



New and Continuing Study Groups Coming Soon



Although the Study Group Committee has been unable to meet in person because of the COVID-19 threat, it has been accomplishing through an on-line meeting. The 2020-21 Study Group Guide will have a large number of continuing classes, including:

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| Art Talks | Legal Puzzlers (new leader: Ira Leavitt) |
| Brandeis Men's Book Club | Men's Book Club |
| Classical Music in America | Movie Tuesday |
| Contemporary Fiction Book Club | Mystery Book Club |
| Couples Dining Out | Page Turners |
| Foreign Film | Short Stories Book Club |
| Hiking Group for Men and Women | Sit 'N' Stitch |
| Intermediate Social Bridge | Social Mah Jongg |
| Jewish Supreme Court Justices | Walk, Talk, and Coffee |
| Jews of Iberia: A History | You Gotta Have Art |

We have some Study Groups that we would like to continue with new leaders. We welcome suggestions for leaders:

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| Beginning Mah Jongg | Single Women's Circle |
| Giving Back (there is possibly a contact person, but we need a leader) | |

In addition to these continuing groups, we have a number of new and interesting Study Groups:

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| Behind the Scenes | Enjoying Our "Just Desserts" |
| Canonicity of the Jewish & Christian Bibles | Game Time |
| Cook the Continents | Houdini |
| CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) | Let's Bake Bread |
| Eating for the Health of It | Writing as Self-Discovery |

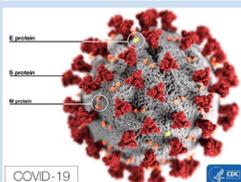
Our Study Group Guide will be mailed out on Wednesday, July 1, and you should receive it just before or after Independence Day. You can mail in your Study Group choices no earlier than Wednesday, July 29, and you should mail it in on that date to **Terrie Sherman, 7580 E. Rio Vista Dr., Tucson 85715**.

We have a list of potential new Study Groups that you or someone you know might lead. See the list on page 4. Contact **Davya Cohen, SCohen7397@aol.com** or **797-5598**, if you have a name to suggest.

Remember, registration does not guarantee admittance into your selected group. If a Study Group is oversubscribed, we will try our best to accommodate our members. Also, you can not join a Study Group unless you are a paid-up member! So be sure to pay your dues before July 29. See the article on paying your dues on page 3.



COVID-19, the New Coronavirus



We hope all of our members, especially those who are 65 and over, are taking precautions against the COVID-19 virus, in particular if they have heart disease, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, cancer (after chemotherapy or radiation), or other significant diseases. Limiting going out, doing extensive handwashing, and staying away from other people (except those in your home) are important.

We hope all our members, their families, and friends stay well. Take care of yourselves!



Membership Page

Membership VPs: Phyllis Schwartz, 354-2366 and Tammy Strobel, TStrobel1234@gmail.com or 516-429-0222

Letter from the President



I've pondered what and how to write for my monthly President's Message. Of course, my first priority and that of the entire Tucson Chapter, is that each of you and yours is safe, healthy, and staying home. We are facing unprecedented, once-in-a-lifetime events. My hopes and prayers go out to each and every one of you. If you need help, you may contact me, and I will try to arrange help!

Suddenly, there were no meetings, no Spring Luncheon, no Installation of Officers, and no Study Groups. We were at a real loss!

However, **Davya Cohen**, our nominated Vice-President of Study Groups, along with **Terrie Sherman**, Study Group Registrar, and their amazing committee started to meet on Zoom so that we could continue setting up Study Groups while **Steve Seltzer** and **Susan Berger** are getting our Study Group Guide together.

We are proud that Brandeis members have taken on the challenge of helping our local hospitals. They have joined with a community group called Mending Souls and have made thousands of masks from hospital-provided materials. For information in joining in the cutting and sewing of these masks and acquiring the necessary materials, please contact **Lois Bodin**.

A big "thank you" goes out to **Rachel Barker**, **Meg Sivitz**, and **Donna** and **Bob Richman**, who continue to pack and ship orders from our Book Depot.

The Brandeis National Committee fiscal year ends June 30. We are asking everyone to continue in their positions until then. We hope to have a transition plan ready by then.

Please also see the article on page 3 regarding renewing your membership. The cost has remained the same: \$60 for an individual and \$100 for a couple at the same address.

With the spring weather upon us, perhaps we can partake in outside activities, of course six feet apart!

We look forward to getting back to a new normal and to visiting with our Brandeis community in person.

With positive thoughts, I wish you happiness and good health!

Marsha Rosenblum, President 🐦

We Wish Our Members...

