

**It's time to get out again!  
Join Us Live and In Person  
at the**

**Annual Opening Meeting/Study & Social Group Showcase Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**  
at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club  
1505 Lomas Santa Fe Dr, Solana Beach

**Newcomers are especially welcome. Invite your friends!**

**Hear plans for the upcoming year's  
entertainment, education, and social life  
as coordinators describe their Study & Social Groups**

**Choose your groups now  
(use mail-in form page 9 or the separate attachment with this email)  
or at the luncheon.**

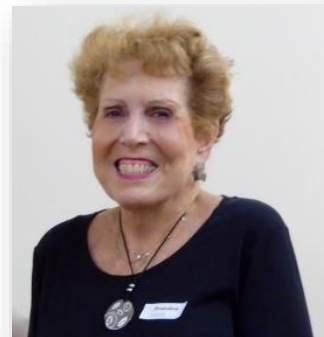
**Reserve your place by August 12<sup>th</sup> with a \$40 check  
(See mail-in reservation form, page 10)**

**Please bring a donation of personal hygiene items (see page 10) for the  
Jewish Family Service Safe Parking Program,  
a community service project.**

## President's Message

Dear Friends:

It feels, in some sense, as if it's been a lifetime since we've lived a 'normal' life. And to be frank, perhaps we shall never feel as we once did. I know I feel very grateful to have come away from the past 18 months with a renewed optimism about life and our chapter.



We not only survived, we prospered. This bulletin shows that with tenacity and enthusiasm (and not a small devotion to Brandeis University and the San Dieguito chapter of BNC) we came through stronger and with even more ideas and events to enjoy together (the operative word)!

Iris Kanter, Myra Brand, and Carol Robinson have gone above and beyond to solicit and create a plethora of Study and Social Groups and Special Interest events to occupy our time and address our individual interests, and I am deeply appreciative. And kudos to Barb Howard for continuing to be our registrar for all the groups.

And Drum Roll, please....we will meet back at Lomas Santa Fe on August 25th for our much anticipated Opening Meeting (see information and menu choices in this bulletin) and to reconnect on a level that we've all missed. Face to Face!

The Opening Meeting has always been the opportunity to meet new members with a special hello...learn about the exciting offerings for the coming year....and to reignite our purpose and Mission for Brandeis. And this year, as always, we will be donating items for those who can use our assistance. This year we are focusing on the JFS overnight safe parking program. Please bring what you can (items listed page 10) to ease life a bit for those who are unsheltered.

Brandeis University news is always available (and truly focuses on students as well as the research and awards on campus) at [brandeis.edu/now/](http://brandeis.edu/now/) and I encourage you to 'sign on.'

See you soon!  
Linda.....



### BNC 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, nonsectarianism and service to the community.

## Brandeis Study & Social Groups 2021–2022

### 1. BESTSELLERS & AMERICAN CULTURE (NEW!)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom or Seacrest

Group will start meeting in October.

The bestsellers you've grown up with are a treasure trove of revealing information about American culture of the time. Among the books we'll cover are *Peyton Place* (yes, that book), *The Godfather*, *Gone with the Wind*, and *Native Son*. No matter how much or how little of the book you read, you're bound to have lots to contribute to the conversation. Since the movie versions are very well-known as well, they too will contribute to our discussions on popular culture and how it has and continues to change. If you read these books a while ago in a different stage of your life, you'll be amazed what a new reading will reveal about American culture and likely about yourself. **Coordinator: Stan Schatt**

**Note: If Seacrest is available, members will have the option to attend in person.**

### 2. BOOK CLUB FOR MEN (NEW!)

Day, time, & location to be determined among participants (not on calendar)

Group will start meeting in October.

Men read too! Each participant will choose a book and lead a discussion. Books may include, but are not limited to, the following genres: historical fiction, science fiction, biographies, action and adventure, thriller and suspense, and Jewish themes.

### 3. BOOKS THAT MATTER: THE FEDERALIST PAPERS (NEW!)

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Group will start meeting in November.

Despite their lack of official or legal status, it would be difficult to overstate the influence of *The Federalist Papers*. These 85 brilliant essays have served as the single most important guide to the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution for more than 230 years. Authored by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers* offer a detailed blueprint for building a successful democratic republic. Over the past two centuries, the American government has seen its share of trials and tribulations, and the 21<sup>st</sup> century has ushered in a host of new crises, from the growing surveillance state to the political polarization exacerbated by social media. By the end of this course, you will gain a sense of what Hamilton, Madison, and Jay might make of America today and what *The Federalist Papers* might be able to teach us to solve the problems of today—and tomorrow.

