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This year's program features  
Brandeis University Professor  
Daniel Breen, who will be  
discussing

***In the Matter of Gault -  
A Revolution in  
Juvenile Justice***

**A 1967 landmark Supreme  
Court Case originating in  
Globe, Arizona**

Join us when Professor Breen  
brings history alive as he  
unravels a complex case that  
had a profound influence on the  
system of juvenile justice.

**BNC PHOENIX PRESENTS  
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS  
2019**



**Friday, January 11, 2019  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Scottsdale Plaza Resort  
7200 N. Scottsdale Road  
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

**Seating is limited. Reservations must  
be received by January 2, 2019.**

See page 3 for details; [Click HERE](#) for the reservation form.

Have any questions? Please contact Bonnie Clewans [beadorder@aol.com](mailto:beadorder@aol.com) or  
Judy Krockey [bojudyz@aol.com](mailto:bojudyz@aol.com)

*All proceeds benefit MAGNIFY THE MIND — Advancing Neuroscience Research at Brandeis University*



## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

Love December! You can feel the excitement in the deliciously cool Arizona air. The Phoenix Chapter is making its own excitement. We just had an utterly fabulous “Matters of the Mind” Auction. The success was due to the intense work of our passionate volunteers, led by Event Co-Chairs Caryn Balaban, Janie Kuznitsky and Cindie Gittelman. A special “Thank You” goes to Pennie and Jesse Aragon for graciously opening their home and going above and beyond. Many thanks to Josh Levine, auctioneer extraordinaire, for volunteering his services. All funds raised from the Auction will go towards the BNC Magnify the Mind Campaign to purchase a \$500,000 two-photon resonance microscope, which is state of the art. The microscope can capture 50 images of the brain in one second. This ability will enhance the research for ALS, Dementia and Parkinson’s, as well as other neurological diseases.

It’s not too late to sign up to play golf, attend the luncheon and join Emcee Sean McLaughlin for the time of your life at our Chapter’s Second Annual Golf Tournament, Luncheon and Auction to be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The luncheon portion of the event is advertised as “The Luncheon with Pizzazz and Jazz” and includes optional bridge and canasta morning game play. Event Chair Lori Roth looks forward to welcoming all golfers and luncheon attendees to a fabulous event. All proceeds will benefit our BNC Magnify the Mind Campaign.

Love December! Love the Holidays. May you and your families have a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year.

Judy Levine & Marcia Langer  
BNC Phoenix Co-Presidents

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# BNC-PHOENIX UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS 2019

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Doors Open at 9:00**

**Breakfast will be served at 9:30 / Open Seating**

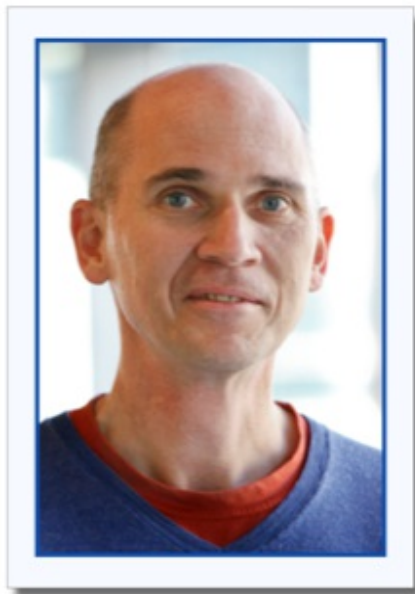
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*In the Matter of Gault - A Revolution in Juvenile Justice:*  
*The Arizona Case that Gave Constitutional Protections to Children***



**Daniel Breen  
Lecturer, Legal Studies  
Program Brandeis  
University**

Daniel Breen is a lecturer in the legal studies program at Brandeis. He has been teaching at Brandeis since 1998, and one of his courses is *Louis Brandeis: Law, Business and Politics*. He also teaches *The Legal Boundaries of Public and Private Life*, *Civil Liberties in America*, *Business Law* and *Science on Trial*.

