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LIVE & LEARN
PROGRAMS 2019–2020

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reference for the whole year.

Mark Your Calendars!

New this year! There are two changes that the Live & Learn Committee hopes will enhance your enjoyment of the classes:

First: Many of the multi-session classes now offer the opportunity for you to sign up for the sessions individually. This way, if a date does not work for a session, or not all the topics appeal to you, you will not have to register or pay for all sessions. • *Be sure to indicate on your registration form the specific sessions you are selecting—or choose all of them!*

Second: In place of a Bonus Trip you may take a course of up to \$20 in value free once you have paid for \$50 worth of classes. This does not include special events. Write FREE in place of the cost for that class.

General Meetings:

Except for the opening and closing luncheons, all general and board meetings will be held on Thursdays in the Hadassah Meeting Room, 3723 Old Court Road, Suite 205, 21208.

September 19, 2019, 11:30 AM • Opening Meeting and Luncheon,
with Guest Speaker Dr. David Weinstein • Suburban Country Club

November 21, 1 PM • General Meeting with Guest Speaker

January 16, 2020, 1 PM • Brandeis Community Book Discussion

April 23, 1 PM • General Meeting with Guest Speaker

May 14 • Closing Luncheon Meeting with Guest Speaker

Board Meetings: 1 PM except where noted with an asterisk*.

Those meetings will begin at noon.

August 15, October 17, November 21*, December 19, 2019;

January 16*, February 20, March 19, April 23*, 2020

Updates or corrections to this booklet will appear in subsequent issues of the *Bulletin* and on our website:

blogs.brandeis.edu/bncBaltimore

All phone numbers are in Area Code 410 unless stated otherwise.

Live and Learn Committee

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Live and Learn 2019–2020

Welcome to a year full of exciting programs. Enjoy as many as you like! Meeting times and/or places may change because of unforeseeable circumstances. Participants will be informed as soon as possible. For questions about a meeting, **call the facilitator, not the hostess**. In case of severe weather, BNC programs—whether held in the County or the City—are canceled if **Baltimore County** schools are closed for even part of the day.

For calendar and information updates, please refer to the BNC Baltimore website, blogs.brandeis.edu/bncbaltimore.

Facilitators, instructors, and hosts **must register but do not have to pay for courses they facilitate or host**.

Nota bene: Any member who brings in two new members will be awarded a free *Live & Learn* course. New members may take one course free in addition to the ones for which they have paid. The free course fee must be the same or less than the highest-cost course for which they have paid.

Please attend all meetings of courses for which you sign up. **Also, please let the course facilitator know if you cannot attend.** Because of space constraints and the preparation that goes into each course, we owe our facilitators and hosts this courtesy.

If fewer than five—or fewer than the minimum number of participants needed for a course—enroll, the course may be canceled at the discretion of the facilitator. Registrants will be notified and may either select another course or arrange for a refund.

A member not registered for a course may attend one session only by paying \$5, or the full fee for a one-session course. **Non-members** may attend one session of a course at no charge. They may then take the full course, provided they first become members by paying dues, plus the cost of the course minus the cost of the free session. However, in the case of a one-session course, \$5 must be paid.

In the courses designated A, B, C, and D, members wishing to attend fewer than all sessions of a course may register and pay for only those sessions.

To attend a course for which you are not registered, you must notify the facilitator in advance to be sure that space is available.

Coming Attractions!

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:30 AM

Opening Luncheon Meeting with Guest Speaker David M. Weinstein, Ph.D., Senior program officer, Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities; Historian and Author of *The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in Performance and Politics* (2017)
This absorbing biography chronicles the life and work of one of the most important entertainers of the twentieth century. Eddie Cantor (1892-1964) starred in theatre, film, radio, and television. Paying equal attention to Cantor's humor and politics, Weinstein documents his significance as a performer, philanthropist, and activist.

