President’s Message

Spring/Summer 2017

The Harmony Chapter has enjoyed a productive, inspiring year with our ever increasing number of members who participated in over 100 activities and events. We bid farewell to board members who are vacating their positions and thank them for their leadership and insight during this past year. Brandeis members set a high standard for educational programs as well as community service/social justice programs; providing donations, service assistance and good will to the entire Jackson community.

We also welcome with open arms our new board members who bring with them a new energy and commitment to making the Harmony Chapter the most successful in the state. I am grateful that Sandy Tilis has graciously agreed to continue her service as co-president, thereby ensuring success for the next year for our chapter.

This year we have planned activities for the Harmony Chapter that are exciting, thought-provoking and entertaining. With over 253 members participating, there are plenty of varied opportunities to enjoy interesting cultural, social and educational offerings. Whether a member is interested in reading short stories, watching a thought provoking flick or taking an exciting trip to the Museum of Natural History for the Cuban exhibit or a cruise on the Hudson, there is a unique experience for everyone.

Respectfully,

Pat Emmerman: co-chair
NEW MEMBERS

Lourdes Acosta
Maritza Adams
Linda Agnese
Michele Cavet
Patricia Clayton
Ellen Caruso
Teresa Coughlin
Joanne Couse
Esther Dunn
Lynne Einbinder
Jean Garcia
Marilyn Goodman
Terry Kaska
Lynne Lampell
Arlene Rosen
Barbara Rosoff
Halice Rubin
Shera Savickas
Sharon Sivakoff
Ruth Tanenbaum
Bridget Voorand
Designated amount? Why now?

Several members have asked questions and exhibited concerns about the designated amount that now appears in our flyers and event blurbs i.e. $5 is designated to Brandeis science faculty research in neurodegenerative diseases. I would like to explain. As part of the Brandeis National Committee we have a mission –by providing all the activities and events that we offer we also provide philanthropic support to Brandeis University. It is important to us, wherever we can, to designate that support to the Brandeis science research faculty in hopes that they may, with their research, help to uncover and remediate the issues that lead to neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s, dementia, ALS and Parkinson’s. Too many of us have relatives and friends who have been affected by these cruel diseases. We can only make this designation on those events that meet particular criteria. You see them as designated events, cultural events and special events. As per IRS regulations, the portion that is designated to science research must be specifically indicated. This is also the portion that is tax deductible by the enrollee in that activity. In the past, we did not denote the tax deductible portion but now we are mandated to do so. For fiscal year 2016-2017, thanks to all of you, our chapter has donated $8,900 to science research. May our efforts support the efforts of those battling neurodegenerative diseases.

Sandra Tilis
We would like to welcome those who are interested in attending one or more of our committee meetings - find out what we do, come with ideas, join our committees or just attend to see if you might be interested in joining.

**Special Events Committee** - Please contact Marie Santoro mariesantoro@optonline.net Plans large, special events to which the entire community is invited – i.e. Book and Author Luncheon, Card and Mah Jong Party, etc.

**Community Services/Social Justice Committee** – Please contact Cindy Wasser-lauf cindywas18@gmail.com, Joyce DeSiena jds0506@yahoo.com or Gloria Dino-Guida nando2908@aol.com Plans and facilitates charitable functions – i.e. Reading Buddies, clothing and food drives, book collections for people in the armed services, visiting nursing homes, MAGS (Metedeconk Animal Group Services, etc.)

**Study Guide Committee** – Please contact Marcy Kupferman marcyannz@yahoo.com Plans and facilitates the many study groups offered in our biyearly Study Guide.

**Cultural Committee** – Please contact Linda Werner ldwener@optonline.net Plans and facilitates cultural trips – museum visits, theater, places of interest.

If you have scheduled an event the **Brandeis Bulletin Committee** would like you to take pictures, write a short blurb and send it to us so you can be included in our bulletins

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We would love to have you. “It takes a village.”

Pat Emmerman co-chair

Sandy Tilis, co-chair
VOLUNTEERING AND COLLECTINGS
As always, all our residents at FSML made the Brandeis Dottie's House “Wish List” collection, celebrating Mother’s day on April 27th, a huge success. Again, we helped make the ladies and their children’s lives at the shelter a little easier.

