

APRIL 2018

Spring Luncheon and Installation Something To Chew On!

April 13th ~ 11:00

**DoubleTree Resort, 5401 N. Scottsdale Rd
Paradise Valley-Scottsdale 85250**

**Celebrate our Incoming Officers
and Board of Directors and Listen to
Lucia Schnitzer, Restaurateur and
Entrepreneur**



Lucia's restaurants and marketplaces are landmarks helping to support the Valley's economy and communities. Her personal story is unique, her spirit is contagious.

Lucia Schnitzer was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 while breast-feeding her then 6 month-old daughter. During her treatment and recovery, her husband, Ken, raised the idea of opening a coffee bar and health store. After some resistance to the idea, Lucia ultimately agreed. Luci's Healthy Marketplace started to take shape. Ken's fight to open Luci's while helping to raise their four children under five years old, while both his wife and sister-in-law fought breast cancer, plays an important part in Lucia's journey. Once Lucia's treatment plans were finished, with the support of their family, Luci's opened for business in 2008. For the reservation form, [Click HERE](#).

Truda Chick, Luncheon Chair

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Gazpacho

Harvest Salad with Baby Greens, Cherry Tomatoes,
Toasted Walnuts and Dried Apples with Herb Marinated Chicken
Choice of Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing
Non-Chocolate Dessert with Chocolate Sauce on the Side



The vegetarian option is the Harvest Salad without the chicken.
Food allergies will be accommodated. No substitutions the day of the luncheon.

Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Brandeis Members,

This is the last time we will address you as co-presidents of the Phoenix Chapter. On the 13th of this month, our new co-presidents, Marcia Langer and Judy Levine, will be installed along with the new Board at the SPRING Luncheon.

([Click HERE](#) for information and reservations.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 Vice Presidents, members of the Board - both elected and appointed - all the facilitators, tireless volunteers and YOU, our members, for supporting us and the chapter in our mission to raise funds for Brandeis University.

In the last two years all our Vice Presidents have been highly successful in growing our chapter. They have increased our membership, reached new fundraising heights through study group enrollment, program attendance and participation in special events and tournaments. We thank you all for your diligence, creativity and enthusiasm. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to be inclusive and welcoming.

Our outreach to the community and our image within it has been enhanced by our VPs who have tirelessly collected books, food, school supplies, and clothing items for our neighbors. Through Concerts and Conversations and Arizona Authors we have continued to provide cultural programs to our fellow Phoenixians.

We would like to extend thanks to the unseen volunteers without whom the chapter could not function: Irene Lubin who collects our membership checks, Bruce Galin who maintains the chapter membership list and oversees registrations, Paula Eckstein who does our e-blasts and runs our websites, Kathleen Witkin and Sara Leopold who produce The Beat, Arlene Feldman who proofreads it, and Julie Bronstein and George Eckstein, who are essential to the Book & Author reservations and seating charts.

A special thanks to Carol Abrams, our advisor and the Chair who, with over 100 of our volunteer members, created the spectacular Book & Author cocktail party, dinner and luncheon.

However, the greatest thanks go to our members, who through their participation in our activities and contributions to Book Fund, Sustaining the Mind and the Scholarship Fund, have made our chapter so successful.

We hope in the future even more of you will become involved and be able to enjoy the feeling of accomplishment that we do.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Luncheon and for those of you who may be here this summer at Summer Camp.

All our best,

Nancy Sacks-Goldberg and Iris Wigal, Co-Presidents

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28th Annual BNC Phoenix Book & Author Recap



A fabulous team of more than 100 volunteers, a terrific moderator, five incredibly interesting best-selling authors, one Brandeis University President and four university staff visiting from Waltham, 13 unique boutiques, more than 90 Bookmark donors and nearly 900 guests - add it all up and you have a hugely successful Book & Author 2018!

Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in the day - your efforts helped raise many, many thousands of dollars to support research and scholarship in neurogenerative diseases at Brandeis.

