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26th Annual BNC Phoenix Book and Author

Coming soon - the Best Event in the Valley!

Monday, March 14, 2016 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge
Boutiques open at 9:00 am Book Sales - Signing at 9:30 am
Program promptly at 11:00 am Lunch served at 12:30 pm
Cost: \$125 includes a \$5 coupon toward book purchases



Robert Goolrick Fiction Linda Hirshman Non-Fiction Paula McLain Historical Fiction B.A. Shapiro Art Mystery Steve Martini Mystery/Suspense

A Bookmark Donor Cocktail Reception with the authors will be held on March 13th at a beautiful private residence.

Contact us for information about becoming a Bookmark Donor.

Watch for your invitation arriving in the mail soon!

Contact: Sara Leopold and Marcy Strauss, Event Chairs

BncPhxBA@gmail.com 480-442-9623





Dear BNC Phoenix Colleagues,

You have learned by now that Brandeis University has announced that its next president will be Ronald Liebowitz, the former president of Vermont's Middlebury College. He will begin his tenure on July 1st, the start of the university's 2016-17 fiscal year. Last week, there was an article in the Jewish News of Greater Phoenix http://www.jewishaz.com/ excerpting an interview with him by Uriel Heilman of JTA News & Features. While you can find the entire article HERE, I found two questions and Mr. Liebowitz's responses

particularly compelling:

Uriel Heilman: How do you anticipate the challenges of leading Brandeis will differ from those you faced at Middlebury?

Ronald Liebowitz: Each institution has its own idiosyncrasies and special challenges. Brandeis has some remarkable human resources and attributes, but it needs an understanding of itself: who it is and what it wants to become. How does it reconcile its rich past with its future?

Uriel Heilman: What are some of the big issues universities are grappling with these days?

Ronald Liebowitz: The challenges of access and affordability. Beyond that, there's the issue of whether or not the education of today meets the needs of tomorrow. I think that has become a bigger question and has put pressure on colleges and universities. We have to look at the curriculum and consider not just what we expect the students to learn but what skills we expect them to have when they graduate.

We, as members of BNC Phoenix Chapter, are part of Brandeis University's rich past. Our continuing philanthropic support of the university will help shape its future. In the near term, meet Brandeis professor Tom Doherty at our annual University on Wheels fundraiser on January 8th - see for yourself how the university strives to provide the best and the brightest faculty to educate tomorrow's future leaders.

In the longer term, plan on supporting the university's Sustaining the Mind Fund for research and scholarships in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases in a fun way: attend our Chapter's 26th Book and Author event on March 14th! Learn more about this - and all of our exciting activities in 2016 - in this and future issues of the *Beat*.

All the best, Carol Abrams, President, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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Brandeis Boutiques

at the Book and Author Event Monday, March 14, 2016 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge

Come early to shop - doors will open at 9:00 am Purchases can be made during the event and after the event's closure at 3:00 pm

Stop by and shop. . . you will find many delightful surprises!



Some of the new and returning boutique vendors this year include:



Accel's Gifted Hands Boutique
Calle Rose Boutique
Ceramics by Judith
The Classy Bag Lady
glassdesign
Pamela Gordon
Gotta Have It!
Jacqueline B Clothing
Kiki Bean and Bedhead
Roberto Mantellassi
Studio Nicole
Three Sheets Two the Wind
Treasured Accessory









Book and Author Update "Fans of Books"

As we are all fans of books, we hope you will join us at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort on Monday, March 14, 2016. There will be book sales and signings, an array of boutiques, presentations by the authors and a lovely luncheon. The previous evening, Bookmark donors will be invited to attend a Cocktail Reception with the authors at a beautiful home. (For Bookmark Donor information, see next page.)

Now in its 26th year, Book and 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. Being a Table Captain is open to all men, women, members and non-members. It does not require anyone to cover the cost of the entire table, it means organizing people to sit together at one or more tables.

This year, each table seats a maximum of 10 people; there are no larger tables. The importance of Table Captains cannot be overstated - they are integral to the success of the event! They all will be acknowledged in

the Program Book and on the scrolling screens during the event.

Invitations will be mailed in January and contain RSVP cards where attendees can list those with whom they plan to sit, along with their entrée choices. New this year, fruit for dessert is available to those who preselect this option. 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 chair, Stephanie Altman, steffyaltman@gmail.com to let her know your plans, or if you have any questions.

