

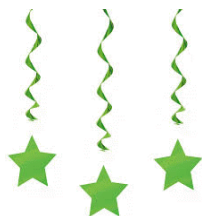
February 2017

# 27th Annual BNC Phoenix Book & Author

Monday, March 13, 2017  
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

## AUTHORS and SHOPPING and FOOD, Oh My!

Come for the books,  
come for the authors, stay  
for the shopping, the food and  
the fun! Doors open  
at 9:00 am, so come early to  
shop our new and returning  
boutiques and be ready for  
author signings at 9:30 am.



A **Bookmark**  
**Donor Cocktail Reception**  
with the authors will be held on  
**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
at a beautiful private residence.

Boutiques  
and Book Sales  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Book Signings  
begin at 9:30 am

Morning Program  
11:00 am

Lunch  
12:30 pm

Afternoon  
Program  
1:30 pm

Boutiques  
Book Sales  
Remain Open



Arizona Bedsheets  
Calle Rose Traveling Boutique  
Classy Bag Lady  
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Girly Girlz Scottsdale  
Gotta Have It!  
Hostess Gifts To Go  
Jacqueline B  
Kazzie Jewelry  
Kiki Bean & Bedhead Pajamas  
My Fling Accessory  
Roberto Mantellassi  
Shelley's Fashions  
Studio Nicole Gifts  
The Treasured Accessory



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

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



## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear BNC Friends and Colleagues:

As we write this message we are basking in the glow of our recent inspiring University on Wheels event. Ryan McKittrick, Assistant Professor of Theater Arts at Brandeis University, enlightened us on the social justice themes that run through the history of the American musical from the 19th Century to *Hamilton*. Our commitment to raising scholarship funds for brilliant and exceptional Arizona students was reinforced after meeting Erica Baratz, who will attend Brandeis in the fall. She explained why she chose Brandeis over the many schools she had an opportunity to attend.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> we are featuring another Brandeis talent: Jan Krulick-Belin, a new member of our chapter who recently retired from the Phoenix Art Museum as Director of Education. At the annual open meeting at McDowell Center at McDowell Mountain Ranch, Jan will speak about her book *Love, Bill: Finding My Father through Letters from World War II*. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, it is Jan's parents' love story and Jan's discovery of the father she barely knew. This presentation, along with the wonderful baked goods provided by our members, should provide us with a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration. For more information, see page 7. Registration is limited to 75: e-mail [sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com) to register; for questions, call Sue Lawler at 480-502-9036.

This month we can utilize our own talents, make friends and have fun by entering the Mah Jongg tournament on February 4<sup>th</sup> ([Click HERE](#) for registration), the Canasta tournament on February 11<sup>th</sup> ([Click HERE](#) for registration). For more information about both tournaments, see page 8.

It is only six weeks until the Valley-renowned Annual Book & Author Event. This year, our 27<sup>th</sup>, the two celebratory days are March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Reservations for the luncheon are streaming in and tables are filling up. Register now in order not to miss out on this magnificent event. Please consider becoming a Bookmark and attending a wonderful cocktail party and even an intimate dinner where you will have access to our famous authors on a one-to-one basis. The Book & Author Event is our largest fundraiser. The proceeds will be donated to Brandeis' Sustaining the Mind Fund, which supports scholarships and research in neurodegenerative diseases.

Join us. Meet the authors, buy their books, have them autographed and shop, shop, shop at our phenomenal boutiques. It is a great way to have fun and also support our philanthropic mission.

Nancy and Iris

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## Book & Author Update

We are pleased to announce that our fifth author for the 2017 Book & Author events on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be Pulitzer Prize-winning, *New York Times* best selling author and *NY Times* Op-ed columnist Maureen Dowd (see her bio on the next page). She comes to us with her just-published book, *The Year of Voting Dangerously: The Derangement of American Politics*. Ms. Dowd is replacing John Dickerson, who has been placed on special assignment by CBS and thus can't be

with us. We believe that our diverse lineup of authors promises to be both exciting and stimulating - one that you won't want to miss.

By now you have received your Book & Author invitation! An electronic version is available on our [website](#). [Click HERE](#) to download a copy for yourself, or to send to a friend. New this year: the [luncheon menu](#) is also online, to help you decide which of the delectable entrée and dessert choices you wish to indicate on your reservation form.

Get ready for fifteen fabulous boutiques, and all five authors will be delighted to autograph their books, which will be on hand through our Book Sales partner, Barnes & Noble. Your luncheon reservation entitles you to a \$5.00 coupon towards the books you purchase, of course. I look forward to greeting you at Book & Author 2017!

