UPCOMING EVENTS
06/08 “Let’s Do Lunch”, Cooper’s Hawk- Contemporary American Menu, 12:30pm (see page 5)
06/07 Game Day, Beth Ami, 10am-3pm
06/10 Board Orientation Meeting, Zoom, 10am

The Speech From Our Outgoing President, Linda R, given at the Spring Luncheon on May 18th

Who knew that our election meeting in March 2020 would be the last in-person event for two years? No other president can claim NEVER holding a live event for almost the whole length of their tenure.

Nonetheless, we did A LOT…with the help of Zoom! We traveled to London, Paris, and Rome; to Poland, Israel and New York City. We visited museums in New York, North Carolina, and New Orleans. We cooked and we stitched and we exercised and we made jewelry. We heard lots of authors speak and we discussed books and movies. We even hosted 2 concerts.

We made significant advancements: We revised our by-laws. We negotiated new rental terms with Temple Beth Ami. We voted to eliminate printing and postage by emailing all of our communications. This change is a BIG cost containment.

Without the burden of a printed booklet, we have the freedom to divide our Study Guide program into 3 segments: fall, winter and spring. Now we don’t have to predict in August what we want to attend in April! And newer members have the opportunity to participate without being closed out.

Most importantly, we maintained our friendships, and our joy at being together.

To my co-presidents, Livia and Beth, and to all the officers and board members and friends who made this unexpected journey with me: thank you. I love all of you.

I offer my congratulations to the newly elected board. I know they will take us to familiar places and to new places in the year to come, hopefully LIVE.

I’m looking forward to our next great year together!

Linda
A Message From Our Continuing President - Beth S

Dear Brandeis Friends,

What a crazy roller-coaster ride we’ve been on this year!

It seems like forever since we’ve been able to hug each other and just sit and chat. But at least we’ve had Zoom, even though we didn’t expect to have to use it for most of this year. But just like a roller coaster, we managed to pivot and turn and adjust and still offered 66 fabulous study groups, with a total of over 300 members enrolling in at least one study group and usually many. Kudos to Judy G and Ilene H and their committee for bringing us such a wonderful variety of activities. And to our Registrar, Gail R, toda raba for handling such a massive job with so much grace and calm.

Our Book and Author Zoom series in the fall was capped off by our first in-person event of the year on March 30, attended by 93 people. Thank you to Bonnie L, Pam P, and Barbara F and their committee for bringing us a great selection of authors. And another thank you to Leslie M for helping us get to know the authors.

Although we had hoped to have a big Membership Tea and Welcome Back Party in August, Covid had other plans for us. However, we still managed to gain 19 new members this year. Congratulations to Beverly A and Marlene G and the membership committee for providing such a warm welcome.

While the pandemic also thwarted our plans to have a special event, Ellen K and Susan L were able to bring us 10 vendors for our buying pleasure today. Thank you, Ellen and Susan.

And this year’s not over yet! We still have Game Day on June 7. Thank you to Gail E, Debi G, and Michele H. The third date is going to be the charm. If you haven’t signed up yet, the deadline is tomorrow, so see Margot R before you leave today. Thank you, ladies, for putting together what promises to be a delightful day.

We also have a Board Orientation coming up on Friday, June 10. Joan D and Bobbe M are the chairs and more information will be coming soon.

I also want to recognize and thank our Treasurers, Sue R and Linda C, who have stayed on top of every penny that has come in and gone out. You are both doing excellent jobs. Our four secretaries, Julia M, Margot R, Marilyn W, and Vickie W have done outstanding jobs. Thank you all.

Cathy F has done a wonderful job with the birthday greetings, as have Bobbye H and Sharon R with Let’s Do Lunch. Thank you, ladies, for jobs well done. And then there’s Lynn B and Barbara L, our stars of this wonderful luncheon. Thank you for this lovely day!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire board: all of the elected officers, directors, and chairwomen for keeping the chapter together. The Greater Washington Chapter has been a shining light this year. Like the energizer bunny, we’ve managed to keep going and going and going.

Our chapter has been an important part of my life for the past 28 years. I’m looking forward to new adventures in the coming year and appreciate that Judy, Honey, Elaine, and Janet will be sharing the presidency with me. I love you ladies, love being part of Brandeis National Committee, and love you all. Thank you.

Beth
The next Study Guide meetings will be:

Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30
Friday, June 24 at 1:30

Let us know if you can attend, new members to the committee are always welcome!

Judy G or
Ilene H

65. Glen Echo Park

Join us for a ranger led tour of Glen Echo Park! Come and see the beautifully refurbished Dentzel Carousel and celebrate its 100th anniversary. Learn about the Crystal Pool and hear how the park was instrumental in the desegregation movement of 1961. We will meet for lunch before the tour.

Date: Thursday, June 9
Time: 1:30 — 2:30
Cost: $12
Location: Glen Echo Park,
7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo
Enrollment: 20 — Minimum, No Maximum
"Let's Do Lunch"
Please join us for our final ladies lunch this year, to be held Wednesday, June 8th at 12:30pm.
We dine at Cooper's Hawk 1403 Research Boulevard Rockville MD 20850
Cuisine: Upscale Dining Room, Contemporary American Menu;
Carefully Crafted Selection of Foods and Wine

Please bring ideas for next year’s selection of restaurants

For reservations, please contact Bobbye Hertzbach or Sharon Rifkin (co-chairs)
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS
Our membership continues to grow!
Welcome to Shelley G, Janet L, Laurie C and Trina R
We look forward to getting to know you!

The Membership Committee will meet on June 21 (Zoom) at 10:30am to plan our annual Membership Coffee. The event will be held at Temple Beth Ami on August 25th. If you would like to be on the committee, please let us know. We would love to have your help planning this great event.

Membership begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023.
Have you paid your annual dues yet?
The easiest and fastest way to renew is online!
Go to: brandeis.edu/bnc
Select Renew Membership
(Washington, DC Chapter)

Bev A Marlene G

SAVE THE DATE!
Book and Author Luncheon
We are very, very delighted to present an in-person Book and Author luncheon on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Lakewood Country Club!! We already have TWO exciting authors scheduled. Kristen Harmel will speak in the morning about her newly re-released book “The Sweetness of Forgetting.” Congressman Jamie Raskin will be our afternoon speaker discussing his book “Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and Trials of American Democracy.” Both Kristen Harmel and Jamie Raskin are incredible speakers that you are sure to enjoy.

If you are interested in joining the Book and Author Committee, please email either Bonnie L or Pam P. Our first meeting is Tuesday, May 31 at 10:30 am via Zoom.

Hope to see you in October, if not before. Have a good and safe summer!!
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.
Linda H
Cards will be mailed when your check is received.

Birthday Greeting Project – 3rd quarter 2022

Send an adorable, animated birthday email greeting to a friend for a donation of $1.00 per greeting and help the chapter raise money for Sustaining the Mind. One Greeting will be sent with all the names listed.
Put a check (√) by the names in your Blast and return the list with your check payable to BNC by June 23rd. You will find the form for checking in the Blast sent to your email.
*If you would like to receive happy birthday wishes from your Brandeis friends, send an email with your birthday month and date to: Cathy
Send this form and your check to Cathy F

Please read the Blast which was sent to your email to find the names, email addresses, and phone numbers you need to have.