It is with a heavy heart that we are publishing this UPDATE bulletin. We have lost a dear friend and an important cog in our wheel of leadership. Our beloved leader, Shirley London Pollock, passed away peacefully in her sleep on the night of April 11, 2017. She has left a painful hole in our hearts. We will try to carry on in her absence. May she rest in eternal peace and may her memory be a blessing.

The Board of Trustees of Brandeis University issued a Memorial Resolution for Shirley London Pollock, a Fellow of the University and extended their heartfelt condolences to Shirley's entire family. It reads in part as follows:

“Shirley was a devoted member of the Brandeis National Committee (BNC), which she joined in 1977 when her family moved to Los Angeles. She quickly took on chapter leadership roles, serving as vice president of membership and later as president. Shirley went on to join BNC National Executive Committee, through which she headed the Brandeis Abroad travel program, served as president of the 14-chapter Western Region, and led the Book Fund, Library Work Scholar and Life Membership efforts. Her countless contributions to the BNC stand as a testament to her generosity both of time and resources, and she will be greatly missed in the BNC community.

In recognition of Shirley’s unparalleled commitment to Brandeis, she was selected as the first recipient of the Los Angeles chapter’s Eris Field Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010, and she received the BNC National Presidential Citation in 2013. Shirley was elected to the Brandeis Board of Fellows last year, and was officially hooded among friends and family in December.

In a 2016 profile for Brandeis Magazine, Shirley reflected on what the University meant to her and said: ‘Brandeis has enriched my life. I loved all the people I worked with and always enjoyed my visits to campus.’ In the same article, BNC Executive Director Beth Bernstein said, ‘Shirley’s dedication to Brandeis and the BNC is remarkable. She is an inspiration to our members around the country.”

Shirley Pollock’s daughters, Barbara Ruskin, Terri Ann and Nancy provided us with copies of their eulogies at their mother’s funeral. Following are some excerpts:

“Shirley was never afraid to speak her mind or fight for social justice. We will miss her optimism and positive approach to life. Shirley said “If you don’t like something, fix it. If you don’t have money, give time. Try to get what you need on the agenda and then do the work to make it happen.” Shirley helped fill the library at Brandeis University with books and helped fund scholarships there when she herself could not go to college because she had to help support her parents.”

“The values Mom instilled in me, mostly by example are part of what I do every day. Standing up for justice and what you believe in, not giving up, giving back to the community, helping those less fortunate and protecting the rights of the disenfranchised.”

“Shirley was interested in everything and everyone. She had the view that we could change the world. She taught us to stand up for what we believe in. She was a lifelong learner and promoter of education. She was passionate about arts, books, theatre and film and she was an activist.”

Shirley was a very special person and we all realize what we have lost, but we are grateful for the privilege of having known Shirley London Pollock. She has left us a powerful legacy.

Tributes to the Shirley Pollock Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley Pollock can be sent to Brandeis National Committee c/o Beth Bernstein, 415 South St., Waltham, MA 02453
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDIUM

Although saddened by the passing of our dear leader, Shirley Pollock, we will show our respect by carrying on her legacy. Though Shirley is not presiding at the head table, her strong hand continues to inspire us and guide us in our mission to support Brandeis University.

In order to make our General Meeting accessible to more members, the meeting time has been moved to 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. That change has already brought more members to meetings. Coffee and cake will be served and we will provide an interesting and entertaining speaker every month. Location continues at Westside Pavilion, Community Room A.

There will be a schedule change in August. Instead of our usual Thursday meeting we will be having a Theater 40 party on Sunday, August 13th. Tickets for the first play of the new season, “Sequence” will be on sale by the Executive Committee. Seating is limited so get your $30.00 tickets early. Season subscriptions for the remaining 5 plays will be $125.00 to members.

Guest speaker for July will be David Hunt Stafford of Theater 40 who will be presenting a short drama.

Thanks to each member for pitching in and working to continue what Shirley began all those years ago.

In appreciation,
Joan Satt
Phyllis Rosenthal
Ruth W. Rose

All aboard! Dine Around’s kick-off for 2016-17 season a Sunset Cruise around Marina del Rey with champagne and canapés. Glorious full moon.
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On June 22, 2017 at the annual Bagel Brunch, BNC-LA officers for 2017-18 were formally installed by The Honorable Judge John Harris who read the oath of office to the group to repeat after him.