Thursday, November 21, 2019 1 PM • **General Meeting: Guest Speaker Lt. Colonel Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret.), Ph.D.**, a thirty-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, has spent half his career in Europe. Retired from the Air Force in 1985, he joined the CIA, serving until 2002. Currently a docent/historian at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington DC, he lectures on American Jews' participation in the U.S. military since pre-Colonial times.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 1 PM • **Brandeis Community**

Book Discussion: *Swing*, by Zadie Smith

Two brown girls dream of being dancers—but only one, Tracey, has talent. The other has ideas: about rhythm and time, about black bodies and black music, what constitutes a tribe, or makes a person truly free. It's a close but complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties, never revisited but never quite forgotten. Tracey makes it to the chorus line but struggles with adult life, while her friend leaves the old neighborhood, travels the world as an assistant to a famous singer, Aimée, and observes how the rich live. When Aimée develops grand philanthropic ambitions, the story moves from London to West Africa, where diaspora tourists travel back to find their roots, young men risk their lives to escape into a different future, the women dance just like Tracey, and the origins of profound inequality are not a matter of distant history, but a present dance to the music of time. *Swing* is a *New York Times* bestseller, finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize

The Courses

1. **Amazing Jewish Writers** Minimum 8 Fee \$15

1:30 PM Thursdays February 6, March 5, April 30, 2020

Home of Devorah Brooks, 509 Old Crossing Drive, 21208

Exploring rarely remembered gems in book and film. We're back to explore more of the best of 19th–21st century Jewish authors through selected works as well as remarkable films. We'll be including women's literary contributions, Nobel Prize winners—I. B. Singer, S. Y. Agnon, Eli Weisel, and more. Participants are encouraged to add their own notable picks.

Facilitators: Devorah Brooks, 484-4332 • Harriet Miller, 443-352-3004

2. **Artist Studio Visits** 1:30 PM Limit 18 \$10 per session

2A • September 16 • David Friedheim, Sculptor, 5830 Flannery Lane, Baltimore 21207 • A New York native and alumnus of MICA, David is a metal sculptor. The son of a painter and classical musician, he is married to a ceramic artist, Trisha Kyner, whose work we may also see on our visit.

2B • November 18 • Beth Schwartz, 74 River Oaks Circle, 21208
A mixed-media artist and former physician, Beth began to create jewelry with polymer clay. She also paints, does assemblage, and creates unique art.

2C • March 24, 2020 • Bower Box Press, 2513 Monkton Road, Monkton 21111, houses seven restored letterpress presses and metal and wood type. This rural setting inspires landscape prints and wood engravings. Val specializes in custom letterpress printing and bookbinding. We will each learn to print a keepsake to take home.

2D • April 28 • Smadar Livne, 11421 Cronhill Drive, Suite H, Owings Mills 21117, is an award-winning artist educated in Haifa, Israel. Each of her paintings, in mixed media and acrylic on canvas, blend photography and imagination. She displays her work worldwide. • Her work is on view at www.SmadarLivne.com

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 308-0827 • Ellen Schwartz, 486-6753

3. The Art of Stamps 3 Mondays 1:30 PM Limit 12 Fee \$15
October 7, December 9, 2019; April 27, 2020

Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive, 21209

A gathering for all those interested in stamps, those miniature art-works portraying famous persons, historical events, scientific advances, movies, animals, birds, sports, and more. In this course we will share our experiences with this popular hobby, show our collections if we have them, and hear from a professional philatelist. Everyone is welcome.

Facilitators: Barry Hond, 653-3587 • Merle Ann Siegelman, 664-8855

4. Beading: String Us Along 10 AM Limit 8 Fee \$20 + materials
4 Mondays • September 9, October 28, November 11,

December 16 • Home of Sheila Maleson, 18 Tudor Court, Timonium 21093 • Former art teacher Sheila Maleson will guide you in beginner jewelry making as you create necklaces and bracelets using nylon cord, beading wire, crimps, and jump rings. This is a wonderful opportunity to be inspired and creative.

