described will be Members of the Justice Brandeis Society.

Donors making a gift of **\$5,000 or more** in addition to the Fair Market Value of any of the levels described will be listed on the BNC's **Major Donor Tribute Wall** in the Library Foyer at Brandeis University.

Matching, Foundation, Planned Gifts and all donations are gratefully accepted.



Concerts and Conversations



BNC welcomes pianist Susan Fishman and Phoenix Symphony musicians: violinist Dana Pasley and cellist Frederick Chao. The trio will perform works by Scarlatti, Handel-Halvorsen, Brahms and Prokofieff. The program will include: *Passacaglia for Violin and Cello*, Handel-Halvorsen, Scarlatti's *Sonata in D Minor for Piano*, Prokofieff's *Sonata in D Minor for Piano*, and Brahms' *Trio No. 1 in B Major for Piano, Violin & Cello, Allegro Con Brio, Scherzo-Allegro Molto, Adagio, Allegro*.

The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm ~ Monday, January 9, 2016.

**Doors will open at 12:45 pm at Palo Cristi Church,
3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253.**

Refreshments will be served following the performance.

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



**Susan Fishman,
Pianist**

Ms. Fishman was born in Albuquerque, where she made her orchestral debut with Yoshima Takeda and the New Mexico Symphony. She continued her studies in Los Angeles and at the Aspen Music Festival with Aube Tzerko and John Perry. She was one of only 37 musicians chosen internationally to compete in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She has performed across the United States as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist.



**Dana Pasley,
First Violinist**

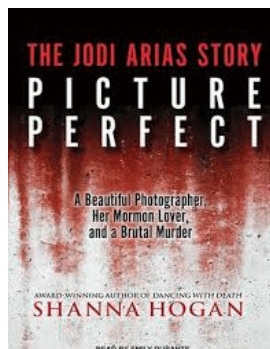
Mr. Pasley won his position with the Phoenix Symphony in 1986 after having studied with Glen Dicterow and Lori Ulanova of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Before coming to Arizona, he performed extensively in California and appeared with the Pacific, Pasadena and Glendale symphony orchestras in addition to several surrounding-area chamber orchestras. He is in great demand as a chamber musician, soloist and teacher in the Valley.



**Frederick Chao,
Cellist**

Mr. Chao came to the Phoenix Symphony from the Honolulu Symphony, where he was Associate Principal Cellist. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University, where he studied with Janos Starker and was awarded the coveted Performer's Certificate. He also holds a Master of Music degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. An avid chamber musician, he has been a member of the Delmar Trio, the Stony Brook Trio, and the Philharmonic String Quartet.

STUDY GROUP NEWS



Arizona Authors

Monday, January 16th ~ 12:30 - 2:30 pm
JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd

Our speaker for January will be *New York Times* bestselling true crime writer/journalist, Shanna Hogan. Shanna was a reporter at the *East Valley Tribune* from 2004 to 2007. In 2008, she went to work for the *Times Media Group* as a features editor, where in 2012 she was promoted to executive editor.

She has written three true crime books:

- *Dancing with Death* is about Phoenix housewife Marjorie Orbin and the death of her art dealer husband.
- Her best-known book, *Picture Perfect: The Jodi Arias Story*, is the story of the Travis Alexander murder.
- *The Stranger She Loved* is about the murder of Michele MacNeil, wife of Utah doctor Martin MacNeil, and his 2013 conviction.

Shanna has written for numerous publications and has received more than twenty awards for her feature writing and investigative reporting. She was named *Journalist of the Year* by the Arizona Press Club in 2010 and again in 2011 by the Arizona Newspaper Association.

Shanna has appeared on *Dateline NBC*, ABC's *20/20*, CNN's *Anderson Cooper 360°*, *Inside Edition*, and Oxygen's *Snapped*, to discuss high-profile crime cases.

Come meet Shanna Hogan on January 16th at the JCC from 12:30 - 2:30

RSVP - Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com Guests are welcome - \$5.00

Men of Brandeis (MOB)

Wednesday, January 11th

Location details will be emailed to participants.



On Wednesday, January 11th, the Men of Brandeis will be hearing from Joshua Borths, who is Director of Education and Community Engagement at Arizona Opera and serves as Resident Stage Director. This season he directed Arizona Opera's new production of Dvořák's *Rusalka*. He has directed operas across the U.S. He will be speaking to us on all things concerning opera and Arizona Opera in particular. Joshua is a wonderful opera historian and a great speaker - he makes opera fun even for those without an avid interest in it.

