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MISSION STATEMENT

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 fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism and service to the community.

STUDY GROUP ATTENDANCE

In order to attend study groups you must be a member in good standing of the Palm Beach East Chapter or another Brandeis chapter. In addition, you must pay a study group fee of \$50.00 that entitles you to attend all study group sessions. Prospective members may attend once without charge. Out of town guests are required to pay a \$5.00 fee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brandeis Members,

Brandeis University is both a life-affirming, joyous, liberating, and educational experience for students and their professors. The emphasis the institution places on social justice and intellectual endeavors prepares graduates to enrich academic, scientific, and artistic areas which will make an advantageous difference in the lives of not only Americans, but the entire world. Since one of its ideals is “tikkun olam” which is Hebrew for “heal the world” I am proud that I, along with many of our members, have been part of Brandeis National Chapters for many years in various capacities to support the University in its many scholarly and research endeavors. Our Palm Beach East Chapter Board has planned to make the 2017-2018 unique as we benefit both the university and our members with educational and entertaining events.

One of the highlights will be our Book and Author luncheon when Frank Eberling, who has written several novels, over thirty screen plays and won an Emmy, will speak to us in March. We also have planned a tour of the Manatee and Turtle Centers; Barbara Morgenstern will host another exceptional art tour, and Bobbie Goldman is going to introduce us to the intricacies of playing croquet. Of course, our book discussions will make the air crackle with cerebral electricity, and the theater party at the Delray Playhouse should be highly entertaining. These, and other events, will benefit not only us, but also the University’s Sustaining the Mind project.

The entertainment for our Opening Luncheon will be outstanding, and I am eager to see all of you at The Falls where we can share our summer’s activities with each other and look forward to an exciting 2017-2018 season.

Last year, Brandeis National Chapters raised over a million dollars for scholarships which is outstanding. Our chapter and many others, however, raised a substantial amount for Brandeis’ Sustaining the Mind Research Project. Where else but Brandeis can we prepare students’ minds to heal the minds of the many victims of neurological diseases? The University sends me information, periodically, of the progress it is making in developing a vaccine for the treatment of A.L.S. and finding a cure for Alzheimer’s. You are part of this valuable research effort by participating in our chapter’s events.

Onward!

Sandy Didner

**BNC PALM BEACH EAST
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2016 - 2017**

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Open Board Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.
Check your Palm Beach East Bulletin for time and place.
All members are invited to attend these meetings.

A MONTH-BY-MONTH SYNOPSIS
Fundraising Events and Learning Opportunities
2017 – 2018

Our Learning Opportunities Groups are open to all members (life, annual and associate) for a seasonal charge of \$50. For Special Event programs that serve lunch or refreshments, there is an additional charge per person. We welcome you to attend ALL our Programs - they are truly eye-opening, and the "best deal" in town.

NOVEMBER

- Fri 3 First Friday Bridge - at Winston Trails Restaurant**
- Mon 6 Board Meeting at the home of Bobbie Goldman**

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 First Friday Bridge/Canasta/Games - at Winston Trails Restaurant**
- Mon 4 Board Meeting at the Carlisle (all members invited)**
- Thu 7 Florida Region Symposium - South County Civic Center - "Modern Times"**
- Mon 11 Book Discussion: "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison led by Maria Koblentz**
- Wed 13 General Meeting/Showcase - Willow Bend Club House 2 -
3617 Hadjes Drive, Lake Worth**
- Tue 19 Tour of Manatee Lagoon-Riviera Beach - Lunch and
Tour of Loggerhead Marine Life Center - Juno Beach**
- Fri 22 At the Movies discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder - at the Claridges -
3456 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach.**

JANUARY

- Wed 3 The New Student Forum - Book - "Citizen: An American Lyric"**
- Fri 5 First Friday Bridge/Canasta/Games at Winston Trails Restaurant**
- Mon 8 Board Meeting at the Carlisle (all members invited)**
- TBA University on Wheels - Prof. Dan Breen -South County Civic Center**
- Thu 11 Opening Luncheon - Falls Country Club, Lake Worth**
- Mon 15 Book Discussion: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
discussion led by Sandy Didner - at the Carlisle**
- Tue 23 Art Around the Neighborhood - Lunch**
- Fri 26 At the Movies discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder at the Claridges**
- Tue 30 Lunch and Learn - E. J Harris - Mel's Way at Poinciana Country Club**

