

News & Views - Conejo Chapter

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Welcome New Elected Board!

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Pictured on the left are the newly elected board of the Conejo Valley.

The Installation of Officers Luncheon will be held on June 9, 2010 (see page 3 for details).

Download the invitation from our web site:

www.brandeisconjo.org

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BOOKS 'N BRUNCH - A BIG SUCCESS!

We gathered at North Ranch Country Club on April 13, 2010 for our annual Books 'N Brunch. We enjoyed a delicious buffet brunch and listened eagerly to our two guest speakers. Alice Rene, author of "Becoming Alice, A Memoir," took us back to the years of World War Two and told us about her life in Vienna and how she eventually settled in Portland Oregon. Frances Dinkelspiel, author of "Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California", recounted for us many of the things her great, great grandfather did to contribute to the building of California. This was one of the best events our chapter has had and we look forward to more great events in the future.

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.

HURRAH!!!

The Conejo Valley Chapter was FIRST RUNNER UP in BNC's nation wide membership contest. Our thanks to Ellie Puls and her membership team for all their hard work.





A Message from Your Presidium

This message is written with very mixed emotions. It is the last message of our tenure as the Presidium of the Conejo Valley Chapter. For the past two years, it has been our privilege and honor to serve this chapter. This has truly been an amazing journey...one that we will treasure forever. The three of us found it a great source of fulfillment and gratification, as well as a very humbling experience.

During our term, our goal of having our own web-site was realized. The web-site provided us with the opportunity to publish our Newsletters online, thus saving the chapter the major expenses of printing and mailing. At the touch of a 'click' our friends and members can now learn all about us.

We were the first chapter in the nation, two years in a row, to exceed the membership goals set for us by the National board of BNC. Our successful Fundraising Events enabled us to meet our financial goals established by National despite the difficult economy we have been experiencing.

The Community Service Program has been hugely successful. We donated items as well as time to RAIN, a shelter for homeless and abused women. Our members have knitted afghans for shut-ins and donated books to the V.A. hospital, as well as other local hospitals and libraries.

Our Study Group Vice Presidents continue to offer more and more special interest and study groups. Our aim has always been to find a place for every member in the groups they wish to join.

We could not have attained these accomplishments without our incredible board members who have given so unselfishly of their time and effort. Their untiring efforts have proven that they are truly a very dedicated group of women who put the CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER of BNC very high on their list of priorities.

The Presidium and the Board know that without the loyalty and support of our members, none of this would have been possible. We are and always will be deeply grateful to each and every one of you.

We are all extremely proud of Brandeis University and its triumphs. Through our continued efforts, the University's Science and Medical Research Program will be able to pursue even greater accomplishments in the coming decades to meet the medical challenges that still remain unconquered.

Our financial donations also fund the "*Scholarships for Science Program*" which trains the next generation of scientists, extending the legacy of Brandeis. And, of course, we still maintain the primary objective of BNC when it was first



Honey, Sharon, Beverly

founded, over 60 years ago, by raising funds to keep the University's library current and sustain the core library services to the University.

It is this mission that we ultimately dedicate ourselves to.

So it is with some sadness that we end our term as your Presidium along with pride in our hearts that we have been given the distinction of leading this chapter. Your support has created the foundation of strength upon which our chapter continues to build. Your allegiance has been the single most motivating factor behind our efforts to lead this great BNC Conejo Valley Chapter.

Our best wishes to the incoming Board and Presidium for an extremely successful year of 2010-2011. The Conejo Valley Chapter is, indeed, very fortunate to have such a talented group of women to lead the chapter in the future.

Fondly,

Honey Bencomo
Sharon Cohen
Beverly Sklar

Brandeis University Site

www.brandeis.edu/now



For the third time in the past decade, a Brandeis doctoral dissertation has been judged the best in the nation by The Society of American Historians. Noelani Arista, an Irving and Rose Crown Fellow who will be awarded her PhD at the university's commencement in May, has won the 50th annual Allan Nevins Prize for her interdisciplinary thesis, "*Histories of Unequal Measure: Euro-American Encounters with Hawaiian Governance and Law, 1793-1827*," which she defended in December.



