WISHING A HAPPY, HEALTHY PASSOVER TO ALL!

BNC LOS ANGELES CHAPTER INVITES YOU TO

BAGEL BRUNCH AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, HONORING OUR KEY MEMBERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015  10 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER:
LISA CYPERS KAMEN,
AUTHOR OF
“HARVESTING HAPPINESS”

See page 5 for BAGEL BRUNCH Information and Reservations Tearoff.

THEATRE 40 SUMMER FUNDRAISER, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
"PATTERNS", a play by James Reach. See page 7.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual HOLIDAY ODYSSEY BOUTIQUES and LUNCHEON with SPEAKER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015
Our Los Angeles Chapter continues to have relevant speakers at our monthly meetings. If you haven’t attended the meetings, you’re missing a great deal. In March we had a very inspiring presentation by Petite Konstantin, the head of L.A. GOAL, an organization that for 45 years has empowered adults with developmental abilities to live healthy, productive, independent lives. Brad Silverman, actor, artist and public speaker, graduate of Pasadena City College, had our members’ full attention with his beautiful presentation. We hope to visit the L.A. GOAL facility in West L.A. soon. Our April 23rd speaker will be Diana Friedberg.

You can also get your Book Fund cards and stationery at our meetings. Since libraries are the heart of a great university, you will be supporting scientific and medical research materials, and scholarly journals, as well as special book collections and major book collections. The Libraries are the reason BNC was established many years ago.

Beth Bernstein, BNC Executive Director, tells us we have retained more members this year than in recent years. Brandeis University provides online learning opportunities and new study guides for our study groups. We hope to see you at our April and May, 4th Thursday of the month meetings and at the Bagel Brunch Installation of officers in June.

*Ruth Getzoff for the Presidium: Sylvia Crasnick, Ruth Getzoff, Jo Kierman, Gloria Stone, Shirley Pollock*
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CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES, APRIL - DECEMBER 2015

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the fourth Thursday of every month except for November and December (held on third Thursday), at Westside Pavilion, Room A.

APRIL:
Wednesday, April 15, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 10:45A.M. MEN’S GROUP trip to "GROSH BACKDROPS"

Thursday, April 23, GENERAL MEETING. Speaker Diana Friedberg.

MAY:
Thursday, May 14, KEY MEMBER MEETING, Village Horizons (formerly Westwood Horizons), 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 17, WESTERN MINI RETREAT, Calabasas. Watch for email invitation.

Wednesday, May 20, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

Thursday, May 28. GENERAL MEETING. Reading by DAVID HUNT STAFFORD, THEATRE 40.

JUNE:
June 17, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

Thursday, June 25, 10 A.M. GENERAL MEETING replaced by BAGEL BRUNCH, INSTALLATION, HONORING KEY MEMBERS. Speaker, author Lisa Cypers Kamen, Harvesting Happiness.

JULY: HIATUS

AUGUST:
Sunday, August 9, SUMMER THEATRE 40 FUNDRAISER, Play "PATTERNS" BY JAMES REACH

Wednesday, August 19, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

Thursday, August 27, GENERAL MEETING, Speaker TBA

SEPTEMBER:
Wednesday, Sept.16, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 24, GENERAL MEETING, Speaker TBA

OCTOBER:
Wednesday, October 14, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 22: HOLIDAY ODYSSEY BOUTIQUES & LUNCHEON & SPEAKER, Olympic Collection

NOVEMBER:
Wednesday, Nov. 11, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday, Nov. 19, GENERAL BOARD MEETING. (3rd Thursday because of Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER:
Wednesday, Dec. 9, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday, December 17, GENERAL MEETING (3rd Thursday because of Christmas)
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WESTSIDE PAVILION ROOM B, LANDMARK THEATRE BLDG.
"Showcase for Study Groups and Special Interest Groups" for early REGISTRATION.

ATTEND INSTALLATION AND SHOW APPRECIATION TO OUR KEY MEMBERS OF STUDY AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS WHO WILL BE HONORED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO BRANDEIS AND LA CHAPTER.

Mail check (payable to BNC), with tear-off to: Roberta Kampner, 2142 Century Park Lane, #308, L.A., CA 90067. Reservations must be received no later than June 15. Please PRINT legibly.

