



# THE BULLETIN

## LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Includes Suffolk, Nassau and Queens Counties

March – August

Spring 2018

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### *President's Message*

I am looking forward to an interesting spring/summer for our Brandeis Chapter. Provocative new Study Groups have been scheduled, in addition to lively Open Meetings and our current Study Groups. Our hope is that these programs will stimulate and enrich our lives. I am optimistic about your continued participation.

Our fundraising activities will continue, but on a limited basis this spring. They support the research into neurological diseases done at Brandeis University.

I encourage our members to bring friends to Open Meetings and to our Study Groups. **We always welcome new members.**

---Doris Brill

## Open Meetings

### Save these Dates:

**2 Tuesdays—April 17, June 12**

**1 Wednesday—May 23**

All Open Meetings are held at the **SHELTER ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY** located at 165 Seeringtown Road, Albertson, NY.

**The meetings begin at 1pm with time for socializing. The programs begin at 1:30pm.**

**Open to all—Husbands and friends are welcome.**

### Tuesday, April 17, 2018

John Kendrick returns by popular

demand. John is an author, teacher, and theater and film historian. He is the curator of the website [Musicals101.com](http://Musicals101.com): The Cyber Encyclopedia of Musical Theater, TV and Film. He will present **HAMILTON: THE MAN, THE MUSICAL, THE POP CULTURE PHENOMENON**. This program is informative and entertaining. It is a not to be missed event.

### WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018

Dr. Dennis Raverty, artist, teacher, writer and art historian, will present: **NUDES: FORGING**

**MODIGLIANI.** Amedeo Modigliani (1884-1920) is perhaps the most romantic and “bohemian” of all 20<sup>th</sup>-century artists. He was an Italian Jew who lived a dissolute existence in pre-World War I Paris. His ramshackle studio building was known as *La Rusche* (the Beehive). **Come find out why his work is also among the most forged of the Modernist Masters!**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

Singer-songwriter Patricia Shih presents **SONGBIRDS**, a celebration of five female folk artists: Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers; Joan Baez; Mary Travers of Peter, Paul and Mary; and Joni Mitchell. Patricia Shih will perform, show screen clips, and discuss these giants of folk music. You won't want to miss this exciting event.

### **SUNSET DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY, June 13, 2018**

This is a wonderful social event!

Come meet new members and long time members. Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner and lively conversation.

**You may even win a Prize!**

**Fee:** \$38.00 including gratuities

**Time:** 6pm

**Place:**

Village Club at Lake Success  
318 Lakeville Road  
Great Neck, NY 11020

Send checks payable to **BNC** to:

Ms. Renee Sommers  
26910 Grand Central Pkwy., Apt. 18K  
Floral Park, NY 11005

### **Community Service**

Call Rachel Hecht (516) 627-0043 for information and assistance in order to donate clothes, eyeglasses, cell phones and small appliances.

**\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\***

### **GAME PARTY**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**Jolly Fisherman**

**\$45**

**Elaine Kaner (516) 374-3633**

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### **STUDY GROUPS**

#### **Headlines of the Month—Today**

This new study group is loosely suggested by the TV program “Last Week Tonight” with John Oliver.

Our version:

Headlines of the Month—Today with Maxine Feingold and Lucille Newman.

The format:

In the month preceding the meeting, as you are reading the newspaper or magazine, cut out one headline (along with the article) that you think would be worth discussing. These will be given to Maxine and Luceille, the facilitators/moderators, who will then lead the discussion.

There are headlines in the news everyday and this format should encompass several topics of interest to all.

This group will meet on the third Friday of the month at Great Neck House at 10:30am...in the morning before the Drama Study Group meets in the afternoon.

### **Drama Discussion**

Each month this group selects a play to be analyzed at our next session. Often we will concentrate on a particular playwright.

The facilitator of the group will be Elaine Kaner (516) 374-3633. Please join us for a very stimulating afternoon.

Since **Headlines of the Month—Today** meets at 10:30am and the **Drama Study Group** at 1:30pm, there is plenty of time for a lunch break. (Deli on the Green is a favorite spot.) So make these special Fridays a **Brandeis Day!**

### **Informational Law**

This group meets the last Monday of every month at The Great Neck Social Center from 10:30am to 12 Noon. An informal layman exchange of opinions and information on topics related directly or indirectly to a legal issue will be discussed. It often leads to thought-provoking conversations. The facilitator of this group is Ada Frischer.

### **Cinema Club**

This popular group led by Iris Finkelstein (516-487-6182) meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Great Neck Social Center from 1:30-3pm.

The members choose a film (to be seen on their own) for discussion and critique at the next meeting. Come join the lively discussion!

### **Literature Study Group**

Our goal is “to read new authors as well as literary giants of the past; to raise our horizons while we enjoy losing ourselves in the lives and times of fascinating characters in fiction and non-fiction alike ... one of the most pleasurable activities known to human beings.” This study group meets at the Shelter Rock Library from 1 to 3pm one Thursday each month. The presenters often have background information about the author and the discussions are open to interesting interpretations and comments from the members attending.

**Literature usually meets on Thursdays and members will be notified of the specific dates and times by email.**

The group is chaired by Jessie Hirschberger (347-235-4220).

**The schedule is as follows:**

#### **February 2018**

*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

#### **March 2018**

*Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan

#### **April 2018**

*Faithful* by Alice Hoffman

#### **May 2018**

*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes

#### **June 2018**

*The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

#### **July 2018**

*Queen Victoria* by Julia Baird

#### **August 2018**

*The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright

## Opera

The Opera Study Group is for opera learners and opera lovers. We meet the first Monday of every month from 10:15 to 12 noon at the Great Neck Senior Center.