MY GOODBYE TO MEMBERSHIP



work with and always offered to help out. Even when I called to ask for your late membership dues, they were enjoyable calls. You all have spoiled me and I want to thank you for it and for the wonderful membership figures we can now show.

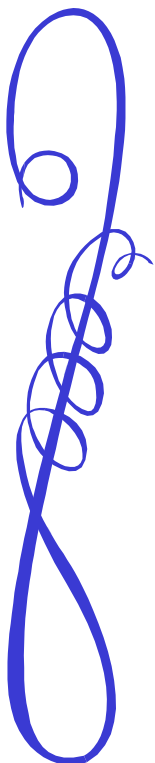
Ellie Puls: 818-889-5555 norm0020@yahoo.com

I cannot believe that my time as Membership Vice President is coming to an end. It has been the most enjoyable volunteer job that I have ever had. Everyone was fun to

Annual Dues Paid Members	365
Life Members	24
Associate Members	50
Members Enjoying Us	422

Welcome New Members...

Alpert	Jan
Barach	Fran
Bush	Pearl & Leon
Chenet	Irma
Ellis	Madeline
Feinstein	Aileen & Bob
Galper	Merle
Krane	Irwin
Levine	Sol
Lite	Gary
Mandell	Miriam
Margol	Myrna
Olesker	Jackie & Stuart
Peretz	Linda & Ralph
Pearlmutter	Gerald
Shanman	Merle
Spanier	Naomi
Trainoff	Linda



CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Now that you have your dues bills, may I ask a favor of you? Please send the payment of \$60.00 for your membership for the year 2010 - 2011 to our **new financial secretary, Madeline Ellis**. Sending it to Madeline instead of to National will give us a head start for the upcoming year. Don't forget that a couple can join for only \$40.00 more.

Ellie Puls Membership V.P.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LUNCHEON

Our Chapter Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 year will be held on Wednesday, June 9th at 11:30 a.m. in Eric's Restaurant, The Palm Garden Hotel, Newberry Park. The installing officer, Laura Benedon, twice winner of the Presidential Commendation Award for Exemplary Service/National Board, has served as the Brandeis University President's Counselor and is currently serving as the Western Region Liaison/Chapter Progress Officer. Laura has mentored our chapter from its' very beginning five years ago.

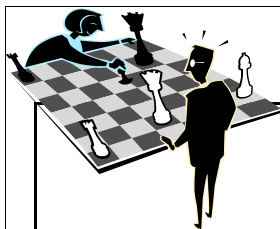
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY SAN DIEGO ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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

Entertainer Michael Clavis, will delight all with his wonderful musical show that will leave you wanting more. There are four meal choices plus a fantastic dessert. The cost for all of this is \$29.00 per person. We hope you will put this on your calendar, plan to attend and support our out-going and in-coming Officers.

For further information please contact:

Berniece Reed at danber1691@verizon.net 805-376-2092
Joy Krieger at tealovrj@aol.com 805-494-1993



STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:

WANTED!

Men interested in a men's only book discussion group.

Also anyone interested in playing canasta?

Please email Nancy Minkow—NVMLCSW@aol.com or Lila Segal—newhiplila@roadrunner.com for infor-

Did you know that our chapter has many male members? We offer study groups just for men and have many study groups for couples. So, if you know of a man, with time on his hands, tell him about the stimulating study groups and friendships that the Conejo Valley Chapter of Brandeis has to offer. For information about all study groups, membership, chapter events and news, go to: **www.brandeisconejo.org**

CONEJO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

We welcome Bobbie Rice and Marilyn Bolnick who have joined our committee. Our next meeting will be at Barnes and Noble in Westlake Village on June 8th at 1 PM. If you are interested in joining the Community Service Committee, join us at that time. Call Edie Deloroco at 805 777-1404.

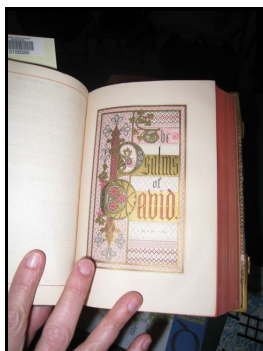
Some of the books used for centerpieces at the last Books 'N Brunch have already been donated to libraries, Y's and senior centers. They are pleased to receive them.