The officers, board, and members of the Tucson Chapter of BNC wish:

Phyllis Harris Condolences on the loss of your husband
Bob Harris

If you know of anyone with a simchah (happy event) or a sorrow, contact Sunshine chair **Charlotte Hegwer**, CharlotteSH@me.com or **529-8484**. A card will be sent and an acknowledgment will appear in the bulletin. 📖

COVID-19

We hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be over before summer, and that all our usual activities can resume: Study Groups, events, board meetings, and committee meetings.

We will keep you updated as our understanding of the situation progresses. 📖

Directory Changes

Please make the following corrections in your Membership Directory (changes underlined):

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Nancy Lou Present	<u>241-6905</u>
Paula Schoenbrod	<u>887-6808</u>
Kathryn L Unger	<u>14361 N Sunset Gallery Dr, Marana 85658</u> <u>268-8600</u> KUnger3090@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Former Member Robert Harris

Condolences

Tucson Chapter
sends its condolences to
former Chapter President Phyllis Harris
on the loss of her husband Robert Harris.



Where to Send Membership Dues This Year

membership DUES INFORMATION

Rather than send your membership dues to Brandeis University, you should send them to our Financial Secretary, **Terrie Sherman**, 7580 E. Río Verde Dr., Tucson, Arizona 85715-3539. She is able to charge dues to your credit card if you contact her at Loves2Walk@aol.com or 290-1490.

If you do charge your dues through Brandeis University, send Terrie a copy of the receipt so we will have a record of your payment. Brandeis takes weeks to months before they list you as members on our membership list. We want to know who our members are immediately, so please send Terrie your information, including all your contact data if there have been changes.

Remember, you can not join a Study Group unless we know that you are a paid-up member! ☑



This Tucson Chapter Bulletin Is Available On Line!



Why are you reading this bulletin in black and white (technically, gray scale)? You wouldn't watch television in black and white, nor would you take black-and-white family photos. The bulletin is available on line at TucsonBNC.org. Click on the bulletin tab, then click on the most recent bulletin. You will see how beautiful it is in color.

You can read it on your computer, pad, or cell phone or you can download it on your computer and print it out on your color printer so that you can read it in hard copy. If you enjoy this color version, contact **Steve Seltzer**, seltz5001@aol.com, and let him know that you would like to receive it monthly by e-mail and save the Tucson Chapter

the printing and postage costs. ☑

Virtual Brandeis University



Like all other universities, Brandeis University has moved to "virtual" education, with all students off the campus and taking their courses on line. Students probably won't be back on campus until the 2020-21 school year, as with so many other universities. Also, commencement is canceled this year. ☑

Brandeis would never be Brandeis if it were not for the members of the Brandeis National Committee, whose untiring efforts and long-time commitments have created a library worthy of an internationally-recognized university such as ours. We could not exist without the BNC and the support that it brings to this great institution.
– Arthur Reis, Lecturer and researcher, Molecular Biology, 2005



Support Brandeis

- Join the Tucson Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee.
- Become an annual member of BNC.
- Come to the **Book & Author** Events.
- Donate books to the Book Depot.
- Join a Tucson Chapter committee.
- Join a Study Group.
- Honor or memorialize someone through a Book Fund, Scholarship Fund, or Sustain the Mind Donation.
- Work at other events and contribute to the University. ☑



Potential New Study Groups for 2020–2021

POTENTIAL CLASSES

The Study Group Committee has worked to come up with potential Study Groups for this next membership year. Here are some of the committee's recommendations.

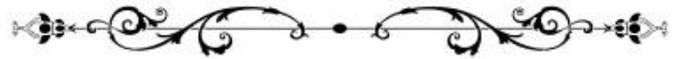
Acupuncture and Medical Marijuana
 Books That Drive Censors Crazy
 Canasta (either for beginners or social canasta)
 Chantilly Tea Room (sip tea, make scones)
 Couples Dine Around
 Da MOB (the Men of Brandeis) (e.g., sporting events, card games, movies, meals)
 Day Trips (hidden gems outside of Tucson)
 Dining Divas (lunch or dinner)
 Happy Hour
 Hooray for Hollywood (cinema from the 1940s to the 1970s)

Immigrant Experience in Books and Films
 iPhone/iPad (hone your skills)
 Stand Up Comedy (e.g., Billy Crystal, Rita Rudner, Jerry Seinfeld)
 Sunday Brunch or Fun Dining or Couples Dining
 Tourist in Your Own Town
 Women Who Made a Difference (e.g., female Justices, Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey, Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir, Mother Teresa, Margaret Thatcher, Marie Curie, Gloria Steimen, Freida Kahlo)

If you think you could lead such a group or know someone who would be a good candidate to lead one of these potential Study Groups, contact **Davya Cohen**, SCohen7397@aol.com or **797-5598**. 📧

Buy from Amazon, earn money for Brandeis.

