

December 2015

Chapter of the Year!

Arc TV - The Great American (Television) Novel Dr. Tom Doherty

Professor of American Studies Brandeis University

University on Wheels

**Friday, January 8, 2016 – 9:30 am
Starfire Golf Club
11500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale**

Mad Men, Breaking Bad, Downton Abbey. The long-running, quality television series seems to be supplanting both the novel and Hollywood cinema as the most rewarding popular art in American culture. By all accounts, we are in the midst of a glimmering Golden Age of American Television. In this presentation, Professor Doherty will examine the new genre of "arc TV" - series that follow long, complex arcs of development and that are, at their best, as exquisitely calibrated as the social matrix of a Henry James novel.

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President's Message

Dear BNC Phoenix Colleagues,

Brandeis counts among its graduates Pulitzer Prize winners, Emmy Award winners, best-selling authors - even a Nobel laureate. In fact, Brandeis graduates occupy leadership roles in virtually every walk of life, across the world. Here are just a few names you may recognize (and [Click HERE](#) to see many more): Debra Messing, Mitch Albom, Jesse Kellerman, Thomas Friedman, Guy Raz (NPR), Deborah Lipstadt, Robert Zimmer (President, University of Chicago), Daniel Shapiro (current U.S. ambassador to Israel) and

Tim Morehouse (Olympic fencer).

Since its earliest days, the Brandeis National Committee has been a solid partner of Brandeis University. As members, we have championed the university's highest priorities, including the library, the sciences and scholarships, consistently providing critical philanthropic support for these important initiatives. Today, increasing the funding for scholarship assistance is the university's top priority. You may not yet be aware of some important facts: Two out of three Brandeis students receives some form of financial aid. In the 2013-14 academic year, Brandeis awarded \$88.4 million in scholarship aid to undergraduates and graduate students. For the same time period, the endowment and annual gifts designated to scholarships provided \$17.2 million, comprising 19.4% of the total financial aid budget.

Financial assistance plays a pivotal role in upholding Brandeis' founding principle of equal access to higher education, regardless of a student's financial circumstance. Scholarships ensure that the best and brightest students are able to pursue an education at this unique institution.

Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of its students. Endowed scholarship funds, which provide a consistent, dependable funding source, are required to accomplish this. To that end, BNC members are invited to support the BNC Scholarship Campaign and help raise \$1 million by June 30, 2017. This campaign is linked to the University's ambitious effort to raise \$100 million for student scholarships and fellowships, almost half of which has already been raised. Our support will ensure that a Brandeis education will be accessible and affordable to future generations of students.

Join me and thousands of our fellow BNC members in chapters across America to ensure that the university will continue to be able to recruit the best and the brightest for the classes of 2020 and beyond. Please consider a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the BNC Scholarship Campaign. You may wish to earmark your gift for the BNC Phoenix Chapter Scholarship for an Arizona student to attend Brandeis - that's what I plan to do. [Click HERE](#) to make your gift in any amount. Thank you for supporting Brandeis University in this and so many ways.

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

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University on Wheels

Dr. Tom Doherty

Professor of American Studies
at Brandeis University Comes to Phoenix

ARC TV - THE GREAT AMERICAN (TELEVISION) NOVEL

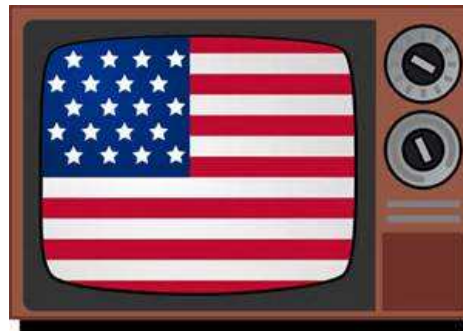
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Thomas Doherty, a professor of American studies, is a cultural historian with a special interest in Hollywood cinema. He teaches courses in media culture and things American. He is currently serving as chairman of the program.

Doherty's undergraduate degree is from Gonzaga University, a small liberal arts college in Spokane, WA, similar to Brandeis but with different religious holidays. After a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in South Korea, he entered graduate school at the University of Iowa, where he earned a Ph.D. in American studies in 1984.

