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## Closing Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Police Chief Melissa Hyatt, May 14

Our closing luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 11:30 at the Suburban Country Club. We are fortunate to have Baltimore County Police Chief Melissa Hyatt as our guest speaker. Her presentation will cover short- and long-term goals as Chief of Police, what is being done about antisemitism in Baltimore County, including safety in schools and places of worship, as well as other topics of interest to Baltimore County residents. Watch for your invitation in the mail.



## *The Jewish Journey: America to be shown at April 23 Board Meeting*

Our board meeting on April 23 will take place at noon at the Hadassah office on Old Court Road. After the meeting we will show the documentary film, *The Jewish Journey: America*, narrated by Emmy Award®-winning journalist Martha Teichner. The film explores what it meant to be part of a tight-knit Jewish community and make the heartbreaking choice to leave family behind, whether for economic opportunity or to escape persecution. Incredible archival photographs and footage bring to life the personal stories of first to fourth generation Americans who took a leap of faith and made it to America however they could. Interviews with top scholars in Jewish history, notable Jewish-American writers, and many immigrants themselves detail the varied stories of migration through the last five centuries with a rarely-explored look at the actual journeys to get here. Many of our current and past Brandeis members lived through the war years, some in Europe and some here in America. Following the movie, some of them will share their stories with us and we will compare their various experiences.

## President's Column

We are fortunate that our BNC chapter is located in Maryland as this allows us to be part of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. This group is the last active federation in the country and uses its combined power to advocate for issues that are important to us as caring, concerned, Jewish adults. Please join us on Thursday, May 21, 2020 for the 104th annual Federation Convention, being held this year at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation with the theme of "Welcoming the Stranger". We will be honoring Norma Axel at this time since Norma is constantly thinking about our organization and looking for ways to welcome new members while making our current members feel welcome in the larger Baltimore community. This theme is especially appropriate for our chapter as we have a well-deserved reputation for being an open and friendly chapter, welcoming to all. To keep this up we need all members, especially those newer to our group, to suggest ideas for next year's classes and programs and to volunteer for leadership positions either on the board or helping to facilitate a class, or both! Please speak to any current board member to learn how you can help to keep this chapter vibrant and relevant to all.

## BNC Activity Calendar Meeting Schedule

**Board meetings: 1:00 pm** - Hadassah Office, 3723 Old Court Road, #205, - March 19

**Board meetings with program: Noon** - Hadassah Office - April 23

**Closing luncheon:** May 14, 2020 - See article on page 1

**Please note:** All phone numbers are in Area Code 410 unless stated otherwise. Check *Live & Learn* sessions' dates and times on BNC's website, [blogs.brandeis.edu/bncbaltimore](https://blogs.brandeis.edu/bncbaltimore). Updates will also be shown in subsequent *Bulletins*. For information listed TBA, check the website or call the course facilitator. Courses that have been canceled due to low registration: **Discussing Jewish Diversity, Books You Will Enjoy, and The Art of Stamps.**

**Facilitators:** Please contact your participants a week ahead of your meeting.

All proceeds raised by the Baltimore Chapter of Brandeis National Committee support the Honoring Our History: Transforming Unique Collections Highlighting Social Justice campaign.

## Inclement Weather Policy

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.

## **\*It's Not Too Late!**

Registration is still open for several spring tours, trips, and courses. Events with openings are preceded with an asterisk (\*) in the **BNC Activity Calendar** below. Sign up by sending a check to cover the registration fee with a note to Irene Palter, Brandeis Registrar, 12320 Rosslare Ridge Rd, Timonium, MD 21093. Phone 252-0245 - Email: robert.palter@verizon.net

## **March**

- March 3, 11:15 am, Scrabble and Babble**, Home of Carol Oppenheim, 326 Belltown Road, Owings Mills 21117 - Ruth Casper 443-394-1449 • Carol Oppenheim 363-2482
- March 4, 1:30 pm, Movies We Love**, Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive 21209 - *The Mirror Has Two Faces* - Brenda Cohen 581-2229 • Merle Ann Siegelman 664-8855
- March 5, 11:30 am, Amazing Jewish Writers**, Home of Devorah Brooks, 509 Old Crossing Drive 21208 - Devorah Brooks 484-4332
- March 6, 11:00 am, Trips, Trips, Trips! Maryland State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, 21401** - Suzanne Strutt 561-5516 • Leslie Sandler 433-6366
- March 16, 1:30 am, Open Studio: Polymer Clay**, Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywod Court, Timonium 21093 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt 561-5516
- March 18, 1:30 pm, Let's Knit and Stitch**, Home of Carol Oppenheim, 326 Belltown Road, Owings Mills 21117 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Ellen Schwartz 486-6753
- March 19, 1:30 pm, Board meeting**, Hadassah Meeting Room
- March 23, 1:30 am, Open Studio: Polymer Clay**, Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywod Court, Timonium 21093 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt 561-5516
- \*March 24, 1:30 pm, Artist Studio Visits, Bower Box Press, \$10**, 2513 Monkton Road, Monkton 21111 -Norma Axel 308-0827 • Ellen Schwartz 486-6753
- March 25, 10:30 am, Chesed (Kindness) & Conversation, Assemble Hygiene Kits**, Home of Diane Burkom, 7213 Denberg Road, 21209 - Diane Burkom 486-4972 • Leslie Sandler 433-6366
- March 26, 1:30 pm, 'Deis Flicks**, Hadassah Meeting Room, 3723 Old Court Road, #205 - *Shalom Y'All* - Diane Burkom 486-4972 • Toby Felcher 207-6737
- March 27, 1:30 pm, Rummikub!**, Home of Brenda Cohen, 4750 Coyle Road #403, Owings Mills 21117 - Brenda Cohen 581-2229 • Annette Polonsky 484-6682
- March 30, 1:30 am, Open Studio: Polymer Clay**, Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywod Court, Timonium 21093 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt 561-5516
- \*March 31, Tour of Evergreen Museum and Library** - See article on page 6

