



## ACTIVITIES & STUDY GROUPS



### ON-GOING GROUPS

**1) Wednesday, September 9 - Short Story Group** meets the 2nd Wednesday, monthly at 1:30PM. The group will discuss 3 stories each session from *The ART of the STORY: An International Anthology of Contemporary Short Stories* edited by Daniel Halpern.

Questions: Galina Fayngersh~ galina2234@sbcglobal.net; 860-232-6282

**2) Thursday, September 17 - Thursday Night Book Club** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month and will open with a discussion of *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, led by Gail Polatnick at the home of Anne Korwin. While this group is fully subscribed, continuing members need to send in registration form and fee. Arrive by 7:30 PM

Questions: Judy Silver ~ rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net; 860-523-4424

**3) Friday, September 18 - Pathways Through Judaism** meets the 2nd Friday of the month from 12:30 to 3PM to discuss a chapter of *Joy, Despair, & Hope* by Edward Feld, a book about the Psalms. Questions: Joanne Pasternack ~sauljo66@aol.com; 860 243-0442

**4) Sunday, September 20 - Co-ed Book Group** meets the 3rd Sunday, monthly at 3PM. This group is open to men and women, couples and singles. The Group chooses a wide variety of books at an annual meeting, rotating discussion leaders and hosts.

For September they will read *Cry to Heaven* by Anne Rice.

Questions: Judy Levy ~ judyglevy@gmail.com; 860-924-8748

or Carole Tannen ~ catrht@gmail.com; 860-217-1848

**5) Monday, October 19 ~ Foreign Film Group** Films with varying themes, styles, and countries will be viewed and discussed each month. A few weeks prior to each scheduled meeting, group members will be notified by email of the film to be shown. 6 person minimum. Time: 1PM

Dates: Mondays ~ Oct 19, Nov 2 and Dec 7.

Place: Bishop's Corner Senior Center's TV room, 15 Starkel Rd, West Hartford.

A \$15 fee, paid in advance for the Fall series will cover the room rental cost.

A non-BNC member may come as a Member's guest to only one of the three films.

Questions: Steve and Linda Revis ~ steverevis1@comcast.net; 860-324-4869

**6) Tuesday, October 20 - Magic of Mystery Book Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday, monthly at 2PM. The group chooses one mystery novel a month to read before the meeting and discuss together. Members will read *Invisible City* by Julia Dahl for the October meeting.

Questions: Miriam Miller ~ mmiller631@aol.com; 860-561-3342

**7) Sunday, October 25 - World Affairs Discussion Group** meets bi-annually on a Sunday at 2:30PM. The Fall meeting will be held at the home of Susan and Paul Goldberg, 39 Waterside Lane, West Hartford. New members (open to men and women, couples and singles) are welcome. The topic is **Looming Worldwide Water Crisis**. Presenters Tom Stevens, Paul Goldberg and Fred Gladstone encourage participants to research the topic and share their findings. Maximum limited to 20.

Questions: Bob and Linda Moss ~ doctorbob2@comcast.net; 860-521-2734

**8) Jewish Communities and Their Foods** - Group members will participate in choosing a date and home as well as researching and preparing a meal from a particular International Jewish community. All costs will be shared among the members. Group size is limited.

Questions: Judy Levy ~ judyglevy@gmail.com; 860-924-8748

## **ONE -TIME ACTIVITIES**

### **9) Tuesday, September 1 - "50 Objects/50 Stories"** at the Connecticut Historical Society.

A tour of approximately 15 objects from Connecticut's story will explain why the objects are important and why they were chosen for the exhibit. There will be time after the tour to see the other 35 objects and the rest of the museum. People should arrive by 10:15 for the 10:30AM to noon tour. \$8 for the Docent led tour will be paid at the door. 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford. Free parking. Questions: Barbara Snyder ~ snyderba1@cox.net 860-633-6071 cell 860-416-4370

**10) Thursday, September 10 - The Weir National Historic Site** in Wilton, CT at 10AM. A National Park Ranger and a Docent will guide us through a tour of the historic home, grounds, and barn/studio of artist Julian Weir. Note that the grounds are uneven. Carpooling will be required since we are limited to parking only 5 cars. After a one hour tour, lunch can be purchased at a choice of upscale cafes in Ridgefield. At 1:45PM we will join our Docent in the **Aldrich Museum** for a one hour tour. Carpools will depart from Sears PROMPTLY at 8:15AM. Cost for both tours \$12.00, paid in advance.

