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26th Annual Book and Author Event

Monday, March 14, 2016 ~ Our FANtastic Lineup

Linda Hirshman, Steve Martini, Paula McLain, B. A. Shapiro, Ed Tarkington

The Marriot Desert Ridge Resort, 5350 E. Marriott Drive, Phoenix

Moderator: Sean McLaughlin KPHO News **Doors Open at 9:00 am**

For more information or to make a reservation, contact:
Paula Eckstein at paula.eckstein@gmail.com, or Julie Bronstein 480-797-5691

Proceeds to benefit Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases.

President's Message

Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

With my 5th Book and Author luncheon fast approaching, as well as the conclusion of my term as your Phoenix Chapter president (how time flies on both counts!), I have begun to reflect on what valuable lessons I have learned through my Chapter participation.

I approached the presidency as another wonderful Brandeis learning opportunity, as it has proved indeed. One extremely valuable lesson learned is how important it is to ensure, as a Chapter leader, that each and every one of our activities and communications reinforces our critical mission: to provide philanthropic support for Brandeis University. Like so many Chapter members, I initially joined our Brandeis Phoenix Chapter in order to partake of its superb study groups and social events. New to the greater Phoenix community, I had been told that Brandeis offered intellectual stimulation and the opportunity to meet like-minded people who could become nice acquaintances or even better, good friends. I didn't know much about Brandeis University, so didn't really understand the mission - or its importance.

Warmly welcomed into the Chapter, then asked to serve on the Board, I began to learn more and understand. I was excited - and proud - to learn that the university was founded shortly after the horrors of World War II and the revelations of the Holocaust. One significant force driving the university's inception was the historical quota system in many East Coast colleges and universities. Jewish veterans returning from serving their country were being denied admission to those colleges and universities because of their religion. So the American Jewish community garnered the energy - and the funds - to birth a new university based on Jewish values of non-discrimination and social justice. Brandeis University, 68 years later, remains steadfastly nonsectarian, with students of all religions and races achieving the highest standards of academic excellence.

This has happened because the university continues to receive the funds necessary to attract the best and brightest faculty and students through the philanthropic support of people like you and me - and all our BNC colleagues across the country. Every BNC Phoenix Chapter activity you and I participate in, from book groups to luncheons to Book and Author 2016 events, provides the funds needed for scholarships, scientific research, the libraries' scholarly journals, and much, much more. Please remember that every time you look at your calendar and prepare to attend another BNC activity or meeting. Remember too that the university and its students truly appreciate your support. And thank you for helping me to learn - and share - this valuable lesson.

I look forward to seeing you soon - on March 13th and 14th, if not before!

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

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26th Annual BNC Phoenix Book and Author

March 14, 2016 ~ Come One, Come All

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

Can't wait until the event to find out more about these authors?
Here's a sneak peek at two of our featured speakers!

Ed Tarkington

Nashville high school English teacher, class sponsor, literary magazine sponsor and wresting coach at Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA) Ed Tarkington says the memory of "Cousin Booth's success left my father under the delusion that writing was a practical career choice. So I was never properly discouraged."

Each morning during the school year, he rises at 3:30 a.m. and is at his desk by 4, where he writes fiction until it's time to leave for work at 7. The other 21 hours of the day belong to his wife, two young daughters, and the boys at MBA. He has followed this routine for years, hoping that in an economic climate that's hostile to the authors of literary fiction that he would one day be rewarded for his efforts. Two weeks before his 40th birthday, Tarkington got the email he'd been awaiting for so long: his agent wrote to say that an editor at Algonquin Books wanted to talk with him.

The result of that conversation is that his debut novel, Only Love Can Break Your Heart, was published by Algonquin Books in January, 2016. It was an ABA Indies Introduce Pick for Winter/Spring 2016, and was chosen as a February Book of the Month Club selection.

