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A Word from the President

This is a very different *Bulletin* for a very different time in our lives. The novel corona virus (COVID-19) has changed how we live and until a vaccine is developed and deployed we must change how our Baltimore Chapter of BNC operates.

We cannot hold any in-person activities for the next several months at least. So there can be no Opening Luncheon where we typically give out updated chapter rosters; no Live & Learn classes in members' homes; no trips to unique artists, museums, factories, or restaurants; and no group gatherings to hear speakers or watch movies. Therefore we cannot produce our usual catalogue of courses.

However, in this *Bulletin* you will instead find:

- An addendum page to cut out and add to your 2019-2020 Roster
- A listing of VIRTUAL classes being offered using Zoom from September to November this year

These Fall 2020 classes will be available for FREE to all BNC life members and those annual members whose \$60 dues have been paid to the National office by the course's start date. Details for paying dues can be found on page two. Once your National dues are paid you will also be able to take other Zoom classes that the University, alumni, National BNC office, and the other BNC chapters are making available to all of BNC.

To minimize costs while we have no money coming into our Chapter we will primarily communicate through email this Fall. You also need an email account to receive the Zoom links to our free fall classes and the classes offered nationally. Please check your email at least weekly for messages from BNC National and BNC Baltimore. All the details for our Chapter's organized events will also be posted on our Chapter website (<http://blogs.brandeis.edu/bncbaltimore>) if you prefer to look there.

You do not need a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a camera, or to participate in Zoom classes. All class links will be provided with telephone numbers as well so that you can dial in from any type of phone and just listen to the course.

We know that virtual classes are a poor substitute for our typical events but we hope we have developed some fun ways to spend time with friends and do something different with part of your day. We will continue to monitor the health situation and plan additional programming for later in the year as appropriate.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns or need anything, please contact me at 410/486-4972 or burkom@verizon.net.

—Diane Burkom

Good and Welfare

Speedy recovery to

Charlotte Stein, recovering from Covid-19

Judi Cataldo, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Bea Lozinsky, recovering from hospitalization

Sue Steinman, recovering from Covid-19

Congratulations to

Rosalind Pearlman on the engagement of her granddaughter, Jennifer Pearlman

Condolences to

Brenda Cohen on the loss of her sister, Paula Junker

The family of husband and wife Hal and Sandy Kuperberg, who passed away a few weeks apart

Eileen Sapperstein on the loss of her mother, Belle Amdur

Bunny Pucci on the loss of her partner, Norman Grossman

Hulane Zolet, on the loss of her daughter-in-law's father, Mark Grebow

Mitzvah Cards

From Merle Ann Siegelman to Brenda Cohen in memory of her sister, Paula Junker

From Merle Ann Siegelman to Brenda Cohen in memory of her cousin, Vicki Phyllis Buckner

From Suzanne Strutt to the family of Sandy Kuperberg in her memory

From Pat Hartley in memory of Sandy Kuperberg, a Learned Research Journal.

SAVE THE DATES!

Fall 2020 Board Meetings, over Zoom, will take place on Thursday, September 10, and Thursday, November 12, at 3 PM both days. All are welcome to join! Zoom links will be included in the weekly email listing of courses.

Federation News: As members of BNC you are automatically members of Federation and invited to all meetings. Mark your calendars now. The Federation **Opening Meeting** will be held on October 15 via Zoom. Guest speaker will be our own **Baltimore native Senator Barbara Mikulski** who represented Maryland in the United States Senate for thirty years before retiring in 2017. You won't want to miss her always lively, witty, and wise commentary. More information concerning the Zoom link and time will be available closer to the date.

Reminder: Those who are or would like to be a **Friend of Federation** should send the annual dues of only \$18 to: Ann Fishkin 6501 Trotwood Court Baltimore, MD 21209. Federation appreciates our support.

How To Enjoy the Fall Classes

Membership

National sent out invoices for membership. We encourage you to renew your membership so that you can enjoy the online classes. Currently, BNC National sends out emails containing notices of University-wide virtual events open to all BNC members. There you can take part in any events offered by any Chapter or the National office.

Remember that you can pay your annual dues to BNC National by mailing them a check, calling them (781-736-4171) with a credit card 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!