Carol Abrams, Book and Author Chair 2017 [bncphxba@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxba@gmail.com) (480) 442-9623

## Read all About Our Fantastic Authors!

### Caroline Leavitt Bio

Caroline Leavitt is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *Is This Tomorrow*, *Pictures of You*, *Girls In Trouble*, *Coming Back To Me*, *Living Other Lives*, *Into Thin Air*, *Family*, *Jealousies*, *Lifelines*, and *Meeting Rozzy Halfway*. Various titles were optioned for film, translated into different languages, and condensed in magazines.



Her ninth novel, *Pictures of You*, went into three printings months before publication and is now in its fourth printing. A *New York Times* bestseller, it was also a Costco "Pennie's Pick," a *San Francisco Chronicle* Editor's Choice "Lit Pick," and was one of the top 20 books published in 2011, as named by *BookPage*. *Pictures of You* was also on the Best Books of 2011 lists from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Providence Journal*, *Bookmarks Magazine* and *Kirkus Reviews*. Her novel, *Is This Tomorrow* is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller, a *San Francisco Chronicle* Lit Pick/Editor's Choice, a Jewish Book Council Bookclub Pick, a WNBA National Great Group Reads, a May Indie Next Pick, and a Best Book of 2013 from *January* magazine.

Her many essays, stories, book reviews and articles have appeared in *Salon*, *Psychology Today*, *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, *The New York Times Modern Love*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *People*, *Real Simple*, *New York Magazine*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe* and numerous anthologies. She won First Prize in *Redbook Magazine's* Young Writers Contest for her short story, "Meeting Rozzy Halfway," which grew into the novel. The recipient of a 1990 New York Foundation of the Arts Award for Fiction for *Into Thin Air*, she was also a National Magazine Award nominee for personal essay. As a screenwriter, Caroline was a 2003 Nickelodeon Screenwriting Fellow Finalist, and is a recent first-round finalist in the Sundance Screenwriting Lab competition for her script of *Is This Tomorrow*.

Caroline has been a judge in both the Writers' Voice Fiction Awards in New York City and the *Mid Atlantic Arts Grants* in Fiction. She teaches novel-writing online at both Stanford University and UCLA Extension Writers Program, as well as working with writers privately.

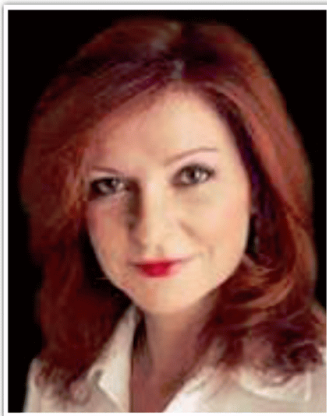
Caroline has appeared on *The Today Show*, *Diane Rehm*, German and Canadian TV, among others, and she has been featured on *The View From The Bay*. She lives in Hoboken, New Jersey, New York City's unofficial sixth borough, with her husband, the writer Jeff Tamarkin, and has an acting student son, Max.

She comes to us with her most recent novel, *Cruel Beautiful World*.



# Read all About Our Fantastic Authors!

## Maureen Dowd Bio



Maureen Dowd, winner of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary and author of two *New York Times* bestsellers, became an Op-Ed columnist in 1995. In August 2014, she also became a writer for *The New York Times Magazine*.

Born in Washington, Ms. Dowd began her journalism career in 1974 as an editorial assistant for *The Washington Star*, where

she later became a sports columnist, metropolitan reporter and feature writer. In 1983, she joined *The New York Times* as a metropolitan correspondent and then moved to the *Times'* Washington bureau in 1986 to cover politics. Ms. Dowd has covered seven presidential campaigns, served as the *Times'* White House correspondent, and written "On Washington," a column for *The New York Times Magazine*. In the run-up to the 2004 presidential election, G. P. Putnam published her first book, *Bushworld*, which covered the presidency and personality of George W. Bush. After *Bushworld* quickly climbed the bestseller list, Ms. Dowd switched from presidential politics to sexual politics in another bestseller, *Are Men Necessary? When Sexes Collide*, released in 2005.

Ms. Dowd's new book, *The Year of Voting Dangerously: The Derangement of American Politics* was reviewed on Amazon:

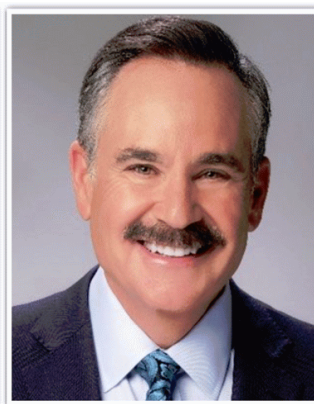
"Maureen Dowd's incendiary takes and takedowns from 2016--the most bizarre, disruptive and divisive Presidential race in modern history.

