Brandeis University
National Committee of Santa Clara Valley Proudly Presents
Study Groups Showcase ‘15
Featuring Flamenco Dancers and Guitarist
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Wednesday 9/30/15, 11:00AM
The Villages Golf and Country Club, Clubhouse Fairway Room, San Jose, CA 95135

MENU

APPETIZER: Gazpacho Soup

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Dressing on Table:
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See page 14 for details

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Proceeds benefit Neuro-degenerative research at Brandeis University
Can you believe summer is coming to an end? Brandeis is gearing up for a busy fall. Showcase is September 30. Gail Fisher, Mindy Frankel and Joey Stern have been working to have a wonderful extravaganza to “showcase” our study groups! Glenda Dennis is working on a Bonus Event for October 20. Glenda Dennis contacted Lois Tager, a Brandeis Member, to present a Bonus Event on Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 AM at the Saratoga Library. She wrote a book entitled: *What to do With Your Stuff: A Guide to Decisions About Personal Possessions and Life Choices.*

In June, I went to Brandeis University for a leaders’ meeting. What a wonderful experience! It was a couple of days complete with a campus tour, meeting students and faculty, and other Brandeis Chapter leaders. I even attended some classes and came away inspired with new ideas and friends. Ask me about it at some of our upcoming events. I hope you enjoyed lox and bagels at the Villages Fourth of July celebration. Joyce Mendel outdid herself coordinating the sale with Hadassah. We were sold out by 9:30 AM. The only complaints I heard were from those who didn’t get to our booth soon enough! Marcy and Ed Forman drove the BNC float in the parade. Thanks to all who made the day so successful.

What is summer without a BBQ? Thank you Marcie Pais and Joey Stern for helping to organize our “Brandeis Picnic” at Gazebo Park. I enjoyed the laughter, music, good food, and friendly faces. What more is needed? Camp Brandeis took place on August 3 at the Village Cribari. We had a fun time getting to know one-an-other and helping to plan our new season.

I hope to see many of you at Showcase. Enjoy the end of summer.
How Deep is the Ocean, How High is the Sky?

I don’t know the answer, yet I can sing the song…but not very well. Truth be told, I don’t much care about the ocean as long as my bathing suit stays on and the sharks keep away. However, when college costs appear to be reaching higher and higher levels each year, perhaps we had all better start worrying.

And, since you asked, I do have some personal experience when it comes to college costs. Let’s go back about umpteen years to the time I enrolled as a freshman at New York University. I sat my father down at the kitchen table and gave him the bad news that tuition at NYU was, if I remember correctly, something like $10 (or $15) per credit. The numbers may be off a little, but for the times they were not insignificant. The one saving grace of our discussion was the fact that to keep costs down I intended to live at home. My father sighed and agreed to cover half of my tuition while I paid the rest from my summer and part-time earnings. (And, although it has nothing to do with this article, I have to tell you that Florence Rosenblatt and Tinette Parnes, not only beautiful ladies, but very good friends of mine, also signed up at NYU and the three of us shared a locker. Don’t ask!)

All of the above is prelude to telling you about an editorial I read in a Brandeis publication, The Justice. The title caught my eye, “EDITORIAL: Demand end to significant tuition hikes.” The editorial began this way, “As is standard procedure in higher education, Executive Director for Integrated Media Bill Schaller announced a 3.7 percent rise in tuition, room and board on Monday for the 2015 to 2016 academic year. The total cost of attendance of our prestigious socially-just University, including tuition, room and board, will be approximately $65,300.” The editorial goes on to say that the annual tuition increase—not only at Brandeis but across the country—has become so matter of fact that it ought to belong with other financial news in Forbes opposed to the Chronicle of Higher Education. To this I can only add what Abraham Lincoln used to say, “What else is new?”

Representatives of Brandeis fly on El Al’s maiden Boston to Tel Aviv flight.
Yes, I agree it is some sort of valid recognition to be included on El Al’s inaugural flight from Boston. And, as perks go, Brandeis representatives certainly deserve the honor. Still, wouldn’t it have been an even grander gesture had they asked the author of this column to go along?