He received his BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his MA and JD from the University of Georgia and his PhD from Boston College.

Professor Breen was a member of the "LBD 100" committee, which was comprised of faculty and staff from various departments across campus who worked to plan the celebrations commemorating the centennial of Louis Brandeis' nomination and confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court

He received the Louis D. Brandeis Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2017.

Last year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *In the Matter of Gault*, by which the Supreme Court extended meaningful due process rights to minor children accused of crimes. That case happened to stem from events that took place 90 miles from Phoenix, in the town of Globe, AZ. No one could ever have thought that those events would give rise to one of the most important cases of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This complex case can be summarized as the intersection of jurisprudence, common sense and fortunate timing, which reshaped juvenile justice.

TAKE A HOLE IN ONE  
TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL



# SECOND ANNUAL BRANDEIS GOLF CLASSIC

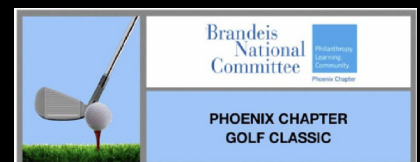
JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 AT MCCORMICK  
RANCH GOLF CLUB (7:30 AM - 3:00 PM)

Event Includes light breakfast, **lunch with pizzazz and jazz**, an auction of experiences, canasta, bridge, prizes, shopping and more!

Reserve Early! Space is Limited.

Proceeds will benefit BNC's Campaign **Magnify the Mind**,  
advancing neuroscience research at Brandeis University

Contact [lori.rothaz@gmail.com](mailto:lori.rothaz@gmail.com)





# Book & Author News



The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Book & Author Events...  
Illuminating The Mind

We hope you are already planning to join us at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa on Friday, March 1, 2019! Proceeds from Book & Author 2019 will benefit the Magnify the Mind Campaign to purchase a two-photon microscope to advance neuroscience research at Brandeis University.

## THE EVENTS

There will be book sales and author signings, an array of fabulous boutiques for your shopping pleasure, presentations by the authors and a lovely luncheon. The previous evening, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Bookmark Donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception. There is also a dinner with the authors for major event supporters. Complimentary self-parking at the Westin Kierland is included in the 2019 Book & Author \$135 ticket price!

## TABLE CAPTAINS

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, Book & Author has generated its own terminology, which has evolved over time. For example, Table Captains: originally, they were called Table Hostesses, then Table Hosts, and now Captains, as being a Table Captain is open to all men and women, both members and non-members. It does not require anyone to cover the cost of the entire table; rather, it means organizing a minimum of 8 people to sit together at a table. Many Table Captains organize more than one table!

New this year, a coffee for past and prospective table captains is being planned for Monday, January 14, 10:00-11:30 am. The importance of Table Captains cannot be overstated - they are integral to the success of the event! You may RSVP to Judy Krockey, [boobjudyaz@aol.com](mailto:boobjudyaz@aol.com), for the Table Captains *Coffee with a French Twist!* to be held in a beautiful private home.

All Table Captains will be acknowledged in the Program Book every guest receives at the event. Invitations to be mailed in January will contain RSVP cards where attendees can list those with whom they plan to sit, along with their entrée choices.

In the meantime, if you would like to put together one or more tables for yourself and your friends, you don't have to wait! Please contact the Table Captain Committee Chairs, Stephanie Altman, [steffyalman@gmail.com](mailto:steffyalman@gmail.com) or Judy Krockey, [boobjudyaz@aol.com](mailto:boobjudyaz@aol.com), to let them know your plans, or if you have any questions.

## VOLUNTEERS

We greatly appreciate and thank all our committee chairs and volunteers for their hard work. Volunteer jobs are still available! To join in the fun, email us at [bncphxbavol@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxbavol@gmail.com).

