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JOIN US FOR OUR

Fall Luncheon Fundraiser

for scientific research in neurodegenerative diseases.

Monday, October 10th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza 880 S Westlake Blbd.,, Westlake Village, CA

ENTERTAIMENT BY LESLEY WOLMAN



Born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, Lesley began her professional career as a child, performing in local theater and television. Her newest album, entitled, "All Of Me, All Of You," features love songs from the Great American Songbook. The show, which is autobiographical in nature, reflects Lesley's personal journey of love, using songs that express her experience of pain, disappointment and ultimately happiness.

All Of Me, All Of You, is being performed at The Pico Playhouse. We are thrilled Lesley will be performing for us at our Fall Fundraiser.

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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.

Also that day:

Study Group Sign-Ups: Study Groups are a great way for members to make new friends while exploring new interest. **Membership Enrollment:** With over 650 members, we are expanding our horizons reaching out to find new members. **Tributes-Book Fund:** Purchase Brandeis Tribute Cards and spread warmth, kindness, caring, love, understanding and friendship.

Shop at the Boutique: We have many new vendors selling different kinds of merchandise, plus some of our returning favorites.

If you have any questions call Barbara Polisky 818-991-2667 ipolisky@aol.com
Go to our web site for more information: www.brandeisconejo.org or print your invitation on page-6

All proceeds from this event will benefit Brandeis University's medical research to find cures for neurodegenerative diseases as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS

Presidents' Message

When you think of Brandeis or talk about Brandeis, what comes to mind? What does our Chapter mean to you? We know that for many of you the answer would be Study Groups, and for good reason. We are known for our numerous, now close to 100, varied and ever-evolving and expanding groups. We also have the reputation of being a warm, friendly, and welcoming Chapter, which explains our membership growth to over 650 men and women, exceeding our goals yearly.

One thing that might not have come to your mind when answering the aforementioned question was the amazing medical research being conducted at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. That research, looking for cures for Alzheimer's Disease, ALS, and Parkinson's Disease, is funded through the money we raise by our Study Groups, but mostly by the support of our Events. Our philanthropy is our mission, our goal, and who we are. We see this Chapter as a community where we depend on each other and support each other's needs, so we can all benefit and prosper.

Our annual Fall Luncheon, which is being held on October 10th, is our biggest fundraising effort. All the proceeds will go to medical



research at Brandeis University. We hope you will join us and support our Chapter and its goals.

Thank You,

Nancy Minkow NVMLCSW@aol.com 818-730-8797 Sue Geiger sueaew@sbcglobal.net 805-587-8550

We also would like to wish you all L'Shana Tova, a Happy, Healthy New Year.



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES:
Happy, Healthy and Successful
Rosh Hashanah!

Brandeis Conejo Valley Board

Brandeis University policy for sharing names

"It is the policy of Brandeis University, the Brandeis National Committee, and the Conejo Valley Chapter that membership lists and event registration lists may not be shared with other organizations. They are the property of the Conejo Valley Chapter. In order to insure the privacy of each individual, our members may not use our lists for any purpose other than that for which they were created."



OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH at 10:00 AM

TEMPLE ETZ CHAIM (most months)

1080 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA or Thousand Oaks Library 1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Please call Nancy Minkow 818-730-8797 or Sue Geiger 805-587-8550 to verify time and place

All members are welcome.

News And Views Staff

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



Hi Everyone: It is very exciting being back as Membership VP and I really enjoy talking to all our new and prospective members. Our chapter has so much to offer that I cannot wait to tell everyone about us. That is where all of you come in. Give me the names of your friends who will enjoy all of our activities and I will include them in the fun.

We have a packed upcoming schedule and no one wants to miss anything. A new member coffee is planned for September 29 and it is a must for everyone joining us. The board members will explain how Conejo Valley Chapter works and get our guests started in study groups. Let me know who you want to invite and I will contact them. And don't forget about all the great groups that will entice the men in our lives to join, also.

By the way, I am willing to share my fun. If you would like to join our Membership Team, call me. Our members are great to talk to.

