

Brandeis

Brandeis National Committee
Greater Washington Chapter

2021– 2022
STUDY GUIDE
Part One

September– December 2021 Programs

Registration begins August 15, 2021

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BNC, Greater Washington Chapter will follow all
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1. Tour the Sculpture Garden and Gallery at Alden Farm



Put on your sneakers to visit Alden Farm, the outdoor studio and gallery of local artist, David Therriault. David is a stone sculptor, gardener, and owner of Alden Farm. His indoor and outdoor mixed media works in stone and iron are showcased around the grounds. David will join us to talk about his farm, studio, and his work. *We will be walking on grass, uneven surfaces, and standing outside to listen to the artist's talk.*

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Cost: \$12

Location: 19215 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD

Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 25 – Maximum

2. Play Discussion

Curtain up! Light the lights! The play's the thing! Don't miss out on reading and discussing a variety of plays. Some are old and some are new. Certain plays may need to be purchased. When in person, house locations will rotate. The first play and any other information will be emailed to participants.



Dates: Fridays – September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Cost: \$25

Location: To Be Determined

Enrollment: 10 – Minimum 20 – Maximum



3. The Unbelievable Collections of Art Historian Barbara F.

Come see the worldwide collection of glass, ceramic, textile, and ethnographic objects at the home of Barbara F. Hear about the artists and the story behind the pieces of her collection. See her latest addition!

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 3:00

Cost: \$12

Location: Bethesda, MD

Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 25 – Maximum



Works by Artist, Paul Dresang

Remember to renew your Membership!

Go to: giving.brandeis.edu/BNCrenew

Click: Alumni, Friends, and Family





4. Knit & Stitch

Share your stitching projects and maybe learn some new skills while we chat and get to know each other. Knit, crochet, cross– stitch, needlepoint, beading, whatever! Whether on Zoom or in person, we love to get together! Meetings will be held on different weeks of the month. House location will rotate.

Cost: Participating in 1 group – \$25
Participating in 2 groups – \$40
Participating in 3 groups – \$50

Group A: Second Monday of the Month

Dates: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13,
January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Time: 1:30 – 3:30

Enrollment: 20 – Maximum

Group B: Third Monday of the Month

Dates: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20,
January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20

Time: 1:30 – 3:30

Enrollment: 21 – Maximum *Continuing*

Group C: Fourth Monday of the Month

Dates: September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27,
January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27

Time: 1:30 – 3:30

Enrollment: 25 – Maximum *Continuing*

If enough interest, a fourth group would be organized.

5. Breakfast Book Club



This book club focuses on books of interest selected by members in the group. Leaders will rotate. The group will meet every other month starting in September. You will be notified by email what the first book will be.

Dates: Wednesdays – September 15, November 17, January 19,
March 16, May 18

Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Cost: \$18.00. Brunch is on your own.

Location: Terrace Room Restaurant, Leisure World, Silver Spring

Enrollment: 6 – Minimum. 16 – Maximum

6. Men's Book Club



This group, for men only, will discuss a monthly selection of either fiction or nonfiction, selected by participants. You will be notified by email the title of the first book.

Dates: Wednesdays – September 15, October 13, November 10,
December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11,
June 8

Time: 1:30 – 3:30

Cost: \$25.00

Location: Home of Simon A.

Enrollment: 8 – Minimum, No Maximum



7. Edible Book Club

This book club will participate in stimulating discussions about books chosen by the group, while we have lunch in a restaurant that complements the culture or situation in the book. You will be notified by email of the title of the first book.

Dates: Fridays – September 17, November 19, January 21, March 18, May 20

Time: 11:00 – 1:00

Cost: \$18.00

Location: To Be Determined

Enrollment: 8 – Minimum, 18 Maximum

Please Save the Date

All Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month:

September 1, 2021

October 6, 2021

December 1, 2021

January 5, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

May 4, 2022

June 1, 2022

General Membership Meetings:

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Wednesday, April 6, 2022



8. Ladies Who Picnic

It's been way toooooo...long since we've been able to socialize with each other. Pack your lunch and join us for a picnic get together! Picnic tables are in a shaded area. Can't wait to schmooze with you!!! If you have one, bring a camp chair.



Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021

Rain date: Thursday, September 30, 2021

Time: 11:30 – 1:30

Cost: \$5

Location: King Farm Park, Rockville, MD

Enrollment: 10– Minimum, 50 Maximum

9. Mystery Book Club



The mystery book club reads books chosen by the members of the group. The September selection is, *The House on Vesper Sands* by Paraic O'Donnell.