After teaching in the division of humanities at Boston University, he came to Brandeis in 1990. He has also taught overseas as a Fulbright scholar at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea, and as the Thomas

Jefferson Chair in American Studies at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. As a senior Fulbright scholar, Doherty has lectured in New Zealand and Albania. His reviews and commentary have appeared

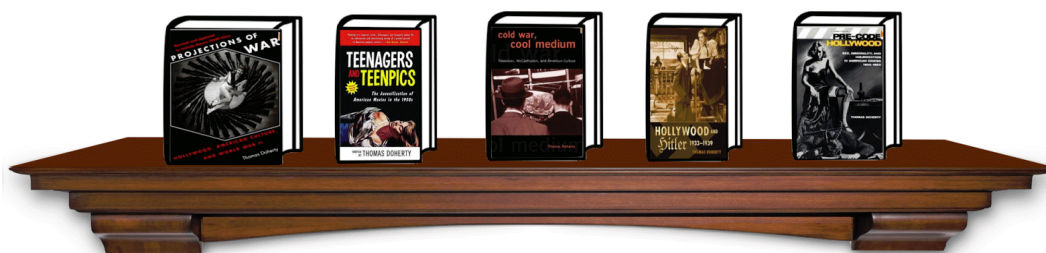


in the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Washington Post*, and he writes frequently on media culture for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. In 2005, he received recognition as an Academy Film Scholar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Doherty is the author of *Teenagers and Teenpics: The Juvenilization of American Movies in the 1950s* (1988), *Projections of War: Hollywood, American Culture and World War II* (1993), *Pre-Code Hollywood: Sex, Immorality and Insurrection in American Cinema, 1930-1934* (1999), *Cold War, Cool Medium: Television, McCarthyism and American Culture* (2003) and *Hollywood's Censor: Joseph I. Breen and the Production Code Administration* (2007). His most recent book is *Hollywood and Hitler, 1933-1939*.

He serves on the editorial board of *Cineaste* and edits the film review section for the *Journal of American History*.

He and his wife, Sandra, a freelance editor and fierce Pittsburgh Steelers fan, live in Salem, Massachusetts.



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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)

Facilitator: **Cost: \$20**
Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291

#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)

Facilitators: **Cost: \$20**
Sherry Widman widmansherry@gmail.com 847-212-5679 until Dec. 15
Richard Mendelson lablvr3@comcast.net 480-264-6440 after Dec. 15

Registration for NEW Groups

Neighborhood Walks _____

Casual Eats _____

Enclosed is a check made out to BNC for \$ _____ (@ \$20 per person per group)

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please send checks to our registrar, Merrill Kalman:
8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale AZ 85255 mskbfo@aol.com



Concerts & Conversations



The second program of the Concerts and Conversations series presented by BNC Phoenix Chapter features Flutist Elizabeth Buck and her twin sister Violist Nancy Buck, both faculty members of the ASU School of Music.

Doors will open at 12:45 pm. The program will take place from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Monday, December 14, 2015, at Palo Cristi Church, located at 3535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley 85253. This month, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, there will be a reception in honor of our new members following the concert. If you are a new member, the \$5 guest cost will be waived.

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

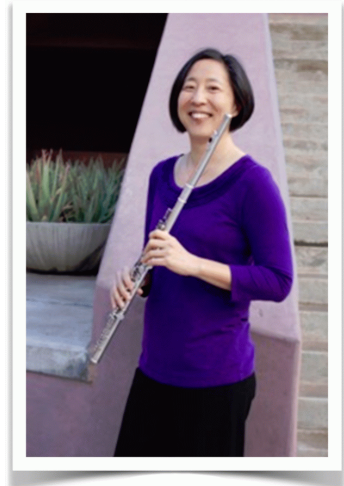


Elizabeth Buck, Flutist

Elizabeth Buck holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Rice University as well as Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from The Juilliard School. A recitalist and master class clinician, Elizabeth performed with the **Nova Philharmonia Portuguesa** in Lisbon, the **New York City Opera National Company** and the **Houston Grand Opera** before coming to the Valley in 1994 as Principal Flute of the **Phoenix Symphony**. In 2004, she left the orchestra to join the Faculty of the ASU School of Music, where her sister was already teaching.

Dr. Buck is currently Professor of Flute at Arizona State University.