Facilitator: Sheila Maleson, 252-6598

5. Books You Will Enjoy 4 Wednesdays 1:30 PM Fee \$20

Home of Eva Silversmith, 2607 Taney Road, Baltimore 21209. Join us to read old favorites and enjoy new books. This course will provide you with a good look at really great literature.

September 18 • *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, by Heather Morris

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

November 20 • *The Girl from Berlin* by Ronald H. Balson
Girl from Berlin illustrates how crimes buried in the past can reverberate across future generations.

March 25, 2020 • *The Room on Rue Amélie* by Kristin Harmel
A moving, entrancing novel set in Paris during World War II

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about an American woman, a dashing pilot, and a young Jewish girl whose fates unexpectedly entwine.

June 3 • *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter • Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive and to reunite.

Facilitators: Barbara Levenson, 484-8566 • Eva Silversmith, 358-0619

6. *Chesed and Conversation 4 Wednesdays 10:30 AM Free to register, \$10 materials fee per session**

Home of Diane Burkom, 7213 Denberg Road, 21209

**Chesed* means kindness. Join us for conversation and community involvement projects for the Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)! Meet with us to assemble kits, discuss how we can influence our community, and learn about each other.

6A • September 25 • Assemble Soup Kits: We will assemble dry ingredients into plastic pouches, attach a recipe label, and design and attach a personal note. Soup Kits will be donated to various organizations throughout the city that help those in need.

JVC's main recipient is Living Classrooms. Founded in Baltimore in 1985, Living Classrooms Foundation is a nonprofit that disrupts the cycle of poverty to make our community safer, stronger, and healthier by meeting individuals wherever they are and building life skills. The group inspires children, youth, and adults to achieve their potential through hands-on education, workforce development, health and wellness, and violence prevention programming.

6B • October 30 • Prepare Pasta & Cheese Casseroles: Help boil noodles, measure cheese and pasta sauce, and layer ingredients into casseroles that we can bake and then freeze. Last year JVC collected close to 400 casseroles and they are hoping to make an even bigger impact this year. Recipients include a variety of local organizations that support those in need, including Living Classrooms and Sarah's Hope. Located at the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Family Center on Mount Street, Sarah's Hope is a comprehensive 130-bed shelter serving homeless families in Baltimore City. Services include meals, youth activities and tutoring, adult education classes, case management, housing placement and referrals.

6C • March 25, 2020 • Assemble Hygiene Kits: We will fill plastic bags with small personal toiletry items to support individuals experiencing homelessness. These kits will be donated either to Baltimore Station, a 136-bed facility providing homeless men, mostly veterans, with an opportunity to turn their lives around; or Esperanza Center, a comprehensive immigrant resource center that offers hope and essential services to people new to the United States.

6D • April 29, 2020 – Make Sugar Scrubs: Preparing for Mother’s Day, we will combine sugars, oils and fragrance into sugar scrubs to treat and support women in our community. Sugar scrubs are used as a bath/shower item that nourishes the skin, intended to support women in crisis to care for themselves. Local women’s organizations like CHANA, a Jewish community program that serves women, men, children, and elders who experience physical, psychological, sexual, or financial abuse; and DRU/Mondawmin Healthy Families, Baltimore City’s first evidence-based, in-home visiting agency for families with pregnant women and children under the age of five.

Facilitators: Diane Burkom, 486-4972 • Leslie Sandler, 433-6366

**7. Company Tours: “Made in Baltimore” Limit 18 Fee \$10
per session + applicable fee where required**

7A • Wednesday, October 23, 1:30 PM 2019 • Zeke’s Coffee Company • 3003 Montebello Terrace, Baltimore 21214 • Our one-hour tour will begin promptly at **1:30 PM**. We will learn the history of coffee, and how beans, sourced from other countries are cultivated, roasted and packaged.

