

FEBRUARY 2015



THE 25TH ANNUAL BNC BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT



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



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Book Sales
Boutiques
9:00

Author
Signings
9:30

Dining Room
Opens
10:45

Program
Begins
11:00 Sharp

Lunch
Served
12:30

Boutiques
Book Sales
Remain Open

Monday, March 16, 2015 at The Phoenician Resort
6000 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale, AZ
Cost: \$125 with a \$5 coupon for a book purchase

Contact - Carol Kern CAK571@aol.com 602-315-1595

For additional information on Book and Author Events see pages 3, 4, 5, 6

President's Message



Dear Members,

I returned from a wonderful trip to South Africa on January 7th and had the delightful opportunity to plunge right back into BNC Phoenix Chapter activities on January 9th at a most enjoyable and stimulating University on Wheels presentation. Chairing their very first event for our Chapter were Beth Messer and Barbara Stern, and thanks to their terrific efforts, we had a record-breaking attendance! [Click here](#) for one attendee's comments on the engaging, dynamic speaker, Dr. Melissa Kosinski-Collins, Associate Professor of Biology at Brandeis University.

Next up on the Chapter horizon is our Open Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 18th at McDowell Mountain Ranch Center. See your Board in action at a (brief) business meeting; learn with us about Scottsdale's amazing collection of public art; and of course, partake of goodies lovingly prepared by our talented Board bakers! To see more details [Click here](#).

I know you are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the invitations for our March Book and Author Events! This is the 25th Anniversary for Book and Author and promises to be the most successful yet. You will find much information about all the aspects of this year's events throughout this issue of the Beat, so I just want to recap the many ways you can participate - try one or try all! Be a volunteer - while the B & A committees are hard at work, there is always room for more hands, both leading up to the event as well as the day(s) of. Become a table host for the Monday luncheon - put together a table of your nearest and dearest so you all can sit together to enhance your enjoyment of the day. Your tablemates can of course make and pay for their own reservations, indicating your name on the reply card as the table host. Direct your financial support to the events and in doing so, benefit the important research taking place at the university funded through BNC's Sustaining the Mind Campaign. You can do this in several ways: first and foremost, become a Bookmark! Plan to join your fellow Bookmarks at the Cocktail Reception with the authors on Sunday, March 15. You may have already placed a tribute or ad in the 25th Anniversary Program Book through one or more of your Learning Opportunities groups. Use your \$5 Barnes and Noble coupon to purchase the authors' books at the luncheon and get them autographed! And last but certainly not least, don't forget to shop at the marvelous boutiques - buy gifts for your family and friends, and also for yourself! I look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best, Carol Abrams
President, BNC Phoenix Chapter

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25th Anniversary Book and Author Event

March 16, 2015 ~ Come One, Come All

Anita Diamant - Best Selling Author
Cary Elwes - Best Selling Author and Actor
Greg Iles - Best Selling Mystery Author
Garth Stein - NY Times Best Selling Author
Chris Tomlinson - Best Selling Author and Journalist

Can't wait until March to find out more about these authors?
Here's a sneak peek at three of our featured speakers.



ANITA DIAMANT

spent her early childhood in Newark, NJ, and moved to Denver when she was 12. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri with a BA in Comparative Literature, followed by a Master's degree in English from the State University of NY at Binghamton. She now resides in the Boston area. Anita is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Magazine*, among others. She is the author of numerous nonfiction guides to contemporary Jewish life. Her first book was *The New Jewish Wedding*, written in the year following her own wedding. She is the founding president of Mayyim Hayyim, a reinvention of the ancient Jewish tradition of mikveh, ritual immersion in water. In 1997, Anita published her first work of fiction, *The Red Tent*. The book quickly became a word of mouth bestseller, thanks to reader recommendations, book groups and independent booksellers. There are editions of that book in more than 25 countries. Her subsequent novels are *Good Harbor*, *The Last Days of Dogtown* and *Day After Night*. Anita's newest novel is *The Boston Girl*.