For more information, please contact the facilitators:

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

Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540

Study Group News continued...

***SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:**

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

For details and to sign up for these and other study groups, see the Study Guide, the Mid-Year Group Details and the Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

If you have an idea for a Study Group you wish to facilitate, please contact the Study Groups VPs.

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel
phxstudygroups@gmail.com



BNC-Phoenix Presents:
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
2017
THE AMERICAN MUSICAL
FROM THE 19TH CENTURY
TO *HAMILTON*

Ryan McKittrick, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Theater Arts, Brandeis University
Friday, January 13, 2017 ~ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Embassy Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Breakfast will be served / Open seating
Have any questions? Please contact Sharon Tievsky: 440-503-3339;
bncphxreg@gmail.com

All proceeds will benefit the BNC-Phoenix Scholarship Fund.
For each reservation, the amount over \$28 is tax deductible

Reservations must be received by January 6, 2017 ~ For a reservation form, [Click HERE](#)



MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT & LUNCH

Saturday, February 4, 2017 ~ 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
McDowell Center
16116 N McDowell Mountain Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Registration will be limited to 48 people, so register early. Reservations will be closed January 28, 2017 or when maximum number of attendees is reached.

The National Mah Jongg League Standard Hands and Rules card for the current year will be used for this tournament. The rules will be sent to each tournament player prior to the event. The rules are to be read before the event.

Please bring your 2016 Mah Jongg Card. If you have a Mah Jongg set, please indicate below and we will contact you if we need yours.

Have questions? Contact Dorry Sunenshine, Event Co-Chair, 614-507-6227

Reservation questions? Email: bncphxreg@gmail.com

*All proceeds will benefit the BNC Scholarship Campaign/Phoenix Chapter Scholarship Fund.
For each reservation, the amount over \$11 is tax deductible.*

Click [HERE](#) for a reservation form.

BNC-Phoenix Chapter Canasta Tournament & Lunch

Saturday, February 11, 2017 ~ 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
McDowell Center,
16116 N McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd,
Scottsdale, AZ 85255



Registration will be limited to 48 people, so register early. Reservations will be closed February 4, 2017 or when maximum number of attendees is reached.

Tournament questions? Contact Cheryl Senkfor, 216-272-1697

Reservation questions, Email: bncphxreg@gmail.com

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Click [HERE](#) for a reservation form.

JAN	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
TBD	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Myra Orkin morkin@cox.net 480-231-8909
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	The group meets monthly for a potpourri of activities, primarily in Central Phoenix locations. Details will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard mlphx@cox.net 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
3	CURRENT EVENTS **	10:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-851-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
3 10 17 24 31	MAH-JONGG FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS	1:30	Expand your skills and meet new friends in the process, 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
4 18	POKER - TEXAS HOLD'EM **	3:00	Join this group, learn to play and laugh a lot! Location details will be emailed to participants.	Jay Leopold jay@fixnflipz.com 480-290-2040
5 19	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	7:00 or 9:00	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 Caryl Webner carylwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
5 19	LEISURE HIKING	8:00 a.m. or 8:30 am	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@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
5	JEWISH BOOK GROUP **	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
5 12 19 26	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG**	11:45 for lunch; play begins promptly at 12:15.	This 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 the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
5	STUDY WITH THE BEST: BROADWAY ON FILM **	1:00	Broadway on Film explores three Hollywood films created from Broadway plays. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Carol Kern cak8219@gmail.com 480-948-9236
5	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:00	A discussion of the movie <i>Manchester By The Sea</i> . Contact the facilitators for the location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
5 19	LEARN CHINESE MAH JONGG!	1:30	Chinese Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, calculation (and luck!) that originated in China. The location will depend on participation; details will be emailed to the group.	Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 917-816-8261 John Poremba
6	BOOMERS	TBD	Details will be emailed to participants.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393

GROUPS SOMETIMES HAVE ROOM FOR GUESTS! A \$5 GUEST FEE APPLIES.