Bagel Brunch Name ________________________________ Member: Yes ____ Non-member____ Annual Life
Address ___________________________________________ City _____________________ Zip ____________
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# Reservations @ $5 per person _____ Total Amount enclosed $ ___Check #_______

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SHIRLEY POLLOCK (FACILITATOR EXECUTIVE BOARD, SUNDAYS ON THE TOWN, “SUSTAINING THE MIND”)
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MARIAN PRICE, RUTH DUBEY, ROSE FINCI, BARBARA SCHNEIDER (AS NEEDED)

SUBMITTED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE, MARCH 2015

Dear Friend,

After careful consideration, and in close consultation with the Board of Trustees, I have decided to step down as President at the end of this, my fifth academic year. For the time being, I am looking forward to returning to full-time scholarship and teaching as a senior research scholar at Yale Law School.

I am tremendously proud of the ways Brandeis has grown and thrived during my time as president. Applications have surged to an all-time high, our endowment has grown to its highest point ever, and we have made significant progress in balancing the University’s budget. Together we were able to raise $225 million during my tenure, providing critical support for financial aid and scholarships. We re-opened and re-energized the Rose Art Museum, rebuilding its board, mounting critically acclaimed exhibitions and changing our campus landscape with the "Light of Reason" sculpture.

As a community, we stood together during times of celebration, tragedy, triumphs, and challenges — but always striving for a climate of respect for each other, and our hopes to make the world a better, more just place.....I want to thank the Brandeis Board of Trustees for the opportunity to lead this strong, vital and dynamic institution and serve alongside so many extraordinary students, faculty, alumni, staff, parents and friends of the University. Every day our community exemplifies Brandeis' legacy of social justice and repairing the world. Teaching the students who make Brandeis what it is has been a treasured opportunity. With gratitude,

Fred Lawrence, President and Professor of Politics

[Note: This is a condensed version of President Lawrence's letter to the Brandeis community.]
More UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS 2015

THEATRE 40 SUMMER FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

"PATTERNS", a play by James Reach, from the television play by Rod Serling

Patterns, a drama, concerns the struggles of an idealistic young executive to resist the corrosive pressures of the world of the giant corporations.

“For sheer power of narrative, forcefulness of characterization and brilliant climax, Patterns is a creative triumph that stands on its own.” – New York Times

Mail check (payable to BNC), with tear-off to: Roberta Kampner, 2142 Century Park Lane, #308, L.A., CA 90067. Reservations must be received no later than JULY 25. Please PRINT legibly.

Theatre40 Name ________________________________ Member: Yes ____ Non-member____ Annual Life

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Brandeis National Committee – LA Chapter is proud to announce an impressive list of new members:

Diane Scheff Forst   Myron Forst
Nancy Gettelman  Dr. Gertrude Goetz
Barbara & Isaac Levy  Gayle & Mike Prince
Gayle Rogers   Edith & Ray Tasker
Betsy Borns and Jonathan S. Shapiro

A warm Brandeis welcome to each and everyone. We look forward to getting to know you. We want to make your time with Brandeis meaningful to you so please, tell us what you would like in the way of speakers at general meetings (the 4th Thursday of the month, except Nov and Dec when it is the third Thursday), Study Groups, etc.

We will listen to all your suggestions to make BNC-LA the best!

Joan Satt and Beverley Wiener,
Membership Co-chairs

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Anyone for Maj? New member Marilyn Hollinger has arranged time and place for as many tables as needed.

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The Los Angeles Chapter, 
BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE 
is pleased to announce that 
THE KEY MEMBERS OF STUDY AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS 
will be honored at our Annual INSTALLATION AND BAGEL BRUNCH, Thursday, June 25, 2015, 10 a.m.

KEY MEMBERS are the lifelines to our membership and will receive Certificates of Merit for their dedication to Brandeis.

KEY MEMBERS, surnames A to L, please write or call Roberta Kampner, 310-277-6322, 2142 Century Park Lane, #308, LA, CA 90067. ducksgalor@sbcglobal.net for reservation & certificate.

KEY MEMBERS, M to Z, write or call Beverley Wiener, 818-386-0134, 15506 Moorpark #207, Encino CA 91436. grandmabeverley@gmail.com for reservation & certificate. We are proud to honor you, KEY MEMBER.
Saralee Halprin

