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Our Fall Luncheon MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 _at 10:00 a.m. at THE HYATT WESTLAKE HOTEL



Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to rock n roll. 50's Do-Wop group, Norman Fox and the Rob Roys, will be performing at our Fall Luncheon and Boutique.

Come prepared to have a rocking good time. Our Boutique has many new vendors selling clothing, jewelry, etc.

There will be something for everyone.

We have fabulous items in our Silent Auction. If you are a fan of Josh Groban, we have 4 box seat tickets to his concert at the Dolby Theater on October 29. 2 tickets for a lecture to the Speaker Series at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center. Disneyland tickets, etc.

Get your reservations in early, so you can sit with your friends.

We want to give a huge thank you to **Brian Minkow and Bobbi and Neil Albert** for their very generous donations in underwriting our luncheon. Their support for our chapter is greatly appreciated.

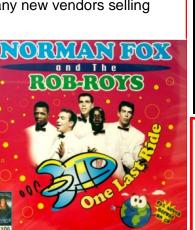
Also that day:

Study Group Sign-Ups: Study Groups are a great way for members to make new friends while exploring new areas of interest. Membership Enrollment: With nearly 500 members, we are expanding our horizons reaching out to find new members. Tributes-Book Fund: Purchase Brandeis Tribute Cards and spread warmth, kindness, caring, love, understanding and friendship. Shop at the Boutique: For the Boutique we have many new vendors selling different kinds of merchandise, plus some of our returning favorites.

If you have any questions call Barbara Polisky 818-991-2667 ipolisky@aol.com Go to our web site to download your personal invitation! www.brandeisconeio.org or print invitation from page 6

All proceeds from this event will benefit Brandeis University's Sustaining the Mind endowment fund to find cures for neurodegenerative diseases and to endow science scholarships.





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BNC Mission Statement:

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the university through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.

Presidents' Message

As your Co-Presidents, we are excited to be writing our first article for the Chapter Newsletter. We have been busy transitioning into our new roles and are grateful for the wonderful support we have received from our Board and the membership at large. We believe that team work is the key to success and to that end, we are building that concept within our Board and between ourselves and other chapters.

We enjoyed a wonderful lunch with Claire Rabishaw, the president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, where we got to know one another, exchanged ideas, and were in agreement on many of the issues and concerns that face our chapters.

The first issue that needs clarification is regarding the new initiative for "giving "that Brandeis presented this year. We now have three opportunities for giving: the Book Fund, Sustaining the Mind, and the new fund, "Catalyst for the Future", which will raise money for scholarships to Brandeis University. Proceeds from chapter events and personal dosupport any or all of these funds. nations may

The Board of Directors of Conejo Valley Chapter feels very strongly, as does San Fernando Valley Chapter, about the Sustaining the Mind initiative and the research that the University is doing to find cures for Alzheimer's', Parkinson's, and other neurodegenerative diseases. Therefore, we have chosen to continue to give our

complete financial support to Sustaining the Mind.

We have been assured by the general accountant at the National Office that all funds designated by us for this Fund will go to that Fund.

The second issue that we discussed and agreed upon between our two chapters was about Associate Membership.

We here on the West Coast have a different geographical



situation than chapters on the East Coast. Our chapters are close together so our Associates are not "visitors" they are "neighbors", who live in the same area and attend each other's events. Therefore, we see no reason to change any of our policies or procedures regarding this issue. We hope we have brought you up to date on the current topics of concern and discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us at:

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

You are also always welcome to attend board meetings, and we hope to see you at our fabulous Fall Luncheon on October 5th at the Hyatt Westlake.

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



lists for any purpose other than that for which they were created."

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



The heat of summer has not hampered our efforts to increase our chapter membership. I'm happy to begin my term as Membership VP and am looking forward to spreading the merits of our wonderful chapter to our prospective members. If you have friends or family interested in learning more about our chapter, please have them contact me.

On Monday, October 19th, we'll have MEMBERSHIP COFFEE at Elaine Blonder's home where prospective and new Brandeis members will learn about what our chapter has to offer. Join us to make friends and to make a difference in your lives. Please email me if you would like to attend and I will send you more information.