AND NOW, A FEW WORDS FROM BOOK & AUTHOR 2018 FANS:

From our great moderator, Lindsey Reiser: *I had a wonderful time and am still blown away by the authors themselves, as well as the impeccable planning on the part of your committee. Thank you for having me!*

FROM OUR CHAPTER'S CO-PRESIDENTS:

This year's Book and Author Event simply put was amazing from A to Z. The superlatives to describe what the team accomplished could fill pages. The Bookmark party was elegant and flawless. Everyone was blown away by the beauty of the setting and the warmth of our hosts, the authors and everyone from the University. Staying at the Shusters' home for the Dinner with the Authors was the perfect final touch.

From the moment attendees stepped off the elevator on the third floor of the Sheraton on Monday they were treated to a feast of the senses. They truly could shop until they dropped at a unique variety of boutiques. The ballroom looked stunning with the gorgeous city centerpieces. Each author presentation was better than the last, which surely led to an increase in book sales. Lunch was very tasty, and the service was excellent. The team's collective effort made Number 28 by far the most impressive Book and Author Event ever.

FROM A BOUTIQUES VENDOR TO THE BOUTIQUES CHAIRS:

We are honored to participate in some of the most upscale events in the country and I can say that your fundraiser was run as efficiently, and the event was as beautiful as any other we participate in. Thank you for all your hard work!

Congratulations on a fabulous event!! Well done!! Food was delicious, and authors entertaining. Thank you!

The cocktail party and Dinner with the Authors were first class.

Great event! We both loved the day!!!

Congratulations on another stellar Book and Author. Always think the current one is the best. But, every year it's topped. Beautiful!

The Book & Author Luncheon was perfect. All the parts came together beautifully. Every author had a wonderful story to tell . . . proud to be a member of BNC.

Just want to tell you how impressed and grateful I am for all the hard work that went into the well-run B&A event.

WOW! Amazing B & A! Really tremendous and the endless efforts paid off. The event was flawless and fabulous. Can't stop smiling thinking about all the wonderful moments.

It was a blockbuster event. Beautifully run. See you for sure next year.

The tables looked absolutely beautiful with the centerpieces! When we walked into the room, it was a Wow.

Everyone did a great job, from securing the best authors, finding an appropriate venue, creating a theme that encompassed the invitation, program book, centerpieces and more. We are so fortunate to have dedicated members working on the event year after year.

Top-notch authors, beautiful venue, fantastic centerpieces, terrific boutiques.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Special Thanks to our Bookmark Donors

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28th Annual Book & Author Committee

Event Chair: Carol Abrams

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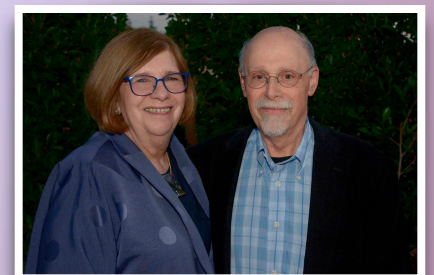
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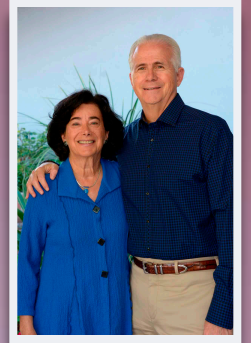
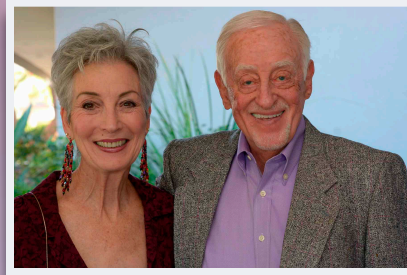
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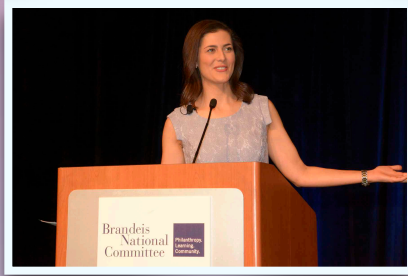
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For more photos, see our website at
www.brandeisphoenix.org

Study Group News

The 2017-2018 season of Brandeis Phoenix study groups is in full swing! We have many study groups that have space available for more participants. For details and to sign up for available study groups, see the Guide and Registration Form on our website: www.brandeisphoenix.org/study-groups.html



