

# BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY



## STUDY GROUP GUIDE



Palm Beach East Chapter

2016 – 2017

## **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.

## **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES 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.



# Brandeis National Committee

## President's Message

Dear BNC Friends,

Hello BNC Members,

I am enthusiastic about serving my first term as your new president and enjoying the many activities our board has planned for you.

All the Brandeis National Chapters endeavor to support the University in its valuable pursuit of research into sustaining the mind, and finding cures for neurological diseases that plague our citizens, both the young and the elderly. Since researchers cannot participate in investigating the mind if the body is not healthy, we are also engaged in providing both financial and physical support to the university's students to aid them in their challenging scientific studies.

Not only does Brandeis benefit, but also we gain socially and educationally by participating in our many Learning Opportunities and stimulating and thought-provoking events and excursions which are on our schedule for the 2016-2017 season.

Last year we raised over \$12,000 for Brandeis National Committee's fund. Our membership has expanded, and the activities we have planned for this season will increase both our fund raising abilities for the university, our service to the community, and educational, varied, and enjoyable experiences for us and our guests.

We will be returning to the Carlisle at 450 East Ocean Avenue in Lantana for our book discussions which always lend themselves to scintillating and interesting dialogues between the facilitators and the members.

Our Showcase will be held on Wednesday, December 14 in the Willow Bend Community Clubhouse 2 on 3617 Hadjes Drive in Lake Worth. I look forward to seeing you at the Showcase and sharing a wonderful and rewarding new season with all of you.

Sandy Didner



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**BNC PALM BEACH EAST  
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS  
2016 - 2017**

President	Sandy Didner
VP, Fundraising	Vicki Zimmaro
VP, Learning Opportunities	Carol Sharp
VP, Membership	Bobbie Goldman
VP, Leadership	Carole Warshaw
Treasurer	Carol Lauro
Financial Secretary	Carol Mitchell
Recording Secretary	Wendy Macintosh
Corresponding Secretary	Ellen Brookman

**Three-Year Directors**

Audrey Van Gelder, Maria Koblentz, Sheila Bloom, Ruth Burstein  
Patty Augustine, Bette Rosenberg, Marsha Rosenberg

**Two-Year Directors**

Roslyn Goldman, Bebe Markman, Enid Shames, Debe Grayson  
Barbara Morgenstern, Roberta Weisshaut

**One-Year Directors**

Barbara Katz, Carolyn Ledewitz, Helga Bagan, Francesca LaSorza  
Shirley Lockshin, Marilyn Chertoff

**Nominating Committee**

Carol Sharp, *Chair*

Judy Golden, Bobbie Goldman, Barbara Schancupp, Audrey Van Gelder

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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

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# A MONTH-BY-MONTH SYNOPSIS

## Fundraising and Learning Opportunities

### 2016 – 2017

*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 4 First Friday Bridge - Atlantis Country Club  
Mon 14 Board Meeting at the home of Bobbie Goldman

#### DECEMBER

- Fri 2 First Friday Bridge - Atlantis Country Club  
Mon 5 Board Meeting at the Claridges 3460 S. Ocean Blvd.  
(all members invited)  
Mon 12 Book Discussion: "Memory of Violets"  
by Hazel Gaynor, led by Ruth Burstein  
Wed 14 General Meeting/Showcase - Willow Bend Club House 2  
3617 Hadjes Drive, Lake Worth  
Thu 15 Florida Region Symposium - South County Civic Center  
Tue 20 Norton Museum - Lunch  
Fri 23 At the Movies discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder  
at the Claridges - 456 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach.

#### JANUARY

- Mon 2 Board Meeting at the Claridges (all members invited)  
Fri 6 University on Wheels - South County Civic Center  
Mon 9 Book Discussion: "Saving Sophie" by Ronald Balson  
discussion led by Carole Warshaw at the Carlisle  
Thu 12 Speaker- Leslie Grey Streeter of the Palm Beach Post  
Fri 13 First Friday Bridge/Canasta at Atlantis Country Club  
Tue 17 Opening Luncheon at Falls Country Club  
Wed. 25 Jewish Family Services presents  
"The Importance of Laughter to Your Health" - at the Carlisle  
Fri 27 At the Movies discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder at the Claridges  
Tues 31 Literary Group - (NO reservations required)  
"It Can't Happen Here" by Sinclair Lewis led by Claudia Hoffman



