

2017-2018 Learning Opportunities

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We are very grateful to our knowledgeable leaders, coordinators and facilitators who give their time and effort to create a stimulating and enriching experience for all.



Important Information

- **Study Groups are open to PAID-UP members of the Greater Boston Chapter.**
- There is a charge of \$20.00 for the first course you select. Each additional course will be \$15 (unless otherwise noted).
- New members for 2017-2018 may enroll in one study group free of charge.
- All members are welcome to try out one session of a study group before enrolling in it.
- Please send your registrations as soon as possible! Use the form on page 11. Groups begin the week of September 11.
- An ✳ after the study group name means it is based on a study guide written by Brandeis faculty.

1. Art Appreciation

4th Thursday, 1:00 pm
Starts September 28

Enjoy identifying and appreciating works of art. Each month a member acts as hostess and presents an artist's works for a lively discussion, or the group takes a guided tour of a special exhibit at a local museum. You will be notified of the location of the first meeting.

Facilitator: [Jeannette Rosenfeld](mailto:jlesliers@aol.com) 617-969-4783 jlesliers@aol.com

2. New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group

""NEW""

1st Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Starts November 7

Each month we will discuss either a fiction story or an article from a previous months New Yorker. Before the first meeting, Sylvia will notify group members which selection to read. Come join the group even if you don't have a subscription -- The New Yorker is available at all libraries. Meets at Sylvia's home, 38 Chatham Road, Newton Highlands.

Leader: [Sylvia Goodman](mailto:sylgoodman24@gmail.com) 617-965-4332 sylgoodman24@gmail.com

3. Portrayal of Women in American Jewish Literature ✳

""NEW""

3rd Monday, 10:30 am
Starts October 16

Join this exciting and current discussion group based on a class at Brandeis! For the first meeting, read "Yekl and the Imported Bridegroom and Other Stories of Yiddish New York" by Abraham Cahan. Meet at Stephanie Cohen's home, 454 Brookline Street, Newton

Leader: [Stephanie Cohen](mailto:sbcohen@rcn.com) 617-969-1859 sbcohen@rcn.com

4. Contemporary Fiction/Non-Fiction Book Club

2nd Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Starts September 13

Please join our book club! Our September selection is *Marie Curie* by Susan Quinn. Meets at Temple Beth Avodah.

Coordinator: [Helaine Saperstein](mailto:scrabdab@aol.com) 781-483-0226 scrabdab@aol.com

5. Latin American Short Story

4th Tuesday, 1:30 pm
Starts October 17

We will be reading stories from *The House of Memories: Stories of Jewish Women Writers of Latin America*, edited by Marjorie Agosin. At the first meeting, we will be discussing *Musicians and Watchmakers* by Alicia Steimberg. The first meeting is at Stephanie's home at 454 Brookline Street, Newton.

Leader: **Stephanie Cohen 617-969-1859 sbcohen@rcn.com**

6. Afternoon at the Opera

1st Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Starts October 4

We will listen to a combination of opera, interspersed with Broadway musicals using DVDs of the original productions. Meets at Temple Beth Avodah. Bring your lunch. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Leader: **Arlene Hecht 617-332-5459 ahecht6851@aol.com**

7. Music Appreciation

4th Tuesday, 1:00 pm
Starts October 24

We will listen to a full range of symphonic and classical music with commentaries. The group will meet at Temple Beth Avodah.

Leader: **Arlene Hecht 617-332-5459 ahecht6851@aol.com**

8. Women in History

3rd Wednesday, 1:00 pm
Starts October 18

We will discuss women in any field (government, entertainment, religion, art, etc.) who have had an impact on history. The group will meet in October, November, March, April, and May at Temple Beth Avodah.

Leader: **Ethel Daub 781-234-2426 greyore@icloud.com**

9. Current Events

2nd Wednesday, 10:00 am
Starts September 13

Things are happening fast and furiously in this ever-changing world. Let's discuss!

We meet at Panera Bread, 100 Highland Ave., Needham.

Leader: **Iona Levin 781-686-9542 ionalevin@verizon.net**

11. Filmsters Cinema Group

1st Tuesday, matinees
Starts October 3

Come join us for a great year of movies! Come for the movie, stay for the discussion. Once the film is chosen each month, you will be notified of the time and location via email. Meet at the Dedham Community Theater.

Leaders: **Marilyn Howard 781-273-5961 mhowardslp@comcast.net**

Stephanie Cohen 617-969-1859 sbcohen@rcn.com

12. Jewelry Making

Wednesday, September 27 or
Wednesday, October 25
10:00 am - noon

Spend a relaxing morning choosing and stringing beads from a wide selection. Audree Dyson, an accomplished jewelry artist, will help you finish them into something you will wear with pride! Preference will be given to those who have not taken this class before.

Registration cost is \$10. There is a \$5 supply fee paid directly to Audree at the time of the class.

Meets at Audree's home at 35 Pall Mall, E. Walpole

Leader: Audree Dyson **508-668-8122 beadesigns@comcast.net**

13. Bridge

Every Tuesday, 9:30 am - noon
Starts September 12

This is an opportunity to just play bridge. Open to players of all levels. No instruction given

Cost is \$45 for September - January due to the group meeting weekly and the room rental. You will need to sign up and pay again for the spring session February - June.

Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton.

Coordinator: [Sue Toochn 617-527-0503 siouxrt@gmail.com](mailto:SueToochn617-527-0503@siouxrt@gmail.com)

14. Canasta

Every Monday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Starts September 11

For the first three weeks of the session, instruction will be offered for beginners or those who want to brush up on their skills. After three weeks of instruction, beginners can integrate into playing while instructors will still be available for assistance. Please indicate on your response form if you are a new player and need instruction.

Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton.

Cost is \$45 for September - January due to the group meeting weekly and the room rental. You will need to sign up and pay again for the spring session February - June.

Coordinator: [Abby Raelin 781-444-9258 raelin@rcn.com](mailto:AbbyRaelin781-444-9258@rcn.com)

15. Couples Canasta ""NEW""

Monday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
October 2, October 9, October 16, October 23

Learn canasta in just four sessions and begin to play! Spouses or partners of those who already play are welcome.

Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton.

Cost is \$25 per couple

Coordinator: [Leslie Pearlstein 781-828-0694 ikpearl@gmail.com](mailto:LesliePearlstein781-828-0694@ikpearl@gmail.com)

16. Mahjongg

Every Thursday, 9:30 am - noon
Starts September 14

New players will receive instruction and will integrate into games with experienced players when ready. Mahjongg cards will be available for purchase at the first meeting. Please let us know on the registration form if you have a mahjongg set you can bring. Please indicate on the form if you are a new player and need instruction. Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton.

Cost is \$45 for September - January due to the group meeting weekly and the room rental. You will need to sign up and pay again for the spring session February - June.

Coordinators: [Meryl Kaye 508-259-9991 merylkaye99@gmail.com](mailto:MerylKaye508-259-9991@merylkaye99@gmail.com)

[Leslie Pearlstein 781-828-0694 ikpearl@gmail.com](mailto:LesliePearlstein781-828-0694@ikpearl@gmail.com)

17. Private Dick, Female Detective: ❀ The Life and Times of the Female Sleuth

3rd Wednesday, 11:00 am
Starts October 18

Power ladies and mystery lovers gather here. Join these loyal mystery story lovers with a new book each month. There's almost always food served related to the book! The first book we will discuss is *The Politics of Murder* by Margo Nash.

First meeting Leslie Pearlstein's home, 2 Raven Road, Canton.

Leader: [Merle Carrus merlesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:MerleCarrus@merlesoffice@gmail.com)

18. Campus Club

Dates and times will be announced via email

Exciting events take place on our remarkable Brandeis campus throughout the year. Join us each month or as often as you wish. Lunch in the Faculty Club, enjoy new exhibitions in the galleries at The Rose Art Museum, watch performing arts presentations at the Spingold Theater Center, hear concerts at the Slosberg Music Center, attend lectures on campus and at the Women's Studies Research Center, take in "The Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts" and more. Join us daytimes, weekends, and evenings to experience what Brandeis has to offer.

Cost is \$10

Coordinator: [Marlene Wiener 508-877-2602 wienerworld@rcn.com](mailto:MarleneWiener508-877-2602@wienerworld@rcn.com)



Men's Group

Why should women have all the fun, we asked ourselves...and so, The Greater Boston Chapter of the BNC began to form a Men's Group at the beginning of 2017. We wanted to engage the men who were already chapter members and give a reason for all those men who live in the same household as an existing member to become members themselves. So, what has happened in the past six months?

We decided to plan four events each year on roughly a quarterly schedule. Our inaugural event was a great success and we have several new members who joined as a result.

On April 25, twelve of us visited the Brandeis Special Collections and Archives and received a docent-led overview of the wonderful artifacts, highlighted by the Lenny Bruce exhibit. We then had lunch at the Faculty Club. The second event was a tour of the Lars Anderson Antique Car Museum in Brookline, followed by lunch. We are in the planning stage of a fall visit to the very special and private World War II museum in Framingham. This museum contains a remarkable collection of documents, uniforms, armaments and other historic artifacts of both Allied and Axis countries.

How can you help us grow and become more successful? Ladies, if you are a member of the Greater Boston Chapter, please encourage your favorite men, (in your household or not) to consider attending one of our events as a guest. Better yet, have them join BNC and become a part of the Men's Group. If living in your household, you can change to a Couples Membership for an additional \$40/year. If not in your household, the membership fee is \$60, the same as you. If you are a lifetime member, his fee would be \$60. **For information, contact Ron Levy 617-964-6740**



Social Justice

This year, the focus of our community service will be The Waltham Group, the primary student service outreach at Brandeis University. The Waltham Group was founded in 1966 in response to student activism and in recognition of the university's responsibility to be engaged in the community. Hundreds of students volunteer each year through the Waltham Group, which serves as a center for service and advocacy. *We welcome and need your participation!*

They have dozens of different programs, but we have identified three that seem to suit our membership:

Prospect Hill Community Center: This program offers daily after-school tutoring for children in grades 1-12 who live in the Prospect Hill Low-Income Housing Development. Volunteers would come once or more per week during the school year to provide tutoring to kids and lead indoor educational activities. The Center is open M - F from 3:00 -5:15 pm. Volunteers can stay for the first hour when children are getting homework help and tutoring, or for longer. Volunteers will work alongside Brandeis and Bentley students.

Memory Café: Hosted on the first Friday of each month, this program is run by Jewish Family and Children's Services and is designed to provide a safe, relaxing environment for adults with memory diseases. The events last for about two hours, with part of the time featuring some type of artist, and the rest of the time focused on conversations with the guests. Volunteers would work alongside Brandeis students.

WATCH English Language Tutoring: Open to all members of the Brandeis Community, the partnership with WATCH provides immigrant residents of Waltham with English language tutoring, often focused on vocabulary and skills that allow adults to help their children in school, get a steady job, or become a US citizen. Volunteers meet with residents on a weekly basis at a location of their choosing in Waltham and do not need to speak another language.

For more information, contact Bev Cohen beverlycohen@comcast.net 781-803-6450

I Would Like to Volunteer for The Waltham Group

Mail to: Bev Cohen 84 Broad Reach, N. Weymouth, MA 02191

Name _____

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