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News & Views - Conejo Valley Chapter

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Brandeis National Committee Conejo Valley Chapter invites you to:

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. Thousand Oaks Library



We Are Honored To Present **Brandeis University** Senior Lecturer Jennifer A. Cleary discussing

"Theater for Social Change"

Professor Cleary has taught in the theater arts department at Brandeis University for 17 years, mentoring and teaching stage management, oral communication and applied theatre. She earned her EdM in Arts-in - Education from Harvard University and is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association. Professor Cleary received the Louis Demitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2015.

"Theatre of the Oppressed" is the key work of Brazilian theater director Augusto Boal who was influenced by Brazilian educator-philosopher Paolo Freire. Boal believed that theater has a purpose and power beyond mainstream theater forms, particularly in helping those facing oppression.

He coined the concept of an audience of "Spect-actors," actively rehearsing ideas for change in people's lives, rather than being passive spectators. Professor Cleary will discuss his methods of using theater techniques to help create social dialogue and talk about his influence and legacy around the world.

Lecture will be held in Marvin E. Smith Community Room Thousand Oaks Library

1401 E. Janss Rd. Thousand Oaks

Donations are \$20.00. Reservations are suggested and appreciated.

R.S.V.P. to Jessie: jbrra@aol.com, or Frona: kidzathart@aol.com

All proceeds from these events benefit Brandeis University's Sustaining the Mind

Fund to support research for diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS



This program is not a Thousand Oaks Library sponsored event.

Co-Presidents' Message

At this holiday season, Sue and I are reflecting on what this time of year means to us and perhaps to many and most of you as well. At Thanksgiving our greatest thanks were for family, good health, and good friends. As we start the giving and receiving of gifts during Chanukah and Christmas, we think about the joy of that process and how we can extend it beyond our family and friends to the community and world around us. Whether it means we give to Toys for Tots, or food to Sova, or feed the homeless, it feels good to know we are reaching out and touching others.

For those of us in the Brandeis community it means supporting Brandeis as well. We do that in many ways. We do it by joining Brandeis and its Study Groups and by attending Brandeis events. It also means giving back by donating to Brandeis Medical Research to find

a cure for Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases. At this wonderful time of year when our hearts and



stomachs are full, let's open our wallets and give to Brandeis so others can give thanks for healthy families as we are able to do.

Thanks,

Nancy and Sue

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

Nancy Minkow NVMLCSW@aol.com 818-730-8797 Sue Geiger SGeiger75@gmail.com 805-587-8550



BNC Mission Statement:

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to pro-

viding 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.

Prandeis 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."





MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



I want to thank all of our members who have been so quick to send to me the names of prospective members. It is great that you all are sharing the fun and I enjoy talking with your friends. After the new year, we are planning to have another orientation for those who have just joined. There is so much available to our new members that we hope all of you will take advantage of this event to find out what we offer that you would enjoy. And don't forget that you gentlemen are definitely welcome. I will let you know when we have all the details. In the interim, keep the names coming to me because I just love telling all your friends about all the good that the money we raise does for Brandeis.

Ellie Puls Membership V.P. 818-889-5555 norm0020@yahoo.com

Welcome

New Members

Harriet Berman

David and Fredda Kurtz

Richard Lapkin

Gary Wise

Earl and Particia Kraus

Howard Abrams

Marion and Murray Goldstein

Jan Rapoport

Miriam Teichner

Eleda and Harold Matorin

Charles Bercy

Effy and Susan Pfeffermann

Ralph and Lois Steinberg

Dan and Jqacueline Ershoff

Donald and Kay Mann

Pia Woolverton

Sharon Margolin Lynn Schockner

Maxine Berzok

Ronald Kaiser

Ruth Forman



OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - 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.

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STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:



Study Group Committee Report for Brandeis Conejo

Winter Edition 2016

The meeting had varied agenda items:

The annual calendar of events conflicting with study groups.

Study Groups are not allowed during the hours of Board meetings and Special Events including New Board Orientation and a Study Group Appreciation Day (if that occurs). The next version of the calendar will have an asterisk next to those dates and will include the hours of those events and that calendar will be sent via email to all leaders and coordinators. The Board will make every effort to distribute those events across days of the week to avoid burdening any one particular day across the year.

New Groups: Everyone is encouraged to read the "email blast" in which VP's communicate to all, the groups that might pique your interest and that may have a few openings or are just starting up. A new photography group has begun (Wednesdays at 9:00), a Couples Movie Group, and an evening Ethnic Dining group. Check the email blast for specific information regarding these and several other groups.