Ed Tarkington received a BA from Furman University, an MA from the University of Virginia, and a PhD from the Graduate Creative Writing Program at Florida State. He is a frequent contributor to **Chapter16.org**, a Humanities Tennessee online publication, and his articles, essays, and stories have appeared in *Nashville Scene*, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, *Post Road*, *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, the *Southeast Review* and elsewhere. A native of Lynchburg in Central Virginia, he now resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

Note: Robert Goolrick was unable to attend; we are pleased to welcome Ed Tarkington.

Barbara A. Shapiro

Barbara A. Shapiro is the author of seven novels: *The Muralist*, *The Art Forger*, *The Safe Room*, *Blind Spot*, *See No Evil*, *Blameless and Shattered Echoes*; four screenplays: *Blind Spot, The Lost Coven*, *Borderline* and *Shattered Echoes*; and the non-fiction book, *The Big Squeeze*. In her previous career incarnations, she directed research projects for a residential substance abuse facility, worked as a systems analyst/statistician, headed the Boston office of a software development firm and served as an adjunct professor teaching sociology at Tufts University and creative writing at Northeastern University. She likes being a novelist the best.

She began her writing career when she quit a high-pressure job after the birth of her second child. Nervous about what to do next, she said to her mother, "If I'm not playing at being superwoman anymore, I don't know who I am." Her mother answered with the question: "If you had one year to live, how would you want to spend it?" The answer: write a novel and spend more time with her children. And that's exactly what she did. Smart mother.

After writing seven novels and raising her children, B.A. Shapiro now lives in Boston with her husband Dan and dog Sagan. She is currently working on yet another novel but has no plans to raise any more children.

Sean McLaughlin

A nine-time Emmy award winner, veteran Valley journalist Sean McLaughlin serves as the main weeknight news anchor for CBS 5 News.

McLaughlin joined the CBS 5 News team in 2006. Prior to his return to the Valley, he served as MSNBC's weekday main meteorologist and Sunday weather anchor on NBC's Weekend Today with Lester Holt and Campbell Brown. He frequently Joined Matt, Katie and Ann on the weekday Today show, filling in for Al Roker.

During his network stint, McLaughlin reported for all broadcast platforms for NBC Universal and was an integral part of the network's coverage of the record-breaking hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, including broadcasting live for nearly 16 hours straight as Hurricane Katrina approached the Gulf coastline.

Other broadcast highlights include live network coverage of the president's inauguration, multiple space shuttle launches, Winter & Summer Olympic Games, the Daytona 500 and multiple Super Bowls. After being named "Outstanding Young Alum" at Iowa State University, he now currently serves on the advisory board for the Greenlee School of Journalism at ISU.

He currently maintains his National Weather Association's Broadcast Seal of Approval and filled in on *The Early Show* for CBS in New York for over six years.
McLaughlin is married with four children and enjoys exploring Arizona with his family.

Bookmark

Just in case you haven't become a Bookmark Donor yet...here's your chance to receive all the special benefits available to you!

Bookmark donors are those who contribute to this event at various levels, as described below. As a Bookmark donor, you will be invited to a Cocktail Reception with the authors on the evening before the Book and Author luncheon. Join your friends, meet new people and get to know this year's authors over delicious food and fine wine at one of the Valley's most elegant homes.

Your contribution to become a Bookmark and attend this event goes to the Sustaining the Mind Fund at Brandeis University and can truly make a difference: it supports ground-breaking research in the field of brain-related diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Autism, Epilepsy and MS. Brandeis scientists and researchers have already made headway in finding specific genes related to memory loss and Autism.

Please join us on Sunday, March 13th by becoming a Bookmark donor and enjoy a very special evening in a beautiful setting - while at the same time supporting this most important medical research.

Janis Lipman, Bookmark Chair

Bookmark Donor Levels of Giving

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

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CLASSICS ($500-$749) Two Luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three

FIRST EDITIONS ($750-$999) Two Luncheons, Cocktail Reception for three, book of choice from a featured author

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

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

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

Donors making a gift of $1,000 or more in addition to the fair market value of any of the levels described will be members of the Justice Brandeis Society.
Donors making a gift of $5,000 or more in addition to the fair market value of any of the levels described will be listed on the BNC's Major Donor Tribute Wall in the Library foyer at Brandeis University.