Optional Lunch: at 11:30 at nearby Zeke’s Café, 4719 Harford Road

7B • Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:30 PM • System Source, Computer Museum, 338 Club House Road, Hunt Valley 21030 • One of the best collections of historical computer gadgets and technology in the world; i.e. abacuses, slide rules, adding machines, early video games, and a linotype machine from the mid-1950s. This hands-on, interactive collection includes pre-industrial computation tools, the punch card era including a 1957 software library of plug boards; first

generation PCs Altair and IMSAI; second generation Apple, IBM, and Compaq PCs; and exhibits of the history of memory, storage.

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 308-0827 • Hara Eckstein, 453-6608

8. 'Deis Flicks 4 Thursdays 1:30 PM Limit 50 Fee \$20

Hadassah Meeting Room, 3723 Old Court Road, #205

Join us as we watch films from the Brandeis Film Library, this year focusing on Jews in different parts of the world. These films are an hour long, so plan to stay to discuss what we have learned about different varieties of Jewish culture.

Special for New Members (if you paid your dues for the first time in 2019) Join us for the first film for free. We will be watching a comedy short along with the featured film. No need to register-- come meet our membership chairs and enjoy our Chapter members' company! If you wish to see the remaining films, register for the course and pay just \$15.

September 5: *Advice and Dissent* • *The Bene Israel: A Family Portrait* • We will first show a short comedy, a repeat from last year brought back by popular demand! After five years in a loveless marriage, Jeffrey Goldman (John Pankow) and his wife, Ellen (Rebecca Pidgeon), have reached a crossroads. She would like to salvage their relationship by having a child, and he would like to end it with a clean divorce. When she refuses, Jeffrey must resort to other means. Come and see Eli Wallach as their Rabbi. The next film explores the Jews in India. An intimate family portrait and a fascinating ethnographic study of the Bene Israel, one of three groups of Jews living in India today, the film documents one family's religious and cultural traditions representing this unique brand of Judaism. Through stories, songs, family prayer and community ritual, the film introduces the viewer to three generations of Indian Jews

October 24: *Of Stars and Shamrocks: Boston's Jews and Irish*
A provocative documentary chronicles the relationship between Boston's Jewish and Irish immigrants as both groups fought for a foothold in the New World.

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March 26, 2020: *Shalom Ya'Il* • Traveling in a vintage Cadillac, filmmaker Brian Bain, a third-generation Jew from New Orleans, sets out on a 4,200-mile road trip through the Jewish American South.

June 11: *Tijuana Jews* • Throughout the 20th Century, thousands of European Jews sailed to Mexico looking for opportunity. This documentary explores the blending of Jewish and Mexican cultures and customs in an unlikely place.

Facilitators: Diane Burkom, 486-4972 • Toby Felcher, 207-6737

9. Dig Up Your Family Roots 10 AM Limit 6 Fee \$5
Friday, September 20 • Home of Susan Ansel, 13 Indian Pony Court, Owings Mills, 21117

Genealogy is a rewarding hobby as well as a gift to you and your descendants. Susan Ansel, a skilled genealogical researcher, will discuss how you can discover your family history from multiple resources. She will work with participants to develop individual narratives through computer searches.

10. Dining 'Round the World 4 Thursdays 1 PM \$5 per session + cost of lunch

There are many restaurants with foods from other cultures in the Northwest area. Please join us for excellent food and enjoyable conversation.

10A • September 12 • Silk Road (Uzbek), 1004 Reisterstown Road

10B • November 14 • Brendali (Italian), 1010 Reisterstown Road

10C • May 7, 2020 • Wing Wah (Chinese) 509 Reisterstown Road

10D • June 4 • Crystal Thai • 9191 Reisterstown Road, Valley Village Shopping Center Lower Level, 21117

Facilitators: Irene Palter, 252-0246 • Rosalind Pearlman, 602-3454



11. Discussing Jewish Diversity: Women's Issues 1:30 PM Fee \$20
Wednesdays November 6; January 8, March 11, May 13, 2020
Minimum 10 Home of Devorah Brooks, 509 Old Crossing Drive

Whether *frum*, reform, or anywhere in-between, this discussion group centering on women's issues may be right up your alley. In the second part of our series, we will discover what Judaism actually says about women's roles in marriage and community, defining who's "religious," grandparenting/-friending roles, and how our various streams within Judaism deal with these topics. Take your pick on more possible social issues to discuss such as sexual diversity, racial diversity, drugs and alcohol, mental illness, and reproduction/abortion.