- * Go to Tucson BNC.org.
- * Choose a category.
- * Choose a purchase (you can change it).
- * Buy anything from Amazon and press GO.
- * The Tucson Chapter will benefit from any purchase you make.



Social Justice/ Community Service

The Tucson chapter gives back to our community.

Marilyn Lobell, our Community Service Chairman, reminds us of the organizations we are supporting this year:

The Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse is in need of hotel toiletries and personal-care items. They also need NEW socks and underwear for children, teens, and women.

Youth On Their Own (YOTO) is an organization that supports high school graduation of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs, and guidance. They always need teen hygiene products and high school supplies.

Sister Jose Women's Center is a program to assist homeless women. We help by donating walking shoes, shorts, blouses, socks, towels, twin-bed sheets in good condition, and women's hygiene products.

Brandeis is always looking for new ways to help our community. If you have a way to help or wish to make a donation, contact **Marilyn Lobell**, MMLobell@msn.com or **615-0877**. 📧

Nobody can help everybody,
but everybody can help somebody!

Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee

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 fund-raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community. 📧

Meet Your Study Group Leader



She was born in Brooklyn, attended Brooklyn College, and, of course, found her way to Tucson. In between times, she married David Schwartz and has raised three children. Meet **Phyllis Schwartz**, one of the two Vice-Presidents of Membership for the 2019-20 year, our board member, and the matriarch of the Schwartz family. She and her daughter, Tammy Strobel, invited and recruited many new members during the 2019-20 academic year. Phyllis took part in welcoming newcomers to Brandeis.

Phyllis was a newcomer herself, as she moved here in 2018 and has found Brandeis to be very welcoming. She came to Tucson to be close to her daughter and grandchildren. Phyllis' husband, a plastic products businessman, passed away fifteen years ago. Her two sons now run the business back in New York. She has nine grandchildren, the oldest 31 and the youngest 13.

Phyllis and husband David enjoyed traveling the globe. She recalls wonderful trips to the Orient and has fond memories of Hong Kong and Japan. She loved Italy, France, and Israel. Some years, they would travel to her second home in the Berkshires.

On Monday afternoons, she is a regular at the Brandeis Social Bridge Study Group. A good book and bridge are her pastimes these days. At one time, she was a fine calligrapher, designing table place cards and lists for others. Then, she broke her wrist and had to give up the art. She is a member of Senior Women's Circle, where she has befriended more Brandeis women while dining and playing cards.

What a small world this is. At this year's **Book & Author** luncheon, Phyllis was seated at a table with another woman from Brooklyn. As it turns out, the two had gone to the same high school, Lafayette. They also discovered that they now live across the road from one another. What a coincidence!

Phyllis had a trip planned to go to New York for a friend's granddaughter's bat mitzvah, but the large service has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. So now she is in hibernation, isolation, or separation like the rest of us, hiding from the virus. Stay healthy, stay safe. 



2020

Tucson Chapter Calendar

Spring Luncheon and Installation	Thursday, April 2
Board Meeting*	Monday, April 6
Board and Planning Meeting*	Monday, May 4
Study Group Guide mailed	Wednesday, July 1
Mail in Your Study Group Application	Wednesday, July 29
Study Group classes assigned	Wednesday, August 19

*All are welcome to our open Board Meetings.

Save the dates and mark your calendar

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The bulletin is published from September through May. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. 



Express Your Thoughtfulness With a Book Fund Card or Journal Donation



Sending a Brandeis tribute card or a Learned Research Journal (LRJ) is a quick, meaningful, and philanthropic way to express support, congratulations, get-well wishes, sympathy, and appreciation. No more running to the store to find an appropriate card – just contact Lois Bodin (contact information below). The recipient is acknowledged in the bulletin so others can learn about the simchah or sorrow and respond. Show you care—send a Brandeis card or LRJ.

Book Fund donations:

- \$5.50, Philanthropy, learning, and community (or six for \$25)
- \$10.50, Light of Reason Card.
- \$10.50, Goldfarb Library at night (or three for \$25)
- \$14.00, Brandeis art cards (set of four different covers)
- \$18.50, Louis Dembitz Brandeis portrait card
- \$25.50 or more, Sustaining the Mind Tribute Card
- \$25.50 or more, Elaine Lisberg Tucson BNC Scholarship Card
- \$36.50, Learned Research Journal
- \$56.50, Learned Research Journal Folio
- \$100.00 to \$499.00, Special Book Collection
- \$500.00 or more, Major Book Collection

Contact Book Fund VP **Lois Bodin**, LoisBodin@gmail.com or **702-219-6704**.