ARIZONA AUTHORS

April 16th, 12:30-2:00 pm ~ Scottsdale JCC

The speaker for April 16th, our final meeting of the season, will be Tara Ison. Tara is the author of the short story collection *Ball*, and the novels *A Child out of Alcatraz*, *The List* and *Rockaway*, named "One of the Top 5 Books of Summer 2015" in *O, the Oprah Magazine*. Her essay collection *Reeling Through Life: How I Learned to Live, Love, and Die at the Movies*, was winner of the PEN Southwest Award for Creative Nonfiction. She is also the co-writer of the cult classic film *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*. A Professor of Creative Writing at ASU, Tara will discuss movies, writing, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Rockaway*, *Alcatraz* and her current project, the story of a Jewish child living in hiding in World War II France.

RSVP required to Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com Guests welcome with a \$5.00 charge.

MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)

On April 11th at 1:00 pm at the Valley of the Sun JCC, Men of Brandeis will be hosting its final event of the 2017-18 season. Natividad Mendoza will be speaking to us about the organization he founded called *From Gangs to Jobs*. As always, join us at noon for a nosh at Milk and Honey.

For years, Natividad Mendoza was a part of a dangerous gang in the city of Fresno, CA and was in and out of prison for the better part of 18 years. In late 2003, a judge who had the ability to send Natividad back to prison for 14 years, decided to show grace by letting him go to a rehab program instead. Natividad was moved by the decision.

In 2004, Natividad completed the Teen Challenge program in Bakersfield, CA and went on to graduate from the Teen Challenge bible college. After Teen Challenge, Natividad was involved with a handful of gang prevention and urban poor organizations before beginning *A Cord of Hope* in 2008 with a friend, Cliff Porter. *A Cord of Hope* sought to help young men out of lives of addiction and violence through means of construction jobs. With the economic recession, however Natividad and Cliff realized they had to broaden their scope and with a renewed focus and vision, *From Gangs to Jobs* was born.



To attend or for more information, contact Leith Baletin: Lbaletin@att.net

*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FULL GROUPS:

Even a group that has reached its maximum participation (marked with an * on the monthly calendar) 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. Look for the monthly calendar on pages 12-14 for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply.

For more information, please contact the Study Group Vice-Presidents at
phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel, Study Group Vice-Presidents

Study Group News – Looking Ahead

2017-2018 has been the most successful Study Group season in our Chapter's history, and it's not over yet. The chapter continues to attract new members and a major part of that attraction is the availability of many and varied study groups in which to participate.

To continue this success, we need your help. As we begin to think of next season (yes, your Study Group Team is already looking ahead to next year) we are looking for facilitators with ideas for new groups. Ask yourself the following questions:

- ☐ Do you have an idea for a study group that you want to facilitate? (Note: we especially welcome input from our Men of Brandeis members.)
- ☐ Are you interested in starting a group (hiking? film? lunch?) that meets on Sunday?
- ☐ Would you enjoy leading a limited group discussion (4 sessions) on a favorite topic or activity?
- ☐ Do you have a special interest, talent or skill that you want to share with others?
- ☐ Are you a winter resident who wants to create a group (i.e. weekly Mah-Jongg or Canasta) that begins in January?

If you enjoy meeting new people, enjoy sharing your experiences with others, have special talents or interests that others would enjoy.....

YOU CAN FACILITATE A STUDY GROUP!

(Training will be provided)

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, you already have all you need to be a wonderful Study Group Facilitator. Identify an activity, the day, dates and times you'd like to meet (we can help you with scheduling) and start a study group in the 2018-2019 season! Find a friend to co-facilitate the group with you. The rewards are many: interact with like-minded people in an activity that you already enjoy, see your efforts appreciated by your group participants and the entire Chapter, make new friends and most of all - HAVE FUN! The time commitment is modest and in return, the approval, acclaim and admiration you receive is beyond measure.

For more information and to share your proposed study group's details, please contact the Study Group VPs at

phxstudygroups@gmail.com

Outgoing Study Group Vice-Presidents: Susie Sacks and Ronee Siegel

Incoming Study Group Vice-Presidents: Joellyn Pollock and Kathleen Witkin



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Even a group that has reached its maximum participation 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 in the monthly calendar pages below for group details, which include contact information for the facilitators. A \$5 guest fee will apply. There is a \$7 Fee for Concerts & Conversations.

