We are thrilled to continue our Lunch with..... series with Susan Solomont, wife of the ambassador to Spain under Barak Obama. Her book, *Lost and Found in Spain, Tales of an Ambassador’s Wife*, tells how she uprooted herself, left her career, her friends and family, and a life she loved to join her husband for a three-and-a-half-year tour overseas. In a story that is part memoir and part travelogue, Solomont recounts a time of self-discovery as she navigates a new life in a foreign country. She learns the rules of a diplomatic household; feeds her culinary curiosity with the help of some of Spain’s greatest chefs; finds her place in the Madrid Jewish community; and discovers her own voice as she creates new meaning in her role as a spouse, a community member, and a twenty-first century woman.

We are so fortunate to have a special appearance by Ambassador Alan Solomont, who will speak about his experiences and introduce Susan.

Members $54. Non-members $60.

Any amount over $35 is a charitable contribution to Brandeis National Committee’s Honoring our History Campaign.

**OPENING MEETING**

Monday, Sept. 9th at 11:30am • Temple Beth Avodah

**featuring guest speaker Leigh Swigart**

Leigh Swigart is Director of Programs in International Justice at the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University.

JOIN US FOR OUR FAMOUS POT LUCK, BRING YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH FOODS!

**RSVP what you are bringing to Abby Raelin** raelin@rcn.com

Bring new friends, hear about this year’s activities, and sign up for study groups.

And for your literary appetite...

**Book Swap!** In keeping with our history of supporting the libraries at Brandeis, we are having a Book Swap. Bring 3 Take 3 (good condition only please)
Greetings from your Board of Vice Presidents!

Welcome to a new year of Brandeis National Committee! We hope you have all had a pleasant and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to a most interesting and exciting year. As we have for the past two years, the Vice Presidents will be governing by committee, so you can come to any one of us with questions, suggestions or concerns.

Have you ever thought about what makes you happy? What are the secrets of a happy life? Research shows that being in the moment, rather than constantly focusing on what you have to do next is very important. Being generous with our time is another way to be happy. Doing things for people we care about is a wonderful aphrodisiac. For total happiness you need a mix of activities that give you joy and meaning.

The BNC is such a wonderful place to get a great deal of what you need. You can join a canasta group, take an art adventure such as a trip to Fruitlands this September, savor an Israeli lunch at Landwer Restaurant in October, try a poetry session on Robert Frost in November, and choose from numerous study groups that are offered throughout the fall.

One of the best parts of BNC is the opportunity to develop so many good social relationships, which are essential to good mental health. You can join a new committee, have lunch with Susan Solomont, and attend the Book and Author Luncheon in the spring.

It is said that happiness is in the giving, and contributing to Brandeis is a way for all of us to find fulfillment. Whether you contribute your time or resources or both, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

In the spirit of philanthropy, we wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Audree, Leslie, Linda, Nancy, Ellen, Dale, and Sylvia

Who's Who in the Greater Boston Chapter — Officers 2019-2020

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MEMBERSHIP

We hope that our new members will attend the Opening Meeting in September to meet other members and learn about BNC and its activities. There will also be a New Member brunch at the end of October which will give us an opportunity to introduce our BNC mission, some of the Board Members, and upcoming events and study groups. Please invite your friends to learn about us and become members. Remember that recruitment is a joint effort and your help is crucial and much appreciated. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact one of us.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Edward Burton Feinberg  Julie Greenberg  Laurence Levey  Lynette Polatin
Ruth Ann Feinberg  Helen Kadish  Leslie Needleman  Jeanne Press
Annette Feldman  Ada Kussell  Alan Nissenbaum  Marcea Rosenblatt
Steffanie Finn  Susan Kagan Lange  Shirley Novack  Sandra Shuman
Teri Gorsky  Jamie Levey  Joyce Plotkin  Amy Yunes

There are currently 173 annual members of our chapter and 787 life members.

VPS OF MEMBERSHIP

Dale Golden dalergolden@yahoo.com  Ellen Forman  ellenforman70@gmail.com

THE JEWS OF BOSTON

with Ellen Smith

Friday, Dec. 6, 10:00am
Women’s Studies Research Center, 515 South Street

Ellen will provide us with a fascinating talk about the Jews of Boston…..encompassing migration through Chelsea, Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Brookline, Newton, and the North Shore.

Ellen is an Associate Professor and the Director of the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program, and an affiliate faculty member in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. She also co-directs advanced training programs at Brandeis for Jewish professionals and organizations.

She has published more than three dozen books, articles, and catalogs, including The Jews of Boston, co-edited with Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna.

