UPCOMING EVENTS
05/03 Board Meeting, Har Shalom, 10:30am
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 May 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

Study Guide Committee Meeting
Our next Study Guide committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm by Zoom. We welcome new committee members and new suggestions for Study Guide activities. Please contact one of us, if you are not already on our email list.
Cathy F, Margot R

JEWELRY AND HANDBAG SALE
Bring any donations you may have already accumulated to the May 3rd Board Meeting.

The Jewelry and Handbag Sale will be held at the General Membership Meeting on November 1, 2023. Carole Amster and Margie Lappan 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, Margie L
We are delighted to welcome our newest members! 
Elaine B, Sharon W, Barbara F, Marsha A, Janet T, Suzy K, Sybil G, Roxanne G and Deanna O

New and Prospective Member Coffees are held several times a year. The next one is August 24th at Har Shalom. If you are a new member and haven’t attended a coffee, we hope you will join us then!

If you know of someone who is a member but is not receiving the Blast, please let me know so that we can rectify the problem. We want everyone to feel included and informed about our great programs.

The easiest and fastest way to join is online! 
Go to: brandeis.edu/bnc
Then select “Become a Member” (Washington, DC Chapter) 
Bev A

“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 - Sharon R Feel free to leave a message

MENTORING COMMITTEE
Anyone interested in helping on the mentoring committee please contact: 
Carole A

We have the date! We have the location! We just need you to step up Chair Book & Author!

Contact: Janet or Judy
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.

The reservation deadline for the Spring Installation Luncheon has been pushed forward to May 5th.
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: Contact Julia M

Please seat me with:

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Total enclosed: $________

I am unable to attend but would like to contribute $________
to the Brandeis National Committee's The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry campaign

Any amount over $55 is a charitable contribution to
Brandeis National Committee's The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry Campaign

Make checks payable to BNC and mail to:

Marla C
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.

**Dates:** 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 – This program is filled and has a wait list.

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 properies 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:** 39 A. 10:00 – 11:30 or  
39 B. 2:00 – 3:30  
**Cost:** $48  
**Location:** 521 Northwest Dr, 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:** 3501 Bellflower Land, The Core (Tower Oaks clubhouse)  
**Enrollment:** 15 – Minimum, The more the merrier! – Maximum

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Just a Friendly Reminder  
If you cannot attend the study group, please call the Coordinator. Please do not fill your own space; the Coordinator will fill your place with someone from the wait list. If you want to suggest a substitute, let the Coordinator know.
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.
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, Scholarship or Book Fund. Contact Linda Hofberg for levels of tax-deductible donations. 
Cards will be mailed when your check is received.
Linda H