Questions: Linda Moss ~ DoctorBob2@comcast.net; 860-521-2734

**11) Friday, Sept. 25 - "Meet Michelle"** at 10AM. Brooklyn-born daughter of an Ethiopian Orthodox Jewish mother and Guianese father, Michelle Lowenstein, raised as an Orthodox Jew and now residing in West Hartford, is an active member of The Emanuel Synagogue. Heartfelt stories, questions and answers will follow coffee and conversation at the home of Judy Silver, 32 Beacon Hill Drive, West Hartford. Maximum limited to 30.

Questions: Judy Silver ~ rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net; 860-523-4424

### **12) Tuesday, October 6 - "Peace of Mind for Your Family: Consolidate, Eliminate, Simplify"**

Gary R. Schwartz, JD, LL.M, will describe the ten essential steps to creating financial and legal peace of mind for participants, their spouses, their children, and their families. The focus will be on which records to keep, plans (estate and elder law, insurance, investment, retirement, care and real estate) to create, and ideas of ways that one might wish to update older, existing plans. Questions are welcomed and encouraged. A maximum of 36 will meet in the 3rd floor

Community Room, 60 Cassandra Blvd, West Hartford, arriving by 7:15PM for the 7:30 program. Questions: Amy Silverman ~ brandeishartford@gmail.com; 860-232-2452

### **13) Thursday, October 8 - American Impressionism: The Lure of the Artistic Colony**

D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA. This exhibition (which contains 80 Oil Paintings and 30 works on paper) is arranged according to the artists' colonies that played a critical role in the development of American Impressionism including those of Cos Cob and Old Lyme in Connecticut. In addition, works of American expatriate artists such as Mary Cassatt and John Singer Sargent are examined. Visitors will meet at the Welcome Center Admissions desk by 10:15 for the 10:30AM Docent led tour. Maximum of 20. Museum entrance and tour fee of \$14 can be paid upon arrival. Museum parking is free.

Question: Beverly Gans~ bevgans@gmail.com; 860-242-8258

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**14) Wednesday, October 28 - Wadsworth Atheneum Art Tour** With the grand reopening of the European Art Galleries, the group will tour with Docent Laura Harris, the newly hung museum collection, including some works that have never been shown before. The collection includes Italian Baroque, French Impressionism, English Pre-Raphaelite, and more. In addition, the group will view the gallery with the cabinet of curiosities (*kunst* and *wunderkammer*), with its magnificent array of objects. Visitors will meet at the Main Street entrance desk 15 minutes prior to either the 10:30AM or 1:30PM tour. Lunch can be purchased at the museum cafe in between tours. Maximum 15 for each tour. \$7 museum tour fee to be paid at the door. Carpooling is recommended. Questions: Laura R. Harris ~ laurarharris@comcast.net; 860-676-1468

**15 A) Wednesday, November 4** - A Docent led tour of the brand NEW building of the **New Britain Museum of American Art**, (opening Fall, 2015), will include the redesigned galleries in the present building. Limited to 20. Visitors should arrive by 11:15 for the 11:30AM tour. Questions: Judy Silver ~ rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net; 860-523-4424 (same as #18 below)

**15 B) Wednesday, November 4** - Steve Miller, Curator, Docent and BNC member will lead an afternoon tour of the new **Shaker Gallery** at the **New Britain Museum of American Art** beginning at 1:45 PM. Participants in the morning tour of the museum will not be required to pay additional fee.

