

Brandeis

Brandeis National Committee
Greater Washington Chapter

STUDY GUIDE

Part Two

January-March

2022

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Registration begins November 15

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BNC, Greater Washington Chapter will follow all
Montgomery County policies for Covid – 19.

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30. Exploring Georgetown's Charms, Quirks, and Scandals

Join Susan Logan, Professor at Georgetown University and Historian for the Jefferson Hotel, to enjoy a virtual stroll through this storied neighborhood. We'll explore 200 years of history from the oldest colonial building in DC to the real reason there's no Metro stop in Georgetown. In addition to well-known sites, we'll visit several lesser-known locations, including the most haunted building in DC, the birthplace of modern computing, the "half-booth" in a restaurant where a president dined alone, and learn why a dog is memorialized on Wisconsin Avenue.



Date: Tuesday, January 11

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 10 — Minimum, No Maximum

Please Save the Date

Board Meetings

If in person, Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00



February 2

March 2

May 4

June 1

General Membership Meeting

April 6

31. Montgomery County's Little-Known Rosenwald Schools

Rosenwald Schools are an inspiring chapter in the dark days of segregation. They were public schools for Black students built all over the South in the early 20th century with funding from Julius Rosenwald, sometimes called “the biggest philanthropist you’ve never heard of.” Montgomery County once had 17 Rosenwald schools. Join Ralph Buglass, a popular speaker from Montgomery History Speakers Bureau, to learn about the schools’ remarkable impact and importance. See historic and current photos of the five buildings that survive.

Date: Thursday, January 13

Time: 10:30 — 11:30

Cost: \$20 in advance

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum



32. From Husband and Wife to Caregiver and Patient

John and Liza Marshall collaborated on a memoir recounting their experiences following Liza's stage III triple-negative breast cancer diagnosis in 2006.

John Marshall, MD, current chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive

Cancer Center and the director of The Ruesch Center for the Cure of Gastrointestinal Cancers, said the hardest yet most important job of his life was taking on the role of caregiver for his wife. Their book *Off Our Chests: A Candid Tour Through the World of Cancer* details their personal cancer journey to the "other side" and back, fortified by a renewed appreciation for each other's experiences.



Date: Wednesday, January 19

Time: 1:00 — 2:00

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 10 — Minimum, No Maximum

Remember to renew your Membership!

Go to: giving.brandeis.edu/BNCrenew

Click: Alumni, Friends, and Family

Join or Renew Your Membership



33. Oh, Sweet Honey! Tales of a Beekeeper

The sight of the fuzzy yellow and black bodies of bees buzzing around a picnic table is enough to make most people jump and scurry away. But without bees, we would have ceased to exist long ago. Don Truitt, an experienced beekeeper, will give us an overview of beekeeping and tell us why bees are important to health, agriculture, and our environment,



Date: Postponed until spring

Enrollment: 5 — Minimum, 15 — Maximum

34. The Jewish Writers and Comedians who Created American Humor

Rabbi Stan Levin, a documentary film maker, nationally syndicated film critic and field producer for A & E's Biography of Larry King, will explore American humor and the Jewish writers and comedians who created it.

Date: Friday, January 28

Time: 10:30 — 11:30

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum



35. The 9/11 Compensation Fund: A Unique Response to a Unique American Tragedy



Join Kenneth Feinberg, subject of the recent Netflix movie *Worth* and administrator of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, for a fascinating discussion of the design and administration of a compensation fund that is unprecedented in American history. Established by statute just 13 days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Fund distributed \$7.1 billion in public taxpayer money to 5,300 victims and their families. Feinberg told the *Washington Post* that during his time administering the fund he evolved from a by-the-books attorney to a "rabbi and a priest and a nun." Feinberg, who previously served as chief of staff for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and as a law school professor, has also been involved in administering numerous other compensation funds, including those created to compensate victims of the Virginia Tech Shootings, The Newtown-Sandy Hook Shootings, and the Tree of Life Synagogue Terrorist Shootings in Pittsburgh.

Date: Thursday, February 3

Time: 1:00 — 2:00

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum



36. The Miracle of Meringue

Do you know what a meringue is and how to make one? Have you ever wanted to make a meringue dessert, but could not make it work? Meringue is a type of dessert, cookie, or candy, often associated with Italian, Swiss, and French cuisine, traditionally made from whipped egg whites and sugar, but it must be handled correctly to get the best results. Join us as Beth S teaches us her tricks and guides us as we make some delicious meringue treats.



