UPCOMING EVENT
2/02 Board Meeting, 11am-ZOOM. A ZOOM link will be sent closer to the date.

It’s time to order your 2022 MAH JONGG cards.
The price of cards this year is Standard size: $9.00    Large Print: $10.00

**Deadline for ordering: January 19th, 2022**

If ordering cards for other women, please include their names and addresses so they can become members of the National Mah Jongg League with their purchase.

Thank you.

Make checks out to BNC and mail them to:

*Barbara F, Rockville MD 20850*

BOOK & AUTHOR UPDATE

Save the Date

The Book & Author Committee is planning an in-person event on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

If Covid prevails, the program will revert to virtual. We are excited to announce that Susan Page, author of “Madam Speaker: Nancy Pelosi and the Lessons of Power,” will be one of our featured speakers. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Watch for more details in a future Blast.

*There will not be a Book & Author zoom in January.*

Game Day is cancelled for February and will be reconsidered for a future date. The registrar will contact people who sent money.
Let’s Do Lunch

There will be no Brandeis Lunch group in February due to Covid concerns.

We will resume on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at
Sol Azteca  18229 Town Center Drive, Olney @ 12:30pm
For reservations, please contact Bobbye or Sharon

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 the Simcha Gram published biweekly in the Brandeis Blast.
Lois F

TRIBUTE CARDS
Are you celebrating a special event, such as a birthday or a wedding? Please support Brandeis by sending celebratory cards. Choose from Sustaining the Mind, Honoring Our History or Book Fund. Contact Linda H for levels of tax-deductible donations.
Cards will be mailed when your check is received

ZOOM DIRECTIONS
Click on the link and wait to be admitted. There are a lot of us so it may take a little time. Be sure to find the small picture of headphones to turn on the audio portion. There may be a video icon you may have to turn on as well assuming you have a video camera. They may be at the bottom left or top right of your screen, depending on your equipment. If your equipment lacks a camera/microphone, you may still be able to see and hear the group but not be able to participate.

There is also a square to click on for Gallery view. That allows you to see everyone participating on your screen. Make sure your volume is turned up on whatever device you are using.

Note: If you are a first time Zoom user you may be asked to download Zoom before yo
Study Guide

All January and February Study Guide programs will be held on Zoom.

Hurry and sign up today!
Send your registration form to Gail R
See the Blast emailed to you for the address

Note: Please register via attached National BNC link for Feb. 3 Ken Feinberg Program

For a full description of each program
go back to the Home Page and click on See More

Study Guide and Calendar

• #32, From Husband and Wife to Caregiver and Patient,
  Wednesday, January 19, 1:00 – 2:00, $20

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.
• #34, The Jewish Writers and Comedians who Created American Humor, Friday, January 28, 10:30 – 11:30, $20

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.

• Ken Feinberg, The 9/11 Compensation Fund, Thursday, February 3, 1:00 – 2:00, $20  See Last Page to Register through National

• #37, Jewish Roma, Thursday, February 17, 10:30 – 12:00, $20

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.
• #38, First Ladies: Influence and Image, 
  Tuesday, February 22, 1:00 – 2:00, $20
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.

• #39, The Woman Who Smashed Codes, 
  Thursday, February 24, 1:00 – 2:00, $20
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.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
BNC Greater Washington Chapter
The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund
1-2 p.m. ET

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 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.

REGISTRATION