Facilitator: Devorah Brooks, 484-4332

12. Learning from the Masters 4 Fridays 1:30 PM Limit 10 Fee \$20
September 13, November 8, 2019; February 28, April 17, 2020

Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywood Court, Timonium 21093
Acknowledging the adage "Good artists copy; great artists steal," this class will study four artists from four eras, learning about compositional elements, color choices, and distinguishing marks of the work of each one. Then we will either copy or steal.

Facilitator: Norma Axel, 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt, 561-5516

13. Let's Knit and Stitch 6 Wednesdays 1:30 PM Limit 18 Fee \$25

September 11 • First Location: home of Ellen Schwartz, 2211 Ox-eye Road, 21209 • **October 16, November 13, 2019; January 15, March 18, May 6, 2020 •** Locations to be announced

Gather in one another's homes to knit, crochet, needlepoint, or work on any projects you choose and improve your skills! All skill levels are welcome.

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 308-0827 – Ellen Schwartz, 486-6753

14. Let's Walk 4 Thursdays 9:30 AM No Limit Fee \$20
Walk with us for fitness, fun, and comraderie.

September 26 • Meadowood Regional Park, 10650 Falls Rd,
Lutherville-Timonium 21093

November 14, 2019 • NCR Trail, Entry on Papermill Road,
Cockeysville 21030

April 23 • Meadowood Regional Park

May 7, 2020 • Meadowood Regional Park

Facilitator: Rona Greene, 252-2118

15. Lunchtime Dine-A-Round 4 Wednesdays Noon \$5 per session
15A • September 25 • Gertrude's + cost of lunch

the BMA, 10 Art Museum Drive, 21218

15B • October 30 • Wicked Sisters, 3845 Falls Road, 21211

15C • April 29, 2020 – White Oak Tavern,
10030 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, 21042

15D • May 27 • Fazzini's, 9811 York Road, Cockeysville, 21030

Facilitators: Loretta Engel, 358-0534 - Rena Shenk, 443-352-3901

16. Make Up: Aging in Style TBA Limit 18 1 PM Fee \$10

Tuesday, November 4 • The office of Dr. Ira Papel, Suite 370, 1838
Greene Tree Road, 21208 • A representative of Jane Iredale Mineral
Makeup—skincare and makeup for nourished, naturally radiant
skin—will assist each participant to develop a plan for optimizing
makeup for her complexion.

Facilitator: Eris Chorney, 526-0114 • Mary Freburger, 252-4978

17. Movies We Love 4 Wednesdays 1:30 PM Limit 20 Fee \$20

Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive, 21209

If you love fine films, woman-centered, comedy, romance, drama,
this course is for you! Even if you've seen these gems before,
they're well worth seeing again.

October 2: *Leap Year* • After four years of going with her boyfriend
and no engagement ring in sight, Ann (Amy Adams) decides to
wait no longer. Inspired by an Irish tradition permitting women to

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propose to men on Leap Day, she follows her guy to Dublin. After landing in the wrong place, she enlists the help of a carefree local (Matthew Goode of *Downton Abbey*) to guide her across Ireland. Along the way they discover an unexpected road, to love.

December 4, 2019: *All About Eve* • This 1950 movie, about an obsessed fan who oh-so-gradually muscles in and steals the life of her favorite Broadway star, may be seen as a radical feminist film. The critics said, “It thrills us because it makes us, as women, feel seen in all our grit and glory. It is complicated, confusing, spiteful, fiercely intelligent and, at the end of it all, entirely real.” Listen for Betty Davis’ classic, “Fasten your seatbelts; it’s going to be a bumpy night!” and watch for the screen debut of Marilyn Monroe. This has to be one of the best movies of all time.