GREG ILES

was born in Germany, where his father ran the US Embassy Medical Clinic during the height of the Cold War. He grew up in Natchez, Mississippi, graduated from the University of Mississippi and still resides in Natchez. He wrote his first novel in 1993, a thriller about Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess, which became the first of 12 *New York Times* best sellers. His novels have been translated into more than 20 languages and published in more than 35 countries worldwide. Greg's newest book, *Natchez Burning*, brings him back to us after a five-year absence, of which three of those years were spent recuperating from a near fatal car accident that caused him to lose his right leg just below the knee. This latest book soared to the top of the bestseller list the first week of publication, making it his 13th *New York Times* bestseller. Ken Follett called it "the best thriller in years." *Natchez Burning* is the first of an epic trilogy and was picked as a Best Book of 2014 by several publications, among them Amazon and iBooks. Greg is a long time member of the Rock Bottom Remainers, a lit-rock group made up of bestselling authors such as Scott Turow, Stephen King, Dave Barry, Amy Tan, Mitch Albom, Ridley Pearson and quite a few others, who, as any of them will tell you, luckily write books better than they play music. The Remainers did their final performance on August 6, 2012, but will reunite to perform at the Tucson Festival of Books on March 13, 2015.



Book and Author Bios Continued



CHRIS TOMLINSON

is a *New York Times* bestselling-author, filmmaker and journalist living in Austin, Texas. He writes a twice-weekly column for the *Houston Chronicle*. Chris served in the U.S. Army from 1983-90 as a military intelligence analyst. Tomlinson started with the *Associated Press* in 1995 as the Central Africa correspondent based in Kigali, Rwanda, where he covered the aftermath of the 1994 genocide, the civil war in Burundi and a rebellion in the Congo. Drawing on his experience as a U.S. soldier, the AP assigned Tomlinson to cover the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 where he reported from Tora Bora. He covered the military build-up in the Persian Gulf and was chosen as the AP's lead embedded reporter for the 2003 invasion of Iraq. He was the East Africa bureau chief from 2004-2007, responsible for text, photo and television coverage in 14 countries. Chris was a Correspondent-at-Large for The *Associated Press*, conducting

special investigations from 2007-2009. He has also covered stories as diverse as an Ebola outbreak, the tsunami, civil war in Somalia and scuba diving. When Tomlinson returned home to Texas, he decided that he wanted to uncover the truth about a story that had long fascinated him personally - his family's history as slave owners. Chris Tomlinson's bestselling book *Tomlinson Hill* tells the story of two Tomlinson families, one black and one white, who trace their ancestry to the same central Texas slave plantation. He is also the producer of *Tomlinson Hill: Are We Equal Yet*, an award-winning documentary film that examines how race still shapes the community where his family's slave plantation was located. Chris Tomlinson has a Bachelor's degree in Humanities with Special Honors from the University of Texas at Austin and has been presented with numerous awards for his writing and reporting.



We are looking for Brandeis members with an artistic flair to be vendors at the

April Spring Luncheon

at McCormick Golf Club

You will have the opportunity to show and sell your creations and donate 20% of your sales to BNC. Sign up now, space will be limited.

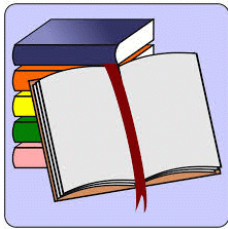
Please contact:

Sheila Landau at 602-809-5100

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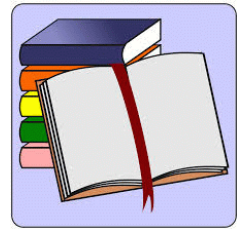
Sue Lawler at 602-525-0231

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Bookmarks

Your Bookmark Gift Can Really Help Make a Difference!



Each of us hopes to leave the world a better place than we found it. Your contribution to the Brandeis National Committee's Sustaining the Mind campaign will do just that!

Our campaign, which funds important research in neurodegenerative diseases such as autism, ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, does this by providing scholarship support for students in the sciences, as well as resources for our top research scientists to continue their groundbreaking work. The Phoenix Chapter appreciates all donations, from members and non-members alike.

When you send in your reservation for the Book and Author Event, you can become a Bookmark Donor by making a donation to "Sustaining the Mind." Bookmarks will be invited to attend the Bookmark Cocktail Reception at a beautiful private residence the evening before the luncheon. You'll have a fabulous time socializing, enjoying fine wine, elegant hors d'oeuvres and meeting the notable authors who will speak the next day.

Donors at the Special Editions Level (\$5,100+), the Limited Editions Level (\$1,500+), and the Rare Finds Level (\$1,100+) are invited to a dinner with the authors following the Cocktail Reception.