**Coordinator: Susan Bauer**

### 4. BRIDGE FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS (NEW!)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location to be determined among participants

Group will start meeting in October.

Interested in exercising your brain while having fun doing so? This group is for those who have a basic knowledge of playing bridge. We will play three rounds of bridge, so each player can play with the others. If you enjoy mental stimulation in a relaxed social environment with like-minded individuals, this group is for you. **Coordinator: Linda Levine**

### 5. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS (AND FOR THOSE WHO NEED A REFRESHER)

Fridays

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Location to be determined among participants

Group will start meeting in October.

Learn to play canasta! This game is played with four people (two "partnerships"). You will get a book explaining the rules and strategies to help you until you feel you "know it all," and then just as a refresher whenever you need it. It doesn't take as long to learn as bridge, but the more you play, the more you'll understand the strategy that will make you, and your partner across the table, winners! You do not have to bring your own partner. The group will meet once a week at a location to be determined among participants. **Coordinator: Barb Howard**

### 6. CANASTA FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS (NEW!)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location to be determined among participants

Group will start meeting in October.

If you know how to play canasta, come join this group and meet other members. Participants will take turns hosting and choosing a location, either in someone's home or at a local coffee shop. **Coordinator: Barb Howard**

## 7. CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY FILMS DISCUSSION

1<sup>st</sup> Monday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Group will start meeting in November.

Each month we will select a classic or contemporary film from members' suggestions, watch it on our own, and meet via Zoom for a fun and lively discussion. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

## 8. CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

10:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Seacrest or Via Zoom

Group will meet year-round starting in September.

Contemporary Literature participants are serious readers who regard their literary choices as a challenge. Often the books are by prize-winning authors and are sometimes on difficult subjects, but we find those often make for the best discussions. Members take turns serving as facilitators. All participants are welcome to stay for a casual lunch afterwards at Mel's Coffee Shop when we meet at Seacrest. **Coordinator: Elaine Eisenberg**

**Note: If Seacrest is unavailable, this group will meet via Zoom.**

## 9. DAYTIMERS WITH CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (dates below)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel or Via Zoom

This year our partnership with Congregation Beth Israel and the DayTimers speakers' series will be a hybrid between meeting in person and via Zoom. **Coordinators: Gayle Wise and Judith Winter**

### October 21 Stan Schatt – “Man-Woman-Life-Death-Infinity: A Journey Through Space & Time

Join Dr. Stan Schatt on a journey through time and space as he looks at how humanity is evolving and where it likely is headed. What exactly makes us human? From the Neanderthals, our ancient relatives huddled around a fire, through our people living in ancient Egypt and the Middle Ages, and ultimately to our distant relatives in the far future who might even be unrecognizable by our current standards, Schatt offers evidence from archaeology, anthropology, genetics, history, philosophy, theology, technology, and even science fiction. Who knew that learning about humanity could be so much fun!

### November 18 Guri Stark – “M. C. Escher: Mind-bending, Mathematically-Inspired Art

“He was a one-off, the greatest one-off in twentieth century art.” His art works are some of the most familiar images in modern art. His images were reproduced countless times on posters, mugs, T-shirts, stationary... Yet most of us really know very little about M. C. Escher. A genius artist, a one-man art movement. A man with keen observation skills who created visual riddles and optical curiosities. A man who through his art represented the infinite, the optical illusions, the metamorphosis, and the impossible – all realized by amazing optical tricks.

## 10. FIELD TRIPPERS

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Early Afternoons

Places vary monthly

Group will start meeting in October.

So many fun and fabulous things to do around the San Diego area, and we never seem to find the time. Come join this casual, social group and visit a new place to explore each month throughout the year. This group is meant to get you out, stretch your legs, meet new people, and see new things. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

## 11. FRIENDS ENJOYING FOOD & FUN

**Dates, times, & locations will vary monthly depending on availability of participants & the activity (probably Saturday evenings, Sunday afternoons, or Sunday evenings – not on calendar)**

Group will start meeting in October.