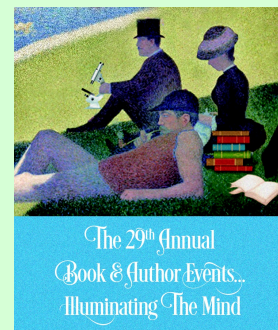
**For general information, contact Event Co-Chairs, Michelle Fischler, Barbara Stern or Sharon Tievsky at [bncphxba@gmail.com](mailto:bncphxba@gmail.com) or call them at 480-442-9623.**

**See our Chapter website at <http://www.brandeisphoenix.org> for frequent updates. Follow us on social media and tell your friends to do the same: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)!**

# Book & Author Bios

Matti Friedman, Matthew Quirk, Marie Benedict

Our remaining two authors, Ann Hood and Tim Johnston, will be featured in next month's bulletin, along with our moderator, Lindsey Reiser.



## Matti Friedman



- ▼ An internationally known journalist and author, Matt grew up in Toronto and emigrated to Israel at age 18.
- ▼ As a reporter and editor for the Jerusalem bureau of the Associated Press, assignments took him to Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon, Moscow and Washington, D.C.
- ▼ His op-ed pieces have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.
- ▼ His first book, *The Aleppo Codex* (2014), was translated into seven languages. It won the Sami Rohr Prize, the ALA Sophie Brody Medal and the Canadian Award in History.
- ▼ *Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story* (2016) was selected as a *New York Times* Notable Book.
- ▼ *Pumpkinflowers* was also chosen as one of the best books of 2016 by Amazon, *Booklist*, *Mother Jones*, *Foreign Policy*, the *National Post* and the *Globe and Mail*.
- ▼ His new book (March, 2019), a true-life thriller about a small group of men who became Israel's first spies, was the winner of the Jewish Book Council's 2018 Natan Book Award.

## Matthew Quirk



- ▼ This internationally bestselling author studied history and literature at Harvard.
- ▼ After graduation, he spent five years at *The Atlantic* reporting on crime, private military contractors, terrorism prosecutions and international gangs.
- ▼ His first novel, *The 500* (2012), was translated into 20 languages, became an international bestseller and was optioned for a movie.
- ▼ *The 500* was also nominated for the Edgar Award and won the International Thriller Writers' and Strand Critics Awards for best first novel.
- ▼ Best-selling thrillers followed, including *The Directive* (2014), *Cold Barrel Zero* (2016) and *Dead Man Switch* (2017).
- ▼ "Sophisticated storytelling," "whiplash pacing," "authentic and fully fleshed characters," "meticulous research" and "all-too-real threats" are characteristics of his books.
- ▼ His new book (January, 2019) is the story of a Russian mole in the White House and the FBI agent "who must question everything and trust no one" to stop the threat.

## Marie Benedict



- ▼ Marie is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston College and a cum laude graduate of Boston University School of Law.
- ▼ She spent ten years as a litigator for two of the country's top law firms before turning to writing.
- ▼ As Heather Terrell, she wrote the popular historical novels *Chrysalis* (2007), *The Map Thief* (2009), *Brigid of Kildare* (2010) and the young adult series, the *Books of Eva* (2010).
- ▼ Under a pen name, she wrote novels about real women whose contributions had been overlooked.
- ▼ These historical novels were international bestsellers: *The Other Einstein* (2016) and *Carnegie's Maid* (2018) – both LibraryReads Picks.
- ▼ Her new novel (January, 2019) is the story of actress and inventor Hedy Lamarr – "a woman who refused to be taken for granted."



BNC welcomes Phoenix Symphony musicians Karen Sinclair, Violinist and Christopher McKay, Violist along with Pianist Olga Gorelik. They will perform works by Joseph Haydn, Ludwig Spohr and Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu. The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, December 10, 2018 at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. Come early to enjoy the refreshments.

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

**Price:** Individual concerts: \$7 per concert, payable at the door. Subscription Series price: \$20 for Brandeis members, \$25 for non-Brandeis members, payable at the door.



