Articles for the September 15th Blast are due by September 10th to: Marilyn

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UPCOMING EVENTS
09/07 Board Meeting, Har Shalom, 10:30am
09/14 “Let’s Do Lunch”, Il Porto, 12:30pm
10/13 Book & Author Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club

September 7 Board Meeting

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND LOCATION
This meeting will take place at 10:30am
Masks are required to allow a larger number of people to participate.

We are meeting at Congregation Har Shalom
located at 11510 Falls Rd, Potomac
Please use entrance B

--- SAVE THE DATE ---
The Book & Author luncheon will be held in person on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Lakewood Country Club in Rockville, MD. We currently have two authors. The first is Kristen Harmel who will speak about her book, The Sweetness of Forgetting. Our second speaker is Congressman Jamie Raskin who will talk about his book, Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy. We are very excited about both of these authors and hope you will be as well. Please mark your calendars for October 13 and look for registration information in the September Blast.

"Let's Do Lunch"
Our first lunch of the 2022-2023 season will take place on September 14, 2022 at 12:30pm. We will eat at Il Porto, an Italian restaurant, at 245 Muddy Branch Road, Gaithersburg, MD. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other in a small group. Please contact Bobby H by Tuesday September 6th if you will be attending.

.NOTE: Correction to the Study Guide. “Let’s Do Lunch” will meet on November 9, 2022.
To join or renew your Brandeis Membership go online with a credit card to: giving.brandeis.edu/BNCmembership. Be sure to select Washington DC as your chapter!

OR mail a check made out to: BNC to: BNC 415 South St MS 132 Waltham, MA 02453. Be sure to note Washington DC as your chapter!

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Next month we will be donating to The National Center for Children and Families. NCCF provides emergency shelters, transitional homes, and social services for children and families who are homeless, neglected, abandoned, and abused.

We will be collecting the following (new) items:

- **Infant Essentials**: baby wipes, baby toiletries (family size)
- **School Supplies**: glue sticks, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, folders (assorted colors)

*Suzanne G Ellen G, Barbara R*

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 Hofberg for levels of tax-deductible donations.

*Cards will be mailed when your check is received.*

*Linda H*

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Order Your Chapter Directory Now!

A directory of our members will be published in the fall. It will be available as an electronic file (PDF) at no charge. Print copies ($7 each) will be available for pick-up at the Book and Author Luncheon and from specific locations thereafter.

All orders must be placed in advance. Please indicate your request to be on the email list for an electronic file or to purchase a printed copy.

Send this order form by October 3, 2022 to Margot R (see your Blast)

Name: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

___ I would like to receive an electronic file.

___ I would like to purchase a printed copy. Include with this order form a $7 check payable to BNC.
• The Miracle of Meringue
Do you know what a meringue is and how to make one? Did you ever attempt to make a meringue, but it just did not work? Meringue is a type of dessert, cookie, or candy often associated with Italian, Swiss, and French cuisine. Traditionally it is made from whipped egg whites and sugar, but it must be handled correctly to get the best results. Join us in Beth’s kitchen to learn the tricks and how to make some delicious meringue treats!
The parking is $1 per hour plus a $0.50 processing fee. There are three free spots in the loading dock that can be used for up to three hours.

Date: Thursday, September 15
Time: 1:30 – 3:00
Cost: $20
Location: The home of Beth S.
Enrollment: 6 – Minimum, 14 – Maximum

• There She Was: The Secret History of Miss America
The sash. The Tears. The glittering crown. And of course, that soaring song. The Miss America pageant is indelibly written into the American story of the past century. For two years, Washington Post reporter and Style section editor, Amy Argetsinger visited pageants and interviewed former winners and contestants to unveil the hidden world of this iconic institution. Argetsinger dissects the scandals and financial turmoil that have repeatedly threatened to kill the pageant and highlights the unexpected sisterhood of Miss Americas fighting to keep it alive. She will discuss how this pageant survived decades of social and cultural change and its redefinition because of the feminist movement.

