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News & Views - Conejo Valley Chapter

Brandeis National Committee Conejo Valley Chapter invites you to:

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

Thursday, January 8, 2015 1:00 p.m. (Location is TBA)



We Are Honored To Present

Brandeis University Professor TOM DOHERTY

Professor of American Studies and Department Chair at Brandeis.

Speaking on

Jews, Nazis and Hollywood Cinema, 1931-1939

The rise of the Third Reich confronted Hollywood with a series of economic, cinematic, and moral problems: How to conduct business with the Nazis and whether to address or ignore Nazism in Hollywood and the coverage of Hitler and his victims in newsreels. There is irony in the fact that in Berlin,

Jews were Hitler's chosen victims; in Hollywood, Jews were titans of industry, esteemed artists and adored stars.

Professor Doherty comes with an impressive background as a Peace Corps volunteer in South Korea, a Fulbright scholar in Seoul, New Zealand and Albania and a Thomas Jefferson Chair in American Studies in the Netherlands, University of Groningen.

In 2005 he was awarded the Academy Film Scholar from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Please join us in welcoming Professor Doherty, who promises an afternoon of astonishing facts about the film industry in the turbulent 1930s. Please invite your husbands and friends.

(We won't know until December 1st where University on Wheels will be held so as it says in the body of the article, Location is TBA.)

For Further Information contact: Frona: kidzathart@aol.com or Jessie: jbrra@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

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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.

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A Message from Your CO-Presidents

Dear Members,

Since the Conejo Valley Chapter was formed in 2006, a unique group of dedicated women have served in positions of leadership and, most particularly, as Co-Presidents of the chapter. They have been mentors to one another and to us as the current Co-Presidents. These ladies have remained active Board members and under their guidance, we have grown our membership from 75 to nearly 500. More than 70 study groups have been formed from the handful they started with just eight years ago.

Most of you know who they are, but we would like to recognize Honey Bencomo, Sharon Cohen, Bev Sklar, Helene Lustig, Ellie Puls and Marsha Rosenblum and thank them for their support and their continued service to the Chapter.

This pause to reflect has been prompted by the announcement that our dear Marsha Rosenbaum will be moving with her husband, Bob, to their new home in Arizona. We are so very happy for them, but, selfishly, we are sad that they will be leaving us. On the bright side, Marsha has already contacted the local BNC Chapter in her area so she will still be a part of the National organization.

Marsha has served as Director of Installation, Director of

Small Events, Chapter Information Officer and was Co-President for three years. Her love of this Chapter is evident in all that she has done and continues to do for us. Thank you Marsha!

Blessings and happiness to you and Bob in the years ahead. Come back and see us often.

Love,

Carol, Susan and the members of the Conejo Valley Chapter

Your Co-Presidents:

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DONATE TO SUSTAINING THE MIND

Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships

Did you know that Alzheimer's disease alone affects 15 million people worldwide? Maybe you or a family member or friend is one of those people. As the population ages and this number increases, the need for neurological and neurodegenerative disease research becomes increasingly important.

Brandeis University researchers in over 50 laboratories are already pioneering strides in the field of brain-related disorders, including Alzheimer's and Parkin-

son's diseases. Scientists in the areas of neurodevelopment, neurodevelopment disorders and neurodegeneration are trying to understand the fundamental biological processes underlying brain function. These Brandeis professors and students are dedicated to the basic research that has already led to breakthroughs in our understanding of neurological diseases. Educating tomorrow's scientists is important; that's why investing in scientific research and scholarships at Brandeis is an investment in the future. Plus Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of students doing outstanding work in science's fastest-growing arena.

We invite you to join the Brandeis National Committee's "Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships" campaign to establish an important fund to foster research in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases and to establish an endowed scholarship fund for students in the sciences. The vision and determination of a cadre of loyal supporters like you will help us reach our \$3 million campaign goal and will ensure that Brandeis researchers and students are able to excel in their fields of study and make important advancements in neuroscience.





Come to celebrate Chanukah

December 9th at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Etz Chaim

1080 E. Janss Rd. Thousand Oaks

With Cantor Kenny Ellis

Cantor Kenny Ellis

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Kenny is a graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts and also holds a certificate of Hebrew Education from Gratz College. He made quite a name for himself by his performances at hundreds of social engagements, having worked at every major

resort, hotel, country club, Jewish Community Center and synagogue in the New York-Philadelphia area. He also performed for chapter and regional functions of all the major Israeli and Jewish organizations and at several of their national conventions. Kenny was the producer and host of a weekly Israeli radio program in Philadelphia for five years called "Song of the Sabras."

