

Bunova News Line

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ETHNIC LUNCH – Royal Nepal Restaurant – April 23, 2018

The Ethnic Lunch Bunch's next dining adventure will be on April 23rd, at the Royal Nepal Restaurant in Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood, 3807 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305. Phone: 571-312-5130. The food is Nepalese, similar to Indian cuisine but a little different. A BNC "tasting team" tried it out and gave it an "A" rating! Check out the intriguing online reviews.

The headline of Tim Carmen's Washington Post review was "Royal Nepal in Alexandria gives Nepalese cuisine the royal treatment". His review continues... "Royal Nepal is a sedate space, sort of spare and sort of farm house chic". We will meet at Noon. Please be prepared to pay in cash, as it is a small, family-owned business, and don't forget your \$5 for BNC.

Please RSVP to Reva Fox at revafox40@gmail.com or 703-992-9915 for reservation purposes.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

--Reva



Fourteen lucky music lovers gathered at Katie Largent's home in early March, and were treated to a delightful recital by Katie. Seated at her baby grand piano, Katie's fingers flew over the keys as she performed pieces by Bach, Mozart, and Chopin. An encore was loudly demanded and Katie obliged. To the delight of the audience, Katie introduced each piece and spoke a bit about the composer and why she chose the particular composition. We are so lucky to have Katie in our Chapter, and appreciate her willingness to share her talent with us. Refreshments, which were provided courtesy of Sandy Wagner, added to this delightful morning. – Barbara Gems & Sandy Wagner



Katie Largent



The lucky audience



An Eye Opening Tour of the Library of Congress

On March 14th Lynne Dubin led a terrific tour of the Library of Congress. The first part of our visit took us through beautiful halls and staircases, reminiscent of buildings in Rome. We learned about the history of the building and its inner workings, and viewed several exhibits.

The second part of our visit took us to the Hebraic Section of the African and Middle Eastern Division, where Dr. Ann Brener and her assistant Sharon Horowitz took us through a wonderful presentation of 20 rare books representing Jewish women through the ages. Some of the books date back to the 15th Century. We were fascinated to hear references to women from rabbinic sources, as printers and patrons, as readers, and as writers. At the end of the presentation we had a chance to get a closer look at the books and some of the illustrations. All who attended were so very appreciative of Dr. Brener's and Ms. Horowitz' impressive program. We topped off our visit with a lunch in the Madison Building cafeteria.

--Eileen Harahan, NOVA Brandeis Member



May 3, 2018 — Author Ha Jin --
Exploring Chinese immigrant life in Flushing
A shared learning experience with Brandeis students

Join us for a special event on May 3 focusing on award-winning author and Brandeis graduate Ha Jin and his short stories about Chinese immigrant life in Flushing, NY.

We will watch a DVD presentation in which the author speaks with Brandeis students about his life and creative work. Then, our group will discuss three stories: “The Beauty,” “The House Behind a Weeping Cherry,” and “A Good Fall.” **Participants are asked to read these three stories in advance** so that we will have a lively discussion – and are certainly welcome to read the remaining stories in the engaging collection!

These stories are included in the 12-story collection, *A Good Fall*, available at Alexandria libraries (Beatley, 1 copy; Barrett, 1 copy; Duncan, 1 copy); Arlington Central library (2 copies; also available online); Fairfax libraries (7 copies); Amazon (multiple new and used copies) and Barnes & Noble (paperback \$13; NOOK \$12).

- When:** Thursday, May 3, 1:00 – 3:00
Where: Party room at Helen Glick’s condo complex
McLean House Condominium
6800 Fleetwood Rd
McLean 22101
Program: DVD presentation, followed by group discussion; light snacks provided
Fees: Current BNC members – \$5 donation to Brandeis, payable at event
Prospective members – Free

RSVP by April 27 and email any questions to:
Susan Drachsler at susandrachsler@gmail.com or Jill Ahrold at mjahrold@gmail.com

When you RSVP, please let us know if you are bringing a prospective member

Congratulations!



