

2015-2016 Learning Opportunities

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The Greater Boston Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee is pleased to present its 2015-2016 program. 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 (except as otherwise noted).
- New members for 2015-2016 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.

Art Appreciation

4th Thursday of the month, 1:00 pm. Starts September 24.

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. New members welcome. Please call for location of the first meeting.

Facilitator: Jeannette Rosenfeld 617-969-4783 jleslieros@aol.com

Campus Club

Exciting new events take place on our remarkable Brandeis University campus throughout the year. Join us daytimes, evenings, weekdays and weekends, for an up close and personal look at Brandeis' adventures in music, art, lectures, theatre, athletics and more. Dates and times of events will be announced via email to those who have signed up. Charge \$10

Coordinator: Marlene Wiener 508-877-2602 wienersworld@rcn.com.

Women's Literature

3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am. Starts September 16.

The first meeting will be held at 56 Devonshire Road, Waban. Please read *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Limited to 15. New members are welcome.

Leader: Ethel Goldhaber 617-244-9834

Book Club: Contemporary Fiction/Non-Fiction

2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm.

Next meeting will be September 9 at the home of Iris Selden, 26-2 Bartlett Way, Waltham.

Please read *Americanah* by Chimamanda Adichie. This group is limited to the first twenty to register. We will keep a waiting list for this study group. With sufficient members on the list, we will form another group. New leader needed for potential new group.

Coordinator: Ruth Horlick 617-332-4966 ruthchorlick@gmail.com

Latin American Short Story

4th Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm. Starts October 27 at the home of Stephanie Cohen.

Please read *Emma Zunz* by Jorge Luis Borges.

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

The Victorian Heroine ""NEW""

2nd Monday of the month, 10:30 am, except for the first meeting which will be held on Friday, October 2 at 10:30 am. It will be at the home of Stephanie Cohen, 454 Brookline Street, Newton. We will follow the movement of the female protagonists towards marriage or death in five Victorian novels: Pride and Prejudice, Jane Eyre, Lady Audley's Secret, Tess of the D'Urbervilles, and The Odd Woman.

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

Afternoon at the Opera

1st Wednesday of the month, 12:00 noon. Starts October 7.

Three sessions in the fall: Oct., Nov., and Dec., and three sessions in the spring: March, April, and May.

A combination of opera, interspersed with Broadway musicals using DVDs of the original productions. Meets at Temple Beth Avodah. Please bring your own lunch.

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

Music Appreciation

4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Starts October 27.

Listening to a full range of symphonic and classical music with commentaries. New members welcome. Does not meet in January or February. The group will meet at Arlene's home, 280 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill.

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

Social Justice

1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 am.

First meeting only will be the 2nd Thursday, September 10, at the home of Audree Dyson, 35 Pall Mall, East Walpole.

Discussion of social justice issues and how they play out today. Meetings are always stimulating, passionate and exciting. Subjects will be decided by the group and will rotate homes each month.

Coordinator: Audree Dyson, 508-668-8122 akd216@gmail.com with support from members of the group.

Women in History

3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Starts October 21

Three sessions in the fall: Oct., Nov., and Dec., and three sessions in the spring: March, April, and May. The group will meet at the home of Ethel Daub, Newbridge on the Charles. Directions will be given before the first meeting.

The group will discuss women in any field (government, entertainment, religion, art, etc.) and their impact on history, past or present.

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

Current Events

2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Starts September 9.

Meeting will be at Panera, 100 Highland Ave. Needham

We meet at Panera, have coffee, and talk about what's going on in current events. Things are

happening fast and furiously in this ever changing world. Let's discuss!.
Facilitator: Iona Levin 781-686-9542 ionalevin@verizon.net

Books of the Book and Author Luncheon

Please join us for a discussion of a selection of the books written by our featured authors. We will discuss *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman on Tuesday, November 17; *Hotel Moscow* by Talia Carner on December 15; and *Superman* by Larry Tye on January 12. All meetings will be at the home of Sylvia Goodman at 1:00 pm. The group is limited to 12 participants.
Leader: Sylvia Goodman 617-965-4332 sylgoodman@verizon.net

Filmsters Cinema Group

1st Tuesday of the month. Starts November 3 due to the holidays. The group meets at a local theater to view and discuss a current film. Once the film is chosen, the members will be notified of time and location via email. This group is in need of a coordinator. We do have volunteers to help choose the film and send emails.

Cooking with Flo

Due to its popularity, Flo will offer each menu twice. Please specify your group preference when registering.

