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To all our Members and Friends

Trails Chapter won Brandeis National Committee Awards for the Trailblazer Newsletter and Book & Author Luncheon and we are on the Brandeis Honor Roll of Chapters because we have exceeded both the goal for new membership and financial contribution to the University that Brandeis set for us.

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE FLORIDA REGION
UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS
South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach

Friday, January 9, 2015, 2-4 PM

Speaker:
Joyce Antler, Samuel B. Lane Professor of American Jewish History, Culture and Women’s Gender Studies

TITLE OF TALK:
“One Clove Away From A Pomander Ball”
The Subversive Tradition of Jewish Women’s Comedy
A survey of Jewish comedians through the immigrant generation of Sophie Tucker, Gertrude Berg, and Molly Picon, through the Second City generation of Elaine May, Joan Rivers and Gilda Radner to contemporary comics such as Sarah Silverman, Judy Gold and Jackie Hoffman.

Refreshments: Catered Dessert Buffet

ADMISSION FEE: $18 ($2 Tax Deducible)
Mail Checks: Roberta Meyer
5139 Las Verdes Circle, #321
Delray Beach, FL. 33484

GUESTS WELCOME-PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED. INCLUDE NAME, NUMBER OF GUESTS, AND CHAPTER NAME IF BRANDEIS MEMBER.

INFORMATION:
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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, non-sectarianism and service to the community.
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**DONOR APPRECIATION DAY, MARCH 16, 2015**

To all our Members and Friends who would like to give, or have already given to the Sustaining the Mind Campaign, we are planning a brunch on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 11 a.m. to thank you for your donation of $25 or more. More information to follow.

Please make your check to B.N.C. and send to Elaine Bloom, 7152 Demedici Circle, Delray Beach, FL. 333446. 865-1472. Email: nannielaine@aol.com.
Four Sisters Annual Book & Author Luncheon
Presented by Chapters: Delray, Trails, Wellington & Wycliffe
Wycliffe Country Club, Wellington, Florida
March 6, 2015
Doors open at 9:00 AM   Lunch: 11:30 AM
Members $60.00 - Guests $70.00 - Sit with the Authors $100.00
A portion of your check will go to “Sustaining the Mind”. Any amount paid over $45 is tax deductible. All proceeds will go “Sustaining the Mind.”

Shop early at our Boutique featuring 17 fabulous vendors.   Please No Credit Cards.

Featured Authors include:

Florence Fabricant: Food writer for the New York Times and many national magazines. She is co-author of the new book “Food and Wine” and a number of other cook books.

Boris Fishman: Author of the novel “A Replacement Life” which was reviewed on the front cover of the New York Times Book Review and other publications of acclaim. “A Replacement Life” concerns an effort by the grandfather of the protagonist to obtain Holocaust reparations promised to his late spouse. Boris was the student of our own Trails member Vera Fried and has dedicated his book to her.

Sheila Weller: Spoke at our luncheon a few years ago and is author of “Girls Like Us.” Sheila has a new book about three leading women of television news. She reveals never before published anecdotes and behind the scene stories of their rivalry. An excerpt appeared in the October 2014 issue of Vanity Fair Magazine.

Send Check to: Nan Schwartz (after December 1, 2014)
5860 Sugar Palm Court
Delray Beach, Florida 33484

Name:_____________________________________________________________________

Email:__________________________Phone:______________________

Amount Enclosed: $__________

Please Sit me with:__________________________________________
Dreyfoos School of the Arts Tour with Lunch at Brios Restaurant

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Lunch menu: Garden Omelet- Fresh broccoli, mushrooms, roasted red bell peppers, Fontina Cheese, avocado, basil, topped with fire roasted salsa rossa. Served with fresh fruit.

Grilled Salmon Salad – Mixed greens, roma tomatoes, asparagus, feta, crispy shoestring potatoes, balsamic vinaigrette.

Grilled Chicken and Avocado Sandwich – with applewood smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato, provolone, roasted tomato mayonnaise. Served with Tuscan fries.