Sustaining the Mind: Research and Scholarship in Neurodegenerative Diseases

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As of February 28, 2016

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Brandeis Boutiques at the Book and Author Event

March 14, 2016
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort

Come early to shop - doors will be open at 9:00 am and purchases can be made during and after the luncheon, until the event's closure at 3:30 pm.
Our vendors this year include returning favorites, as well as notable new boutiques:

Accel's Gifted Hands Boutique - Upscale collection of exceptional gifts, home decor, clothing, children's, men's gifts, pet gifts, gourmet products, Mary Francis collector handbags and a collection of handmade items by skilled artisans with special needs

Calle Rose - Ladies' apparel, jewelry, watches, handbags

Ceramics by Judith - Martha Stewart finalist - Handmade creative ceramic pieces and jewelry

Classy Bag Lady - Great handbags! All types! Our California Girl

Gotta Have It! - Gift Items of all kinds, jewelry, cheater glasses, cell phone cases and more!

Jacki Cohen Glass Art Designs - custom and unique fused glass art for gifts, homes and businesses

Jacqueline B - Women's fabulous "up to the minute" clothing at great prices - Return engagement from California!

Kiki Bean and Bed Head - Jammies and jewels from California

Roberto Mantellassi - Leather bracelets, belts and handbags plus cashmere scarves and ponchos

Silver Concepts Plus - Handmade "one of a kind" sterling silver jewelry

Studio Nicole Gifts - Embellished tabletop products along with fun and funky gifts

The Treasured Accessory - Beautiful "of the moment" jewelry from California

Woven Angel - Handmade woven jewelry out of metals such as 14K wire, fine silver, copper and bronze; pieces are knitted together to create these beautiful pieces

Brina Pepper, Daron Barness and Henriette Hasley - Boutiques Co-Chairs

Spring Luncheon and Installation

April 20, 2016 11:00 am

McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Celebrate our incoming Officers and Board of Directors and come hear

Broadway Babies

A troupe of singers from 50-80+ now in its 10th season. The show is called **YOUNG AT HEART** and is a celebration of the joys of childhood, featuring over 40 songs from Broadway and Hollywood, including many from Disney films. The show includes tap dancing as well as a rhythm band number.

To go to the Luncheon Reservation Form, **Click HERE**

Welcome Canasta

"Dealers and Players"

Please join us for a fun filled canasta tournament
Monday, April 11th - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
The Racquet Club at Scottsdale Ranch
9707 E. Mountain View Rd, Scottsdale 85258

Canasta Tournament

Featuring Favors, Lunch and Prizes

To go to the Canasta Reservation Form, Click HERE

Study Group News

ARIZONA AUTHORS

March 21st -- JCC, 12701 N Scottsdale Rd

Speaking on March 21st will be Valerie Foster with her book, *The Risk of Sorrow.*

What can the few remaining survivors of the Holocaust teach us before they are gone? What is it that hasn't yet been said? A high school teacher was given the opportunity to find out when one such survivor chose her to preserve her final testament.

Valerie Foster, an Irish-Catholic, taught high school for thirty years and currently holds an adjunct faculty position at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Helen Handler, a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, coauthored this book with Valerie and passed away just last month. She was a long-standing member and past president of the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors Association and past president of the Jewish Free Loan. A recipient of numerous awards and recognition, she devoted her time to speaking to school children, imparting her wisdom every chance she got. She will be greatly missed.

RSVP - Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com Guests welcome - $5.00

Men of Brandeis (MOB)

March 8th - We will tour the New Museum of the West, which is located in downtown Scottsdale. A second tour of the Ping golf club factory will be on March 22nd. It is limited to 15. More information will be forthcoming.

For more information, please contact the facilitators:
Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434
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, 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.

