

# News & Views - Conejo Valley Chapter

## ***BOOKS 'N BRUNCH***

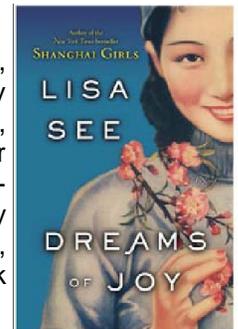
WEDNESDAY, March 28, 2012 - 9:30 A.M.  
at North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village

### Meet the Authors:



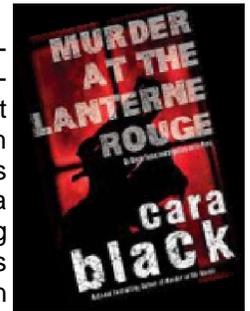
**LISA SEE**, author of *Dreams of Joy*

Lisa See, author of the critically-acclaimed international bestseller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (2005), has always been intrigued by stories that have been lost, forgotten, or deliberately covered up, whether in the past or happening right now in the world today. Her 2011 book, *Dreams of Joy*, completes the circle she began in *Shanghai Girls*. The book uses Mao's China as the background, but the story focuses on the change and growth of her main characters – Pearl, Joy, Z.G., and May. *Dreams of Joy* debuted as #1 in the New York Times list of best selling fiction.



**CARA BLACK**, author of the Aimée Leduc Investigation Series

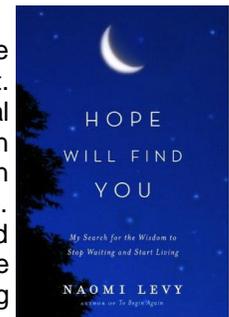
Cara Black's nationally bestselling and award nominated mystery novels track detective Aimée Leduc and have been translated in 5 languages. She frequents a Paris little known outside the beaten tourist track – a Paris she discovers on research trips and interviews with French police. Her 12th book, *Murder at the Lanterne Rouge* finds Aimée's longtime business partner, Rene, in love with Meizi Wu, a woman Aimée instantly doesn't trust. And when the body of a young science prodigy is found shrink-wrapped in an alleyway with Meizi's photo in his wallet, Aimée finds herself enwrapped in the investigation



**RABBI NAOMI LEVY**, author of *Hope Will Find You*

Naomi Levy is an American rabbi, author and speaker. In 1989, she became the first female Conservative rabbi to head a pulpit on the West Coast. Rabbi Levy has been listed many times as one of the 50 most influential rabbis in the nation by Newsweek Magazine. Her first book, *To Begin Again* (1998) discusses recovery from suffering and tragedy and relates her own loss when her father was murdered in an armed robbery when she was 15. In 2004 she founded Nashuva, a spiritual outreach service for Jews turned off to traditional Jewish service. In 2010 she published her third book, *Hope Will Find You: My Search for the Wisdom to Stop Waiting and Start Living*

which deals with what happened after her daughter was diagnosed with a serious disease.



See invitation on the page #3 or download from our web site: [www.BrandeisConejo.org](http://www.BrandeisConejo.org)  
Questions? Contact Susan Barnett 805-388-0579 [ansbar@roadrunner.com](mailto:ansbar@roadrunner.com)

# A Message from Your CO-Presidents

Dear Members,

Our University on Wheels program in January was a big success. Dr. Don Katz was informative and entertaining and the ice cream social was yummy.

Now we are looking forward to seeing many of you at our **Books 'N' Brunch** on March 28<sup>th</sup> at North Ranch Country Club. Please come and bring your friends. We will be having three exciting authors: Lisa See, Rabbi Naomi Levy and Cara Black. The invitation is included in this bulletin and will be in your mailboxes shortly.

The **BNC Western Region Retreat** took place in Palm Springs this past January. Members from our chapter who attended include: Sharon Cohen and Helene Lustig who are Western Region Liaisons and Marsha Rosenblum, Co-President. It was exciting and educational. We met leaders from many states in addition to representatives from the National BNC office and Board.

BNC is launching a three year, three million dollar campaign called **Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships**. Funds for science research enhance opportunities for Brandeis faculty working in the fields of neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases. This helps with research in diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS. Scholarships make it possible for Brandeis to continue to attract young people with extraordinary potential in an area so vital to the world. Your attendance at Books 'N' Brunch will help us to raise these much needed funds.