## April

- \***April 2, 1:00 pm, Non-Fiction Discussion Group, \$5,** Home of Deane Sevel, 3305 Janellen Drive 21208 - *John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court*, by Richard Brookhiser - Deane Sevel 484-0643
- April 17, 1:30 pm, Learning from the Masters,** Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywood Court, Timonium 21093 - Suzanne Strutt 561-5516
- April 20, 1:30 am, Open Studio: Polymer Clay,** Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywod Court, Timonium 21093 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Suzanne Strutt 561-5516
- \***April 21, 1:30 pm, Company Tours "Made in Baltimore", System Source Computer Museum, \$10,** 338 Club House Road, Hunt Valley 21030 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Hara Eckstein 453-6608
- \***April 22, Tour of Ladew Topiary Gardens** - See article on page 6
- \***April 23, 9:30 am, Let's Walk, Meadowood Regional Park, \$5,** - Rona Greene 252-2118
- April 23, Noon, Board meeting with speaker at 1:00 pm** - See article on page 1
- April 24, 1:30 pm, Rummikub!,** Home of Annette Polonsky, 11 Slade Avenue #112 21208 - Brenda Cohen 581-2229 • Annette Polonsky 484-6682
- April 28, 1:30 pm, Artist Studio Visits, Smadar Livne,** 11421 Cronhill Drive, Suite H Owings Mills 21117 -Norma Axel 308-0827 • Ellen Schwartz 486-6753
- April 29, 10:30 am, Chesed (Kindness) & Conversation, Make Sugar Scrubs,** Home of Diane Burkom, 7213 Denberg Road, 21209 - Diane Burkom 486-4972 • Leslie Sandler 433-6366
- April 29, Noon, Lunchtime Dine-a-Round, White Oak Tavern** 10030 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City 21042 - Loretta Engel 358-0534 • Rena Shenk 443-352-3901

## May

- \***May 4, 1:30 pm, Scarves: How to Tie One On, \$5,** Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive 21209 - Merle Ann Siegelman 664-8855
- May 5, 11:15 am, Scrabble and Babble,** Home of Ruth Casper, 9809 Middle Mill Road, Owings Mills 21117 - Ruth Casper 443-394-1449 • Carol Oppenheim 363-2482
- May 6, 12:30 pm, Let's Knit and Stitch,** Home of Carol Cummins, 12 Halcyon Court 21208 - Norma Axel 308-0827 • Ellen Schwartz 486-6753
- May 6, 4:30-7:30 pm, Fundraiser at Miller's Deli,** 2849 Smith Avenue 21209  
Kathy Fishbein 484-0471 • Rena Shenk 443-352-3901 • Bev Silberman 833-8830

- \***May 7, 9:30 am, Let's Walk, Meadowood Regional Park, \$5, - Rona Greene, 252-2118**
- \***May 7, 11:30 am, Amazing Jewish Writers, \$5, Home of Devorah Brooks, 509 Old Crossing Drive 21208 - Devorah Brooks 484-4332**
- \***May 7, 1:00 pm, Dining 'Round the World, Wing Wah (Chinese) \$5, plus cost of lunch, 509 Reisterstown Road, 21208 - Irene Palter, 252-0246 • Rosalind Pearlman, 602-3454**
- \***May 11, 10:30 am, Tour of the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum - See article on pages 6-7**
- \***May 12, Depart 8:30 am, Trips, Trips, Trips! Lancaster, PA, \$10 plus cost of lunch, Meet in front of Walgreen's at Quarry Lake - Suzanne Strutt 561-5516 • Leslie Sandler 433-6366**
- May 14, Closing Meeting and Luncheon See article on page 1**
- May 20, 1:30 pm, Movies We Love, Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive 21209 - *The Turning Point* - Brenda Cohen 581-2229 • Merle Ann Siegelman 664-8855**
- May 21, 9:30 am, Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland Annual Convention, See President's column on page 2**
- May 22, 1:30 pm, Rummikub!, Home of Brenda Cohen, 4750 Coyle Road #403, Owings Mills 21117 - Brenda Cohen 581-2229 • Annette Polonsky 484-6682**
- May 27, Noon, Lunchtime Dine-a-Round, Location TBA, Loretta Engel 358-0534 • Rena Shenk 443-352-3901**