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## FEBRUARY

- Fri 3** **First Friday Bridge/Canasta** at The Atlantis Country Club
- Mon 6** **Board Meeting** at the Claridges
- Thu 9** **Lunch and Learn at Callaro's** - Speaker Author, Sandra Boritz Berger
- Fri. 10** **Speaker Arlene Davidson, National Council of Jewish Women "Sex Trafficking** at the Carlisle
- Mon 13** **Book Discussion: "The Housemaid's Daughter"** by Barbara Mutch Discussion led by Phyllis Poston at the Carlisle
- Thu 16** **Theater Trip to Delray Playhouse** with Randy Del Lago "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber"
- Tue 21** **Tour of the Breakers** - Lunch
- Fri 24** **At the Movies**, discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder
- Mon 27** **Speaker: Hank Reim, PBC Sherriff's Dept. "How to avoid Scams and Identity Theft"** at the Carlisle
- Tue 28** **Literary Group: (NO reservations required) "Invisible Man"** by Ralph Ellison led by Maria Koblentz

## MARCH

- Thu 2** **Bus Trip:** Coral Gables, Biltmore Hotel, Ceruda Gallery, Lunch
- Fri 3** **First Friday Bridge/Canasta** at the Atlantis Country Club
- Mon 6** **Board Meeting** at the Claridges
- Thu 9** **Speaker, Richard Emory "The Global Environment"** at the Carlisle
- Mon 13** **Book Discussion: "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah** Discussion led by Carol Sharp at the Carlisle
- Wed 15** **Book & Author: Deborah Eisenberg** at Benvenuto's Restaurant
- Tue 21** **Literary Group: (NO reservations required) "Life in Motion, An Unlikely Ballerina"** by Misty Copeland led by Audrey Van Gelder
- Wed 29** **Brandeis at the Movies, "Purple Lawns"**
- Fri 31** **At the Movies** discussion led by Audrey Van Gelder
- Date TBA** **Backstage at the Kravis** - Lunch

## APRIL

- Mon 3** **Board Meeting** at the Claridges
- Thu 5** **Spring Luncheon and Installation** at Benvenuto Restaurant



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## BOOKS FOR DISCUSSION 2016-2017

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

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

***Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor**

Eager to escape the family to which she's never particularly felt she belongs, Tilly Harper leaves Lake District for London in the spring of 1912. There, she will begin a new life as a housemother at Mr. Shaw's Training Homes for Watercress and Flower Girls, watching over the orphaned and disabled children who have found refuge and independence in benevolent Mr. Shaw's silk flower factory. Upon arriving, Tilly discovers a diary written by a former resident named Florrie, who never recovered after being separated from her little sister. Intrigued by Florrie's story, Tilly sets out to find out what happened and discovers that their connection is deeper than she ever imagined. (Wordpress)

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

***Saving Sophie* by Ronald Balson**

Jack Sommers was just an ordinary accountant from Chicago. That is, until his wife passed away, his young daughter was kidnapped, and he became the main suspect in an \$88 million dollar embezzlement case. Now, Jack is on the run, hoping to avoid the feds long enough to rescue his daughter, Sophie, from her maternal grandfather, a suspected terrorist in Palestine. *Saving Sophie* is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter, alongside the religious and political persecution of a nation caught in a civil war. This action-packed thriller will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love along the way. (Goodreads)

**Monday, February 13, 2017**

***The Housemaid's Daughter* by Barbara Mutch**

When Cathleen Harrington leaves her home in Ireland in 1919 to travel to South Africa, she knows that she does not love the man she is to marry there, ...whom she has not seen for five years. Isolated and estranged in a small town in the harsh Karoo desert, her only real companions are her diary and her housemaid, and later the housemaid's daughter, Ada. When Ada is born, Cathleen recognizes in her someone she can love and respond to in a way that she cannot with her own family. Set against the backdrop of a beautiful, yet divided land, *The Housemaid's Daughter* is a startling and thought-provoking novel that intricately portrays the drama and heartbreak of two women who rise above cruelty to find love, hope, and redemption. (Goodreads)

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

***The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah**

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime. (Barnes & Noble)



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**LITERARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
**(No reservation required)**  
**2016 – 2017**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

***It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis**

(Sinclair Lewis) depicts, in 1936, the success of an American equivalent of Fascism and Nazism on a huge scale; he satirizes politicians, Rotarians, all sorts of public speakers, radio idols of the inspirational school, and the small community class conscious underdogs. The central character is a small town Vermont liberal, old school, who tries to stand up for his beliefs and gets his deserts in the new administration. One can count on Lewis for clever dialogue and amusing situations, pregnant with the undercurrent of whatever hobby he is astride at the moment... (Kirkus Review)