Mark your calendars for our next **New Member Coffee** on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a good time to introduce potential members to all that Brandeis has to offer.

It also is not too early to mark your calendars for our **Installation of Officers** on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Los Robles Golf Club. It will be an opportunity to meet some of the officers who are past and future leaders of our chapter, as well as enjoy a lovely lunch in a beautiful setting.

Some 60 Study Groups are in full swing and new ones are being created and added all the time. We are so happy to have so many of you participating and being so enthusiastic about being active in these groups.

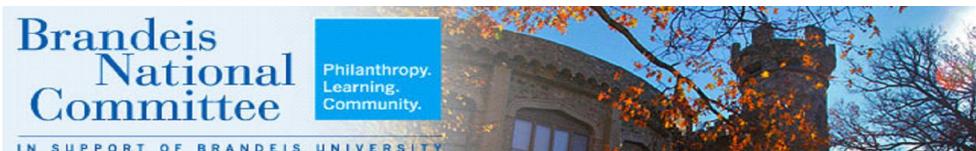
It is because of you, the members of Conejo Valley Chapter, that we continue to thrive and grow. Not only do we have fun, but BNC nationally raised almost \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2011. Your money went to the Brandeis Libraries, to future generations of Students and to Scientific Research. You should be so proud of your accomplishments. Thank you for your continued support. Before you know it the spring holidays will be here. Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all!

Your Co-Presidents,

Marsha Rosenblum 805-496-1463 ([marsha29ros@earthlink.net](mailto:marsha29ros@earthlink.net)) and Ellie Puls 818-889-5555 ([norm0020@yahoo.com](mailto:norm0020@yahoo.com))



Marsha Rosenblum and Ellie Puls



## BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY SAN DIEGO ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Brandeis University has a Western Regional Office of Undergraduate Admissions located in San Diego. Martin Vaughn is the Associate Director charged with managing all student recruitment activities in the Western States. He will be pleased to talk with BNC members, their family or friends about Brandeis admissions. Martin can be contacted at [mvaughn@brandeis.edu](mailto:mvaughn@brandeis.edu)

## 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."**

## 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.



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



This is a great time to join Brandeis Conejo Valley. Help us grow by joining in April for a 15 Month Membership Program. If you join now, your membership is good for the rest of this year and through June 30, 2013. You can also join study groups in April for 15 months. Please tell all your friends about this great opportunity to join us in giving, learning, and friendship.

Please save the date for our next New Members' Coffee which will be held on April 30, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in receiving an invitation or know a prospective member I should invite, please e-mail me at the address below. As always, feel free to call me with any

questions about membership or requests for information about Brandeis Conejo Valley Chapter.

**Bobbi Albert, Membership Vice President**  
805-480-1846; teacherba@aol.com



**Welcome New Members!**

**Karen Field**

**Doris and Sam Goldberg**

**Joyce and William Knell**

**Stanley Smith**

**Sheila and Larry Zolkewitz**

## BOOKS 'N BRUNCH INVITATION

North Ranch Country Club - 4761 Valley Spring Drive, Westlake Village

**LISA SEE**, author of Dreams of Joy  
**CARA BLACK**, author of the Aimée Leduc Investigation Series  
**RABBI NAOMI LEVY**, author of Hope Will Find You  
Authors will be signing books purchased at this event

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$55.00 each received by March 15th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Member ( ) Yes ( ) No

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make your check payable to BNC  
(Tax Deductible Portion \$19.00)

( ) I will be unable to attend but would like to make a donation \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with the following guests:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to BNC and mail to: Shelly Wasserman, 28902 Bardell Drive, Agoura Hills, CA 91301 Questions? Susan Barnett 805-388-0579 ansbar@roadrunner.com

Directions: From the 101 freeway take the Westlake Blvd. off ramp. Go north approximately 2 ¼ miles to Valley Spring Drive. Turn right onto Valley Spring Drive. Go 1 mile to 3rd stop sign (just past Club View entrance). Turn left into North Ranch Country Club.