NOTE: the Docent Fee is \$6 for one tour and \$10 for two tours, to be paid at the Front desk. Questions: Judy Silver ~ rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net; 860-523-4424

**16) Thursday, November 5 - Zentangle Workshop** at 4:45 - 7PM Zentangles are miniature pieces of unplanned abstract black & white art created through a specific method on 3.5" square paper tiles. It is a form of "artistic meditation." The Group will work at the home of instructor Elizabeth Krall, 54 Orchard Road, West Hartford. Cost: \$22, includes materials, paid at the door. Questions: Joni Fine ~ dafine17@comcast.net 521-1438

**17) Saturday, November 7 - Movie Discussion** with Dr. Jim Bozzuto, our "Movie Critic in Residence," who will lead a discussion of a recent movie. Registrants will be notified in advance regarding the movie selection to see on their own as well as the location of the discussion. Time: 7PM Questions: Charlotte Bazer ~ 860-233-5034

**18) Tuesday, November 10** - A Docent led tour of **the brand NEW building of the New Britain Museum of American Art**, (opening Fall 2015), will include the redesigned galleries in the present building. A \$6 Docent tour fee will be paid at the Museum front desk. Limited to 20. Visitors should arrive by 11:15 for the 11:30AM tour. Questions: Judy Silver ~ rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net; 860-523-4424.

**19) Monday, November 30 - "How Did We Survive? Chanukah Uncovered"**  
Rabbi Howard Herman will discuss the history of Chanukah and the untold stories surrounding the holiday. Arrive by 7:30 for coffee and dessert followed by 8PM talk at the home of Judy & Herb Silver, 32 Beacon Hill Drive, West Hartford.  
Questions: Paula Schwartz ~ pschwartz99@comcast.net; 860-539-0524

**20) Wednesday, December 2 - The Doninger Case: First Amendment vs. School**

**Administration** Paula Schwartz, retired Superintendent Region 10, and Christine Chinni, JD, embarked on an interesting journey in 2007 as client and attorney involving a student's inflammatory e-mail urging students to disrupt school operations. The principal decided to ban the student from the future school election. The multiyear case was litigated in Federal District Court, the Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, and finally the US Supreme Court. It is now part of law on First Amendment rights. Those attending should arrive by 10:15 for the 10:30AM presentation at the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation, 55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury. A \$15 fee, paid in advance, includes a dairy vegetarian lunch. Questions: Paula Schwartz ~ pschwartz99@comcast.net; 860-539-0524

**21) Friday, December 4 - Visitors will have a 10:30 Docent led tour of the "Celebrated Clothing of John Meyer of Norwich" at the Slater Memorial Museum on the campus of**

Norwich Free Academy, (GPS ~ 305 Broadway, Norwich). Participants should enter through the main entrance on Crescent Street and then stop at the Visitor Check-in Station to be directed to visitor parking. Carpools from Sears will leave PROMPTLY at 9:15 AM. The \$5 Docent tour fee can be paid at the door; the \$10 Box Lunch fee must be paid in advance.

Questions: Marsha Levinson Mason ~ marsheron@comcast.net; 860-688-6662

**22) Tuesday, January 5 - Musical Introduction to Jazz** Dan Fine will speak about the roots of jazz and major contributors and styles. He will perform examples on piano and saxophone.

Time: 1:30 - 3PM. Maximum of 20. Home of Dan & Joni, 10 Cliffmore Road, West Hartford

Questions: Joni Fine ~ dafine17@comcast.net; 860-521-1438

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**Important Names for the Hartford Chapter of Brandeis National Committee 2015-16**

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Keep this check list to HELP Remember What You Signed Up For  
(F) denotes an additional fee needs to be paid at the door

___1	<b>Short Story Group</b>	<b>9/9/15</b>
___2	<b>Thursday Night Book Club</b>	<b>9/17/15</b>
___3	<b>Pathways Through Judaism</b>	<b>9/18/15</b>
___4	<b>Co-ed Book Group</b>	<b>9/20/15</b>
___5	<b>Foreign Film Group</b>	<b>10/19/15 11/2/15 12/7/15</b>
___6	<b>Magic of Mystery Book Group</b>	<b>10/20/15</b>
___7	<b>World Affairs Discussion Group</b>	<b>11/8/15</b>
___8	<b>Jewish Communities and Their Foods</b>	