Our May 17th delivery to Ronald McDonald House was very successful. The RMH volunteers were impressed and expressed their appreciation of Harmony Chapter’s donations. We thank you for your participation in this project.

Sharon & Gloria
As always, all our residents at FSML made the Brandeis “All Things Baby Collection” for Providence House Domestic Violent Services of Catholic Charities a tremendous success. Diapers and onesies, and especially beautifully hand-knitted items that Barbara donated, will, in our own little way, help the needy residents of the shelter.

MAGS

On Friday June 2nd at the gazebo from 9:30-11:30 AM MAGS, Metedeconk Animal Group Service, had a collection of used bed and bath items: towels, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, etc which were donated to the Northern Ocean County Animal Shelter in Jackson.
Six Brandeis Harmony Chapter members volunteered to help with Registration & Accounting at this year's American Cancer Society Jackson Relay For Life.

It was held on a beautiful June 10th at the Jackson Liberty High School. The Relay celebrates survivors of cancer, remembers those lost to cancer and provides hope that the cure is near.

One of the Committee Leads of the Relay wrote: "when I imagine how much positive change a stadium full of passionate people can make, I want to be part of it."

Our Brandeis members came away from the event with the same feeling. Join us next year at the Jackson Relay For Life.
What We Have Been Doing Since March

COLLECTING
CRAFTING
ENJOYING
LEARNING
LISTENING
PARTICIPATING
READING
WATCHING
Ancient Egyptian Medicine

Dr. Stephen R. Phillips presented a fascinating multimedia talk on Ancient Egyptian practices. We were spellbound to learn that the ancient Egyptians, thousands of years ago, practiced dentistry, surgery, used surgical tools, medicines and wrote medical texts to be used by physicians.

Signature Analysis

Over fifty Brandeis members were entertained and informed by Terry Antoniewidz, graphologist and handwriting historian during a program entitled Signature Analysis For Fun. Terry led participants using analytical points to reveal personality traits of each person's handwriting and signature. The ballroom was filled with moans and laughter as our writing revealed many personality traits and clues to our behavior.
BRANDEIS WOMEN GET CREATIVE

FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP

Twenty-one crafty ladies explored their creative sides to create very colorful and beautiful dishes and spoon rests at the Make It Glass studio in Lakewood. We were given a clear base on which to arrange colorful bits and pieces of glass of our own choosing.

The very enthusiastic and hospitable studio owners, Naomi and her husband Rabbi Gruskin, guided us through the process and then fired our pieces in their kiln to fuse the pieces together into wonderful mosaics.

HAND PAINTED SILK SCARFS

On a chilly day in February, seven women from Brandeis Harmony chapter gathered together in the clubhouse craft room to find our inner artists by creating colorful hand painted silk scarves. We were guided by the fiber artist Adria Sherman.

Adria provided each of us with a 6 foot long blank white silk scarf and filled a table with many jars of colorful fabric paints and brushes, coarse salt and rubber stamps.

When our pieces were done, we used a hair dryer to dry and set the paint and then we were able to admire each others’ colorful creations!

GLASS BLOWING IN ASBURY

Hot Sand Glass Studio in Asbury Park welcomed us for an awesome learning experience. Each of us sat with a glass artist and were guided in using several tools to blow and create colorful glass bubbles. Which after a week of cooling we were able to pick up. It was a new experience in creativity.
HAND BUILDING AND SCULPTURING CLAY

On April 25th and May 3 a seminar on using clay to hand build sculptures and decorative objects was given. A home tour of the wall installations of Harriet Shapiro followed.

STORY OF MARRIAGE

The story of marriage customs was presented by the Lifelong Learning Center of Red Bank. Who originated the wedding and engagement rings? Why do we have bridesmaids and groomsmen? All these questions and more were answered at "Till Death Do Us Part", a delightful program planned by Diane Ireland and Lu Certo.

LOST WOMEN ARTISTS OF VIENNA

Cultural historian Barbara Tomlinson gave a fascinating presentation on "The Lost Women Artists of Vienna," highlighting a talented group of European, mostly Jewish women from the late 1800’s through WWII. They are relatively unknown since women artists were not accepted by the critics or the general public nor were they able to study alongside men in the art schools. Sadly, much of their work was lost due to destruction during the wars.
Robed in judge’s garb, Jack McNicholas, played the role of Justice Louis D. Brandeis as Stephen Schuh interviewed him. The pair brought to life the *Life and Times of Louis D. Brandeis* as the audience learned and laughed.