Trapped between two candidates with the highest recorded unfavorables, Americans are plunged into *The Year of Voting Dangerously: The Derangement of American Politics*. In this perilous and shocking campaign season, *The New York Times* columnist traces the psychologies and pathologies in one of the nastiest and most significant battles of the sexes ever. Dowd has covered Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton since the '90s. She was with the real estate mogul when he approached his first Presidential rope line in 1999, and she won a Pulitzer prize that same year for her penetrating columns on the Clinton impeachment follies. Like her bestsellers, *Bushworld* and *Are Men Necessary?*, *The Year of Voting Dangerously* features

Dowd's trademark cocktail of wry humor and acerbic analysis in dispatches from the political madhouse."

In addition to *The New York Times*, Ms. Dowd has written for *GQ*, *Vanity Fair*, *Rolling Stone*, *The New Republic*, *Mademoiselle*, *Sports Illustrated* and others. Her column appears every Sunday.

## Mark Curtis Bio



Mark Curtis made his first appearance on Valley airwaves in June of 1980. Back in those days, Curtis and his mustache went all over the country covering sports for 12 News. He remained at 12 through 1987 when he and his pregnant wife Abby packed their bags for Minneapolis, where he covered the Twins' amazing run to the 1987 World Series! After three years in the Twin Cities, it was on to St. Louis, where Curtis not only

worked as the main sportscaster, but was also the play-by-play voice for St. Louis University basketball.

But deep inside, Curtis and his quickly-growing family wanted to return to Phoenix. In 1995 he finally did, returning to 12 News. It wasn't long before Mark made the switch, moving over to join Lin Sue on the anchor desk. Since returning to 12 News, Mark has covered the Olympics in Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Athens, London and Sochi, Russia. Mark, who went to the University of Georgia and then American University, has 3 children, all Sun Devils. His wife Abby is also a Sun Devil, but his Bouvier, Olivia, is not. Mark enjoys golfing, growing tomatoes and fishing in his spare time.

His hometown is Alexandria, Virginia. Mark decided to work in TV because he grew up in the Washington area, and the news was always on. His first job was as a Sports producer in D.C.







Enjoy a day of shopping at our fabulous boutiques at Book & Author! There are many old favorites and "new" vendors to choose from.

**Shopping hours ~ 9:00 - 3:30 pm**  
**Bring your friends!!**

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**ARIZONA BEDSHEETS** - Egyptian cotton sheets, bamboo pillows and sheets, luxury bed throws all at affordable prices.

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**CALLE ROSE TRAVELING BOUTIQUE** - Ladies clothing, accessories, jewelry ,bags, belts.

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**CLASSY BAG LADY** - Great Handbags! All types, styles and colors to match your outfits.

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**DEESIGNS BY DEEDEE** - One-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry pieces, incorporating sterling silver, artisan glass, talavera and ethnic beads.

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**GOTTA HAVE IT!** - A fun mix of clothing, shoes, jewelry, purses, and great gifts for your friends and family.

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**HOSTESS GIFTS TO GO** - Beautiful melamine serving dishes - they look so real you will think they are glass or ceramic!

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**JACQUELINE B** - Great women's casual wear - "Up to the Minute" clothing featuring sweatpants sets, t-shirts and ponchos.

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**KAZZIE JEWELRY** - Handmade exquisite jewelry - semi precious stones, sterling silver and gold vermeil necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

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**KIKI BEAN & BEDHEAD PAJAMAS** - Fabulous nightwear and robes for women, children and baby. Plush throws for all!

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**MY FLING ACCESSORY** - Great wraps that can be worn differently and caps!

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**ROBERTO MANTELLASSI** - Lush Italian leather products, plush cashmere, unique pearl necklaces and all fur-trimmed capes.

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**SHELLEY'S FASHIONS** - Smart and stylish sweaters, tops, jackets, coats and more, more, more!

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**STUDIO NICOLE** - Hand-beaded tabletop serving pieces for home and kitchen plus fun and funky gifts.

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**THE TREASURED ACCESSORY** - Beautiful "of the moment" jewelry. Rhodium and 14 kt. Gold plating over sterling hoops, earrings, long and short necklaces, bangles and an extensive stackable ring collection.

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## Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!