We will be meeting once a month and enjoy a variety of fun activities together. From going out to dinner and doing an escape room to going wine tasting and listening to music, the possibilities to share fun adventures together are endless. Participants will take turns planning a weekend event. If you are looking to meet other active people and make new friends, this is a perfect social group for you. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

## 12. GENEALOGY: DISCOVERING YOUR ROOTS (NEW!)

Tuesdays, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

To trace your ancestral roots is to take part in an exciting detective story; one that asks you to rebuild the past from oral tradition, written records, and artifacts, such as family photographs. This course will combine lecture and hands on exercises, and you'll learn the same skills and methodologies the experts use to solve genealogical mysteries and create compelling nonfiction narratives about the past. The course will provide you with smart and savvy ways to find—and use—the most helpful online and

print resources available today. So, grab that old photograph, sit down with a relative, comb through old files and records, and prepare to embark on a personal adventure that can dramatically reshape how you think about your past—and yourself. Ability to be able to use an internet browser will be helpful in conducting online research. **Coordinator: Carol Robinson**

### 13. GREAT DECISIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom or Seacrest

Group will start meeting in October.

Have you ever wished you really had an in-depth understanding of the major global political issues of the day? In addition to the incredible briefing book by the Foreign Policy Association which is full of valuable information, the instructor will provide additional up-to-the-minute material. Participants may read as little or as much as they wish and still find the sessions very stimulating. Topics covered during the course this year will include artificial intelligence, the problems with today's global supply chain, Persian Gulf security, the Arctic, etc. This course includes a short presentation streamed online at each meeting which will act as the basis for lively discussions. **Coordinator: Stan Schatt**

**Note: If Seacrest is available, members will have the option to attend in person.**

### 14. GREAT SCIENTIFIC IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (NEW!)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Group will start meeting in October.

Why has science dramatically altered how we live and how we think about ourselves? What is the greatest scientific idea of all time? In this course we will be exploring scientific ideas that have helped form the foundation of modern life. We know that science *has* changed our lives—but how it does so, and why it is able to do so, tells us as much about ourselves as it does about science. Each class will highlight a single idea critical to the development of science. We will not only look at the content of the idea that is fundamental for science, but also how that idea arose and what its impact has been throughout the centuries. Come join us and learn how scientific ideas have affected our society and culture in ways no one could have imagined.

**Coordinators: Iris Kanter & Carol Robinson**

### 15. HISTORICAL FICTION

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Group will meet year-round starting in October.

If you enjoy learning about history through novels, this group is for you. We'll be reading books in which a story is set in the past and borrows characteristics of the time period, but is about fictional characters and, in some cases, events. Barb has put together an extensive list of books to choose from and will be mailing the participants links that detail reviews, awards, and descriptions for each suggested title. At our first meeting in October, we'll vote for the books to be read and discussed throughout the year. Members take turns serving as facilitators. We have been fortunate to have authors join our Zoom discussion occasionally.

**Coordinator: Barb Howard**

### 16. JEWISH-THEMED LITERATURE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Group will start meeting in October.

If you're interested in reading about Jewish-themed literature, this group is for you. We'll be reading about all things Jewish, including, but by no means limited to:

Fiction relating to Jewish themes/topics

Non-fiction relating to Jewish history, culture, and religion

Fiction and non-fiction written by Jewish and/or Israeli authors on any topic

We will be reading and discussing the literature selected by the participants and look forward to lively discussions via Zoom. We have been fortunate to have authors join our Zoom discussion occasionally. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

### 17. JEWISH-THEMED FILMS DISCUSSION

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Group will start meeting in October.

There are so many outstanding films that examine Jewish history, heritage, and culture. Each month, the participants will view a film before we meet on Zoom to discuss the plot, characters, setting, and events. Films selected will include mainstream and independent films, documentaries, plus some surprises. Some films may be on Netflix, Amazon Prime, or YouTube depending on what the participants have available. **Coordinator: Myrna Gale**

### 18. LET'S GET OUT & WALK

1<sup>st</sup> Friday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Locations will vary throughout San Diego County

Group will start meeting in October.



There are so many great places for your paces around San Diego County! Come join this casual social group, stretch your legs, make new friends, and walk. If you like, stay for a casual lunch at a nearby restaurant.

