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## SPRINGTIME IN PARIS LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION of OFFICERS



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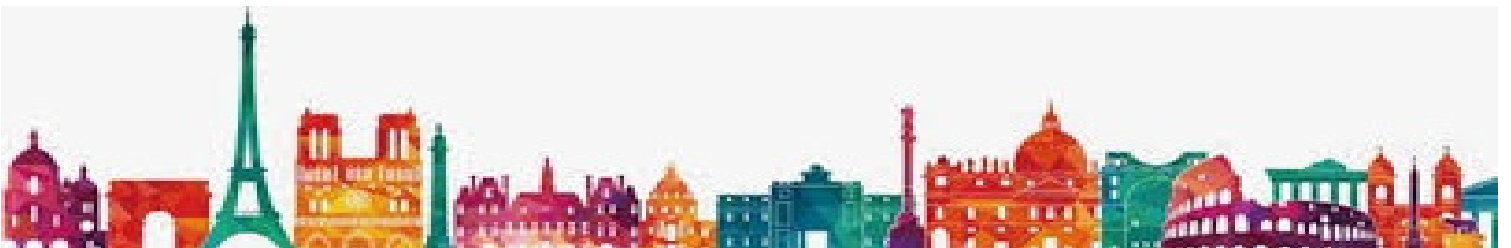
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## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

Sometimes we look around and we say, "Where did the time go?" If we have done something productive with our time, then we can add "but look what we accomplished." Last month the BNC

Phoenix Chapter celebrated 30 years of Book & Author with its Pearls of Wisdom event. We can now add: "Look what has been accomplished!" For all of you who have seen this pearl grow to the amazing event it is today, we say "thank you." To the Book & Author committee and over 140 volunteers, chaired this year by Barbara Stern, Michelle Fischler and Sharon Tievsky z'l, we can say "thank you" and "job well-done."

Planning for this amazing event started one year ago. Committees were formed and the fun began.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> we had our Bookmark Donors Cocktail Reception, held this year at Grayhawk Golf Club. The setting was magnificent and the evening was wonderful. Here was an opportunity to meet and mingle with the authors. Thank you to Susan Sacks and Merri Rubin for making the evening happen. Later that evening, many of us joined the authors for a scrumptious dinner at Brittlebush at the Westin. If you missed out this year and did not become a Bookmark donor, we hope you will consider this wonderful opportunity next year.

The next day was the big event - the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book & Author event at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa. We came, wearing our pearls, to hear the authors, but we also came to shop. Thank you to Brina Pepper for always selecting the most spectacular vendors.

Proceeds from the Book & Author 2020 event were earmarked for the Brandeis National Committee's Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships Fund. This fund 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.

Never to rest on our laurels, we are looking ahead to a fun **Game Day** on March 12<sup>th</sup> at California Pizza Kitchen.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> there will be our **Annual Meeting**. Our slate of officers for the coming year will be announced and Rabbi Allouche will be speaking about *Unity in Diversity*. Everyone is invited to attend; see page 4 for details.

Wrapping up this year's programming on a high note, on March 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our **Spring Event** when the incoming Chapter officers are formally installed. We invite all to attend the Paris-themed event as we say "thank you" to the officers leaving their positions.

Now it is time for us to say goodbye as your Co-Presidents. Our Co-Presidency has been a wonderful experience. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. We cannot say "thank you" enough to all who served on our Board.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the incoming Co-Presidents, Jan Lebovitz and Linda Ullman, along with the 2020-2021 incoming Board members, who will be installed on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

With gratitude for all that you do,

Marcia Langer, Judy Levine  
Co-Presidents BNC Phoenix

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It's time to say *Adieu* to our outgoing Board and *Bienvenue* to our New and Returning Board Members!

To celebrate this significant Chapter Event, Tom LaGravinese, singer, celebrity impersonator and entertainer extraordinaire, will serenade us with Parisian-inspired music and song. Tom has been providing quality entertainment in Las Vegas and nationwide for more than two decades.