Helene Phillips Membership V.P. 805-807-4846 sweethelene75@yahoo.com



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" For New Members Melanie Tucker Rovin Friday, October 9, 2015 Ronald Rovin at 10:00 Maralyn Rosenblatt Elaine Blonder's Home Mel Rosenblatt For more information email: Penny Kerman **Helene Phillips** Lois Green sweethelene75@yahoo.com Donna Glassman Rochelle Rakosi Anrita Winton Barbara Zager-Mathis Geri Snyder Corin Sender



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

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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.

Brent's and BNC Team Up

Did you know that you can purchase gift cards to Brent's Deli through our chapter and raise money for medical research at the same time? That's right!

For every \$25 gift card you

buy FROM US, Brent's is contributing 10% toward our fundraising efforts. You get the full \$25 value to spend at either Brent's location (Northridge or Westlake) and the chapter gets \$2.50. If you like to eat at Brent's (and who doesn't?), this is a "no brainer".

Contact:

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



STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS? The Possibilities are Endless!

We have been exploring the formation of several new study groups. If any of these are of interest to you, we would love to hear from you. For more information about these 4 groups:

~~ Healthy Living Discussion Group ~~ Hebrew Study Group ~~ Musical Group ~~ Holiday Celebration Group (for singles or married couples who don't have L.A. families to share holidays with-Jewish and/or secular) Contact Elaine Bercy at cyberbercy@aol.com

Creative Writing Study Group: Have you ever wanted to write a short story about an event in your life or a dream that you've had? Is there a novel inside of you yearning to be written? From short stories for magazines, to the novel waiting to be published, this Study Group is open to anyone from a fledging writer to someone who has already been writing and excited to share their work.

MEN! If you have an interest in a men's sports-related group (attending sporting events, exhibits, guest speakers) **Are You interested in WALKING?** The Wednesday Walkers is looking for more people to join their merry band. They meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. For more information about these 3 groups, **contact Judy Perlman at judithfp@gmail.com**



GETTING TO KMOW YOU – MEET AND MINGLE

Did you join the Brandeis Conejo Valley Chapter in the last few months and would like to meet other new members? Then **SAVE THE DATE – OCT. 9**TH **at 10:00 a.m.** to be held at the home of our gracious member Elaine Blonder in Agoura Hills (*Details to follow*) **Study group leaders:**

Your Study Group Vice-Presidents are: Judy Perlman: judithfp@gmail.com Marsha Gruen: gruenm@aol.com Elaine Bercy: cyberbercy@aol.com **Study group leaders:** Have any news, pictures, stories or updates to share? Please email to: Alvira alvira@woman-only.com





Picture Above: Divas on the town at The Mosaic House

Day Trippers Decorate Cakes!

On June 11, 2015 our group met at Catherine's Cake Decorating and Candy Supplies in Chatsworth, to take a class in the art of Cake Decorating. We want to share with you our fun-filled day. Cake decorating with your friends is joyful and a strong sharing adventure. Each of us took home our beautifully decorated cakes to share with our families.

Picture Right: Sheila Anderson at Hot Mamma Majers winning Mah Jongg hand. FF 2015-2015-2015 (3 suits). Way to go Sheila!





	FALL LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE INVITATION October 5, 2015 10:00 a.m. Hyatt Westlake Plaza 880 S. Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village
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STUDY GROUP listening to Holocaust survivor stories