Program Book Ad Sales

In the Program Book this year, we are offering an advertising opportunity to businesses and professionals. Click HERE for more information

We thank our volunteers and committee chairs for their hard work. For general information and continuing updates, see our website at www.brandeis.phoenix.com and click on the Book and Author tab, or Click HERE. We hope to see you there!

Sara Leopold and Marcy Strauss, Event Chairs BncPhxBA@gmail.com 480-442-9623



Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!

Kick off the 26th Annual Book and Author event by having fun while doing good. Bookmark donors are those who contribute to this event 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 and 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.

Your contribution to become a Bookmark and attend this event goes to the Sustaining the Mind Campaign and can truly make a difference: it supports ground-breaking research in the field of brain-related diseases including 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 13th by becoming a Bookmark donor and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful setting - while at the same time supporting this most important medical research.

Janis Lipman, Bookmark Chair

Bookmark Donor Levels of Giving benefitting

Sustaining the Mind: Research and Scholarship in Neurodegenerative Diseases

NEW RELEASES (\$200-\$299) - Cocktail Reception only - Invitation for two (Does not include the luncheon at \$125 per person)

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, book of choice from a featured author

RARE FINDS (\$1,000-\$1499) Two Luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three, Dinner with the authors for one, book of choice from a featured author

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

SPECIAL EDITIONS (\$3,500 and above) Two Luncheons with preferred seating with an author, Cocktail Reception for four, Dinner with the authors for two, all the books from the featured authors, Membership in the Justice Brandeis Society

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.

Western Region Citations Update:

In addition to the award recipients pictured in the December issue, there are two more recipients who were not pictured.

Merrill Kalman is a recipient for both the
Presidential Citation for Outstanding Study Groups
and the Award for Exceptional
Book and Author Fundraising Event;

Sam Summer is a recipient of the Men's Group Award.

Study Group News



NEW BOOK GROUP STARTING! B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

4th Mondays (except February 29) 1:00 pm 18° Restaurant at the Ice Den 9375 E. Bell Road, Scottsdale 85260 Minimum: 10, Maximum: 15

Due to popular request, a new book group is starting soon and the focus will be on Mystery & Suspense. The first meeting will be on January 25th and will be organizational; the first book to be discussed on February 29th is *The Art Thief* by Noah Charney.

For more information, please contact the facilitators. To register, **click HERE** for the registration form and write in the name of the group OR use the form on the next page.

Andi Freed, <u>drcraberry@gmail.com</u> Alyce Helfman, <u>ahelfman2002@yahoo.com</u>
480-221-9777 551-427-8365

Study Group News)



NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS *NEW*

The Phoenix/Scottsdale area has many unique neighborhoods. Join us once a month for a moderately paced walk in and around one of them. In some cases, a resident of our neighborhood of the month may be able to lead us.

Our first walk will be January 26. Participants will be notified of the location by email. Maximum 12, minimum 4.

Fourth Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (January through May)

#48 CASUAL EATS * NEW *

If you like discovering new restaurants without breaking the bank and have a spirit of adventure, this group is for you. We will meet for lunch the second Thursday of each month, January through April, in various locations throughout the Valley. Be prepared to try some off the beaten path "joints." Although we will try for separate checks, they may not be available, so be prepared to divide up equally. Cash may also be required.

The first lunch will be Thursday, January 14. Maximum 20.

Second Thursdays (January - April)

Richard Mendelson <u>lablvr3@comcast.net</u>



Registration for NEW Groups

| Neighborhood WalksCasual Eats | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| B-Puzzled: Mystery & Suspense | | | | |
| Enclosed is a check made out to BNC for Name(s): | or \$(@ \$20 per person per group) | | | |
| Email Address: | | | | |
| Phone: | _Cell Phone: | | | |

Please send checks to our registrar, Merrill Kalman: 8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ 85255 <u>mskbflo@aol.com</u>

Concerts and Conversations

The third program of the series will feature 16 year-old violinist Tiffany Chang, and international performer Olga Gorelik on piano.

Doors will open at 12:45 pm. The third program of this series will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, January 11, 2016, at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253 and will be followed by refreshments.