We will always remember Brandeis as a most moral man, a brilliant thinker, and an advocate for the rights of people.

### 13TH ANNUAL BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Robert Rosenberg, author of *THIS IS NOT CIVILIZATION*, and Howell native, was featured at the 13th annual Book and Author luncheon. Mr. Rosenberg read excerpts from his book which was inspired by his work in the Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia; they were humorous anecdotes about situations arising from cultural differences. The event was chaired by Marlene Labelson and Marie Santoro. Mr. Rosenberg is the stepson of BNC member Teri Rosenberg.
The five hundred seat Axelrod PAC was the venue for IN THE HEIGHTS; the setting is a block of Washington Heights, Manhattan. It is a story of human conflicts, of belonging, of accepting ones "home.
“ Music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda

On May 17th, our group boarded the bus for our trip to the Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Once there, an old time green trolley drove us around some of its 478 acres filled with famous and infamous "permanent residents"! The weather was great and we topped off our day with lunch, and of course cheesecake at the original Junior's!
On a beautiful day in June fifty Brandeis women took the Hollywood Tour of Princeton. Princeton is famous because of its world renowned school and the many famous people who have lived there. After the tour we had lunch on our own at one of the many wonderful restaurants in Princeton.

The Mansions of Delaware

On June 14 we traveled to Pennsylvania for a tour of two fabulous Mansions on the Delaware River, a privately owned estate called Andalusia and William Penn’s estate, Pennsbury Manor. Lunch was at the King George House in Bristol, PA where we had a lovely lunch. It was a great day for all.
Mark Your Calendar
Once again as the school year ends, please think of the school supplies students will need for the next school year. We will be having a collection for the Ocean South Division of Child Protection and Permanency. Needed supplies are paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, folder rulers, erasers, glue sticks and the like. Book bags would also be appreciated. We did a wonderful job with our donation last year and hopefully we can duplicate our efforts. The Ocean South office has experienced a year, busier than ever, and as they put “we will take anything” There will be a collection box in the clubhouse lobby from **June 19 through July 23**.

There will also be a box in front of my home at 72 Gables Way.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Linda Ballan
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SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Brandeis Special Events Committee will host a champagne brunch
with special guest speaker, Fraidy Reiss
at The Grand at 1600 Route 70 E, Lakewood NJ

Fraidy Reiss is the founder and executive director of a nonprofit group, 
*Unchained At Last*, that helps women and children escape arranged marriages and works to end child marriage in the United States.

She has been published in New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, USA Today and countless other papers in the US and beyond. Her stories have been aired by media outlets including PBS, NPR and many others, and she has been a featured speaker at many events across the country.

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October 5,
Bus Trip to Chihuly Exhibit at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx

A guided tram tour of the gardens will be followed by a guided walking tour of the extraordinary Dale Chihuly exhibit in the conservatory. Afterwards there is a trip to nearby Arthur Avenue, the Little Italy of the Bronx, where you will have enough time to eat lunch and shop.
GENERAL MEETING

December 5

Registration: December 11
Movies Available for Borrowing

Alive Inside
Anita
Arranged
As It Is In Heaven
Bungalows of Rockaway
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Chagall
The Closet
Crimes of the Heart
Departures
Desert Flower
Elsa and Fred
Food, Inc.
Footnote
For My Father
Genetic Roulette
Georgia O’Keeffe
The Glass Menagerie
Hysteria
Ida
Life Above All
Like Father, Like Son
The Lunchbox
Made in Dagenham
Makers: Women Who Made America
Mao’s Last Dancer
Off and Running
One Woman-One Vote
Orphan Train
Pray the Devil Back to Hell
Rachida
A Raisin in the Sun
Rear Window
Romantics Anonymous
Scultz Gets the Blues
Shall We Dance
Sister Rose’s Passion
Tenth Anniversary DVD
The Journey to Golda’s Balcony
Twelve Angry Men
Twin Sisters
The World According to Monsanto

All members are welcome to borrow any movie

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(732) 202-8550.

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