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1st	Memoir Writing 10:00 A Monday Movie Mavens 10:00 AM Monday Books TribeClub 12 Noon Canasta Club 1:00 PM Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Literary Potpourri 10:00 A Our Views 10:30 A We the Jury 1:00 P	Antique Browsers 11:45 A Wednesday Walkers 10:00 A (Weekly) Women in Transition12:30 P The Red Tenters 1:00P Reel Men 4:30 P	BOARD MEETING 10:00 A Reel Gals 1:00 P Flick Chicks 1:30 P Women of the Bible 1:30 P	Gallery Girls Canastaristas 10:30 A TGIF Gals 1:00 P Weekly Scales of Justice 7:30 PM		Happy Wanderers
2 _{nd}	Women of a Certain Age 9:45 A White House Women Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Wild Bunch Book Thieves 10:00 A CE Mavens (Men) 10:00 A The second Pres. Wives Book Markers 11:00 A Tues. Afternoon Readers 1:00 P Book Brothers (men) 1:30P Day tripping Dames	Almost Anything Goes Cinema Gals 1:00 P The Last Appeal 2.00 P	The First Ladies 10:00A Day Trippers 10:00 A Legal Eagles 1:00 P Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 P Cinemaddicts 1:30 P	First- Lades10:00A Breaking News 10:30 A		Movies & Shakers (Couples) 4:00 P
3rd	Current Events Newsroom 9:30 A Monday Newsers 10:00 A The Salon 11:00 A Canasta Club 1:00 PM Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Gallivanting Gals Tuesday Travelers Life and Times 10:00 A Newsie Gals 10 AM	Hot Topix 9:30 A Wednesday Life Issues 9:45 A Men's CAD 9:45 A	Bit's & Pieces Daytime Divas Daytime Trotters Yiddish Madelach 12 P	Canastaristas 10:30 A Shabbatniks Hunger Games 7:00 P		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 & Knowl- edge 12:30 P Brandeis Players 1:30 P	Men Unlimited Dine & Discover Noon Just 4 Fun	Thursday Women's View 9:45 A Hang Em All (couples) 4:00-6:00 P Book Ends 1:00P		Movie Critics- coples 5:45 p Clules Plaers 7:00 P	Movie Mavens (couples) 6:30 P The Watchables (couples) Front and Center (couples) 5:30 P Couples on the Town Sunday-Fun Day Couples On The Town

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Brandeis Conejo Community Social Justice / Committee Service Our Community Service Committee believes that you will "Empower Yourself" by Giving Back.

Several members attended NA'AMAT USA Solidarity Conference in Israel supporting women's issues.

"Sending a Big Thank You To": Ellie Puls for knitting three scarves to send to Our Troops, to Sherry Weisman, Marlene Varnen, and Susan Uhler for the bags of toiletries they collected to be given to LA Families Facility, to Edie Dellorco for collecting the comics from newspapers at University Village, also For Our Troops. Clothes were donated to several Conejo Valley organizations. School started and grandmothers are back in class, volunteering in grand-kid's classrooms, and their daughters are too! Multigenerational work in progress!!!!

We do make a difference in the life of Others, no matter the circumstances.

Enjoy each day. Gertie: gsanders@gmail.com



CIO REPORT (Shelly Wasserman)

INTERESTING FACTS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Brandeis University is at the forefront of research in many of the most exciting areas of modern life sciences. Research programs in over 50 laboratories investigate fundamental life processes ranging from the structure and function of individual macromolecules to the mechanisms that control the behavior of whole organisms. About 125 graduate students, 100 postdoctoral fellows, and numerous undergraduates explore



outstanding questions in areas as diverse as neuronal development and plasticity, signal transduction, immunology, the molecular basis of genetic recombination and the three-dimensional structure of macromolecular assemblies.

Our researchers take advantage of state-of-the-art approaches in molecular and cell biology, biophysics, physiology, biochemistry and neuroscience. This breadth of scientific interests combined with a very interactive research community make Brandeis an ideal place to acquire rigorous training in modern biological research.

Brandeis scientists work to understand ALS

Finding a cure for ALS is not as easy as pouring a bucket of ice over your head; Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a neurodegenerative disease marked by the rapid, progressive death of motor neurons that control muscle movements. At Brandeis University, Professors Suzanne Paradis and Avi Rodal are unraveling the molecular mechanics of ALS; pointing out that In order to treat ALS, we have to understand what the cells of these sporadic cases have in common. If we can understand what leads to the neurodegeneration, it might lead us to drug targets that can help slow the progression of the disease and reduce neuronal death.

Please check our web site for additional information www.brandeisconejo.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH "The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Louis D. Brandeis

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Rosh Hashanah Pavlova

In this Pavlova, three of the traditional Rosh Hashanah foods come together in a way that is sure to impress. The airy meringue shell is filled with honey-vanilla cream, topped with green apples and drizzled with pomegranate coulis.

Even better, there's no need to hold the brisket! You can easily make this a non-dairy dessert.