**** THESE GROUPS HAVE VERY LIMITED SPACE. IN ALL CASES, PLEASE CONTACT FACILITATORS FOR AVAILABILITY.**

JAN	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
6	FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH	TBD	View interesting movies playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Lunch and casual conversation follows at a nearby eatery. Details will be emailed to participants.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815
6	THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	11:00	Join professional designer Sheila Landau on field trips to explore the latest home products in various showrooms in the Scottsdale Airpark. The field trips will always be followed by lunch. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100
9	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS	1:00	Susan Fishman will be performing on piano, along with Dana Pasley on violin and Fred Chao on cello. Refreshments are served. Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln Drive.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
10	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH **	12:00	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
11 25	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
11 25	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at a location convenient to Scottsdale and Shea.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
11	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
11	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	TBD	Joshua Borths from Arizona Opera will speak to us. Location and time will be emailed to participants.	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
12	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.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036
16	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	The speaker is Shanna Hogan Held at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
17 24 31	YOGA **	8:30	This 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	LET'S GET CREATIVE	10:30	Make an epoxy clay and Swarovski crystal bracelet. Discover your inner crafter and create beautiful jewelry. Classes are held in a private home in Scottsdale. Location will be provided to members of the group.	Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com 216-272-1697
17	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Experienced bridge players meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
17	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW AND 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 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924

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JAN	GROUP	TIME	STUDY GROUP NOTES	FACILITATORS
18	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS	2:00	Join us for a moderately paced walk in and around one of the Phoenix/Scottsdale unique neighborhoods. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
19	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 **	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.	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216-0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300
19	SHALOM HEBREW	10:00	If you would like to know more than just "Shalom," join us for Hebrew conversation. No previous knowledge of Hebrew required. The meetings will be at the facilitator's home in north Scottsdale. Contact the facilitator for details.	Maya Hazan allwomyn08@gmail.com 480-292-8282
19	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER **	10:00	This group reads books that take place in foreign locales. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106 Tricia Beran tricia@beran.net 480-229-5668
20	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ **	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of the specific date and activity by email.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958
20	SOUP'S ON!!!! **	10:30	Experience three different soups per session along with a tasty garnish demonstration. Participants will be notified of the meeting location by email.	Beth Reisman breism@cox.net 480-488-9883 Lynn Kahn lynnkahn@ymail.com 480-998-0387 Jane Kuznitsky cashew3@cox.net 480-595-9787 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
23	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. It meets at 18 Degrees, the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
24	ETHNIC DINING	11:30	Join us for lunch as we venture around the world, savor regional cuisine and experience the distinct flavors of four unusual ethnic restaurants in the Valley. Details for each restaurant will be sent to participants.	Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212
25	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.	Annette Kurland annetekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
25	PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS **	11:30	Join docent and Brandeis member Mark Sendrow in touring Phoenix Art Museum featured exhibits. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420
25	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 312-316-8800
26	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	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
27	STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH **	10:30	Visit artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. Details will be emailed to participants.	Michelle Fischler michelleyules@gmail.com 602-667-0313 Susie Sacks susan.sacks@gmail.com 201-887-0319 Merle Tarnow tarnowm@aol.com 617-571-7337

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9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Sunday, March 12, 2017

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Monday, March 13, 2017

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Friday, April 28, 2017

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Thank you from the Presidents
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Judy Le Beau at Theatre Artists Studio

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1st place: Jo Ellen Susman
and Sue Lawler



2nd place: Lois Hollander
and Judy Melnick



3rd place: Evelyn Howard
and Marlene Levin



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Membership News

Congratulations to Nancy Elkins on the engagement of her daughter, Sarah, to Doni Grossman. Sincere condolences to Daron Barness and family on the passing of her mother, Sharon Yuster. Our sincere condolences to life member, Miriam Lowe, on the loss of her grandson, Jonathan Bernbaum, an alumnus of Brandeis.

New and Rejoining Members

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Social Justice

Carol B' s Children' s Book Collection

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*"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!"
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Knit A Mitzvah

As part of the Chapter's Social Justice activities, if you can knit or crochet, we can use your help in making newborn baby caps. The patterns and yarn are free – donated by Honor Health/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center – and we bring the completed caps to them. The caps are small and very easy to make.

If you are experienced or just a novice and want to participate in this effort, please contact

Ronee Siegel at ronees@aol.com
(917-273-0393) for more information.