The Santa Monica pianist and teacher, Saralee Konigsberg Halprin, has died at age 92. Mrs. Halprin began playing the piano at the age of four. A frequent winner of musical competitions, she attended Longy School of Music and Juilliard on full scholarships. At age 21 she was the pianist with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. In 1946 she joined her family in Los Angeles, and won the 1948 Hollywood Bowl Auditions of the Air, a national yearlong radio competition, for which she was awarded a performance with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. She performed as a soloist and with chamber music groups throughout the L.A. area. Until 2009, Mrs. Halprin was part of the SaDoMa Trio with Martine Verhoeven and Donald Howarth; they performed for and conducted chamber music classes for Brandeis University Women for 14 years. An enthusiastic teacher as well as performer, she taught in her Santa Monica home until her death. Mrs. Halprin and her husband, Leahn J. Halprin, were devoted to progressive causes; she often performed benefit concerts for peace organizations, Daniel Ellsberg, and progressive political candidates. Mrs. Halprin’s oldest brother Raphael Konigsberg was a Los Angeles lawyer and activist barred from practicing law for refusing to take a loyalty oath during McCarthy Era. The U.S. Supreme Court reinstated his license in 1978. Mrs. Halprin was also an active volunteer and avid walker. Website: saraleehalprin.org.

Former U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering To Speak at Brandeis Commencement

Thomas Pickering will be the 2015 commencement speaker at Brandeis University on May 17. Ambassador Pickering served more than four decades as a U.S. ambassador, including to the United Nations, the Russian Federation, India, Israel, and Jordan. In honoring Ambassador Pickering, who has dedicated his career to service and spent decades working to build strong relationships between sometimes disparate world partners, Brandeis highlights the value of working together for the betterment of humankind.

Brandeis will bestow honorary degrees to Ambassador Pickering, ballerina and teacher Suzanne Farrell, writer Jamaica Kincaid, chef and food writer Yotam Ottolenghi, and poet Helen Vendler.

Ben Terris ’08 breaks story that leads to Illinois congressman’s resignation

Last month, Ben Terris ’08, a Washington Post reporter, wrote a story about the lavishly decorated office of U.S. Representative Aaron Schock. His reporting on the “Downton Abbey” inspired decor spurred other media outlets to investigate the Illinois congressman’s expenditures. What they found, including expense report discrepancies, led Schock to announce this week that he would resign from his seat.

Terris, who six years ago was writing stories for one of the Brandeis student newspapers, The Justice, is credited with first breaking the story. He says his experiences at Brandeis led him to pursue journalism as a career.

Legendary Newsman Bob Simon Remembered

Brandeis alumnus Bob Simon ’62 was a meticulous wordsmith with an unparalleled ability to tell a compelling story. Simon, an award-winning CBS News correspondent and “60 Minutes” contributor, died in a car crash in New York City. He was 73. “What made Bob special was his ability to match the right words with the right pictures at the right moment,” said Allen Alter ’71, a senior producer at CBS News and Brandeis Board of Trustees member. “In the TV business, the importance of writing is never stressed or recognized enough, but it was what made Bob special.”

During his career, which started in the 1960s, Simon won 27 Emmy Awards and four Peabody Awards. He was captured by Iraqi forces during the Persian Gulf War in January 1991 and was held captive for 40 days.

BNC’s Sustaining the Mind Scholar, Arielle Keller ’16, is searching for cure to Alzheimer’s disease, working in the research laboratory of Robert Sekuler, professor of neuroscience. Info: alumni.brandeis.edu/news-publications/news-archive/keller
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
**TO OUR DEAR SHIRLEY POLLOCK, ALICE VOGEL, HAROLYN SACKS, MEL SACKS, ESTELLE KRANTZ, ELAYNE WEXLER, BEA BASS, BEVERLEY WIENER, BERNICE COHEN**

### SPEEDY RECOVERY
**SHIRLEY POLLOCK, IRV KIERMAN, GERRY CRASNICK, SYLVIA CRASNICK, BETH BERNSTEIN**

### SYMPATHY
- **FAMILY OF TANIS LICKHALTER, DICK, FRAN, LISA, DAVID, MARLA, DEBBIE**
- **SYLVIA AND GERRY CRASNICK, SISTER-IN-LAW, ROBIN COHEN**
- **BOB AND FAMILY OF CHARLOTTE WEISBERG**
- **REST IN PEACE DEAR TANIS LICKHALTER AND CHARLOTTE WEISBERG.**

Current Events Group #7 has lost two lovely women in one month. Tanis was a Key Member of this group. She fought the battle with such dignity. We invited her sister, Debbie Rappoport to our meeting and lunch to share our thoughts.

Charlotte was a very active member in our group. Her best friend, Joanie Yeoman will share memories with us in May when we meet at Joanie’s home.

**SALLY ALTABET/Key Member - SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND, RALPH.**

Our best, Roberta Kampner and Beverley Wiener, Brandeis Study Group Chairs

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