Kick off the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Open Meeting and Event

**Wednesday, February 15 ~ 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**The McDowell Center,**

16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd., Scottsdale 85255  
(SW corner of McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd. and Paradise Lane)

Please join the BNC Phoenix Chapter for our annual open meeting and our event "LOVE." We will vote on the 2017-18 slate and several of our members will recite a selection of renowned love sonnets as an introduction to our author and guest speaker, Jan Krulick-Belin.

Jan will speak on her book:

*Love, Bill: Finding My Father through Letters from World War II*



There is no fee for this event. You must RSVP to be guaranteed a seat.  
Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Sandy Itkowitz, [sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.itkowitz@gmail.com)

## Speaker Biography:

Jan Krulick-Belin is a museum and art consultant, and art and jewelry historian with nearly forty years of experience at such institutions as the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Denver Art Museum, Beaumont (Texas) Art Museum, and Smithsonian Institution. Retired as Director of Education at the Phoenix Art Museum, she still works with museums, art organizations, and private collectors. She also serves as guest curator at the Sylvia Plotkin Judaica Museum in Phoenix.

Jan drew on her research skills to delve into her past, creating *Love, Bill* as a labor of love to fulfill her father's dream, as well as her own.

thank  
you!

## To our fantastic University on Wheels Committee!

Carol Abrams  
Chuck Abrams  
Jane Berezin  
Michelle Fischler  
Judy Frank  
Bruce Galin  
Sandy Itkowitz

Carol Kadet  
Renee Kaminitz  
Hillary Kaminsky  
Sue Karp  
Marcia Langer  
Sue Lawler  
Sharon Lubert

Beth Messer  
Nancy Moffitt  
Brina Pepper  
Lori Roth  
Marsha Sacks  
Barbara Stern  
Sharon Tievsky  
Nan Waldman





## 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](mailto:bncphxreg@gmail.com)

*All proceeds will benefit the BNC Scholarship Campaign/Phoenix Chapter Scholarship Fund.*

**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**



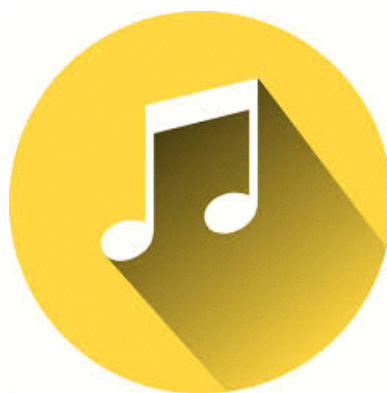
Registration will be limited to 48 people, so register early. Reservations will be closed February 4, 2017 or when maximum number of attendees is reached.

Tournament questions? Contact Lori Roth 480-664-3312

Reservation questions, Email: [bncphxreg@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxreg@gmail.com)

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## Concerts and Conversations

For the final concert of the season, BNC welcomes ASU Professor Emeritus Saxophonist Joseph Wytko. He will perform works of classical composers such as Mussorgsky and Ravel, as well as tunes of great popular artists including George Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim, Astor Piazzolla, Dave Brubeck, Paul Desmond, Cole Porter, Nino Rota, The Beatles, and Irving Gordon-Nat King Cole.

The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on **Monday, February 13, 2017**. Doors will open at 12:45 pm at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley 85253. There will be refreshments following the performance.

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

### Joseph Wytko, Saxophonist

Mr. Wytko has been described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as a performer with "astounding musicianship, virtuoso playing, a winner," while *The New York Times* credits him with "vivid projection, effortless precision, charm and savoir-faire." The Arizona Republic states simply, "flawless." He has presented solo engagements in Poland, France, Italy, Belgium, Canada, Mexico, Macedonia, and throughout the United States, including in the East Room of the White House. He is a past recipient of the prestigious Solo Recitalist Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Senior Scholar Grant from the International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, D. C., is a recent Visiting Professor at the University of Georgia and is currently Professor Emeritus at Arizona State University. He has served as orchestral saxophonist with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra since 1976 and has performed as soloist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as well as other orchestras throughout the U.S., Europe and Mexico.



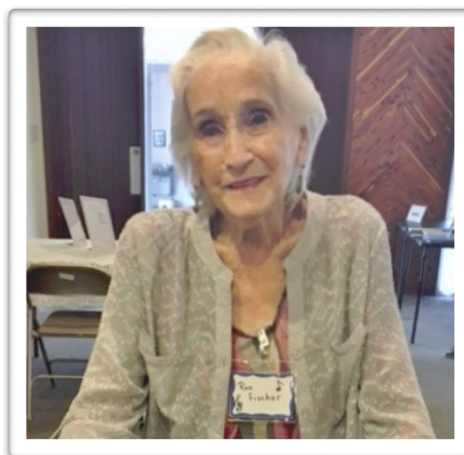
### Concerts and Conversations Study Group Committee.