**Coordinator: Becky Thien**

### 19. MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS (AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT A REFRESHER)

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays** **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** **Linda Epstein's home (Carlsbad)**

Group will start meeting in October.

Learn to play Mah Jongg in just six sessions! Mah Jongg is a tile-based game that was developed in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is commonly played by four players and is a game of skill, strategy and calculation, and also involves a degree of chance. Once everyone is comfortable playing, participants can continue playing with each other. **Coordinator: Linda Epstein**

### 20. MAH JONGG FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS (NEW!)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** **Locations to be determined among participants**

Group will start meeting in October.

If you know how to play Mah Jongg, come join this group and meet other members. Participants will take turns hosting and choosing a location, either in someone's home or at a local coffee shop. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

### 21. MAH JONGG ONLINE FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

**Mondays** **1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** **Online (computer or tablet with WiFi) and phone to chat while playing**

Group will play online starting in October.

This group will play online while being connected via phone or Zoom. Come join us and play in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere. Participants must have access to a computer or tablet with WiFi to play. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

### 22. MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE - EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** **Via Zoom or Seacrest**

Group will start meeting in October.

The doctor is in! Dr. David Guss, a retired emergency physician, will use a video as a starting point and offer an opportunity for interactive exchange among participants. This study group is intended to increase your understanding of how doctors diagnose and treat diseases and how you can improve your own health by being an active and informed patient.

**Coordinator: Dr. David Guss**

**Note: If Seacrest is available, members will have the option to attend in person.**

### 23. PICKLEBALL (NEW!)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** **Carlsbad Foothills Community Courts**

Group will start meeting in October.

Looking for a fun way to get healthy? Join us for a game of pickleball! It's super easy to learn! This sport is a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. On a court much smaller than a tennis court, paddles are used to hit a whiffle type ball over a net lower than a tennis net. Good exercise, tons of fun, and lots of laughs! No experience necessary. **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

### 24. WHY DID I DO THAT? UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR (NEW!)

**Tuesdays, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23** **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** **Via Zoom or Seacrest**

Join us while we explore why we do the things we do. Where do people's personalities come from? How can siblings be so different? What makes relationships successful or fail? How much do men and women really differ? Why do we forget? And, that's just for starters. Leading us through this adventure will be Dr. Mark Leary, a renowned Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University. **Coordinator: Herschel Kaufman**

**Note: If Seacrest is available, members will have the option to attend in person.**

### 25. VIRTUAL PUZZLES & GAMES

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** **4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** **Via Zoom**

Group will start meeting in November.

Meet new people and have fun socializing while tackling a different puzzle or game each month. Among the games we will play include: Scattergories, Taboo, Balderdash, Code Names, Trivia, Skribble.io, Scavenger Hunt, and Escape Room. We'll be sure to have a lot of fun and laughter while playing! **Coordinator: Iris Kanter**

**26. WATERCOLOR & ACRYLIC PAINTING (NEW!)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Diana Finkelstein's home (Escondido)**

Group will start meeting in October.

Open yourself to discovering the joy of watercolor media and drawing in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. All water mediums are welcome, including watercolor, gouache, tempera, and acrylic paints. Each class will begin with a short right-brain drawing exercise meant to expand your skills in eye/hand coordination and concepts of line, space, and composition. All levels are welcome. Materials are not included in the cost of this course and a list of supplies to purchase will be provided upon signing up.

**Coordinator: Diana Finkelstein**

**27. WHAT'S COOKING? (NEW!)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Locations to be determined among participants**

Group will start meeting in October.

We will have fun visiting in each other's homes and watching each other cook their favorite recipes. After the cooking demonstration, we will be able to taste the delicious creations! We look forward to a wonderful year of cooking and eating!

**Coordinator: Sharon Kroopkin**

**28. GREAT CONDUCTORS & PIANISTS - with DAVID LEWIS (NEW!)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Via Zoom or Seacrest**

Group will start meeting in October.

This season we will feature video clips of terrific performances of great and wonderful music with discussion and comparison following. The online YouTube sharing allows us to see the world's famous directors and performers up close and personal, an experience we do not get either in the concert hall or by listening to recordings. Conduction and playing styles are fascinating to watch and compare. Come join us for a fabulous experience!

