

## UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1 Book & Author on Zoom - Citizen 865, 1pm

3/3 Board Meeting, 11am

**Nominating Committee will present the Slate of Officers for 2021-22**

3/7 Bruce Thomas – A Night of Music **RESCHEDULED** – flyer p.3

4/5 Book & Author on Zoom – Hiding in Plain Sight, 1pm

4/7 Chapter Meeting-ELECTIONS, 11am

4/8 BRUNCH AND LEARN, 10:30am – flyer p. 9

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Theater”

4/8 Brandeis-UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS Zoom, 2pm

5/12 Installation and Spring “Lunch”, 1pm

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Membership meeting, Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

Spring Luncheon committee meeting, Thursday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

AMAZING! Here we are at the beginning of March, a year since we started our “new normal”, presenting interesting and entertaining programs for our members. It has been a challenge that our chapter has faced and working together has conquered.

Speaking of working together, our Special Events chairs Vivian G, Joan B, and Bobbye H, along with their committee, are presenting us with musical programs that brought back memories and joy through songs of the past and present. We are grateful to you for the time and effort you expended to entertain us all.

To the best all-around ideas contributor to various committees we recognize Joni S. Her valuable input is very much appreciated.

Each of our programs have coordinators who send out notices to those who have signed up. They may also introduce the speaker and thank them for the event. We wish to thank all those unsung volunteers for helping to make each program run smoothly.

So, who explains what a coordinator’s purpose is and how to do it?... Sue R, that’s who! Sue is also the go-to person when someone can’t find the link or has a problem connecting. We give you a standing ovation for a job well done!

Merci, Grazie, Danke, Gracias to each of you!

Livia and Linda



# BNC Greater Washington Chapter Book & Author Series

March 1, 2021

April 5, 2021

These events begin at 1 p.m.

## Meet the Author on Zoom

Meet the Author has now become a monthly event on BNC National Webinar. Our chapter continues to plan and sponsor the talks. We are honored to have Leslie Milk continue as our moderator for these events. Our chapter will receive credit from all BNC members throughout the US who participate in our Book and Author programs.

**Cost per person: \$18 per author (100% tax deductible)**  
**Registration will be by charge card to Brandeis National Committee.**

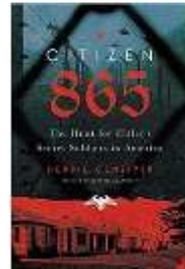


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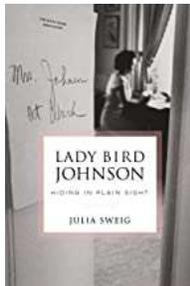
***Citizen 865***

***The Hunt for Hitler's Soldiers in America***

**Monday, March 1, 2021**



[Register Here](#)



**Julia Sweig**

***Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight***

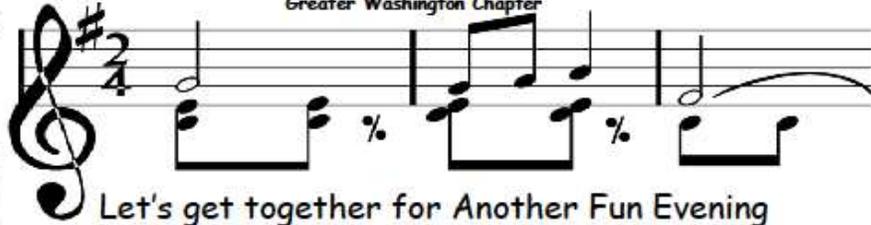
**Monday, April 5, 2021**



[Register Here](#)

**Coming May 3, 2021 Abi Dare- The Girl With The Louding Voice**

Brandeis National Committee  
Greater Washington Chapter



Let's get together for Another Fun Evening

**RESCHEDULED!**



Featuring - Bruce Thomas

**Sunday, March 7, 2021 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**\$20.00**

Bruce Thomas, a Mid-Atlantic vocalist, has performed more than 1600 shows for a wide range of audiences. His vocal quality and energetic, charismatic performances bring joy into people's lives through Jazz, Blues, Pop, Broadway tunes and a variety of Contemporary music!