PROGRAM

Bach - Partita no. 2, Movements 1-4
Bazzini - Dance of the Goblins
Gershwin - Summertime and A Woman is a Sometime Thing
(Arr. by Jascha Heifetz)
Tchaikovsky - Concerto for Violin, Movement 3
Selections from Chopin Preludes

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

Guest Cost: \$5.00



Ciffany Chang,

Tiffany Chang, age 16, is a junior at Corona Del Sol High School and a member of her school chamber orchestra. Ms. Chang began playing the violin at the age of three. At age six, she joined the Metropolitan Youth

Orchestra and was Concertmaster by age ten, when she was honored with the 2009-2010 Division 1 Director's Award.

She won the position of Concertmaster for the 2014 All State Orchestra sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association. Tiffany was the winner in the Junior Category of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition in 2009, 2011 and 2012 and advanced to the Division level in Hawaii, Las Vegas, and Utah. Tiffany has attended the Brevard Music Festival for the past two summers, where she performed with the Brevard Concert Orchestra and studied with teachers from across the country. She was recently a finalist in the 2015 MTNA national competition.

Olga Gorelik, Piano

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



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

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

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



AZ AUTHORS

Monday, January 18th 12:30 - 2:30 pm JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd Jillian Cantor was born and raised in a suburb of Philadelphia. She has a BA in English from Penn State University and an MFA from the University of Arizona.

Jillian has written several

books for teens and also several for adults. Her most recent critically acclaimed book is *Margot*. This historical novel tells the story of Anne Frank's older

sister who did not die in Bergen-Belsen as reported, but instead escaped the Nazis and came to America. A wonderful "what-if" story.

Her latest novel, *The Hours Count*, takes us to the world of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as seen through the eyes of a fictional neighbor. *The Hours Count* is rife with spies, counterspies, and subterfuge, but it is also a powerful story of friendship, hope, and loyalty.

RSVP - Merrill Kalman <u>mskbflo@aol.com</u> Guests welcome - \$5.00



MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

On Tuesday, January 19th, the MOB will be touring the Ping factory in Phoenix. Due to construction at the factory, this is the only day available to tour this month. However, a second tour will be held on March 22nd.

For more information, please contact the facilitators:

Leith Baletin
lbaletin@att.net
480-874-9434
Sam Summer
samsummeraz@yahoo.com
480-488-1540

For details and to sign up for study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a full group 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 cost will apply.

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Merrill Kalman,
Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel <a href="mailto:physical-ph

EVEN FULL GROUPS SOMETIMES HAVE ROOM FOR GUESTS! A \$5 GUEST COST APPLIES. PLEASE CONTACT FACILITATORS FOR AVAILABILITY.

| JAN | GROUP | TIME | STUDY GROUP NOTES | FACILITATORS |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|---|
| ТВА | PHOENICIANS OF BNC | ТВА | Contact facilitators for details. | Joellyn Pollock <u>Joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com</u> 602-257-4327 Marilyn Pomerantz <u>pomerantzcentral@cox.net</u> 602-758-8651 Iris Wigal <u>wiggley@cox.net</u> 602-274-8771 |
| 1 | FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH | 10:00 | Members will be notified by email of the location. | Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162 |
| 4 | PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS | 1:00 | Location will be emailed to group members. | Andi Freed-Krehbiel <u>drcraberry@gmail.com</u> 480 951-6572 |
| 5 | CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 FULL | 9:30 | Participants will be notified of the location by email. | Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216 0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 |
| 5 | CURRENT EVENTS | 10:30 | Participants will be notified of the location by email. | Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047 |
| 6 | DESSERT AND MORE | | Enjoy dessert with a side dish of Valley history. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Julie Bronstein thefunnygirl@gmail.com 480-797-5691 Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Judi Saperstein judisaperstein@gmail.com 480-426-2646 Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825 |
| 7 21 | INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB | 7:30 | Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time, followed by brunch. | Nancy Siefer <u>n.siefer@gmail.com</u> 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner <u>caryllwebner@yahoo.com</u> 602-989-1348 |
| 7 21 | LEISURELY HIKING | 8:00 or 8:30 | Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time, followed by brunch. | Ellen Kirschenbaum <u>ellenk102@cox.net</u> 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum <u>bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com</u> 602-614-5212 |
| 7 | JEWISH BOOK GROUP | 10:00 | Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. | Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307 |
| 7 14 21 28 | INTERMEDIATE MAH- JONGG | 11:45 | This weekly group is intended for experienced players. A thorough knowledge of the rules and a fast pace of play are expected. Meet at the JCC for lunch first. Play starts at 12:15 | Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225 |
| 7 | STUDY WITH THE BEST - FILM ON FILM | 1:30 | Explore a classic Hollywood film. View the film on your own, then join a group discussion. Contact facilitator for details. | Carol Kern <u>cak571@aol.com</u> 480-948-9236 |
| 7 | SUN LAKES POTPOURRI | 1:30 | This group includes a variety of activities. Contact the facilitators for the location. | Irene Kestenbaum <u>irenek0426@gmail.com</u> 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold <u>bzgold9333@gmail.com</u> 480-802-7945 |
| 7 21 | NEXT LEVEL BRIDGE | 2:00 | This group is intended for advanced beginner bridge players, both men and women. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Bob Kirschenbaum <u>bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com</u> 602-614-5212 |

