39. LYNNE OAKES — PAINTER
The word “joy” truly describes the outlook and artwork of Lynne Oakes. She comes from an entire family of artists and has had exposure to art since childhood. Lynne paints in a variety of media but is partial to oil painting and watercolor. Her subject matter includes landscapes, still life, figures and portraits, and her paintings can be found in private collections in the U.S. and Europe as well as in various corporate collections. Lynne founded the art league in her community and continues to teach in her studio. Note: this program involves descending and ascending stairs.

Date:  Monday, February 6, 2017
Time:  1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost:  $15.00

40. CROCHET A BEADED WIRE KIPPAH
This is not a class for beginners! Abbey Bobb, a skilled crocheter will supply the pattern. You will be sent a list of supplies that you will need to purchase and bring to the session.

Date:  Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Time:  2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost:  $12.00

41. MAKE YOUR OWN GLASS JEWELRY AND TOUR OF WASHINGTON ARTWORKS
Learn the fine art of fused glass jewelry making with fellow Brandeis members. During a three hour class you will have the opportunity to make three pendants—all supplies will be provided and instructors will fire the pieces and attach the hardware. (Chains will not be provided and you will have to return to pick up your pendants.) After the class, grab a bite in the neighborhood (lunch on your own), and then return for a tour of nearly 70 resident artists’ studios including the Washington School of Photography. If you wish to come for the tour only, we will see you in the afternoon.

Date:  Thursday, February 9, 2017
Location:  Washington Art Works
          12276 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville

Group A — Glass Fusing and Tour  Group B — Tour Only
Time: 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Time:  2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost:  $42.00  Cost:  $12.00
Enrollment:  6 – Minimum  28 – Maximum  Enrollment:  No Maximum
42. CUISINE AND CONVERSATION
Let’s get together to push away the winter doldrums with a potluck lunch. We’ll bring our comfort food and join our friends to share some good food and good times.

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cost: $12.00  
Location: Home of Linda Grabel  
Enrollment: 8 – Minimum  25 – Maximum

43. INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE
Did you ever wonder how to play bridge? Now is the time to learn the basics of bridge, including bidding, play of the hand, and defense. Cost of the class includes materials.

Dates: Thursdays – March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Cost: $25.00  
Location: Home of Joyce Riseberg  
Enrollment: 4 – Minimum  10 – Maximum

44. MOORENKO’S ICE CREAM FACTORY
Moorenko’s makes small-batch handcrafted ultra-premium ice cream. Rich, creamy, with decadent flavors, it’s been named Best Ice Cream in Maryland by Foursquare. Help make the ice cream and do the clean up. Owner Susan Soorenko will speak about ice cream, the industry, how to determine if an ice cream is worth the price, and how to taste ice cream. You will eat ice cream right out of the machine and take a pint home with you.

Date: Sunday, March 5, 2017  
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cost: $24.00  
Location: 8810 Brookville Road, Silver Spring  
Enrollment: 20 – Minimum/Maximum

45. THE BEST HAMENTASHEN EVER!
Sandy Feinstein has once again generously invited 12 lucky BNC members into her kitchen to learn her fabulous hamentashen recipe. Each participant will make and take home a dozen delicious hamentashen!

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: $12.00  
Location: Home of Sandy Feinstein  
Enrollment: 8 – Minimum  12 – Maximum

46. YOGA SHALOM
Back by popular demand! We are delighted to have Cantor Lisa Levine lead us in a session of Yoga Shalom. Yoga Shalom is a unique experience that brings together body, mind, and spirit. Combining the two powerful spiritual disciplines of Jewish worship and yoga practice, Yoga Shalom leads to deeper understandings of both. Whether you have no yoga experience or have been practicing for years, and regardless of your age or abilities, Yoga Shalom will help you relax your body, calm your mind, and nurture your spirit. Essential oil aromatherapy will be part of our practice and add to the calm and benefits of yoga. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat, if you have one, or a towel. Chairs will be available for those who prefer not to use a mat.

