UPCOMING EVENTS

03/02  Board Meeting-ZOOM, 11am  (A link will be sent closer to the date.)
  The slate of officers for the coming year will be announced at this meeting.
04/06  General Membership Meeting-Elections for officers will be held.
05/18  Spring Luncheon
06/07  Game Day

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

2022 GAME DAY RESCHEDULED – TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

Save the Date

Game Day will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at Temple Beth Ami from 10am-3pm.

Let’s finally get together for some fun and play Bridge, Canasta, Hand and Foot, Mahjongg, Scrabble, or another favorite game. You can also enjoy a box lunch from Bethesda Bagels.

Registration forms with more details will be provided in a future Blast. Covid precautions will be addressed, as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call
Gail E, Debi G, Michele H

Remember to renew your Membership!
Go to: giving.brandeis.edu/BNCrenew
Click: Alumni, Friends, and Family
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 February._

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Study Guide
February and March Classes

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, Sign up Today!
**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
Location: Changed to Zoom
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  
**Location:** Changed to Zoom  
**Enrollment:** 20 — Minimum, No Maximum
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  
**Location:** Changed to Zoom  
**Enrollment:** 20 — Minimum, No Maximum

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**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

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Check your email for the April – June Study Guide

If you did not receive it, please contact: Judy G or Ilene H
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Send Study Guide registration checks payable to BNC to:

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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 you can sign in.