Using "National's materials" for groups such as Legal Puzzlers. Some in other Brandeis areas have recently used newer documents so if you want to give them a try, let us all know what you think. Documents are available on the national Brandeis website.

Database: Susan Uhler has made excellent progress in putting together an interactive data base which ultimately will be useful for all recordkeeping regarding groups, members, membership, mailings, etc. Susan presented an outline of progress to The Board at our Board meeting the end of November. Realistically, the database will not be fully functioning for the next registration period in June.

Please contact: Marsha Gruen at gruenm@aol.com if you are interested in the following groups:

- ~~ A new American Presidents group is forming men, women and couples.
- ~~ Movie Buffs If interested in joining a NEW Couples Movie Group called Cinnabunch, contact Marsha
- ~~ **Men's Movie Group** A new movie group for men has been requested. As soon as we have enough men interested, we will schedule an organizational meeting to start the group.
- ~~ Couples Current Events group is developing!
- ~~ A women's movie group that meets in the afternoon on the 2nd Thursday of the month is seeking additional members
- ~~ A women's Current Events Group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 has openings for a few members.
- ~~ **Independent Thinkers**: We are in the process of starting a new study group that would concentrate on world affairs and be bi partisan. A group for independent thinkers who are open to hearing another point of view, and are open to setting emotions and political biases aside. gruenm@aol.com.
- ~~ Couples "Hot Topics" meets the 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Current events.

Please contact: Judy Perlman at judithfp@gmail.com if you are interested in the following groups:

- ~~ Interested in an On-The-Town Group? Just for Fun meets the 4th Wednesday and Let's Go meets the 1st Tuesday have a few openings.
- ~~ A new Ethnic Dining for both singles and couples in the evening on the third Wednesday has formed!

If you are interested in an ethnic dining during the day, I can assemble a group too. Contact Judy.

- ~~ Womens Lunch and Learn has a couple of openings. judithfp@gmail.com
- ~~ **Men's Lunch and Learn**: PROFRESSERS: 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! Second Thursday. Contact Judy Perlman at judithfp@gmail.com.
- ~~ Women's Art Appreciation Art and About 4th Thursday. 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 judithfp@gmail.com
- ~~ There is a **Potpourri Group** called "Bits and Pieces". They do all sorts of things: a mix of anything any group does. They meet the Third Thursday.
- ~~ If you might be interested in reading and studying **Homer** in a group, please let us know. We will be putting together an interest list.



STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:

Contact Elaine Bercy cyberbercy@aol.com if you are interested in the groups listed below:

~~ Interested in Genealogy? The **Family Finders Genealogy** group would welcome new members, either experienced in family history research or if you are a beginner. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Come Join us on Tuesday, September 20th. For additional information, contact Elaine.

- ~~ What is God anyway? Join us in our search for the Divine, led by Rabbi Lisa Bock.
- ~~ Interested in conversing in Hebrew? Contact Elaine
- ~~ Men's Book Group needs members
- ~~ Do you love taking photos? Join our **photography group!**

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

Elaine Bercy: cyberbercy@aol.com

Study group leaders:

Have any news,
pictures or updates
to share?
Please email to:
alvira@woman-only.com

Happy

Holidays to all!



Divas at the Broad Museum

The **Movie Mavens** >>>> have been together for more than five years.

Our lives shared, our ties knotted and our camaraderie evident.

Thank you Brandeis for helping us turn from a Study Group into dear good friends.







<>< Men's forum - Our chapter is 25% men!

Dec. 6, our chapter invited our male members to a Focus group to give them the opportunity to share their thoughts about the events and programs we now offer. We also asked what other topics would interest them in the future.





MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

Our Fall Luncheon and Boutique was again a huge success. This year we all enjoyed performance by **Lesley Wolman**. Everyone had a good time with good friends listening to stories and good music. The Boutique had great items for sale. The Silent Auction had a lot of interesting choices this time. We received very good reviews and comments. Thank you all who helped and made this event another wonderful experience for our chapter,

As of today we don't have a set day and a place for our Spring Speakers Event. It will be held around May 10th or 11th. We will send note to the chapter when we have a date available.

Spring Speakers Event is replaces Books N Brunch. We will be featuring authors and interesting speakers. More details will follow.

FUNDRAISING VP Barbara Polisky—ipolisky@aol.com



ON Tuesday, October 18 Ellen Pangarliotas of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau presented an analysis and review of the 17 propositions on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Conejo Valley chapter had over 200 men and women at this informative civic event.