Cost: $25 members, $30 non-members
As the new Vice President for Community Service, I am excited to plan some new opportunities for our chapter to share our generosity with those in need. We’re hoping to focus on a charity such as a food bank or Cradles to Crayons at each of our board meetings which are always open to all members. If you have any suggestions of charities which are near and dear to your heart, please contact me! I am forming a committee and would love to have others join me.

Sylvia Goodman
sylgoodman24@gmail.com or 617-965-4332

Monthly Meeting Dates

Our monthly meetings are open to everyone, and you are encouraged to join us to share your ideas and help in planning all our wonderful activities.

This year we will be in a new location: the **Napoli Room at the Gosman Sports Center on the Brandeis campus**. Just beyond the entrance to the campus on South Street on the left, the entrance to Gosman is on the right. And parking is right there!

The meetings will be:

- **October 28**
- **December 9**
- **February 10**
- **April 13**
- **May 11**

By meeting a little less often this year, we hope that more of you will be able to come.
We look forward to seeing you!

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Fundraising Update

I am pleased and proud to announce that the Brandeis National Committee has announced its new campaign. Following the completion of our successful **Magnify the Mind** campaign, which raised $880,000 towards the purchase of the resonant scanning two photon microscope and its accessories, our new campaign will return to our roots and support the Brandeis library. Providing materials for the library has been at the heart of our fundraising efforts since our inception.

Leslie Pearlstein
VP Fundraising

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The Life and Times of Frank Sinatra is a fast-paced, one-hour Powerpoint lecture that includes a treasure-trove of music and images from the vast catalogue of the career of “Ol’ Blues Eyes”. Beginning with the start of Frank Sinatra’s singing career in the 1930s, this presentation follows Mr. Sinatra’s meteoric rise to fame in the early 1940s...his fall from grace later in that decade...and his historic comeback in the 1950s. Finally, the program demonstrates how “The Chairman of the Board” solidified his hold on the world of musical entertainment for the next three decades.

Additionally, the lecture touches on Mr. Sinatra’s personal life—a topic with which countless Americans have always been fascinated. During the program, the audience will hear many classic Sinatra recordings such as “I’ll Never Smile Again”, “Young at Heart”, “I’ve Got You Under My Skin”, “New York, New York” and “My Way”. The audience members are encouraged to sing along with each song, as the lyrics are projected on screen!

Bruce Hambro is a music and motion picture historian. He has been a Social Studies teacher in the Massachusetts public school system, and was formerly a business manager and booking agent in the entertainment industry. Currently, Hambro presents a series of audio-visual lectures to Senior Centers, Libraries and Senior Living Communities throughout Eastern New England. These popular programs review the lives and careers of Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Tony Bennett, George Gershwin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter and many other “Legends of the Great American Songbook”. Mr. Hambro has been featured on M.I.T.’s WMBR-FM radio station as well as on the Town of Needham’s Cable-TV Evening News.

Cost: $25 members, $30 non-members

Ethnic Lunch at CAFE LANDWER

Tuesday, October 29th 12:30pm

Please join us for an Israeli Luncheon at Landwer Restaurant. We will be having a family style menu, including such appetizers as Farmer’s Market Cauliflower, Roasted Eggplant in Tahini, Hummus with Artichoke, and main courses like Chicken Shawarma, kebabs and a Lebanese Salad. There will also be a chat with one of the staff about Landwer, which started in Israel and now has restaurants in the U.S. and Canada.

383 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton (Cleveland Circle)

$30.00 members  $35.00 non-members
Fruitlands Museum and Lunch, Harvard, MA
Wednesday, September 25, at 11:00 am
Please join us for a docent-led tour of the art museum, encompassing three exhibit spaces: the Hudson River landscape paintings, the Clara Sears (founder of Fruitlands) collection, and a comparison of Shaker furniture to modern furniture design. Following that, we will have lunch at the Café, after which you will be free to wander the grounds at your leisure. This tour is limited to 20 people and will only be able to accommodate reservations made before September 15.
Cost: $39 members $46 non-members

Fuller Craft Museum and Lunch, Brockton, MA
Friday, October 18, at 10:00 am
Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Fuller Craft Museum. In addition to learning about the permanent exhibits of contemporary craft, our guided tour will highlight the “storied history of gold as an artistic material as well as its cultural, historical, and political associations”. Following our tour, we will have lunch at the Museum, catered by Panera Bread.
Cost: $36 members $43 non-members

Willard House and Clock Museum, North Grafton, MA
Thursday, November 14 at 10:15 am
Step back in time and see where clockmaking began in central Massachusetts. The Willard House (1718) and Clock Museum features over 75 Willard clocks, tools, and 18th and 19th century firearms. After an interesting tour, relax with friends over lunch at the Hunters Grille in the Grafton Inn, about a 10 minute drive. Menu choices to delight all palates.
Cost: $36 members $43 non-members

If you want to join us on any of the art adventures but are reluctant because you don’t know anyone else attending, no worries... It’s a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Let us know if you are planning on coming solo.