### Karen Sinclair, Violinist

Karen Sinclair enjoys an active performance career as an orchestral and chamber musician. She holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music, Royal Academy of Music in London and Rice University. A native of West Chester, Pennsylvania, she has been a member of the Phoenix Symphony's first violin section since 2008.

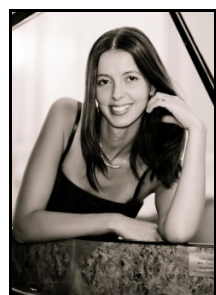
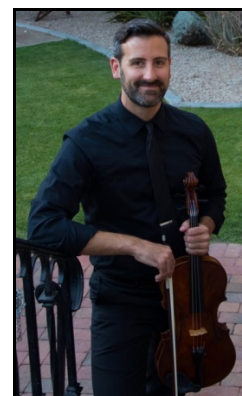
Karen made her solo debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra when she was eleven years old. Major awards include top prizes at the Tibor Varga International Violin Competition in Switzerland and the International Competition of Padua, Italy. She was featured on Phoenix's Downtown Chamber Series and performed with the Mill Ave Chamber Players and Fountain Hills Chamber Players. Karen has performed as a substitute with the Philadelphia Orchestra, The Philharmonia Orchestra (London), Houston Symphony and Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra. During the 2017-18 season, she appeared as a soloist with the Phoenix Symphony.

### Christopher McKay, Violist

Christopher McKay joined The Phoenix Symphony in 2008 and is currently Acting Assistant Principal Viola. He has performed with the Grant Park Orchestra in Chicago, the Central City Opera in Colorado, the Louisville Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, Owensboro Symphony, New Jersey Opera, Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra and the Lancaster Festival Orchestra.

Mr. McKay's career also includes chamber musician, soloist, and teacher. He was with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and the University of Evansville, including a residency with the Eykamp String Quartet. While there, he was a soloist in Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola* and performed the part of Sancho Panza in Richard Strauss' *Don Quixote* in 2006.

He received degrees from Louisiana State University (BM) and Indiana University (MM), and has twice been a fellow at the Tanglewood Arts Center.



### Olga Gorelik, Pianist

Belorussian-born pianist Olga Gorelik maintains an active career as a solo and chamber musician while serving as a devoted mentor to her students. Chamber music has been a significant part of Ms. Gorelik's education and performance career. As a member of the Klimt trio, she took a Silver medal at the 2007 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, as well as the Alice Coleman/Coleman Barstow Prize at the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition. Since graduating cum laude from the Cleveland Institute of Music, her career highlights include a series of collaborative recitals throughout the US and the UK, including appearances in Chicago, Cleveland, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and London. Ms. Gorelik, having recently relocated to Phoenix, continues her mission to contribute to the culture of her new home as a performer, an educator and an advocate for the tradition of the art.



# Study Group News



## AZ AUTHORS

**Monday, Dec. 17  
12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Scottsdale JCC**

Our speaker for December is Isabella Maldonado. Isabella is a crime fighter turned crime writer. She's an award-winning author, a retired police captain and a regular contributor to Channel 12 news as a law enforcement expert. Isabella Maldonado uses her extensive law enforcement background to bring a realistic edge to her mystery/thriller series, which features a Latina police detective on the Phoenix Police Department.

### RSVP's a must to:

Merrill Kalman [mskbflo@aol.com](mailto:mskbflo@aol.com)  
Guests are welcome with a \$5 fee.

## MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB) Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>



On Wednesday, December 12 at 1:00 at the Scottsdale JCC, there will be a presentation by Guy Benoit, who is a French Baby Boomer, married to an American. After becoming an Aeronautical Engineer, Guy did his military service in the French Air Force, later working for French airlines. He is particularly intrigued by the history of WWII and WWI, fought by his father and grandfathers, as well as American History.

The presentation, a **Commemoration and Tribute to the 1914 - 1918 WWI Soldiers**, pays tribute to the soldiers who were memorialized on the monument of Guy's French village, and then moves into other interesting aspects of WWI, such as the involvement of some American expats even before the US entered the war and the contributions of our American Expedition Force.