March 4, 2020: *The Mirror Has Two Faces* • Directed by Barbra Streisand, this drama portrays Jeff Bridges as a stuffy professor who doesn’t believe in romantic love. Barbra plays another professor who does. The two meet, date, and she agrees to marry him on his terms. After mishaps and miscommunications, they finally acknowledge their real love for each other, Barbra’s character having adored Jeff’s from the start. The theme and the acting by Streisand, Bridges and Lauren Bacall, as Barbra’s mother, are outstanding. Listen for Pavarotti singing Puccini’s “Nessun Dorma” from *Norma*.

May 20: *The Turning Point* • Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft play former ballet-school classmates; the first had a baby girl and reared her while the other became a famous *prima ballerina*. See what happens when the grown-up daughter, now a lovely ballerina, meets the *primier danseur* (Mikhail Baryshnikov) and sparks fly. But a different sort of sparks fly when the stage moms connect! Classical ballet music as well makes this one not to be missed.

Facilitators: Brenda Cohen, 581-2229 • Merle Ann Siegelman, 664-8855



18. Non-Fiction Discussion Group 4 Thursdays 1 PM Fee \$20

Home of Deane Sevel, 3305 Janelen Drive, 21208

Enjoy reading, reviewing, and discussing non-fiction books on a wide variety of topics.

September 26 • *Madam Fourcade's Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Largest Spy Network Against Hitler*, by Lynn Olson • A *New York Times* bestseller, this tells the little-known true story of Marie-Madeleine Fourcade during World War II.

December 5 • *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien • "Exhilarating, vibrant, O'Brien's prose reverberates with fiery crashes, then stings with the tragedy of lives lost in the cockpit and sometimes, equally heart-breaking, on the ground."—*New York Times Book Review*

April 2, 2020 • *John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court* by Richard Brookhiser • The fascinating biography of the Founding Father and America's premier chief justice.

June 18 • *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk* by Amy S. Greenberg • The little-known story of remarkable First Lady Sarah Polk, a brilliant master of the art of high politics and a crucial but unrecognized figure in the history of American feminism.

Facilitator: Deane Sevel, 484-0643

**19. Open Studio: Polymer Clay 4 Mondays 1:30 PM Limit 10 Fee \$20
Mondays March 16, 23, 30; April 20**

Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywood Court, Timonium 21093
So many enjoyed working with this fascinating material that another course simply became necessary. For those yet unacquainted with Fimo®, Sculpy®, or Premo®, no previous experience is necessary. Just come and enjoy.

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt, 561-5516

**20. Rummikub!® 8 Fridays 1:30 PM Limit 14 Fee \$25
September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27, 2019;
January 24, March 27, April 24, May 22, 2020**

First Location: Home of Brenda Cohen, 4750 Coyle Road #403, Owings Mills, 21117 • Spend a relaxing afternoon meeting new

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people and having fun playing Rummikub®. The course is for anyone from beginners to experts—if you don't know how to play, we'll be happy to teach you.

Facilitators: Brenda Cohen, 581-2229 • Annette Polonsky, 484-6682

21. Scarves: How to Tie One On 1:30 PM Limit 16 Fee \$5
Monday, May 4 • Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive, 21209 • You may already have several ways to tie your scarves. Let “scarf-maven” Merle Ann Siegelman demonstrate some new ways for you to try! Please bring 2 scarves—any size or shape you like—others will be provided as well. Everyone is welcome to come for an afternoon of fashion and fun!

Facilitator: Merle Ann Siegelman, 664-8855

22. Scrabble® & Babble 7 Tuesdays 11:15 AM Limit 18 Fee \$25
September 10, November 5, December 3, 2019;
January 7, February 4, March 3, May 5, 2020 • Home of Carol Oppenheim, 326 Belltown Road, Owings Mills 21117 • Enjoy this beloved game while lunching with like-minded friends. Bring a lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Facilitator: Ruth Casper, 443-394-1449 • Carol Oppenheim, 363-2482

23. Sue at the Piano Friday 11 AM Limit 10 Fee \$10
December 6 • Home of Sue Needle, 1321 Harden Lane, 21208 • Join Sue while she entertains us with her exemplary piano playing. Selections will be drawn from Ragtime, sing-along Broadway show tunes, and old favorites.