Join us Sunday evening, March 15, 2015, for a memorable evening of cocktails and conversation, while supporting a cause that affects us all.

Sue Karp and Janis Lipman, Bookmark Co-Chairs

Bookmark Levels of Giving for the 25th Anniversary Book and Author Events

New Releases at \$175 and above - includes Cocktail Reception invitation for two. (Does not include Book and Author luncheon at \$125 per person).

Best Sellers at \$285 and above - includes one luncheon, Cocktail Reception invitation for two and preferred seating.

Classics at \$535 and above - includes two luncheons, Cocktail Reception invitation for two and preferred seating.

First Editions at \$785 and above - includes two luncheons, Cocktail Reception invitation for two, one book of choice from a featured author and preferred seating.

***Rare Finds at \$1,100 to \$1,499** - includes two luncheons, Cocktail Reception invitation for two, one dinner with the authors, one book of choice from a featured author and very preferred seating.

***Limited Editions at \$1,500 to \$5,000** - includes two luncheons, Cocktail Reception invitation for two, two dinners with the authors, two books of choice from a featured author and very preferred seating.

***Special Editions at \$5,100 and above** - includes two luncheons, Cocktail Reception invitation for three, two dinners with the authors, very preferred luncheon seating with an author, all the featured authors' books, and membership in the Justice Brandeis Society.

*Those who make gifts of \$1,500 and more are Sustainers. These gifts will be acknowledged on the BNC campaign website. Donors of \$5,000 and more will also be acknowledged on the BNC Tribute Wall at the Brandeis Library. Foundation, Matching and Planned Gifts are welcome. All Bookmark proceeds benefit the "Sustaining the Mind" Research at Brandeis University in Neurodegenerative Diseases and Scholarship in the Medical Sciences.

Thank you to our Bookmark Donors

As of January, 2015

Stephanie Altman
Priscilla Cohen *
Jane Coleman
Mona Crandell *
Selma Glass
Michele Himovitz
Sandy and Mark Itkowitz *
Ellen & Bob Kirschenbaum
Fran Sachs
Susan Sacks
Marcy Strauss *
Caryll Webner
Iris Wigal *
Roma Wittcoff *

* Indicates Sustainers



BOARD MEETING

OPEN BOARD MEETING

On February 18th, our Chapter will be hosting an open meeting. All Brandeis members are invited to attend. Our speaker will be Donna Isaac, Director of Scottsdale Public Art. The creation of programs and events by Ms. Isaac is helping attract visitors to Scottsdale's Waterfront as exemplified by the Canal Convergence Series. She calls this "an exciting time in public art."

WHERE: The McDowell Center at McDowell
Mountain Ranch
16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

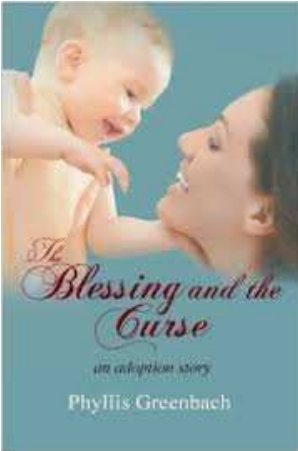
TIME: Meet and Greet at 10:00 am

There will be a short meeting beginning at 10:30 am, followed by the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you there!

Learning Opportunities News

While some study groups are now full, there are many still available and welcoming new participants! A few highlights:



AZ AUTHORS

**February 16th
12:30 - 2:00 at the JCC**

Our February author, Phyllis Greenbach, has written a book based on the lives of two Jewish families that converge over an adopted child. A

sealed adoption agreement is breached, and the birth mother and adoptive mother are forced to confront each other's complicated histories. Spanning seventy years and two continents, the tragedies and triumphs of both families are woven together, ultimately leading to redemption.

Her book, *The Blessing and the Curse*, is written from the author's point of view, as one of the mothers. It cracks open the facade of family life, digging deeper into who we are and why. Her book is about the ups and downs and the real life dramas that funnel our choices and define us.

Phyllis Greenbach received a Master's degree from the University of Nevada, wrote restaurant reviews, features, and travel articles as an associate editor of *Konaviews Magazine*, and received several awards for her work as a freelance writer.