APR	GROUP	TIME		FACILITATORS
TBD	OPERA BUFFS	TBD	Facilitators will notify group members of specific dates and activities by email.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Sharon Tievsky stievsky@yahoo.com 440-503-3339
TBD	PHOENICIANS OF BNC	TBD	Details of the activities will be emailed to group participants.	Joellyn Pollock joellyn_pollock@yahoo.com 602-257-4327 Mickey Leonard mlphx@cox.net 602-459-6972 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
TBD	THEATER & LUNCH SERIES	11:45	Join us for a one-act play at the Kax Stage of the Herberger Theater Center. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to the participants	Caryn Balaban bicaban@gmail.com 602-788-6806
TBD	BOOMERS	TBD	Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.	brandeisboomers@gmail.com
TBD	GIRLS' NIGHT OUT	TBD	Have a wonderful time with "just the girls." Details will be emailed to participants.	Nancy Kronenberg ngolden1@hotmail.com 216-798-5222 Betsy Kurasch jbkluxury@yahoo.com 480-458-7876
1	RESTLESS MINDS DISCUSSION GROUP	7:00 PM	This co-ed evening group participates in stimulating topics and conversations. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Marvin Kestenbaum digsee@me.com 480-883-7639 Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306
2	POLITICAL HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP *	7:00 PM	Our next book will be <i>See You in Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and the Bitter Partnership that Changed America</i> , by Les Standiford. Participants will be notified of the meeting location.	Mark Stern, Ph.D. mstern@shepherd.edu 540-664-0480
3	FIRST TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP	10:00	The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814
3	CURRENT EVENTS *	10:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Participants will be notified of the location by email.	Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958 Stephanie Klopper rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Amy Richman amy@richmanfamily.com 480-664-6901
3 10 17 24	SERIOUSLY CANASTA *	11:45	Canasta group for experienced players only with a thorough knowledge of the official Canasta League of America rules. Contact a facilitator for location.	Nancy Lirtzman nlirtzman@gmail.com 847-217-6963 Pat Miller patrmiller@gmail.com 205-249-8363 Abbey Sussholz sussholz2@gmail.com 847-363-0172
3 10 17 24	INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG	1:30	This weekly group is intended for intermediate/ experienced players with thorough knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules and a steady pace of play. We will meet at Congregation Beth Israel, in the library (56th and Shea)	Ellen Widoff ebwidoff@gmail.com 602-513-3138 Terry Taubman terrytaubman@gmail.com 602-319-8351
3	FIRST TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP	1:30	The facilitators will send out a monthly email with the name of the book, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP.	Marcia Langer marciala@msn.com 914-943-7814 Judy Levine judithlevine43@yahoo.com 480-496-0252
4	DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY	5:00 PM	Meet new friends and sample some of the Valley's outstanding watering holes. The place, time and details will be emailed to participants.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858