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

Study Group Vice-Presidents: Merrill Kalman, Sara Leopold and Ronee Siegel phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Study Groups In Action

Golf Group: Silverado Golf Course

Neighborhood Walks Group:
Willo Neighborhood between
Central Ave and 7th Ave

Hiking Group:
Balance Rock,
Granite Mountain

Ellen Rothenberg,
Caryll Webner,
Barbara Garber,
Jane Baron,
Nancy Siefer,
Mona Dembs

Yoga Study Group: Laurie Greenfield, Cheri Rolnick, Linda Perlman, Marilyn Zolondek

Yoga Study Group:
Janis Lipman, Susan Rollins,
Ellen Kirschenbaum,
Emmy New Delman

Members of the Concerts and Conversation Committee

Left to Right: Susan Sendrow, Morty Silver, Paulette Fraenkel, Susan Peskind, Roz Fischer, David Tuckman, Ellen Tuckman, Ruth Legrand, Margie Bold, Elaine Wagner, Arlene Feldman & Joan Sitver
(missing—Carole Goldstein, Marilyn Blynder, Mark Sendrow, Phyllis Becker & Jan Septon)

Photo courtesy of Joel Zolondek

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

MAR	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	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBA	This group meets for a potpourri of activities, primarily in central Phoenix locations. Details 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 exploring current events. 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 lively conversation as the group explores current events that shape the future. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Nancy Sacks-Goldberg nhshobo@aol.com 480-661-3852 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-282-2047
1 8	YOGA	TBA	Class led by Dr. Nancy Siefer, a registered and certified yoga instructor. Location and time will be emailed to members.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439
3 17	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	7:30	Challenging 4-6 miles hikes in the Phoenix area. Join us after the hike for a different brunch spot each time. Members will be notified of place and 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	Moderate 2.5 - 4 miles round trip hike. Join us after 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 602-614-5212
3	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	Meet at Congregation Beth Israel in the library (56th and Shea). RSVP to Ellen for each meeting.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
3 10 17 24 31	INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG	11:45	A group for experienced players. Meet at the JCC for lunch first. Play starts at 12:15	Sandy Blum sanblum@cox.net 480-905-3225
3	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	This group includes 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
3 17	NEXT LEVEL BRIDGE	2:00	A group for advanced beginner bridge players. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
4 18	BOOMERS	TBA	The Facilitators will notify members of activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com

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4	FRIDAY MATINEE MOVIE & LUNCH.	10:00	View an interesting variety of movies. 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	PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS	1:00	We discuss ways to promote healthy relationships. Location will be emailed to group members.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel drcraberry@gmail.com 480 951-6572
8	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	12:00	Discover new culinary experiences. Reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195
8	MEN OF BRANDEIS (M.O.B.)	TBA	Tour *Museum of the West* in Scottsdale followed by lunch. Details will be emailed to participants.	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 at the Coffee Plantation (Shea & 74th St.) to knit scarves to be donated to a charitable organization.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net 602-214-5212 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
10	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This just-for-fun bowling group meets at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Vía Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 480-502-9036
10	CASUAL EATS	12:00	Dine at some off the beaten path "joints." Cash is recommended.– Contact a facilitator for more information	Sherry Widman widmansherry@gmail.com Richard Mendelson lablvr3@comcast.net 480-264-6440
10	CHEAPEATz **FULL**	12:00	Lunch at various places around the Valley. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Jay Leopold jay@skypower.solar 480-290-2040
15	CAMELVIEW REVIEW AND LUNCH	TBA	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 480-998-8999 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
15	BRIDGING IT!	Noon	Experienced bridge players meet for a fun afternoon of lunch and bridge. Participants will be notified of the location.	Nan Waldman nanlarry@cox.net 602-996-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
15	LEARN PICKLEBALL! **FULL**	1:00	Meet for lunch at the Lariat Restaurant at the Carefree Resort, 37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377. Then, play on the resort's courts. Contact a facilitator for more information.	Abby Tucker and John Poremba skyranch52@gmail.com 480-575-3162
17	BOOKS FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER **FULL**	10:00	This group reads 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	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