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| 11 | CONCERTS AND CONVERSATIONS | 1:00 | Violinist Tiffany Chang, Pianist Olga Gorelik. See details on page 8. | Joan Sitver <u>joansitver@aol.com</u> 602-971-0012 |
| 12 | SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH | | Contact the facilitator for details. | Andrea Morrison <u>andsue1@cox.net</u> 602-840-8195 |
| 13 | PHOENIX ART MUSEUM TOURS FULL | 11:00 | Tour exhibits at the Phoenix Art Museum. Contact facilitator for details. | Mark Sendrow <u>wmsendrow@gmail.com</u> 602-307-5420 |
| 42 | | 4 00 | | |
| 13 27 | KNIT A MITZVAH | 1:00 | Join us to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization. Contact facilitators for details. | Ellen Kirschenbaum <u>ellenk102@cox.net</u> 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel <u>ronees@aol.com</u> 917-273-0393 |
| 14 | BOWLING FOR FUN | 10:00 | This group meets at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes followed by lunch. 9027 E. Vía Linda, Scottsdale 85258. | Sheila Landau <u>buildor2@cox.net</u> 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler <u>suelawler9@gmail.com</u> 480-502-9036 |
| 14 | CASUAL EATS NEW | 12:00 | Discover new restaurants without breaking the bank and have a spirit of adventure. Contact facilitators for details. | Sherry Widman widmansherry@gmail.com 480-264-6440 Richard Mendelson lablvr3@comcast.net |
| 14 | CHEAPEATz FULL | 12:00 | Lunch at various places around the Valley. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Jay Leopold jay@skypower.solar 480-290-2040 |
| 15 | BOOMERS | 11:00 | Details will be emailed to participants. | Ellen Kirschenbaum <u>ellenk102@cox.net</u> 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins s <u>erollins52@gmail.com</u> 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel <u>brandeisboomers@gmail.com</u> 917-273-0393 |
| 15 | FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP | 1:00 | The group meets in central Phoenix. RSVP to the facilitator for the location. | Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126 |
| 16 | GIRLS' NIGHT OUT | 5:30 | Details will be emailed to participants. | Wendy Cohen <u>wencohen@cox.net</u> 602-316-2993 Halette Fealey <u>caseysadie@aol.com</u> 480-529-1247 |
| 18 | CULTURAL SITES IN AZ FULL | ТВА | A visit to Udinotti Museum of Figurative Art. Details will be emailed to participants. | Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 |
| 18 | ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES | 12:30 | Author Jillian Cantor - See details on p. 9. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat. JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. | Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355 |
| 19 | MEN OF BRANDEIS (M.O.B.) | ТВА | Ping factory tour, followed by lunch. Location and time will be emailed to participants. | Leith Baletin <u>lbaletin@att.net</u> 480-874-9434 Sam Summer <u>samsummeraz@yahoo.com</u> 480-488-1540 |
| 19 | CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH | ТВА | We will meet at the Camelview or another theatre in the area, followed by lunch and discussion. Details will be emailed to participants. | Sheila Landau <u>buildor2@cox.net</u> 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley <u>henriette.hasley@cox.net</u> 602-494-1924 |