Facilitator: Hara Eckstein, 453-6608

24. Towson University Rare Book Collection
Tuesday, October 29 10:30 AM Limit 35 Fee \$10
The Baltimore Hebrew Institute Special Collections in the Albert S. Cook Library is a rich resource for information about Jewish history, culture, and tradition. Its contents reflect the applied knowledge of Judaism within the context of world civilization; and its scope spans the entire breadth of world history. The collection includes rare books dating from the 15th-20th centuries, some decorated with colorful and detailed illustrations; artifacts, WWII-era Jewish

Cultural Reconstruction books, Holocaust survivor testimonies, and *Yizkor* (memorial) books from across Europe, as well as Baltimore Hebrew University records.

Facilitator: Rona Greene, 252-2118

25. Trips, Trips, Trips! \$10 per session + cost of lunch

Join us for new and exciting trips in and around Baltimore. Lunch with friends and visit historical sites and museums.

26A • Thursday, November 7, 2019 • 11 AM • Tour of MICA, Maryland Institute College of Art, 1400 Cathedral Street 21201; lunch at City Café afterward.

26B • Friday, March 6, 2020 • 11 AM • Maryland State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis 21401 • Observe the Maryland State Legislature in action.

26C • Tuesday, May 12 Lancaster, PA • We will depart at 8:30 AM for Lancaster, Pennsylvania; first stop, the historic Central Market downtown. Bring your shopping bags; you will want to take home some of the outstanding produce, prepared and specialty foods, and craft items. The facilitators will bring ice and coolers. The aisles are somewhat narrow and crowded but will accommodate the use of canes and small walkers.

After enjoying lunch, we will drive a short distance to Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, for a docent-led tour of this gracious historic residence. We will leave for Baltimore at around 3:30 PM. The drive takes about an hour and a half each way. This tour involves a fair amount of walking.

26D • Tuesday, June 2 • Hackerman House, Walters Art Museum
The home formerly known as Hackerman House, reopened in 2018 following a four-year, \$10.4 million renovation. Visitors can wander from room to room in pursuit of their wildest housing fantasies. So spectacular is this 1850 house that it may take guests time to notice that it also contains paintings and sculptures. Lunch at Tio Pepe's.

Facilitators: Leslie Sandler, 433-6366 • Suzanne Strutt, 561-5516

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26. Women in the Bible I PM

Fee \$10

Tuesday, September 17 • Heather Ridge Club House

Sandy Winters has taught Hebrew, Bible and adult education classes in the Baltimore area for many years. Please join her for a discussion of the book of Esther using traditional and modern feminist commentaries.

Facilitator: Irene Palter, 252-0246

All funds raised support the Sustaining the Mind Campaign.

Special Events

★ High Tea at the Granite Rose Tea Parlour

Thursday, October 3

Limit 30 Fee: \$33

10813 Davis Avenue,
Granite, Maryland 21163



Tea at 11:30 AM will include scones, savory sandwiches, dessert, and tea. The Granite Rose Tea Parlour is a family-run business located in the lovely historic rural community of Granite in the southwestern part of Baltimore County. The unique setting offers a charming experience in a Victorian milieu on the first floor of an 1890s historically significant home. It is handicap-accessible.

Directions: Follow Old Court west 4.9 miles past Northwest Hospital to Granite, Maryland. Turn left at Davis Avenue; the Parlour is on the right next to the church.

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 308-0827 • Brenda Cohen, 581-2229

★ **Tour of the
Evergreen Museum
and Library**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Limit 40 Fee: \$30

includes lunch at the Museum

4545 N. Charles Street,
Baltimore, 21210



Join us for a docent-led tour of Evergreen Museum and Library housed in a former Gilded Age mansion. Surrounded by Italian-style gardens, the Museum is at once an intimate collection of fine and decorative arts, rare books, and manuscripts assembled by two generations of the philanthropic Garrett family of Baltimore, and a vibrant, inspirational venue for contemporary artists.