Dates: Mondays – September 27, October 25, November 22,
December 27, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25,
May 23, June 27

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Cost: \$25.00

Location: Home of Ellen A.

Enrollment: 10– Minimum, 15– Maximum

10. John McCarthy, State's Attorney for Montgomery County



John McCarthy has been prosecuting crimes in our county for the past 35 years. He will address the issue of hate crimes in Montgomery County including anti-Semitism.

Date: Tuesday, October 5

Time: 1:30 – 2:30

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, Rockville, MD 20850

Enrollment: 20– Minimum, No Maximum

11. Brain & Balance

Strengthen your upper body muscles and incorporate neuron training to improve memory and balance and to make leg muscles and bones stronger. Have a chair or yoga mat available.

Join Kim Brooks on Zoom from the comfort of your own home.

Date: Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28th

Time: 4:00 – 5:00

Cost: \$28

Location: Zoom from your home

Enrollment: 12 Minimum, No Maximum





12. Tour of Jewish Paris

Join Karen Rudel, live from France, for a fascinating, informative, and funny 90– minute virtual tour of Jewish Paris! This tour guides you around the Jewish quarter, pointing out cultural landmarks that would be otherwise overlooked while, at the same time giving you insight into what it was like to be a Jew in France during several fraught periods.

Date: Thursdays, October 14, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Zoom with you friends at Temple Beth Ami or Zoom from your home

Enrollment: 25 Minimum, No Maximum



13. Men's Discussion Group



Ron W., a long– time member of BNC, invites men who like to discuss various topics to join his “Zoom Group” for a monthly meeting. Each meeting will be hosted by a designated member who will lead a discussion on a topic that was chosen by the group during the previous meeting. The first topic, hosted by Ron, will be: The Effect of Immigration Policy on Work Force Development and the Economy.

Dates: Tuesdays– October 19, November 16, December 21,
January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21

Time: 1:00 – 2:30

Cost: \$25

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 18 – Maximum

14. How Did a Nice Jewish Girl from Florida End Up a Reporter in Spain?



Direct from Madrid, hear Pam Rolfe an American journalist and professor. Since 1995, she has lived in Madrid, writing for various US and British media, including the Associated Press, Reuters, The Washington Post, The Hollywood Reporter and NPR.

As a foreign correspondent, Rolfe has covered some of the most important events in recent Spanish history, including the end of the armed Basque separatist group known as ETA, the 2004 Madrid train bombing, and the crisis in Catalonia. Professor Rolfe has taught communication courses at IE University since 2009.

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Zoom with your friends at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, Rockville, MD 20850 or Zoom from your home

Enrollment: 20– Minimum, No Maximum

15. The One and Only Connie Morella!

Connie Morella, a moderate Republican representing Maryland from 1987– 2003 will speak about her personal and political journey through millstones and milestones—in heels.

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, Rockville, MD 20850

Enrollment: 20– Minimum, No Maximum



16. We're Talking Movies



The idea is to see a movie and then discuss it.

Group members will see the selected movie of the month prior to each meeting. The coordinators will advise registrants of the first movie. The next movie will be chosen before the following meeting.

Group A & B

Dates: Wednesdays – October 27, November 24, January 26,
February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22

Time: Group A: 10:30 – 12:00

Group B: 1:30 – 3:00

Cost: \$25

Location: Home of member

Enrollment: 8 – Minimum, 18 – Maximum *Per Group*

Group C

Group C meets for lunch prior to movie discussion, will depend on current Montgomery County policies.

Dates: Wednesdays– October 27, December 22, February 23,
April 27, June 22

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$18 (The cost for lunch is not included)

Location: TBD

Enrollment: 8– Minimum, 16 – Maximum



17. Sweet Simplici– Tea

Sweet Simplici– Tea, a tearoom, bakery, and gift shop in historic downtown Sykesville, MD is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy an afternoon tea with friends! We will enjoy a lovely light lunch including a salad, sandwiches, scone and Devonshire cream, sweets, fruit, and tea. After the tea, you might want to explore Sykesville’s quaint downtown.



Date: Friday, October 29, 2021

Time: 11:30

Cost: \$ 42

Location: 7540 Main St, Sykesville, MD

Enrollment: 25– Minimum, 35– Maximum

18. Avalon Springs Farm

Avalon Springs Farm is a small fiber farm, with 25 Angora goats, creating and producing many specialty and hand– dyed yarn, roving, fleece, kits, patterns, and fiber finished goods. Meet Karen Schlossberg, a former MCPS art teacher who works with the fiber and dyes.



