



Brandeis Bulletin

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE
GREATER HARTFORD CHAPTER

FALL 2015

Fall Luncheon



"All the World's a Stage"
Sean Harris, Artistic Director

PLAYHOUSE

ON PARK

Tuesday, October 27th

Golf Club of Avon

160 Country Club Road, Avon

Arrival 11:30 AM Buffet Lunch 12 Noon

Program at 1:15 PM

For our chapter service project please bring to the Luncheon

bagged non-perishable food items

for the Kosher Food Pantry.

Proceeds benefit the "Catalyst for the Future" project at Brandeis University.

Registration form on page 3

Greetings from the President... To our members, old and new, and to those reading this bulletin who just might become members this year,

It is difficult to believe that summer is winding down and it is time to think about all of the fall and winter activities on the Hartford horizon for Brandeis. The following pages abound with both intellectually stimulating and pure fun plans throughout the calendar in the coming days.

We offer truly a smorgasbord of discussions and outings while getting together with new and long time Brandeis friends. Perhaps you will sample a little of something unfamiliar...a taste of something new...and then return to feast on favorites. Although a small percentage of our members are alumni, parents and grandparents of alumni, most members are attracted to life-long learning, meeting new people, and supporting worthwhile Brandeis Library, research, and scholarship programs. This year we are reaching out further than ever to welcome new members: men and women, couples and singles, interested people of all ages, who will bring new voices to our groups. Pick out something new for yourself, and bring along a friend for sharing. We look forward to your being with us this year,

.....Judy Silver

Sean Harris is the co-founder and co-artistic director of Playhouse on Park (POP), an award winning professional theatre located in West Hartford, CT. At POP, he directed the heralded productions of *Angels in America*, *Cabaret*, *Hair*, and *Of Mice & Men*, among others. In NYC, he directed productions at The Barrow Group, The Producers Club, Theatre 22, and the Theatre at Westbeth. As an actor, he performed on the POP stage in *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, *The Hound of The Baskervilles*, *The Dining Room*, *The Compleat Wks Of Willm Shakspere (Abridged)*, and *Art*. Sean has a BA in Acting and Directing from DeSales University and an MFA from The New School for Drama/Actors Studio. He is currently the Director of Theatre at Hall High School in West Hartford where he produces over 13 productions a year and runs a full acting curriculum. Hall High School's Theatre program has been selected as one of the top high school theatre programs in North America by the American High School Theatre Festival. His program has been invited to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh for several years. This August they performed the world premiere from award winning playwright Arlene Hutton: *Kissed the Girls and Made Them Cry*, a devised theatre piece about emotional manipulation, sexual harassment and assault in high school. Sean has been a finalist for Teacher of the Year and this past spring was nominated for a Tony for Excellence in Theatre Education.





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Potatoes and Vegetables du Chef

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Fresh Baked Rolls / Sweet Breads

Desserts ~ Chocolate Hazelnut Mousse Cake

Fresh Fruit Salad

Wine and beverages

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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, November 8 - 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

Friday, December 25 -- Movie & Dinner at a local Asian restaurant has become a BNC tradition. Contact Charlotte Bazer ~ 860-233-5034 if interested and she will let you know a few weeks ahead what movie the group will see. All are welcome to meet the group just for dinner.

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

President	Judy Silver	rjhsilver@sbcglobal.net	860-523-4424
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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	Short Story Group	9/9/15
___2	Thursday Night Book Club	9/17/15
___3	Pathways Through Judaism	9/18/15
___4	Co-ed Book Group	9/20/15
___5	Foreign Film Group	10/19/15 11/2/15 12/7/15
___6	Magic of Mystery Book Group	10/20/15
___7	World Affairs Discussion Group	11/8/15
___8	Jewish Communities and Their Foods	

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

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.

*Welcome Members ~ * denotes returning member*

*Teri Glassman

Arline Robbins

Lynn Wadhams

Contact Miriam Miller to:

- become a BNC Annual member (\$60) or two Annual members in the same household (\$100) – men welcome
- have a bulletin sent to a friend
- get a membership card to participate in other Brandeis chapters
- have your BNC Winter bulletin follow you the months you are away (include address and months for mailings)
- e-mail updates on BNC happenings throughout the year

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT ~ BNC is sponsoring the Kosher Food Pantry of the Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford. They provide non-perishable Kosher food products throughout the year. Also needed are paper goods, such as toilet paper and paper towels. We ask our 2015 Fall Luncheon attendees to do a mitzvah by bringing a bag or two of these items to the Luncheon.

In the letter of June 18, 2015 from Shari Cantor, Food Pantry Coordinator

"Please extend my thanks to the members of your organization who contributed nearly 100 bags of food and other items for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services. The amount donated was so large that I spent from 4 to 8:30 pm, sorting it and stocking the shelves! "

(the rest of the letter is on the 2015 BNC Photo Gallery PDF file and also on our new blog site: www.blogs.brandeis.edu/bnchartford)

The Hartford Chapter truly appreciates
Amy Silverman for her years of dedicated
service as chapter President.
July 2012 - June 2015

Continuing her work for BNC,
Amy will now serve as our
Registrar of Study Groups and Activities





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A walking tour of Historic Guilford



Our first visit to the Aldrich Museum