Upcoming Events

Sunday March 22 at 4:45 PM

Annual Jewish Film Festival / Potluck Dinner

From Thursday, March 19th, through Sunday, March 29th, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia is hosting the 15th Annual Jewish Film Festival, featuring 14 different films, many with associated programs and speakers, all to be screened at the state-of-the-art and centrally located Angelika Film Center in the Mosaic District of Fairfax, VA.

Our BNC chapter is scheduled to attend the showing of G-d's Slave.

Based on the actual events of a 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires, G-d's Slave follows Ahmed, trained since childhood as an Islamic terrorist now assigned to execute a suicide bombing at a synagogue, and David, the cold-blooded Israeli special agent who will stop at nothing to prevent the attack. Each man is a fully-developed, complex person, not defined solely by extremist views. Ahmed, a physician engaged in saving lives, lives happily with his wife and young son. With time running out before the attack, David zeroes in on Ahmed as a suspect; his investigation culminating in violent, unexpected consequences.

The guest speakers for that day’s screening are Roberto Mosse and Mario de Carril.

The screening is at the Angelika Film Center in the Mosaic District: 2911 District Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031, located at the corner of Gallows Rd & Rte 29, Lee Hwy. Phone: (571) 512-3301. After the film we will have our annual potluck dinner, and we expect our usual sellout crowd. As we did last year, we will meet for dinner
in the party room of the JCC of Northern Virginia, from 7:15 - 9:30. This should give everyone a comfortable amount of time to arrive after the film program ends, to bring in and set out the food they bring, and to enjoy a leisurely dinner in good company.

The donation to attend the dinner and film is **$20 per person**. ($9 will go to Brandeis and is tax deductible, $9 will go to the JCC for the group rate movie ticket, and $2 will defray other expenses for supplies, such as paper goods, plastic cutlery, etc.)

You can RSVP by email to either Enid at jliess@cox.net or to Judie at onenetnik@yahoo.com. Then, promptly mail your check to: Enid Liess, 8702 Queen Elizabeth Blvd., Annandale, VA 22003, **made payable to BNC**. Your check is your final reservation.

In early March, you will be contacted to find out what you would prefer to contribute to the dinner. Being that we will be in a Kosher facility, the meal will be a dairy meal. As usual, we will need dishes that will serve 10-12--main dishes, sides and/or salads, and desserts. You will want to consider making dishes that can be served cold. You can keep them cold in a cooler in your car during the film, if necessary.

As in prior years, due to limited space, the dinner will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of 60 participants. The film festival is open to the entire community; therefore, many others may be pre-ordering tickets for this very special screening. To ensure your participation in the screening at Angelika and dinner at the JCC, please send your check (**made payable to BNC**) to Enid by **Monday, March 10th** or sooner. We look forward to sharing this wonderful annual event with all of you. … Enid Liess and Judie Weiss

**SPRING SESSIONS (AND MAYBE SPRING?) COMING UP SOON**

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**Monday**  **March 30 at 11:30 AM.**

The next **ETHNIC LUNCH** event is moving westward! After two very enjoyable lunches in Arlington, the group will be meeting at Zamarod's in Fairfax County for the next event. But it is not all about "the west" -- this time we will be dining on eastern cuisine from Afghanistan at Zamarod's (at 10123 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, VA. This little restaurant has enjoyed great reviews and, although small, has agreed to accommodate our group for a lunch of authentic Afghan food on March 30th at noon. As usual, we will be paying by separate check and also contributing five dollars each to BNC. Please RSVP to Rosalind Singer (rdsinger@starpower.net) by March 23rd. Sandy Wagner, and Barbara Gems, Study Group and Sessions chairpersons and Rosalind Singer, coordinator for this event, hope that you will join us! … Rosalind Singer
Wednesday April 8 at 1:00 PM

**KATIE LARGENT PIANO RECITAL** = Please join us for an afternoon of piano music featuring our own talented Katie Largent at the keyboards. Those of us who have heard Katie play, know what a delight it is to listen. We will gather at the home of Sandy Wagner in Fairfax on We’ll enjoy some wine and cheese as we listen. Fee to BNC will be $5.00 plus a contribution of wine or cheese. Such a deal. This event is **full**.

**Wednesday April 15 at 1:00 PM**

**THE POWDER AND THE GLORY**: Judie Weiss has offered her beautiful condo for us to gather around her TV, and we’re confident that we can figure out how to operate her DVD player. We will watch “The Powder & the Glory”, a 90-minute documentary that tells the story of two of the first highly successful women entrepreneurs — Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubinstein. Light refreshments will be served, and the cost is $10. This is a very interesting film, and we’re sure of you will enjoy it. And, we’ll even throw in a few samples of beauty products. This session is full, but contact Judie (**onenetnik@yahoo.com**) in case of cancellations.

**Thursday May 13 at 10:30 AM**

**MEADOWLARK GARDENS**: We have a date with a botanist guide for a tour of beautiful Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna Virginia. We will meet at the gardens on **Thursday, May 14th at noon**. The fee to BNC is $10.00 which includes the admission, but not lunch. You can pay at the time of event, either with cash or a check payable to BNC. Ruth Ingberman, a frequent visitor to this local treasure will organize our group. We’ll have a guided tour of the gardens and lunch afterwards in Vienna. Please rsvp by May 1 to Ruth at: **ruthingber@verizon.net** OR Barbara Gems at: **beegem@comcast.net** OR Sandy Wagner **swagner222@cs.com**. Ah, we can’t wait for spring! … Barbara Gems and Sandy Wagner

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**Tuesday May 19 at 1:00 PM**

**ENCORE SERIES EVENT**: This video and book discussion will be held at the **Beatley Central Library**, in **Alexandria**. The cost is $5.00 for **chapter members**, payable at the door. There is no charge for **prospective members**. Please rsvp to Susan Drachsler (**sdrachsler@comcast.net**)
Once again, our Northern Virginia Chapter is delighted to offer chapter members and prospective chapter members a “shared learning [experience] with the Brandeis University community.” Each year new students at Brandeis are encouraged to read the same book and then attend a lecture about the book featuring either its author or a member of the Brandeis faculty. The lecture is videotaped by the university and made available to BNC chapters. Our chapter members and prospective members are encouraged to read this year’s book, watch the videotaped lecture, and then participate in a discussion about the book and its author.