**Coordinators: David Lewis and Bea Sklarewitz**

**Note: If Seacrest is available, members will have the option to attend in person.**



**Coordinators will remind participants by email of the dates the groups will meet.**

**Study & Social Group Co-Chairs:**

In-person groups: Myra Brand, 516-650-9776, [myrabrand@gmail.com](mailto:myrabrand@gmail.com)

Via Zoom groups: Iris Kanter, 847-912-8739, [irisnk@comcast.net](mailto:irisnk@comcast.net)

Carol Robinson, 510-406-0559, [carol@caroljoyrobinson.com](mailto:carol@caroljoyrobinson.com)

**Not on Calendar:**

- **Book Club for Men** will meet once a month. Day, time, and location to be determined by participants.
- **Friends Enjoying Food & Fun** will meet once a month. Day, time (Saturday evenings or Sundays), and locations to be determined by participants.

**Note: All attendees to in-person groups must be fully vaccinated to participate. Proof of vaccination will be required to attend study and social groups at Seacrest.**

## Brandeis Study & Social Groups 2021–2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Classic &amp; Contemporary Films Discussion</i> 10:00 - 11:30 am Iris Kanter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mah Jongg Online for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior</i> <b>October &amp; November</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Herschel Kaufman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genealogy</i> <b>January &amp; February</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Carol Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Beginning Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Linda Epstein</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Books that Matter: The Federalist Papers</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Susan Bauer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mah Jongg for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Canasta for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Barb Howard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Let's Get Out &amp; Walk</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Becky Thien</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Canasta for Beginners</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Barb Howard</p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contemporary Literature</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Elaine Eisenberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mah Jongg Online for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Iris Kanter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Virtual Puzzles &amp; Games</i> 4:00 - 5:30 pm Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior</i> <b>October &amp; November</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Herschel Kaufman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genealogy</i> <b>January &amp; February</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Carol Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Beginning Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Linda Epstein</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Great Scientific Ideas that Changed the World</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Iris Kanter &amp; Carol Robinson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bridge for Intermediate Players</i> 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Linda Levine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Medical School for Everyone</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Dr. David Guss</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Canasta for Beginners</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Barb Howard</p>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Great Conductors &amp; Pianists with David Lewis</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. David Lewis &amp; Bea Sklarewitz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mah Jongg Online for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior</i> <b>October &amp; November</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Herschel Kaufman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genealogy</i> <b>January &amp; February</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Carol Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Beginning Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Linda Epstein</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Great Decisions</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Stan Schatt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jewish-Themed Literature</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Best Sellers &amp; American Culture</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Stan Schatt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DayTimers</i> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21 &amp; Nov. 18 Gayle Wise &amp; Judith Winter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pickleball</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Iris Kanter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Canasta for Beginners</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Barb Howard</p>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BNC Board Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mah Jongg Online for Experienced Players</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior</i> <b>October &amp; November</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Herschel Kaufman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genealogy</i> <b>January &amp; February</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Carol Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Historical Fiction</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Barb Howard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jewish-Themed Films Discussion</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Myrna Gale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Field Trippers</i> Early Afternoons Iris Kanter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>What's Cooking?</i> 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sharon Kroopkin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Watercolor &amp; Acrylic Painting</i> 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Diana Finkelstein</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Canasta for Beginners</i> 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Barb Howard</p>



## Registration 2021–2022

Please check ✓ the groups you wish to attend and list the group numbers on your check.

**\$20 each for your first 3 groups**

**-OR-**

**\$75 for an unlimited number of groups (4 or more)!**

Please include an additional \$5 for #28.

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- 1. Best Sellers & American Culture
  - 2. Book Club for Men
  - 3. Books that Matter: *The Federalist Papers*
  - 4. Bridge for Intermediate Players
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  - 20. Mah Jongg for Experienced Players (in person)
  - 21. Mah Jongg Online for Experienced Players
  - 22. Medical School for Everyone
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  - 25. Virtual Puzzles & Games
  - 26. Watercolor & Acrylic Painting
  - 27. What's Cooking?

**The following group is \$25:**

- 28. Great Conductors & Pianists

**Amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please accept this donation in lieu of signing up for any study or social groups \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME(S)\_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE\_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_**

**COUPLES** REGISTERING FOR STUDY & SOCIAL GROUPS MUST **BOTH** BE **PAID-UP MEMBERS** OF BNC, AND EACH PARTICIPANT MUST PAY THE ENROLLMENT FEE AS INDICATED. NO REFUNDS.