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5 19	INTERMEDIATE HIKING CLUB	TBD	Hike challenging 4-6 miles trails with elevation gains and at a brisk pace. This group is not meant for the beginner or leisure hiker. Join us after the hike at a different brunch spot each time. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place and time.	Nancy Siefer n.siefer@gmail.com 480-577-1439 Caryll Webner caryllwebner@yahoo.com 602-989-1348
5 19	LEISURE HIKING *	TBD	These 2.5 - 4 miles hikes in Phoenix, Scottsdale and beyond will be at a comfortable pace. After the hike, join us for breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Members will be notified prior to each hike of place, time and directions.	Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@gmail.com 602-214-5212 Bob Kirschenbaum bobkirschenbaum@gmail.com 602-614-5212
5	JEWISH BOOK GROUP	10:00	RSVP to Ellen for each meeting. For the complete list of books, call Ellen.	Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307
5 12 19 26	ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG *	12:00	This group is intended for advanced intermediate/ experienced players with complete knowledge of the National Mah Jongg League rules, ability to maintain speedy pace and play defensively. Meet at the JCC every Thursday.	Beth Sennett. basennett@gmail.com 414-418-4203
5	SUN LAKES POTPOURRI	1:30	Contact the facilitators for the event and location.	Irene Kestenbaum irenek0426@gmail.com 480-734-7306 Barbara Gold bzgold9333@gmail.com 480-802-7945
6	FIRST FRIDAY FILMS & FEASTS	TBD	View interesting movies playing at the Harkins Shea 14, the Harkins 101 or the Harkins Camelview. Lunch and casual conversation follows at a nearby eatery. Details will be emailed to participants	Roni Nassberg ronika1@aol.com 602-790-7603 Stephanie Klopfer rednoz@aol.com 480-251-0815 Joyce Grant jhgrant35@gmail.com 847-877-5793
8	SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES *	TBD	**Note: Date change** Meet at various movie theaters for a late afternoon movie followed by a light supper. Participants will be notified of the theater, movie and supper locations.	Marcy Strauss & Wayne Stutzer mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
10	SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Join in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. You must reply to the facilitator to secure a place at the table. Details are emailed to participants.	Andrea Morrison andsue1@cox.net 602-840-8195 Harriet Kaplan hskaplan@cox.net 480-585-1777
10	NOVEL WOMEN WHO READ	6:30 PM	This <i>evening</i> book group meets for book discussion and refreshments. Contact the facilitator book to be discussed and for directions.	Cheryl Lennon clennon60@gmail.com 602-999-8858
11 25	ACTING IS FUN! *	10:30	Read skits which regale the trials and tribulations and joys of life, play theatre games, and explore how characters are created on stage and in film. Location details will be mailed to group members.	April Feld Sandor afsplays@gmail.com 215-882-2600
11 25	KNIT A MITZVAH	1:00	Knitting/crocheting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. We meet at <i>The Coffee Plantation</i> near Scottsdale and Shea.	Ronda Kottle ronda@kottlehome.com 602-327-0266 Ronee Siegel ronees@aol.com 917-273-0393
11	MEN OF BRANDEIS (MOB)	1:00	Meet at the JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254. Come early and join us at <i>Milk and Honey</i> (JCC's coffee shop) for lunch. See page 10 for details	Leith Baletin lbaletin@att.net 480-874-9434 Sam Summer samsummeraz@yahoo.com 480-488-1540
12	BOOK BROTHERS *	10:00	This book group will focus on history, biography and historical fiction. Participants will be notified of the book to be discussed and the meeting location.	Joe Widoff jwidoff@gmail.com 703-946-8869 Frank Lange franklange@cox.net 602-768-3631