The Committee arranges for the performers, sets up the seating, provides the refreshments, and welcomes all to the concert. At least 120 people attended the January concert!



Front row left to right: Roz Fischer, Ellen Tuckman, Paulette Fraenkel, Joan Sitver, Susan Peskind

Back row left to right: Arlene Feldman, David Tuckman, Ruth LeGrand, Elaine Wagner and Phyllis Becker.



Roz Fischer started the group over 20 years ago and it is a tribute to her that this group is strong and playing to capacity every time. She was also a Chapter President and received the first Carol Kern Sustaining Leadership Award.

# Study Group News



## Arizona Authors

**Monday, February 20, 12:30-2:30 pm**  
**JCC, 12701 North Scottsdale Road**

Our February speaker will be Richard Burger with his book, *Behind the Red Door: Sex in China*. Richard Burger has more than 23 years of combined journalism and corporate communications experience. Along with working as an editor for the Chinese newspaper *The Global Times* in Beijing and copywriter for Prentice-Hall books, a correspondent for the *Fairchild News Syndicate* in D.C., and *The Enterprise* newspaper in Maryland, and was a contributor to the *Baltimore Sun*. He worked as a communications specialist for more than eight years in Greater China, with nearly four years spent in Beijing, and played a key role in promoting the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

*Behind the Red Door: Sex in China* is the only book that provides a panoramic exploration of the story of sex in China from ancient times to today. The book surveys China's shifting attitudes toward sex from thousands of years ago to the present, and unwraps the mystery of how a society that was once more sexually open than nearly any other shifted course and embraced sexual puritanism. Interviews with pimps, prostitutes, sex shop owners, sex therapists, gays and straights - all of these help to put a human face on this complex and much misunderstood topic.

**RSVP - Merrill Kalman [mskbflo@aol.com](mailto:mskbflo@aol.com)**  
**Guests are welcome - \$5.00**



## Men of Brandeis (MOB)

**Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 am**  
**Location details will be**  
**emailed to participants.**

The Men of Brandeis (MOB) will visit the T-Gen Facility in Phoenix on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Lunch will follow the tour; details will be emailed to the participants.

The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on developing earlier diagnostics and smarter treatments.

Translational genomics research is a relatively new field, employing innovative advances arising from the Human Genome Project and applying them to the development of diagnostics, prognostics and therapies for cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes and other complex diseases.

For more information,  
 please contact the facilitators:

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 480-874-9434

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 480-488-1540



# Happening at Brandeis

## Author Rebecca Walker headlines 'DEIS Impact 2017'

### Rebecca Walker speaks at Brandeis about *"The World in You and You in the World: Identity in Action."*

She asks, "In a complex and interconnected world, how can we come to understand the power and strength that arises from our own lived experiences while being respectful of others in their quest to find fulfillment? How can each of us leverage our individuality, strengths, and skills to make the changes we wish to see in the world? How can we love, honor, and reserve space for ourselves, while also serving as a force for social change?"

Walker was born Rebecca Leventhal in Jackson, Mississippi, the daughter of Alice Walker, the African-American author of *The Color Purple*, and Mel Leventhal, a Jewish American lawyer. She says her intention is to "make the world a better place, one conversation at a time."

Rebecca is the founder of the Third Wave Fund for Social Justice and was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the most influential leaders of her generation. Through her coming of age as a biracial Jewish woman and embracing the power of renaming herself, Walker's experience speaks to the intersections of race, gender, class and religion that shape today's conversations about power, privilege and identity. She is the bestselling author of *Black, White & Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self*. She co-starred in the 1998 film *Primary Colors* and continues to write and develop projects for television. Most recently she appeared on the Amazon series *Transparent*.

'DEIS Impact is a collaboration of the Brandeis Undergraduate Student Union and the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, with support provided by the Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



Photo by David Fenton

## Study Group Calendar

### \*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](http://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](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com)