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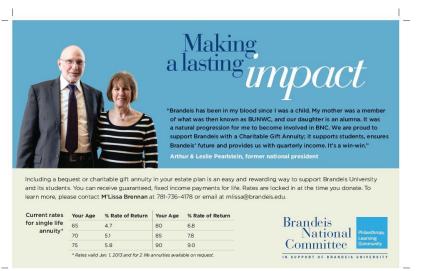
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Jackie - jacjer@socal.rr.com (for the San Fernando Valley and Calabasas) and Renee - rsnh16@gmail.com (for Westlake, Thousand Oaks and Agoura)

to get \$25 gift cards.



The Nominating Committee needs your help!!

2017-18 SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATION FORM

The Nominating Committee will be convening soon to begin the process of selecting nominees to fill vacancies for various elected Officer and Director Board positions for the year 2016-17. We will be working very hard to ensure the continued success and friendly spirit of our Conejo Valley Chapter.

If you would be interested in serving or if you know of any chapter member who you think would be an asset to our incoming Board, please contact Susan Barnett, Nominating Committee Chair via email at: ansbar@roadrunner.com

Board members must be available to attend all Board Meetings held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. Illness, travel or emergencies are excused. Associate members are not eligible unless they become annual members of Conejo Valley Chapter.

If you can, please comment on the qualifications of your candidate(s); in particular each individual's leadership ability and any specific area of expertise or professional background. This is entirely optional.

You are encouraged to submit more than one rec	ommendation.
Candidate's Name:	_ Phone no
Qualifications:	
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You may use this form or simply send me an e-ma	ail with the above information.
Forms should be sent to:	
Susan Barnett	
42306 Village 42	
Camarillo, CA 93012	
The deadline for submissions is December 30, 20	16. Thank you for your participation in the process.

Thank you for your cooperation – it is greatly appreciated.

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CIO DECEMBER 2016 REPORT (by Shelly Wasserman Chapter Information Officer)

INTERESTING FACTS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Just copy the link to your browser to read and view these outstanding articles.

YES, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE! BRANDEIS REALLY HAS A SPACE CHAIR IN THE BASEMENT OF THE RABB GRADUATE CENTER, THERE'S A HULKING, RO-

TATING CHAIR being used to test how humans react to changes in motion and orientation. Fighter pilots and astronauts are very interested in the results. http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/september/mart-spatial-orientation.html

WATCH: DEBORAH LIPSTADT DISCUSSES "DENIAL" WITH ERROL MORRIS AT BRANDEIS.

Deborah Lipstadt, MA'72, PhD'76, was presented the Brandeis Alumni Achievement Award on September 22, 2016, during a special ceremony after a screening of a film based on her legal battle against Holocaust denier David Irving. After the screening, Lipstadt engaged in a conversation with Oscar-winning filmmaker Errol Morris, H'11, in front of a packed house at Wasserman Cinematheque.

http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/october/lipstadt-denial-video.html

YOSHINORI OHSUMI, CURRENT ROSENSTIEL AWARD WINNER, NETS NOBEL PRIZE. The Japanese biologist won for his pioneering work on a cellular process known as autophagy. He is themost recent winner of Brandeis' Rosenstiel Award. http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/october/Ohsumi-nobel-rosenstiel.html

RAPE CRISIS CENTER LAUNCHES RESOURCE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS. The Brandeis University Rape Crisis Center (RCC) has developed a new tool for helping survivors of sexual assault connect with the right resources and receive the assistance they need.

http://www.brandeis.edu/now/2016/september/rcc-resource-guide.html

Thursday, January 5th ,2017 Board Meeting

The Board meeting starts at 10 A.M.

(9:30 A.M. if you want to chat before the meeting.)

Temple Etz Chaim

1080 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

SAVE THESE DATES FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, January 10th

University on Wheels

In the world today, social change may be one of the most important aspects of living together in a peaceful planet.

Theater for Social Change is the topic of Our Guest Speaker: Jennifer Cleary, Senior Lecturer in Theater Arts. Professor Cleary will enlighten us through Brazilian theatre director Augusto Boal's work.

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

Saturday, December 24th

Hannukah Begins

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas

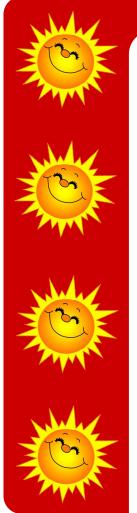
For more information on all future events visit our website at: brandeisconejo.org.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: There is in most...some spark of idealism, which can be fanned into a flame. It takes sometimes a divining rod to find what it is; but when found...the results are often most extraordinary."