Date: Tuesday, September 20
Time: 1:30-2:30
Cost: $20, $22 at the door
Location: Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, Rockville
Enrollment: 15 – Minimum, No Maximum
The National Museum of African American History and Culture

Join us for a self-guided tour of a museum where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped shape this nation. Highlights include Harriet Tubman's hymnal; Nat Turner's bible; a plantation cabin from South Carolina; Guard tower from Angola Prison; Michael Jackson's fedora; and works by prolific artists such as Charles Alston, Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, and Henry O. Tanner.

The nearest parking garage is the Ronald Regan Building Parking, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave

Dates: Thursday, September 22
Time: 1:15 (Will meet at the Madison Dr entrance)
Cost: $12.00
Location: 1400 Constitution Avenue, NW. Washington, DC
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum. 25 – Maximum

Note Changes to Men’s Book Club

The Men’s Book Club will meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The book for the first meeting is, Caste: The Origins of Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Dates: September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17
Time: 3:00-4:00
Cost: $25
Location: Zoom until further notice
Enrollment: 8 – Minimum, No Maximum
A Personal Journey Across Gender Lines

Meet Dr. Chloe Schwenke whose book, *Self-ish: A Transgender Awakening*, is a fascinating story about a man from a military background who discovers through therapy that his unhappiness and depression were due to being a woman trapped in a man’s body. Her story on how she made this gender transition will amaze attendees. Schwenke is a human rights advocate, writer and international development practitioner, whose life journey includes living in five countries and working on projects in some of the roughest regions of Africa, the Gaza Strip, Turkey, and other locales. She is one of the first three transgender political appointees in U. S. history (under President Obama).

**Date:** Thursday, September 29  
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30  
**Cost:** $20 in advance, $22 at the door  
**Location:** Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, Rockville  
**Enrollment:** 15 – minimum, No maximum

Bagel Brunch & Glenstone Museum Tour

Join us for an outdoor bagel brunch at Greenbrier Park, weather permitting. We will then continue just ½ mile down the road to Glenstone Museum for a self-guided tour of the indoor exhibits and exterior grounds and structures. There is a quarter mile walk through the meadow between the parking groves and the Entry Pavilion. Glenstone offers cart service to bypass the meadow walk, which can be requested at the Arrival Hall.

**Date:** Sunday, October 2

**Time:** 9:00: Greenbrier Park, 10:00: Glenstone Museum,  
**Cost:** $12  
**Location:** Greenbrier Park, 12525 Glen Rd, Potomac,  
Glenstone Museum, 12100 Glen Rd, Potomac  
**Enrollment:** 8 – Minimum, No Maximum
**Lunch and Tour at the Jefferson Hotel**

Join us for a truly unique experience at the Jefferson Hotel, Washington, DC. Originally built as luxury apartments in 1923 just four blocks from the White House, the Jefferson was converted to a hotel in 1955. We will first have a lovely lunch at the hotel and then Susan Lagon, the Jefferson’s in-house historian, will guide us through the collections of antiques and artwork and history of this beautiful hotel.

**Dates:** Thursday, October 20  
**Time:** 11:30 – 2:00  
**Cost:** $18, plus the cost of lunch  
**Location:** 1200 16th St NW, Washington, DC  
**Enrollment:** 10 – Minimum, 25 – Maximum

**Off the Beaten Path with Ralph Buglass**

Ralph Buglass, historian, and frequent speaker with Montgomery History, will enlighten us with an illustrated presentation on the “Top 10” lesser-known spots in Montgomery County of historical importance, amazing natural beauty, or that are otherwise noteworthy. Learn about some famous residents’ homes and houses designed by famous architects, spots with connections to events of national significance, oases of natural beauty, museums every bit as good as those on the National Mall, still-standing relics of our past, and more.

**Dates:** Friday, October 21  
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30  
**Cost:** $20, $22 at the door  
**Location:** Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, Rockville  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum, No Maximum

If you cannot print the Registration Form, please use a full-size paper (8 1/2 x 11) to put your information on. Include the name of the program, your name, email, phone number, and the amount of money, don’t forget to include your check!
*Registration begins August 15, 2022*

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GAIL R. (see your emailed Blast)