



# The News Deal

## Who Are We?

The Roosevelt Fellows are peer mentors who offer one-on-one academic advising to all Brandeis students with a focus on first years. We are upper-classmen (juniors and seniors) who have gone through an application process in order to hold this position. It is our job to share the benefits of our Brandeis experiences, and we are eager to do so. We can tell you about everything from choosing classes and professors to doing well on your tests to taking advantage of cool events on campus. We are friendly and open to

## What Have We Been Up To?

At the start of this academic year the Roosevelt Fellows were busy not only advising students but also planning numerous events. On this year's calendar was both the Ice Cream Social and the Faculty Mixer.

At the Ice Cream Social, the Fellows distributed over 50 gallons of ice cream to over 500 people. Numerous flavors were offered and abundant varieties of toppings were provided. The time was filled with music and mingling with both first year students and the Fellows.

Additionally, the Roosevelt Fellows put on the Faculty Mixer. Almost 20 faculty members attended and over 130 students came to enjoy free food, jazz, and personal stories from each of the faculty.

Among them was Professor Feldman's tale of how he allowed Pearlman to be the headquarters of one of the student movements opposing the Vietnam War.

We very much look forward to the future where we hope to see the same enthusiasm for upcoming events!

speaking with any student. All incoming first years are assigned a Roosevelt Fellow, but students can communicate with any Roosevelt Fellow they wish. We are easily accessible during our drop-in hours, which are held every weekday from 11 AM to 3 PM in Academic Services. Additionally, we run a number of noteworthy events on campus to reach out to students and to let you know what Brandeis has to offer.

We hope you will come see us; we are looking forward to meeting you.

## The Rosie Geocache

Want to find a treasure? Want to win a cool prize?

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

Here's how it works...

A Roosevelt Fellow geocache is hidden somewhere on campus. The coordinates and clues to the whereabouts of Roosevelt fellows ONLY. If you don't have a GPS do not worry. The clues will lead you to the location without the help of a GPS. When you find the cache, you are to sign your name in the log and take the slip of paper to Academic services to collect your prize.

Check out [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) for more information about the geocaching community.

To get the clue and coordinates please see one of the Roosevelt Fellows. They can be found in Academic Services from 11am-3pm Monday – Friday for office hours.

## Eleanor's Corner

In this section the Roosevelt Fellows will answer a new question each month. To submit a question email [jncohen@brandeis.edu](mailto:jncohen@brandeis.edu) with the subject "Eleanor's Corner Question".

Q: I just got back an exam in one of my classes and I did really poorly but I heard I will get a "W" on my transcript because it is past the drop deadline. Is that going to keep me from getting into grad school or getting a job? Should I just stay in the class even though I am doing poorly? So confused!

A: First things first, relax. Many Brandeis students have one or two W's on their transcripts by the time they graduate, so it is not the end of the world and it will certainly not keep you from getting into graduate school or acquiring a job. The best thing to do is talk to your professor or advisor to determine whether the class still works for you and that you can be successful both academically and personally. You may find that talking with someone makes the class feel much more manageable, and while you may have to work hard, it can be both intellectually fruitful and personally enjoyable.

However, if after doing this, you decide that you still want to drop the class, you have until November 9th to get a drop code from your professor. If you have any questions, advisors are eager to talk with you. Please stop by Academic Services!

## Upcoming Events:

**October 22nd: Purple Day**  
Stop by outside of Usdan to get some free food and hang out with your Fellows!  
**Outside Usdan 10am—2pm**

**October 26th: Roosevelt Recommends**  
Questions about class selection? Need some recommendations? Come to Roosevelt Recommends!  
**Polaris and Shapiro Lounges 6pm—8pm**

## Roosevelt Fellows: What's currently your favorite Pandora Station?

Dan- John Mayer

Shira- No Pandora, just singing in the shower... loudly.

Alex B.- Dave Guetta

Faith- Alison Krauss and "I've Got a Feeling"

Jonah- Rascal Flatts and Bela Fleck

Nadir- U2

Alison- Benny Benassi

Alex E.- Nas/Talib Kweli

Elisha- Island Reggae

Leo- Reggie and the Full Effect

Nicole- "No Air"

Nick- "Hook"

Sandhya- Monareta