Upon realizing that there was more to life than Philadelphia, Kenny moved north to the "Big Apple"! In

between classes and auditions for Broadway musicals, he was able to find time to appear at the Copacabana, The Improv, Catch a Rising Star, Cafe Finjan and La Difference, the Kosher French restaurant in the Roosevelt Hotel. He then branched out to the hotel circuits in the Catskills, the Poconos, Atlantic City and in Miami Beach. Kenny has made seven trips to Israel where he performed on Kol Yisrael – Israel National Radio and was enthusiastically received at many kibbutzim, nightclubs, hotels, and at army camps and hospitals.



Now residing on the West Coast, Kenny has performed

for many J.C.C.'s, synagogues and organizations, including B'nai Brith, Israel Bonds, City of Hope, Hadassah, Na'amat, ORT, USY, Camp Ramah, Brandeis Bardin Institute, the Synagogue for the Performing Arts, and the Creative Arts Temple. Kenny has been the emcee for the L.A. Jewish Festival for its last seven years and he has been the M.C. for the national CAJE (Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education) conferences since 1992 He has appeared at the Improv, the Comedy Store, the Laugh Factory, the L.A. Caberet and in the musicals - "Company" by Stephen Sondheim at the Wilshire Ebell Theater, "Runthrough" at the Coast Playhouse and "Pure Broadway", a musical revue of Broadway shows.

Don't miss out on this exciting event! R.S.V.P. by December 1st to Frona: kidzathart@aol.com or Jessie: jbrra@aol.com

Reservations are \$20.00

Please made out to BNC and mailed to Frona DeCovnick at 5544 Ranthom Ave. Woodland Hills 91367

In addition, please bring canned food for Sova Bank, an unwrapped new toy for any age child, and antibacterial wipes (For The Troops) for us to send to the military.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



I am so enjoying being back as Membership VP. All of our new members are just like our "older" members---genuinely nice people and a pleasure to get to know. We recently had an orientation coffee for our new members; unfortunately, I could not attend. However, I heard it was a smashing success. Everyone got to meet many members, some of whom have been in the chapter since it began and some who just joined. They signed up for study groups, and they discovered how BNC works. They discovered how BNC raises money so needed for scholarships, libraries, and research.

In fact, those who attended had such a good time, we decided to do it again. This time, though, everyone is invited. If you or any of your friends are thinking, "I need to find out more about the Conejo Valley Chapter", then plan on coming to our next coffee. It will be on Wednesday, January 21, at Elaine Blonder's home. We will be sending out

invitations to the chapter, but if you have any questions, call me. Hope to see you there. You will be glad you came.

Ellie Puls, Membership VP, 818-889-5555 norm0020@yahoo.com



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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

This event was the best and most successful luncheon ever. Those were the comments heard about our recent Fall Luncheon and Boutique, which was held on September 29 2014. This event attracted the largest attendance ever. There were numerous vendors selling fabulous clothing and gorgeous jewelry. The Silent Auction offered a diverse choice of items. Radio talk show host, Bill Handel, was our guest speaker, and he had us in stitches with his stories. The food was good; the room looked lovely; everyone had a wonderful time.

FUNDRAISING VP Barbara Polisky - ipolisky@aol.com



Happy Holidays Season to all!







STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:



Study Group Committee Report for Brandeis Conejo

Winter Edition 2014

Last month at the Fall Luncheon, dozens of people filled out requests to be in new or existing study groups. Many of the existing study groups are full or held at times which won't work for some. The Vice-Presidents have been working diligently to fill vacancies from the waiting lists they maintain while facilitating lots of organizational meetings for new groups.

Several vibrant new study groups have been started. They include: Front and Center (couples movie group), Legal Beagles (legal puzzlers for women), The First Ladies, Couples Games, and Couples On the Town groups as well as two new Canasta groups. The Women of the Bible

group was so popular that we now have two and may add another. Bev Sklar would like to form a new Couples Bridge group. If you are interested she would like to hear from you at 805-449-0039.

This year the Study group team has added much needed help since we now have upwards of 70 groups to oversee. We have three Registrars who collect the study group fees, a member who takes care of all the roster changes, a member who maintains the forms, and another who takes care of printing and preparing packets. Our team, which meets monthly is working smoothly.

