San Dieguito Chapter
Presents Another BNC Program
to be Zoomed Nationwide

Wednesday, March 17
11:00 a.m.

Rabbi Ron Shulman of Congregation Beth El
(and Brandeis Alumnus)
will speak about
The Emotional Side of Covid-19:
Its Impact on Jewish Thought and Community Well into the Future

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Invite your friends and family
$18 to benefit the BNC Honoring Our History Campaign
Please use the mail-in form on page 6

University on Wheels is On Its Way, Virtually
Thursday, April 8
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Dear Friends,

The old adage, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” certainly doesn’t apply to our wonderful weather here in the San Diego area!

Perhaps that’s the reason we are all ‘bearing’ up as we await the first/second vaccinations and see that the last year brought a new sense of purpose and a sense that we are stronger than we ever thought we were.

What a privilege to feature Rabbi Shulman of Beth El Synagogue as our featured speaker on Wednesday March 17th (mail in reservation form in this bulletin). A Brandeis graduate, Rabbi Shulman will speak on how we survived as a people and how the lessons we learned will benefit us as we go forward.

Our Zoom study groups continue and we are delighted to welcome new members to our chapter.

As always, I encourage you to sign onto brandeisNOW.com to read about the people and accomplishments that make Brandeis the unique University that welcomes all, thanks to the American Jewish community.

With hope and a sense of wanting life to go on as before, I look forward to meeting everyone in person….even masked!

With thanks….stay safe

Linda
San Dieguito Presents Rabbi Ron Shulman
Wednesday, March 17  11:00 a.m.

The Emotional Side of Covid-19:
Its Impact On Jewish Thought and Community Well Into the Future.

Join our chapter as we proudly host Rabbi Ron Shulman of Congregation Beth El, La Jolla, via Zoom, for all BNC and the general public.

He will discuss questions about our Jewish beliefs and ideas regarding the pandemic.
How will we assimilate the losses of life and time, routine and purpose into our needs for personal and communal renewal?
We can look to the past for guidance, but in the end, it will be on us to create the future for ourselves. As the pandemic lingers these questions become increasingly important.

The $18 ticket price is a charitable contribution to BNC’s Honoring Our History campaign.

Rabbi Shulman (Brandeis ’78)

Rabbi Ron Shulman is Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla. He has served as Senior Rabbi of Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore, and as Rabbi of Congregation Ner Tamid in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Ron Shulman is a 1978 graduate of Brandeis. He earned certification as a Fellow in the Kellogg School of Management for Jewish Leaders at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL and as a Policy Conflict Resolution Fellow at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York ordained Rabbi Shulman in May 1983 and later conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA. where he also taught.

Rabbi Shulman is a member of the San Diego Union-Tribune Community Advisory Board. He is the author of original prayers and reflections, Jewish educational curricula, newspaper columns, and other writings. For two decades, Ron and his wife, Robin, were members of the educational staff of Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA.

Please use mail-in form on page 6. If you wish to pay by credit card, BNC has sent an email with the link. Go to https://brandeis.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/view_in_browser.aspx?sid=1614&gid=1&sendId=2214943&ecatid=82&puid=a3efeaaf-d5dd-48da-be52-57a7fa0b6d12 and scroll down to the March 17 program.
University on Wheels is Coming!
(Virtually)
Thursday, April 8  11:00 a.m.

We are excited to welcome Hadassah Lieberman, wife of former U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman, and an author who has dedicated herself to promoting healthcare issues, assisting nonprofit organizations, improving educational standards, and advancing international understanding, particularly in the area of women’s health.

She will be joined in conversation by Sylvia Fishman, the Joseph and Esther Foster Professor in Judaic Studies, Emerita.

Hadassah is appearing on the occasion of the publication of her new book, Hadassah, An American Story, to be published by Brandeis University Press in April. This is a special pre-publication event exclusive for BNC members. The ticket price will be a charitable contribution to BNC's Honoring Our History campaign.

Ticket Price: $25, $50, or $100

BNC has sent an email invitation with a link to sign up. Go to https://brandeis.imodules.com/controls/email_marketing/view_in_browser.aspx?sid=1614&gid=1&sendId=2214943&ecatid=82&puid=a3efeaaf-d5dd-48da-be52-57a7fa0b6d12 to RSVP for this interesting program.

Author Zooms with Jewish Literature Group

Some lucky chapter members enjoyed a special treat, a personal conversation with an author, when the Jewish Themed Literature group ‘met’ Ronald Balson, author of their February book selection, Once We Were Brothers.