As usual, the MOB will gather at Milk and Honey, the restaurant inside the J, at noon for a nosh.

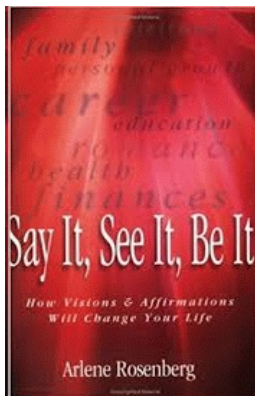
If you have any questions, please contact  
Leith Baletin at 480-874-9434  
[lbaletin@gmail.com](mailto:lbaletin@gmail.com)

The 2018-2019 season of Brandeis Phoenix study groups is in full swing! We have many study groups that have space available for more participants. For details and to sign up for available study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website:

<http://www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html>

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin  
[phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com)

## Study Group Updates



### **SAY IT, SEE IT, BE IT STUDY GROUP: Revised Information**

If you are interested in Personal Development, this Study Group, led by author and professional empowerment coach Arlene Rosenberg, is for you. Using the information and exercises in her book, *Say It See It Be It*, Arlene will help you create significant positive change in all areas of your life. By the end of this Study Group, you will have developed a positive, grateful attitude and strong belief in yourself. Believing in yourself is crucial to accomplishing your personal or business goals and dreams.

Arlene Rosenberg's book, *Say It, See It, Be It: How Visions and Affirmations Will Change Your Life*, will be available to attendees for \$5, payable to the facilitator at the first meeting. It will be used as a study guide for attendees learning how to increase their personal power.

The meeting location will be based on participation.

**The first meeting will be on February 19, 2019.** Maximum 20.

**Third Tuesdays, 10:00 am -12:00 pm (February-May)**

**Facilitator: Arlene Rosenberg** [ar@arlenerosenberg.com](mailto:ar@arlenerosenberg.com) ..... **480-993-5322**

**Fee: \$20+ \$5 for book**

## New Study Groups

### **THE PRESIDENCY AND PRESIDENTS**

This will be a book-based discussion group centered on the Presidency and U.S. Presidents. The facilitator will introduce the topic at the first session, but the following meetings will be participant-discussion centered. The first book we will read is Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Leadership in Turbulent Times*. Goodwin's book examines the leadership of Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. We will likely take several meetings to discuss each book. Future books will be determined by group discussion. **Our first discussion will be Monday, January 21.** Maximum 15.

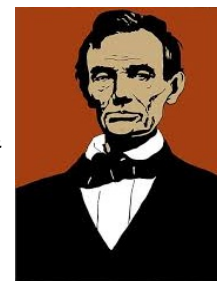
**Monday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (January 21, February 4, 18, March 4, 18, April 1, 15)**

**Facilitator:** ..... **FEE: \$20**

**Mark Stern**

[mstern@shepherd.edu](mailto:mstern@shepherd.edu)

**540-664-0480**



### **LET'S DO TEA!**

Through various local area outings, we will explore the cultural, historic and current ways in which tea is healthful, fragrant and pleasurable. As we journey together while learning through professional presentations, we will discover many unique facets of this internationally popular beverage. LET'S DO TEA! will be a unique, fun-filled and educational afternoon - whether or not

you enjoy drinking tea. Each outing will include a lunch pertaining to that day's subject matter. **Our first outing will be on January 7.** Location information will be emailed to participants.