We are proud to have played a part in raising money for the Brandeis Scholarship Fund by recommending the Not-So-Young Readers Theater Group for a fundraising event.

The Agoura Pet shelter can use old towels, blankets, rugs, and nonwearable clothes for animal bedding. Another way to recycle old stuff...

Please save the extra travel size toiletries from hotels for the RAIN Project (the homeless shelter in Camarillo). The store, Fruits and Passion, at the Oaks Mall donates a lot of these items that we then pass on to RAIN. We still make trips to RAIN every two months. If you have any clothes suitable for job applications (slightly used suits) they are also welcome, along with diapers, toys, etc.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lost Hills/Malibu Station now has receptacles for the safe disposal of unused or expired pharmaceuticals. It is located at 27050 Agoura Road, between Lost Hills Road and Liberty Canyon. Remember NOT TO FLUSH or pour unused medicines down the drain. They are harmful to the environment.



Woman's group views rare Bibles

THE DAYTIME TROTTERS STUDYGROUP TRIP APPEARS IN NEWSPAPER

The following is an edited version of an article that appeared in a local edition of the Acorn Newspaper.

SACRED TEXT—this lushly illustrated Book of Common Prayer was published in 1843. The "Daytime Trotters" of the Conejo Valley Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee visited the American Jewish University on Feb. 18 for a tour of the new exhibit in the Platt/ Borstein Galleries, titled "Mind Body Spirit."

One of the artists, Kathryn Jacobi, gave an overview of the exhibit and insights into her own work. She talked about being inspired to paint her larger than life portraits, her neighbor and the neighbor's son, a young man with Down's syndrome.

After Jacobi's presentation, AJU's Special Collections librarian Jackie Ben-Efraim spoke about the history of books and printing, with examples from the Maslan Collection of Rare and Unique Bibles.

The group was able to tour the collection in the library stacks. Participants were allowed to handle the books, which date back as far as 1519.



Conejo Valley BNC Study Groups — 2010

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 st	Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 p.m. weekly Book Club 12 Noon Ladies Bridge—1:30 1 st and 3 rd Fearless Hikers 1st in the a.m.	Literary Potpourri 10:00 a.m. We the Jury (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Women in Transition 12:30 p.m. (1st & 3rd) Art & Antiques 11:45 a.m.	BOARD MEETING 10:00 a.m. Flick Chicks (singles) 1:30 p.m. Men's Open Forum 9:30 a.m.	Mah Jong Mavens 10:00 a.m. (weekly) Canastaristas (1st and 3rs) 10:30 a.m. Lone Rangers Day & Time Varies		Broadway Bound Theatre Group— Contact Nina Fenster: 805-987-7662 Day & Time Varies
2 nd	Women of a Certain Age - 9:30 a.m. (2nd & 4th)	The Book Thieves 10:30 a.m. Book Markers 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Afternoon Readers 1 p.m. The Wild Bunch on the Go (singles) On the Town, Bridge (couples) 7:00 p.m.	Cinema Gals 1:00 p.m. Day Trippers 2nd Wed and Thursday Bridge Buddies (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Expanding Consciousness 10:00 a.m. Legal Eagles (singles) 1:00 p.m. Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m. Cinemaddicts 7:30 p.m.	All That Jazz 1:00 p.m.		
3 rd	Current Events (women) 10:00 a.m. Monday Newser's 10:00 a.m. Bridge (singles) 1:30 p.m. 1 st and 3 rd	Life and Times 10:00 a.m. Gallivanting Gals (singles) On the Town Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m.	Happy Bookers 12 Noon Men's CAD - 9:45 a.m. Life's Issues: Women 9:45 a.m. Law & Disorder— 10 a.m..	On the Town, Daytime Divas (singles) On the Town Daytime Trotters (singles) On the Town Mah Jong (singles) 1p.m.			1. On the Town (couples) 2. Go Getters On the Town (couples) 3. Gadabouts On the Town (couples)
4 th	Monday Woman 9:30 a.m.	12 Angry Women (singles) 10:00 a.m.	Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. All Aboard (singles) 1:00 p.m. Bridge (couples) 7 p.m.	Women's View 9:45 a.m.		Movie Critics (couples) 7:30 p.m.	



