PLEASE: Read this before making your selections.

In order for you to understand the registration policies regarding study groups, you are encouraged to read the following:

1. Refunds will **NOT** be given if you cannot attend a session. However, if the session is cancelled, you may elect to receive a refund or a credit.

2. If you notify the study group liaison a **minimum** of two weeks prior to the study group, you will receive a credit. This credit must be used within one year of the issue date. If you cancel less than two weeks prior to the study group, you will **NOT** receive a credit.

3. If you cannot attend a study group, it is imperative that you notify the liaison listed in the bulletin for that particular study group. You may **NOT** give your place to a friend. Do **NOT** contact the registrar—only the liaison.

4. Non-members may attend one study group (space permitting) as a paying guest. To attend additional study groups, they must join the Brandeis National Committee.

5. All study groups will begin promptly at designated times.

6. All credits for study groups will be sent to you via email. Make sure you open the email and print it; otherwise, you will lose it.

7. **You may not use your study group credit for a ticketed event.**

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT

*Net proceeds for all donations go directly to BNC to support the libraries at Brandeis University.*

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**MEMBERSHIP** NEW MEMBERS should make their checks out to Brandeis National Committee (BNC) and mail to Judie Brown, 7925 SW 135 Street, Miami 33156 or call 781-736-4171 to pay by credit card. See page 2 for RENEWALS.

**STUDY GROUP** checks are to be made out to BNC and mailed to: Sheila Berke, Registrar, 13420 SW 98 Court, Miami, FL 33176.

**IDEAS and SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME**
The Learning Opportunities Committee wants your ideas and suggestions. Please contact a member of the committee.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...**

In a hurricane or other community-wide disaster, the policy of the South Miami-Dade chapter of BNC will be to reschedule activities and study groups when the public schools have canceled classes (BNC activities will not be held and will be rescheduled).

Thank you...

For your continued support of our outstanding Learning Opportunities. Your support is vital to the success of our chapter.
1 Seeing Cinema ... Coming Attractions

WARNING!!! This study group on developing cinematic literacy might possibly expand your consciousness and appreciation for the artistry of film! Dr. Richard Kramer, a graduate of NYU’s prestigious film school, has been leading these classes for over 15 years with great success. If you want to understand the magic of cinema at a deeper level, please join in and SEE what Dr. Kramer is up to in his film presentations!

Dates:   Friday, September 8, 2017   TBA  
        Friday, October 13, 2017   Trumbo  
        Friday, December 1, 2017   Miss Sloane

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Place: Home of Richard Kramer, 8505 SW 80 Place, Miami

Donation:* Three sessions for $40.00 or $16.00 per session

Liaison: Beverly Lefcourt  305-596-3864 or blefcourt@bellsouth.net

2 A Poetry Soireé - Revisited

Barbara Davis will provide the setting for us as we celebrate all things poetic with Tere Starr, a published poet and member of our chapter. Tere is the president of Miami’s chapter of the Florida State Poets Association and the founding member of the Poets Soiree at the Pinecrest Library, a monthly meeting for poets and all who love the written word. Bring your favorite poems to share as we explore poetry’s power. We’ll discuss what poetry has meant throughout the ages and how it enhances our lives. Popular demand has prompted us to expand to two sessions!

Date:   Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
        Monday, December 4, 2017

Time: 10:15 AM

Place: Home of Barbara Davis, 8055 SW 92 Street, Miami

Donation:* $30.00 for both, $16.00 for one

Liaison: Barbara Davis 305-279-0251 or barbara@davises.us
3 Is It A Maze? A Mystery? Or A Subtle Study In Ying and Yang?

Toba Khedoori is an artist of Iraqi Jewish Heritage known primarily for highly detailed mixed-media executed on large sheets of wax-coated paper, linen, and, more recently, on canvas. Her enigmatic works have comprised intricate details, models or architectural renderings that fill the spectator’s entire field of vision and necessitate close viewing. Join us for a docent-led tour of this remarkable exhibit.

