

Articles for the May 15th Blast are due by May 10th

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/3 Book & Author on Zoom – Girl With the Louding Voice, **11am**

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

6/7 Book & Author on Zoom – The Book of Lost Names, 1pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

5/5 Executive Committee Meeting, 11am

PRESDENTS’ MESSAGE

I have noticed that in spite of the fact that we have not been actively going, in person, to the theatre, movies, clothes shopping or museums, time has flown by. When you read this issue of the Blast it will be May 1st. How did we get here? Well, one reason could be that we have been “Zooming” through our lives.

We have thanked the many people responsible for connecting us to each other, in a myriad of ways, visually, intellectually, emotionally and joyfully. However, none of this could have happened without the support of our Directors or Membership. This column is highlighting and enthusiastically sending our Appreciation to all of you who coordinated our programs, joined committees, and signed up for the many programs this year (and the years before).

BRAVO!

See you at our virtual Spring Luncheon!
Livia and Linda

Your Membership Counts

The easiest and fastest way to renew is online!

Click link below to renew:

giving.brandeis.edu/bncrenew

BNC membership payable on receipt and is tax deductible

Membership begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022

Thank you for your continued support of Brandeis University.



BNC Greater Washington Chapter Book & Author Series

May 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
June 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Meet the Author on Zoom

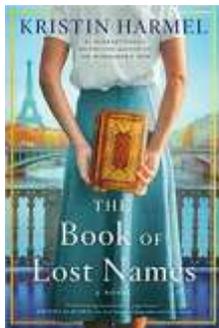
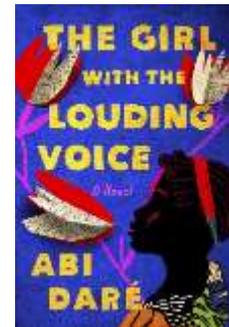
Meet the Author has now become a monthly event on BNC National Webinar. Our chapter continues to plan and sponsor the talks. We are honored to have Leslie Milk continue as our moderator for these events. Our chapter will receive credit from all BNC members throughout the US who participate in our Book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

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



Abi Daré
The Girl with the Louding Voice
May 3, 2021
Note: This event will be at 11:00 a.m.

[Register Here](#)



Kristin Harmel
The Book of Lost Names
June 7, 2021
1:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)



**The BNC National Nominating Committee is seeking nominees
for the National Executive Committee.**

Nominees should:

Be committed to Brandeis University and the BNC

Understand philanthropy

Become active participants on the NEC as well as in their chapters

The new members of the NEC will begin their terms on July 1, 2021 and serve for three years. Please note that a minimum NEC gift of \$2,500 *per year* will be a requirement for those who agree to serve. Meetings will be held both on campus and virtually through the year.

You may contact your chapter president for additional information to submit a recommendation on your own behalf (self-nominate). The deadline for submissions is May 7, 2021. All recommendations are confidential and will be used only by the National Nominating Committee.

STUDY GUIDE

Registration Information: Only paid-up current members may register for study groups. Dues may be paid online at 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 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.*

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.**

STUDY GROUPS MAY



Cucina Di Livia

Cook along with Livia as you travel through her recipe file.

Thursday, May 20, 1:00 p.m., \$10



North Carolina Museum of Art Judaica Collection

This month we're off to North Carolina for a docent-led virtual tour of The North Carolina Museum of Art, one of only two general art museums in the country with a permanent gallery devoted to Jewish ceremonial art. The Judaica art collection spans three centuries and four continents, embracing a wide variety of forms and artistic styles. It features objects associated with most aspects of Jewish ceremonial life: synagogue worship, observance of the Sabbath and other holidays and festivals, rituals marking the life cycle, and the

sanctifying of a Jewish home.

Tuesday, May 25, 1:00 p.m., \$18

STUDY GROUPS JUNE

A Special Visit to the United Nations Building

This tour offers an exciting opportunity to explore the U.N. from the comfort of your home. One of the U.N.'s multilingual tour guides will take you on a virtual journey through the history of the United Nations and will speak about the Organization's work in addressing global challenges. Through an interactive experience, the tour provides an opportunity to learn about how the U.N. addresses issues such as disarmament, peace and security and human rights.

June 3, 11:00 a.m., \$18



Remains of the Jewish Presence in Poland

While in Poland, Myrna T went to visit Goniadz, the village that her grandmother left to come to America in 1906. The entire cemetery was overgrown, but she was able to find one gravestone with her family name, Tekotsky. After Hitler's murder of almost all the Jews in Poland, including all the Jews in Goniadz, the cemeteries are the only evidence of the long Jewish presence in Poland. Unless the Jewish cemeteries are restored, there will be no memorial to the generations of Polish Jews. Myrna will discuss the International Jewish Cemetery Project's mission to catalogue

every Jewish burial site throughout the world and her effort in Poland.

Thursday, June 10, 11:00 a.m., \$15

Welcome to our Zoom Room

Join Ellen K as she facilitates discussion among our members.

Please contact Ellen

NEW DATE: Tuesday May 11th Zoom chat at 2pm

Topic: Tell us about "YOU". Give us a brief bio of your life....where you grew up, siblings you have, where you went to college, career you chose, how you met your husband, how many children and grandchildren you have, how you came to live in Maryland and why you joined Brandeis.



DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR NEXT YEAR'S STUDY GUIDE?



Do you know of an interesting speaker for one or two sessions?

Do **YOU** Have a passion for an activity that you would like to share with others?

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR IDEAS!!

Virtual Tours, Crafts, Cooking or Baking class

PUT ON YOUR CREATIVE THINKING CAP

Let us know: Judy G

Ilene H

BOOK FUND



Are you celebrating a special event, such as a wedding?

Please support Brandeis' Library by sending celebratory cards.

Cards will be mailed when the donation is received.

Linda H

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.

Gail L

Heather G

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.

Lois F