

## Information on Learning Opportunities (also referred to as study groups)

### **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.\***

**BNC membership** is required to register for Learning Opportunities.

**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...*

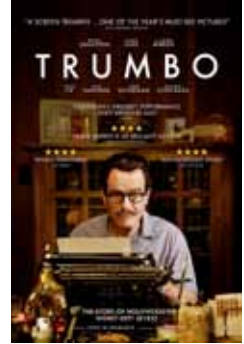
***For your continued support of our outstanding Learning Opportunities.  
Your support is vital to the success of our chapter.***

# FALL 2017

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 Soirée - Revisited*

# Poetry

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](mailto:bobbiec15@gmail.com)

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:physid@bellsouth.net)

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## 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](mailto: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 [jbaseducator@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbaseducator@bellsouth.net)  
Bev Lefcourt 305-596-3864 or [blefcourt@bellsouth.net](mailto:blefcourt@bellsouth.net)

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## 8 *Julius Klinger: Posters for a Modern Age*

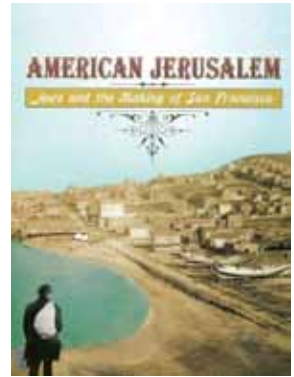
Recognized as one of the leading graphic artists of the modern age, Austrian designer Julius Klinger (1876–1942) transformed commercial visual culture through his innovative advertising posters, book and magazine illustrations, mass promotional campaigns, ornamental and typographical design, and brand 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](mailto: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

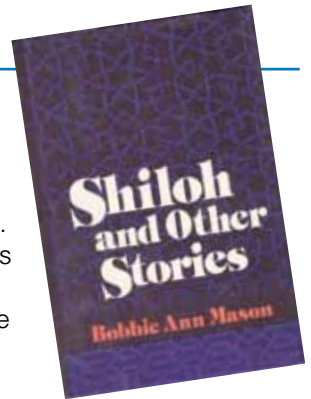
Donation:\* \$16.00

Liaison: Susan Price 786-525-3715 or mayziesue@ gmail.com

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## 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

## 11 *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

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## 12 *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

## 13 *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

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## 14 *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



## 15 *Treasures in Our Own Backyard*



The Myrna and Sheldon Palley Pavillion 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](mailto:irissalzberg@gmail.com)

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## 16 *Vodka Empire*

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](mailto: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

# 19 *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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. \$40 for 3 sessions, OR<br>\$16 per session –<br>circle 9/8, 10/13, 12/1        | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. \$16.00   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. \$25.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. \$30.00 - Evening Event                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. \$16.00 - Evening Event   | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. \$16.00 - Evening Event                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. \$40 for all 3 sessions OR<br>\$16 per session-<br>circle 10/26, 12/7, 1/11/18 | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK CLUB \$120.00 a<br>year Indicate #1, #2, or #3 |

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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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