**Please use the following link to become a member of the San Dieguito Chapter:**

<http://brandeis.imodules.com/s/1614/supportIndex.aspx?sid=1614&gid=1&pgid=862>

**Register for groups by mail now!**

Send this form, with a check payable to BNC, to

**Barb Howard, 1140 Pasadero Drive, Escondido, CA 92029**

(barbarahoward@gmail.com 760-747-0303)

Brandeis Study & Social Groups: still the best value you can find for a year's entertainment and education, not to mention making friends and doing things with kindred spirits.

Do you know that David Lewis gives the exact same music course at a local community college for \$75, making our \$25 fee quite a bargain?

Whether professionals or not, all our Study & Social Group leaders are just phenomenal!

## Opening Meeting Donations for the Jewish Family Service Safe Parking Program

At the Opening Meeting we will be collecting 'necessities' for the Jewish Family Services Safe Parking Program as a social action program. 'Safe Parking' was developed for unsheltered people, including families with children, who are now living in their vehicles. Many are homeless for the first time. JFS services include basic needs assistance, employment, family wellness, school success, financial education, credit repair, and housing, with the goal of creating a pathway out of homelessness.

**Please bring a suggested item (or a few) from their 'most wanted' list to the Opening Meeting Aug. 25. Thank you!**

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant for men and women
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Sanitary pads
- Extra-large bathing wipes (ultra-thick rinse-free sponge bath disposable wash wipes)
- Tarps to go over the cars to insulate the vehicles

Any questions?

Contact Sharon Kroopkin [sharonk2100@gmail.com](mailto:sharonk2100@gmail.com) or Susan Gail [susan@susangail.com](mailto:susan@susangail.com)

### Opening Meeting/ Study Group Luncheon – August 25 – 10:30 a.m.

Please send a check for **\$40** payable to BNC, and **mailed by August 12**

Mail to Barb Howard 1140 Pasadero Drive Escondido, CA 92029 760-747-0303

[barbarahoward@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahoward@gmail.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

Menu: Please choose a main dish

- \_\_\_ Chicken breast in white wine, lemon and caper sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
  - \_\_\_ Herb Crusted Sea Bass with parmesan roasted potatoes, grilled asparagus, roasted tomato jus
  - \_\_\_ Wine Country Salad grilled chicken breast on mixed greens with brie, grapes, oranges, berries, champagne vinaigrette
  - \_\_\_ OR Wine Country Salad WITHOUT chicken (vegetarian choice)
- Dessert: chocolate mousse cake or fruit plate alternative

**NOTE: All precautions have been taken at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club to protect your health.**

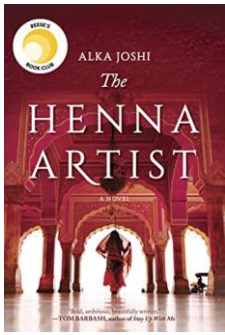
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 I HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED

**If you have not been vaccinated, you must wear a mask except when eating.**

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

Every effort will be made to accommodate your requests.

Anything you contribute over \$30 (\$10) is a donation to BNC



## Join Best-selling Author to Speak at a Zoomed Historical Fiction Study Group

The Historical Fiction group invites the chapter and guests to join their discussion with Alka Joshi, the author of NY Times best-seller *The Henna Artist*, via Zoom on August 24th at 1:00.

Taking place in the newly independent India in the 1950's, the story is about seventeen-year-old Lakshmi, who escapes an abusive marriage and makes her way to the city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to wealthy upper class women. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own.

The author, a native of India, moved to America with her family at the age of nine. After a successful career running her own advertising agency, she broke into fiction writing in her sixties. She based the central character in her debut novel on her mother, who never got to choose her own path in life but was determined that her children should have that option.

Please join us for what will surely be an interesting discussion! *The Henna Artist* is the first in a trilogy; the second novel (*The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*) is being released this month.

Be sure to RSVP ([barbarahoward@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahoward@gmail.com)) and you will receive a Zoom link shortly before the meeting.

## THE BRANDEIS SCOOP

### President Ron Liebowitz Delivered the Commencement Address



After congratulations, he spoke about how well the class handled distant and on-campus learning, then talked about current times and society's challenges, including climate change, inequality and poverty, the polarization of American society, militarization, and hatred.