**Tuesday February 28, 2017**

***Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison**

An extremely powerful story of a young Southern Negro, from his late high school days through three years of college to his life in Harlem. His early training prepared him for a life of humility before white men, but through injustices- large and small, he came to realize that he was an "invisible man". People saw in him only a reflection of their preconceived ideas of what he was, denied his individuality, and ultimately did not see him at all. The incidents of the story are wholly absorbing. The boy's dismissal from college because of an innocent mistake, his shocked reaction to the anonymity of the North and to Harlem, his nightmare experiences on a one-day job in a paint factory and in the hospital, his lightning success as the Harlem leader of a communistic organization known as the Brotherhood, his involvement in black versus white and black versus black clashes and his disillusion and understanding of his invisibility- all climax naturally followed by a retreat which is both literal and figurative. Parts of this experience may have been told before, but never with such freshness, intensity and power. (Kirkus Review)

**Tuesday March 21, 2017**

***Life in Motion, An Unlikely Ballerina* by Misty Copeland**

Misty Copeland makes history, telling the story of her journey to become the first African-American principal ballerina at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre. But when she first placed her hands on the barre at an after-school community center, no one expected the undersized, underprivileged, and anxious thirteen-year-old to become one of America's most groundbreaking dancers. A true prodigy, she was attempting in months roles that take most dancers years to master. But when Misty became caught between the control and comfort she found in the world of ballet and the harsh realities of her own life, she had to choose to embrace both her identity and her dreams, and find the courage to be one of a kind. With an insider's passion, Misty opens a window into the life of an artist who lives life center stage, from behind the scenes at her first classes to her triumphant roles in some of the world's most iconic ballets. (Amazon Review)



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## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - HIGHLIGHTS 2016 – 2017

*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. unless otherwise stated*

- **At the Movies** with Audrey Van Gelder – Join fellow "Movie Fans" for discussion **Fridays**, - December 23, 2016, in 2017 on **January 27, February 24, March 31** at the Claridges.
- **Book Discussions - Mondays**, December 12, 2016, in 2017 **January 9, February 13, March 13**
- **Literary Group - (NO reservations required Join Us)**

<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	<i>It Can't happen Here - Sinclair Lewis</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b>	<i>Invisible Man - Ralph Ellison</i>
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	<i>Life in Motion - Misty Copeland</i>
- **Learning Opportunity: Speaker - Leslie Grey Streeter-The Palm Beach Post**  
*Thursday, January 12th*
- **Learning Opportunity: Presentation: The Importance of Laughter in Your Life - Jewish Family Services**  
*Wednesday, January 25th*
- **Learning Opportunity - "Sex Trafficking" Presentation by Arlene Davidson of the National Council of Jewish Women**  
*Friday, February 10th*
- **Learning Opportunity: "How to Avoid Scams and Identity Theft"**  
**Herb Rein of the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Dept.**  
*Monday, February 27th*
- **Learning Opportunity: Speaker: Richard Emory "The Global Environment" - Thursday, March 9th**
- **Learning Opportunity: Brandeis at the Movies: Film, "Purple Lawns"**  
*Wednesday, March 29th*

### **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



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## FUNDRAISING 2016 – 2017

- **First Friday Bridge/Canasta – Atlantis Country Club**  
*November 4, December 2, January 13, February 3, March 3*
- **Florida Region Symposium - South County Civic Center**  
*Thursday, December 15th*
- **Tour of Norton Museum - Lunch**  
*Tuesday, December 20th*
- **University on Wheels - South County Civic Center -**  
*Friday, January 6th*
- **Opening Luncheon - Falls Country Club, Lake Worth**  
*Tuesday, January 17th*
- **Lunch and Learn - Callaro's Restaurant**  
**Author, Sandra BoritzBerger**  
*Thursday, February 9th*
- **Theater Trip to Delray Playhouse with Randy Del Lago - The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber - Lunch**  
*Thursday, February 16th*
- **Tour of the Breakers - Lunch**  
*Tuesday, February 21st*
- **Art Tour Bus Trip to Coral Gables - Tour of the Biltmore Hotel - Visit to the Ceruda Gallery - Lunch**  
*Thursday, March 2nd*
- **Book & Author Luncheon - Benvenuto's Restaurant**  
**Author, Deborah Eisenberg**  
*Wednesday, March 15th*
- **Backstage at the Kravis -Lunch Date, in March, to be announced**  
**(check your March bulletin)**
- **Spring Luncheon and Installation - Benvenuto's Restaurant**  
*Thursday, April 5th*

# MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

\_\_\_ 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**

Mail dues to: Brandeis National Committee Carol Mitchell  
P.O. Box 549110, Mail Stop 132 OR 3589 S. Ocean Blvd. #906  
Waltham, MA 02454-9110 Palm Beach, FL 33480

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# MAIL-IN LEARNING OPPORTUNITES 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Learning Opportunities Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_

(From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_)

Out of State Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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