**First Mondays, approximately 10:00 am - 2:30 pm (January, February, March)**

**Facilitator:** ..... **FEE: \$20**

**Sandi Oppenheim**

[tealadyaz@cox.net](mailto:tealadyaz@cox.net)

**602-881-8107**



## Study Groups Still Available

Arizona Authors Speaker Series  
 At the Ballet  
 Bowling for Fun - Moved to First Mondays  
 Bridging It! (New Week)  
 Camelview, Shea 14 - Review & Lunch  
 Central Phx Readers  
 Contemporary Issues Discussion Group  
 Current Events  
 Don't Worry, Be Happy Hour  
 First Friday Films & Feasts  
 Intermediate Hiking Club  
 Intermediate Mah Jongg  
 Just Desserts  
 Knit A Mitzvah  
 Leisure Hiking  
 Let's Do Tea! \*NEW\*  
 Let's Get Metaphysical!

Men of Brandeis (MOB)  
 Movie Talk at Mimi's (New Format)  
 Neighborhood Haunts  
 Play Golf  
 The Presidency and Presidents \*NEW\*  
 ROZ FISCHER CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS  
 - a Subscription Series Event  
 Say It, See It, Be It  
 Second Tuesday AM Book Group  
 Simply Scrabble  
 Sun Lakes Potpourri  
 A Taste of Wise Aging - Relationships and Loss  
 A Taste of Wise Aging - Sense of Self  
 The World of Interior Design  
 Theater & Lunch Series  
 Women Poets

## Study Groups Out and About



Mickey Leonard was a wonderful host for our cooking lesson.



One of several tables at the new Scrabble Group: Bob Kirschenbaum, Wendy Cohen, Phyllis Becker, Joellyn Pollock

### \*Special Note about Full Groups:

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation (marked with an \* on the monthly calendar) may have openings from time to time. If you are interested in a particular group, contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Look for the monthly calendar on pages 11 and 12 for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply (\$7 for Roz Fischer Concerts & Conversations – A Subscription Series Event).

[Click HERE](#) for the 2018-19 Study Guide for descriptions and meeting days.  
[Click HERE](#) for the revised Study Group Registration Form.

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GROUP	DATE	MEETING TIME	FACILITATORS
THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	TBA	11:00	Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100
THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	TBA	11:45	Caryn Balaban <a href="mailto:bicaban@gmail.com">bicaban@gmail.com</a> 602-788-6806
RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP *	2	7:00 PM	Irene Kestenbaum <a href="mailto:irenek0426@gmail.com">irenek0426@gmail.com</a> 480-734-7306
BOWLING FOR FUN	3	12:00	Barbara Janger <a href="mailto:barbarajanger@gmail.com">barbarajanger@gmail.com</a> 480-451-8901
MONDAY MYSTERY LADIES *	3	12:00	Irene Mieszcanski <a href="mailto:miesirene@aol.com">miesirene@aol.com</a>
CURRENT EVENTS	4	10:30	Gladys Simon <a href="mailto:gladsi26@hotmail.com">gladsi26@hotmail.com</a> 480-282-2047
FIRST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP (PM) *	4	1:30	Judy Levine <a href="mailto:judithlevine43@yahoo.com">judithlevine43@yahoo.com</a> 480- 496-0252
INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	4 11 18 25	12:30	Felice Goff <a href="mailto:lcswaz@hotmail.com">lcswaz@hotmail.com</a> 602-315-4248
SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	4 11 18	11:45	Nancy Lirtzman <a href="mailto:nlirtzman@gmail.com">nlirtzman@gmail.com</a> 847-217-6963
DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY HOUR	5	5:00 PM	Cheryl Lennon <a href="mailto:clennon60@gmail.com">clennon60@gmail.com</a> 602-999-8858
ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG *	6 13 20 27	12:00	Beth Sennett <a href="mailto:basennett@gmail.com">basennett@gmail.com</a> 414-418-4203
INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	6 20	7:30 ~ 8:00	Nancy Siefer <a href="mailto:n.siefer@gmail.com">n.siefer@gmail.com</a> 480- 577-1439
JEWISH BOOK GROUP *	6	10:00	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
LEISURE HIKING	6 20	8:30	Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com">ellenk102@gmail.com</a> 602-214-5212
STUDY WITH THE BEST: POTPOURRI OF CLASSIC MOVIES	6	1:00	Carol Kern <a href="mailto:cak8219@gmail.com">cak8219@gmail.com</a> 480-948-9236
SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	6	1:30	Lee Ross <a href="mailto:marclee333@aol.com">marclee333@aol.com</a> 480 802-4828
FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS	7	10:00	Joyce Grant <a href="mailto:jhgrant35@gmail.com">jhgrant35@gmail.com</a> 847-877-5793
SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES *	9	TBA	Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> 612-710-6291

Groups sometimes have room for guests! A \$5 guest fee applies; \$7 for Concerts and Conversations.