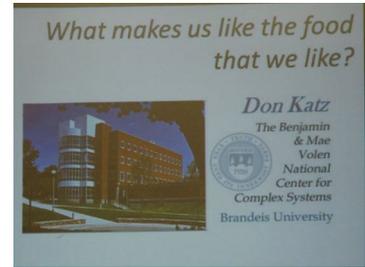
All proceeds from this event benefit Brandeis University's Sustaining the Mind Fund to foster research in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases and to endow science scholarships.





### UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Our University on Wheels program on January 10, 2012 at Thousand Oaks Library proved to be a great success. 85 members joined Dr. Don Katz to hear about "What makes us like the Foods that we like?" Dr. Katz was very informative speaker with great sense of humor who showed us a little how our brain processes information about food and smell.



BNC Student Ambassador, Savannah Pearlman spoke once again about her experience at Brandeis University. The afternoon ended with an ice cream social provided by Baskin Robbins.

Our annual Chanukah party was a nice small event. Approximately 50 people attended and were entertained by the Klezmer band that had us clapping our hands, tapping our feet and dancing. Delicious latkes were prepared by Agoura Kosher Deli on Canwood Street in Agoura Hills. Everyone who attended donated for Toys for Tots and MANNA. After the event, we delivered 6 very large bags of toys to the local fire station. MANNA picked up a large box of food, donated by our generous members.



### Community Service - Edie Dellorco

We would like to thank all our members for your very generous donations to Toys Drive and MANNA food drive. We received a letter from RAIN, to thank us for all the donations we gave them during the last year. We would like to extend a very special Thank You to our wonderful Board Members, who are always concerned about those in need and give from their heart, so we were able to buy gifts for children in foster care. The Board also brings bags of everything they collect, to the meetings. Sharon Cohen collects items from her study groups and also brings it to the board meetings! Thank you Helaine for your help with the beautifully decorated boxes for the drive. During the holidays we adopted a Jewish family and provided them with age-specific gifts for their children.

We still need blankets and towels needed for the shelter. We don't need any more magazines at this time. Please keep knitting squares for afghans: those are very much needed in a women's shelter.

For any information, please e-mail Edie at: [edellorco1@yahoo.com](mailto:edellorco1@yahoo.com) or Gertie at: [gertiesanders@gmail.com](mailto:gertiesanders@gmail.com)

### OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
at 10:00 am**  
Thousand Oaks library  
1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA  
**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OUR  
MEMBERS**



**Purim falls on  
March 7th, 2012**  
**Hebrew calendar  
date is Adar 14.**

### News And Views Staff

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**STUDY GROUP REPORT - Beverly Sklar, Nancy Minkow, Carol Smith:**



At the end of 2011, we had 59 active study groups and two more scheduled to begin in January. A new On The Town Group and another Women's' Book Group were scheduled to start in January 2012. Coming attractions for this year will be a Gallery Girls II, a New Canasta Group, a New Men's' Current Event Group and another Daytime Ethnic Dining Group. We expect that by May of 2012 we will have a grand total of 67 Study Groups. It has been a very exciting and busy year and we are very proud of the work we have accomplished. We encourage all members to contact us with any questions or interest they may have regarding any of the groups we offer. The New Daytime Ethnic Dining group is now forming and will have its Organizational Meeting on Thursday, February 24th and is open to any women who are interested. Please contact Carol Smith at 818-716-0887. Thank you,



On the next page we included short synopsis of existing Conejo Valley Study Groups.

Please find Sign Up Forms and Registration Forms on our web site: [www.BrandeisConejo.org](http://www.BrandeisConejo.org) - click on **STUDY GROUP UPDATES**.



**New Groups Now Forming (for information contact: Bev Sklar [stephensklar@aol.com](mailto:stephensklar@aol.com))**  
Couples Bridge  
Woman's Bridge – Wednesday  
New Woman's Book Group

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**Study group leaders:**  
Have any news, pictures or updates to share?  
Please email to:  
[alvira@woman-only.com](mailto:alvira@woman-only.com)

**Tasters Choice - ETHNIC DINING Group**

Our Tasters Choice Planning meeting on December 6, 2011 was held at Shelly Wasserman's home and all we can say is WOW! The potluck was better than any of our dining choices and a wonderful way to end the year. The potluck surprises included a special recipe for Spinach Frittatas, cheese selections, scrumptious Mac and Cheese, luscious Corn bread, a Kugel like grandma used to make, tasty salads, Turkey Pita roll ups, juicy meatballs, and a mouth watering Jell-O mold packed with many secret ingredients.