FEB	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 <a href="mailto:ngolden1@hotmail.com">ngolden1@hotmail.com</a> 216-798-5222 Myra Orkin <a href="mailto:morkin@cox.net">morkin@cox.net</a> 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 <a href="mailto:joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com">joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com</a> 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard <a href="mailto:mlphx@cox.net">mlphx@cox.net</a> 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman <a href="mailto:terrytaubman@gmail.com">terrytaubman@gmail.com</a> 602-319-8351
1	DESSERT - HOW SWEET IT IS!	1:30	Join this group and discover new places to satisfy your sweet tooth. Participants will be notified of the locations by email.	Lori Roth <a href="mailto:lori.rothaz@gmail.com">lori.rothaz@gmail.com</a> 480-310-1605 Kathleen Witkin <a href="mailto:witkinbnc@gmail.com">witkinbnc@gmail.com</a> 480-473-4825
1	DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY	5:00	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 <a href="mailto:clennon60@gmail.com">clennon60@gmail.com</a> 602-999-8858
2 16	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	Start 7:00 - 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 <a href="mailto:n.siefer@gmail.com">n.siefer@gmail.com</a> 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner <a href="mailto:caryllwebner@yahoo.com">caryllwebner@yahoo.com</a> 602-989-1348
2 9 16 23	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG**	11:45 for lunch and 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. RSVP to the facilitator.	Beth Sennett <a href="mailto:basennett@gmail.com">basennett@gmail.com</a> 414-418-4203
2	JEWISH BOOK GROUP **	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
2 16	LEARN CHINESE MAH JONGG!	1:30	Chinese Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, calculation (and luck!) that originated in China. Details will be emailed to the group.	Abby Tucker <a href="mailto:sky ranch52@gmail.com">sky ranch52@gmail.com</a> 917-816-8261 John Poremba
2 16	LEISURE HIKING	Start 8:00 or 8:30	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 <a href="mailto:ellenk102@cox.net">ellenk102@cox.net</a> 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com">bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com</a> 602-614-5212
2 16	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 <a href="mailto:allwomyn08@gmail.com">allwomyn08@gmail.com</a> 480-292-8282
3	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ **	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	Joyce Goldstein <a href="mailto:joyce@goldstein.us">joyce@goldstein.us</a> 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon <a href="mailto:gladsi26@hotmail.com">gladsi26@hotmail.com</a> 480-773-7958
3	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 <a href="mailto:ronika1@aol.com">ronika1@aol.com</a> 480-488-4476 Stephanie Klopfer <a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a> 480-251-0815
3	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 <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100

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7 14 21 28	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 <a href="mailto:n.siefer@gmail.com">n.siefer@gmail.com</a> 480-577-1439
7	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 <a href="mailto:gladsi26@hotmail.com">gladsi26@hotmail.com</a> 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopper <a href="mailto:rednoz@aol.com">rednoz@aol.com</a> 480-251-0815 Amy Richman <a href="mailto:amy@richmanfamily.com">amy@richmanfamily.com</a> 480-664-6901
7	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	10:00	Tour of T-Gen facility in Phoenix Experience lectures and local tours. Location and times of events to be determined and will be emailed to participants.	Leith Baletin <a href="mailto:lbaletin@att.net">lbaletin@att.net</a> 480-874-9434 Sam Summer <a href="mailto:samsummeraz@yahoo.com">samsummeraz@yahoo.com</a> 480-488-1540
7 14 21 28	CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS	10:00 am	Meet new people, have fun and learn a classic game. Location details will be mailed to participants.	Cheryl Senkfor <a href="mailto:senk4@aol.com">senk4@aol.com</a> 216-272-1697
7 14 21 28	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). RSVP to the facilitator.	Ellen Widoff <a href="mailto:ebwidoff@gmail.com">ebwidoff@gmail.com</a> 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman <a href="mailto:terrytaubman@gmail.com">terrytaubman@gmail.com</a> 602-319-8351
8 22	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 <a href="mailto:afsplays@gmail.com">afsplays@gmail.com</a> 215-882-2600
8 22	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing will be a stitch. We meet at a location convenient to Scottsdale and Shea. Contact the facilitators for details.	Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@cox.net">ellenk102@cox.net</a> 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel <a href="mailto:ronees@aol.com">ronees@aol.com</a> 917-273-0393
9	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. RSVP to the facilitator.	Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:builder2@cox.net">builder2@cox.net</a> 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler <a href="mailto:suelawler9@gmail.com">suelawler9@gmail.com</a> 480-502-9036
9	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	12:00	Attend the Herberger Lunchtime Theater performance, brunch before. Contact the facilitators for details.	Irene Kestenbaum <a href="mailto:irenek0426@gmail.com">irenek0426@gmail.com</a> 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold <a href="mailto:bzgold9333@gmail.com">bzgold9333@gmail.com</a> 480-802-7945
11	AT THE BALLET	2:00	Enjoy the ballet. For more information, see the website: <a href="http://www.balletaz.org">www.balletaz.org</a> . Car pools will be arranged. If a participant cannot attend a performance, that person is solely responsible for finding a substitute. Contact the facilitator for details.	Sheila Berkowitz <a href="mailto:sberk327@cox.net">sberk327@cox.net</a> 480-451-5229
13	CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS	1:00	Enjoy a performance by saxophonist Joseph Wytko. Refreshments will be served. Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln Drive.	Joan Sitver <a href="mailto:joansitver@aol.com">joansitver@aol.com</a> 602-971-0012
14	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 <a href="mailto:andsue1@cox.net">andsue1@cox.net</a> 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan <a href="mailto:hskaplan@cox.net">hskaplan@cox.net</a> 480-585-1777
15	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 <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291