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21	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	RSVP to Merrill to assure a seat. JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. For more info, click **HERE**.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
22	NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS	2:00	Participants will be notified of the walk location by email.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-629
23	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Meet at a variety of mostly new restaurants around the valley. RSVP to a facilitator to secure a place at a table. Members will be notified by email of the location.	Annette Kurland annettekurland@me.com 516-236-6271 Lynda Weckstein lylweck@gmail.com 602-840-8555
23	PLAY GOLF	1:00	All levels golf game for fun. No refunds of greens fees once an RSVP has been given. Contact a facilitator for more information.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Sue Adatto sueadatto@cox.net 480-563-0006
24	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP #1	9:30	Discuss a current issue researched by a group member. Contact the facilitator for directions to the location.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216
25	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ **FULL**	TBA	Phoenix preservation discussion and tour of public art. Contact the facilitators for more information.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 480-307-9300 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958
26	AT THE BALLET	2:00	*'Today's Masters'* For more information, go to www.balletaz.org. Car pools will be arranged.	Sheila Berkowitz sberk327@cox.net 480-451-5229
28	B: Puzzled	1:00 pm	**NEW MYSTERY & SUSPENSE BOOK GROUP**. For more information, contact the facilitators.	Andi Freed, drcraberry@gmail.com Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com

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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
Nan Waldman at 602-996-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Member News

Our sincere condolences to the family of long time member Betty Baron on her passing.

New Members

Michele Cohen, Joan Gaan, Bonnie Gimple, Barbara Jackson, Mona Jamison, Van Jamison, Judith Shapiro, Carole Rabin, Melissa Rolloff

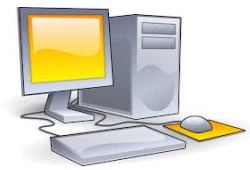
Member to Member

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 & listen to a Brandeis professor at UOW
- 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.

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.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Kathleen Witkin, witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825
Leith Baletin, lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434

Since our earliest days, the Brandeis National Committee has stood as a resolute partner with the University.

Today, increasing funding for scholarship assistance for our students is the University's top priority. Consider that:

- 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 (undergraduates and graduate students).
- For the same period, the endowment and annual gifts designated to scholarships provided $17.2 million (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 support the BNC Scholarship campaign, contact
Ronda Kottle, ronda@kottlehome.com

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

BNC Scholarship Campaign
Donations - MARCH

Carol and Chuck Abrams to Phoenix BNC Chapter Board
In appreciation for support during funeral and Shiva of Carol's father.

Social Justice

Carol B' s Children' s Book Collection

Collections of new and gently used books for local elementary schools are continuing. We thank everyone for their support and hard work!

For more information, please contact:
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-- Garrison Keilor

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Real World Job Development
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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.

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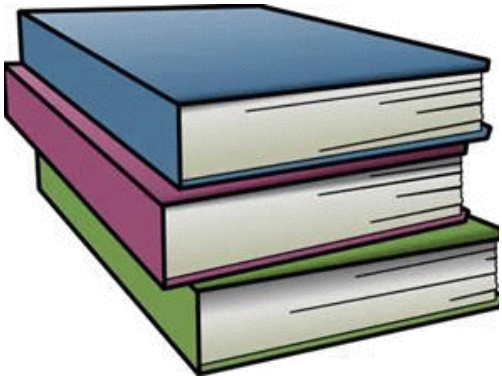
A wonderful way to get involved with our local BNC Chapter is to share your expertise with us. It's a win-win! You get to meet some of the other members, maintain your skills and learn new ones, and the Chapter benefits from your experience.

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

If you would like to volunteer in these or any other areas, contact Kathleen Witkin at witkinbnc@gmail.com 480-473-4825



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For all your Book Fund needs, contact:
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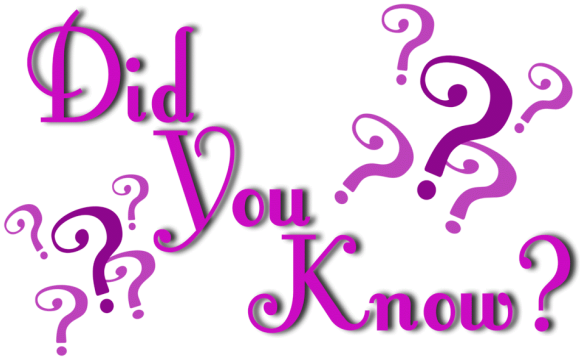

Since 1948, BNC members have raised more than $131 million to support Brandeis students, faculty, the library and cutting-edge research in neuroscience.