He went on to speak of racism and how that related to the founding of the University.

'Shaped by the wake of World War II, The Holocaust, and the rising demand for higher education across America, Brandeis was established by eight Bostonian Jewish families and was instantly an institution unlike any other.

'We should never forget that the university's founding was an antidote to anti-Semitism and strict quotas which prevented Jews from attending the leading colleges and universities in the United States.

'Such prejudice, bigotry, and exclusivity extended to other marginalized groups, blacks, immigrants, those with political viewpoints outside the mainstream, and in many colleges and universities, women. Yet Brandeis was from its very first days, open to all qualified students, regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, political beliefs, or any other personal marker. This counter-cultural approach to higher education was considered radical at the time. But our founders forged ahead with their bold vision for the promise and potential of a more inclusive model for our university forever in the pursuit of truth even unto its innermost parts.'



## Happy Birthday

July 10 - Harriet Wadia  
 July 20 - Ellyn Clark  
 July 23 - Mark Shapiro  
 July 25 - Renee Parker  
 July 27 - Gail Pliner  
 August 15 - Carol McCall  
 August 19 - Myrna Gale  
 August 22 - Barbara Howard  
 August 24 - Phyllis Perkal  
 August 25 - Bev Fremont  
 August 26 - Judy Gruenberger  
 August 29 - Fred Duell

## Celebrate!



## Happy Anniversary

July 1 - Stephanie & Lee Jaret  
 August 16 - Bonnie & Fred Duell  
 August 17 - Gail & Gregg West  
 August 29 - Phyllis & Milt Perkal  
 August 30 - Jane & Peter Polgar

**If you wish to have your special occasion appear here, don't be shy.  
 Contact Cheryl Kaufman [herscheryl@gmail.com](mailto:herscheryl@gmail.com) 619-578-2308**



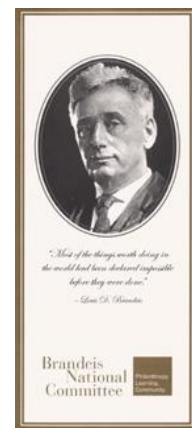
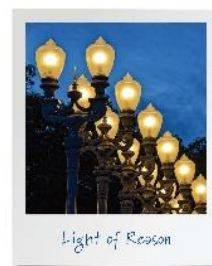
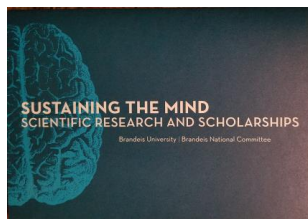
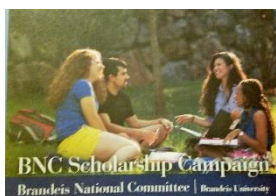
## Get Well Wishes

Susan Gail  
 Myra Brand  
 Sharlene Bergart



Kudos to Co-chairs Iris Kanter, Myra Brand, and Carol Robinson for providing an amazing number of Study and Social Groups. Whether via Zoom or in person (to be determined), we will be busy and happy learning, playing, meeting with and making friends. Special thanks go to Registrar Barbara Howard and to all the leaders and coordinators who will make these events happen.

# BOOK FUND TRIBUTES



## Scholarship Fund

*To Myra Brand, Speedy Recovery, from Gail & George Wise*

## Sustaining The Mind Card

*To Dave Rosenbaum, in memory of his brother, Mickey Rosenbaum, from Cheryl & Herschel Kaufman*

*To Iris Quip, in memory of her husband, Jerry Quip, from Carleen Canfield*

## Chai Card

*To Ruth Strauss, Mazel-tov on your great granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah, from  
Bea Sklarewitz*

*To Katie Park, Congratulations on your promotion, from Bea Sklarewitz*

## Light of Reason Card

*To Myra Brand, Speedy Recovery, from Elaine Eisenberg*

*To Myra Brand, Speedy Recovery, from Barbara Schwartz*

*To Myra Brand, Speedy Recovery, from Jane & Peter Polgar*

## TO SEND A TRIBUTE, CONTACT CHERYL KAUFMAN

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*\$501 Major Book Collection*

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**Checks (to BNC) may be mailed to Cheryl at 3450 Third Avenue, Unit 206, San Diego, CA 92103**



## What's a Tribute? What's Book Fund? A Bit of BNC History

Tributes are BNC-themed greeting cards that express your wishes - congratulations, get well, happy birthday, happy anniversary, sympathy - for all sorts of life events. Simply contact Cheryl Kaufman, tell her what sort of card you want to send (costs listed above) and to whom, and she does all the rest. It's good for you, for Brandeis (as a fund-raiser), and the recipient. Even easier than sending a check for each tribute, send ONE check for \$50 or \$100 for your 'bank account'.