For information you may contact:

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2019—2020 Learning Opportunities
Chair, Linda Rosen  lindar29@comcast.net  781-784-8988.

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 2019-2020 may enroll in one study group free of charge (value $20 or less)
  • All members are welcome to try out one session of a study group before enrolling.
  • Use the form on page 11 to register.

1. New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group 2nd Tuesday at 1:00, beginning Nov 12

Each month we will discuss either a fiction story or an article from The New Yorker. Come join the discussion even if you don’t have a subscription-The New Yorker is available at all libraries and most stories are available on line. Meet at Sylvia’s home at 38 Chatham Rd, Newton Highlands

Leader: Sylvia Goodman sylgoodman24@gmail.com 617-965-4332

2. Art Appreciation 4th Thursday at 12:30 PM beginning September 26

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. Number of sessions determined by availability of members. Minimum of 8 members is needed for a successful study group.

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

3. Contemporary Literature Book Group 2nd Wednesday 12:30 pm, beginning Sept 11

This vibrant group reads both fiction and non-fiction. The first discussion book is “Becoming” by Michelle Obama. The group meets at Temple Beth Avodah starting at 12:30 for coffee and dessert followed by meeting starting at 1 PM.

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

4. Women’s Literature Book Group 3rd Wednesday 10:30 am in members’ homes, beginning September 18.

This enthusiastic group reads both fiction and non-fiction. The summer read is “Desert Queen” by Janet Wallach. Call Helaine Saperstein for location of meeting.

Coordinator: Helaine Saperstein scrabdab@aol.com 781-483-0226
5. **Latin American Short Story** 3rd Tuesday at 1:30, beginning September 17

We will be reading stories from Short Stories by Latin American Women, The Magic and the Real, edited by Celia Correas de Zapata. For the first meeting, read “In Heaven” and “Shoes for the Rest of my Life” by Guadalupe Duenas We will rotate meeting at participants' homes. The first meeting will be at Stephanie Cohen’s home at 454 Brookline St, Newton

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

6. **Music Appreciation** 4th Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:30 PM beginning Sept. 24

We will listen to a full range of classical music with commentary on composers’ lives and history. We will try to include some opera with this program as well. The group will meet at The Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center, 515 South Street, Waltham. (Note the change in location from last year.)

Leader: **Arlene Hecht** [artgallery333@aol.com](mailto:artgallery333@aol.com) 617-332-5459

7. **Current Events** 2nd Wednesday, 10:00 – 11 AM, beginning September 11

Addicted to cable news programs? Join us as we try to sort through what’s happening in our world and our constantly changing political landscape. We just talk. We meet at Panera Bread, 100 Highland Ave, Needham. You buy your own coffee “and”. The October meeting will be held on Monday October 7 due to Jewish holidays; future meetings will be 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Leader: **Iona Levin** [ionalevin@verizon.net](mailto:ionalevin@verizon.net) 781-686-9542

8. **Filmsters Cinema Group** 1st Tuesday, Matinees. (NOTE: start date will be 2nd Tuesday September 10; we will skip October due to Yom Kippur; then will start regular schedule on Tuesday November 5th.)

Come join us for a great year of movies! Come for the movie, join us after the film at the Dedham Square Coffeehouse for a snack and discussion. Once the movie is chosen each month, you will be notified the time via email. The films are shown at the Dedham Community Theater.

Coordinators: **Marilyn Howard** [mhowardslp@comcast.net](mailto:mhowardslp@comcast.net) 617 962-2158

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

9. **Canasta Play** Every Monday beginning Sept 16 1:00-4:00 pm

Come play canasta! You don’t need a partner, just show up ready to enjoy a fun afternoon! Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton. Cost is $45 for September through January to cover weekly room rental. Pay again for January to June sessions.

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

10. **Canasta Instruction and Play** Every Thursday 9:30 am-12:00 noon beginning Sept 26

Receive instruction on the rules, strategies, and skills needed to play canasta. After 4 weeks of instruction, you will be able to play with others while the instructor is still there for guidance. Bring your friends and come learn this fun, popular card game! Experienced players are also welcome to play instead of (or in addition to) Monday afternoon. There is plenty of room to play in a friendly game even if you don’t need instruction! Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton. Cost is $45 for September through January to cover weekly room rental. Pay again for January to June sessions.