NOVA Brandeis Board Member, Michele Milden, has been named Woman of the Year by The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, VA. In announcing the honor, Jeanette Astrow, President of WRJ writes:

I am pleased to announce our 2018 WRJ Woman of the Year, Michele Milden. Michele has worked tirelessly on many successful WRJ fundraisers over the past several years, paying attention to details that make everything just so. We thank you for all of your hard work and efforts. We look forward to honoring (you) this coming WRJ Shabbat on May 4th at 6:00pm.

The dinner is a potluck and attendees are asked to bring a dish. For more information, contact Michele at (703) 820-7794 or at mbmilden@aol.com. It would be lovely if Brandeis members would help celebrate Michele since some of the fundraising activities she works to make successful benefit Brandeis as well.

*Woman
of the Year*



BNC SPRING LUNCHEON – June 2018

On **Thursday, June 7, 2018**, we are returning to the scene of the fabulous 2017 Spring Luncheon at the Springfield County Club. Same great atmosphere! Same delicious food! Same good time with friends! Mark the date on your calendar and await further details.

Book and Author Event -- September 30, 2018

Once again our chapter will present a delightful afternoon with three special authors.



Steve Israel



Dina Gold



Ron Balson

Mark your calendars. This is an event not to be missed. Details will follow.



Hip replacement, 'shmip' replacement! Nothing keeps our Chapter's founding member, Rochelle Zohn, down for long. By the time she reads these get-well wishes, Rochelle is undoubtedly back to normal. Never the less, her friends at NOVA Brandeis want her to know that we are thinking of her and wishing her well.



We are delighted to welcome the following new members who have recently joined or rejoined our chapter. Please add their contact information to your current membership roster.

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The Brandeis community mourns the loss of Dr. Bertram (Bert) Snyder, beloved husband of longtime Brandeis member, Joyce Snyder. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Joyce and her children Craig and Cynthia.



Our thoughts are with Linda Goldberg as she mourns the loss of her dear aunt.



We introduced you to Zosia Buse, a talented and active Brandeis student in October 2017. She is pictured here (back row between Michele Milden and Jo Ann Allen) at the December Board meeting. She continues to be very active in university activities related to social justice. She has recently been chosen as Undergraduate Departmental Representative for the Peace Studies Department. She may be closer to her Shenandoah Valley, Virginia home in the summer since she's applied for a fellowship with the State Department. Best of luck Zosia and continued success in your Brandeis University studies!





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 case you have not previously paid your dues for the current year, which began in July 2017, 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, 4553 Sawgrass Court, Alexandria, VA 22312), or Linda Goldberg (703-527-5199 lzgoldberg@aol.com) with any changes to current information, or any new email addresses.

BNC NOVA Membership Form

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (H) _____ (C) _____



Board Meetings Are Open To All Members

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



Sudden rain/ice/snow forced us to cancel our March Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th at 1:30 PM, at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2017-2018 BNC EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE-DAY	EVENT
APRIL	3 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	9 – Monday	Knitting
	10 – Tuesday	Meet Author and Holocaust Survivor Henryk Grynberg, Herndon, VA
	12 – Thursday	Scrabble
	13 – Friday	Arts Club of Washington
	17 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
	19 – Thursday	Middle East Group
	20 – Friday	Mystery Book Club
	25 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
	26 – Thursday	Foreign Detectives
MAY	1 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	7 – Monday	Legal Puzzlers
	14 – Monday	Knitting
	15 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
	17 – Thursday	Middle East Group
	18 – Friday	Mystery Book Club
	23 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
	24 – Thursday	Foreign Detectives
JUNE	5 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	7 – Thursday	Spring Luncheon – Springfield CC
	15 – Friday	Mystery Book Club
	27 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
SEPTEMBER	30 - Sunday	Book and Author Event, Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Alexandria, VA



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

Brandeis
National
Committee



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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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