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Perez Art Museum, 1103 Biscayne Blvd, Miami
Donation:* $25.00
Liaison: Bobbie Cohen 305-898-4189 or bobbiec15@gmail.com

4 Journey to the Stars and the Deep Blue Sea

With the opening of the long-awaited Frost Science Museum, downtown Miami has become even more vibrant and enticing! Our visit today will start with the spectacular show in the state of the art, full dome Planetarium. We will then be able to explore the 500,000 gallon Living Core Aquarium, the interactive River of Grass exhibit, and other galleries. Have lunch on your own at the Frost Café or across the Park at Verde. Limited parking available; the Frost recommends that you take Metrorail/Metromover to Museum Park.

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Time: 10:15 AM PROMPTLY!
Place: Phillip and Patricia Frost Science Museum, 1101 Biscayne Blvd, Miami
Donation:* $28.00
Liaison: Bobbi Lichtiger bltiger7@gmail.com or 305-898-4655
5 How Environmental Factors can “Make or Break the Brain”

The basic architecture of the human brain is created in the womb and during the first two years of life. During the next 20 years or more this early foundation may be greatly enhanced….OR NOT. What happens to the brain during the period from conception to early adulthood? What roles do genetics and the environment play? What environmental experiences may have positive or negative effects on the brain? Join Dr. Wil Blechman, child advocate, to explore the factors that impact a child’s brain development.

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Temple Beth Am Chapel, 5950 North Kendall Drive, Pinecrest
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Phyllis Walker 305-984-4662 or physid@bellsouth.net

6 See Craig Robins’ Private Art Collection

Craig Robins – an American entrepreneur, art collector and philanthropist. He is the founder and CEO of Dacra, the driving force for developing the Miami Design District with a creative mixture of art and architecture. Join us for a unique opportunity to see his private art collection, and have a guided walk to view the public art in the design district. Following the tour, you can lunch at your own cost at one of the many nearby restaurants. Parking is available on the street, at the valet on NE 41 St & NE 2 Ave, (starting at $5 for 2 hours) & at City View Garage on NE 38 St between NE 1 Ave. & N Miami Court. Limited to the first 20 registrants.

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Dacra, 3841 NE 2 Ave. #400, Miami
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Rachel Blechman 305-439-8062 or rachel.blechman@gmail.com
7 National Theater Live

Join us for a riveting presentation of the National Theater performance of Edward Albee’s play “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf” broadcast from the Harold Pinter Theater in London. National Theater Live is a groundbreaking project that films live theater performances and then broadcasts them to cinemas in the UK and internationally. We were delighted to receive an invitation from Coral Gables Art Cinema to view this play. It has been described by the Daily Telegraph as “Flawless. A superlative production”.

Date: Friday, October 20, 2017
Time: 12:00 noon,
Place: Coral Gables Art Cinema, 260 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables
Donation:* $20.00
Parking on street or in garage with validation
Liaisons: Janet Bass 305-253-3250 or jbasseducator@bellsouth.net
Bev Lefcourt 305-596-3864 or blefcourt@bellsouth.net

8 Julius Klinger: Posters for a Modern Age

Recognized as one of the leading graphic artists of the modern age, Austrian designer Julius Klinger (1876–1942) transformed commercial visual culture through his innovative advertising posters, book and magazine illustrations, mass promotional campaigns, ornamental and typographical design, and brand development. He understood the power of modern trademarks and logos to give identity to major businesses and manufacturing, and he used this in his posters. Klinger lived in Vienna until his deportation to a Minsk extermination camp, where he died in 1942. The Wolfsonian exhibit explores modern advertising, which reflects Klinger’s ideas, and its impact and role in the modern world.

Date: Monday, October 23, 2017
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: The Wolfsonian–FIU, 1001 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Gail Tescher 305-442-6493 or teshexec@aol.com
9 American Jerusalem and the Making of San Francisco

American Jerusalem: Jews and the Making of San Francisco is the epic story of the pioneering Jews of San Francisco. Drawn by the Gold Rush to a brand new city in the American wilderness, an ancient people fleeing persecution in Europe would change the course of history for both. They rose to prominence and, freed from discrimination, they reinvented themselves as a distinctly new kind of Jew: they weren’t just American Jews—they were San Francisco Jews. Limited to 28 participants.