## OUR TEMPTING MENU IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR PARISIAN THEME:

Spring Salad with Dijon Vinaigrette  
Chicken Paillard with Sauce Vierge  
Orange Scented Asparagus and Roasted New Potatoes  
Apples Normandy

## OUR GLUTEN FREE/VEGAN SELECTION:

Quinoa Stuffed Peppers  
Coconut Red Pepper Sauce  
Chef Inspired Vegetable Accompaniment  
Chocolate Bar Cake

**Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation today for this unique event!**  
**Andie Morrison and Sandi Oppenheim, Event Co-Chairs**

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Any amount over \$46 is a charitable contribution.  
Proceeds to benefit the *Honoring Our History* campaign.





**Calling ALL Brandeis Members  
and Prospective Members  
to our Chapter's Annual Meeting**

*Unity in Diversity*

**Rabbi Pinchas Allouche  
Annual Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - 10:00 am  
Temple Chai Social Hall  
4645 E. Marilyn Rd, Phoenix AZ 85032  
Complimentary continental breakfast**

Rabbi Allouche is a well-recognized figure and a sought-after lecturer and author. He was born in Toulouse, France and grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa and Jerusalem, Israel. His travels have taken him to Geneva, Switzerland and Milan, Italy, where he received his rabbinic ordination. From 1999-2002, Rabbi Allouche served as a teacher and educator in the Jerusalem Seminaries for Young Jewish Women.

Rabbi Allouche is currently the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tefilah in Scottsdale. He is a highly respected and involved member of the Jewish community of Greater Phoenix and the Jewish Federation. Rabbi Allouche has been listed as one of *The Jewish Daily Forward's* most inspiring American rabbis.

**Chair: Sue Lawler**

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## GAME ON!

**Join Brandeis Phoenix Chapter for the Mah Jongg, Canasta, and Bridge Fundraiser  
All levels of play, favors, prizes & more**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**California Pizza Kitchen 10100 N. Scottsdale Rd.**

**Please bring your Mah Jongg set with tablecloth, Canasta cards with spinner,  
Bridge cards and your appetite for a luncheon.**

**To reserve, click [HERE](#).**

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

Funds raised at this event will benefit Brandeis University's new campaign *Honoring Our History*, which exemplifies principles of academic inquiry, inclusivity and the betterment of the world, by supporting the digitization of the Brandeis Library's unique collection highlighting social justice.

## 30th Annual Book & Author Event

Michelle Fischler and Barbara Stern, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author co-chairs, hope you had a wonderful day on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to thank everyone who attended the luncheon. We thank our Bookmark donors who attended the February 20<sup>th</sup> cocktail party/dinner. A special thanks to Lynn Kahn for hosting the Table Captains' tea and to Merri Rubin and Susie Sacks for planning the cocktail party. We also want to thank the people who purchased the centerpieces - that money will be donated to the BNC Honoring Our History campaign in memory of our late co-chair, Sharon Tievsky, z"l.

Please take the time to read our thanks to the Bookmark donors, Committee Chairs, Table Captains and Volunteers who are listed below. It truly takes a village to make an event this size. Next month's article will include some pictures of this year's events.

We hope to see everyone next year, when Book & Author turns 31!



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**Michelle Fischler, Barbara Stern, Sharon Tievsky, z"l**

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# 30th Annual Book & Author Event



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and we will publish them in the next issue.**

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**Book & Author is not done yet...  
Watch for the April edition of the Bulletin for beautiful  
photos of the cocktail party and the luncheon!**



Photo: Marcia Langer



# Study Group News

The Study Group Guide and Registration Form are available at:

<http://www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html>



## Arizona Authors

March 16<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Scottsdale JCC

The author/speaker for March 16th is Karen Odden.

Fascinated by true history and backstories, Karen sets all her novels in 1870s London, with young women solving mysteries that require them to delve into some aspect of the past. Her first novel, *A Lady in the Smoke*, drew on her research on Victorian railways and was a *USA Today* bestseller; her second, *A Dangerous Duet*, set in a Soho music hall, won for best Historical Fiction at the New Mexico-Arizona book awards; and her third, *A Trace of Deceit*, about a young woman artist at the Slade School of Art, was published by Harper Collins in December.

Karen received her B.A. from Cornell University, her M.A. from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. in English Literature from New York University, where she wrote her dissertation on the medical, legal, and literary texts about Victorian railway disasters, 1850-1890. Prior to writing fiction, she taught literature and critical theory at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her essays on Victorian literature have appeared in numerous journals and books.

Karen lives here in Arizona with her husband and two children, and her loyal muse—her sixteen-year-old beagle, Rosy.