Nancy Buck, Violist



Nancy Buck came to Arizona in 2002 from Bowling Green State University, where she was a member of the faculty and served as Assistant Chair of the Department of Music Performance Studies. With degrees from the **Oberlin Conservatory** and the **Cleveland Institute of Music**, she has performed in leading concert venues throughout the United States and Europe. Much in demand as a chamber musician and artistic collaborator, Nancy has presented recitals in leading concert venues throughout the United States and Europe. Consistently acclaimed by colleagues and peers as an extraordinarily insightful studio teacher and chamber music coach, Nancy is regularly invited to present master classes throughout the country. She is currently serving on the faculty at ASU.



ARIZONA AUTHORS

Monday, December 21

**Meet at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd,
Scottsdale at 12:30 pm.**

Anne A. Wilson graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served nine years as an active duty Navy helicopter pilot. While stationed at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, she flew the H-46 Sea Knight helicopter, making two six-month Western Pacific deployments. After three years of sea duty, she moved inland to Nevada where she flew search and rescue with the H-1 Huey helicopter and is credited with 31 lives saved. Anne and her crew garnered the accolade Helicopter Aircrew of the Year in 1997, an award given for search and rescue, for rescuing 13 people in the 100 year flood that affected the area surrounding Reno, Nevada and Yosemite.

Anne will be coming to us with her debut novel, *Hover*. Anne was the front page feature story in the *Arcadia News* November edition. Check it out! www.arcadianews.com

Must RSVP to Merrill Kalman - mskbflo@aol.com



**What FUN!
Boomers
Line
Dancing
Outing!**

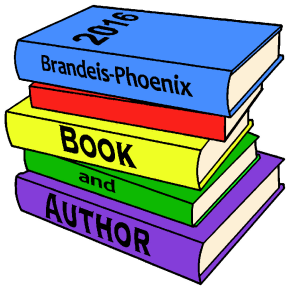
For details and to sign up for study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/StudyGroups.html

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
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Book and Author Update



The 2016 Book and Author event will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge on Monday, March 14, 2016. Doors open at 9:00 am for registration, book sales and boutique shopping. Personalized book signings by the authors begin at 9:30. The authors will speak before and after the luncheon is served.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE THESE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS:

ROBERT GOOLRICK, *Fall of Princes* [previous book: *A Reliable Wife*]

LINDA HIRSHMAN, *Sisters in Law (How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World)*

PAULA MCLAIN, *Circling the Sun* [previous book: *The Paris Wife*]

STEVE MARTINI, *The Enemy Inside* [part of the Paul Madriani series]

B.A. SHAPIRO, *The Muralist* [previous book: *The Art Forger*]

A cocktail reception with the authors will be held for Bookmark donors on Sunday evening, March 13, 2016 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at a beautiful private residence.

Details about Bookmark donations will be in next month's issue of this bulletin and also in the invitation, which will be sent to chapter members in January.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful event, please contact Marcia Langer, marciala@msn.com or Truda Chick, tchick2@cox.net

Proceeds from Book and Author 2016 will benefit the Sustaining the Mind Fund, which supports research in neurodegenerative diseases and scholarship in the medical sciences at Brandeis University.

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



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

Check your Study Group date carefully as some have changed due to the holiday.

| DEC | GROUP | TIME | STUDY GROUP NOTES | FACILITATORS |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|---|
| TBA | GIRLS' NIGHT OUT | TBA | Details will be emailed to participants. | Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net 602-316-2993 Halette Fealey caseysadie@aol.com 480-529-1247 |
| TBA | PLAY GOLF | 9:00 | Come join the fun and golf with BNC Phoenix Chapter! All levels are welcome. Option of 9 or 18 holes. Each player is responsible for greens fees and lunch costs. RSVPs must be finalized prior to the golf date. No refunds of greens fees will be allowed once an RSVP has been given. Contact a facilitator for details. | Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Sue Adatto sueadatto@cox.net 480-563-0006 |
| TBA | PHOENICIANS OF BNC | TBA | This group meets for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. The day of the week, time and place is determined by the planned activity. Details of the first meeting will be emailed to participants. | Joellyn Pollock Joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Marilyn Pomerantz pomerantzcentral@cox.net 602-758-8651 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 |
| 1 | CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #2 FULL | 9:30 | Join lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email. | Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203-216 0177 Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 |
| 1 | CURRENT EVENTS | 10:30 | Join the conversation as the group explores current events that shape the future. Participants will be notified of the location by email. | Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047 |
| 2 | FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH | 12:30 | Meet at a variety of mostly new, exciting restaurants around the valley, Everyone is responsible for their own meal. RSVP to a facilitator in order to secure a place at a table. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Annette Kurland annetekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein lylweck@gmail.com 602-840-8555 |
| 3 17 | INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB | 7:30 | These hikes in the Phoenix area will be on challenging trails with elevation gains, at a brisk pace. Plan on 4-6 miles, around three hours, plus destination time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time. Join us after the hike for a different brunch spot each time. | Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348 |
| 3 17 | LEISURELY HIKING | 8:00 or 8:30 | Hike at a comfortable pace on trails in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond. Plan on 2.5 - 4 miles round trip, 2 - 2.5 hours, plus destination time. After the hike, join us for brunch at a nearby restaurant. Members will be notified of the place and time. | Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212 |
| 3 | JEWISH BOOK GROUP | 10:00 | Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). If you would like the complete list of books, please call Ellen. RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. | Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307 |
| 3 10 17 24 | 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 |