FEBRUARY

- Fri 2** **First Friday Bridge/Canasta/Games at Winston Trails Restaurant**
Mon 5 **Board Meeting at the Carlisle**
Thu 8 **Speaker & Author Brenda Frank. Discussion of her Book, "Divorce After 56 Years" at the Carlisle**
Mon 12 **Book Discussion: "Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich led by Carole Warshaw**
Thu 15 **"Back Stage at the Duncan Theater"**
Wed 22 **Theater Trip to Delray Playhouse with Randy Del Lago- Musical Memories "Defying Gravity" the Songs of Stephan Schwartz"**
Fri 23 **At the Movies, discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder**
Tue 27 **Speaker from Morse Life: Vesna Poinier - Topic: "Resilience"**

March

- Fri 2** **First Friday Bridge/Canasta/Games at Winston Trails Restaurant**
Mon 5 **Board Meeting at the Carlisle**
Wed 7 **Book & Author Luncheon: Avanti Restaurant at Winston Trails Country Club - EMMY award winning filmmaker, Frank Eberling.**
Fri 9 **Speaker, Joel Englehardt, Palm Beach Post Editor for Investigative Reporting at the Carlisle**
Mon 12 **Book Discussion: "The Rent Collector" by Cameron Wright, led by Bette Rosenberg**
Fri 16 **At the Movies discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder**
Fri 23 **Fun at the National Croquet Center and Lunch**

APRIL

- Mon 2** **Board Meeting at the Carlisle**
Tue 10 **Spring Luncheon and Installation at the Chesterfield Hotel**

BOOKS FOR DISCUSSION 2017-2018

All book discussions begin promptly at 10:30 A.M. at The Carlisle

Monday, December 11, 2017

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

The Bluest Eye is Toni Morrison's first novel, a book heralded for its richness of language and boldness of vision. Set in the author's girlhood hometown of Lorain Ohio, it tells the story of black, eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove. Pecola prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be as beautiful as beloved as all the blond, blue-eyed children in America. In the autumn of 1941, the year the marigold in the Breedloves' garden do not bloom, Pecola's life does change—in painful, devastating ways. With its vivid evocation of the feat and loneliness at the heart of a child's yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment, *The Bluest Eye* remains one of Toni Morrison's most powerful, unforgettable novels—and a significant work of American fiction. (OPRAH.COM)

Monday, January 15, 2018

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hellish for all the slaves but especially bad for Cora; an outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is coming into womanhood - where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Matters do not go as planned and, though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. *The Underground Railroad* is at once a kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share. (Goodreads)

BOOKS FOR DISCUSSION 2017-2018 (cont.)

Monday, February 12, 2018

***The Bridal Chair* by Gloria Goldreich**

Thirty years ago, the world lost a great artist, Moishe Shagal, better known as Marc Chagall. For the exhibition of his work at MoMA in 1946, he was hailed by a critic as “a hero who had not only eluded the Nazis but had triumphed over them by painting the Jewish world they had thought to destroy.” The real story of his life and work is more nuanced and fascinating. A man of immense contradictions, hailed as the quintessential Jewish artist of the 20th century. He was a brilliant, innovative printmaker, ceramicist and theatrical designer as well as a prescient modernist, whose signature style glowed with bold colors. But it is his cool, almost desolate white-suffused painting, *The Bridal Chair*, created for his only daughter’s wedding in 1934. This biofiction of Chagall’s daughter, Ida Chagall Meyer proceeds chronologically in an old-fashioned, story-telling prose that is rich in descriptions that evoke time and place. It’s a fact-based but imaginative re-creation of an important man and a critical time. (Hadassah Magazine)

Monday, March 12, 2018

***The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright**

Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the bad-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money—a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. *The Rent Collector* is a story of hope, of one woman’s journey to save her son and another woman’s chance at redemption.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - HIGHLIGHTS 2017-2018

All Learning Opportunities, (except At the Movies) will be held at THE CARLISLE, 450 E. Ocean Blvd., Lantana, and will begin at 10:30 a.m. At the Movies will be held at the Claridges 3460 S. Ocean Blvd. Palm Beach.