RSVPs a must to: Merrill Kalman  
[mskbflo@aol.com](mailto:mskbflo@aol.com)

Guests are welcome with a \$5 fee.

## Men of Brandeis

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm

On Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Men of Brandeis will go to the [Phoenix Art Museum](#) at 1625 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix. We will be touring the exhibit [Legends of Speed](#). The tour will be narrated by a museum docent.

*Legends of Speed* is an exhibit of famous racing cars from the early and later years of the 20th century. In fact, the recent movie *Ford v Ferrari* featured the famous race between a Ford GT40 and the Ferrari 330 P3, and similar vehicles from later years are included in the exhibit. The featured cars have won many of the world's most iconic races, such as **Le Mans**, the **Indianapolis 500** and the **Italian Grand Prix**. They were driven by some of the greatest drivers in the history of racing, including **A.J. Foyt**, **Dan Gurney** and **Stirling Moss**.

After viewing the exhibit, participants will be able to spend time viewing other exhibits at the museum. The MOB will have lunch at Palette, the museum's restaurant.

For additional information, contact facilitator:

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For more information about Study Groups, please contact the Study Group Vice Presidents Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin at [phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com)

# Study Group News Looking Ahead !



2019 - 2020 has been another successful season and it's not over yet. The chapter continues to attract new members and a major part of that attraction is the availability of many and varied study groups in which to participate.

To continue this success, we need your help. As we begin to think of next season (yes, your Study Group Team is already looking ahead to next year) we are looking for facilitators with ideas for new groups. Ask yourself the following questions:



Do you have an idea for a study group that you want to facilitate?  
(Note: we especially welcome input from our Men of Brandeis members.)

Are you interested in starting a group (hiking? film? lunch?) that meets on Sunday?

Would you enjoy leading a limited group discussion (4 sessions) on a favorite topic or activity?

Do you have a special interest, talent or skill that you want to share with others?

Are you a winter resident who wants to create a group (i.e. weekly Mah-Jongg or Canasta) that begins in January?

## Would you like to become a Facilitator? Join us...

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am to noon**

The event will be held in a private home in the Biltmore area. The address and directions will be sent to those who indicate they will be attending.

Come to a fun, interactive event if you have ever considered taking on the important role of a BNC Phoenix Study Group facilitator.

Learn what it takes to be a facilitator - exploratory only; no commitments expected.

### The program will include:

- ✓ Learning what facilitators do...and don't do.
- ✓ Exploring your passions that might lead to a study group.
- ✓ Testing out your ideas with peers and hearing a few tips from current facilitators.

Facilitating is a way you can expand your friendships while doing the things you enjoy.

Please reply by email to [phxstudygroups@gmail.com](mailto:phxstudygroups@gmail.com)

**\*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS (denoted by an asterisk and shaded text:)**

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 in the monthly calendar pages below for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply.

**MARCH STUDY GROUP CALENDAR**

GROUP	DATE	TIME	FACILITATOR
EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERIOR DESIGN	TBD	TBD	Sheila Landau <a href="mailto:buildor2@cox.net">buildor2@cox.net</a> 602-809-5100
MITZVAH MAVENS	TBD	TBD	Ellen Kirschenbaum <a href="mailto:ellenk102@gmail.com">ellenk102@gmail.com</a> 602-214-5212
PHOENICIANS OF BNC *	TBD	4:00	Joellyn Pollock <a href="mailto:joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com">joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com</a> 602-257-4327
THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	TBD	11:45	Gale Gradus <a href="mailto:ggradus13@gmail.com">ggradus13@gmail.com</a> 201-906-3014
A BISSELEH YIDDISHKEIT	1	1:00	Abby Tucker & John Poremba <a href="mailto:skyranch52@gmail.com">skyranch52@gmail.com</a> Abby's cell: 917-816-8261
A COMMUNITY-BUILDING GROUP FOR COUPLES	1	7:00 PM	Elliot Talenfeld <a href="mailto:ectalenfeld@aol.com">ectalenfeld@aol.com</a> 602-327-7550
BOWLERO VIA LINDA LANES	2	12:00	Barbara Janger <a href="mailto:barbarajanger@gmail.com">barbarajanger@gmail.com</a> 480-451-8901
MONDAY MYSTERY LADIES	2	12:00	Irene Mieszcanski <a href="mailto:miesirene@aol.com">miesirene@aol.com</a>
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DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY HOUR *	4	5:00 PM	Cheryl Lennon <a href="mailto:clennon60@gmail.com">clennon60@gmail.com</a> 602-999-8858
STUDY WITH THE BEST: POTPOURRI OF CLASSIC MOVIES *	5	12:30	Carol Kern <a href="mailto:cak8219@gmail.com">cak8219@gmail.com</a> 480-948-9236
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JEWISH BOOK GROUP *	5	10:00	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307