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Cost: $20.00  
Location: Temple Shalom  
Enrollment: 15 – Minimum  25 – Maximum
47. GREAT DECISIONS
We are citizens of a globally interdependent world. Please join in a lively, enjoyable eight-part facilitated discussion of the great decisions of the year as selected by the Foreign Policy Association. Your cost includes the purchase of one Great Decisions 2016 briefing book that lays out all eight discussion topics. The group will meet every other week at participants’ homes.

**Dates:** Fridays – March 17 & 31, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16, 2017

**Cost:** $52.00 (one book), $72.00 (two books)

**Group A—Couples Only**
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Home of Bobbe and Herb Mintz
- **Enrollment:** 14 – Maximum

**Group B—Singles and Couples**
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Home of Betty and Larry Berkow
- **Enrollment:** 8 – Minimum 16 – Maximum

48. ART OF FIRE
This is a state-of-the-art glassblowing studio located in a renovated dairy barn. The glass makers use heat, centrifugal force, gravity and physics to create a myriad of shapes and forms. We will have a tour, glass blowing demonstration and explanation of the process. BNC will receive 20% of all sales.

**Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2017
**Time:** Group A: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Group B: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
**Cost:** $12.00

**Location:** 7901 Hawkins Creamery Road, Laytonsville
**Enrollment:** 10 – Minimum 15–Maximum (each group)

49. MOMMIES AND DADDIES IN JAIL
Judi Goozh and Sue Jeweler will discuss the impact of parent incarceration on children and families. People in the general community are often unaware of the existence of this problem in our society and, historically, this issue has not been addressed in the Jewish community. Facts, real-life stories, and action steps that can address the problems facing this population will be shared along with specific ways all of us can help break the cycle. They published a booklet Mommies and Daddies in Jail directed at children with an incarcerated parent and those individuals who touch their lives. As a result of their work they were nominated for the President’s 2013 White House “Champions of Change” award.

**Date:** Friday, March 24, 2017
**Time:** 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
**Cost:** $12.00

**Location:** Home of Tina Levine
**Enrollment:** 10 – Minimum 20– Maximum

50. THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN CHINA
Dr. Robert Epstein has taken numerous trips to the Peoples Republic of China while in government service and visited most regions of the country. During his visits government officials provided opportunities to learn about and experience the Jewish connection to China. He will discuss the more than 1,000 year history of the Kaifeng Jews and Jewish survival and renewal in the 19th and 20th century, Russian Jews settling in Harbin, Manchuria, and European Jews seeking asylum in Shanghai and Tientsin. He will speak about Jewish personalities and their impact on shaping modern China in the 20th century. Also discussed will be the efforts of the Chinese government to preserve the Jewish role in Chinese history.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.
**Cost:** $18.00

**Location:** Temple Beth Ami
**Enrollment:** 22 – Minimum No Maximum
51. PASSOVER TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD
Join us on a journey through tastes and tales of some unique Passover customs. This study group will focus on the many different ways Passover is observed. The scattering of Jews around the world over the past 2,000 years to nearly every continent, has meant that these traditions have evolved and been adapted to different settings. We will taste the foods and discover their origins as we trace the path of our Jewish history and culture. This will be a hands-on experience. This event is based on Brandeis’ Food and Culture educational guide.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Home of Beth Smith  
**Enrollment:** 10 – Minimum  20 – Maximum  
**Cost:** $16.00

52. GUIDED TOUR OF THE NATIONAL MALL
We will have a docent-led walking tour by Professor Lisa Lipinski, assistant professor of art at George Washington University Corcoran School of Art and Design. She will share the history of the art and the architectural details of the monuments and buildings surrounding the National Mall. The tour will be outside and include, but not be limited to, the Library of Congress, the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Castle, the Hirshhorn Museum and the Supreme Court. The tour will take approximately 2 hours.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Library of Congress – Jefferson Building Entrance, 1st Street, SE, between Independence Avenue and East Capitol Street  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum  25 – Maximum  
**Cost:** $20.00

53. GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
There will be a guided presentation in the theater on “Science on a Sphere,” touching on basic Goddard history, earth science, and planetary science. This is a very visitor-driven presentation, so be prepared to ask questions! The tour will stop at the James Webb Space Telescope clean room window where we will see parts of the observatory being constructed (launch date 10/18). The tour will also stop at the Spacecraft Testing & Integration facilities. This is where spacecraft components and hardware are shaken, heated, etc. to make sure they can withstand the rigors of launch and the vacuum of space. We will be taking a bus to the center and use it to tour the grounds with a docent.