Send this form (if unable to print this form, send the information on a piece of paper) and your \$20 check made out to BNC to:

Shelley Morrison

Silver Spring, MD 20906

**Please call Shelley and let her know your check is in the mail**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Any amount over \$3.00 is a charitable contribution to  
Brandeis National Committee's Honoring Our History Campaign



A zoom link will be sent to registrants prior to this event

## STUDY GUIDE

**Registration Information:** Only paid-up current members may register for study groups. Dues may be paid online at [giving.brandeis.edu/BNCmembership](http://giving.brandeis.edu/BNCmembership)

**Registrations must be received at least 3 days before the study group.** Please make a list of the study groups in which you want to register and send the list with your name, phone number, email address, and **check payable to BNC** to the Registrar:

*Roz A, , Gaithersburg, MD 20878*

You will be sent an email confirmation when your registration is processed. If you don't receive a confirmation, please contact Roz before the date of the program. **An email with the Zoom link will be sent before each Study Group.** If you do not receive the link by the end of the day before your program, please contact Sue R.

### Directions for using Zoom to connect to site.

As we will be checking names for registration, please have your name shown on your Zoom account. **Admission will be delayed for "iPad 1234" or "mom" as your identity is unknown.** Here are directions if you need them:

1. Go to **zoom.us** You will need your email address and zoom password, as it will be requested.
2. Go to **My Account**
3. Find **Personal** and highlight **Profile**
4. Find Name: **Edit** will be on the right side of the screen
5. Enter your first and last name; if desired and appropriate, you can enter your partner's name also

Questions or issues should be directed to Barbara E or  
Beth S, Co-Vice Presidents of Study Guide.



**Come and join the  
Study Guide Committee for 2021-2022**

Contact: Barbara E or  
Beth S

## STUDY GROUPS MARCH - APRIL

### MARCH

#### Edith Halpert Collection



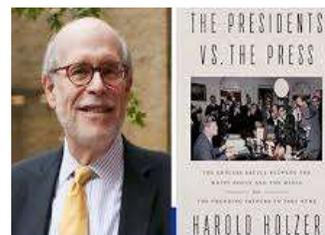
We are going to New York! Join us virtually for a docent-led tour at Manhattan's Jewish Museum as we discover Edith Halpert, a Russian Jewish immigrant of modest means who transformed the landscape of American art and died a multimillionaire. Her personal collection included the work of Stuart Davis, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Jacob Lawrence, Georgia O'Keeffe as well as American folk art and precursors to American modernism.



Friday, March 12, 11:00 a.m., \$20

#### The Presidents vs. The Press: The Endless Battle between the White House and the Media

Author Harold Holzer, a former reporter and press secretary, will discuss the tension between presidents and the press. Drawing on examples from his recently published book, Mr. Holzer will explain how we have come full circle—from a time when newspapers supported particular parties, to the cable era, when networks broadcast one-sided views. He will put today's partisan divide into historical perspective and enlighten us about presidents whose actions were far more detrimental to democracy than those of more recent ones.



Tuesday, March 16, 11:00 a.m., \$15

#### Passion For Passover



Tired of boring, dry sponge cake? Join Beth S as she shares her recipe and guides you through the steps to making this moist and marvelous dessert. She will also show you how to make a luscious fudge nut torte. With Passover just a few days away, you will want to make these delightful cakes along with Beth. You will need 8 eggs, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sifted sugar, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons grated lemon rind, 3 tablespoons lemon juice,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup potato starch, a dash of salt and a tube pan. For the fudge nut torte,

you will need 10 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups pecans or walnuts, 2 tablespoons plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound (1 stick) plus 6 tablespoons parve margarine or butter, 3 large eggs, 1 tablespoon orange juice. This is a great opportunity to make fabulous cakes and eat them, too.

Tuesday, March 23, 1:00 p.m., \$10

#### American Visionary Art Museum

The American Visionary Arts Museum is America's official national museum and education center for intuitive, self-taught artistry. Come with us to Baltimore's Inner Harbor for a virtual docent-led tour of the exhibit *Esther and The Dream of One Loving Human Family*, Esther Krinitz's "survival story," told through her 36 hand-embroidered squares. The Museum's juxtaposes the power of Esther's work and story with the experience and voice of other innocent victims of cultural genocides, past and present, and echoing from every corner of our earth, all to underscore the great danger of demonizing any human being as an undesirable and disposable, 'other.'



Wednesday, March 31, 2:30 p.m., \$15

## APRIL

### Wicked Georgetown

The tragedy of Georgetown's darker side encompasses the oldest neighborhood in DC with local legends and true crime events from its past. Come with us on a virtual tour of the historic streets to learn about long ago tales of tragedy, romance, and lore.