Ellie Puls Membership V.P. 818-889-5555

norm0020@yahoo.com



NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS



Patricia Fuller
Irving Malis, MD
Coralie Marlowe
Friedel Adler
Sharon Billone
Judith Forusz
Ester Marantz-Bruce
Renee Ross
Etty Saks
Bernard Nisenholtz

Rachael Noy Bernard Schwartz Marvin Zaidner Marvin Seidman Phyllis Seidman Judy Watson Jordan Wank Donna Stern Judith Wells Ida Weiss

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"



Thursday,

September 29, 2016 at 10:00 Elaine Blonder's Home

For more information and directions email:

Ellie Puls norm0020@yahoo.com



Flick Chicks Study group is celebrating our beautiful Muriel Rosenkranz's (in blue in the middle) 90th birthday at the Four Seasons Hotel.





STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:



We are excited to announce a new innovative opportunity for Brandeis professionals and educators.

You are invited to join us in creating a new study group model where you will have the opportunity to share your knowledge with Brandeis members. The program is open for any subject and profession. From music and art to law and politics; business, history, science, philosophy, poetry, and anything else which you can offer.

You will teach your field of expertise for as many sessions as you see fit. It is a rare opportunity to educate and share your knowledge and passion. Please contact Judy Perlman at judithfp@gmail.com_ or Marsha Gruen at gruenm@aol.com

Alternatively, if you would like to become a member of a study group, these new groups may interest you: **American Presidents** for men, women and couples.

Couples Movie Group and Men's Movie Group for movie buffs. Contact Marsha Gruen at gruenm@aol.com

Interested in an On-The-Town Group? **Just for Fun** meets the 4th Wednesday. **Let's Go** meets the 1st Tuesday. **Men's Lunch and Learn**: Have lunch, and listen and perhaps learn, laugh, enjoy a guest speaker. There are several successful women's groups like this. Now it's your turn!

Women's Art Appreciation - Going to people's homes, to galleries, museums in a small group can be an enjoyable experience.

Couples On-The-Town - There are a few openings, so submit your request to Judy Perlman at judithfp@gmail.com

Interested in Genealogy? The **Family Finders Genealogy** group would welcome new members, either experienced in family history research or you don't know how to begin. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

What is God anyway? Join us in our search for the Divine, led by Rabbi Lisa Bock.

Interested in conversing in Hebrew? Come chat with us.

Men's Book Group needs members. Contact Elaine Bercy at CyberBercy@aol.com

Your Study Group Vice-Presidents are: Judy Perlman: judithfp@gmail.com Marsha Gruen: gruenm@aol.com Elaine Bercy: cyberbercy@aol.com

Study group leaders:

Have any news, pictures, stories or updates to share?

Please email to: Alvira alvira@woman-only.com



Men's Lunch and Learn - Pro Fressers

The "Pro Fressers" is a new Men's Lunch and Learn study group. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Latigo Kid in Agoura Hills.

The speaker for August was psychologist John Snibbe who worked with LAPD and the LA County Sheriff Department on mental health issues and those who come in contact with the police. He talked about police training as it relates to interaction with suspects and showed videos demonstrating various shooting situations police come in contact with.

Our speaker for September will be Dr. Wilcox who will speaking about Alzheimer's and the drug treatments that his firm is testing.

The study group is filling up fast but we still have a few openings. Contact: Robert Tanowitz 805-493-4284.



STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:



On July 11, 2016 the On The Town Day Trip-

pers arrived at the Gene Autry Museum smiling and anxious to go inside. We met our Docent and the fun began. We laughed out loud for two hours. We delved into the subject matter and found out we are pretty smart. Our docent brought out the best in us and the best at the museum. We all recommend a visit to the Gene Autry Museum in your near future.







A beautiful Friday afternoon at Geoffrey's at our annual celebration of friendship.

The Canastaristas

Artheen Block, Joy Krieger, Nancy Minkow, Barbara Swedelson, Renee Spero, Judy





Camarillo Air Museum -Sunday Funday Couples







IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FALL LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE INVITATION October 10, 2016 10:00 a.m.

Hyatt Westlake Plaza

880 S. Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village

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In March Daytime Trotters visited Studio Channel Islands in Camarillo.

We had a fabulous tour and were treated to demonstrations by several of the artists in residence.