**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2017  
**Time:** 9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Goddard Space Flight Center 8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt  
**Enrollment:** 19– Minimum/Maximum  
**Cost:** $30.00

54. WOODROW WILSON HOUSE AND GARDENS
A docent-led tour of the Woodrow Wilson House gives a special glimpse into President Wilson’s private life after serving his term as the 28th President. The home has been maintained much as it was in 1924 when he died, including furniture, art, photographs, state gifts, and the personal effects of President and Mrs. Wilson. The drawing room includes a century-old Steinway piano that President Wilson had in the White House, a framed mosaic that Wilson received on his trip to Italy in 1919 from Pope Benedict XV, and a wall-sized Gobelin tapestry presented by the people of France following World War I.

**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2017  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** 2340 S Street, NW  
**Enrollment:** 10 – Minimum  45 – Maximum  
**Cost:** $20.00
55. THE FLAVORS OF JEWISH DESSERTS
Many of the cultures in which Jewish desserts have evolved are rapidly disappearing. To keep our traditions alive, we need to pass on recipes as part of our Jewish heritage. Join us for an engaging opportunity to discover the edible dessert history of Jews in many lands. We will prepare and taste several desserts and explore the cultures from which they came. This event is based on Brandeis' Food and Culture educational guide.

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: $16.00

56. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS (Spring Session)
Learn the fundamentals of this popular game in two sessions. For those of you who learned and played the game years ago, this course can also be taken as a “refresher.”

Dates: Tuesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 27, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: $18.00

57. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TOUR
Visit the Holocaust Museum in a new way – with a tour by docent Marilyn Ripin. The museum normally only provides docents for law enforcement and school groups, but our Brandeis group has the opportunity to tour the Permanent Exhibit with a guide. The exhibit spans the years 1933-1945.

Date: Group A—Friday, April 28, 2017
Group B—Thursday, May 18, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cost: $12.00

58. TOUR OF US NAVAL ACADEMY AND JEWISH CHAPEL
We will first go on a historical tour to see the highlights of life at the US Naval Academy past and present. The tour includes Lejeune Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, Main Chapel (when open), and the crypt of John Paul Jones, Revolutionary War hero (approximately 1¼ hours). We will then visit the Jewish Chapel and Levy Center Tour (approximately 1 hour). The Center is named for Jewish naval officer, Commodore Uriah P. Levy, who held command positions for Presidents Monroe, Jefferson, Tyler, and Lincoln. Levy restored Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello.

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cost: $15.00
59. KREEGER MUSEUM
We will have a 90 minute, docent-led tour through The Kreeger Museum and Sculpture Garden. The Kreeger collection is mainly comprised of works from the 1850s to the present. The Impressionists are represented by nine Claude Monet paintings, as well as works by Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley, and Camille Pissarro. From his early work to the end of his life, Pablo Picasso’s career can be traced through his paintings at the Kreeger. Other 20th century European artists include Edvard Munch, Max Beckmann, Jean Dubuffet, Wassily Kandinsky, and Joan Miro.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017
Time: Group A: 10:30 a.m.
     Group B: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: $19.00
Locations: 2401 Foxhall Road, NW, Washington, DC
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum  45 – Maximum (each group)

60. LINCOLN'S COTTAGE
We start with a docent-led tour of the cottage in which President Lincoln spent part of each year during the Civil War. During the first summer living there, Lincoln drafted the preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation. We will also visit Rockville Cemetery which is just across the street. The Adams Memorial, by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, is known as “Grief” and memorializes the wife of Henry Adams.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Cost: $25.00
Location: 140 Rock Creek Church Road, NW
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum  24 – Maximum

Open Event

Brandeis Alumnus
DR. NADIA HASHIMI

Her debut novel, The Pearl That Broke Its Shell, depicts the life of a young Afghan girl whose family decides to dress her as a boy until she is of marriageable age. Dr. Hashimi’s second novel, When the Moon Is Low, chronicles the perilous journey of an Afghan family as they flee Taliban-controlled Kabul and fall into the dark world of Europe’s undocumented. Come hear Dr. Hashimi’s own story of becoming an international bestselling novelist while working as an emergency room pediatrician.