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST A FEW SEATS LEFT!!

THE PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Laguna Arts Festival and the Pageant of the Masters

July 27, 2010

The Day Includes:

Bus Transportation

Time for Shopping

Dinner on Your Own

The Incredible Pageant of the Masters

Cost: \$ 75.00 per person



For reservations call Carol Smith 818-716-0887

OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

Kinecta Federal Credit Union

973 South Westlake Blvd.

Westlake Village

All members are welcome.

Did you Know...?

At the beginning of last century, in the emotional hotbed of New Orleans, a child slave of the ghetto was born of a fallen mother and "missing" father.

He somehow stumbled into the attention of a financially poor but loving Russian Jewish immigrant family, the Karnofskys. This little fellow, with an appreciative, magnetic personality, attached himself to the father, to help him with his horse-and-wagon hauling business.

The Karnofskys loved the child, took him in for dinners, including Shabbat, and provided more than bed and shelter.

They provided him with the love he needed, and his first musical instrument that led this confused, hungry youngster onto worldwide fame — as a jazz performer, music innovator and worldwide ambassador for humanity.

Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish, from his childhood through his whole life, and always wore a Star of David around his neck.

BECOME A BAG LADY!

Purchase the Chapter's imprinted tote bag in **ROYAL BLUE** for all those things you carry. \$5.00 Order through a Study Group, or call Carol Smith (818) 716-0887. Tote bags are available at all events. e-mail Carol at carolovestan@yahoo.com.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING???

Do you like to write and keep up with chapter events? We are looking for a Publicity Writer to place items about our chapter's events in local newspapers and magazines. Be among the first to know what's coming up and tell our world about it.

For more information contact:

Helene Lustig

805-379-8940 helenelustig@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
AND BOUTIQUE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010



"CARMEN COHEN FROM THE HERRING FACTORY" DREW A LARGE CROWD

On March 10th, our chapter held a wonderfully successful event. The *NOT-SO-YOUNG Reader's Theater*, a local senior group, entertained us with a production of the comedy, "Carmen Cohen from the Herring Factory." It was written and produced by the husband of our member, Sharon Chernoff. Marvin Chernoff is a published playwright whose plays have been produced around the world. Our committee consisted of: Laurie Abramson, Sharon Chernoff, Edie Dellorco, Elaine Friedman, Helen Rosenfeldt, Bev Sklar and Bob Rosenblum. They deserve a big "Thank You" for making this event possible. Refreshments were provided by: Laurie Abramson, Lyn Camhi, Sharon Cohen, Edie Dellorco, Helene Lustig, Helen Rosenfeldt, Marsha Rosenblum, Bev Sklar, Carol Smith and Marilyn Wroobel. The money raised went to the BNC Student Scholarship Fund. More small events such as this will be presented in the coming year.

Thank you for your participation in this event.

Marsha Rosenblum, Small Events Chair



Pictures From Books 'N Brunch:





BOOK FUND HAS TRIBUTES FOR EVERY OCCASION

Brandeis Tributes are the perfect way to mark a special occasion or to simply remember someone. Your donations support a worthy cause since Book Fund money goes directly to the Brandeis Libraries to purchase books and scholarly research journals in all academic areas. Note: Your purchase of Book Fund Tributes is 100% tax deductible. Send a Brandeis Tribute and spread warmth, kindness, caring, love, understanding and friendship. We promise same day service.

Muriel Rosenkranz - (805) 445-9004 - murcal29@msn.com // **Judy Solish** - (818) 995-1350 - nanajs@sbc.global.net

...We have lost a bright ray of sunshine.

Last month, Lyn Camhi, lost her battle to cancer. Lyn served on the Executive Board for the last two years as a Director. Her warm smile and cheerful attitude made her the perfect candidate to act as our official hostess and greeter at our events. She was, indeed, the ideal *Ambassador of Good Will* to the members of our chapter. To illustrate the special person that she was, we quote from a message she sent to all who knew her shortly before her death,

"I had an X-ray done today, and they found you in my heart. The Doctor said if they took you out, I would die, because I could not live without you as a friend."

She will be deeply missed.
Our sincere condolences to her family.



We have lost an exceptional woman....