___9 (F)	<b>50 Objects/ 50 Stories</b>	<b>9/1/15</b>
___10	<b>Weir National Historic Site</b>	<b>9/10/15</b>
___11	<b>Meet Michelle</b>	<b>9/25/15</b>
___12	<b>Peace of Mind for Your Family</b>	<b>10/6/15</b>
___13 (F)	<b>American Impressionism</b>	<b>10/8/15</b>
___14 (F)	<b>Wadsworth Atheneum</b> ___ 10:30 AM or ___ 1:15 PM	<b>10/28/15</b>
___15 (F)	<b>New Britain Museum of American Art</b> A) ___ 11:30 AM &/or B) ___ 1:45 PM	<b>11/4/15</b>
___16 (F)	<b>Zentangle Workshop</b>	<b>11/5/15</b>
___17	<b>Movie Discussion</b>	<b>11/7/15</b>
___18 (F)	<b>New Britain Museum of American Art</b>	<b>11/10/15</b>
___19	<b>Chanukah Uncovered</b>	<b>11/30/15</b>
___20	<b>The Doninger Case</b>	<b>12/2/15</b>
___21 (F)	<b>John Meyer of Norwich</b>	<b>12/4/15</b>
___22	<b>Musical Introduction to Jazz</b>	<b>1/5/16</b>

Study groups, interest groups and tours are the biggest attractions for our members and are important fund raisers for our chapter. A small registration fee is charged for each activity to raise money and support Brandeis University libraries and other programs. Members will pay a **maximum total of \$50 for registration fees for activities** (excluding one of our biannual chapter luncheons) from July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, our fiscal year. This does not cover guest fees, pay in advance or admission fees. Some groups also have entrance or materials fees. Members of On-Going groups still need to send in a registration form and fee. A non-member may attend one On-Going group once for free and up to two One-Time Activities (space permitting) throughout our fiscal year as a paying Guest for \$10 per activity. To partake of additional activities one must join our chapter of the Brandeis National Committee.

Questions: Amy Silverman ~ brandeishartford@gmail.com ; 860-232-2452

**Cancellation policy:** Your check (not a phone call).is your reservation. If a cancellation is necessary, the member should notify Amy Silverman. No refund will be given. Monies paid remain with the chapter and may be taken as a donation by the registrant. If there is a waiting list for the event, Amy will notify the first person on the list. If there is no waiting list, the paid member may offer the reservation to a substitute. The substitute can reimburse the paid member directly.



# Registration Form for FALL ACTIVITIES & STUDY GROUPS



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Registration fee

Admission fee

___ 1	Short Story Group	\$12	
___ 2	Thursday Night Book Club	\$12	
___ 3	Pathways Through Judaism	\$12	
___ 4	Co-ed Book Group	\$12	
___ 5	Foreign Film Group	\$12	\$15 for room rental fee
___ 6	Magic of Mystery Book Group	\$12	
___ 7	World Affairs Discussion Group	\$12	
___ 8	Jewish Communities and Their Foods	\$12	Cost of meals to be shared

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Admission fee

___ 9	50 Objects/ 50 Stories	\$6	\$8 docent fee paid at the door
___ 10	Weir National Historic Site & Aldrich Art Gallery	\$6	\$12 tour fee paid in advance
___ 11	Meet Michelle	\$6	
___ 12	Peace of Mind for Your Family	\$6	
___ 13	American Impressionism Springfield MA	\$6	\$14 docent fee paid at door
___ 14	Wadsworth Atheneum ___ 10:30 AM or ___ 1:15 PM	\$6	\$7 docent fee paid at the door
___ 15	New Britain Museum of American Art 11/4 ___ A) 11:30 &/or ___ B) 1:45 PM	\$6	\$6 docent fee for one tour; \$10 docent fee for both tours, paid at the door
___ 16	Zentangle Workshop	\$6	\$22 materials fee paid at the door
___ 17	Movie Discussion	\$6	
___ 18	New Britain Museum of American Art 11/10	\$6	\$6 docent fee paid at the door
___ 19	Chanukah Uncovered	\$6	
___ 20	The Doninger Case: First Amendment vs. School Administration	\$6	\$15 lunch fee paid in advance
___ 21	Slater Museum "John Meyer of Norwich"	\$6	\$5 docent fee paid at the door; \$10 box lunch, paid in advance
___ 22	Musical Introduction to Jazz	\$6	

Registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Guest fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Advance fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your check and your registration form are your reservation.

Please send completed Activities & Study Group registration form with check made out to **BNC** to:  
**Amy Silverman, 60 Cassandra Blvd, #309, West Hartford, CT 06107**  
 brandeishartford@gmail.com; 860-232-2452

Guest and Cancellation policies ~ see above

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (especially for day trips)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one: I am a... life member/ annual member/ not presently a member

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