And, finally: I want to congratulate Lisa M. Lynch, a world-renowned economist who has assumed the position of interim president of Brandeis University effective July 1. Lynch has served as Brandeis University provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since October 2014, and is the Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy.
See you all next time.
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Membership Dues
Our new fiscal year began July 1, and it is renewal time for BNC membership. We appreciate your continued philanthropic support of the university, its students, faculty, research, and libraries.
Mail check payable to BNC to Janice Silver 5526 Cribari Circle, San Jose, CA 95135.
Questions? contact Janis at 1-408-274-6605, or grannyjts@aol.com

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
On Thursday, September 10, 11:00-2:00, we will host all new and prospective members with a lunch at the home of Judy Eskinazi 7819 Prestwick Circle, San Jose, Glen Arden Village at The Villages.
You will learn of all the personal, community, and Brandeis benefits and opportunities available to you with your Santa Clara Valley BNC membership. Contact Membership chair Gail Fisher with the names of prospective members or if you are a new member who has not been contacted. Gail can be reached at 1-408-238-3899

Brandeis Makes a Big Hit on July 4 at The Villages

Members of our Brandeis chapter and Hadassah from the Villages joined together to have a Bagel, Cream Cheese and Lox Sale at the annual 4th of July celebration in the Villages of San Jose. Even among the many food booths, we SOLD OUT our supply by 9:30am. Not only did we have fun, but we even made some money for both worthy groups. It was great PR as well. A special thank you goes to Ed Forman who got up at the crack of dawn to pick up our bagels.
Kudos to the busy Ed Forman who prepared his golf cart to enter the Fourth of July Parade. Cy Axelrad once again designed the cart with her lively art work and huge Brandeis sign. Ed and Marcy threw candy to the excited crowd while driving along the parade path.
A huge thank you to all of the Brandeis committee who helped to make our July Fourth entrance into the Villages annual parade both by co-working with Hadassah on our bagel sale as well as our golf cart appearance – what a proud day it was for us!

Ed Forman

Liz Dietz and Pat LeRocker; in the bottom row: Marcy Forman President Janet Atkins
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I would like to become a member of BNC, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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Congratulations to:

Judy Eskinazi on the birth of her fifth grandchild, Liora Stockdale Eskinazi
Phylis Davis and Mark Lutvak on their recent marriage
Estelle and Al Kadis on the birth of granddaughter Harper Eleanor Yarckin
Rita Loren on the birth of her great granddaughter, Lone Gold

Get well wishes to:

Barbara Levine
Jean Marxheimer
Mimi Pass
Clint Fisher

Continued thoughts to:

Lila Greenberg
Helen Matzner

Our heartfelt condolences to:

Shari Saul and her children on the death of her dear husband, Kevin and to his in laws
Dr. David and Rocki Kramer
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**A BRANDEIS BONUS** Chaired by Glenda Dennis


**Where:** The Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga
**When:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 10:30AM
**Admission:** Non-perishable food or monetary donation to Second Harvest Food Bank

Lois G. Tager, M.Ed., CSA, and Life Member of the Brandeis National Committee recently published a timely book entitled *What To Do With Your Stuff: A Guide to Decisions About Personal Possessions and Life Choices*. This book is a primer for baby boomers, seniors and families. *What To Do With Your Stuff* details the aspects of storing, assigning, allocating, organizing and even the disposing of your possessions. It offers real-life answers to questions about what to do with your personal property and the importance of telling the story of precious family heirlooms as well as deciding how to pass those treasured items on to your loved ones. Problems with moving and downsizing are also addressed. The book also confronts the crucial issue of end-of-life decisions and includes a chapter written by local attorney Roy W. Litherland regarding legal issues. A journal to contemplate and record important life decisions is also provided. Lois G. Tager believes strongly in educating families about issues affecting seniors and their families. Lois has a wealth of knowledge regarding geriatric care and end-of-life decisions and she is delighted to share that knowledge. **Reservations:** by October 14 to Glenda Dennis 1-408-253-4391  glenden@sbcglobal.net
SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE  

By Estelle Kadis

We are always looking for members who want to participate in helping others in our community. It makes us feel good when we know our efforts are making someone else’s quality of life better. Last year with the diligence and excellent efforts of Judy Eskinazi and her volunteers, our chapter’s project (Music and Memory) had a really great start. Donations of nine Ipods were given to San Jose Healthcare and Wellness Center to be used by residents in their Music and Memory Program to provide them with their music preferences.