Group A meets Tuesdays, October 13 and November 3 at 10:00 am

Group B meets Fridays, October 9 and November 13 at 10:00 am

Let's cook up a few of Flo's favorite recipes. Flo loves patchkying in the kitchen, and will show you how to put together an easy and tasty lunch. Let's cook and dine together. Meetings will be at Flo Shulman's home, 20 Steepletree Lane, Wayland. Due to space constraints this group is limited to the first 6 people to sign up for each group.

Charge \$10 plus an additional \$18 fee for supplies, payable to Flo at the time of the first meeting.

Leader: Flo Shulman 508-276-1770 goflogo@comcast.net

Bridge

Every Tuesday 9:30 am - 12 noon. Starts October 6.

An opportunity to just play bridge. Open to players of all levels. The charge for this group will be \$45 for the year due to the greater number of meetings.

The group will meet in the community room at 210 Nahanton Street, Newton.

Facilitator: Sue Toochin 617-527-0503 siouxrt@gmail.com

Canasta

Every Monday 1 pm - 4 pm. Starts October 26 through January. A second session will begin in February.

Experienced players will begin October 26. At that time, there will be three weeks of instruction (great for beginners or those who want to brush up on the rules). Following the three weeks of teaching, new players will continue to practice their skills with supervision from our experienced players, then integrate into the regular game. Temple Beth Avodah, Newton

The charge for this group will be \$45 per session due to the greater number of meetings and space rental. It will be necessary to register and pay again in January.

Facilitator: Abby Raelin 781-444-9258 raelin@rcn.com

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

3rd Wednesday of the month 11:00 am. Starts September 16.

The first meeting will be at the home of Leslie Pearlstein, 2 Raven Road, Canton. Please read *The Vanishing Violinist* by Sara Hoskinson Frommer.

This year, Female Dicks continues with mystery novels focusing on female mystery authors and their detectives, both male and female. To add another aspect to the discussion, many of the books will have a Jewish component. To end the year, we will read a cozy mystery with recipes and have a tasting as we discuss the details of the story.

Leader: Merle Carrus merlesoffice@gmail.com

Israel Film Festival

Monday mornings, October 26 and November 23 at 10:00 am at Temple Beth Avodah.

Two films will be shown with discussions led by Natalie Schatz. The first film is *Bonjour Monsieur Schlomi*, a cross between *Good Will Hunting* and *Cooking with Julia*. The second selection is *Live and Become* about an Ethiopian Christian boy who grows up among Jews in Israel.

Leader: Natalie Schatz 617-965-9619 schatz.natalie@gmail.com

Co-ed Bowling and Lunch

2nd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Starts September 10 at Ryan Family Amusements (Charles Street Bowladrome), 11 Charles Street, Malden.

Come join us for fun and exercise. \$9.00 for three strings and shoe rental. Free parking in side lot, automated scoring, very clean and bright location, live alleys.

Leader: Helaine Saperstein 781-483-0226 scrabdab@aol.com

Contemporary Play Reading

2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Starts October 13

The first meeting will be at the home of Helaine Saperstein, 42 Lawlor Road, Medford.

Calling all theater lovers! We will take roles and read portions of the play, with discussion to follow. For the first meeting, please read the short play *Beyond Therapy* by Christopher Durang. This is a hilarious spoof of psychotherapy.

Facilitator: Helaine Saperstein 781-483-0226 scrabdab@aol.com

Mah Jongg ""NEW""

Every Thursday 1 pm - 4 pm. Starts October 1, through January. A second session will begin in February.

Experienced players will play at Temple Beth Avodah.

***Instruction will be offered for six consecutive weeks at the home of Cynthia Roll, 1595 Concord Street, Framingham. Minimum of five players and a maximum of six. This will be instruction and supervised play. Following the six weeks of teaching, the players can join the ongoing group at Temple Beth Avodah, Newton

The charge for this group will be \$45 per session due to the greater number of meetings and space rental. It will be necessary to register and pay again in January.

Evening Social Bridge Game

Starts Sunday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the home of Roberta Yellen, 56 Evelyn Road, Waban.

Come with a partner for social bridge. The group will decide how often to meet--monthly or biweekly--when organized.

Facilitator: Roberta Yellen 617-965-2667 robertacoach@yahoo.com

Potluck Dinner ""NEW""

Starts Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 pm. There will be two dinners in the fall and two in the spring. The first dinner will be at the home of Sylvia Goodman. Dinner and lively conversation. The host will supply the main course and the other diners will provide the appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Limited to ten people. If more than ten people register, we will establish a second venue.

Facilitator: Sylvia Goodman 617-965-4332 sylgoodman@verizon.net

COMING THIS SPRING...New Student Forum, Anil's Ghost by Michael Ondaatje, author of The English Patient. Join us for a discussion of the book the freshman class of Brandeis is reading and view the video of their meeting with the author at freshman orientation. Time and place to be determined. Specific information will be in the next bulletin.