Louis Brandeis



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Sunshine News

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY:

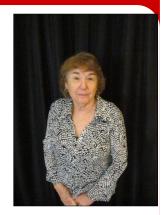
Condolences and sympathy to Sandra Porter on the loss of her husband Bill and to Binnie Nadler on the loss of her husband Marvin.

GET WELL WISHES and HEALING:

Helene Lustig, Evie Ausley, Gail Small

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Barbara Rosenberg on the arrival of her grandson Oliver Cele Schoenbrun on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Rebecca Helaine Portnoy on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter



THANK YOU:

Thank you friends for your phone calls, and cards of good wishes during my recovery from back surgery. Your caring support is much appreciated, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at a Brandeis meeting very soon.

Maureen

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 2017!

Brandeis Conejo Community Social Justice / Committee Service mmunity Service Committee believes that you will "Fmr

Our Community Service Committee believes that you will "Empower Yourself" by Giving Back.

Our Holiday Celebration event was wonderful. A special "THANK YOU" goes to Frona and Jessie for their efforts. We were able to contribute food and toys for SOVA. Our members' generosity enables those less fortunate to enjoy the holidays. Our members involved in volunteer work: Sherry Weisman, known for collecting toiletries for the homeless and very recently, Sherry collected 75 pairs of fuzzy slippers for the needy; Andi Urstein, Marilyn Bolnick, Madeline Ellis and Jackie Kantor kindly volunteered at the SOVA Food Bank; Helene and Frank Phillips mentored teenagers and contributed hours to the Los Robles Hospital; Sharon Billone volunteers at two public libraries; Rita Zarrell, our Publicity VP, spends her time visiting local magazines and newspaper establishments, making sure our ever-meaningful events are publicized.

REACHING OUT

Calling all knitters and artists of crochet: We need you. And if you're willing to learn, we'll teach you.

"For Our Troops" would be grateful for caps.

We always need help for feeding the homeless.

November 25 was "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women". Several members were involved with this significant event

Carol Smith's Leadership Meeting resulted in inspiration and renewal for this who attended.

Let's not forget the great contribution our chapter is known for in earning funds for research to eradicate neurological diseases.

Please let me know if you're involved in volunteering. Your year-round donations and involvements are all acts of loving-kindness. For any information or for pick-ups please email

Gertie Sanders gertiesanders@gmail.com 805-230-1252

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Sept. 1st to Nov. 28, 2016

l	Beverly Sklar	Marilyn Wrobel	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	BCV Board	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Ellie Puls	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Harriet Maran	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Lois Block	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Helaine Portnoy	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Jackie Kantor	In memory of your grandson Shaun
þ	Beverly Sklar	Jenna Katz	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Lorraine Gousman	In memory of your grandson Shaun
þ	Beverly Sklar	Susan Barnett	In memory of your grandson Shaun
ŀ	Beverly Sklar	Susa Ruttenberg Kessler	In memory of your grandson Shaun
h	Rosanne Lieban	Linda Spitz	In memory of your husband Bob

Audrey Giuffrida Harriet Maran In memory of your husband Bob
Ina Rosenblum Shirley Phillips In memory of you husband

Bonnie Gould Nancy Minkow & Sue Geiger In memory of brother-in-law Hal

Faye Friedman Monday Book Tribe Wishing you a quick recovery Helene Lustig BCV Board Wishing a speedy recovery

Gert/Ben Sanders Elissa Lazarus Happy Anniversary





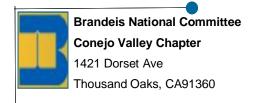








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CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS.
OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM

TEMPLE ETZ CHAIM (most times, please check)
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

DECEMBER 24th HANUKKAH
DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1st HAPPY NEW 2017 YEAR
JANUARY 05, 2017 BOARD MEETING - 10:00
JANUARY 10, 2017 UNIVERSITY OF WHEELS
JANUARY 20, 2017 INAUGURATION DAY

FEBRUARY 02, 2017 BOARD MEETING - 10:00

MARCH 02, 2017 BOARD MEETING - 10:00

MARCH 11, 2017 BOARD MEETING - 10:00

SAVE THE DATE

MOVED?

We want to be sure you receive all the latest
Chapter news. Please notify us if you have moved or your telephone number or email address has changed.

Contact Madeline Ellis at 818-888-8216 or madelineellis@socal.rr.com

Check our web site for all the updates on a regular basis!

www.BrandeisConejo.org