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Temple Beth Am Auditorium  5950 N. Kendall Drive, Pinecrest
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Susan Price 786-525-3715 or mayziesue@gmail.com

10. The Art of the Short Story

Join us for our very popular short story series. The Art of the Short Story, edited by Dana Gioia and R.S. Gwynn, presents each story followed by the author’s perspective, making the writer’s own words a good place to begin our always interesting and informative discussions. A paperback edition 2005 or 2006 is available. Limited to 28 participants.

Thursday, October 26, 2017  Shiloh by Bobbie Ann Mason
Thursday, December 7, 2017  A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert
Thursday, January 11, 2018  The Storm by Kate Chopin

Date: Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Temple Beth Am Adult Reading Room, 5950 North Kendall Drive, Pinecrest
Donation:* 3 sessions for $40 or $16 per session
Liaison: Judie Brown, 305-235-7760 or judieb35@gmail.com
You are cordially invited......

to USCG Command Center, Miami

The overwhelmingly enthusiastic reception of Sector Miami Commander Captain Megan Dean, USCG, and the many questions that followed her address to us gave rise to two of our upcoming Study Groups. We are going “up the River” on November 14, and we have accepted Captain Dean’s personal invitation to tour USCG Command Center Miami. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to meet with Captain Dean once again and learn more about some of the operations that are so vital to the security and well-being of our community.

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: USCG Miami, 100 McArthur Causeway, Miami Beach
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Bobbi Lichtiger 305-898-4655 or bltiger7@gmail.com

Unleash Your Creativity

Is there an aspiring Chihuly hiding inside you? Qualified instructors will provide an exciting hands-on glass blowing experience that will enable you to take home your very own beautiful and unique piece of art! The basic fee will cover your paperweight, flower or suncatcher; other items may be selected for an additional fee.

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Hollywood Hot Glass, 1 Young Circle, Hollywood
Donation:* $45.00
Liaison: Joan Wolf 305-491-4519 or wolfmomma9@gmail.com
Are you “game” for a Wild Night?
Experience a Wild Night at our renowned ZooMiami as you interact with its nocturnal ambassadors! We will be embarking on a guided behind-the-scenes tram tour featuring rare interactions with wild animals. Will we meet the giants of Africa or Asia or will we venture to the Amazon or into the Everglades at night? We dare you to join us! Enrollment limited to the first 25 registrants.

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Time: 6:45 PM PROMPTLY!
Place: ZooMiami, 12400 SW 152 Street, Miami
Donation:* $30.00
Liaison: Bobbi Lichtiger 305-898-4655 or bltiger7@gmail.com

Anchors Aweigh:
History, the Bay and the River
Spend a morning cruising the historic Miami River and the blue waters of Biscayne Bay on Shake a Leg’s pontoon boat, the John E Pearson. The itinerary includes a sail up the Miami River and back across the bay to the Marine Stadium for lunch and a presentation about the history and future of the stadium by the architect working on its restoration, Richard Heisenbottle. Enrollment limited to the first 30 registrants.

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (Raindate: Tuesday, December 5)
Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: Shake-a-Leg, 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove
(Car pools recommended!)
Donation:* $50.00 includes lunch
Liaison: Rachel Blechman 305-439-8062 or rachel.blechman@aol.com
The Myrna and Sheldon Palley Pavilion for Contemporary Glass and Studio Arts features a stunning $3.5 million glass collection with masterpieces by some of the most talented international contemporary artists working in glass, ceramics and fiber art. It is housed in a glorious glass enclosed gallery space and showcases over 100 objects. A docent will be conducting our tour through this gallery. In addition, we’ll be exploring another gallery housing a temporary exhibit of Pop Art Prints featuring works of Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol and Claes Oldenburg, among others. All this is in the Lowe Art Museum of the University of Miami. How lucky we are!

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Lowe Art Museum, 1301 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, University of Miami campus
Donation: $18.00
Liaison: Iris Salzberg  305-233-6377  irissalzberg@gmail.com

Daniel Edelstyn grew up with little knowledge of his family’s history. He was only three when his father died, and when his mother resettled in Ireland, they began a new life with little concern for the past. It wasn’t until after the death of his grandmother Maroussia Zorokovich that Daniel learned about the remarkable history of his father’s side of the family from reading her journals. Daniel discovers his father’s family were once wealthy and powerful, operating a successful distillery in Russia before the rise of the Bolsheviks turned fate against them as wealthy Jews, and they were exiled to the United Kingdom. In the documentary How To Re-Establish A Vodka Empire, Daniel Edelstyn uses archival photographs, animation, and re-enactments to tell the story of his paternal heritage and the rise and fall of their once-lucrative liquor business, as well as documenting his own efforts to rebuild the now-faltering family business despite his lack of skills or experience.