The Leaders and Coordinators Conference which will take place on December 8th at the Newbury Park Library. This meeting will provide important new information on Board Policies and Procedures as well as information about running a successful study group. A most important part of the program will be a session led by Stan Smith dedicated to teaching coordinators to use Microsoft Excel, the program used to create, share, and maintain study group rosters.

Study Group VPs:	
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Study group leaders:

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



The Happy Wanderers Study Group visiting The Doctor House in Glendale

Membership Coffee



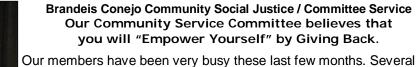


Brandeis, Conejo Valley Study Groups as of November 1, 2013

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1 st	Memoir Writing 10:00 A Monday Book Club 12 Noon Monday Movie Mavens 1:00 P	Literary Potpourri 10:00 A We the Jury 1:00 P	Almost Anything Goes Antique Browsers 11:45 A Wednesday Walkers 10:00 A (Weekly) Women in Transition 12:30 P Reel Men 4:30 P Dinettes-Dinner	BOARD MEETING 10:00 A Flick Chicks 1:30 P	Gallery Girls Canastaristas 10:30 A TGIF Gals 1:00 P Weekly		Happy Wanderers
2 nd	Women of a Certain Age 9:30 A Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Wild Bunch Book Thieves 10:00 A CE Mavens (Men) 10:00 A Book Markers 11:00 A Brothers Book Group 1:30 P Tues. Afternoon Readers 1:00 P	Cinema Gals 1:00 P Bridge (couples) 7:00 P	Day Trippers 10:00 A Yiddishe Mamas 10:00 A Legal Eagles 1:00 P Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 P Cinemaddicts 7:30 P	Breaking News 10:30 A		Sunday Movies & Shakers (couples) 3:00 P
3 rd	Current Events Newsroom 9:30 A Monday Newsers 10:00 A	Gallivanting Gals Tuesday Travelers Life and Times 10:00 A Food for Thought (couples) Dinner Legal Mavens (couples) 7:15 P	Wednesday Life Issues 9:30 A Men's CAD 9:45 A Law & Disorder 10:00 A Happy Bookers 12 Noon	Bit's & Pieces Daytime Divas Daytime Trotters	Canastaristas 10:30 A		The Sociables (couples) Gadabouts (couples) Les Sunday Cinema (couples) 4:00 P
4 th	Monday Women 9:30 A Women of a Certain Age 9:30 A Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	12 Angry Women 10:00 A Knosh & Knowledge 12:30 P Book Ends 1:00 P Brandeis Players 1:30 P	Men Unlimited Shaina Maidlech 1:30 P Bridge (couples) 7:00 P	Thursday Women's View 9:45 A Family Finders 1:30 P Hang Em All (couples) 4:00-6:00 P		Movie Critics (couples) 5:45 P Clueless Players 7:00 P	Movie Mavens (couples) 6:30 P The Watchables (couples)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Ave worked at Voting Polls. Sandi Glade, Ruth Fritkin, Audrey Dyne and Cheryl Stuback baked challas to support "Bake For The Peace and Support of Israel " The Challa's were donated to The Jewish Home.

Many thanks to Marilyn Bolnick and Barbara Hersh for their involvement in "For The Troops". Soon, they, along with Edie Dellorco, will take donations of toiletries, clothes and other items to RAIN. Sharon Cohen always has bags of toiletries for RAIN. Carolyn Sax donated new toiletry bags which are wonderful for the homeless. Sherry and Marty Weisman's "Book Project" kindly col-

lected and donated children's books, new and gently used, for a needy school library. The Weismann also collected toiletries. Please check to see if you have books or toiletries to donate.

Hope to see every at the Chanukah Celebration. Please bring unwrapped toys for our community children, canned food for SOVA, wipes for "For The Troops". All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Members are welcome to attend our "Committee Get Together" meeting (held every other month). Or, you can collect donations and contact us if you need these items picked up. Your participation will be appreciated.

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For any information or for pick-ups please email co leaders Edie Dellorco edellorco1@yahoo.com (805) 241-2972 and Gertie Sanders gertiesanders@gmail.com 805-230-1252

You share so much, now share Brandeis

Did you know?

Most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an event by a friend?

With so many exciting programs and events coming up in your chapter, why not invite a friend to join you?