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12	BOWLING FOR FUN	10:00	This group will meet at Brunswick Via Linda Lanes to bowl just for fun, followed by lunch. The lanes are located at 9027 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85258.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Sue Lawler suelawler9@gmail.com 602-525-0231 Terry Bachenhheimer mrsbachy@mac.com 412-780-0730
15	A TASTE OF WISE AGING	10:30	Explore the possibilities for the years ahead: Aging - with joy, resilience and spirit. Based on the first chapters of the book: Wise Aging by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Meet in north central Scottsdale. Location details will be emailed to the participants.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Anita Hicks anitabh@cox.net 602-956-9711
16	ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES	12:30	Our speaker will be Tara Ison. You must RSVP to Merrill each month to assure a seat. Guests are welcome for \$5.00. Location: JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85254 For more information Click HERE.	Merrill Kalman mskbflo@aol.com 480-296-3355
17	CAMELVIEW, SHEA 14 REVIEW & LUNCH	TBD	Enjoy a thought-provoking movie each month followed by a discussion and lunch at a nearby restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.	Sheila Landau buildor2@cox.net 602-809-5100 Henriette Hasley henriette.hasley@cox.net 602-494-1924
19	WHO KNEW? - A QUIRKY HISTORY OF ARIZONA'S VALLEY	11:00	This group will explore our area's beginnings from early Native American tribes to early settlers and the Wild West. Participants will be advised of the location by email.	Barbara Abrams bfabrams4109@gmail.com 312-965-4109
20	CULTURAL SITES IN AZ *	10:30	Tour of <i>Saber Acomodar</i> at ASU Art Museum, the story of art from the state of Jalisco in Mexico. Details will be emailed to participants.	Joyce Goldstein joyce@goldstein.us 602-354-5006 Gladys Simon gladsi26@hotmail.com 480-773-7958*
23	B-PUZZLED: MYSTERY & SUSPENSE *	1:00	This book group will focus on Mystery & Suspense. We will meet at 18 th , the restaurant in the Ice Den, 9375 East Bell Rd, in Scottsdale.	Andi Freed-Krehbiel readerpainter@gmail.com 480-221-9777 Alyce Helfman ahelfman2002@yahoo.com 480-264-6909
24	LET'S GET METAPHYSICAL! - New Age Non-Fiction	10:00	This non-fiction book group explores topics viewed as metaphysical such as energy systems in the body, reincarnation and books focused on raising levels of consciousness. Participants will be notified of the book and location by email	Carol Wolf peanuts526@aol.com 847-207-9954
24	BRIDGING IT!	11:30	This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Location details will be emailed to the participants	Nan Waldman nanlarry46@gmail.com 602-410-5639 Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291
25	PLAY GOLF	9:00	Play at Silverado. RSVPs must be finalized on the Monday prior to the golf date. Details of time and location will be emailed to participants.	Lori Roth lori.rothaz@gmail.com 480-310-1605 Laurie Greenfield lauriecgreenfield@gmail.com 312-316-8800
25	FOURTH WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH	11:30	Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the Valley. The location will be announced monthly to the members. RSVP to the facilitators in order to secure a place at a table.	Marcy Strauss mss29@comcast.net 612-710-6291 Iris Wigal wiggley@cox.net 602-274-8771
26	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP **20 YR Anniversary**	9:30	Join our lively conversation as we explore current events that shape the future of the world in which we live. Location details will be emailed to participants.	Ruth Anne Myers ramyers@aol.com 480-947-8216



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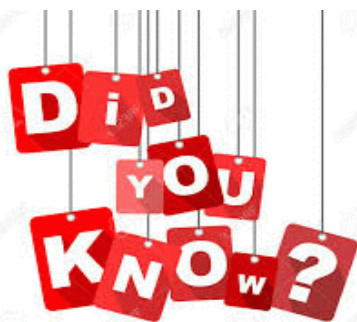
Nan Waldman at 602-410-5639 or nanlarry@cox.net

Membership News

- ✿ Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Roz Fischer, Barbara Gluck, Joyce Goldstein, Carol Kern and Beth Messer.
- ✿ Our sincere condolences to Helen Korrick on the passing of her husband, Ed.
- ✿ Our sincere condolences to Andrea Minkoff on the passing of her husband, Sherman.
- ✿ Our sincere condolences to Elaine Waxman Segelbaum on the passing of her son, Scott Waxman.

New and Rejoining Members

Andrew Genin, Joan Genin, Fran Grossman,
Rita Moretsky, Mayde Superfon



Member-to-Member

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

- ▣ Attend a Study Group
- ▣ Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at University on Wheels (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.

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BRANDEIS PHOENIX CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2018 - 2019



Congratulations to the following individuals on their election to our Board of Directors as Chapter Officers and Members at Large for the 2018 - 19 fiscal year. Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for their willingness to serve our BNC Phoenix Chapter!

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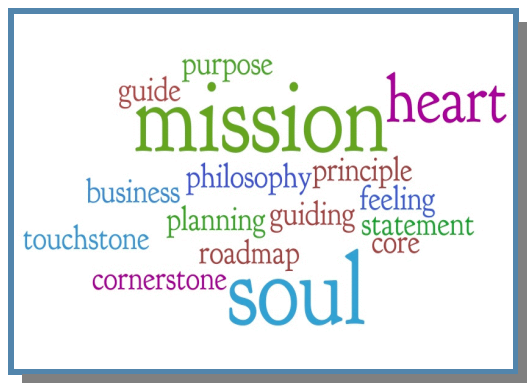


Friday, April 20
NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Friday, April 13, 2018
SPRING LUNCHEON
DoubleTree by Hilton
Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale



Back by popular demand.
On **April 13th**, check your inbox
for more information about the
2018 season, including
Jewelry Making, Lunchtime Theater,
Pizza Making...and more!