It doesn't matter if you have a great knowledge of opera, or none at all. Come and hear the stories of the opera and listen to really great music. The group is led by Ada Frischer (516-922-5909), Madelon Avallone (515-623-3692) and Janet Goodman (718-224-6248).

### A Look at the U.S. Supreme Court

This new Study Group will meet the first Monday of every month at the Great Neck Social Center from 1-3pm starting in May. Joan Easton will be the study group leader.

Louis Brandeis was the first of eight Jewish Supreme Court Justices who we will discuss in this study group. We will look at the issues they dealt with and the society and culture of the United States at the time they served. We will discuss various cases, some of which you may know like Roe v. Wade, the abortion case or Obergefell v. Hodges, the same sex-marriage decision.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. once said, "We are very quiet there, but it's the quiet of a storm center."

Since the **Opera Study Group** meets from 10:15-12pm and **A Look at The Supreme Court** meets at 1:00pm, there is plenty of time for a lunch break. Bring your own lunch or order lunch at the Senior Center. Make these special Mondays a **Brandeis Day!**

### Ladies Who Lunch

The Ladies Who Lunch program has been a huge success. We try to meet every month in different restaurants in the area. Come for a delicious meal and good company. Socializing and chatting with other interesting women is the purpose. Each attendee pays for her own lunch. Check your email for dates, times and places.

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**REMINDER: YOUR \$35 ACTIVITY FEE ENTITLES YOU TO ANY AND ALL STUDY GROUPS.**  
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..... PLEASE NOTE .....

**IF YOU DO NOT USE A COMPUTER, CHECK WITH THE STUDY GROUP LEADER TO FIND OUT IF A STUDY GROUP, OR MEETING, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

### VENUES FOR STUDY GROUPS AND OPEN MEETINGS

**Great Neck House:** 14 Arrandale Ave., Great Neck (516) 482-0355  
*Headlines of the Month—Today, Drama*

**Great Neck Social Center:** 80 Grace Ave., Great Neck (516) 487-0025  
*Cinema, Opera, Informational law, Board meetings, A Look at the Supreme Court*

**Shelter Rock Library:** 165 Searingtown Road, Albertson (516) 248-7977  
*Literature and Open meetings*

### Mission Statement

The Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fund raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism and service to the community.

### A GIFT TO BRANDEIS

*Use the Brandeis Book Fund or the tribute cards to honor a special occasion, special achievement or a special person in your life. Tribute cards are also sent in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or to wish a speedy recovery to someone who is ill.*

*Call Elaine Sobel (516) 829-4234*

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

New members: please call our membership chairperson for payment information.

April Zigman  
38 Old Field  
Roslyn, NY 11576

(516) 365-1584

Annual Dues are \$60.00 and the Activity Fee for **all** Study Groups is \$35.00. You must send **separate checks**, each made out to the BNC. **Annual dues get sent to National and the check for the Study Groups is sent to April Zigman.**

Please include the following with your payments:  
(Please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Established members will be billed directly by National for annual dues.  
Please send your Activity Fee to April Zigman when you receive the bill.

**DO NOT SEND THE ACTIVITY FEE TO NATIONAL**

Please note: April Zigman should be notified (in writing) if there are any changes in your telephone number, address or email address.

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**We are always interested to hear from our members. Do you have a hobby, special interest, or idea that could become a new Study Group? Any suggestions are appreciated. Come to a meeting and share your ideas.**

## BRANDEIS LONG ISLAND CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -- SPRING 2018

**Note: Board Meetings are usually the second Monday of the month. Board members will be notified by email.**

### March

**Monday, March 5**  
Opera 10:15-12pm

**Monday, March 12**  
Cinema 1:30-3pm

**Friday, March 16**  
Headlines of the Month 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3pm

**Monday, March 26**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm

### April

**Monday, April 2**  
Opera 10:15-12pm

**Monday, April 16**  
Cinema 1:30-3pm

**Tuesday, April 17**  
Open meeting 1pm

**Friday, April 20**  
Headlines of the Month 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3:30pm

**Monday, April 30**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm

### May

**Monday, May 7**  
Opera 10:15-12pm  
Supreme Court 1-3pm

**Friday, May 18**  
Headlines of the Month 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3:30pm

**Monday, May 21**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm  
Cinema 1-3pm

**Wednesday, May 23**  
Open Meeting 1pm

### June

**Monday, June 4**  
Opera 10:15-12pm  
Supreme Court 1-3pm

**Tuesday, June 12**  
Open Meeting 1pm

**Friday, June 15**  
Headlines of the Month 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3pm

**Monday, June 18**  
Cinema 1:30-3pm

**Monday, June 25**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm

### July

**Monday, July 2**  
Opera 10:15-12pm

**Monday, July 9**  
Supreme Court 1-3pm

**Monday, July 16**  
Cinema 1:30-3pm

**Friday, July 20**  
Headlines of the Week 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3pm

**Monday, July 30**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm

### August

**Monday, August 6**  
Opera 10:15-12pm  
Supreme Court 1-3pm

**Friday, August 17**  
Headlines of the Month 10:30-12pm  
Drama 1:30-3pm

**Monday, August 20**  
Cinema 1:30-3pm

**Monday, August 27**  
Informational Law 10:30-12pm

**BOARD MEMBERS SPRING 2018**

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Please note: Joan Easton will be in Florida from December through April. Her Florida phone number is 561-374-9088. Her email address is jope66@aol.com.

**LET'S REMEMBER TO BRING A FRIEND TO OUR OPEN MEETINGS  
AND TO OUR STUDY GROUPS TO SHARE OUR ORGANIZATION'S  
FRIENDSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THE BNC MISSION.**

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