We started our new year Feb. 7th when Sheila and Nancy took us to Argentina.

**ON THE TOWNERS - COUPLES GROUP:**

Cheered In 2012 on Sunday, January 15th with our first outing of the year. 13 couples strong, hosted this month by Alvira & Israel and Phyllis & Ron.  
EVENT: Lunch: Hamburger Hamlet Pasadena Exhibit: The House That Sam Built: Sam Maloof & Art in the Pomona Valley 1945-1985 Huntington Library

We met first for a leisurely lunch on the enclosed patio. At lunch our hosts discussed the career of Sam Maloof, the significance of the mid-century art movement of Pomona Valley 1945-1985, and brochures were given to each couple. The House That Sam Built is an extraordinary installation of architecture-designed decorated model rooms viewing 116 pieces of handcrafted furniture, ceramics, sculpture & paintings. We all appreciated the beauty of the Architecture, Gardens, Vistas & The Grounds at the Huntington. Thank You goes to the Hartmans and Klains for excellent planning and implementation.

*Joyce Sussman*





## THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF EXISTING CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER STUDY GROUPS

**THE ART WORLD:** Antiques: Go to Antiques shops to find that hidden treasure.  
Gallery Girls & Guys: View art in different galleries or private collections in homes.

**BOOK GROUPS:** A new book is chosen each month to read for discussion. Members bring thought provokeing insight's into the dialogue as they review it. Available for men or women.

### BRIDGE

Couples Bridge: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in member's homes.

Limited to 3 tables because of home size. We play duplicate from about 7:00 to 10:00 and then enjoy a nosh and conversation afterward.

Ladies Bridge: One group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday and the other group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at member's homes. We play party bridge and usually have 2 tables.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** "Reach out and touch someone" Help by volunteering in the community.

**EDIE DELLORCO: edellorco1@yahoo.com—805-777-1704**

**CURRENT EVENTS:** Ladies Groups and Men's Group: Discusses current events from international, national, and local news.

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

Life and Times: We discuss various topics of current and historical interest. Each member takes a turn leading the discussion and presenting the topic.

Women's Life's Issues: Discusses today's ethics, morals and behavior patterns, past and present feelings.

Women's Awareness: The hostess for the month prepares and presents any topic she chooses for discussion.

Woman in Transition and Can We Talk: Offers a safe place for sharing confidence's with each other.

Women of a Certain Age: is a psychodrama group that uses commitment, co-operation, gentle communication, and having a great time together as it's focus.

Men's Open Forum: Discusses men's issues in a safe and supportive environment where nothing is taboo and confidentiality vital.

**ETHNIC DINING:** Visiting different ethnic restaurants for lunch or dinner and learning about their countries, cultures and food. Eat your way through the world!

**GAMES:** MAH JONG/CANASTA/MEXICAN TRAIN

**JEWISH GENEALOGY:** Trace your family roots

**LADIES OF LEISURE:** Women that are living on their own meet for dinner, discussion and various excursions.

**LEGAL PUZZLERS:** Discussion of current legal issues. We become the best of what a Jury should be.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Eat your heart out

**MEMOIR WRITING:** Learn how to put your life's journey on paper.

**NEEDLEWORK:** Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint, etc.

**MOVIE GROUPS:** Pick a new movie each month to view on your own and review the chosen movie as a group.

**ON THE TOWN:** We visit cultural venues of Los Angeles and surrounding areas. It may include visiting gardens, museums, temples of all faiths, historical sites, etc.

**PLAY READING:** Led by a professional teacher and actor, members take turns reading and learning scripts of plays, movies, and radio shows. A presentation then follows.

### WALKING.

**YIDDISH:** We will look at and discuss language, jokes, proverbs, history, films and stories in Yiddish, Yinglish and English.