The staff wrote a beautiful letter of appreciation to me addressed to the Brandeis National Committee.

Marcie Pais did an outstanding job in chairing the special gifts for the needy during the holiday season. The Jewish Family Service sponsored this project.

At each Board Meeting, our Board Members brought unopened cans and food products for the Second Harvest. Iris Drotman kindly delivered these items to the Second Harvest monthly. At Camp Brandeis, on August 3, we brought up projects that we might like to work on this coming year. These will be discussed at our next Board Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  

Change in Mailing Policy effective with Sept/Oct, 2015 Bulletin

As you are probably aware, printing and mailing costs of our bimonthly bulletins have skyrocketed. In order to continue mailing you the specially-printed copies of our chapter bulletins, the Board must institute a pre-paid fee of $10 per year, to help ease at least some of the costs of printing, handling, and mailing. This policy change will be effective starting with the September-October 2015 Bulletin. Should you wish to continue to receive the Bulletin via the post office, please fill out the form below and return it together with your $10 payable to BNC. 8471 Grenache Court San Jose, CA 95135-1420

If you are now receiving the E-Bulletin, you don’t have to take any further steps.

Note: If you prefer to convert to the E-Bulletin (no annual fee), please send your e-mail address to Janet Truman at: truman8471@Yahoo.com

YES. I wish to receive printed copies of the BULLETINS for the 2015-2016 Chapter Year (Sept/Oct; Nov/Dec; Jan/Feb; Mar/Apr; May/June). Enclosed find my check for $10.00 payable to BNC, Mail to 8471 Grenache Court, San Jose, CA 95135-1420

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Study Groups Program for ‘15

By Cy Axelrad

On Wednesday, September 30th at 11:00 AM, Brandeis will present study groups which range from *Adventurous Dining To Write Stuff* and much more. Featured will be a presentation at the Clubhouse, Villages Golf and Country Club, San Jose, CA. "Viva España".

**Reservations are $35.00.** Proceeds will benefit: *Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases.*

We are expecting a full house, so make your reservations early to Gail Fisher. We will have sign-up sheets for both new and existing Study Groups. Come one and all to this fun and unique event!

Questions? Call co-chairs: Gail Fisher at 1-408-238-3899, Mindy Frankel at 1-408-504-1910

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Entertainment 2016® discount books fundraiser begins again includes fantastic new feature

The New Entertainment 2016 books are scheduled to arrive in late August and are worth crowing about! They are $30, $15 of which is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and are valid for up to 17 months through December 30, 2016.

A fantastic new feature started last year is a national app that can be used with smart phones or any mobile device. If you buy any book you can download any of the offers in any of the 119 books that Entertainment prints all across the US and Canada. So if you travel anywhere where there is an Entertainment book you can save a ton of money by buying just one book.

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Providing these books for members and friends is one of the chapter’s biggest fundraisers. The books sell themselves, but there is a lot of competition. Please sell to all your friends, relatives and neighbors right away. We get credit for sales at Entertainment.com or Entertainment Direct if you enter the chapter code 111423. Brandeis makes 50% of the price of any book we sell. Last year we made over $2200, one of the chapter’s best fundraisers. Thanks to all who helped sell them and to all who bought them.

Call **Marilyn Meltzer**, (1-408)268-2186, for all your Entertainment needs.