One of our newest Brandeis members, Elaine Howard, had gone to school with Balson, got in touch and invited him to speak with the group. He was most gracious and willing, and thanks to technology, joined via Zoom from his car as he was driving from Chicago to Florida.

A trial lawyer, he had always wanted to write fiction, and has enjoyed doing a huge amount of interesting research abroad, for this and subsequent novels. Many in the group have enjoyed all his books. His most recent is Eli’s Promise, and Defending Britte Stein, is due out in June.

(Author Ron Balson, bottom left)
THE BRANDEIS SCOOP -
To keep us informed about the university we support

Alumnus awarded for his work on the successful Covid vaccines

You couldn’t have your vaccine without this alumnus’ perseverance.

Brandeis University and the Rosenstiel Foundation awarded the 50th annual Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Basic Medical Research to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman ’81, MA ’81, P’15 for their groundbreaking work in therapeutics and vaccines.

The two COVID-19 vaccines now being given to millions worldwide by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna are thanks to Karikó, senior vice president at BioNTech RNA Pharmaceuticals, and alumnus Weissman, who pioneered the science behind the vaccines.

They began working together over 20 years ago at U Penn. At the time, many scientists didn't believe ‘mRNA’ could be the basis for a vaccine because injecting mRNA into mice had caused deadly inflammation. Despite setbacks, Karikó and Weissman kept working while other scientists gave up.

Eventually they discovered a way to alter mRNA that enabled it to enter cells without triggering the body's immune system. Then they tested every method of delivering mRNA and were successful inserting it inside a small bubble of oil so that the molecule didn't fall apart as it traveled through the body.

Both successful vaccines, one of which you’ve hopefully been given, were made possible thanks to their work.

To read an interview with the scientists, see
https://www.brandeis.edu/now/2021/february/rosenstiel-covid-qanda.html

How Brandeis Geared Up for Second Semester

Brandeis’ ongoing response to the COVID-19 resulted in a very low rate of infection last year. As of the start of the second semester, they administered nearly 100,000 tests, with fewer than 125 students, faculty, and staff infected.

As a new semester began, about 1,900 undergraduates returned to live on campus. The staff sent approximately 1,400 testing kits to students’ homes so that they could receive a test result before traveling to campus. The mandatory COVID-19 testing program will continue twice weekly on campus.

Kudos to the University for its handling the pandemic.
This Month We Feature .... the Jewish Resistance Collection

This collection contains a fascinating range of materials including underground publications printed by German Communist and French Jewish resisters of the Nazis before and during WWII. It includes post-war reports documenting the persecution and extermination of Jews, records from several Nuremberg trials, Nazi paraphernalia, and post-war media articles on Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

Clandestine publications deal with a range of issues. One, a German anti-fascist pamphlet from 1933, is cleverly disguised as an owner's manual for an Electrolux vacuum cleaner. Materials are in various languages: English, French, German, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish and Yiddish.

Preserving, digitizing, and sharing these materials is a considerable effort. Without this, these materials would risk permanent deterioration and would be hidden from much of the world's view.

Please think about making a donation to Honoring Our History that will help ensure that this horrendous time in history is never forgotten.

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RSVP for Rabbi Shulman’s Zoom Program

Name______________________________________________________________

Mobile Phone________________________________________________________

Email________________________________________________________________

Please mail $18 check payable to BNC and this reservation form to
Barbara Howard, 1140 Pasadero Dr., Escondido, CA 92029
(barbarahoward@gmail.com)

You must include your email address in order to receive an invitation to the Zoom event.
Proceeds benefit the BNC Honoring our History Campaign

If you don’t want to print this, just send your check with the necessary information to Barbara.
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Celebrating a birthday, a milestone, or looking for the best way to honor the memory of a loved one? BNC offers Tribute cards from $10 to $500. Your donation goes toward education opportunities, scientific advances, and supporting the Brandeis Libraries.

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Celebrate!