Meringue Ingredients: 3 egg whites (from large eggs) 1 cup + 2 tbsp. sugar 2 tsp. corn starch 1 t vanilla 1/2 t vinegar

Meringue Directions:

- 1. Beat egg whites until stiff.
- 2. Mix the corn starch into the sugar.
- 3. Pour the sugar into the egg whites a little bit at a time while mixing. When the mixture is thick and stiff (ie. You should be able to turn the bowl upside down without the mixture falling out), add the vanilla and vinegar. Mix just enough to combine.
- 4. Line a cookie sheet with baking paper, and heat oven to 250 F.
- 5. Spoon the mixture into a circle, about 1 inch thick. Then build it up around the sides to create a bowl shape with a nice well in the center.
- 6. Bake for 1 hour, then turn the oven off and leave the shell inside for several hours. Do not open the door until it is fully cooled.
- 7. Keep the base in a cool, dry place for up to 2 days, until you're ready to use it. It should be crisp on the outside and sticky and marshmallowy on the inside.

Filling Ingredients: 1.5 cups heavy cream (dairy) OR 8 oz. Rich's Whip (non-dairy) OR 1.5 cups coconut cream (non-dairy). 2 tbsp. pure vanilla extract + 2 tbsp. honey

Filling Directions:

- 1. Beat heavy cream until soft peaks form, or beat Rich's Whip or coconut cream until stiff.
- 2. Gently mix in the honey and vanilla.

Pomegranate Coulis Ingredients: Seeds of 1 pomegranate ¹/₄ cup water 2 tbsp. sugar Juice of ¹/₂ a lemon

Pomegranate Coulis Directions:

- 1. Simmer all the ingredients for at least half an hour. Blend.
- 2. Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve at least twice. Refrigerate.

To Assemble: Spoon cream into the shell. Chop up 1-2 tart green apples and lay them gently on top of the cream. Drizzle with pomegranate coulis. Serve imme-



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Sunshine News:

Congratulations and Mazal Tov:

- ~ Congratulations to Deanna Morris on the engagement of granddaughter Gillian
- ~ Congratulations to Audrey Dyne on the arrival of her first great-grandchild
- ~ Congratulations to Susan Barnett on the birth of twin great granddaughters
- ~ Congratulations to Merle Shanman on the marriage of her son
- ~ Dotti Wolfe celebrated her granddaughter Sarah's birthday in Las Vegas

Congratulation to high school and college graduates and their families!

Safe Traveling:

- .Joany Davidson and her husband took their granddaughters, Sarah and Lauren, on a fun cruise.
- Helaine Portnoy enjoyed a cruise where she celebrated her granddaughter's graduation.

A Special Thank you Marsha Goldin, for a beautiful Installation Luncheon, and to Jessie Pearlman and Frona DeCovnick for wonderful Small Events.

In Deepest Sympathy: Two of our chapter members, Pearl Fuller and Mel Silberberg, passed away in August. We send out condolences to their families.

Get well wishes:

To Jessie Pearlman who's recovering from surgery To Bob Rosenblum who is in the hospital in Tucson

Please let us know your sunshine news. We'd be happy to print it. Contact Gertie Sanders - chairperson of the "Sunshine News" committee gertiesanders@gmail.com 805-230-1252.

> November 5th, 2015 Thousand Oaks Library 1:00 p.m. (Donations: \$20.00)

BRANDEIS CONEJO VALLEY BRINGS BACK

Writer/Performer. SAUL H. JACOBS and Pianist Bob Lipson for a Multimedia Presentation of Cole Porter



December 8th, 2015

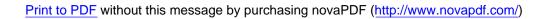
Thousand Oaks Library - 1:00 p.m. (Donations: \$20.00) **HOLIDAY PARTY** featuring sensational violin artistry and entertainment of **Bob Reyman**, America's fiddle virtuoso. *Bring canned food for SOVA food bank and an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots*

More information to follow. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please call Jessica Pearlman (805-499-1320) or Frona Decovnick (818-883-1247)



save the date!





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Norma Silberberg	Roberta Albert	In Memory of Mel
Susan Barnett	Carol & Stan Smith	Twin Great Grandchildren
Edie Dellorco	Nancy Minkow	Happy 95th Birthday
Mr & Mrs Julian Fox	Elissa & Steve Lazarus	Happy 50th Anniversary
Dr Ben Sanders	Elissa & Steve Lazarus	Happy Birthday



Hot Mamma Mahjers Study Group. Saying good bye to Bobbi Rice who is moving to San Diego. Left to right - Sandy Simsovits , Sharon Cohen, leader, Bobbi Rice, Susan Uhler. Missing Sheila Anderson, Helene Lustig and Carolyn Sax.



Memoir writers learn Crayon Resist with water colors as an illustration technique. We had a joyful morning.



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