

*Bunova News Line*  
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**Piano Concert with Katie Largent – March 8, 2018**

Join us on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** to enjoy an early spring morning of piano music starring our own talented Katie Largent at her grand piano. Those of us who have heard Katie play know what a delight it is to listen to her. Katie has chosen to play pieces by Bach, Chopin, Schumann, Brahms and Mozart. She will tell us a little about the pieces she has chosen and the composers. Following the concert, we will have a little wine and cheese (and coffee) celebration. We will gather at Katie's home: 9413 Beauregard Avenue in Manassas at 10:30 a.m. The cost for this delightful event will be a \$10.00 donation to BNC.

We must limit the group to 15, so please RSVP ASAP. We will keep a waiting list, as there are often some last minute cancellations.

There is plenty of street parking near Katie's home, and we can try and form some carpools if you are interested.

This promises to be a lovely event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP Sandy Wagner: [swagner22@cs.com](mailto:swagner22@cs.com), 703-732-4743



## Library of Congress Hebraica Collection – March 14, 2018

Thanks to Brandeis member Lynne Dubin, who is a docent at the Library of Congress, on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** we will get a very special tour of the Library's Hebraic Collection.

At 11:30 we will meet with the Library's Hebraic Area Specialist, Dr. Ann Brener, for a presentation on "Jewish Women and Their Books Through the Ages". We will view some of these works, including a special Haggadah and, a newly acquired Torah Scroll sheet from the Book of Exodus, which dates back to the 10th or 11th centuries.

After the tour, we will have lunch in the Madison Building's cafeteria (separate checks).

The Library of Congress is located at 101 Independence Ave SE. This is the main building, the Jefferson Building. We will meet near the ground floor information desk on Wednesday, March 14 at 10:15 am. Enter through the carriage entrance located under the main outsider staircase.

For those taking Metro, the closest stop is Capitol South (Orange/Blue/Silver Line). Exit the station using the main exit and walk approximately two blocks north on first Street SE. An alternate stop is Union Station on the Red line.

Visit the LOC website for more information: <https://www.loc.gov>.

The tour is limited to 25, but we will keep a waiting list in case there are cancellations. Please RSVP by March 5, to Lynne Dubin at [lynne.dubin2@verizon.net](mailto:lynne.dubin2@verizon.net) or 703-569-7188  
Cost is a \$5.00 donation to BNC.



## ETHNIC LUNCH – Present – March 19, 2018

The Ethnic Lunch Bunch will be lunching at Present, an elegant Vietnamese Restaurant, 6678Arlington Blvd (and Annandale Road), Falls Church, VA 22042 (703-531-1881) on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. The fixed price lunch will include soup, an appetizer, a choice of one of three entrees, and dessert. Only cash will be accepted. Cost is \$20 (including tax and tip). Only cash will be accepted. As always, there will be a \$5 donation to Brandeis.

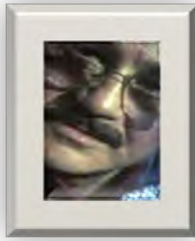
Please RSVP to Jo Ann Allen at [allenjoann@hotmail.com](mailto:allenjoann@hotmail.com) or tel 202-431-4634 before March 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Northern Virginia Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee*

***SPECIAL EVENT***

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:00 pm**

**At the home of Gene and Ella Barnes at 12211 Heather Way, Herndon, VA 20170**



**Meet the author of *The Jewish War* and *The Victory*, Henryk Grynberg.**

**“When reality overwhelms imagination I write documentary prose.”**

**In this meeting Mr. Grynberg will discuss his writing about the Holocaust, how reality often surpasses a writer’s imagination, and that actual truth overwhelms “artistic truth” in honestly portraying actual events.**

**The Books:**

*The Jewish War* is the compelling story of a Polish Jewish family struggling to stay alive during World War II. *The Victory* continues their harrowing story, still set in Poland, but during the aftermath of the war. The two short books are available in a combined volume. These books are not available in the library but can be purchased from amazon.com. ***Reading prior to the event is recommended.***

**The Author:**

Henryk Grynberg, a child survivor of the Holocaust now lives in Northern Virginia. He is the author of more than thirty books of prose, poetry, essays, and drama. He was born in 1936 in Warsaw, Poland. He graduated from Warsaw University, and then worked as an actor in the Polish State Jewish Theater. In 1967, he left Poland for the United States in protest against the government's anti-Semitic campaign and the censorship of his writing. In 1971 he received an M.A. in Russian literature at UCLA. He has an honorary doctorate from Chicago's Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning. For twenty years Mr. Grynberg has been a popular writer and commentator on the Polish Service of the Voice of America.

He continues to write primarily in Polish, but his major works have been translated into English and other languages. He is a recipient of major Polish literary prizes, including the Tadeusz Borowski Fellowship (1966), the Kościelski Award (1966), the Alfred Jurzykowski Award (1990), the Stanisław Vincenz Award, and the Jan Karski-Pola Nirenska Award. His collection *Drohobycz, Drohobycz and Other Stories*, published by Penguin Books, received the 2002 Koret Jewish Book Award. He is a Cavalier of the Polish Government's Golden Cross of Merit (Złoty Krzyż Zasługi) and Distinguished Humanist of 2008, bestowed by the Ohio State University's Center for Jewish Studies.