**Happy Birthday**
- March 1 – Joyce Spiegel, Ann Zall, Elaine Eisenberg
- March 10 – Carolyn Cohen
- March 15 – Stephanie Jaret
- March 16 – Arlene Berger
- March 21 – Fran Heffler
- March 27 – Rosalie Kitaen
- April 5 – Cindi Weiss
- April 24 – Mona Schlachter
- April 25 – Arthur Birnbaum
- April 27 – Sharlene Bergart
- April 28 – Cynthia Raff
- April 30 – Jonathan Brand

**Happy Anniversary**
- March 9 – Linda & Peter Levine
- March 17 – Linda & Marvin Epstein
- April 17 – Nancy & Joel Kayne

If you wish to have your special occasion appear here, don’t be shy!
Contact Cheryl Kaufman at herscheryl@gmail.com  619-578-2308

Get Well
- Stan Schatt
- Howard Strauss

With Sympathy
- Sarah Birnbaum, on the loss of her husband, Mark

A warm welcome to our newest member
- Janis Musante
Let’s Welcome These New Members

Susan Bauer lives in the Chicago area with her husband Scott. Susan earned a Paralegal degree and a B.A. in Political Science/Public Law from Northern Illinois University before getting her J.D. degree from John Marshall Law School. She practiced Employment Law before retiring several years ago. She has three daughters; her oldest will be getting married this summer. Susan enjoys reading, watching movies, and exercising. She enjoys playing Mah Jongg online with other Brandeis members. Besides her family, her true love is anything sports. She is a Chicago Cubs season ticket holder and was ecstatic when they won the World Series in 2016.

Elaine Howard lives in the Chicago area with her husband Dennis. While attending the University of Michigan, Elaine was fortunate to hear Dr. Martin Luther King speak in person. After graduating college, Elaine taught second grade for two years in Skokie, Illinois, before staying home to raise her two children. Elaine furthered her education and received an MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She worked for various market research firms and was able to go on two African safaris while working! Elaine enjoys spending time with her four grandsons. Her hobbies include taking classes on Judaism, exercising, and traveling. She is enjoying playing Mah Jongg online with other Brandeis members. We are lucky to have Elaine as part of our chapter. She has succeeded in getting us quite a few speakers for our Jewish-Themed Literature group and TED Talks.

Dennis Howard is married to Elaine, and together they enjoy spending time with their family and friends. Dennis attended Northwestern University and Illinois Institute of Technology, where he received a Ph.D. in Psychology. He founded D. S. Howard & Associates, a marketing research and consulting firm after working at a psychological consulting company doing assessments, counseling, and organizational development. DSHA continues to provide research and consulting services to pharmaceutical and medical device companies. Dennis enjoys playing tennis, playing the piano, and reading.

Elyse Perlman lives in the Chicago area and is excited to be a member of our chapter. Elyse attended Northeastern Illinois University where she received a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts. She also attended Harper College, where she earned a degree in nursing. Elyse has been a full-time real estate broker for over 40 years and is also a Loan Officer. She was a real estate instructor at various junior colleges. She has two sons, one married and the other engaged to get married this summer. Elyse has a grandson and a granddaughter with who she enjoys spending time. She enjoys swimming and walking on the treadmill. She is enjoying playing Mah Jongg online with other members of our chapter.

Carol Robinson grew up in Chicago and currently lives in Alameda. She attended Northwestern University, where she earned a B.A. degree in Chemistry and the University of Michigan, where she earned an M.S. in Industrial Health. Carol is married to Art Gould, and the two of them spent the first 10 months of their marriage living in Jerusalem. After returning to the U.S., Carol and Art moved to Ohio before moving back to the Chicago area. They have two daughters and a granddaughter. Carol’s career focused on environmental and occupational safety and health. She was a partner in Specialty Technical Consultants until she retired a few years ago. Carol enjoys playing Mah Jongg, hiking, traveling the world, and Jewish studies. Her main hobby is Jewish genealogy, and those of us in TED Talks will be fortunate to hear Carol’s presentation on Jewish Genealogy & Building Your Family Tree in April.

Art Gould is married to Carol, the two of them having met at Hillel Summer Institute. Art grew up in the Chicago area, received a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, followed by rabbinical school. After a couple of pulpits, Art changed careers, focusing on technology for some 35 years before retiring. After many business trips and a few cruises, Art has visited most of Western Europe and a few spots in Eastern Europe. He has been to Israel about a dozen times, including eight 5-day cycling trips. Art has been teaching himself how to play the piano during the pandemic and is looking forward to resuming playing tennis, golf, and cycling outdoors. Carol and Art attend a Daf Yomi class over Zoom six nights a week. Art enjoys living in California and doesn’t miss the Chicago snow at all!

Iris Kantor
Save the Dates!

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http://blogs.brandeis.edu/bncsandieguito/

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