It is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of our beloved friend and fellow board member, Helen Rosenfeldt. As a founding member of our Conejo Valley Chapter, Helen continually served on the board from the inception of our chapter until her death holding many different positions. She was a driving force behind the formation of our excellent Study Group program.

Helen always believed in giving to others and has done so throughout her entire life. She was deeply committed to her family and a loyal friend to so many.

Knowing that her cancer was terminal, Helen, with her strong will and determination wrote the following note shortly before her death and asked that it be printed in our Newsletter:

To all my dear friends,

Thank you so much for all your cards and telephone calls. Your outpouring of love and affection has deeply touched Mel and me.

*Fondly,
Helen Rosenfeldt*

The life she led was nothing less than beautiful. Her heart was full of love and charity not only to her immediate family but also to the Brandeis family. She was truly a dedicated woman who will be dearly missed.



CHAPTER TRIBUTES

TO	FROM	Message
Camhi Family	Jason & Sherri Brown	Condolences
Camhi Family	The Trubulus Family	Condolences
Camhi Family	Ms Wenda Millard	Condolences
Camhi Family	David Etter	Condolences

CHAPTER TRIBUTES

TO	FROM	Message
Helen Rosenfield	Board	Get Well
Helen Rosenfield	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Get Well
Helen Rosenfield	Bev & Steve Sklar	Get Well
Helen Rosenfield	Board	Thinking Of You
Helen Rosenfield	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Thinking Of You
Helen Rosenfield	Nina Fenster	Thinking Of You
Helen Rosenfield	Renee Spero	Thinking Of You
Helen Rosenfield	Artheen & Stan Block	Thinking Of You
Shelly Wasserman	Renee Spero	Get Well
Shelly Wasserman	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Get Well
Sharon & Herb Cohen	Helene & Carl Lusting	Congratulation on Grandson Becoming an Eagle Scout
Sharon & Herb Cohen	Barbara & Ira Polisky	Condolences on Dog's Death
Judah Reinharz	Board	Congratulations
Lyn Camhi	Board	Get Well
Lyn Camhi	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Get Well
Lyn Camhi	Bev & Steve Sklar	Get Well
Lyn Camhi	Ellie Puls	Get Well
Camhi Family	Helene & Carl Lusting	Condolences
Camhi Family	Board	Condolences
Camhi Family	Sharon & Herb Cohen	Condolences
Camhi Family	Legal Puzzlers	Condolences
Camhi Family	Eve & Kal Loeb	Condolences
Camhi Family	Barbara & Ira Polisky	Condolences
Camhi Family	9:30 A.M. Current Events Group	Condolences
Camhi Family	Judy & Eddie Bodner	Condolences
Camhi Family	Elaine Young	Condolences
Camhi Family	Bev & Steve Sklar	Condolences
Camhi Family	Matilyn Wroobel	Condolences
Camhi Family	Shelly Wasserman	Condolences
Camhi Family	Honey Bencomo	Condolences
Camhi Family	Marsha Rosenblum	Condolences
Camhi Family	Bobbi Vinet	Condolences
Camhi Family	Harriet & Paul Maran	Condolences
Camhi Family	Sheila Anderson	Condolences
Ellie Puls	9:30 A.M. Current Events Group	Condolences
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Brusslan	Helene & Stan Goldman	Condolences
Joe Gero	Ellie Puls	Get Well
Marvin Kraft	Ellie Puls	Get Well
Paula Kraft	Barbara & Ira Polisky	Condolences
Paula Kraft	Lila & Al Segal	Condolences
Paula Kraft	Bobbi & Jerry Vinet	Condolences
Paula Kraft	Honey & Daniel Bencomo	Condolences
Paula Kraft	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Condolences
Paula Kraft	Artheen & Stan Block	Condolences



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Brandeis Calendar May—July 2010**



**BRANDEIS CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR
OF EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS**

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS. OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM
KINECTA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
973 S. WESTLAKE BLVD.
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361OUR

JUNE 03 BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m.
JUNE 09 CHAPTER BOARD INSTALLATION—11:30 a.m.
JUNE 20 FATHER'S DAY
JULY 01 BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m.
JULY 04 INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 27 THE PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

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