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| 19 26 | YOGA FULL | ТВА | Location and time will be emailed to participants. Maximum 20. | Nancy Siefer <u>n.siefer@gmail.com</u> 480-577-1439 |
| 19 | BRIDGING IT! | 12:00 | Members should be experienced bridge players. Participants will be notified of the location. | Nan Waldman <u>nanlarry@cox.net</u> 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss <u>mss29@comcast.net</u> 612-710-6291 |
| 19 | AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE | 1:00 | Explore aspects of American Jewish history that contributed to the cultural identity we have today. Contact facilitator for details. | Mark Sendrow wmsendrow@gmail.com 602-307-5420 |
| 19 | LEARN PICKLEBALL! * NEW * FULL | 1:00 | Details will be emailed to participants. | Abby Tucker and John Poremba skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162 |
| 21 | BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL | 10:00 | Read books that take place in foreign locales. Details will be emailed to participants. | Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106 |
| 22 | STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH FULL | 10:00 | We visit artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. Locations will be emailed to group members. | Susan Sacks <u>susan.sacks@gmail.com</u> 201-887-0319 Nancy Sacks-Goldberg <u>nhshobo@aol.com</u> 480-661-3852 Iris Wigal <u>wiggley@cox.net</u> 602-274-8771 |
| 25 | DISCOVER YOUR CRAFTING TALENTS AT THE CREATING SPOT | 10:15 | Classes are offered by <i>The Creating Spot</i> , a new studio in downtown Scottsdale, at 7127 E. 6th Avenue. Followed by lunch nearby. Contact facilitator for details. | Cheryl Senkfor Info@TheCreatingSpot.com 216-272-1697 Bobby Harr 480-272-6004 |
| 26 | NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS | ТВА | A moderately paced walk in and around neighborhoods. Participants will be notified of the location by email. | Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 |
| 26 | GALLERY GIRLS | 12:30 | Lunch and a visit to art galleries around the Valley. Details will be emailed to the participants. | Suzie Black <u>siblack1@centurylink.net</u> 602-799-3861 |
| 27 | FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH | 11:30 | RSVP to a facilitator in order to secure a place at a table. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Annette Kurland <u>annettekurland@me.com</u> 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein <u>lylweck@gmail.com</u> 602-840-8555 |
| 27 | PLAY GOLF | 1:00 | Contact facilitators to RSVP, and for prices and greens fees details. | Lori Roth <u>lori.rothaz@gmail.com</u> 480-310-1605 Sue Adatto <u>sueadatto@cox.net</u> 480-563-0006 |
| 28 | CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1 | 9:30 | Contact the facilitator for directions to the location. | Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216 |
| 28 | NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS FULL | 11:30 | Location will be emailed to participants. | Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599 |



MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

To report life-cycle events please contact
Susan Sacks at 480-860-5256 or susan.sacks@gmail.com
To learn about becoming a member, please contact
Nan Waldman at 602-996-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Member News

Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Rosalyn Fischer following her recent surgery.

Our best wishes to Bruce Galin for a full and speedy recovery.

Our best wishes to Joan Pass for a speedy recovery.

Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Naomi Schwartz.

Our sincere condolences to Ellen Tuckman and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, Jean Shulman.



Wednesday, February 17th Annual Meeting in Celebration of our Members

Honoring both long-time and newer members of our Chapter at 10:00 am at the McDowell Center in McDowell Mountain Ranch. Our guest speaker will be Theresa Weeding, a Laughter Yoga instructor who will certainly bring some humor to this event. She is a dynamic speaker who will tell us about laughter being the best medicine. More information will be available in the February Beat.



Welcome New Members!

Susan Gans
Elaine Horwitz
Brenda Koblick
Susan Rae Westover

Member to Member

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

- Attend a Study Group
- Experience a cultural event
- Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at UOW
- → Participate in a community service event

So bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to your next BNC chapter event, and share Brandeis! Click HERE to display and print a Membership Form.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents

 Kathleen Witkin,
 witkinbnc@gmail.com
 480-473-4825

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

Brandeis Leadership Awards Brunch













CHAPTER ROSTER

If you have recently moved, or changed your phone number or email address, please let Bruce Galin, our

Chapter's Data Manager, know of those changes. bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com. This will ensure you don't miss out on any Chapter mailings and information.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AVAILABLE

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

WE VALUE YOUR PRIVACY

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Social Justice



Carol B's Children's Book Collection

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

"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." – Victor Hugo, Les Miserables



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 a needy youth with food as they transition from foster care to independence.

Please visit the website for recommended items.

http://www.jfcsaz.org/

We will collect food items at our Board meetings and several Chapter events.

Julie Bronstein & Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net



Volunteers Needed

A wonderful way to get involved with our local BNC Chapter is to share your expertise with us. It's a win-win!