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RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP *	8	7:00 PM	Irene Kestenbaum m <a href="mailto:irenek0426@gmail.com">irenek0426@gmail.com</a> 480-734-7306
CENTRAL PHOENIX READERS	10	10:00	Iris Wigal <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> 602-980-5436
SECOND TUESDAY AM BOOK GROUP	10	10:00	Marcia Langer <a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a> 914-943-7804
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ANCIENT PEOPLES OF CENTRAL AZ *	17	1:30	Fran Wasserstrom <a href="mailto:franwass7@gmail.com">franwass7@gmail.com</a> 614-571-3802
B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *	23	12:00	Alyce Helfman <a href="mailto:ahelfman2002@yahoo.com">ahelfman2002@yahoo.com</a> 551-427-8365
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PLAY GOLF	25	TBD	Laurie Greenfield <a href="mailto:lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com">lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com</a> 312-316-8800
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SIMPLY SCRABBLE	26	10:00	Marcia Langer <a href="mailto:marciala@msn.com">marciala@msn.com</a> 914-943-7804

Groups sometimes have room for guests! A \$5 guest fee applies.

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





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**Membership News**

Our sincere condolences to Evey Bendalin and her family on the passing of her husband, Sherman.  
 Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Estelle Gracer.  
 Our sincere condolences to Louise Kapner on the passing of her husband, Erik.  
 Our sincere condolences to the family of life member June Lerman.

**We welcome new members Susan Zissman and Marcia Weisberg**

**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 events coming up in our chapter, why not invite a friend to join you?

Share Brandeis, invite your friend to:

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

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

**Teaching Politics in Today's World**

**Respected or reviled, the U.S. president is inspiring more college students to take politics classes and prompting professors to rethink how they teach.**

Brandeis politics professors say they are facing many challenges they have not faced in the past. They must persuade students that the study of politics requires much more than reading Twitter or BuzzFeed. They must prevent political disagreements in the classroom from descending into screaming matches. They must also strive to keep their own biases out of the classroom.

**by Isaac Rose-Berman '22**

To read the full article: <https://www.brandeis.edu/magazine/2019/winter/perspective.html>

# Community Outreach

## Just 3 Things

We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the **Just 3 Things** initiative. They can be brought to a board meeting or give Wendy 602-316-2993 or Ellen 602-214-5212 a call or text to receive them.

We're still collecting bras for recycling. They can be brought to a board meeting or call or text Wendy to set up a time to receive them.

Mitzvah Mavens are collecting toiletry bags for female personal hygiene items. Contact Ellen for details.

### NEW

We are collecting gently used plush animals (like Beanie Babies - 6") for K-3 students in Scottsdale Title 1 Schools. The children choose their animal and complete the required hours (or number of books) read to them at home. Then they get to adopt their animal, complete with adoption papers. They can be brought to a board meeting or call or text Wendy to set up a time to receive them.

Thanks for your continued support for our chapter's community endeavors!

Wendy and Ellen



## Knit A Mitzvah

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

This season, we continue to make and donate scarves to Jewish Family and Children's Services, Newborn Baby Caps and Lap Blankets to Honor Health Scottsdale Medical Center and Chemo Caps to the Virginia Piper Cancer Center.

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

For more information, please contact:

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For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:  
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## Chapter Board Meeting

March 18, 2020 at 10:00 am

**Annual Meeting this month!**

Temple Chai, 4645 E. Marilyn Rd, Phoenix

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

Marcia Langer [marciala@msn.com](mailto:marciala@msn.com)

Judy Levine [judithlevine43@yahoo.com](mailto:judithlevine43@yahoo.com)

For a full list of the Phoenix Chapter Board members, click [HERE](#).