Live and Learn Programs

The Live & Learn Committee has begun planning events for the fall. The listing of the initial free classes can be found starting on page 4. Please email suggestions to any of the members as soon as possible, describing what courses—suggestions for new ones or old favorites—you would like the Committee to include for classes in 2021.

Using Zoom

Zoom is an application by which one person hosts and everyone else can join in. Zoom meetings can have up to 300 people at one time. A "link" is an email address that usually contains a long series of numbers and letters. It will also contain a Meeting ID and a numerical password. For now, an email will be sent weekly with all the Zoom links for the coming week so any paid member can participate.

❖ The BNC facilitator will host the meeting. The member needs only to "click" on the link in the email, follow the prompts on the screens, and she will immediately become part of the group.

(In some cases, the notice that the host will let you in shortly will appear; simply wait, and you will be admitted.) The only requirement is that you have the Zoom app installed/downloaded on a tablet, smart phone, or computer with a camera.

- ❖ Another way to attend is to phone into a session, referred to as "audio" joining; a phone number will be provided in the same email with the link.
- ❖ If you want more help, open a browser (i.e. Google, Firefox, Microsoft, Safari, etc.) and go to YouTube.com.

In your browser type in the words **Joining a Zoom Meeting for The First Time** and follow the instructions on the video.

Baltimore Chapter BNC - Addenda to the 2019-2020 Roster for Fall 2020

Ellie Allen

New phone number: 486-8257

Welcome New Members:

Nathan Baum & Diane Eidelman

8729 Endless Ocean Way, Columbia, MD 21045

631/902-8195

govdocmom@gmail.com

Susan Berman

Cell phone number: 443/829-4235

Ella Cohen

New address: 1 Pomona East #407

Baltimore, MD 21208

Carole Ellin

New address: 800 A Southerly Rd, #831,

Towson, MD 21286

Welcome New Member:

Anita Goldsmith

33 Stonehenge Circle, #1, 21208

561-7277

majanita@aol.com

Jan and Gary Helper

New address: 4201 Butterworth Place NW,

Apt. 437, Washington DC 20016

New phone number: 202/817-3445

Brenda Lerner

Corrected phone number: 358-2810

Sue Needle

Complete zip code: 21208

Ellen Pazornik

Cell phone number: 608-3974

Rosalind Pearlman

Cell phone number: 608-5235

Rona Pepper

Cell phone number: 443/386-4558

Joyce Plotkin

Zip code: 21208

Patricia Schvimmer

New address: 304 Fellowship Circle

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Cheryl Weinstein

New phone number: 706/566-4980

Welcome New Member:

Carol Winer

3 Rush Vine Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117

383-8464

alecgma@comcast.net



Not checking for BNC notices and missing out
on BNC information and offerings?

Please check your email at least once a week
and/or go to BNC's website:

<http://blogs.brandeis.edu/bncbaltimore>

Zoom Courses • Fall 2020

The following courses will be offered **free of charge** to all **paid BNC Members** during the Fall of 2020. *There is no need to register for these courses in advance and you can attend one or several sessions of each course.* Watch your email every Thursday for a message that will list all class sessions coming up during the following week, along with the Zoom links and telephone numbers, unique for each session. Please join us for some interesting courses!

NOTE: *The weekly email message will be sent only to paid members—and life members—for whom we have email addresses.*

The National office can be slow to process membership payments, so if you pay your dues in the next several weeks, please also email Diane [burkom@verizon.net] to let her know so that your name and email can be added to the invitation list.

BNC Fall Speaker Series 6 Thursdays, 1 PM

September 3, 17 October 1, 22 November 5, 19

Come hear a variety of experts, some from within our own BNC family, speak on subjects of interest with time for questions after each talk. All are on Zoom.

September 3 • George Strutt, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist: “The Psychological Effects of Covid-19 and What We Can Do About Them” • This presentation will discuss the short- and long-term psychological effects of the pandemic. People are already experiencing the short-term effects; we know from previous disasters that there will be significant long-term effects as well. Come and learn how to prepare to cope!

September 17 • Heather Murphy, Director of Move Management Services for the Abilities Network “Get Organized!” Learn how to reduce anxiety about organizing and de-cluttering your space. You will receive information you can use starting today and feel motivated and confident that you can Get Organized!