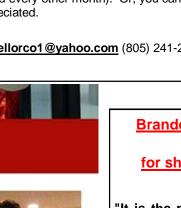
Share Brandeis, invite your friend to:

- A book and author luncheon
- Sample a study group
- Meet and listen to a Brandeis professor at a University on Wheels program
- Experience a cultural event
- Participate in a community service event

So bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to your next BNC chapter event, and share Brandeis! Thank you for all you do to support our mission.

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."





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80	6.8
85	7.8
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*Rates for 2 life annuities available on request



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Please contact Jackie at jacjer@socal.rr.com to get \$25 gift cards.

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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 2015-16. 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 Frona—nominated committee chair at kidzathart@al.com or call me at 818-883-1247.			
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 recommendation.			
Candidate's Name: Phone no			
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You may use this form or simply send me an e-mail with the above information.			
Forms should be sent to:			
Frona DeCovnick,			
Nominating Committee Chair,			
5544 Ranthom Ave.,			
Woodland Hills CA 91367 or via email: kidzathart@al.com			
The deadline for submissions is December 20, 2014.			
Thank you for your cooperation – it is greatly appreciated.			

<u>CIO REPORT</u> (by Shelly Wasserman Chapter Information Officer)

INTERESTING FACTS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

GINA G. TURRIGIANO has been listed as one of the 30 most influential neuroscientists alive today.

Originally educated at University of California at San Diego, Gina Turrigiano is currently a professor of Biology at the Volen National Center for Complex Systems at Brandeis University. She is the author of numerous papers and two textbooks:

"Homeostatic Regulation of Cortical Networks" and "Behavioral Correlates of Stomagrastic Network Function." In 2012, she was awarded the HFSP Nakasone Award, and in 2013 was elected to the National Academy of Science.

PIONEERING GENETICIST FREDERICK ALT '71 WINS 44TH ROSENSTIEL AWARD

Geneticist Frederick Alt '71 will be awarded the 44th Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in Biomedical Science by Brandeis University for his pioneering research exploring the mechanisms of genomic instability and its implications for the immune system and cancer cells.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CELEBRATED AT BRANDEIS

5th Annual Celebration of Service honored students, faculty, staff and community partners. CTSA AWARD WINNERS

It was quite a year for community service at Brandeis. BEMCo volunteered at the Boston Marathon, the Brandeis Black Student Organization piloted a college access program at Waltham High School, more than 60 students traveled to Honduras as part of Global Brigades, Brandeis hosted a special day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and the Waltham Group reached their highest number of volunteers, averaging 800.

Do you know about the Community Service/Social Justice endeavors of our own chapter? To learn more about this important work, contact Edie Dellorco at Edellorco1@gahoo.com

WHITE HOUSE NEUROSCIENCE INITIATIVE FUNDS RESEARCH

Studies aim to understand different types of brain cells and how they work together 3D reconstruction of an enhancer trap brain.

Professors <u>Sacha Nelson</u> and <u>John Lisman</u> '66, the Zalman Abraham Kekst Chair in Neuroscience and Professor of Biology, were among the first researchers to receive funds from the <u>National Institutes of Health (NIH)</u> under President Barack Obama's <u>BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies) Initiative</u>.

The \$100 million initiative is aimed at revolutionizing our understanding of the brain and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, autism, epilepsy and traumatic brain injury. <u>Eve Marder '69</u>, the Victor and Gwendolyn Beinfield Professor of Neuroscience, is a member of the initiative's advisory board, charged with defining the project and its goals. Gwendolyn Beinfield Professor of Neuroscience, is a member of Neuroscience, is a member of the initiative's advisory board, charged with defining the project and its goals.

For the seventh consecutive year, the <u>Princeton Review</u> has named <u>Brandeis International Business</u> <u>School</u> (IBS) as one of the best business schools in North America.Louis D. Brandeis

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

— <u>Louis D. Brandeis</u>



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NOVEMBER 27 DECEMBER 4 DECEMBER 8 DECEMBER 9 DECEMBER 16 DECEMBER 25	THANKSGIVING BOARD MEETING - 10:00 Leaders and Coordinators Conference HANUKKAH PARTY FIRST LIGHT OF HANUKKAH CHRISTMAS	Contact Madeline Ellis at 818-888-8216 or madelineellis@socal.rr.com
JANUARY 1st JANUARY 21 FEBRUARY 5, 2015 MARCH 5, 2015 APRIL 2, 2015	HAPPY NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP COFFEE BOARD MEETING - 10:00 BOARD MEETING - 10:00 BOARD MEETING - 10:00	Check our web site for all the updates on a regular basis!
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