Date: Tuesday, November 2

Time: 1:30 – 2:30

Cost: \$12

Location: 29100 Ridge Rd, Mt Airy, MD 21771

Enrollment: 10 Minimum, 20– Maximum



19. Hillwood Museum

“Roaring Twenties: The Life and Style of Marjorie Merriweather Post”.

After touring the mansion, we will explore the special exhibit, Jazz Age fashion, decorative art, jewelry, and design that made Marjorie Merriweather Post one of the most influential women of the 1920s.



Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Cost: \$24

Location: 4155 Linnean Ave, NW Washington, DC 20008

Enrollment: 20– Minimum, 40– Maximum

20. Jewish Heritage Museum of NY

Love Thy Neighbor: Immigration and the US Experience, discusses the stories of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany and settling in the U.S. using unique artifacts from the Museum’s collection. Topics include the factors that influenced these immigrants to leave home and settle in the U.S., how they adapted to life here, how they found occupations and pursued education, as well as how Americans helped to welcome and assist these immigrants in seeking freedom.



Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 2:00

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Zoom in person with your friends at Temple Beth Ami or Zoom from your home.

Enrollment: 20 – Minimum, No Maximum

21. Broken: Can the Senate Save Itself and the Country



Ira Shapiro, a former senior Democratic staffer, ambassador, specialist in international trade, and author will discuss issues facing the Senate and how they relate to questions about the filibuster today.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, Rockville, MD 20850

Enrollment: 20 – Minimum, No Maximum

22. Justice Denied: A Personal Perspective



Margie Yamamoto was an infant in 1942 when she and her family were forcibly taken by train from their home in Southern California to a Japanese internment camp, along with over 120,000 other Japanese Americans in the wake of the bombing of Pearl Harbor during WWII. Hear her presentation—which includes both family and historic photographs—summarizes relevant events, recounts the challenges of returning to a normal life after the war and discusses government efforts to provide compensation to those who were victimized.

Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 2:00

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Zoom in person with your friends at Temple Beth Ami or Zoom from your home.

Enrollment: 20 – Minimum, No Maximum

23. Making a Beaded Bracelet

Join our own Teddi F., BNC member, member of the American Craft Council and creator of “wearable bead art”, to make a beautiful bracelet!

Come and learn the fine art of beading, all materials are included in a kit.



Date: Thursday, December 9

Time: 1:00 – 3:00

Cost: \$42

Location: TBD.

Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 15, Maximum

24. Tour of Jewish London

We will visit the Old Jewish Quarter and see the magnificent Bevis Marks synagogue, the Jewish Soup Kitchen, sweatshops, and the infamous Jewish Catwalk. Hear heartwarming and heartbreaking stories from traders of Petticoat Lane Market and more from tour guide Stephen Burstin, who was born in the famous East End of London.



Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Location: Zoom in person with your friends at Temple Beth Ami or Zoom from your home.

Enrollment: 20 – Minimum, No Maximum



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ◇ Only paid– up current members may register.
- ◇ Registration for study groups is accepted on a first– come, first– served basis.
- ◇ Once your registration is accepted for a study group, **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UNLESS THE SESSION IS FILLED OR CANCELED.**
- ◇ You will be notified if a Study Guide Event is filled or canceled. You may then request a transfer to another Study Guide event occurring by June 30th, donate your payment to BNC, or request a refund.
- ◇ If your home is being used for an activity or if you are teaching or speaking at the event, there is no cost to you for that event.
- ◇ Coordinators need to register and pay for the event.

NOTIFICATIONS

- ◇ The registrar will confirm your registration.
- ◇ Approximately two weeks prior to the study group, you will be contacted by the Coordinator. **If you do not hear from the Coordinator, please contact the registrar, Gail R.**
- ◇ If you cannot attend the study group, please call the Coordinator. Please do not fill your own space, the Coordinator will fill the space with someone from the waiting list.

SNOW DAY POLICY

- ◇ When Montgomery County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, in– person study groups will be canceled. **Programs with speakers offered in– person and /or on Zoom, will continue as planned on Zoom.** If schools have a delayed opening, our events will be held as scheduled.

Registration begins August 15, 2021
REGISTRATION FORM



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TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Send Study Guide registration checks payable to **BNC** to:
See Previous Email



Let's Do Lunch 2021

October 13, Botanero Restaurant (King Farm Village)

Features globally inspired small plates

November 10, Hershey's Restaurant

Known for their fried chicken

December 8, The Manor at Silo Falls in Brookville

Traditional foods prepared in a creative way

All Lunches begin at 12:30

For reservations contact:

Bobbye H. [click here to email](#) or

Sharon R. by phone