**AZ Authors is held at the
JCC located at**

12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale.

RSVP to Merrill Kalman

mskbflo@aol.com

Guests are welcome - \$5.00 guest cost

BOOMERS



**GREATER PHOENIX
JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
Thursday, February 12th, 7:00 pm**

Join us for a night at the movies. We will be seeing the film *5 to 7* at the Scottsdale Camelview 5 theatre. You may bring your spouse or significant other for no cost, over and above the ticket price. Tickets for this festival are \$11.00 each. We recommend that you order your tickets well in advance at the festival website: www.GPJFF.ORG or by phone at 602-753-9366. There is a \$1.25 service charge for each ticket.

**If you will be attending, please email
Ronee at brandeisboomers@gmail.com
There will be no carpools for this event.**



EASY WALK/HIKE and LUNCH

Friday, February 27, 9:30 am

Brought back by popular demand, The Boomers will go for a lovely walk/hike around a part of the Hayden Green Belt followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

RSVP to Ronee at

brandeisboomers@gmail.com

by Friday, February 20th

if you will attend this event.

There will be no carpools for this event.



Join the MOB

The BNC MOB (Men of Brandeis) group meets monthly, alternating between lectures on contemporary issues and field trips.

February 11: Guest Speaker Art Rolnick

Art Rolnick, who spoke to us last year, has served at the Federal Reserve of Minneapolis as a senior vice president and director of research and as the associated economist with the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee.

Among his education highlights is a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Minnesota. In 2005 he was named Minnesotan of the Year by *Minnesota Monthly* magazine.

He will continue his talk of last year regarding the Fed. His topics will include: 1) Has the great recession ended? 2) Is deflation bad? 3) Where has the middle class gone? and 4) Do we still have banks that are too big to fail?

Art is a member of Men of Brandeis and his talk was extremely well-received last year.

March 11: Irwin Mandel, a longtime Vice President with the Chicago Bulls, will talk to us about the NBA and the Bulls.

April, 2015: Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior. Date and time to be determined.

For more information, check the calendar each month in the Beat or contact facilitators: Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net or Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS

Even a full group may have openings from time to time - if you are interested in a particular group, you can contact the facilitator(s) to see if space is available. Very often there is! Please see the [calendar pages](#) in this bulletin for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest cost will apply.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

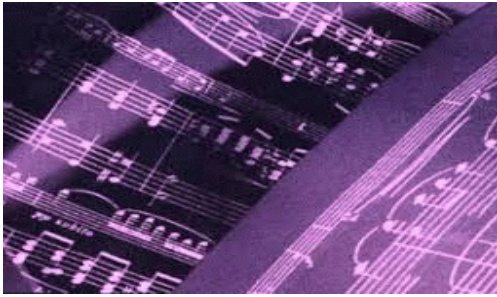
Many of our groups take pictures while they're doing their group activities. Please continue to do that! We are posting them on the website, and you can see them by clicking [HERE](#) or go to <http://brandeisphoenix.com/Group.php>

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

For just the registration form, **click [HERE](#)**.

Learning Opportunities Vice Presidents:

Merrill Kalman, Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel bncphxlo@gmail.com



Concerts and Conversations

Monday, February 9, 2015 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**Our final concert this year features
Violinists Lan Qiu and Joy Pan**

The 2014-15 season concludes with Phoenix Symphony Violinist Lan Qiu (pronounced CHO) and his wife, violinist Joy Pan. Both born in China, they met in Arizona, have active concert and teaching careers and are known for bringing their passion for classical music in duet concerts to a variety of venues across the Valley.

They will perform selections for two violins from the Baroque era to current popular repertoire and will also perform individually in Sarasate's *Navarra*, *Remembrance* from *Schindler's List* and *Nigun* by Ernest Bloch. They will be accompanied by pianist Zhou Jiang, a doctoral candidate at the ASU School of Music.

The couple became honorary members of Beth Ami Temple on November 21, 2014, when Rabbi Arthur J. Abrams and the board of directors presented them a certificate of membership. Lan has played five years of Kol Nidre at Beth Ami and they both played a fundraising concert a week after their return from their honeymoon. The certificate reads, "Beth Ami Temple honors Lan Qiu and Joy Pan for their love of our people and all humanity." They will entertain us and then engage us in conversation as they answer our questions. A reception will follow the recital.