Margherita Flatbread – Fresh mozzarella, vine ripened tomatoes, fresh basil. YOU MUST CALL LOIS WITH YOUR SELECTION AL LEAST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE or E-mail your selection to Lois Feldman: Feldman_lois@bellsouth.net or telephone 561 499-3535.

THERE WILL BE AMPLE PARKING AT DREYFOOS SCHOOL.

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Tribute Cards

Donor: Dotty Borenstein
Sent to: Lew Leon
Occasion: Happy Birthday

Welcome New Members

Marsha Klein, Carol Tepper, Rose Feldman, Jeanette Brenner, Suzan Sankel, Pearl Saleh, Shelly Victor, Rita Blaustein

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please send check for $60.00 made payable to BNC

To: Marcia Mermelstein: 7055 Demedici Ci., Delray Beach, Fl. 33446. 561-638-7859 or 561-571-9439 (cell) or Elaine Bloom 7152 Demedici Ci., Delray Beach, Fl. 33446. 561-865-1472 or 847-899-0032 (cell).

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NORTHERN RESIDENT
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Names of months away from Florida:______________________________
It is impossible to pick up a paper or listen and watch the news without coming across discussions about the rise in wealth inequality in America. Depending on what papers you read or which TV commentators you follow the explanations for this topic vary widely, the assessment of the seriousness of the situation is also up for discussion and, most importantly, the arguments about whether or what government can do to address these issues is hotly debated. What we do know is that there seems to be at the moment a disproportionate concentration of wealth in the hands of relatively few Americans while millions live precariously at or below the poverty level and the numbers of Americans in the “middle class” has been growing smaller.

Dr. Toscano’s presentation will include as much of the reliable data on these issues to present as balanced a picture as possible about our current situation. The main focus of his talk is an attempt to put this topic into some kind of historical perspective by tracing the conclusions of scholarly studies that have examined these issues from the colonial era to the present. In so doing discuss the many factors that have gone into and remain a part of the causes of inequality and to examine studies that focus on the social and political consequences that attend societies with high levels of inequality as well as those that assess the personal consequences of poverty.

Dr. Vincent Toscano holds a MA in History. He began his teaching career in Highland N.Y. High School then at Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY until retirement in 1998. At Marist he moved back and forth between full time teaching and academic administration. He completed my PhD at the State University of NY at Albany in 1976. Now living in Davie, He is an adjunct professor of history at Nova and also lectures extensively.

Please "Smile At The Camera!"
If you want to see yourself at our functions, send me, your email address at Janfrssgt@comcast.net and I will “Share” with you.

Janet Streit


Call Audrey Rubin, 561-495-7119.
President’s Message:
We are well into our “season” of Study Groups and the response has been excellent. More people have signed up for more groups than ever before. Several have been sold out –mainly those including lunch. So far we have had three in private houses, one a brieflet and two “Women of the Arts”. Brandeis National Woman’s Committee (as it was called then) was conceived to be home led sessions. Our membership numbers are larger now so larger venues are necessary. But the three sessions I attended were all discussions in depth, interesting and with exceptional moderators. In the first one, a Brandeis Brieflet “Victims Rights” the ladies seemed to speak a bit more personally in a smaller setting. Brieflets are written by a University faculty member for the purpose of education and stimulating discussion. We have one additional brieflet on March 9th, “HOW NASTY ARE WE FREE TO Be”.

Brandeis University is one of the foremost research University’s in the U.S. We are in the final stages of our raising money for Sustaining The Mind, the Brandeis chapters project to raise THREE MILLION DOLLARS for research of neuro-degenitive diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, Autism and M.S. So far we have raised over $2,000,000.00. TRAIL’s will host a brunch for our members who wish to contribute to this cause. Please see the pertaining information in this Trailblazer.

Next Board Meeting January 9, 2015. Anybody who wishes to attend our board meetings is welcome. Please call Lois at 561 499-3535.