Articles for the May 1st Blast are due by April 26th to: Marilyn  (Please see your emailed Blast for info)

UPCOMING EVENTS
04/24  University on Wheels-see flyer below
05/10  “Let’s Do Lunch”, Spanish Diner, 12:30pm
05/10  SPRING LUNCHEON COMMITTEE MEETING, Zoom, 4pm
05/17  Spring Installation Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club, 10am

COMMUNITY SERVICE
In April we will be contributing to the Helping Hands Shelter in Rockville.

The Shelter provides a safe haven for homeless women with children.

Residents receive case management, private bedrooms, meals, and referrals, as the women work towards ending their homelessness.

Items needed include:

- women’s slippers sizes 8-10
- disposable diapers any size
- pull ups sizes 2T-4T

Please bring all donations to the next board meeting, May 3rd.

Suzanne G, Ellen G, Barbara R

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Queen of the Corporate Jungle:
The Life & Legacy of Evelyn Y. Davis

Monday, April 24, 2023 12:30 pm
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

What is a corporation supposed to do? Should it be dedicated solely to increasing the value of shareholders’ investments, or, should it assume some wider responsibility for remedying social and environmental ills? With growing numbers of ‘activist shareholders’ subscribing to the latter view, it is time to recognize the influence of one of the original activist shareholders, Washington’s own Evelyn Y. Davis. Inspiring and infuriating in roughly equal measures, Davis was one of a kind—and in this presentation, we will tell the colorful story of her life, and assess her relevance for today’s generation of activist investors.

Join us on Monday, April 24th at 12:30 pm for a delightful Lunch & Learn. Bring your bag lunch and we’ll supply liquid refreshments and dessert.

Proceeds benefit BNC Brandeis Library: The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry & Beth El WRJ Youth Programs.

Please RSVP by email to atara1175@gmail.com and then...

CLIP & COMPLETE FORM BELOW & ENCLOSE WITH PAYMENT

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ______________ Email: ____________________________

Tickets: $5 per person Number of Tickets: ____________________________

Additional Guest Names: ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Total Amount Enclosed: ____________________________

Mail check payable to BNC by April 19th to Reva Fox, 8815 Blue Royale Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031

Please enter ‘UOW’ in the memo line of your check.

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Brandeis National Committee
Greater Washington Chapter

Spring Installation
Luncheon
May 17, 2023
10:00 am

Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Road
Rockville, Maryland

Guest Speaker
Merle Carrus
National President of the Brandeis National Committee
and leader for the BNC Virtual Banned Book group.

Banned Books: A Dangerous Precedent for Our Future
Merle Carrus will speak about how the preferences of a small group
controlling what we can read and not read is dangerous. It restricts
information and discourages freedom of thought. It endangers the right
to free speech, tolerance of others, free expression, and democracy.
Spring Installation Luncheon Registration
Advance Reservations Only
Members $75  Non-Members $85
Reservations due by May 1st
Space limited. First come, first served.

Name  

Phone  

Email  

Lunch:
Salad: Field Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Cucumbers, Hard Boiled Eggs, Candied Walnuts and Parmesan Cheese. Balsamic or Champagne Vinaigrette
With French Served: Grilled Chicken or Roasted Salmon
Dessert: Chocolate Molten Cake with Whipped Cream

Dietary Restrictions? Please contact Julia M (Please see your emailed Blast for contact info)

Please seat me with:

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Total enclosed: $_______

Please make check payable to BNC and mail to Marla C. (Please see your emailed Blast for address.)
Happy Spring from your Membership Committee!

Our next coffee for new and prospective members will be on April 18th. If you know of a prospective member who might like to attend, please let us know.

The easiest way to join is online!

Go to: brandeis.edu/bnc
Select: “Become a Member” (Washington, DC Chapter)

Bev A    Marlene G  (Please see your emailed Blast for contact info.)

“Let’s Do Lunch”

May 10th at 12:30pm

The Spanish Diner, 7271 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda

Spanish comfort food from Chef Jose Andres that promises to excite our taste buds.

Because of its popularity we will not be able to accommodate any non-reservations or drop in guests

Please let us know by Monday, May 1st if you will be joining us.

Bobbye H or Sharon R.

(Please see your emailed Blast for contact information.)

MENTORING COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in helping on the mentoring committee please contact:

Carole A.  (Please see your emailed Blast for contact information.)