October 1 • Jeannine Robinson-Hurley, MPS, Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division • “Scam Protection” • Hear how scammers are trying out a new wave of scams and putting new twists on old scams to con people out of their money or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. There’s the “Medicare Free DNA Test” scam, the “Census” scam and the “Romance” scam making their ways throughout Maryland. Find out how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

October 22 • Stanley S. Siegelman, M.D. • “Learn about Viruses: Covid-19” • Covid-19 has changed our lives dramatically. But what is a virus and how does it act? Knowing the mechanism of actions of viruses, what are the possibilities for developing a vaccine?

November 5 • Lori Beth Finkelstein, Ph.D., Philip Franklin Wagley Director & Curator of Evergreen Museum & Library • “Evergreen Garden Tour” • Take a video tour of the gardens and learn about Evergreen and its landscape along with the history of the house.

November 19 • Cindy Bernstein • “Downsizing for You” • A member of the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals and founder of Aim4Order, Cindy will enlighten you with friendly advice on how to successfully downsize and/or organize spaces and materials in your home. Her tips will enable you to stop delaying decision-making and get you to work area by area to clear away your clutter.

Facilitators: Diane Burkom 410-486-4972, Leslie Sandler 410-433-6366

The Fab Four:

Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, & Bartok

2 Tuesdays September 8, 15 1:30 PM

A survey course, we will hear a brief biography of each composer, then listen to a short important or little known work. Each session will last for an hour, with extensions if requested.

Facilitator: Suzanne Strutt, 410 236 6177,

“The Art of Scarves—How to Tie One On”

Monday, October 5 1:30 PM

You may already have several ways to tie your scarves. Let “scarf-maven” Merle Ann Siegelman, demonstrate some new twists for you try! Bring some scarves you have questions about. All are welcome to an interactive session of fashion and fun. It will enhance your appearance on Zoom!

Facilitator: Merle Ann Siegelman, 664-8855

Art with a Heart: Three American Romantics

2 Thursdays October 8, 15 1:30 PM

From America’s rich fund of art that developed following the European Romantic tradition, we will examine three of its outstanding painters: Ryder, Homer, and Hopper. A presentation of biographical and historical material will precede a hands-on studio project, employing their predominant design principles.

Materials: pencil and paper, with charcoal, watercolor, ink, and/or pastels that participants may wish to use.

Each session will last for an hour-and-a-half to two hours, depending on participants’ interest.

Facilitator: Suzanne Strutt, 236 6177

Let’s Play Mah Jongg

2 Wednesdays October 21, 28 1 PM

Learn to play mah jongg online. You will need a computer and a phone to both access the website and join a conference call at the same time. This way you will learn and talk to your friends during the game.

Facilitator: Leslie Sandler, 433-6366

Let’s Have Breakfast Together

Tuesday October 13 10:30 AM

Make my cranberry apple oatmeal bake. I have it for breakfast with yogurt every morning. Make in advance and freeze your squares or muffins and you have breakfast for the whole week—just microwave one at a time. Let’s get the coffee brewing and join me in making these delicious breakfast treats. The facilitator will provide an ingredient list prior to the class for those who have signed up.

Facilitator: Susan Berman, 653-3886

Curious Jewish, Part II: Feminist Issues With a Jewish Eye

4 First Wednesdays 1:30 PM

November 4, December 2, January 6,

Whether “frum, reform, or anywhere in-between,” this discussion group centering on women’s issues may be up your alley. What does Judaism say about today’s earth-shaking issues important to you? Sex, Race, Grandparenting, Drugs & Alcohol, Mental illness, Communal Leadership and a whole lot more are on the menu.

Facilitator: Devorah Brooks, 484-4332



Mission Statement

The Brandeis National Committee is an organization committed 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 fund raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism, and service to the community.

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New Student Forum Book Discussion

Tell Me How It Ends:

An Essay in Forty Questions

by Valeria Luiselli

8 PM August 25, 2020

You are invited to read along with incoming first-year students and to be a part of an important and exciting educational program, the twenty-ninth Helen and Philip Brecher New Student Forum! Registration is required, available to all BNC members who have paid their annual dues. You will receive an email with registration directions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions and a password to join the event via Zoom.