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President’s Message

We must congratulate all who helped make our January’s Author’s luncheon so successful. Special thanks go to Sylvia Greene and her committee for all they have done for this lovely affair. The setting at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, their service and the food was all excellent. Sunny Kincaid was instrumental in helping us obtain this lovely venue. The proceeds from this luncheon go to the Brandeis Library. The main mission of our group is to support this wonderful University. Everyone donated books that were used as centerpieces. People could take whatever books they wanted, so the gently read books could go to new homes. Candy Green coordinated the members who received donations from community business. Over 40 donations were received! A raffle was held and lucky attendees received these donations. Our speaker was Chrys Fey. Chrys is an upcoming young author who delighted our audience with her talk. Chrys is the author of the Disaster Crime Series which blends romance, crimes and disasters. In June of this year she will publish “Write with Fey—10 sparks to guide you from idea to publication.” We all have a book in us that is waiting to come out!
Our study group meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. We have a few changes in hostesses. We added a June meeting in lieu of our cancelled September meeting.

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In Memory of........

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of two of our long time members, Dr. Bernice Levy and Helen Fabe. We send our most sincere condolences to their families. We will all miss these most vital women.
Brandeis Scholar in Residence Program -

Scholars in Residence Since Brandeis academic materials are a key element in connecting members to the University and providing intellectual stimulation for members, the plan calls for the development of more Brandeis materials and more high quality learning options. Lydia Axelrod and her Scholars in Residence are bringing Brandeis-generated materials to Florida chapters as a pilot program and will conduct Brandeis study groups. This program reintroduces our Brandeis materials into the chapters, and the Scholars in Residence will bring a new excitement. The plan is to use this concept and mentor chapters throughout the country.

Our April meeting is devoted to the Brandeis Scholar in Residence Program. Lydia Axelrod will lead our discussion group. Her discussion will focus on the writer Philip Roth. She will discuss many of his books. This is a co-ed meeting and all are invited. Please select your favorite or not so favorite Philip Roth book to read for our discussion group. Mr. Roth was recently interviewed by the New York Times @ https://nyti.ms/2FIKGC2
Book suggestions for next year

We know that 2018 has just begun, but let’s think ahead. What books would you like to be discussed in our new year, starting in September, 2018? Send your book suggestions, as well as any other suggestions for our Book Discussion group to Barbara Berman and/or Linda Stern. We will send them to our book selection committee. We like to have our books selected by May, so that you can start to enjoy them over the summer. Would you like to serve on our Book Selection Committee? It is lots of fun! Again, please send your name(s) to Barbara and/or Linda.

Nominating Committee for next year

We have a nominating committee to select officers for 2018-2019 — Sybil Wilensky, Sylvia Greene and Candy Green. Please contact Sybil, Sylvia and/or Candy with suggestions for officers. These ladies will be reaching out to you and welcome your thoughts.

Mission Statement:

The 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 fund raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.
Our Brevard County Brandeis book discussion groups are fun, stimulating and all around great!

We are a fairly small group. We need everyone’s participation to make our group viable. One way to participate is to lead one of our discussions.

First of all, this is not a book review. We will assume everyone has read the book. For those who have not, the discussion may spur them on to read it in the future. The leader is simply the one who coordinates the discussion.

For those of you who are comfortable with researching on the computer, there is tons of information about most books. You do not have to reinvent the wheel. For example, there are sample questions, information about the author and short synopsis of the books.

This is how I go about getting ready to lead a discussion. You can certainly develop your own method. Also, I and several others, would be happy to mentor you through your first preparation.

1. Give a short bio. regarding the author. Please note that I use the word “short” a lot. This is a discussion group, not a lecture.
2. Give a page synopsis of the book.
3. Have your questions compiled. They are a gateway to the discussion. Do not be concerned if group does not cover all the questions, or if the discussion wanders a little. Do bring the discussion back on point as necessary.
4. Try to make sure everyone has a say.

Have fun with it!

Barbara Berman

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Brandeis’ visionary founders established a nonsectarian research university that welcomed talented faculty and students of all backgrounds and beliefs. From the outset, Brandeis focused on undergraduate education, while building a pioneering research enterprise.

The university was named for Louis Dembitz Brandeis (1856-1941), the first Jewish justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the greatest minds to serve on the high court, Justice Brandeis made an indelible mark on modern jurisprudence by shaping free speech, the right to privacy and the rights of ordinary citizens. He exemplified the values of the new university through his dedication to open inquiry and the pursuit of truth, insistence on critical thinking, and his commitment to helping the common man.