We’re Looking for: 

Book & Author Chairwomen

Please Contact:

Judy G OR Janet B  (Please see your emailed Blast for contact information.)

CHECK OUT THE PICTURES TAKEN AT LUNCH & LEARN ON PAGE 12
33. Tour of the Perry Belmont Mansion

Tour the grand Beaux Art house that was the site of the most lavish parties for Washington’s elite during the winter months in the early part of the 20th century. August Belmont, financier, diplomat, and founder of the Belmont Stakes built this house from 1906 to 1909 for $1.5 million. It was a site of elegance, gracious and grand hospitality, of distinguished diplomats, world-renowned guests, and romance. In 1925, the Belmonts sold the building to the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Many furnishings, including Tiffany vases, oil paintings, Louis the 14th and 15th furniture, china, and oriental rugs were included with the purchase and are still on display. Chandeliers throughout are gold gilt and hung with hand-carved rock crystal drops – some with amethyst as well. There are eleven fireplaces, most with hand-carved marble mantles. All the marble in the house was brought from Italy, all the wood from Germany, and all the metal fixtures from France.

**Date:** Thursday, April 20  
**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30  
**Cost:** $22  
**Location:** 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
Dupont Circle Metro  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum, 30 – Maximum
34. Sweet Simplici-Tea, Tea Room

Join your friends for a lovely afternoon at Sweet Simplici-Tea on April 21, 2023. We will start with the Simply Victorian Tea and then a choice of soup or salad. Our main course will be a scone accompanied by three sandwiches. Two desserts and fresh fruit garnish will complete this delightful event. After tea, you may want to explore the tiny but quaint Sykesville downtown district.

Date: Friday, April 21  
Time: 11:30 – 2:00  
Cost: $45  
Location: Sweet Simplici-Tea, Tea Room, 7540 Main Street, Sykesville, MD  
Enrollment: 15 – Minimum, 30 – Maximum

35. Naval Academy and Levy Chapel Tour

Put on your walking shoes and join us as we first view the 4400 cadets at their 12:00 formation. We will then walk to the on-site campus restaurant for a full-service lunch. Our last stop is the tour of the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel. Levy dedicated 50 years of his life to military service during which he proved to be a war hero and crusader. Since there is no off-site parking, we will park on-site with handicapped permits.

Date: Tuesday, April 25  
Time: 11:30 – 2:00  
Cost: $22 plus the cost of lunch  
Location: 121 Blake Rd, Annapolis, MD  
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 30 – Maximum
32. The Fine Art of Making Strudel
This program has been rescheduled. Please see date below.

Come and join pastry chef Jaime S along with our very own Beth S to learn the fine art of making strudel! A strudel is a type of pastry, typically sweet though savory versions are also quite popular that consists of several layers of thin dough topped with filling and rolled into a log shape. Apple strudel is perhaps the most common type, especially in some regions such as the United States. Doesn’t that sound yummy?

Date: Thursday, April 27  
Time: 1:00 – 3:00  
Cost: $20  
Location: The home of Jaime S  
Enrollment: 4 – Minimum, 8 – Maximum

36. Tudor Place Historic House and Garden

Join us for a tour of this historic house, boxed lunch, and finally a self-guided tour of the garden. Tudor Place Historic House and Garden preserves the stories of six generations of descendants of Martha Washington and the enslaved and free people who lived and worked at this Georgetown landmark for nearly two centuries. By examining their legacy, we challenge ourselves and our visitors to celebrate the triumphs and to confront the complexities of the past. A model of Federal-period architecture in the nation’s capital, Tudor Place sits on 5 ½ acres in the heart of Georgetown and houses over 18,000 decorative objects, including the largest Washington Collection outside of Mount Vernon.