Elissa Lazarus Co Leader





NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

When we talk about Neurodegenerative Diseases, we are describing 600 disorders that affect the nervous system. These disorders are deficiencies that cause progressive nervous system dysfunction and are associated with atrophy of the affected central or peripheral structures of the nervous system. One such disorder in this category is RSD Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (Now called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome). The reason we are discussing this particular disease is that one of our long-time members, Shelly Wasserman, has been suffering from this very debilitating illness since 2002. We wanted to begin a series of

articles about her struggle in fighting RSD, to help put a face, her face, on the wide-spread health issue of Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Shelly's troubles began from a can falling on her foot and striking her left big toe directly, causing a deep gash. The toe was treated, sewn up and bandaged. Within a short time she noticed that her entire foot had turned purple and shiny, and was aching, throbbing and stinging. She could not move her toe and did not have feeling in it. As time went on, she experienced nerve pain in her foot and leg and had difficulty walking. After seeing two different doctors, a neurologist did a nerve study and determined that her nerves were damaged. In those days, the medical profession did not have a clear understanding of RSD or its diagnosis.

The reason that Shelly's story is so important to us at Brandeis, is our commitment to funding the medical research at Brandeis University. Just this last August, a Brandeis researcher found and fixed an abnormality in flies' nervous system, restoring their ability to crawl. Understanding what goes wrong inside nerve cells could have implications for human disease.

Please remember that every time you attend one of our Brandeis events, you are supporting medical research in the fight against Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Thank You.



PAST EVENTS PICTURES





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SPECIAL EVENTS:

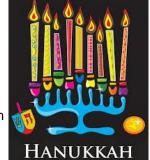
Oct. 18 at the Thousand Oaks Library: The League of Women Voters will explain all propositions on the upcoming ballot. Bring friends, neighbors and spouses. As this is a public community service we will only be asking for a \$10 donation to cover ex-

penses. Please send checks and reservations to: Jessica Pearlman, 431 Hillsborough St. Thousand Oaks,

CA 91361. Please give us the names of all attendees so we can check you in quickly at the door.

Dec.13 at the Thousand Oaks Library: Conejo Brandeis Holiday Party featuring Steve Piazza, conductor of the Los Angeles

Wind Symphony and 4 featured musicians will entrall us with Holiday Spirit. Donation for this event is \$20/person. Please send checks and reservations to Frona DeCovnick 5544 Ranthom Ave. Woodland Hills CA 91367. Please include the names of all attendees.



CIO REPORT (Shelly Wasserman, Chapter CIO)

INTERESTING FACTS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

STANDING UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

Over the past few weeks, we have all been shaken by acts of extreme violence around the world and, over the past few days, by events in Louisiana, Minnesota and Dallas. Although these events have become all too familiar, we must never be com-

placent, become desensitized, or fail to raise our voices in protest of violence or in support of one another.

When we return for the fall semester, we will find ways to come together as a community, standing in solidarity in a spirit of unity and peace.

These issues affect us all. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

- Ron Liebowitz, Brandeis University President

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT THINGS HAPPENING AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY AWAIT YOU BY SIMPLY COPY THOSE LINKS AND READ ON LINE and ON THE WEBSITES.

Nine alumni admitted to Supreme Court bar. Ceremony occurs the same week as centennial of Brandeis joining the court: http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/june/alumni-supreme-court-bar.html

Millerpalooza!

A two-day celebration of the research - and overall wackiness - of professor of biochemistry Chris Miller.

http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/july/miller-chris-biochemistry.html

Brandeis neuroscientist Eve Marder '69 awarded prestigious Kavli Prize - The biennial prize for scientific innovation cites Marder's research in mechanisms of modulation of nervous system function: http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/june/marder-kavli.html

Remembering Elie Wiesel, commencement speaker 1980

Brandeis University mourns the death of Elie Wiesel. His singular voice urging all of humanity to never forget the 20th century's most unspeakable and unimaginable evil made him one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. Copy this link to your browser to read his incredible commencement address:

http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/july/elie-wiesel.html?utm_source=All&utm_campaign=ea6ddb342a-July_5_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a6ac2fc91b-ea6ddb342a-195151785

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen."