This event will take place at the Palo Cristi Church, 3535 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley, AZ



Joy Pan, Violinist

Violinist Joy Jia Ye Pan is well known in the Valley as a top freelance artist and devoted teacher.

Born in China, she began her musical training at the age of

four and at thirteen won the national entrance competition into the Shanghai Conservatory, one of the country's most prestigious schools. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from Andrews University in Michigan and her Master of Music degree in Violin Performance from the ASU School of Music.

She has served as concertmaster and often soloist with many local orchestras and is currently the concertmaster for the La Forza Chamber Orchestra, based in Scottsdale. Her honors include winning the Young Artist Competition in Michigan in 1993 and 1995 and Musician of the Year with the Chandler Symphony Orchestra in 2009.

Ms. Pan is the founder of the professional string ensemble Joy Strings, which she has led for many years in concerts throughout the greater Phoenix area.

Lan Qiu, Violinist

Vincent Lan Qiu won his position in the first violin section with the Phoenix Symphony in 2003.

A 1989 graduate of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China, he won the National Youth Violinist Competition the

following year. In 1987, he began performing with the China National Symphony Orchestra, now known as the China Central Philharmonic, and served as its acting concertmaster until 2000. He toured and performed with the orchestra in many countries in Europe, Asia and North America. In 1996, he was elected as the Outstanding Young Artist of China in 2006, he was honored with an invitation to return to his home country to perform at the First Shanghai Worldwide Chinese Artist New Year's Concert.

After earning his American citizenship, Qiu performed the National Anthem with violist Dwight Lear for the Diamondback game at Chase Field on August 5, 2010.



Questions? Contact Joan Sitver, joansitver@aol.com or 602-971-0012



The Concerts and Conversations group thanks angel Ann Block for her donation in memory of Hy Flegenheimer and Sue Hyman.



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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

Sheila Landau at 480-998-8999 buildor2@cox.net

Member News

- ♥ Congratulations to Daron Barness on the marriage of her daughter, Jordana to Greg Ricketts.
- ♥ Congratulations to Margie and Jerry Bold on the engagement of their grandson, Jason Dembow to Alexandria Martin.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Ellen Kirschenbaum on the passing of her beloved mother, Julie Freedland.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Lori Roth on the passing of her beloved mother, Mildred Moss.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Sheryl Socoloff on the passing of her beloved mother, Evelyn Selon.
- ♥ Our sincere condolences to Jo Ellen Susman on the passing of her beloved mother, Thelma Fisher.



New and Rejoining Members

Helen Abrams, Michael Abrams, April Barron, Larry Baskin, Donna Bass, Adrian Bendick, Loren Geller, Gloria Golding, Leslie Harris, Karen Katchen, Joann Kovan, Michael Kramer, Elayne Leshtz, Pat Miller, Daniel Pollack, Nancy Pollack, Ronald Posner, Larry Rosen, Geri Rosenberg, Steven Rosenberg, Michael Shelist, Geri Sherman, Donna Troisi, Lou Weckstein, Sherry Widman



Membership Renewal Contest New Member Contest

Prize: \$250 for each category:
Renewals and/or New Members

Categories: small, medium, large chapters

One contest will focus on Membership Renewals and other contest will focus on New Members. Our goal is to retain our annual members and increase new members. Winners will be selected from the three categories. Chapters in each category will compete against one another. The lucky chapter that wins the contest in each category will receive a \$250 gift card. Our Chapter can win through the Membership Renewal Contest and/or the New Member Contest.

New Members Coffee

Come and meet other new members and learn more about our chapter at a New Member Coffee. Friday, February 6th from 10 am - 12 pm
For more information, contact:

Jo Ellen Susman:

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480-502-6881



Membership Co-Vice Presidents

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

Feb	GROUP	Time	Study Group Notes	Facilitators
Varies	FLIX CINEMA CLUB * NEW *	1:00	This group will NOT meet in February, but will meet Sunday, March 1 to discuss <i>Selma</i> . Details will be emailed to participants.	Burton and Rosalind Milrod 3bar7@cox.net 480-767-9305
3 10 17 24	YOGA FULL	8:30 - 9:45	All-levels Yoga led by a registered and certified yoga instructor with 15 years' teaching experience. Bring mat, water, and any prop (block, belt, etc.) you like to use. Handouts will be given so participants can practice at home. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439
5	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:00	Mrs. Shterna Deitsch, the wife of the Chandler Chabad Rabbi, will speak about the role of Chabad in the Chandler community. It is open to people outside the Sun Lakes area, Contact a facilitator for more information.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-883-7639 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
5 12 19 26	INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG FULL	11:45	A group intended for experienced players will meet at the JCC, 12701 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale. Meet every Thursday at 11:45 for lunch.	Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
5	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	If you would like the complete list of books, please call Ellen. Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library. RSVP to Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
5 19	JUST HIKING - INTERMEDIATE FULL	7:30 or 8:30	Hike around Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond. This activity is for active hikers who enjoy easy to moderate hikes. 4-6 miles, around three hours, plus destination time followed by brunch. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
5 19	LEISURELY HIKING * NEW *	8:00 or 8:30	Hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will take you to beautiful trails at a comfortable pace. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time. After the hike, join us for brunch.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
5 19	NEXT LEVEL BRIDGE * NEW *	2:00	This group is intended for experienced 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. Location will depend on participation.	Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
6	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 and casual conversation will follow at a nearby eatery. Participants will be notified of the location.	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 480-488-4476 Abby Tucker skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
12	ANTIQUE GATHERINGS NOTE last minute date change.	11:00	Join this group as we "gather" to talk about finding, pricing and collecting the antiques you love. Contact your facilitator for details.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel drcrberry@gmail.com 480-951-6572
9	CONCERTS AND CONVERSATIONS For more info, see page 9 or click HERE .	1:00	There will be musical presentations and discussions by professional guest performers. Lan Qiu, The Phoenix Symphony; Joy Pan, both violinists. Refreshments will be served. Location: Palo Cristi Church - 36th Street and Lincoln.	Joan Sitver joansitver@aol.com 602-971-0012
10	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	12:00	Meet at well-reviewed, diverse and interesting restaurants. Each person is responsible for her own meal.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195
11	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knit scarves for a variety of different organizations while we socialize. Contact the facilitator for details.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0396

Feb	GROUP	Time	Study Group Notes	Facilitators
11	MEN OF BRANDEIS For more info, see page 8 or click HERE .	1:00	Art Rolnick will speak to us again about the Federal Reserve and his experiences after a long career working for the Fed in Minneapolis. Locations and times of events vary. Further details will be emailed to the participants.	Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540 Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434
11	STUDY WITH THE BEST FULL	10:15	We will watch the video of the author Tobias Wolff speaking at Brandeis University about his book <i>Old School</i> . Participants will be notified of the location.	Carol Kern cak571@aol.com 480-948-9236
12	BOOMERS For more info, see page 7 or click HERE .	7:00 pm	See the film <i>5 to 7</i> as part of the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival. Participants will be notified of the details by email. RSVP only to Ronee, please.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393
12	BOWLING FOR FUN * NEW *	10:00	This relaxed, non-competitive group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes once a month to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036
12	THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE TASTY * NEW *	11:30	Join the group for lunch at places around the Valley. Contact the facilitator for the location.	Jay Leopold jay@skypower.solar 480-290-2040
15	PHOENICIANS of BNC	varies	This group meets once a month for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. Details will be emailed to participants. Contact a facilitator for information.	Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
16	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES For more info, see page 7 or click HERE .	12:30	This study group focuses on our state of Arizona both in the literary world with authors, as well as story settings. Location: JCC, 12701 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale. Must RSVP to Merrill for a reserved seat.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
17	BRIDGING IT!	12:00	Meet for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players who are willing to enjoy a non-competitive and relaxed afternoon of bridge. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
17	CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH	Varies	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Participants will be notified of the location.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Maloree Shain maloreelynn@yahoo.com 480-659-2858
19	EVENING POTPOURRI * NEW *	6 pm	You do not need to have a great voice, but we want you to come join the fun. Iris Wigal and Jo Ellen Susman will be hosting a dinner/KARAOKE NIGHT at The Grapevine, 4013 N Brown Ave, Scottsdale. RSVP to Jo Ellen by Feb 1 st . Friends welcome, \$5 guest fee applies. joellensus@gmail.com 480-502-6881	Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Daron Barnes daronday@aol.com 602-619-1136 Linda Slater lcstobin@hotmail.com 480-621-6758
19	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER FULL	10:00	This group will read books that take place in foreign locales. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Barbara Stern sternbts@gmail.com 540-664-3106