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Temple Beth Am Auditorium, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Pinecrest
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Gail Tescher 305-519-4410 or teshexec@aol.com
**17 By Popular Demand...**

just in time for the holidays...

We bring Pat Tobolowsky back for you!
Once again, she will provide guidance as we create our own art glass bracelets.
Pat is a glass blower, bead maker and nature photographer who holds a Fine Arts degree in glassblowing from FIU. In addition to making beads and sculpture from hot glass, she combines nature photography with digital painting. Don’t miss all the excitement and fun Pat generates!

**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Place:** Bet Shira Congregation, 7500 SW 120 Street, Pinecrest  
**Donation:** $18.00 (includes bracelet)  
**Liaison:** Frances Glick 305-205-1900 or gramfrances8@mac.com

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**18 Ikebana:**

Not Just About Sticking a Flower in a Pot

Ikebana is about love, not just flowers but about the person who arranges them. Now is your chance to become that person by taking a study group led by Grand Master Meiko Kubota who will teach us a few basic Ikebana designs. Containers and flowers will be included in the donation fee. Who knows what talents you have hidden within just waiting to emerge? Limited to first 15 registrants.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Place:** Home of Iris Salzberg, 15425 SW 78 Court, Miami  
**Donation:** $25.00  
**Liaison:** Janie Emerson 786-325-1377 or curlyj@earthlink.net
Breaking News! What Now??

ACLU update with Howard Simon, Exec. Director, ACLU of Florida

The American Civil Liberties Union is freedom’s watchdog, working daily in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend individual rights and personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

So much is happening so quickly! Come learn about the status of the latest ACLU battles, then ask your questions.

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Home of Myrna Wheatman, 9455 SW 92 Street, Miami
Donation:* $16.00
Liaison: Iris Salzberg 305-233-6377 or irissalzberg@gmail.

University on Wheels 2018

We look forward to beginning the new year with another wonderful presentation by an esteemed professor from Brandeis as University on Wheels comes to chapters in South Florida. It’s been fascinating to hear each one share their expertise on a wide variety of topics and we’re wondering what will be next. Stay tuned for more information and plan to join us for UOW early in January.

For the person who has everything...

Is a friend celebrating a birthday? Holidays approaching? Can’t think of a thing to give to him or her?

Give the gift that really keeps on giving for a whole year: a BNC membership! Think of all the places your friend can go, all the exciting things to do, and all the new friends he or she will make!

$60.00 never bought so much!

Contact
Shelley Hornik at shelley1116@aol.com or 305-662-4184 for a beautiful gift certificate appropriate for any occasion!
Learning Opportunities Registration Form – Fall 2017

☐ 1. $40 for 3 sessions, OR $16 per session – circle 9/8, 10/13, 12/1

☐ 2. $30.00 for both sessions OR $16.00 for one session

☐ 3. $25.00

☐ 4. $28.00

☐ 5. $16.00

☐ 6. $16.00

☐ 7. $20.00

☐ 8. $16.00

☐ 9. $16.00 - Evening Event

☐ 10. $40 for all 3 sessions OR $16 per session- circle 10/26, 12/7, 1/11/18

☐ 11. $16.00

☐ 12. $45.00

☐ 13. $30.00 - Evening Event

☐ 14. $50.00 with Lunch

☐ 15. $18.00

☐ 16. $16.00 - Evening Event

☐ 17. $18.00

☐ 18. $25.00

☐ 19. $16.00 - Evening Event

☐ BOOK CLUB $120.00 a year Indicate #1, #2, or #3

Please Note: These are non-refundable unless session is cancelled

NAME: _______________________________________________________________

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Please make checks payable to:

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE or BNC

Send form and fee to: Sheila Berke, Registrar

13420 SW 98 Court

Miami, FL 33176

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Checks for MEMBERSHIP and Learning Opportunities MUST be written separately.