**COMPUTER INFORMATION SPECIALIST : SHELLY WASSERMAN - mdw5@aol.com - 818-451-3131**



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THESE DATES!!!**

**BOOKS 'N BRUNCH**  
March 28, 2012

**INSTALLATION**  
Wednesday, May 30, 2012  
at Los Robles Golf Club in  
Thousand Oaks.  
*Artheen Block*

**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
September 11th, 2012

### Fundraising Report: *Susan Barnett*

Mark your calendars for March 28<sup>th</sup>, the date of our fabulous Books 'N Brunch. It will be held at the North Ranch Country Club and after the success of our last two luncheons you do not want to be left out of this exciting event. A really exciting program is planned along with a sumptuous buffet brunch.

We are pleased to welcome back best-selling author, **Lisa See**, whose latest book, *Dreams of Joy*, was released last year and debuted as #1 on the New York Times list of best-selling fiction. The story completes the circle she began in *Shanghai Girls* focusing on the change and growth of her main characters – Pearl, Joy, Z.G. and May. Of this novel, the Los Angeles Times has written, “one of those hard-to-put-down-until-four-in –the-morning-books”.

Also appearing will be **Cara Black**, author of the bestselling and award-nominated Aimée Leduc Investigation Series whose main character is a Parisian private investigator, introduced in Ms. Black's first novel, *Murder in the Marais*. All of her mystery novels take place in Paris, each in one of the city's very different neighborhoods. Her 12<sup>th</sup> book is *Murder at the Lanterne Rouge* which will be released on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Sacramento Bee has called Cara Black “one of our favorite mystery authors”.

Also joining us will be **Rabbi Naomi Levy** who is an American rabbi, author and speaker. Rabbi Levy's first book, *To Begin Again*, relates her loss when her father was murdered in an armed robbery when she was 15. In 2010 she published her third book, *Hope Will Find You: My Search for the Wisdom to Stop Waiting and Start Living* which deals with what happened after her then 6-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a serious disease. Rabbi Levy offers words of wisdom and inspiration. She has appeared on NBC's Today show and on Oprah and has been featured in Parade and Los Angeles magazines, among others.

With a line-up like this you do not want to miss a minute of the program. So make your reservations right away and book for your friends and book clubs also. Invitations will be mailed mid-February and the flyer is in this newsletter. Proceeds will benefit Brandeis University's Sustaining the Mind fund to foster research in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases and to endow science scholarships.

### BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER

Cordially invites you to attend  
Our fundraising event at



#### WHERE?

2200 Thousand Oaks Blvd-THE LAKES

#### WHEN?

Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 11 A.M.-10P.M.

#### HOW?

Join us to help raise money for a great cause! It's easy and fun! All that you have to do is enjoy great food at CPK and 20% your purchase will be donated to our fundraiser. Thank-you for your participation!



Present this donation form when ordering  
for redemption credit to our organization.

20% of your purchase will be donated to:  
**BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER**

Excludes alcohol, tax and gratuity. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check. Valid for dine-in and take-out only.



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## “Sustaining the Mind”

This year, the Brandeis National Committee’s philanthropic focus is a \$3 million, 3-year initiative called “Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships,” which is aimed at research on neurodegenerative diseases and establishing an endowed scholarship fund for students in the sciences.

Brandeis researchers in more than 50 laboratories are dedicated to the study of neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) and Parkinson’s disease. The worldwide incidence of dementia (including Alzheimer’s disease), currently exceeds 35 million and is predicted to double every 20 years.

The Brandeis campaign’s motto is: “Much has been accomplished; more needs to be done.”

To help in this campaign we ask you to support our fundraisers, consider Brandeis National Committee when you donate and ask your friends and relatives for help with this important effort.



## Planned Gifts... Your Legacy. Their future.

Establish a charitable gift annuity at Brandeis, and secure a fixed income for life at attractive rates, while supporting students at the country’s outstanding liberal arts college and research university. Today’s Brandeis students will become tomorrow’s enlightened leaders.

When you fund a gift annuity with cash or appreciated securities, you will receive:

- Guaranteed fixed income for life for one or two people
- A payout rate often higher than CDs and other fixed-income investments
- A charitable income-tax deduction

For more information on charitable gift annuities and bequests and creating your legacy at Brandeis, contact Janice Fineman, Executive Director at [fineman@brandeis.edu](mailto:fineman@brandeis.edu) or call 888-862-8692.