Instructor: **Leslie Pearlstein** [lkpearl@gmail.com](mailto:lkpearl@gmail.com) 781-828-0694
11. Co-Ed Canasta Instruction Four Thursdays, Sept 26 — Oct 17 6:30-9:00 pm

Meets at Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton. Cost is $25 per person ($50 per couple) for the four week program to cover weekly room rental.

Instructor: Leslie Pearlstein lkpearl@gmail.com 781-828-0694

12. Legal Puzzlers 3rd Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 pm beginning Sept. 18

He said, she said. Who’s guilty, who’s not? You are the judge and jury. This is LEGAL PUZZLERS! Interesting, Stimulating & Fun discussions. The FIRST meeting (September 18) will be held at the Oak Hill Community Center, 675 Saw Mill Brook Parkway, Newton. Location of following meetings will be announced later.

Leader: Bev Cohen beverlycohen@comcast.net 781-803-6450

13. Private Dick, Female Detective 3rd Wednesday, 11:00 am

(Note: the first meeting will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday October 16, but following meetings will begin at 11 AM.)

Power ladies and mystery lovers gather here! Join the loyal mystery readers with a new book each month. There’s almost always food served related to the book. We meet at participants’ homes. The first book is The Murder of the Century by Paul Collins. When you sign up you’ll be told where the first meeting will be held.

Leader: Merle Carrus merlesoffice@gmail.com 603-490-1957

14. 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, day and/or evening, for the opportunity to enjoy performances at the Spingold Theatre, listen to concerts at Slosberg Music Center, join openings and meet artists while viewing new and permanent art exhibits at the Rose Art Museum; attend up to date lectures on campus, enjoy lunch at the Faculty Dining Room and much more. Experience what Brandeis has to offer! There is a $10 registration fee for this group, and the majority of campus events are free of charge.

Coordinator: Marlene Wiener wienerworld57@gmail.com 508-877-2602

15. NEW GROUP Play Reading 2nd Thursday 10:30 AM beginning September 12

This fun new group will discuss and act out scenes from classic and contemporary plays. Enjoy acting? This one’s for you. Meetings will take place at participants’ homes. First meeting will be at the home of Helaine Saperstein and will begin the year with “Night and Day” by Tom Stoppard.

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

16. NEW GROUP Poetry Thursday November 7th 1 PM – 2:30 PM

Join us for a fascinating discussion of a few of the best works of Robert Frost, including “The Road Not Taken”. Robert Frost was considered one of the greatest poets of the 20th century…and was the only poet in history to receive four Pulitzer Prizes. His best work explored the choices people made in their lives and the existential questions they considered. We will meet at the home of Ruth Bender, 20 Deer run Road, Lincoln. There is a $10 registration fee for this group.

Leader: Ruth Bender ruthbender20@gmail.com 617-875-3622
Honoring our History
Transforming Unique Collections Highlighting Social Justice

The Brandeis library has some unique collections that speak to topics of interest and concern to everyone today, such as the increase of anti-Semitism, restrictions on immigration, and institutionalized sexism. Our new campaign — Honoring our History — will provide continuous electronic access to these materials to help preserve the originals. We will be able to preserve our valuable one-of-a-kind research collections while offering new forms of digital scholarship globally.

I will share more information about the campaign with you as it becomes available.

Leslie Pearlstein
VP Fundraising

MISSION STATEMENT
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 fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism, and service to the community.
BNC New/Renewal Membership Application  
Greater Boston Chapter  

- Annual membership . . . $60.00  
  (good through June 2020)  

- Couples membership . . $100  
  (For two people living at the same address)  

Enclosed is my check for $ ________________ 

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  PO Box 549110  
  Waltham, MA 02454-9110  

Any questions, please contact Ellen Forman  
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Dale Golden at dalergolden@yahoo.com 617-566-5429 

Potpourri Reservation Form  
Mail to: Bev Cohen  
84 Broad Reach, #301, N. Weymouth, MA 02191  

Name ________________________________  
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- Bruce Hambro presents Frank Sinatra  
  $25. Members $30. non-Members  
- Jews of Boston with Ellen Smith  
  $25. Members $30. non-Members  

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Art Adventures Reservation Form  
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  $39. Members $46. non-Members  
- Fuller Craft Museum and Lunch  
  $36. Members $43. non-Members  
- Willard House and Clock Museum  
  $36. Members $43. non-Members  

Ethnic Lunch at Landwer  
Mail to: Bev Cohen  
84 Broad Reach, #301, N. Weymouth, MA 02191  

Name ________________________________  
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$30. members $35. non-members  

Please be sure to include your check(s) with the completed reservation forms.  
Make all checks payable to BNC.