May 9, 2017 – Temple Beth Ami – 10:30 a.m. – $18
61. MICHAEL COLELLA – WOOD TURNER
After living in Kensington for 38 years, Michael Colella and his family recently moved to a more bucolic setting in Laytonsville, Maryland, where he has been actively engaged in wood turning. He has been a freelance photographer both locally and abroad for over forty years but has followed his love of wood working for the past fifteen years. He participates in the Maryland Renaissance Festival, where his work includes wood turnings from bowls to sculpture and magic wands. He will demonstrate his process and techniques for us in an outdoor setting at his home.

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: $15.00
Location: Home of the Artist
Enrollment: 15 – Minimum 25 – Maximum

62. DETECTIVE McDEVITT WALKING TOUR
On the night of April 14, 1865, Detective James McDevitt was on duty at the Washington DC Metropolitan Police headquarters, a half-block from Ford’s Theatre. Just before 10:30 frantic witnesses rushed in with horrifying news: President Lincoln had been shot at the theatre. Join Detective McDevitt, our own personal tour guide in period costume, as he revisits the sites and reexamines the clues from the investigation into the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy. This tour will take place rain or shine. You will need to be able to navigate city streets and walk 1.6 miles for approximately 2 hours. A tour not to miss!

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: $29.00
Location: Ford’s Theater
511 10th St NW, Washington,
Enrollment: 40 – Minimum/Maximum

63. TEA AT THE SERENITY TEAROOM
Join us for a lovely Summer Tea in downtown Frederick at the Serenity Tea Room. The reviews (check them out) are outstanding! And after our relaxing tea, take time to stroll through the shop at Serenity and enjoy downtown Frederick. Tip and tax included.

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: $45.00
Location: 162 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Enrollment: 8 – Minimum No Maximum

64. BEN LOMOND HISTORIC SITE AND OLD ROSE GARDEN
Originally part of an extensive Northern Virginia land grant, the site of Ben Lomond was one of numerous plantations that Robert “Councillor” Carter III owned in Colonial Virginia. At one time the plantation used its enslaved workforce to farm corn and wheat and to care for nearly 500 Merino sheep. Immediately after the Battle of First Manassas, the house was converted into a Confederate field hospital. Tour the house, where you can smell, touch, and taste history. Then see the restored slave quarter, smokehouse and dairy, and enjoy a tour of the fragrant Rose Garden.

Date: Thursday, June 8 2017
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: $15.00
Location: 10311 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, VA
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum 40 – Maximum
65. THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM AND THE LUNDER CONSERVATION CENTER

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is dedicated to collecting, understanding and enjoying American art. We will have a docent-led tour of the museum’s best craft objects and decorative arts from the 19th century to the present. We will see the current special exhibits as well. We will also tour the Lunder Conservation Center (across the street), which is the first art preservation facility that allows the public permanent behind-the-scene views of essential preservation work. See firsthand how museum conservators use science, art, and skill to preserve artworks and objects from the Smithsonian collection. Note that participants will be divided into two groups as there is limited physical space for viewing the preservation work. Each group will have the same tour and view of the Lunder Center but in reverse order of each other.

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Cost: $12.00
Location: Smithsonian American Art Museum
800 G Street NW, Washington, DC
Enrollment: 20 – Minimum  40 – Maximum

66. FOOD AND FRIENDS

We will say farewell to another exciting Brandeis year as it draws to a close with a pot-luck lunch at the home of Lynne Groban. We will enjoy schmoozing and sampling the favorite dishes prepared by our attendees. Join us for what will be a most delightful event.

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cost: $12.00
Location: Home of Lynne Groban
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum  30 – Maximum