\* These groups may have limited space. In all cases, please contact **Facilitators** for availability.

GROUP	DATE	MEETING TIME	FACILITATORS
ROZ FISCHER CONCERTS AND CONVERSATIONS - A SUBSCRIPTION SERIES EVENT	10	1:00	Joan Sitver <a href="mailto:joansitver@aol.com">joansitver@aol.com</a> 602-971-0012
CENTRAL PHX READERS	11	10:00	Iris Wigal <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> 602-980-5436
SECOND TUESDAY BOOK GROUP	11	10:00	Marcia Langer <a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a> 914-943-7804
SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH *	11	12:00	Joyce Goldstein <a href="mailto:joyce@goldstein.us">joyce@goldstein.us</a> 973-715-6475
A TASTE OF WISE AGING - SENSE OF SELF	12	1:00	Hillary Kaminsky <a href="mailto:hrkci@aol.com">hrkci@aol.com</a> 602-953-3213
KNIT A MITZVAH	12 26	1:00	Ronee Siegel <a href="mailto:ronees@aol.com">ronees@aol.com</a> 917-273-0393
MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	12	1:00	Leith Baletin <a href="mailto:lbaletin@gmail.com">lbaletin@gmail.com</a> 480-874-9434
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## Membership News

Our sincere condolences to Henriette Hasley on the passing of her father, Eli Ellner.

## Welcome New and Returning Members

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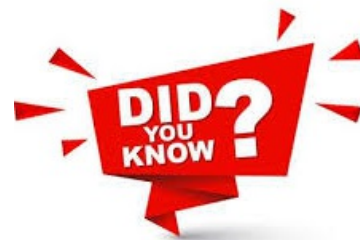
## Did You KNOW ?

Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an activity by a friend. With so many exciting programs and activities coming up in our chapter, why not invite a friend to join you?

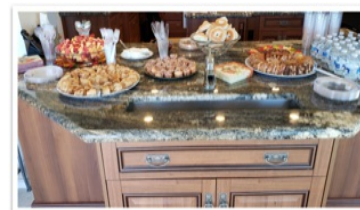
**Share Brandeis, invite your friend to:**

- ▲ Attend a Study Group
- ▲ Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels
- ▲ Experience a cultural outing
- ▲ Participate in a community service activity

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## BNC "Matters of the Mind" Auction November 2018

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# BNC Phoenix The Matters of the Mind Auction



Event co-chairs Caryn Balaban  
and Janie Kuznitsky



Event co-chair Cindie Gittelman  
(3rd from left) and friends



For more Auction photos, click [HERE](#)

Photos courtesy of  
Chuck Abrams

# Upcoming

## EVENTS

### GOLF CLASSIC AND LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 9, 2018  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club

### NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER COFFEE

Monday, January 7, 2019  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

### UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Friday, January 11, 2019  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
The Scottsdale Plaza Resort

### BOOK & AUTHOR TABLE CAPTAINS COFFEE WITH A FRENCH TWIST!

Monday, January 14, 2019  
10:00 - 11:30 am

### OPEN MEETING

Wednesday February 20, 2019  
Temple Kol Ami

### BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Thursday, February 28, 2019

### 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT

Friday, March 1, 2019  
The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, Scottsdale

### SPRING LUNCHEON INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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# Community Outreach