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| 3 | SUN LAKES POTPOURRI | 1:30 | This group will include book and movie reviews, discussions on contemporary issues and visits to local places of interest. Contact the facilitators for the location. | Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945 |
| 4 | FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH. | 10:00 | View interesting movies (including indies, foreign language films, and documentaries) playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101, or the Camelview. Lunch will follow at a nearby eatery. 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 |
| 7 | DISCOVER YOUR CRAFTING TALENTS AT THE CREATING SPOT | 10:15 | Two workshop classes will be offered by <i>The Creating Spot</i> , a new studio in downtown Scottsdale, at 7127 E. 6th Avenue. Sign up for any two classes you choose. Followed by lunch nearby. There is a nonrefundable \$30 supplies cost for each of the two classes (\$60 total), paid directly to the studio. all supplies and tools are included in the supplies cost. No experience needed. | Cheryl Senkfor Info@TheCreatingSpot.com 216-272-1697 Bobby Harr 480-272-6004 |
| 7 | PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS | 1:00 | Once a month, retired psychotherapist James P. Krehbiel, M.S., Ed.S. will discuss ways to promote healthy relationships. Location will be emailed to group members. | Andi Freed-Krehbiel drcrberry@gmail.com 480 951-6572 |
| 8 | SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH | 12:00 | Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences and dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table. Maximum 30 with a wait list.. | Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 |
| 9 | MEN OF BRANDEIS (M.O.B.) | 1:00 | Our speaker is Ann Polunsky talking with us about the history of the Jewish presence in Arizona. Meet at the JCC. For more information, please contact the facilitators. | Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540 |
| 9 23 | KNIT A MITZVAH | 1:00 | Join us to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393 |
| 10 | CHEAPEATz FULL | | Lunch at various places around the Valley. Participants will be notified by email of the location. | Jay Leopold jay@skypower.solar 480-290-2040 |
| 10 | BELLASERA BOOK GROUP | 11:00 | This group will meet in Bellasera and discuss fiction, biographies and occasionally non-fiction as well. The books will be selected by the group three months at a time. Location details will be emailed to the participants | Carol Padwe carol.padwe@cox.net 480-242-8183 |
| 10 | BOWLING FOR FUN | 10:00 | This relaxed, non-competitive bowling group meets at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258. | Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036 |
| 11 | CULTURAL SITES IN AZ FULL | | Tour the David and Gladys Wright House, followed by an optional lunch. Contact a facilitator for details. | Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 |

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| 14 | CONCERTS AND CONVERSATIONS | 1:00 | Note: The program on December 14 is in conjunction with the Membership Committee. Location: Palo Cristi Church at 36th Street and Lincoln Click HERE for details. | Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012 |
| 15 | BRIDGING IT! | Noon | Meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players. Participants will be notified of the location. | Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 |
| 15 | CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH | | Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at the Camelview or another theatre in the area. Each month, details will be emailed to participants. | Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924 |
| 15 | LEARN PICKLEBALL! FULL | 1:00 | Meet for lunch at the Lariat Restaurant and Lounge (there is a 10% discount for us!), located at the Carefree Resort, 37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377. After lunch, play for two hours on the resort's Pickleball courts. For more information contact a facilitator. | Abby Tucker and John Poremba skyranh52@gmail.com 480-575-3162 |
| 17 | NEXT LEVEL BRIDGE | 2:00 | This group is intended for advanced beginner bridge players who would like to further enhance their conventional bidding and playing skills to take their game to the next level. This group is open to both men and women. Members will be notified by email of the location. | Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212 |
| 17 | BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL | 10:00 | This group will 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 |
| 18 | GALLERY GIRLS | 12:30 | This group will go to lunch and then visit art galleries around the Valley, including Old Town and Phoenix, among others. At lunch there will be a briefing about the artists whose works you'll be seeing. Details will be emailed to the participants. | Suzie Black siblack1@centurylink.net 602-799-3861 |
| 18 | FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP | 1:00 | The books are selected for easy access at the library or in paperback. The group meets in central Phoenix. RSVP to the facilitator for the location. | Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126 |
| 21 | ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES | 12:30 | The author retired Navy pilot Anne A. Wilson. RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat. JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. Click HERE for details. | Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355 |
| 24 | CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1 | 9:30 | The participants choose current issues one meeting ahead. One member of the group researches a topic, and all members are encouraged to add information or to ask questions. Contact the facilitator for directions to the location. | Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216 |



