

Bunova News Line

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As the autumn leaves drift by your window, it's a perfect time to enjoy the many Brandeis activities, and look forward to an exciting 2017-2018.



Brandeis University

RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ | PRESIDENT

**Let's start the Fall Edition with some great news from Brandeis President
Ronald D. Liebowitz:**

"I am delighted to share the news that Brandeis professors Michael Rosbash and Jeffrey Hall ... were awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their pioneering work on circadian rhythms. The Nobel Committee recognized Michael, the Peter Gruber Professor of Neuroscience, and Jeff, professor emeritus of biology, for discovering the master "body clock" that controls body temperature, metabolism and many other biological processes for almost all life on the planet".



Book & Author Event

Sunday, October 29, 2017

2:00 to 5:00 PM

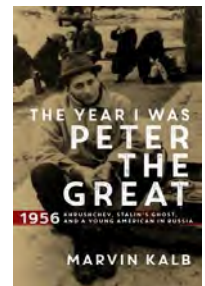
Beth El Hebrew Congregation

3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia

Moderator: Robert Siegel, Host of NPR's *All Things Considered*



Featured Authors and Books



Marvin Kalb, American Journalist & Author; *The Year I Was Peter the Great: 1956 — Khrushchev, Stalin's Ghost, & a Young American in Russia*. A memoir.



Paula Tarnapol Whitacre, Author; *A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose.* A biography of an abolitionist and suffragist, who battled social norms in 19th Century Alexandria and Washington.



Michael Takiff, Oral Historian & Author; *Brave Men, Gentle Heroes: American Fathers and Sons in World War II and Vietnam.*

One More Page Books, Arlington, VA, will be on site for book sales and signings.

Refreshments will be served before and after the program.

Cost: \$25/pp (\$23 is tax deductible) by October 23, 2017. *Your check is your reservation.*

\$30/pp (\$23 is tax deductible) at the door, cash or check

Please send your check, payable to BE-WRJ to:

Women of Reform Judaism, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Proceeds will benefit Beth El Youth and The Brandeis National Committee Scholarship Fund.

Please remember to contact Reva Fox (revafox40@gmail.com) or Ruth Folkman (rmfolk@me.com) if you wish to make a food donation (baked or purchased). This being a fundraiser, we need your help with refreshments.





Beating the Winter Blahhs



PLAY READING – November 2017

We had so much fun last year; Eileen Mandell has offered to lead us again in reading, **“My Name is Asher Lev”** by playwright Aaron Posner. Based on the book by Chaim Potok, the play tells the story of a young Hassidic artist torn between his observant Jewish community and his need to create. His artistic genius threatens his relationship with his parents and community and weighs heavily on his conscience.

Channel your inner actor, or come and listen as we take parts reading the play. Our member, Eileen Mandell, Community Relations Director at 1st Stage, Tysons Corner will be leading the group. Snacks and drinks will be available and Eileen will bring scripts for us to share.

We will meet on Tuesday, November 28th, at 1:00 pm at 1st Stage, 1524 Springhill Road, McLean near Tysons Corner.

Cost to participate is \$10.00 donation to BNC

To sign up, contact Barbara Gems: beegem@comcast.net



BNC THEATER EVENT - December 2017

The Northern Virginia Chapter of Brandeis National Committee (BNC) is pleased to announce this year’s opportunity to enjoy local theater together. We have arranged to see the play **My Name is Asher Lev** at 1st Stage Theater on Sunday,

December 3 at 2 PM (preceded by a light pre-show dessert reception at 1:00 PM). We hope that you will attend and invite your friends and family!

My Name is Asher Lev is a moving story of a young Hasidic Jewish boy's attempt to reconcile his orthodox faith and upbringing with his artistic talent and passion.

The book by the same name, written by Chaim Potok in 1972, was adapted to a play by Aaron Posner. The play has been performed over the years in a number of cities in the United States to great reviews.

1st Stage Theater is located at:
1524 Spring Hill Road
McLean, VA 22102
Phone: 703-854-1856

The cost to attend this production of **My Name is Asher Lev** is **\$25.00**, which includes the ticket, the pre-show reception and a post-play talkback discussion with the actors. (A \$5 contribution to the BNC Scholarship Campaign is also included in the price.)