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20	CULTURAL SITES FULL	10:00	A visit to the ASU Art Museum and Ceramics Research Center, followed by lunch.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 973-715-6475 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958
20	FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	1:00	Meetings are held in Central Phoenix. RSVP to the facilitator.	Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126
23	OPERA	1:00 – 3:00	Discussion of <i>The Magic Flute</i> led by the Opera Company's Education Director, Josh Borths. Contact the facilitator for location.	Selma Ost selmasost@aol.com 623-869-0909
24	ARTIST STUDIO TOURS FULL	10:00	Visit a different artist's studio in Scottsdale, Carefree, Cave Creek or other areas in the vicinity. Reply to the facilitator.	Mady Smidt madysmidt@gmail.com 480-860-8917
25	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH FULL	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the valley. Participants will be notified of the location	Annette Kurland annettekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein lylweck@gmail.com 602-840-8555
25	NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP FULL	1:00	This month's book is <i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</i> , by Isabel Wilkerson.	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203 216 0177 Georgia Heller georgiaheller@gmail.com 203 524 0053
25	PLAY GOLF	1:00	Join the fun BNC Phoenix Chapter Golf Team. We will play at the Silverado Golf Club in Scottsdale. Greens fees and an optional lunch or happy hour are extra. Details will be emailed to the participants.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-664-3312 Sue Adatto sueadatto@cox.net 480-563-0006
26	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	9:30	Participate in study and discussion. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
26	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #3 FULL	9:30	Participate in study and discussion. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Janis Lipman janislipman@gmail.com 203- 216 0177 Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852
26	NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS	11:30	Experience out of the way neighborhood haunts for lunch. CASH ONLY. Participants will be notified by email of each restaurant's location.	Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771 Gail Tenn gdtenn@hotmail.com 480-513-8462 Sara Leopold sara1225@gmail.com 480-359-5599
27	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT FULL	Varies	This group goes out on the town once a month, usually on a Friday or Saturday night. See <i>Hello Dolly</i> at the Don Bluth Front Row Theatre. Details will be emailed to participants.	Wendy Cohen wencohen@cox.net 602-316-2993 Phyllis Stone mommystone@aol.com 602-451-0628
27	BOOMERS For more info, see page 7 or click HERE .	9:30 am	Easy Walk/Hike around a part of the Hayden Green Belt, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. RSVP by February 20 th only to Ronee, if you plan to attend this event.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Susan Rollins serollins52@gmail.com 480-563-0411 Ronee Siegel brandeisboomers@gmail.com 917-273-0393

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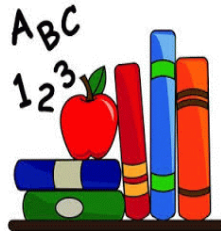
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**A letter to Beth Bernstein at the national BNC office,
from a chapter member about her experience
at University on Wheels:**

Dear Beth,

I attended the University on Wheels brunch on January 9 at which Dr. Melissa Kosinski-Collins appeared.

I have never felt as involved and energized by a presenter in recent memory. Melissa was very simply spectacular. Was the subject familiar to me...not at all! Was I very interested in the topic....honestly, I came to support my chapter and, I thought, hear a dry presentation of a technical, scientific topic. Was I wrong!

She is dynamic, informed and always in motion. She explained the more technical aspects in a way that we all 'got it' on some level. Her 'toys' (the protein string that curled into a ball for one) and the slides were perfectly understandable....again on a basic level. She made sense. Did I understand more after her presentation was over....just a very little...but I enjoyed it tremendously.

The microphone was tossed away early on, but there was no problem hearing her - and it was a large room (I can only imagine what it did to her voice!).

As one of our attendees said during the Q&A session: If I had a teacher like her I would have completed my schooling! I second that thought.

So why am I writing to you and taking up precious time from your busy day? Simply to thank you for sending Melissa to us and to encourage speakers with similar energy to follow in the future.

Best,

Ronee Siegel

Learning from past epidemics: What can smallpox tell us about Ebola?