You get to meet some of the other members, maintain your skills and learn new ones, and the Chapter benefits from your experience.

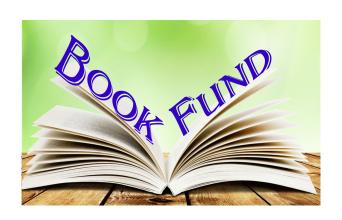
The current skill sets needed are: SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, MARKETING, PUBLICITY

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To support the Sustaining the Mind Fund, contact Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com For a donation form, Click HERE



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 hiatus) at 10:30 am. We generally meet at the McDowell Center at McDowell Mt. Ranch in Scottsdale.

If you are interested in attending, email: President, Carol Abrams:

<u>bncphxprez@gmail.com</u> to let her know you are coming and for driving directions.



January, 2016

- 4 Programming Committee
- **6** Executive Committee
- 8 University on Wheels
- 20 Board Meeting
- 25 Membership Committee
- 29 New Member Event



HOPE



Brandeis students like Cassidy Swartz '16 give us hope for the future. A BNC Scholar from Arizona, Cassidy is a Health: Science, Society and Policy major and soccer player at Brandeis. She volunteers at Newton-Wellesley hospital and tutors an elementary school student on top of a full load of courses. Cassidy plans to become a physician's assistant upon graduating from Brandeis, a profession she believes will help her use what she has learned at Brandeis to help others. In a recent interview, she explains why she is proud to attend the nation's only non-sectarian

university founded by the American Jewish community and how this experience has transformed her life. You can watch this on BNC's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/brandeisnationalcomm.

Since 1948, BNC members have raised more than \$127 million to support Brandeis students, faculty, the library and cutting-edge research in neuroscience. Please consider making a today to ensure students like Cassidy continue to fulfill their promise with a Brandeis education.

To support the BNC Scholarship campaign, contact Ronda Kottle, <u>ronda@kottlehome.com</u>

For a Scholarship donation form, **Click HERE**.



Alumni in the News

Tony Goldwyn '82 recalls his days as a Brandeis student

By Molly Noyce

Brandeis alumni in Southern California met the president on Sunday – President Fitzgerald Grant III of *Scandal* fame, that is.

Tony Goldwyn '82, who stars as the problem-plagued president of the United States in the hit television series, spoke about his days as a Brandeis student, his roles in front of and behind the camera and the downside of celebrity during a captivating discussion with about 200 alumni and friends at The Ebell of Los Angeles.

Professor Alice Kelikian, chair of the Film, Television and Interactive Media program, interviewed Goldwyn and then conducted a Q&A. The event was sponsored by the Brandeis Alumni Association.

"I found a real community of friends at Brandeis — and had the best acting teacher of my life, Ted Kazanoff," Goldwyn told the crowd. "I was blessed to study with him. He formed the foundation for what I still think about acting today."

Kazanoff, the longtime chair of the Brandeis theater arts department, trained a generation of successful actors who work in television, film and theater, including Debra Messing '90; Annette Miller '58, MFA'76; Eric Engel, MFA'86; and Mary C. Huntington, MFA'87.

Goldwyn recalled Brandeis as being a "very entrepreneurial place. If students weren't cast in shows, they would get together and put on their own."

Goldwyn also told attendees that his work as a director has made him a better actor. He made his directorial debut with A Walk on the Moon and also directed the film Conviction.

"The acting process became much more clear after directing," he says. "It gave me a broader view of what's happening on screen."

Since *Scandal* first aired five years ago, Goldwyn's life has changed significantly.

When asked whether commercial success and fame have affected him, he said he "doesn't go to Starbucks anymore."

Although paparazzi and adoring fans may have altered some aspects of Goldwyn's life, he said some things haven't changed – he is still a committed Brandeis benefactor and member of the alumni family.

Goldwyn invited alumni to stay engaged with and support the university, as he has done through the years. "Brandeis was a seminal experience in my life, and I assume in yours, so I encourage you to give generously."

Brandeis Notables

Click HERE for Brandeis Moments, a sampling of notable alumni who have contributed to society in many ways. The next time you use Siri or watch ABC's Scandal, remember the talent that comes from Brandeis.



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January 29, 2016
MEMBERSHIP WINTER COFFEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
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March 13, 2016
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April, 2016
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Wednesday, April 20, 2016
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