

AUGUST 2017

Welcome Back

The Study Group Guide will be arriving soon.

Most of your favorite groups are back, as well as many creative, informative and **FUN** new ones!

We have groups that meet on **SUNDAY** and in the **EVENING**.

We have **ADVENTURE** and **BOOK** groups,

LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE, **ART APPRECIATION**

and **ART STUDIO** groups,

GAMES and **OUT ON THE TOWN** groups

and, of course, the wildly popular **MOVIE** and **FOOD** groups!



**Watch your email for the Study Group Guide and Registration Form
- coming out soon! More details are on pages 3 - 5.**

**Brandeis Study Groups are for the benefit and enjoyment of BNC members.
Please be sure to join or renew your membership before sending in your
Study Group Registration Form.**

Click [HERE](#) for a Membership Form.



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear BNC Colleagues,

It is difficult to believe it is the beginning of August and according to the calendar - but not the thermometer - we have just one more month until Labor Day and the "end" of summer.

Hopefully you have enjoyed your families, your trips, and for those of you who were here, the many activities offered through our chapter's summer camp program. We thank Caryn Balaban, Stephanie Klopfer, Sheila Landau and Melissa Rolloff, our summer camp coordinators, and all of the marvelous facilitators who contributed their time to make our summer fun.

Our Study Group Vice Presidents Ronee Siegel and Susie Sacks have outdone themselves this year by enlisting facilitators for 56 groups, 19 of which are new and like the others, will certainly be fun and interesting. This year there will be more activities for the men as well as for couples. We will even keep you busy on Sundays and in the evening, should you care to participate. Sara Leopold is putting the final touches on the Study Guide and Merrill Kalman is preparing for registration. We thank the entire team for their hard work which is so beneficial to our chapter and makes us so popular in the Valley. The study guide will be released by e-blast in a few weeks. In order to register for any of these groups, you must be a current member. For a membership form [Click HERE](#).

The proceeds for study groups cover the chapter's administrative expenses and the remaining funds are donated to the library at Brandeis University.

Our beloved "Concerts & Conversations" will continue as a Series Event this year. Registration will be done through the guide, representing no change for our membership. This activity, which is open to the community, will designate its proceeds to the Sustaining the Mind Research Fund at Brandeis University. We thank Joan Sitver, her committee and her band of "Angels" for having made these concerts one of the highlights of our chapter's community outreach program.

We all look forward to the Fall Luncheon. This year it will be held on November 3rd, when you will be invited to "Lunch with Mrs. Robinson." Our Programming Vice Presidents Michelle Fischler, Beth Messer and Barbara Stern, along with event co-chairs Carol Kadet and Terry Taubman, have arranged an afternoon of reminiscing and learning how *The Graduate* changed Hollywood culture and defined a generation. You will have an opportunity to be reunited with your friends and become acquainted with new ones. Thanks to Leith Baletin and Nan Waldman, the Membership Vice Presidents, and their hardworking team, we have a record-breaking number of new and interesting members for you to meet.

We look forward to seeing you as Summer Camp draws to a close, our regular study groups begin meeting in the Fall and as our chapter events occur throughout the rest of the year.

Nancy Sacks and Iris Wigal, Co-presidents

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Study Group News

It's almost here - the BNC 2017 - 2018 Study Group season! Most of your favorite activities are returning, plus we have several new offerings, for a total of 56 groups. We are delighted to present a wonderful array of activities from which to choose - there is something fun and interesting for every BNC Phoenix member.



ART: Continuing this year is **Studio Art and Bistro Lunch**.

THE ARTS: **Arizona Author Speaker Series**, **At the Ballet** and **Acting is Fun!** are returning this year, along with the new **Opera Buffs** and **Theater & Lunch Series**. In addition, this year there is a **Subscription Series Event - Concerts & Conversations**.

BOOKS: Brandeis members love to read. Joining the returning **Jewish Book Group**, **B-Puzzled: Mystery & Suspense** and **First Tuesday Book Group** are several new book groups: **Political History/Biography**, **Book Brothers**, **Novel Women Who Read**, **Brunch & Books** and **Let's Get Metaphysical! - New Age Non-Fiction**.



CINEMA: If you like going to the movies, you have the returning **Camelview**, **Shea 14 Review & Lunch**, the renamed **First Friday Films & Feasts** and **Study with the Best: Broadway on Film** which will "feature" discussions of three films, using Brandeis-authored and other materials. New movie groups include **Sunday Morning at the Movies** and **Sunday Afternoon at the Movies with Abby & John!**

COMMUNITY SERVICE: BNC Phoenix continues to give back to the community as **Knit a Mitzvah** returns to knit or crochet scarves and newborn baby caps for donations to local organizations and hospitals.



FITNESS: Stay fit with BNC friends as the **Intermediate Hiking Club**, **Leisure Hiking**, **Bowling for Fun**, **Play Golf**, **Yoga** and **Neighborhood Walks** return for your health and enjoyment.