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

Congratulations to Ellen and Bob Kirschenbaum on the birth of their grandson, Jacob “Jake” Samuel. Proud parents are Amy and Jeff Swers.

Congratulations to Terry and Lon Taubman on the arrival of their granddaughter, Eve Elise. Proud parents are Molly and Jeff Stanlis.

We send our very sincere condolences to our Chapter president, Carol Abrams, and her family on the passing of her father, George Louis.

Our sincere condolences to Judy Bluestone and her family on the passing of her beloved husband, Allan.

Our very sincere condolences to Ronda Kottle on the passing of her mother, Julia Friedland.



New Members

Doreen Alexander, JoAnn Kovan, Diane Maier, Adele Megdall, Nancy Stone

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:



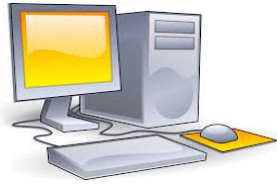
- ◆ Attend a Study Group
- ◆ Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels
- ◆ Experience a cultural event
- ◆ Participate in a community service event

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



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

All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for Brandeis business shall remain confidential and not be shared with other organizations or be used for other purposes.



Fall Event 2015



Our speaker was Howard Seftel, who was entertaining and informative. The event chair was Truda Chick, who is pictured with Programming VPs Sheila Landau and Jo Ellen Susman.

The following Chapter Awards were presented by Chapter president Carol Abrams:

Iris Wigal: **Western Region President's Volunteer Achievement Award** for outstanding contributions to the Chapter in 2014 - 15

Kathleen Witkin *Beat* Editor, Carole Sherris, *Beat* Layout and Design, Paula Eckstein, and Sara Leopold: **Western Region Presidential Citation** for Chapter Communications

BNC Phoenix Chapter: **Western Region Presidential Citation** for Top Honor Sustaining the Mind Campaign;

Carol Kern (with Sue Karp) for **Exceptional Book & Author Fundraising Event**.

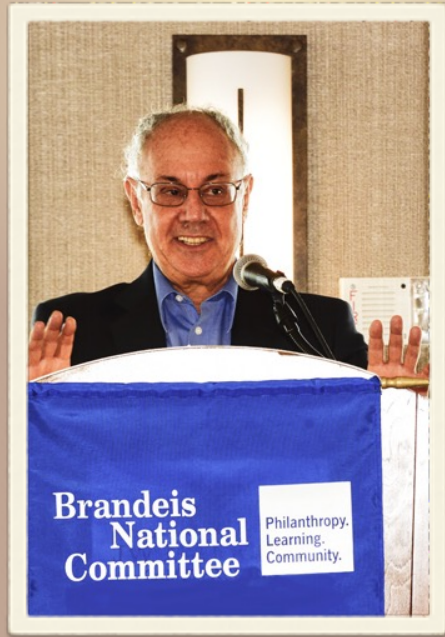
Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel: **Western Region Presidential Citation** for Learning Opportunities/Study Groups

Ronee Siegel, Ellen Kirschenbaum and Sue Rollins for **Outstanding Boomers Group**

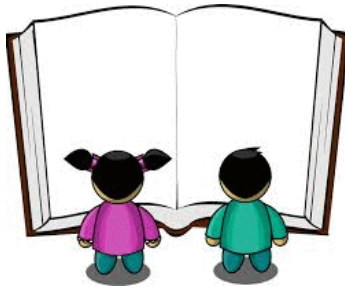
Leith Baletin for the **Men's Group**, Men of Brandeis.