## Carol B's Children's Book Collection

We continue to collect new and gently used children's books for local elementary schools. For more information, please contact Ellen Kirschenbaum [ellenk102@gmail.com](mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com)

## Just 3 Things

Jewish Family and Children's Services  
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Chapter Events

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**Just 3 Things** food

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Contact Ellen Kirschenbaum  
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## Knit A Mitzvah

**Do you Knit?**

**Do you Crochet?**

**Help us make Scarves,  
Newborn Baby Caps and  
Lap Blankets**



The Knit A Mitzvah Study Group continues its Community Outreach! The group members knit or crochet scarves that are donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services and newborn baby caps and lap blankets that are donated to HonorHeath/Scottsdale Shea Medical Center. You do not have to be a member of the Knit A Mitzvah Study Group to participate.

For more information,  
please contact:

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For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:  
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# Brandeis Happenings

## Holocaust Survivor Rena Finder: It is happening again, today.



Holocaust survivor Rena Finder, who is also one of the 1,200 people on Schindler's List  
Photo/ Mike Lovett

Rena Finder's life mission is to raise awareness about the Holocaust and speak out against bigotry.

The 89-year-old Krakow native has her own harrowing story to share. She was one of nearly 1,200 people saved by German industrialist Oskar Schindler, and survived the horrors of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

But Finder suggests that there may have been something worse than the brutality and hopelessness of Auschwitz: The apathy and sudden betrayal of her former neighbors and friends.

"It all happened so suddenly, almost as if it was just overnight," Finder told a packed gathering in the International Lounge at Brandeis on November 7 when describing the start of the Nazi occupation in Poland. "Then, it was just one thing after the other. First Jewish children weren't allowed to go to school, then we are all made to wear a white band with the blue Star of David, then we were forbidden from shopping in the city center, then we were forced into the ghetto."

Finder, who visited campus with support from [Facing History and Ourselves](#) and the [Center for German and European Studies](#), recalled the cruelty of being led to the Plaszow concentration camp.

"When we crossed the bridge to leave the city, many people – many of our former neighbors – hurled rocks and mud at us," Finder said.

"They turned on us, the people they used to live with, as if they couldn't see us anymore," Finder added. "It's like the whole world went black and white and we were just invisible."

Finder met Schindler in 1939 when he bribed the Nazi Gestapo into letting him use Plaszow prisoners in his munitions factory. Schindler, a non-Jew, kept his workers well-rested, fed and healthy.

However, Finder's time in Schindler's factory was short-lived. In 1944, the Schutzstaffel ordered Schindler to cease operations and transported his workers to Auschwitz. But Schindler worked to reclaim his former workers, even as they struggled in the concentration camp.

He wrote out a list, now known as Schindler's List, which contained the names of his workers, one of whom was Finder; he then negotiated with the SS to grant those on the list transportation to his new factory in Czechoslovakia.

Finder, who recalls viewing Schindler as if he were an angel during her childhood, used his example as a model for today's

society to confront bullies and injustice.

She also took questions from the students, staff and faculty gathered in the Usdan Student Center regarding her life after being liberated from Auschwitz, how she discusses the Holocaust with her children, her emotions when she eventually returned to Poland to visit her former home, and the role today's generation can play in fighting genocide.

"I share my story because this is something that we cannot allow to be forgotten," she said. "But today, it feels similar to Kristallnacht in 1938. It's really a tragedy what recently occurred in Pittsburgh...people are still turning away, even when the same thing is still happening."

<http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2018/november/rena-finder-holocaust-kristallnacht.html>

**By Julian Cardillo '14**  
Nov. 8, 2018





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 July) 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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Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00 am  
Congregation Beth Israel Library  
(56<sup>th</sup> Street and Shea Blvd)

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

Any questions, please contact  
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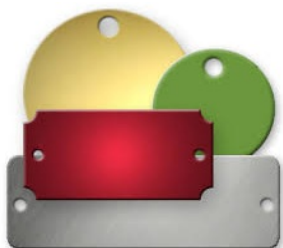
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