FOOD: Our ever-popular Tuesday and Wednesday **Lunch Bunch** groups and **Neighborhood Haunts** group are back, complemented by **Dessert - How Sweet It Is** and our **Ethnic Dining** group.



GAMES: Seasoned gamers or eager beginners - we have a group for you! There is **Bridging It!** for intermediate bridge players, along with the **Beginners**, **Intermediate** and **Advanced Intermediate Mah-Jongg** groups. Joining these groups, we have three **Canasta for Beginners** groups as well as the new "**Seriously**" **Canasta** for experienced canasta players.

INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS: If discussion groups are to your liking, **Contemporary Issues** returns, along with the aptly named **Current Events** group. New groups include **A Taste of Wise Aging** and the **Restless Minds Discussion Group**.



MEN OF BRANDEIS: The extremely popular and active **Men of Brandeis (MOB)** group returns for a seventh year with an exciting schedule of discussions, activities - and of course, lunch!

SPECIAL INTEREST: There are three new groups this year: **The World of Interior Design**; **Say It, See It, Be It: Change From Within** and **Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree**.



VALLEY ADVENTURES: Calling all explorers! **Boomers**, **Cultural Sites in AZ**, **Girls' Night Out**, **Phoenicians of BNC**, **Sun Lakes Potpourri** and our happy hour group **Don't Worry, Be Happy!** are all back, along with the new **Yappy Hour** group (bring your pup!) and **Who Knew?: A Quirky History of Arizona's Valley**.



Ballet Aficionados Important Announcement

In order to take advantage of group ticket sale prices for the 2017-2018 Ballet season, you may join the 'At The Ballet' study group right now, before the study guide comes out. If you are interested in joining this group, or for further information, please contact:

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REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

The cost per study group is \$20. Since many groups fill early, send in your registration form as soon as you can! If you've joined our groups before, then you already know how wonderful they are; if you're a new member, you have a real treat in store. Look through the Study Group Guide, join all the groups that interest you - and tell your friends!

Brandeis Study Groups are for the benefit of BNC members only. If you have not yet renewed or joined, please contact Irene Lubin at 480-948-3773 or iwlubin@gmail.com for more information or to pay your membership dues by credit card. [Click HERE](#) for the membership form.

Watch for the Study Group Guide and Registration Form, which will be available on your computer, phone and tablet very soon. You will get an email as soon as it's available - keep an eye on your Inbox!

SPECIAL NOTE TO WINTER RESIDENTS

Since some Groups frequently reach their group maximums very quickly, we suggest signing up from wherever you are spending the summer months. Watch for the e-blast later this month that will announce that the Guide is online.



For more information, please contact the Study Group Vice Presidents at

phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice Presidents

For details and to sign up for groups, see the Guide and Registration Form coming soon to our website: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html

Knit A Mitzvah

Do you Knit? Do you Crochet?
Help us make Scarves and Newborn Baby Caps

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



For more information, please contact:
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STUDY GROUPS 2016-2017



Just Desserts at Super Chunks (YUM!)



Neighborhood Walks Group at the Biltmore Circle



Yoga



Leisure Hiking at
Boyce Thompson Arboretum



Boomers at Abby Lee Farm learn about
growing tomatoes in an enclosed facility



Bees brought in to
pollinate the tomatoes

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Membership News



Congratulations to Stephanie Klopfer and her husband on the marriage of their son Danny to Katie Littlefield.



Congratulations to Susan Rollins and Paul Garry on the birth of their granddaughter, Chloe Isla Fogel. Proud parents are Leslie and Larry Fogel.



Congratulations to Terry Taubman on the birth of her grandson, Zachary Herschel Reuben. The proud parents are Renee Neier and Jacob Reuben.



We wish Carol Kern a speedy recovery.



Our sincere condolences to Judith Fishman on the passing of her husband, Robert.



Our sincere condolences to the family of life member Fran Rosenfeld.



Our sincere condolences to Gladys Simon on the passing of her sister, Lorraine Gillman.

New and Rejoining Members

Steven Bachenheimer, Susan Brumberger, Nurit Burrow, Sandy Eder,
 Marcia Fink, Toby Gerst, Barbara Gilbert, Leslie S. Gilbert, Gary Greenfield,
 Riki Heilik, Marlyn Kravitz, Vicky Leavitt, Leon Levine, Sharon Nova, Joan Schaller, Michael Schaller,
 Sindy Schwartz, Alisa Schwartz, Peggy Stark, Ila Sue Stone, Harry Sunenshine, Terry Tucker, Sydell Ukeiley,
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HELLO!

New Members!

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Programming Committee Meeting

The Programming Committee would love to hear from anyone interested in joining in the fun of helping to plan our upcoming events. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Friday, November 3, 2017

FALL LUNCHEON

Hilton Scottsdale Resort

Sunday, December 10, 2017

GOLF TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON

Friday, January 5, 2018

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

OPEN MEETING

Sunday, March 11, 2018

BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT

BOOKMARK DONORS COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Monday, March 12, 2018

**28TH ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT
AT THE SHERATON GRAND PHOENIX**

Friday, April 13, 2018

SPRING LUNCHEON

Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism and service to the community.