Dissecting the social and civil liberties issues of the Ebola outbreak

As medical volunteers return to the United States after treating Ebola patients in Africa, confusion about the disease and how it is transmitted has raised public anxiety levels and public health questions. Michael Willrich, the Leff Families Professor of History at Brandeis and author of the award-winning book "Pox: An American History," which chronicles the smallpox outbreak at the turn of the 20th century, says the public's reaction to Ebola isn't unexpected.

BrandeisNOW sat down with Willrich to discuss the parallels between the U.S.'s response to the smallpox and Ebola epidemics.

How did the smallpox outbreak advance the field of public health in America?

Smallpox is central to the development of the public health field. The very first vaccine was developed for smallpox. My book "Pox" focuses on a wave of smallpox epidemics that swept across the U.S. between 1898 and 1903, killing thousands of people and disrupting trade. The epidemics became politically explosive, generating a strong government response at the local, state and federal levels, as public health authorities enacted compulsory vaccination measures. People who were opposed to compulsory vaccinations took to courts and the public square to challenge the government. Though the courts sided with public health, the cases did also lead to new safeguards for individual liberties that ensured that future measures would be applied more fairly and safely.

As we await the vaccine for Ebola, on what grounds today can the government mandate compulsory vaccinations?

The power and the duty to prevent the spread of contagious diseases is part of the police power, a very old tradition rooted in common law, which holds that the state and local governments can interfere with liberty and property rights when the general welfare requires it. The strongest case for the police power

in American history was always public health. The courts often compared the police power to the duty of a government to prevent an invasion. This power was originally designed to stay mostly at the state and local level, not the federal level.

Quarantining today seems to be almost as controversial as compulsory vaccinations were during the smallpox epidemic. What are your thoughts on how quarantine is being used today to treat Ebola?

Its use can certainly be dramatic. Recently, the Liberian government quarantined the city of Monrovia's poor West Point community, isolating an entire district of the city. In examples such as this, we see why quarantining can be so controversial with the public. It has been applied in such discriminatory ways, often used against marginalized groups.

In American history, quarantine is both common and controversial because it restrains personal liberty. It's a temporary detention, an inconvenience and can sometimes be dangerous, as suspected disease carriers who are in fact healthy can be quarantined among the sick. Today, with the spread of vaccines and antibiotics, it has become an uncommon public health technology. It hasn't been seen as necessary or effective, particularly when applied on a large scale. It's an incredibly blunt instrument. And it's too easily politicized.

If quarantine is so ineffective, what do you think that says about our preparations, political or otherwise, for Ebola?

It's striking how slow international institutions were to respond to an outbreak that was reported as early as last March. The very limited use of quarantine in the U.S. so far (at this point they've only been issued by various state governors) has not been clearly thought out, in my opinion. They're understandable, but problematic because they have heightened public

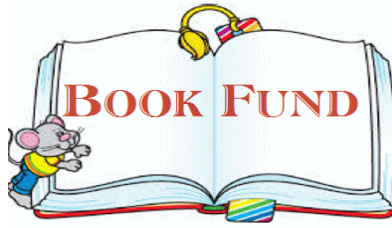


Michael Willrich
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fear about Ebola during the Midterm elections. For a while, the Ebola panic entered the political process and seemed in danger of spinning out of control.

What civil rights lessons from the past can we apply to today as volunteers return to the U.S. after treating Ebola patients in Africa?

Cases like that of Kaci Hickox, the nurse who returned from Africa and was forced into quarantine, are interesting. She felt her human rights were violated. Though she understandably has strong feelings and the order for quarantine may have been ill-thought out, it's not at all clear that the order was unconstitutional. The history of smallpox and other diseases offers us lessons, especially the importance of public education. It's a vitally important part of the responsibility of public health to educate the public about diseases and manage fear and public expectations. In terms of rights, anyone subject to quarantine has the right to basic due process and to have their detention reviewed by a court of law.



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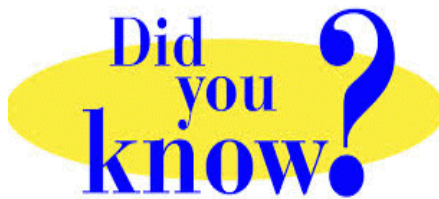
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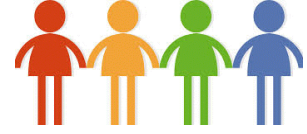
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