RSVP to Sandy Laeser at 571-490-3402 or slaeser@comcast.net as soon as possible to reserve your seats for **My Name is Asher Lev** and **send your check, payable to BNC**, to Sandy at 1977 Lakeport Way, Reston, VA 20191 **by Friday November 17, 2017.**

As in the past, we know this will be a fun, interesting, and thought-provoking day. It is not only the play and the actors that make this a great outing, it is all of YOU! Come, join us in a wonderful day of theater and friendship.



DOCENT LED TOUR OF AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1:00 p.m.

Thanks to member Linda Goldberg, we have an opportunity to visit the Highlights of the National Museum of American History with Docent Clem Rastatter. The tour will tell a story of American History focusing on objects that represent things/events that changed America. We will visit objects in new exhibits on Democracy and American Enterprise, a special exhibit on Executive order 9066, the Japanese American internment camps, as well as exhibits that have been in the museum for some time (e.g. Star Spangled Banner, Price of Freedom, the Presidency). As we examine each object we will hear about the story and people associated with it and why they are important. The tour will take one hour and 15 minutes.

Before the tour, join us for lunch in the restaurant/cafeteria on the lower level of the museum at 12:00 p.m. If not, we will meet at the Information Desk on the 1st Floor near the Constitution Avenue entrance at 1:00 p.m. Please leave yourself plenty of time, because you will need to go through security first. Another tour starts at 1:15 p.m., and we don't want to conflict with them.

The Museum is located on the National Mall at Constitution Avenue, N.W., between 12th and 14th Streets, Washington DC. The Federal Triangle and Smithsonian stations, on Metro's Blue and Orange lines, are located near the Mall. For more information, visit the museum's website: <http://americanhistory.si.edu>. The Museum opens at 10:00 a.m. if you want to explore on your own for a while.

The cost for the outing is a \$5.00 donation to BNC - cash or check payable to BNC to be paid at the door. The tour is limited to 15 people, so please RSVP ASAP.

RSVP to Linda Goldberg: lzgoldberg@aol.com Cell phone: 703-304-2051



ETHNIC LUNCH BUNCH – Monday, October 23, 2017

Trying to step into Rosalind Singer's shoes, Atara Aharonovitz imagined herself sipping a glass of wine on a Greek Isle. Ok, that takes a lot of imagination, so she did the next best thing. She has planned the season's first Ethnic Lunch for Monday, October 23, 2017, at 11:30 AM in what used to be called ethnic food before Chinese, Vietnamese, Bulgarian, etc., came along. The 'Bunch' will meet at Primo Family Restaurant, 1636 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22307, (Tel # 703-765-6891). It's easily accessible from G.W. Parkway, Fort Hunt Road, and Beacon Hill Road, and parking is plentiful. It's that old-fashioned Greek Diner type restaurant where you can eat Greek or not. The food is fresh and inexpensive. (Most folks take half home in a box). The owner stops to chat and make sure all is well.

As usual, we'll pay by separate check, and there is a \$5 contribution to Brandeis. There will be room for 12, so please RSVP quickly to:

Reva Fox: revafox40@gmail.com

If you wish to volunteer to plan and host one or more ethnic lunches, please contact **Reva Fox** revafox40@gmail.com





Thanks to our Membership Team, so ably led by Diane DeMaio, the Northern Virginia Brandeis Chapter has received the Brandeis National Committee 2017 membership Goal Award.

Diane also recently received the following note from Judy Levine, National BNC Membership Vice President:

Thank you for emailing your Chapter Bulletin to me. It is indeed something to be proud of. The Bulletin is attractive and interesting. As the current National BNC Membership VP, I particularly liked seeing the membership information and especially the "Growing Our Chapter" segment.

Your Chapter has so many wonderful study groups. Your Book & Author event almost makes me wish I could be there.



Let's welcome new members who recently joined our very happy Chapter. You will be receiving an updated Membership Roster shortly.