- **At the Movies** with Audrey Van Gelder – Join fellow "Movie Fans" for discussion Fridays,- December 22, 2017, in 2018 on January 26, February 23, March 16.
- **Book Discussions**
 - Monday, December 11, 2017 "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, led by Maria Koblentz.
 - Monday, January 15, 2018 "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead, led by Sandy Didner.
 - Monday, February 12, 2018, "The Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich, led by Carole Warshaw
 - Monday, March 12, 2018, "The Rent Collector" by Cameron Wright, led by Bette Rosenberg.
- **Learning Opportunity: Thursday, December 7, 2017 "Modern Times".** Brandeis University Symposium led by Professors from Brandeis University, South County Civic Center.
- **Learning Opportunity: Wednesday January 3, 2018.** Read with the Incoming Freshman Class of Brandeis. Take part in "The New Student Forum". This year's book is "Citizen: An American Lyric" by Claudia Rankine.
- **Learning Opportunity: Thursday, February 8, 2018 "Speaker and Author, Brenda Frank"** Discussion of her book "Divorce After 56 Years".
- **Learning Opportunity: Thursday, February 15, 2018 "Backstage at the Duncan Theater".**
- **Learning Opportunity: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 "Speaker" - From Morse Life, Vesna Poinier - Topic: "Resilience".**
- **Learning Opportunity: Friday, March 9, 2018 "Speaker" - Joel Englehardt, Palm Beach Post Editor for Investigative Reporting.**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/SHOWCASE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

At the Willow Bend Clubhouse 2 - 3617 Hadjes Drive - Lake Worth, FL.

No charge and open to all

Refer to your monthly Palm Beach East Bulletin
for further details as well as changes and additions

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2017-2018

- **First Friday Bridge/Canasta/Games – Winston Trails Restaurant
6101 Winston Trails Blvd. Lake Worth
November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2**
- **Florida Region Symposium "Modern Times" S. Florida Civic Center
Thursday, December 7th**
- **Tour of Manatee Lagoon-Riviera Beach - Lunch and
Tour of Loggerhead Marine Life Center - Juno Beach
Tuesday, December 19th**
- **University on Wheels - South County Civic Center
Speaker - Dan Breen, Professor and Lecturer in Legal Studies
Date TBA**
- **Opening Luncheon - Falls Country Club, Lake Worth
Thursday, January 11th**
- **Art Tour "Art Around the Neighborhood" -
Lunch Tuesday, January 23rd**
- **Lunch and Learn - Mel's Way at Poinciana Country Club
Speaker - E.J Harris
Tuesday, January 30th**
- **Theater Trip to Delray Playhouse with Randy Del Lago - Musical
Memories- "Defying Gravity" The Songs of Stephen
Schwartz Wednesday, February 21st**
- **Book & Author Luncheon - Avanti Restaurant at Winston Trails CC
Author, EMMY award winning Filmmaker, Frank Eberling
Wednesday, March 7th**
- **Fun at the National Croquet Center- Friday, March 23rd.**
- **Spring Closing Luncheon and Installation - at the Chesterfield Hotel
Tuesday , April 10th**

MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017-2018

_____ I am a new member of Palm Beach East

_____ Annual..... \$60.00

_____ Gold..... \$85.00

_____ Platinum.....\$125.00

Make check payable to: **BNC – PALM BEACH EAST**

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MAIL-IN STUDY GROUP FORM

_____ I am a Life Member or member of another BNC chapter and am paying a Palm Beach East Bulletin fee of **\$20.00** to be on the mailing list.

_____ I am paying the **\$50.00** fee that is required of all members and associate members to attend Palm Beach East Learning Opportunities.

Bulletin Fee _____
Study Group Fee _____
Total _____

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