This year’s shared book is *Housekeeping*, Marilynne Robinson’s first, award-winning novel, which was published in 1980. It treats the subject of housekeeping, not only in the domestic sense of cleaning, but also in the larger sense of keeping a spiritual home for one’s self and family in the face of loss. The *Guardian Unlimited* has described the novel as a "Haunting, poetic story, drowned in water and light..." In 2005, Tessa Hadley praised the book in the *London Review of Books* writing, “[Robinson’s] way of seeing things seemed to have sprung from nowhere and was like no one else’s. The novel won awards, high praise from critics, and the devotion of readers, and it has not been forgotten: its fame has spread in a slow aftershock, passed on by word of mouth, cropping up on lists of the best contemporary novels. In the first few pages a train runs off a bridge into a lake in the middle of the night, and that is something like the experience of reading *Housekeeping*: a startling plunge into a language of icy sensuality and mysterious depths, where the world is reflected upside down.”

The address is 5005 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304. Parking is available in the lot in front of library. Please mark your calendars for this upcoming event. We hope you will invite your friends and acquaintances to join us to meet chapter members and to get a taste of our chapter’s activities and goals. … Susan Drachsler

**Tuesday June 9 at 11:30 AM**

![Lunch Image]

**THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON** will be at Brio, in Tyson’s Corner. Save the date! … Jane Kraft Burstein and Reva Fox

**The Months that Were**

![Flowers Image]

A rollicking group of BNCers got together for lunch at the Curious Grape on February 2nd to celebrate Ground Hog’s Day. Coincidentally, it was also our second Ethnic Lunch Sessions event, and a lot of fun. (It would have been more fun if others beside Sandy W. and Barbara G. had ordered Prosecco, but never mind.) Anyway, they had a table for us and gave us SEPARATE CHECKS, always a bonus. Kudos to Rosalind Singer for her great organizational skills and cleverly themed souvenirs! … Sandy Wagner
On Friday the Thirteenth of February, a chocolate-craving Sessions group met at Sandy Wagner's to witness Barbara Gems getting in touch with her inner Julia Childs. After her very successful baking, we enjoyed eating the fruits of her labor. Yes, there were raspberries involved. And, in honor of Valentine’s Day, everyone had a sip of pink champagne and got to take home a party favor.

A very fun event, thanks to the skill of the baker, the enthusiasm of the hostess, and the lively discussion of the participants. February is Chocolate Month, so we look forward to next year's offering! Right, Barbara?
… Sandy Wagner

Here's a happy photo from the challah session.

And a cheery snapshot from the crafting study group.
Membership News

Please Tell Your Friends About an Opportunity for a Membership Discount!

BNC offers a discount to new members who join the chapter in April. Their membership will extend through the following season (June 2016)! Please contact our chapter’s Membership Team if any of your friends or acquaintances is interested in learning more about our chapter. Diane (bennypolo@verizon.net), Karen (kphecker@yahoo.com), Susan (sdrachsler@comcast.net), or Debbie (debbie_kessler@verizon.net) would be delighted to contact them.

The Membership Team is pleased to welcome the following new chapter members. We hope they will dive into our chapter’s activities and look forward to sharing the fun with them. Please add their names and contact information to your membership roster. They attended a new member gathering hosted by Karen Hecker.

… Susan Drachsler

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Membership Roster

Please contact Diane DeMaio (703-658-9434/bennypolo@verizon.net), or Judy Yavner (703-527-0947/jyavner@gmail.com) with any changes to current information, or any new email addresses.

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Please send this form and your check for $60, payable to BNC, to:
Diane DeMaio, 4553 Sawgrass Ct., Alexandria, VA 22312
A Way to Support Brandeis: The Book Fund

Please help the Brandeis Library purchase a Learned Research Journal by buying one of the “LRJ” note-cards listed below to use as a gift for birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc. or to memorialize. Your purchase of a Tribute Card also benefits the library. Call Barbara Mintz (703-893-5005) or Fern Bekenstein (703-408-7979) or use the following form. Received from:

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Send to: Barbara Mintz, 1800 Old Meadow Rd., #722, McLean, VA 22102, or Fern Bekenstein, 1113 Water Point Lane, Reston, VA 20194
Board Meetings Are Open To All Members

All members are welcome to attend our chapter’s board meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 24th at 1:30 PM in the Tysons - Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.

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Our best wishes go to Walter Wagner, who is recovering from a broken leg.

Ideas Needed for Fundraising Fun

Having fun while raising money for Brandeis University is a very satisfying experience! In the past chapter members have enjoyed attending concerts at unusual locales or listening to an interesting speaker at an in-home luncheon or tea to benefit the university’s library. If you have suggestions for a fundraising event, can recommend a speaker, or are able to host an event at your house for a specific number of attendees, please contact our Program Coordination Chair, Michele Milden, at 703-820-7794 or mbmilden@aol.com. Let’s have fun together and support Brandeis. --- Susan Drachsler

The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is June 5. Please send material to Judy Yavner at jyavner@gmail.com, or call 703-527-0947.