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In case you have not previously paid your dues for the current year, which began in July, we remind you again that The Brandeis National committee has mailed renewal forms to all of us. Please return them, with checks, in the enclosed envelopes. If you no longer have this bill, please use the form below and send it to Diane with your check. Or, renew online at <http://giving.brandeis.edu/bncrenew>. Individual memberships cost \$60, while a couple residing at the same address can join for \$100.00. Thank you!

Membership Roster

Please contact Diane DeMaio (703-658-9434) bennypolo@verizon.net with any changes to current information, or any new email addresses.

BNC NOVA Membership Form	
Name:	_____
Email address:	_____
Address:	_____

Phone #: (H)	_____ (C) _____



A Way to Support Brandeis: The Book Fund

Please help the Brandeis Library purchase a Learned Research Journal by buying one of the “LRJ” note-cards listed below to use as a **gift** for birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc. or to **memorialize**. Your purchase of a Tribute Card also benefits the library. Call Judy Yavner (703-527-0947) or use the following form. Received from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Categories:

_____ Tribute Cards.....	\$10, \$18
_____ Learned Research Journal.....	\$35
_____ Learned Research Journal Folio.....	\$55
_____ Research Journal File	\$200

In **honor** or **memory** of: (circle one)

_____ (name)

Send notification to: _____ (name)

_____ (address)

_____ (city, state, zip)

Check enclosed, made out to BNC

Send to: Judy Yavner, 1530 Key Blvd, #416, Arlington, VA 22209

*In
Loving
Memory*



Our deepest condolences go out to longtime Brandeis Member Gloria Suslow, whose beloved husband Leo passed away in August. A memorial service was held at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA.



Linda Goldberg reports that once again Mike Aron, guiding more than a dozen NOVA Brandeis members through the National Portrait Gallery, provided historic insight to the portraits of the Presidents. After the tour, the members had lunch at Zaytina Restaurant across the street, where good food and conversation offered a relaxing conclusion to an exhilarating tour of the museum.



We received a letter from a student at Brandeis University. We were so taken by it that we'd like to share some of it with you. Her name is Zosia Buse. Originally from the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, she is a sophomore at Brandeis University where her studies include Politics, Global Studies, Conflict and Coexistence, and Social Justice. She writes:

“Along with academic commitments, I am very involved in many intriguing extracurricular organizations. I serve as a Student Ambassador for the Brandeis Admissions office, where I share my love for Brandeis with prospective students from all over the world. I also sit on the New Member Recruitment committee, where I recruit students to join the admissions team. I serve on the executive board of the Undergraduate Student Union as the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Advocacy. In this role, I help students eliminate barriers impeding their academic and personal success through conflict resolution strategies and advocacy.... I am extremely grateful to be a part of the Brandeis community, and I am deeply appreciative of the amazing work that chapters like yours have done. I hope to establish a strong relationship with you as you have done with the Brandeis community.”

I hope you will agree that it's nice to play a small role in the life progress of a young student.

Ahhh! What a Lovely Time We Had!

These veteran and new Nova Brandeis members, listening intently to a series of speakers describe the fabulous planned Study Groups and Sessions, are but some of the 60 plus participants in the Fall Showcase. We ate, we listened, we signed up, and we remembered past Fall Showcases in Terry Stone's elegant home. How we enjoyed her hospitality and poolside, but, alas, we have outgrown her space, at least for this activity. Here's hoping that Terry will allow us to enjoy her home again but for smaller events.



Continuing a great tradition for which our Chapter has won an award for community service, Members donated children's books a sampling of which you see below. Diane DeMaio reports that she received a Thank You note from the Principal of the Lynbrook Elementary School for the NOVA Brandeis books donation to its Family Learning Center students. In the past year our members donated more than 100 books!





Board Meetings Are Open To All Members

All members are welcome to attend our chapter's board meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday OCTOBER 17th at 1:30 PM at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042. The following meeting will be held on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14TH at 1:30 PM, also at the Thomas Jefferson Library.

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The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is December 5th.
Please send material to Atara Aharonovitz at atara1175@gmail.com or call 201-563-7071.

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M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

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.

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