Tuesday, April 13, 11:00 a.m., \$20



### I'm Not As Young As I Was: What's the Scoop for My Diet? **NOTE correct date**



How do your diet and nutrient needs change as you age? How can you address these needs in ways that are tasty and healthy? Patsy M. Brannon, PhD, RD, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, will answer those questions while sharing information about protein, vitamin B-12 and energy.

Thursday, April 15, 1:00 p.m., \$15

### Fun With Words - Memory Booster



Would you like to build your vocabulary and expand your memory at the same time? Mentally stimulating activities such as learning new words and their meanings, help boost your brain power. In this course you will practice various techniques through fun and interactive games, that will enhance your reading and writing and improve overall memory skills.

Tuesday, April 20, 11:00 a.m., \$15

### Keeping the United States, a Nation for Religious Freedom

You will not believe how often people have tried to add religious components into the US Constitution. Did you know that the Constitution does not mention God, other than in the date? That does not mean that everyone has been content with that idea. In this talk, you will learn about the attempts to add Jesus to the Constitution in the 1940s and 1950s by Katharine B, PhD in Religion. In this era, Jewish organizations led the opposition to this potential constitutional change and prevailed. Though these amendment attempts have ended for now, the debate about the US as a Christian nation or not still continues.

Thursday April 22, 11:00 a.m., \$15



Knit & Stitch B  
had our second Knitting Bingo on Zoom.  
Congratulations to the winner,  
**Abby B!**



## **Birthday Greeting Project – 2nd quarter 2021**

Send an adorable animated birthday email greeting to a friend for a donation of \$1.00 per greeting and help the chapter raise money for **Sustaining the Mind**. One Greeting will be sent with all the names listed.

**Put a check (✓) by the names below and return the list with your check payable to BNC by March 20th.**

Send the form from the BLAST and your check to:  
Cathy F  
Rockville, MD 20850

### **Welcome to our Zoom Room**

Join Ellen K as she facilitates discussion among our members.  
Please contact Ellen at her email address in the Blast

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – Topic:** Please share with our fellow Brandeis members a craft that you enjoy doing and show us something special that you have made. Here are some examples: paintings, handmade (knitted or crocheted) items, jewelry, decorations, ceramics, embroidery, needlepoint etc.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, although there were only seven of us, we had a lively discussion on the rewards of getting older. The first benefit was being able to get the covid 19 vaccine sooner than everyone else. The second benefit stated by almost everyone was having grandchildren. The third benefit was having financial security at this time in our life.

### **UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS – Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2pm**

Please save the date for our first-ever virtual BNC University on Wheels.

We are excited to welcome Hadassah Lieberman, wife of former U.S. Senator and Vice-Presidential nominee Joe Lieberman, and an author who has dedicated herself to promoting healthcare issues, assisting nonprofit organizations, improving educational standards, and advancing international understanding, particularly in the area of women's health.

She will be joined in conversation by Sylvia Fishman, the Joseph and Esther Foster Professor in Judaic Studies, Emerita.

Hadassah is appearing on the occasion of the publication of her new book, Hadassah, An American Story, published by Brandeis University Press on the 14th of April. This event is a special pre-publication event exclusive for BNC members. The ticket price will be a charitable contribution to BNC's Honoring Our History campaign.

*RSVP info coming soon.*

### **BOOK FUND**



Contact Linda H for levels of donation. Please include \$1 with your donation to cover the cost of postage and the envelope. **Cards will be mailed when the donation is received.**

### **SUSTAINING THE MIND**

Gail L is accepting donations from \$10-\$25.

Heather G is handling donations starting at \$25.

NOTE: Please add \$1 to your donation to cover postage.

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

If you know of any member of our Brandeis community who has had a death or illness in the family BNC will send a complimentary card to that person from the chapter. If you would like to share a simcha in your family, we will be happy to include your good news in our **Simcha Gram** published biweekly in the Brandeis Blast.

*Contact Lois F*

**See Flyer Below**

Brandeis National Committee Greater Washington Chapter  
The Bette Aschkenasy Brunch and Learn

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Presents

**A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON  
THE WAY TO THE THEATER**



Thursday – April 8, 2021

10:30 – 12:00

Cost of \$20 is a charitable contribution to  
Brandeis National Committee's Honoring Our History Campaign

**Speakers**



**Jason Loewith**

Artistic Director  
Olney Theatre Center



**Alan Paul**

Associate Artistic Director  
Shakespeare Theatre Company

Moderator – Stan Levin

Co-Presidents: Livia W and Linda R

Co-Chairs: Margie L, Tina L, and Barbara L