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Fall Event 2015



Social Justice



Carol B' s Children' s Book Collection

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

Thanks to our generous donors, we will be delivering over 500 books to Cesar Chavez Elementary School the week of December 7.

For more information, please contact:
Dorry Sunenshine
dsunenshine@gmail.com
Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@cox.net

"The [person] who does not read good books is no better than the [person] who can't.

– Mark Twain



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
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Volunteers Needed

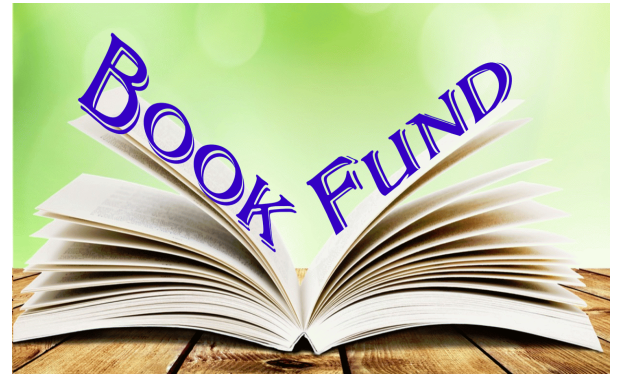
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**The current skill sets needed are:
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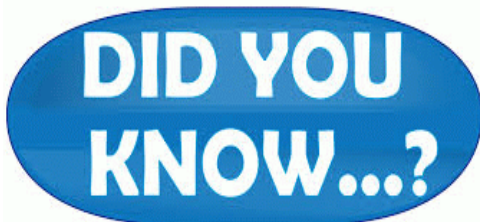
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Susan Weldman Schneider

Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Fresh Ideas From HBI

Brandeis Acquires Lilith Archives, Cornerstone to Jewish Feminist Collections

By Amy Sessler Powell

With 40 cubic feet of boxes containing 800 files ranging from AIDS to Zionism, the newly acquired Lilith Archives at the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections tells pathbreaking stories from the lives of Jewish women over the past four decades.

Behind the stories are still other stories, all contained in these boxes. It is nothing less than the "concrete evidence of the changes that have taken place in 40 years -- both in the women's movement and in Jewish life. Lilith has both borne witness and spurred those

changes along," said Susan Weidman '65, one of the founding mothers of Lilith.

The stories within show how a magazine can form a "connective tissue" for women around the world and give voice to their issues. They show how a group of pioneering women journalists with little business experience started a nonprofit social-change-oriented periodical from scratch, learning as they went.

"We hope many of these documents will be inspirational to other feminist start-ups," Schneider said.

To read the rest of this article

[Click HERE.](#)

Brandeis Notables

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In honor of Emerging Leadership Award Recipient

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In honor of grandson, Samuel Philip Cowan

Iris Wigal to Kathleen Witkin
In honor of Emerging Leader Recipient

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Board Meetings

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 JCC in Scottsdale.

If you are interested in attending, email: President, Carol Abrams: bncphxprez@gmail.com to let her know you are coming and for driving directions.



BNC PHOENIX BOARD AND COMMITTEE CALENDAR

December

- 2 Executive Committee
- 7 Programming Committee
- 16 Board Meeting
- 28 Membership Committee



January 8, 2016

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

January 29, 2016

MEMBERSHIP WINTER COFFEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING IN CELEBRATION OF OUR MEMBERS

March 13, 2016

BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL RECEPTION

March 14, 2016

26TH ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

April, 2016

WOMEN'S SEDER AT THE JCC

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

SPRING LUNCHEON

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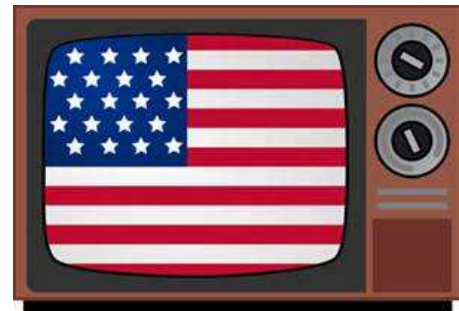
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*The Great American (Television)
Novel*

Dr. Tom Doherty

Professor of American Studies
Brandeis University

Friday, January 8, 2016 – 9:30 am
Starfire Golf Club
11500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale



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