Date: Thursday, May 4  
Time: 11:00 – 1:30  
Cost: $42, includes boxed lunch to be chosen from a generous menu prior to the program.  
Location: 1644 31st Street, NW  
Enrollment: 10 – Minimum, 30 – Maximum
37. Ladew Topiary Gardens

Join us for a tour of Ladew Gardens, named “One of the Top 5 Gardens in North America,” deemed “the most outstanding topiary garden in America” by the Garden Club of America, and featured as one of “ten incredible topiary gardens around the world” by Architectural Digest. We will spend 1 hour and 15 minutes being guided through Ladew’s 22 acres of gardens that feature more than 100 larger-than-life topiary forms. We will also take a 30-40-minute tour of the 18th century historic Manor House which reflects the unique and inspired life of a remarkable American character, Harvey Ladew. The house, which was built over three centuries, is home to Ladew’s extraordinary collection of English antiques and equestrian-themed art. The Manor House preceded and inspired the gardens, which reflect its beauty, elegance, and humor. The program fee also includes your choice of a salad or a sandwich and homemade chips, a drink, and a cookie.

**Date:** Friday, May 12  
**Time:** 10:30 – 2:00  
**Cost:** $45  
**Location:** Ladew Topiary Gardens, 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton, MD  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum, 45 – Maximum

38. Tour of Emory Grove  

Filled but there is a wait list

Come and explore with us the fascinating history of a little-known area of Montgomery County, Emory Grove. The Emory Grove Camp Meeting and the Emory Grove Community were established between 1864 and 1870 when formerly enslaved people moved from Redland and Goshen and purchased land. The first church and school started in 1876 at the home of John Dorsey, a Civil War veteran who had begun working in the Lord’s service after he won his freedom. An African American public-school system was inaugurated in 1872, and the camp meetings were generally a place for people to gather for song and prayer services. The Chautauqua movement made a stop here with lectures on diverse and sometimes amusing, sometimes horrifying subjects. At one point there was a World War II POW camp. We will travel these paths on a bus with Pastor Warner of the Emory Grove United Methodist Church guiding our tour. Space is limited so please sign up early.

**Date:** Thursday, May 18  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Cost:** $25  
**Location:** Emory Grove Methodist Church, 8200 Emory Grove Rd, Gaithersburg  
**Enrollment:** 11 – Minimum, 20 – Maximum
39. Make Your Own – Fused Glass

Join glass artist, Shayna Heller, Director (at large), National Capital Art Glass Guild, at her glass studio in Silver Spring to make a beautiful, fused glass mezuzah case. Students will be introduced to the properties of fusible glass and guided through the process of design and assembly. We’ll bring out the inner artist in you. No previous experience required. Add sparkle with dichroic glass or use frit glass and stringers to embellish your design. Pieces will be kiln-fired and ready within 2-3 weeks. Mezuzah scroll not included. Flat mezuzah glass size is 2 x 6”, but slightly smaller after fusing.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 6  
**Time:** A. 10:00 – 11:30 or B. 2:00 – 3:30  
**Cost:** $48  
**Location:** Silver Spring  
**Enrollment:** 4 – Minimum, 6 – Maximum per session

40. Food and Friends

Join your friends to say farewell to another wonderful Brandeis year as it draws to a close. Don't worry about cooking or preparing food, we're going to have a boxed lunch! You will choose from a menu at a later date. So, let’s get together before our summer break to schmooze and relax with friends! There will be indoor and outdoor seating.

**Date:** Thursday, June 15  
**Time:** 11:30 – 1:00  
**Cost:** $20  
**Location:** (See your emailed Studay Guide for location  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum, The more the merrier! – Maximum
REGISTRATION FORM

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TOTAL COST: $________

SEND STUDY GUIDE REGISTRATION CHECKS PAYABLE TO BNC TO:
GAIL R

If you cannot print this page, please use an 8 ½ x 11 in. paper to write the information using the format of this registration page.
JEWELRY AND HANDBAG SALE

The Jewelry and Handbag Sale will be held at the General Membership Meeting on November 1, 2023. Carole A and Margie L will be accepting your better handbags and costume jewelry between now and then at our board meetings or they will pick the items up from you. Shopping bags are also needed to “bag” purchased items.

Members are needed to help make this a successful event. Committee members will be sorting and pricing the items prior to the sale and setting up the stations for the sale on the day of the event.

It is great fun and a great way to raise funds for Brandeis. Please contact us to let us know if you are able and ready to help.

*Carole A and Margie L (Please see your emailed Blast for contact info.)*

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 (Please see your emailed Blast for contact info.)*

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, Scholarship or Book Fund. Contact Linda H for levels of tax-deductible donations.

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

*Linda H (Please see your emailed Blast for contact info.)*
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An Israeli Druze Politician

Aylin Edelman
A radiologist and a health information management professional

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