Donations

DECEMBER

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Judith Fishman to Laura Landau
In honor of her birthday

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

Did you know that all Chapter Board meetings are open to our members? You are welcome to join us the third Wednesday of every month (except for our July hiatus) at 10:30 am. We generally meet at the McDowell Center at McDowell Mt. Ranch in Scottsdale.

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

BNC Phoenix Board and Committee Calendar

MARCH

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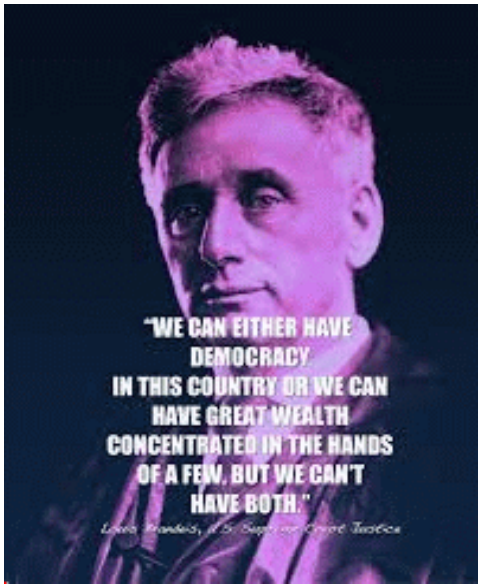
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visited Brandeis University to honor Louis Brandeis

On Thursday, January 28 - a hundred years to the day that Brandeis University's namesake Louis D. Brandeis was nominated to the nation's highest court - Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke to more than 2,500 gathered at Brandeis about his legacy and continued influence on public discourse and American jurisprudence.

Ginsburg, who has served on the Supreme Court since 1993, praised Brandeis for his commitment to civil rights and liberties, his willingness to change with the times, and his fact-based approach to writing legal briefs, visited Brandeis University to honor our namesake, whom Ginsburg said she emulates. Interim President Lisa Lynch, in her introduction of Ginsburg, pointed out some of the similarities between Brandeis, the first Jewish Supreme Court justice, and Ginsburg, the first female Jewish justice: Both have relied on fact-based jurisprudence to advance social change, and both have used their opinions and dissents to educate the public about the social conditions that affect people's lives.

But there are also differences between the two, Lynch noted. Ginsburg had to overcome gender-based discrimination to practice law, starting in law school and continuing in the law firms where she sought employment. Yet Ginsburg did not allow this adversity to block her path, which ultimately led to the Supreme Court. "She is a force of nature,"



Lynch said. "Underestimate her at your peril."

In her remarks at the centennial celebration, Ginsburg spoke about the famed "Brandeis brief," a legal-writing technique Brandeis pioneered as an attorney, in which he cited science- and social science-based data at length in his briefs.

Ginsburg said the method is one she admires and has emulated. But, she said, when you look back at the original Brandeis brief, written for the Supreme Court case *Muller v. Oregon*, much of the scientific information it presented wouldn't hold up today.

The *Muller* case questioned whether the state of Oregon could impose a 10-hour-per-day work limit on women's employment. Brandeis' brief argued in favor of the limit. Yet the social and scientific observations it cited were based in reinforcing the notion of women as caretakers and as physically inferior to men.

"Would Brandeis' technique work when social and economic data are inconsistent, and used to challenge sex-based classifications in the law?" Ginsburg asked.

She also weighed in on how she thought Brandeis would view some of the court's more recent landmark decisions. Ginsburg said she had "no doubt" Brandeis would have agreed with the court's decision to uphold key pieces of the Affordable Care Act, and that he "would have deplored" the Citizens United ruling, which prohibited the government from restricting political-campaign spending by organizations, including for-profit corporations.

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March 14, 2016
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April 13, 2016
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