## Brandeis University Site Bytes



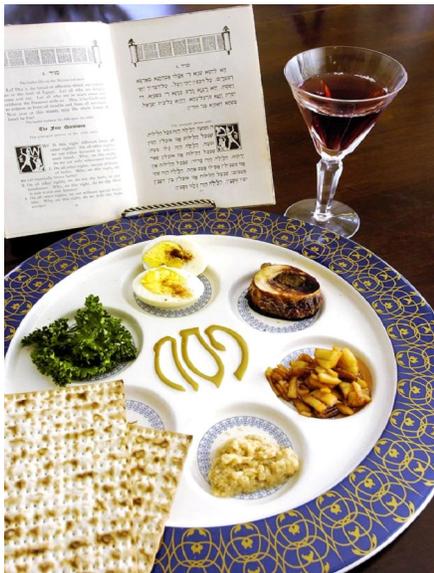
### CIO REPORT - Harriet Maran: Israeli Women Still Struggle with Segregation

Requiring women to sit in the back of public buses in Israel is just one of a wide range of denigrating restrictions proposed in the name of religion, speakers told an overflow crowd at a program in Wasserman Cinematique.

Attempts have been made to create separate sidewalks, medical waiting rooms and cashiers for women in Israel, said Boston University School of Law professor Pnina Lahav. In fact, Lahav told of a recent medical symposium on infertility, where doctors - all male - got together to discuss the female body, she said, "but pretend women have nothing to do with it".

Women won their court battle against bus segregation, but the courts noted that people can not, be stopped from voluntarily segregating, and so social pressure and harassment continues.

Hopeful for the future of women's rights in religion, Lahav concluded "Progress and Judaism are not like oil and water. On the contrary, they are like milk and honey."



Passover start on April 4th, 2012



## Sunshine News

I am Gertie Sanders, chairperson of the new committee, "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

### Our Very Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Bob Feinstein and Joan Spitz.

### Our condolences to:

Sheila Elkort and Bobbi Vinet on loss of a Husband.

Maxine Frankel on loss of her brother.

Kate Silverman on the loss of hers ex Son In-law.

We are saddened by the passing of our good friend and devoted member, Susan Carl.

### Congratulations to:

Rita Wolenik. She has a new grand child.

### Good News:

Ann Goodman and Hubby Served Thanksgiving dinner to The Needy.

Joan Davidson and Hubby having fun taking photos all over the world and shared with the friends. Phyllis Slade enjoyed her camping Trips!

A big thank you to Joy and her committee for events well planned.



Day Time Divas On the Tour of Historical Culver Hotel (January 2012)



**BNC IS NOW ON FACE-BOOK!!!!**

This Facebook Page is open for everyone and it's an additional way to keep in touch with you and to share important news updates.



## Brandeis Day Trippers at the HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

by: Sheila Clapkin

If you have an opportunity to visit the Homeboy Industries Facility at 130 Bruno Street in Los Angeles, California, it will be an enlightening and spiritual journey you will long remember. Our day was spent in awe. We had lunch at the Homegirl Café. The food is delicious and generous. The Bakery is full of lovely pastries and luscious breads. If you happen to be there past 2:00 p.m. you will be able to buy two breads for the price of one. What a deal. In addition to the Homegirl Café and the Homeboy Bakery there is silk-screens and embroidery, merchandise made by members is sold on the premises and can be ordered, an active component is their Homegrown mini farm that not only helps supply the dining facility, they sell in

Farmer's Markets in many locations in Los Angeles.

All of Homeboy Industries is funded purely on donations and not only the services you see are available to give people at risk a second chance, they are also offered, temporary housing, urgent medical, mental health and dental care, child care, emergency car repairs, bus and train tokens and vouchers, tattoo removal, food and clothing for job interviews and to create a new image of the person. Education is a strategic part of the recovery program. Academic classes, Life Skills, Substance Abuse, Support groups, Extracurricular classes and Work Readiness classes are offered everyday. Some are elective and some are mandatory. Another very important part of the work at Homeboy is job training and job referrals.



All and all, the day spent at Homeboy Industries was enlightening and important! Donations are appreciated. Go for a visit. Eat lunch. Buy some bread and pastries and most of all talk with people in the facility. Better yet, if you know when you will be there, ask for a private tour. The people at Homeboy Industries are proud to share their accomplishments (January 12, 2012).