Louis D. Brandeis



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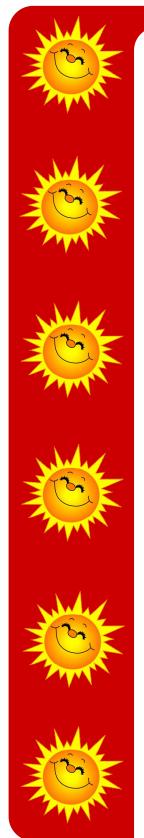
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Sunshine News

CONDOLENCES, HEARTFELT WISHES, AND SYMPATHY:

Rhoda Reiner on the passing of her husband Lana Collier on the pass of her husband Carly Marlowe on the passing of her husband.

GET WELL WISHES and HEALING:

Bunny Beckman; Elise Rose; Helene Lustig; Dee Brusslan; Desley Rapaport; Bev Elkort; Barbara Hersh; Shelly Wasserman; Gail Small; Chuck Bercy; Nickie Dwork; Lila Klausner

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Harriet Ulmer on the July wedding of her granddaughter Alyssa. Sharon and Herb on celebrating 57 years of wedded bliss. Marty Glade who will celebrate his 90th Herb Cohen celebrated his 80th. Birthday with a Big Bash

THANK YOU:

Sharon for collecting toiletries for The Homeless Shelter.

Rabbi Lisa, who teaches a Women of the Bible study group is forming a Bereavement Support Group. It will be a Mitzvah for many of our members. If you want more information, please email her at rabbilisab@sbcglobal.net

Our very first "Game Day", organized by Harriet Maran, was a wonderfully successful event. We all enjoyed being with friends, having fun, having great door prizes, eating a delicious lunch, and raising funds for medical research. What could be better?

Talk about luck and mazel! New member, Sharon Billone, joined our chapter one day and the very next day, she was on our Board. Welcome and thank you, Sharon.

Still missing Marsha Rosenbaum. Sending a Hello and a wish that you will visit us soon.

We are so sad to tell you that **Bev Sklar's** grandson, Shaun, has passed away after a long and painful struggle with brain cancer. He was only 27 years old. As of now there is no information regarding funeral plans. We will let you know when we have further news. Bev is, of course so dear to all of us as a Past President and a constant supporter of our Board and our Chapter. Our hearts go out to her and her family.

Gertie Sanders, chairperson of the "Sunshine News".

We want to share your good news. It will give us a smile. We want to share your sad news, so we can give you our support. We want to hear about your adventure and your support for the community to share with our members.

Please send information to: Gertie Sanders, 805-230-1252 gertiesanders@gmail.com

HAVE A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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Alissa Messian Barbara Sontag & Family Sandy Soll Shirlley Doernberg Fran Cohan

The family of Liane Rosenberg The family of Liane Rosenberg The family of Liane Rosenberg

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In memory of your mother Deepest condolences Deepest condolences In memory of your sister Marge Memory of your brother

In memory of Liane Rosenberg In memory of Liane Rosenberg In memory of Liane Rosenberg

Richard, get well soon Deepest sympathy Deepest sympathy Deepest condolences Deepest condolences Deepest sympathy

Speedy Recovery Mazel Tov-birth of grandson Brother Arthur Eisman Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Thank you & wishing you well

Speedy Recovery/Happy Birthday Honor as Installation Officer for 2016



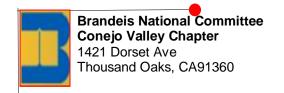








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CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM
TEMPLE ETZ CHAIM
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 29 "GETTING TO KNOW YOU' - 10:00
OCTOBER 2 ROSH HASHANA
OCTOBER 6 BOARD MEETING - 10:00

OCTOBER 10 Fall Luncheon and Boutique 10 a.m
Hyatt Westlake

OCTOBER 18 Special Event
OCTOBER 16 SUKKOT
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OCTOBER 23 SIMCHAT TORAH

NOVEMBER 3 BOARD MEETING - 10:00
NOVEMBER 6 THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 1 BOARD MEETING - 10:00
DECEMBER 24 FIRST LIGHT OF HANUKKAH
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS

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