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.
For more information, please contact Ellen Kirschenbaum
ellenk102@gmail.com

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Knit A Mitzvah



The Knit A Mitzvah study group members, along with several volunteer knitters, have created and donated **254** newborn caps to Honor Health Shea Medical Center and 40 scarves to JFCS so far this season. Ronee Siegel and Ronda Kottle, the facilitators of the group, thank the following individuals for their efforts: Judy Baletin, Roberta Berman, Shirley Brener, Jane Coleman, Joan Davis, Julie Horewitch, Ellen Kirschenbaum, Irene Lubin, Eileen Nelson, Jennifer Posner, Ila Sue Stone, Nan Waldman, Barbara Frank and Fran Sucharow.

If you are experienced in knitting or crocheting, or just a novice, and want to participate in this effort, please contact:

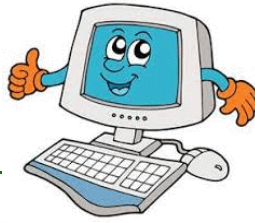
Ronee Siegel at ronees@aol.com
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Chapter Roster

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 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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BOARD CALENDAR

April

4 Executive Committee Meeting
18 Board Meeting



Programming Committee

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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2018 Richman Fellow Vanita Gupta, right, speaks with Marya Levenson '64. Photo/Mike Lovett

Brandeis Happenings

Civil rights advocate Vanita Gupta describes the 'momentum to hope' in Richman Lecture
'I firmly believe hope is a discipline. It's a muscle that we have to exercise.'

When she was 26 years old, in an unfamiliar small town in north Texas, a seed of hope was planted in Vanita Gupta.

It was 2001, and Gupta, fresh out of law school, joined the Legal Defense Fund and set out to Tulia, Texas from New York City to look into a police sting that resulted in the arrest of 40 African-Americans - 10 percent of the town's black population - on drug charges that led to lengthy prison sentences. She oversaw a legal team that shone a light on police misconduct and uncorroborated evidence in the case, leading to the exoneration of those convicted.

The case received national attention and led to police reform in communities and states across the country. It was the start of a career focused on protecting civil rights and promoting inclusivity that has taken Gupta to the ACLU, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, where she now serves as president.

Gupta participated in a variety of activities and discussions on the Brandeis campus this week as this year's Richman Distinguished Fellow in Public Life. In a lecture Tuesday afternoon, she focused on the subject of hope, and how she maintains it even in difficult times.

"Although it can feel like it comes from nowhere and nothing, it grows. There's a momentum to hope," she said. "There's a kind of multiplying effect that really can't be explained. And it is powerful."

As the leader of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division during President Barack Obama's second term, Gupta led fights for police reform, transgender rights, voting rights and fair housing. Her time at the Justice Department ended when Donald Trump was sworn in as president. Today, even as she sees much of her work being rolled back,

Gupta says she still has hope for progress because of the people, communities and coalitions that continue to fight inequality.

"I firmly believe hope is a discipline. It's a muscle that we have to exercise," Gupta said. "The strength of this muscle lies in our history. It lies in the stories of real people and real communities and real leaders who have stared down injustice through some of the most oppressive of times, and decided to fight back, sometimes with the help of government and sometimes without it."

Before delivering her lecture, Gupta was formally honored by Marya Levenson '64, the Harry S. Levitan Director of Teacher Education and Professor of the Practice of Education, and Brandeis President Ron Liebowitz.

"Brandeis exemplifies an institution founded on core values that resonate with Ms. Gupta's accomplishments and action," Liebowitz said during the ceremony. "Brandeis is dedicated to improving life and opportunity for all. Honoring Vanita Gupta at this time in Brandeis history underscores the profound message that Brandeis stands for: fairness, inclusion and belonging."

The Richman Fellowship was created by Brandeis alumna Dr. Carol Richman Saivetz '69, and her children, Michael Saivetz '97 and Aliza Saivetz Glasser '01, in honor of her parents, Fred and Rita Richman. The fellowship recognizes individuals active in public life whose contributions have had a significant impact on improving American society, strengthening democratic institutions, advancing social justice or increasing opportunities for all citizens. The fellowship is hosted by the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life on behalf of the Office of the President.

By Jarret Bencks - March 7, 2018

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