Sending Book Fund cards was the first thing the newly formed Brandeis Women's Committee did to raise funds for Brandeis University when it opened in 1948. Their original purpose was simply to provide books for the woefully inadequate library, which was housed in a disused stable building. Eight Boston-area women got together and sold Book Fund cards to their friends. The idea quickly spread all over the country, leading to the formation of the National Committee. For gifts of \$56 or over, a bookplate with the donor's name is placed in a book or journal on the Brandeis library shelves. Every single book (over a million now) has a bookplate, and every shelf bears the name of a generous donor. Visit the campus, and you will surely see names of people you know. Contributions also provide for journals, special collections, electronic materials and research files, and much more.



*A warm welcome to our newest members*

Pam Cornblum  
Judy Goldberg

We are beginning to prepare the 2021-22 membership Directory. The Directory includes the names of spouses or significant others, even if they are not members.

If you wish to include this information and/or any changes, please send your information to Joan Kushinoff at [bncsandieguito@gmail.com](mailto:bncsandieguito@gmail.com).

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## *Meet Some of Our Newest Members*

**Janis Rosenbaum Musante** hails from San Francisco, where she was born and reared. She is a member of Brandeis through the Coachella Valley chapter (Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, etc.) She resides in Rancho Mirage for six months of the year and here at Ocean Hills Country Club in Oceanside for six months.

She graduated from UC Berkeley and then from San Francisco Law School. In her early adult years, she was a social worker and then an adult probation officer. She practiced law in San Francisco, Burlingame and handled cases in Rancho Mirage and in Oceanside. She is now retired and intends to remain so!

She met her husband, Ray Musante while working at the San Francisco Hall of Justice, and they have one child, Marcus, who is also an attorney. Their homes are shared with Tootsie, a half Golden/Lab/ terrier mix, Ralph, a chihuahua/Jack Russell mix and recently Turk, a full Golden who flew in from Turkey. Janis says, 'life is and has been good'.

### **Barbie (Barbara) Kemerer**

Barbie Kemerer is originally from Springfield, Illinois. She and her husband met and married in Chicago after she graduated from the University of Illinois. They have two daughters whom they raised during the 27 years they lived in Texas. They also have 3 granddaughters.

During their years in the Dallas area, Barbie was COO of a niche market publishing company. When they moved permanently to Carmel Valley in San Diego in 2005, she worked part-time planning business meetings. She retired fully in 2010. Barbie is also a member of Newcomers of San Dieguito. She and her husband Frank enjoy boating (he likes to restore old boats) and traveling.

### **Ellen Bernardi**

Ellen and her husband David moved to Carlsbad from Scituate, MA in 2014. Their daughter Melanie and her family make their home in San Marcos with their three grandsons. They also have the joy of their son Evan's family with three granddaughters in New York. Since their arrival, they have been fortunate to develop wonderful new friendships, participate in many activities and volunteer for organizations. At the present time Ellen helps out weekly at Seacrest Village in Encinitis and of course, always says yes to being with her grandsons!

For a number of years she was the owner of Individually Yours, a stationery and invitation business, which subsequently led to additional work as an Event Coordinator. She completed undergraduate coursework at BU and at UMASS/Boston, where she earned credentials in the Gerontology program. She adds, 'and my "third hat" is as a Professional Organizer, a continuing role that those who know me will attest to!'

Two years ago Ellen and David attended an interesting talk and luncheon sponsored by our chapter and had the opportunity to learn more about BNC. She was unaware that one did not have to be a graduate of the University to participate. Subsequently, her friend Susan Thomas, a new Board member, encouraged her to become a member. Ellen is looking forward to the coming year of activities and education.



## *Save the Dates!*

August 24 - Zoom with *The Henna Artist* author - 1:00  
August 25 - Opening Meeting Luncheon - 10:30 a.m.  
September - Happy New Year to our Jewish members

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