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16	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 <a href="mailto:sternbts@gmail.com">sternbts@gmail.com</a> 540-664-3106 Tricia Beran <a href="mailto:tricia@beran.net">tricia@beran.net</a> 480-229-5668
16	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 <a href="mailto:janislipman@gmail.com">janislipman@gmail.com</a> 203-216-0177 Joyce Goldstein <a href="mailto:joyce@goldstein.us">joyce@goldstein.us</a> 480-307-9300
20	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Speaker will be Richard Burger with his book, <i>Behind the Red Door: Sex in China</i> . Held at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat.	Merrill Kalman <a href="mailto:mskbflo@aol.com">mskbflo@aol.com</a> 480-296-3355
21	BRIDGING IT!	11:30	Experienced bridge players meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman <a href="mailto:nanlarry@cox.net">nanlarry@cox.net</a> 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291
21	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 <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley <a href="mailto:henriette.hasley@cox.net">henriette.hasley@cox.net</a> 602-494-1924
21	LET'S GET CREATIVE	10:30 am	Create a resin pendant. Classes are held in a private home in Scottsdale and the location will be provided to members of the group.	Cheryl Senkfor <a href="mailto:senk4@aol.com">senk4@aol.com</a> 216-272-1697
22	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 <a href="mailto:annetekurland@me.com">annetekurland@me.com</a> 516-236-6271 Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291
22	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 <a href="mailto:wmsendrow@gmail.com">wmsendrow@gmail.com</a> 602-307-5420
22	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 <a href="mailto:lori.rothaz@gmail.com">lori.rothaz@gmail.com</a> 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield <a href="mailto:lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com">lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com</a> 312-316-8800
23	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 <a href="mailto:ramyers@aol.com">ramyers@aol.com</a> 480-947-8216
23	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS	11:30	Join us for lunch as we sample four best-kept secret locales. This is a wonderful chance to meet new people in a fun setting! Location details will be mailed to participants.	Iris Wigal <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn <a href="mailto:gdtenn@hotmail.com">gdtenn@hotmail.com</a> 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold <a href="mailto:sara1225@gmail.com">sara1225@gmail.com</a> 480-359-5599
27	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 <a href="mailto:readerpainter@gmail.com">readerpainter@gmail.com</a> 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman <a href="mailto:ahelfman2002@yahoo.com">ahelfman2002@yahoo.com</a> 480-264-6909
28	ETHNIC DINING	11:30	Join us for lunch as we venture around the world, savor regional cuisine and experience the distinct flavors of unusual ethnic restaurants in the Valley. The details will be sent to participants in advance of the meeting date.	Michelle Fischler <a href="mailto:michelleyules@gmail.com">michelleyules@gmail.com</a> 602-667-0313 Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@cox.net">ellenk102@cox.net</a> 602-214-5212

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Speaker Ryan McKittrick with event chairs Beth Messer and Barbara Stern



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# MUSICAL THEATRE





**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**OPEN MEETING**

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**  
**BOOK & AUTHOR**  
**BOOKMARK DONOR COCKTAIL**  
**RECEPTION**

**Monday, March 13, 2017**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT**  
**at the Marriott Desert Ridge**

**Friday, April 28, 2017**  
**SPRING LUNCHEON**



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# February

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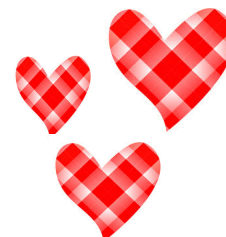
Nan Waldman at 602-410-5639 or [nanlarry@cox.net](mailto:nanlarry@cox.net)

## Membership News

- ♥ Congratulations to Don Baine on the arrival of his grandson, Sawyer Belanger, son of Alyssa and Phillip Belanger.
- ♥ Congratulations to Ronda & Sheldon Kottle on the birth of their granddaughter, Francine Lea Soper, daughter of Stacy and Nick Soper.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Daron Barness on the passing of her mother, Shana Yuster.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Gail Rineberg on the passing of her husband, Steven.