Donor

Message

Recipient

Brandeis Friends
Janet & Steve Seltzer

Learned Research Journal
Condolences on the loss of your father Sherman Margolis
Condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather Harold Lisberg

Karen Samson
Lisberg Family

Brandeis Friends
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Sarah & Leonard Schultz

Elaine Lisberg Tucson Chapter BNC Scholarship Fund
Condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather Harold Lisberg
Condolences on the loss of your brother-in-law Gerald Disotell
Condolences on the loss of your father Sherman Margolis
Have a speedy recovery.

Lisberg Family
Terry Williams
Karen Samson
Judi Feldstein

To make a donation, contact Book Fund VP **Lois Bodin**,
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Board
of Directors

Next Board Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020



All members are invited to come to the meeting.



Tucson Chapter Calendar May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		ALL STUDY GROUPS CANCELED			1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 Lag B'Omer 	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Yom Yerushalayim 	23
24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	Shavuot	
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Cinco de Mayo, May 5; Mother's Day, May 10; Lag B'Omer, May 12; Yom Yerushalayim/Jerusalem Day, May 22; Memorial Day, May 25; Shavuot (Jewish Pentecost), May 29-30.

What's Happening at Brandeis University?

1. In response to Coronavirus/COVID-19, Brandeis has moved all classes online, and most undergraduates who were living on campus have now moved out.

2. Brandeis University's Hiatt Career Center continues to serve all students and alumni, with the center having already adapted its operations to the social-distancing necessitated by COVID-19.

Hiatt has virtualized all events, created a career FAQ page on its website, and curated a series of online tools that will help develop or certify users in new skills. It's an opportunity for students and alumni who may find themselves wanting to upgrade skills for whatever comes next in the economy—and maybe provide some extra time in which to put in that work.

“Shifting our operation from in-person service to virtual is something we started preparing for a while ago,” Hiatt Career Center director Jon Schlesinger told *BrandeisNOW*. “While we've had to take precautions on campus against this virus, we've worked to ensure all our community has access to Hiatt staff, whether it's on the phone or through video.”

Hiatt's staff works directly with students, develops employer connections, and facilitates recruiting events, networking opportunities, volunteering, and alumni engagement.

3. Healthcare workers who were friends or even friends of friends of Brandeis community members wanted to know if the university had any supplies to donate to local hospitals or clinics. The personal protective equipment was desperately needed to help healthcare workers caring for patients infected with the coronavirus.

Word went out across the university to faculty, staff, and students, who began searching their storage closets and laboratories. Within a few days, they'd come up with the following:

107 gowns and pairs of booties, 600 surgical masks, 158 N95 respirators, 345 boxes of gloves, and 100 nasopharyngeal swabs for testing. 



News from Brandeis University



U.S. News and World Report Recognizes the Heller School As a Top-10 School for Social Policy

The *U.S. News & World Report* 2021 rankings for graduate schools of public affairs continues to list the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in the top 10 for social policy, ranking ninth this year. The Heller School continues to be ranked in the top 20 percent of graduate schools in the overall public affairs category and is among the top three graduate schools in New England for public affairs.

Heller rose to number 12 for health policy and management, and also improved in the public policy analysis specialty, where it now ranks 25.

The 2021 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on a survey of deans, directors, and department chairs at 276 graduate schools of public affairs. Dean David Weil says, "I'm proud that the Heller School continues to be recognized by our peer institutions for excellence in social policy and health policy. We're committed to our mission, 'knowledge advancing social justice,' as we educate the next generation of social policy practitioners to address increasing social inequities."

A nationally-recognized research and educational institution shaped by its social justice roots at Brandeis University, Heller was founded in 1959 and celebrated its 60th anniversary during the 2019-20 academic year. Since its founding, the school has expanded from a single doctoral program in social policy to include six master's degrees that span U.S. and global policy as well as management. The institution also boasts 11 research institutes, centers, and collaboratives known for their applied interdisciplinary research and active public engagement.

Michael Doonan, director of the Master of Public Policy Program and the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, says, "Heller's long-standing dedication to creating social change through social policy is more important than ever today. We're dedicated to tackling critical issues such as income inequality, global healthcare access, and child opportunity through rigorous research and a robust graduate education."



Assigned
Study Group Classes
AUGUST 19

Mail in Your Study
Group Form
JULY 29

Mailed
Study Group Guide
JULY 1

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