We Value Your Privacy

All directories, phone numbers and email addresses shared with our members for the use of Brandeis business shall remain confidential. and not be shared with other organizations.

Community Outreach

Carol B's Children's Book Collection

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



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

Please visit the website for recommended items. <http://www.jfcsaz.org/>

For more information, contact the Community Outreach Vice Presidents:

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BRANDEIS RECEIVES LARGEST SINGLE GIFT IN ITS HISTORY

A \$50 million bequest from Chicago philanthropists Rosaline and Marcia Cohn will support student financial aid.

June 27, 2017

Brandeis University today announced it has received a \$50 million bequest from the estate of Chicago philanthropists Rosaline and Marcia Cohn. It is the largest single gift in Brandeis' 69-year history.

In accordance with the Cohns' wishes, the Jacob and Rosaline Cohn Endowed Scholarship and Fellowship Fund will provide financial aid each year for hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students who, in the words of Mrs. Cohn, will help solve the "problems and conditions of today and tomorrow."

Jacob Cohn was a 19-year-old immigrant from Lithuania when he established the Continental Coffee Co. in Chicago in 1915. He sold coffee, tea and cocoa by horse and wagon to local restaurants and cafeterias, eventually building the company into a national distributor of beverages and food. In 1988, the company was sold to Sysco Corporation. Jacob and Rosaline Cohn's relationship with Brandeis began in 1951, when they gave \$100 to the 3-year-old university. Fifteen years later, in response to a

solicitation letter, Mrs. Cohn returned a pledge card on which she checked off "considering the establishment of" and added "something" to describe the nature

improve the world. For that, we are profoundly grateful," Liebowitz said.

In the mid-1970s, with a gift of \$32,600, Mrs. Cohn established the Cohn Fund as a memorial to her husband, who died in 1968. She wrote to then-Brandeis President Marver Bernstein that she wanted the scholarships it created to support students in the social sciences and other academic disciplines that "hold promise for ameliorating the problems and conditions of today and tomorrow."

When Mrs. Cohn died in 2010 at age 97, she left her daughter her entire estate. The estate of Marcia Cohn, who died in 2015, maintained the same beneficiaries as her mother's.



From left: Rosaline Cohn, Marcia Cohn and Nancy Winship at Brandeis' 50th anniversary celebration in Chicago in 1998

of the gift.

Brandeis president Ron Liebowitz noted that it is striking that no one in the Cohn family was a Brandeis alum or faculty member, or had any formal connection to the university. "Like many generous philanthropic families, the Cohns were inspired by the very idea of Brandeis, a university founded by the Jewish community to be open to all students of talent, reflecting the Jewish values of reverence for academic excellence and dedication to using one's talents to

For full article, go to
<http://www.brandeis.edu/bnc/>

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.



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 and August hiatus) at 10:30 am. If you are interested in attending, email either of our chapter presidents to let them know you are coming and for driving directions.

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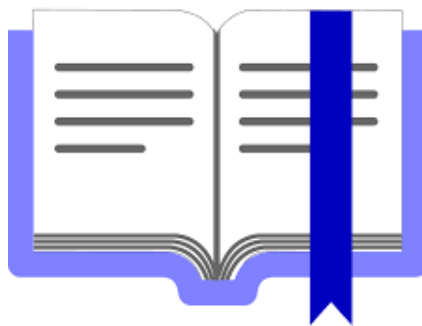
Volunteer Opportunities

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,
Calligraphy**

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas, please contact Kathleen Witkin witkinbnc@gmail.com.



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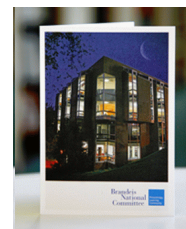
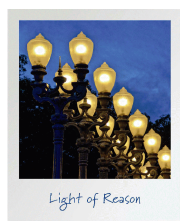
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Meeting

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Gladys Simon

In memory of Gladys' sister, Lorraine Gillman



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**Sustaining
the Mind Fund:
Research
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in
Neurodegenerative
Diseases**

**Nancy Elkins & Derek Davis to Gladys & Harvey Simon
In memory of Lorraine Gilman**

To support the Sustaining the Mind Fund, [click HERE](#)
for a donation form.

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Minimum donations \$25, please.

A card will be sent to your honoree.



To Gladys & Harvey Simon, in memory of Lorraine Gilman

**Nancy Sacks-Goldberg & Stuart Goldberg
Iris Wigal**

Since our earliest days, the Brandeis National Committee has stood as a resolute partner with the University. 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 support the BNC Scholarship campaign, [click HERE](#) for a donation form.

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Minimum donations \$25, please. A card will be sent to your honoree.

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