## New and Rejoining Members

Sharon Agopian, Anita Eisenberg, Barbara Honiberg,  
Toni Leonard, Maxine Sukenik



## Brandeis Ambassador: You Ask! We Listen!

Are you new to our Brandeis Chapter and you aren't sure which Study Group to select? Or, perhaps you are considering volunteering for the Book and Author Luncheon because your talents lie in decorations or favors? We want every Brandeis member to feel comfortable attending every event offered by our Brandeis Chapter. The Ambassadors are there to help you enjoy the Brandeis Experience.

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# Social Justice

## Carol B's Children's Book Collection



On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, we delivered 893 K-8 books. Approximately 350 books, grades 4-8, were donated to R E Simpson Elementary School, Alhambra School District (Dena Pepper, teacher). Approximately 543 K-8 books were donated to Charles W. Harris Elementary School, Cartwright School District. A big thank you to Linda Perlman, Sue Rollins and Georgia Heller for all their help sorting and boxing. To date we have delivered approximately 7000 books.

We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Dorry Sunenshine** [dsunenshine@gmail.com](mailto:dsunenshine@gmail.com)

**Ellen Kirschenbaum** [ellenk102@cox.net](mailto:ellenk102@cox.net)

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

*– A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, 1943*



## 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/>

**Ellen Kirschenbaum**  
[ellenk102@cox.net](mailto:ellenk102@cox.net)

## 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](mailto:ronees@aol.com)  
(917-273-0393) for more information.

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**

**Alissa Berman to Carol & Chuck Abrams  
In honor 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Marcia & Richard Metzcus to Carol & Chuck Abrams  
In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Gail & Dan Tenn to Carol & Chuck Abrams  
In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Iris Wigal & Bill Howard to Gail Rineberg  
In memory of Stephen Rineberg**

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

Ronda Kottle [ronda@kottlehome.com](mailto:ronda@kottlehome.com)

Minimum donations \$25, please.

A card will be sent to your honoree.



**Nancy Sacks-Goldberg & Stu Goldberg**

**To Carol & Chuck Abrams in honor of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**To Miriam Lowe in memory of Jonathan Bernbaum**

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.

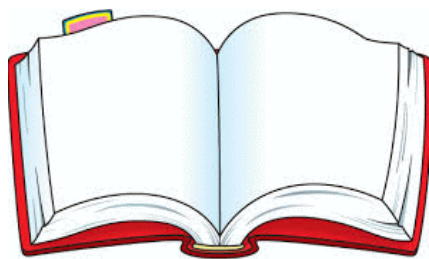
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Ronda Kottle, [ronda@kottlehome.com](mailto:ronda@kottlehome.com)

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## Occasion

### Research Journal

Friday Mah Jongg Group  
Stephanie Altman & Randy Farmer

Carol & Chuck Abrams  
Leigh Palmer

In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
In honor of receiving a Master's Degree

### Special Book Collection

Harriet Schwartz & Liehara Askinazi  
Pam & Phil Silverman

Carol & Chuck Abrams

In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Book Fund

Helen & Mike Greenberg  
Sheila & Larry Landau

Carol & Chuck Abrams

In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Arlene & Irving Feldman

Nancy Elkins

In honor of daughter Sarah's engagement to Doni Grossman

Phoenix Chapter Sunshine Fund  
Iris Wigal

Shirley Pollock

Congratulations on receiving a Brandeis Fellowship

Carol & Chuck Abrams

Steffy Altman & Randy Farmer  
Truda Chick  
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Thank you

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Michelle Fischler  
Daron Barness  
Barbie Glass  
Miriam Lowe

Get well wishes  
In memory of your mother, Shana Yuster  
In memory of your sister  
In memory of your grandson

### Special Tribute Cards

Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum  
Judy & Warren Levine

Carol & Chuck Abrams

In honor of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Iris Wigal

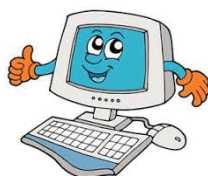
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## Did You Know?

You can establish a Book Fund Savings Account! The Account allows you to send Book Fund Tributes with ease. For more information contact Phyllis Becker.

## CHAPTER ROSTER



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## 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](mailto: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.

Nancy-Sacks Goldberg [nhshobo@aol.com](mailto:nhshobo@aol.com)  
Iris Wigal [wiggley@cox.net](mailto:wiggley@cox.net)

### BNC Phoenix Board and Committee Calendar

Feb. 1	Executive Committee Meeting
Feb. 4	Mah Jongg and Lunch
Feb. 6	Program Committee Meeting
Feb. 11	Canasta and Lunch
Feb. 15	Open Meeting
Feb. 27	Membership Committee Meeting



## PROGRAMMING MEETING

Planning has begun on a variety of great events this coming season. Attend the Programming Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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