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and Linda Ullman [linda@lindaullman.com](mailto:linda@lindaullman.com)



### GAME DAY

Thursday, March 12, 2020  
California Pizza Kitchen

### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2020  
10:00 a.m., Temple Chai

### SPRINGTIME IN PARIS LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION

March 27, 2020  
The Scottsdale Hilton



## We Value Your Privacy

**All members' contact information shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential and not be shared with other organizations.**

### Friendly Reminder - Chapter Policy:

Please remember that any information discussed at a Brandeis National Committee event, planning meeting and/or board meeting is to be used for Brandeis purposes alone and is not to be shared with friends, relatives or members of other local organizations. Funds raised at or by Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter events are for the sole purpose of supporting BNC. Therefore, monetary collections and solicitations for the benefit of other organizations at Brandeis events, including study groups, is inappropriate. All directories, phone numbers, addresses and emails shared for the use of Brandeis business shall remain for Brandeis business use only and not shared with other organizations.



### RECENT MOVE? NEW PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please contact our Membership Database Manager Ms. Bruce Galin with your changes to make sure we don't lose touch.

[bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com)

## 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.

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Transforming Unique Collections Highlighting Social Justice

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In honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Book & Author event, a donation was made by the BNC Phoenix Chapter Board to the *Honoring Our History* campaign in recognition of founder Carol Kern and our past Book & Author chairs. We are forever grateful.

Carol Abrams  
Truda Chick  
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Joanie Small

Barbara Stern  
Marcy Strauss  
Sharon Tievsky\*  
Lynda Weckstein  
Day Weinberg  
Mickie Zatulove\*

\* Deceased

In memory of event chair Sharon Tievsky, a donation was made to the *Honoring Our History* campaign with the proceeds from the sales of the centerpieces at Book & Author.

DONOR	RECIPIENT	OCCASION
<b>HONORING OUR HISTORY CAMPAIGN</b>		

Beth Messer	Carol & Chuck Abrams	In honor of daughter Caryn Aviv's rabbinic ordination
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Stephanie Klopper	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
Jane Marks	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
Linda & Gary Perlman	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
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Barbara Stern	Dan Hasley	"
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# Donations

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**Making a Gift** page at [giving.brandeis.edu/bnc](http://giving.brandeis.edu/bnc).

If online donation is not available to you, contact:

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Helen & Michael Greenberg	Phyllis Loewenstein & Sheldon Plotkin	In honor of birth of grandchild
Paula Ross	Sara & Jay Leopold	In honor of birth of granddaughter
Helen Greenberg	Bonnie Clewans	Continued recovery
Paula Ross	" "	"
Sunshine Fund	Leith Baletin	Speedy recovery
Iris Wigal	Barbara Stern	"
Bonnie Clewans	Merrill Kalman	In memory of mother, Myra Kalman
Bonnie Clewans & Sam Summer	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
Helen Greenberg	Stephanie Klopper	In memory of father, Dewey Rudolph
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Helen & Michael Greenberg	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
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" "	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum	" "	"
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" "	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
Judy Krockey	" "	"
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" "	Merrill Kalman	In memory of mother, Myra Kalman
Sheila & Larry Landau	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
" "	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
Sara & Jay Leopold	" "	"
Judy & Warren Levine	Merrill Kalman	In memory of mother, Myra Kalman
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Nancy & Larry Moffitt	" "	"
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Brina Pepper	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
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Paula Ross	Stephanie Klopper	In memory of father, Dewey Rudolph
Lori Roth	Arlene Feldman	In memory of husband, Irving Feldman
Nancy Sacks	Merrill Kalman	In memory of mother, Myra Kalman
Harriet Schwartz & Richard Askenazi	Dan Hasley	In memory of Henriette Hasley
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Sunshine Fund	" "	"
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<b>SPECIAL BOOK COLLECTION</b>		
Abby Tucker & John Poremba	Marilyn & Howard Jacks	In honor of 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
<b>SUSTAINING THE MIND FUND</b>		
Susan Sacks	Andrew Tievsky	In memory of Sharon Tievsky

## Make a Donation

**Celebrating a birthday, milestone or looking for the best way  
to honor the memory of a loved one?  
Gifts to the Brandeis National Committee support:**

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**LIBRARY FUND** - Libraries are the heart of a great university, the lifeline of teaching, learning and research. Make an impact on one of America's leading research universities.

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