Following the formalities, the noted actress/comedienne Rakefel Abergel regaled the group with her stand-up routine followed by audience participation skits and games. Rakefel's energy got almost everyone on their feet to have fun.

The Installation was the best attended General Meeting in many months. Was it the Bagel Brunch, the change in time or the very effective telephone committee?

BTW, Rakefel is on her way to Las Vegas to appear on "So You Want To Be A Millionaire" and then on to Broadway. We can say we saw her first.
The Play: “Sequence” produced by Bruce Gray

Do you believe in Luck? A man successfully bets double or nothing on the Super Bowl coin toss 20 years in a row. A professor races the clock on a ground breaking discovery to cure the disease that is causing her own progressive blindness. Two amazing stories intertwine like DNA, the interplay of science, faith, probability and luck!

Payable to BNC: Mail with tear-off to:
Marian Price, 2326 Selby Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90064

Name:_______________________________________
Address:______________________ City_____________
Email:_______________________________________

#Reservation@$30.00 per person ____Total Amt $________

Theatre Party

Kick Off for BNC General Meeting

Bring a Friend join the party

Sunday, August 13th starting @ 2pm
241 Moreno Drive
Beverly Hills High School

Tickets available from Joan Satt at door for $35.00 payable to BNC

SEASON SUBSCRIPTION FOR BRANDEIS $125.00 FOR THE REMAINING (5) PLAYS
Art Ventures Group a Success

During the last two years, the Art Ventures group toured many art galleries, museums, and artists’ homes. The members saw many different types of art from paintings to papier mache art to sculptures. We found out about assemblage art and the difference between Pop Art and Street Art.

During a visit to a sculpture studio, we had an opportunity to learn how to mold a clay figure. Our assignment was to make a vegetable. We quickly found out it was not easy! In one of the artists’ homes, we learned that paper can be designed to be a sculpture of a building.

We made new friends, learned a lot about art and our world has expanded with our new knowledge and understanding of art. I would encourage other members of Brandeis to join the group.
LEGAL PUZZLERS

Are you interested in discussing legal cases, learning about precedents, acting as part of a jury or simply expressing your opinion? You can do all of these things at our Legal Puzzlers meeting on the third Wednesday of every month. We meet at Lenny’s Deli at noon.

We use materials prepared by Brandeis University. We have explored how the U.S. Constitution is like the 10 Commandments, whether we have an obligation to protect others, are the crimes of the parents visited on the children and many other topics.

New members are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Ruth W. Rose by calling her at (323) 651-1833.

SUNDAY ON THE TOWN

Since re-activating Sunday on the Town, we have had several enjoyable outings, beginning with The Craft and Folk Art Museum and lunch at Calendar’s. Next, lunch at a quaint French Bistro. Marcia Salkin then hosted “Kisses on Both Cheeks” at The Jewish Women’s Theater. Our most recent outing was lunch at Maria’s and a Docent tour at The Annenberg Space for Photography. However, due to meager participation, SOTT will go on hiatus.

Suggestions are appreciated!

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WALK YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

Need more exercise? Join our newest Study Group Walk Your Way to Health. Please contact Rhoda Glauberg by emailing her at Rhodag@aol.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. We think you have made a good choice in joining Brandeis National Committee – LA Chapter. We want to make your time with us meaningful to you so please, tell us what you would like in the way of speakers at general meetings, interesting Study Groups and field trips. We will listen to every suggestion to make BNC-LA the best!

Mark your calendars: General Meetings at the 4th Thursday of the month – 10:30 a.m. at the Westside Pavilion – Community Room A. Coffee and cake will be served.

Sandi Berman
Geri Boltax
Lucille Dash
Judith Freedman
Carole Pollack
Marlene Stein
Esta Strober
Vicki Stuart
Barbara Weinstock
Dr. Judith Goodman

Carol Hartman
Alberta Stahl
Ann Roth
Rhoda Glauberg
Joyce Koff
Beverly Ellman
Marika Austin
Barbara Gayle
Barbara Sosnowitz

DINE AROUND

August 10
Dine Around dinner at Whiskey Pete’s
Marina del Rey 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 8
Dine Around at Cousin’s Main Lobster
West Hollywood 6:30 p.m.

Contact Joan Satt
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SEE YOU THERE!
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