In the mid-19th Century, when railroads were king, the Garretts ruled the rails. Evergreen, their home from 1878 until 1942, set on 26 landscaped acres in Baltimore County, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Gourmet box lunches will be served on white table cloths in the East Room of the Museum.

Facilitators:

Ilene Merenbloom, 486-6822 • Leslie Sandler, 433-6366



★ Tour of Ladew Topiary Gardens

Wednesday, April 22 • 10:45 AM

Limit 40 Fee \$35

3535 Jarrettsville Pike,
Monkton, 21111

Known around the world for its topiary and flower gardens, Ladew Topiary Gardens is one of the top five gardens in North America. They were established in the 1930s by socialite and huntsman Harvey S. Ladew (1887-1976), who in 1929 bought a 250-acre farm to build his estate. A self-taught gardener, Ladew created 15 thematic garden rooms on 22 acres of his Maryland property. Visitors frequently comment how Mr. Ladew's vibrant personality and vision is reflected in the unique design of this garden. After the tour, we will enjoy lunch.

Facilitators: Susan Berman, 653-3886 • Ilene Merenbloom, 486-6822



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1. **Only life or paid-up annual members may register.**
2. **Please register by Friday, August 23**, or as soon as possible, to insure availability of the courses you choose. Courses *may be canceled* if enrollment is insufficient.
3. Members may attend one session of a course for which they are not registered for \$5, or the full fee for a one-session course. Non-members may attend one session of a course at no cost for a single meeting **with advance approval of the course facilitator**.
4. Fees for materials or books and some admission fees are paid directly to the facilitator at the first session of the course.
5. Send the registration form with your **check payable to “Brandeis University-BNC” with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Registrar: Irene Palter**, 12320 Rosslare Ridge Road #202, Timonium 21093
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Anyone who does not want to receive the Live and Learn booklet or other mailings from BNC, please notify **Judi Cataldo**, Mailing Coordinator, 410-602-1132, or judicat@verizon.net.

Live & Learn Registration Form 2019-2020

Name _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

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- 1. Amazing Jewish Writers \$15
- 2. Artist Studio Visits \$10 per session
 2A 2B 2C 2D Total: _____
- 3. The Art of Stamps \$15
- 4. Beading: String Us Along \$20
- 5. Books You Will Enjoy \$20
- 6. *Chesed* and Conversation Free
 6A 6B 6C 6D Total: _____
- 7. Company Tours \$10 per session + fees
 7A 7B Total: _____
- 8. 'Deis Flicks \$20
- 9. Dig Up Your Family Roots \$5
- 10. Dining 'Round the World \$5 per session + lunch
 10A 10B 10C 10D Total: _____
- 11. Discussing Jewish Diversity. \$20
- 12. Learning from the Masters \$20
- 13. Let's Knit and Stitch \$25
- 14. Let's Walk. \$20
- 15. Lunchtime Dine-A-Round. \$5 per session + lunch
 15A 15B 15C 15D Total: _____
- 16. Make Up: Aging in Style. \$10
- 17. Movies We Love. \$20
- 18. Non-Fiction Discussion Group \$20
- 19. Open Studio: Polymer Clay \$20
- 20. Rummikub!® \$25
- 21. Scarves: How to Tie One On \$5
- 22. Scrabble & Babble \$25
- 23. Sue at the Piano \$10
- 24. Towson U. Rare Book Collection \$10
- 25. Trips, Trips, Trips \$10 per session + lunch
 25A 25B 25C 25D Total: _____
- 26. Women in the Bible \$10
- Granite Rose Tea Parlour \$33
- Evergreen Museum and Library \$30
- Tour: Ladew Topiary Gardens \$35

No. of paid courses: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Since September 1, 2018, I have brought in 2 new members: _____

I'm a new member!

Free course: _____

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