## Where Your Money Goes:

Thanks to you, the BNC raised \$2,923,529 for Brandeis University for FY 2011 (July 2010 through June 2011).

### **Brandeis Libraries: The Heart of the University (\$1,494,250)**

Since the beginning, the BNC supported the Brandeis Libraries by helping to provide the necessary journals, books, technology, library work scholarships and special acquisitions.

### **Future Generations (\$1,311,047)**

We are committed to the future by providing scholarships via the BNC's Fulfilling the Promise campaign. In addition, donations from individual donors sustain the university in many areas.

### **Science Research (\$118,232)**

Gifts for science research continue to come from chapter events and individual donations in support of science research in various labs throughout the sciences.

### **Who You Help**

When you give to the BNC, your gift may add an important research journal to the library to keep our faculty members, researchers and students in the know about the most up-to-date information. Your gift may transform the education of a student, giving him or her the opportunity to reach out to explore. Your gift may provide an undergraduate student the opportunity to work alongside a science researcher and be part of a medical discovery. But the important thing is that your gift to Brandeis University sustains the university and has an impact on the future for the next generation.

**CHAPTER TRIBUTES**

<b>TO</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>MESSAGE</b>
Kate Silverman	The Board	Sympathy
Kate Silverman	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Sympathy
Kate Silverman	Sheila Anderson	Sympathy
Kate Silverman	Helaine Portnoy	Sympathy
Kate Silverman	Helene & Carl Lustig	Sympathy
Kate Silverman	Sheila Anderson	Sympathy
Rhoda & Artur Lavine	Helene Lustig	Sympathy
Harvey & Ryan Carl	Barbara & Ira Fine	Sympathy
Harvey Carl	Rhoda Reiner	Sympathy
Sheila Elkort	Ellie Puls	Sympathy
Sheila Elkort	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Sympathy
Sheila Elkort	Helene & Carl Lustig	Sympathy
Sheila Elkort	Helaine Portnoy	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Barbara & Ira Fine	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Flick Chicks	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Judy Sollish	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Artheen Block	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Helaine Portnoy	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Marilyn Wroobel	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Lila Segal	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Sheila Anderson	Sympathy
Bobbi Vinet	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Sympathy
Joan Spitz	Ellie Puls	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Helaine Portnoy	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Rhoda Reiner	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Marsha&Bob Rosenblum	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Ruth Fritkin	Get Well
Joan Spitz	The Board	Get Well
Robert Feinstein	Beverly Sklar	Get Well
Kate Silverman	Elyse Rose	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Bobbi & Neal Alpert	Get Well
Anne Weiss	Monday Current Events	Get Well
Diane Schlicfer	Laura Smith	Get Well
Helene Lustig	Ellie Puls	Get Well
Joan Spitz	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Speedy recovery
Joan Spitz	The Board	Speedy recovery
Sheila Anderson	Dolores Freides	Happy birthday
Sheila Anderson	Lila Segal	Happy birthday
Gertie Sanders	Lazarus (children)	Happy Birthday
Honey Bencomo	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Nancy Minkow	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Nancy Minkow	Lila Segal	Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
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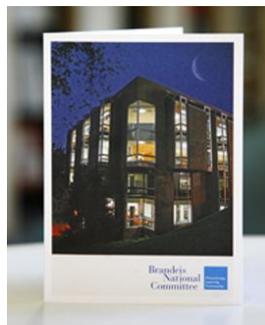
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### CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS.  
OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM  
Thousand Oaks library  
1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA

**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OUR MEMBERS**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2012 SMALL EVENT 11:00 -10:00 p.m.**

**MARCH 1, 2012 BOARD MEETING - 10:00**  
**MARCH 7, 2012 PURIM**  
**MARCH 28, 2012 BOOKS 'N BRUNCH**

**APRIL 4, 2012 PASSOVER**  
**APRIL 5, 2012 BOARD MEETING - 10:00**  
**APRIL 8, 2012 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 30, 2012 New Member Coffee**

**MAY 3, 2012 BOARD MEETING - 10:00**  
**MAY 13, 2012 MOTHER'S DAY**  
**May 30, 2012 INSTALLATION**

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