Please RSVP after Feb. 12 but before April 1 to Ella Barnes: [email: ellabarnes@gmail.com](mailto:ellabarnes@gmail.com); Phone: (H)703-560-6555

The group will be limited to 25 and we will keep a waiting list. Cost to attend is a \$10.00 donation to BNC.

Refreshments will be served.



## Arts Club of Washington – April 2018

It's going to be a lucky Friday the 13th for those who join us on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I St., NW, for a musical performance and elegant lunch. Our member Sandy Edwards is a member of the Arts Club and will welcome us once again to this historic home for music and lunch. This popular event fills up quickly, so look for more information in upcoming Newsletters.



### 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](mailto:susandrachsler@gmail.com) or Jill Ahrold at [mjahrold@gmail.com](mailto:mjahrold@gmail.com)

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



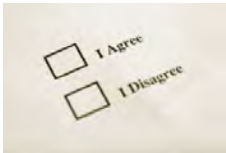
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## **CRAFTY LADY – Handcrafted greeting cards - 2018**

Our talented member, Pat Britz, handcrafts beautiful greeting cards for all occasions. She sells her cards at a local coffee shop as well as arts and crafts events, and enjoys sending them to family and friends. Last year we had a wonderful Session with Pat learning to make cards. Pat provided lots of pretty paper, ribbons, embellishments, and paper-crafting tools for our use and everyone left with 3 beautiful hand made cards.

Pat has agreed to do this again for us and I can guarantee it's a great way to spend a morning. If this interests you, please let Barbara Gems know - [beegem@comcast.net](mailto:beegem@comcast.net) and we will look for an agreeable date.



**Legal Puzzlers 2.0** – The Legal Puzzlers Study Group has grown too large and was closed to new registrations in 2017-2018. If there is sufficient interest to hold a ‘spin-off’ Group, it will be hosted by Atara Aharonovitz in Old Town. There is room for 12, so please let Atara know if you’re interested at [atara1175@gmail.com](mailto:atara1175@gmail.com) or 201-563-7071.



The world premiere of the film *Closure* was held at the DC Independent Film Festival on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The film was written and directed by Alex Goldberg, who by a happy coincidence is Brandeis member Linda Goldberg’s son. The Brandeis community applauds Alex and congratulates his proud mother, Linda. If you wish to learn more about Alex Goldberg’s work, click on the following link.

[https://www.broadwayworld.com/washington-dc/article/Playwright-Alex Goldbergs-Film-CLOSURE-To-Premiere-At-DCIFF-20180122](https://www.broadwayworld.com/washington-dc/article/Playwright-Alex-Goldbergs-Film-CLOSURE-To-Premiere-At-DCIFF-20180122)



## **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.**



Healing wishes were sent recently to Judy Blickstein and Marilyn Silver



We are delighted to welcome the following new member who has recently joined our chapter. Please add her contact information to your current membership roster.

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*In  
Loving  
Memory*

Our Brandeis community lost dear friends recently.  
We honor the life and memory of:



Eugene Davidson



Ruth Folkman



James (Jimmy) Hayman



Gerry Kadonoff



Lillian Kremer



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 2016, 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](mailto:bennypolo@verizon.net)) or Linda Goldberg (703-527-5199 [lzgoldberg@aol.com](mailto:lzgoldberg@aol.com)) with any changes to current information, or any new email addresses.**

<b>BNC NOVA Membership Form</b>	
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.

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 20th and April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM, at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042.

### BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## 2017-2018 BNC EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE-DAY	EVENT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	5 – Monday	Legal Puzzlers
	6 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	12 – Monday	Knitting
	20 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
	21 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
	22 – Thursday	Foreign Detectives
<b>MARCH</b>	1 – Thursday	Scrabble
	5 – Monday	Legal Puzzlers
	6 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	8 – Thursday	Katie’s Piano Recital
	12 – Monday	Knitting
	14 – Wednesday	Library of Congress Hebraica Collection
	15 – Thursday	Middle East Group
	16 – Friday	Mystery Book Club
	19 – Monday	Ethnic Lunch
	20 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
	28 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
	22 – Thursday	Foreign Detectives
	30 – Friday	Passover Begins
<b>APRIL</b>	3 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	9 – Monday	Knitting
	10 – Tuesday	Meet Author and Holocaust Survivor Henryk Grynberg, Herndon, VA
	12 – Monday	Scrabble
	13 – Tuesday	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
	27 – Friday	University on Wheels, Brandeis Regional Program, Temple Ben Ami, Rockville, MD
<b>MAY</b>	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
<b>JUNE</b>	5 – Tuesday	Short Stories
	7 – Thursday	Spring Luncheon – Springfield CC
	15 – Friday	Mystery Book Club
	27 – Wednesday	Movie Matinee
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	30 – Sunday	Book and Author Event, Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Alexandria, VA



The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is April 5th.  
Please send material to Atara Aharonovitz at [atara1175@gmail.com](mailto:atara1175@gmail.com) or call 201-563-7071.

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National  
Committee



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