## June

- \***June 2, 10:30 am, Trips, Trips, Trips! Hackerman House, Walters Art Museum, \$10 , Lunch at Tio Pepe's - Suzanne Strutt 561-5516 • Leslie Sandler 433-6366**
- June 4, 1:00 pm, Dining 'Round the World, Crystal Thai, \$5 plus cost of lunch, 9191 Reisterstown Road, Valley Village Shopping Center Lower Level - Irene Palter, 252-0246 • Rosalind Pearlman, 602-3454**
- June 11, 1:30 pm, Meis Flicks, Hadassah Meeting Room, 3723 Old Court Road, #205 - *Tijuana Jews* - Diane Burkom 486-4972 • Toby Felcher 207-6737**
- \***June 18, 1:00 pm, Non-Fiction Discussion Group, \$5, Home of Deane Sevel, 3305 Janellen Drive 21208 - *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk*, by Amy S. Greenberg - Deane Sevel 484-0643**

## Membership Update

The BNC membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, with billing starting in May. New members are invited to join anytime during the year. If they pay their first dues in April, May or June, they get those spring months free. Remember that you can pay your annual dues to BNC National by mailing them a check, calling them (781-736-4171) with a credit number, or going

online: go to <https://www.brandeis.edu.bnc/> and click the JOIN/RENEW button, then enter your credit card and personal information. Be sure to select Baltimore as your chapter!

## Special Events

### Tour of the Evergreen Museum and Library

Thursday, March 31, 2020 • 11:00 am Limit 40 Cost: \$30 includes lunch

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, Evergreen Museum and Library is an intimate collection of fine and decorative arts, rare books, and manuscripts assembled by two generations of the philanthropic Garrett family, and a vibrant, inspirational venue for contemporary artists and scholars. In the mid-19th century, when railroads were king, Baltimore's Garrett family ruled the rails. Evergreen, their home from 1878 until 1942, is a superb example of Gilded Age architecture set on 26 landscaped acres in Baltimore and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Facilitators: Ilene Merenbloom 486-6822 • Leslie Sandler 443-6366

### Tour of Ladew Topiary Gardens

Wednesday, April 22 • 10:45 am Limit 40 Cost: \$35 includes lunch

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

### Tour of the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum

Monday, May 11, 2020, 10:30 am Limit 18 Cost: \$10 registration fee and \$7 (cash or check) at the door, 701 Wilson Point Road, Middle River 21220

Join us on the *Wind Wagons to Rockets* (including *Rosie the Riveter*) tour of museum, gallery and flight line. Followed by optional lunch (additional



cost) at **By the Docks**, 3321 Eastern Blvd., 21220. Please register by April 15, 2020. Send registration fee to Irene Palter, 12320 Rosslare Ridge Road, #202, Timonium, MD 21093.

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

## Stamps for the 6 Million

Our Stamps for the Six-Million project has swelled to over 4,000 contributions to date! So many of our members have mailed or brought stamps to Merle Ann Siegelman, who is spearheading this project, which is a gratifying tribute to the dedication of members of our BNC chapter.

Arrangements are being made to take our collection in April to the Mt. Hebron H. S. in Ellicott City and to see their inspiring Stamp Out Intolerance Project, featured in a recent WMAR news story. All members wishing to participate in the presentation trip should let Merle Ann know at maknitknacks@yahoo.com. You will be notified when plans are finalized.

## Good and Welfare

### Condolences to

Linda Reines on the passing of her husband, Herbert George Reines

Sondra Montouri on the passing of her brother, Eddie Dworkin

Donna Belsky on the passing of her brother-in-law, Lester Belsky

Hulane Zolet on the passing of her brother, Fred Paul Rosen

Harriet "Dee" Rash on the passing of her son, Jeffrey David Rash

## Book Fund Donations

### In Gratitude

For all your good wishes for her recovery from surgery by Merle Ann Siegelman

### In Memory of

Fred Paul Rosen, Brother of Hulane Zolet by

Merle Ann Siegelman

Winnie Krimmel by Merle Ann Siegelman

### Speedy Recovery to

Eva Silversmith by Merle Ann Siegelman

Merle Ann Siegelman by Sandy Meizlish

## Roster Updates

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## Editor's Note

Please submit your input for the August issue of the Bulletin no later than July 15. Thanks!

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