Dates: A. Wednesday, February 9

B. Thursday, February, 10

Time: 1:00 — 3:00

Cost: \$20

Location: The home of Gail R, Rockville, MD

Enrollment: 8 – Minimum, 18 Maximum

37. Jewish Roma

Ciao! Join Micaela Pavoncello, a proud member of the Jewish Community of Rome, and learn how her community settled in Rome during the time of the Maccabees and never left. We will visit the Jewish Museum, the Great Synagogue, and the Ghetto area. She will share anecdotes, customs, culinary traditions and family stories of WWII, the struggle to survive, and what it means today to be a Jew in Rome.



Date: Thursday, February 17

Time: 10:30 — 12:00

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 20— Minimum, No Maximum



38. First Ladies: Influence and Image

Andrew Och, known as the First Ladies Man, is an award-winning television producer and author. He began a historical journey as he traversed America for over a year documenting the lives of every First Lady of the United States for C-Span. From Martha Washington to Michelle Obama, Mr. Och pulls back the curtain on the public and private lives of this unique sorority of women. These are the women who helped build America and it's all about the ladies.



Date: Tuesday, February 22

Time: 1:00 — 2:00

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

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

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum

39. The Woman Who Smashed Codes

Author and *San Francisco Chronicle* investigative reporter Jason Fagone will share with us the incredible true story of Elizebeth Smith Friedman, an American woman who was part of the greatest codebreaking duo that ever lived. Mrs. Friedman and her husband invented the modern science of cryptology and used it to confront the evils of their time, solving puzzles that unmasked Nazi spies and helped win World War II.

Date: Thursday, February 24

Time: 1:30 — 2:30

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 10 — Minimum, No Maximum



40. Mah Jongg for Beginners



Crack, Bam, Dot! What does this mean?

Find out by learning to play Mah Jongg from a pro!

In only three short and enjoyable lessons, you will be ready to start your own group. Plus, studies have shown that Mah Jongg is a great game for keeping the mind sharp! *Bring your own Mah Jongg card; the cost of the card is NOT included.*

Dates: Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15

Time: 10:00 — 12:00

Cost: \$18

Location: The home of Rita W

Enrollment: 4 — Minimum, 8 — Maximum

41. All Stirred Up: Suffrage Cookbooks, Food, and the Battle for Women's Right to Vote

Join author and cooking blogger Laura Kumin to discover the parts of the suffrage story left out of history books and media accounts. *All Stirred Up* tells the story of the forgotten suffragists who fought for the right to vote with cookbooks and food, rather than picket signs and hunger strikes. Learn surprising facts about Jews and suffrage -- which famous rabbi was a big suffrage supporter, which prominent Jewish family divided over the suffrage issue and which famous Jewish cookbook author opposed suffrage. Find out what the recipes tell us about the foods Americans ate during that time.



Date: Thursday, March 3

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

42. Gathering of Jewish Artists in Paris: 1900 – 1940

Join our very own Bobbe M to learn about a unique piece of Jewish history! For a few decades, before the Holocaust wiped it out, a group of mostly forgotten European Jews lived, worked, and produced art in a small Parisian enclave. Some sought to escape the anti-Semitism they faced; others wanted to break free of the constraints of traditional Jewish life in their hometowns. Together they found a place in Montparnasse, on the Left Bank of Paris, where they could explore their artistic creativity. We will hear the story of these artists and what came to be known as the Paris School of Art.



Dates: Friday, March 11

Time: 10:30 — 12:00

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

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

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum

43. Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

“Shalom. Make yourself at home.” You don’t have to be Southern, and you don’t have to be Jewish to virtually visit the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience. Come and learn about this unique side of Southern history and Jewish history. The museum located in New Orleans, serves as a historical and cultural entrée into why Jews came South, how they were received, their triumphs and tribulations, and their unique stories and accomplishments.

Date: Friday, March 25, 2022

Time: 10:30 — 11:30

Cost: \$20

Location: Zoom

Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum





January 12, Il Porto
A taste of Italy in Gaithersburg

February 9, Sol Aztecs
Traditional Mexican food in Olney

March 9, Dogfish Ale House in Gaithersburg
Choose from wood-grilled items, burgers, salads, pizza and more

All Lunches begin at 12:30

For reservations contact:
Bobbye H [Click here to email](#) or
Sharon R by phone

SAVE THE DATE



GAME DAY

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Temple Beth Ami

14330 Travilah Road
Rockville, MD 20850

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 del opening, our events will be held as scheduled.

Registration begins November 15



REGISTRATION FORM
Print, fill out form, and mail to Gail R

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

EVENT # _____ TITLE _____ \$ _____

EVENT # _____ TITLE _____ \$ _____

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TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Send Study Guide registration checks payable to **BNC** to:

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