How Israel's Flag Has Roots in Boston



(l to r) Brandeis President Ron Liebowitz, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Consul General of Israel to New England Yehuda Yaakov hold a version of an 1890s flag from Boston that, according to Brandeis research, influenced the design of today's Israeli flag. This flag says "Zion" in the center of the Star of David; the original said "Maccabee."

by Josefin Dolsten

Ms. Dolsten is a news fellow at the *Forward*.

If a blue-and-white flag with a Star of David and two horizontal stripes were to hang proudly outside a Jewish organization in Boston, it would hardly be news.

Unless, of course, if that happened in 1891 - nearly 60 years before the founding of the State of Israel.

The flag that today is synonymous with the Jewish state has a uniquely American history, reveals new research by Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University in suburban Boston.

Scholars previously knew about the existence of the Boston flag, but Sarna's research - which was presented Monday during a meeting in Jerusalem between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker - illuminated additional points in the flag's history that helped show its connection to the modern Israeli flag. The flag was created in 1891 by Rabbi Jacob Baruch Askowith, a Lithuanian immigrant who settled in Boston, for a local Jewish organization, B'nai Zion. It bore striking similarities to today's Israeli flag - except for the fact that the Star of David in the middle contained the word "Maccabee" in Hebrew letters, referring to the famed Jewish warrior family that defended Jerusalem against the Greeks. A year later the "flag of Judah," as it

was then called, was paraded in the streets of Boston at an event celebrating the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in America. The only difference: "Maccabee" had been replaced with another Hebrew word, "Zion."

From there, the "flag of Judah" started to gain traction.

The flag - minus the Hebrew words in the middle - made its way to the



Second Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1898, Sarna found. At the Third Zionist Congress a year later, a different flag was displayed - one created by Theodor Herzl that featured a lion and seven stars. But Askowith's flag had already captured the attention of American Jews.

In 1904, it was flown along with the flags of the rest of the world at the World's Fair in St. Louis, solidifying its status for American Jews as "an emblem of the unified Jewish

people," Sarna told JTA.

"That was absolutely a turning point - it was the first time that a Zionist flag was flown along with all the other flags of other countries," he said. "It was a huge deal that the flag was recognized, and because it was recognized and got so much attention, I think that became the flag that American Jews knew."

So when time came to pick a flag in 1948 for the newly established State of Israel, American Zionists would not budge, rejecting some 164 other flag proposals. Ultimately they got their way, and today the flag recognized as representing Israel worldwide looks an awful lot like the flag that hung outside Boston's B'nai Zion building in 1891.

"Every so often, vivid colors that create the rich tapestry of Israel-U.S. history and relations are illuminated - and this is one of those moments," Sarna said Monday in a statement. "To think that 57 years before the founding of the modern state of Israel, Americans in Boston were proudly parading a flag so closely reminiscent to the present-day version is extraordinary, and is further indicative of the impassioned and prominent role that American Jews, even in the 1800s, had in shaping the future State of Israel." (JTA)

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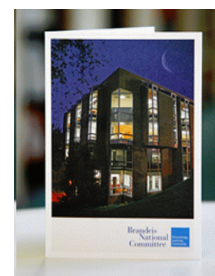
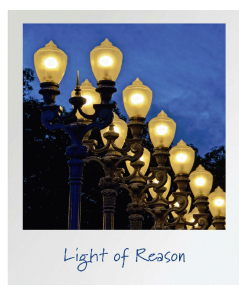
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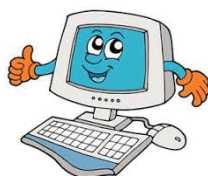
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The chapter membership roster is now available online by request. You must have an email address for us to provide secure access. Please send your request to Bruce Galin at bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. You will be notified when your access is available.



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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BNC Phoenix Board and Committee Calendar

Jan. 4	Executive Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	University On Wheels (UoW)
Jan. 18	General Board Meeting
Jan. 20	Membership Coffee
Jan. 23	Membership Committee Meeting



PROGRAMMING MEETING

Planning has begun on a variety of great events this coming season. Attend the Programming Meeting the 1st Monday of each month.

Join a great committee and make new friends as we work on the details of our upcoming events.

For meeting locations, RSVP to:
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SPECIAL YEARLY BOARD EVENT
Open Meeting on February 15, Stay tuned for details.

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