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Baked Gefilte Fish and Peppers

*By Judy Eskinazi*

**Ingredients**

- 2 loaves frozen gefilte fish,
- 2 Tbsp. canola oil.
- 1 onion, sliced.
- 1 garlic clove minced
- 1 bag of frozen sliced peppers.
- 2 large onions, chopped,
- 1 can of stewed tomatoes
- Ground black pepper, to taste Sugar to taste (optional)

**Preparation**

Defrost frozen loaves of gefilte fish,
Just enough to remove parchment paper.
Sauté onions and garlic until translucent.
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place fish loaves in a dish.
Mix all the ingredients and pour over loaves.
Bake covered in oven at 350 for 1 hour,
Refrigerate overnight.

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Faculty Books

Lincoln and the Jews: A History
By Jonathan D. Sarna ’75, MA’75, and Benjamin Shapell, Thomas Dunne/St. Martins Press
As the forward to this handsome, absorbing book asserts, Abraham Lincoln “befriended Jews, admired Jews, commissioned Jews, defended Jews, pardoned Jews, consulted with Jews and extended rights to Jews.” Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, and his co-author detail Lincoln’s surprising connections to Jews as well as his ideas on Jewish issues by examining documents, letters and ephemera, many of them included here in high-quality reproduction. Five of Lincoln’s most important friends were Jewish, we learn. And, poignantly, on the day the president was assassinated he told Mary Todd Lincoln he was eager to visit Palestine someday.

Alumni Books

Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate By Letty Cottin Pogrebin ’59, The Feminist Press
A founding editor of Ms. Magazine, Pogrebin writes a novel about love. A man who’s promised his Holocaust-survivor mother that he will marry a Jew falls in love with a Protestant woman, who also happens to be African-American, spawning complications revolving around religion, loyalty, race, parenting, gender and history. The plot may address a knot of social issues, but Pogrebin never lets them overshadow a tender, well-crafted story. An abundance of heart can be found here.

Losing Faith By Adam Mitzner ’86, MA’86 Gallery Books
Defense attorney Mitzner authors his third legal thriller, continuing along the fiction-writing path blazed by Grisham, Turow et al. A Russian plutocrat, accused of financing an act of terrorism, threatens to ruin a high-profile American lawyer unless he does what he can to sway a trial judge in the Russian’s favor. Mitzner is skilled at his second job—prepare for mind-bending twists and turns right up to the very end.

Dim Sum, Dead Some By EM Kaplan ’93 CreateSpace
Kaplan presents another Josie Tucker mystery, in which the crime-solving food critic (who has just a few stomach issues) investigates the disappearance of a San Francisco software entrepreneur. Fans of the first Josie Tucker book, “The Bride Wore Dead,” will doubtless be hungry for this second serving of sleuthing.

Message From a Blue Jay: Love, Loss and One Writer’s Journey Home
By Faye Rapoport DesPres ’84 Buddhapuss Ink
Channeling Dante, DesPres regards the middle of her life’s journey, and finds it challenging. Her honest, affecting memoir about her 40’s is written with a lyrical touch and covers topics that will resonate with many readers: a new husband; a falling down house; a dying mother-in-law, who’s not going gently into her good night; travels to other countries; and magical encounters with the outdoors.

Tiara Saurus Rex By Brianna Caplan Sayres ’93 Bloomsbury
Tina, an enormous and extra-glamorous T. Rex, enters a beauty contest filled with other kinds of dinosaurs. Who will win? Although everyone’s money is on Tina, surprises wait in the wings. Sayres writes a sweet, rhyming anti-diva tale for children ages 5-7, enhanced by charming illustrations, which are appropriately very large and vibrantly colored.
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Study Group Corner

TheatreGoers
Iris Drotman has done it again! Iris has free tickets for the hit Broadway comedy, The Country House.

Where: TheatreWorks at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts
When: Wednesday, August 26th, 2015
Time: suggested arrival time is 7:15-7:30PM, doors open at 7:30PM
Tickets: call Iris at 1-408-266-8366 after 10am and before 11:30PM now until cut-off date of Aug. 24 (Mon)
Cost: Free! Free! Free!

The Northern California Premiere of The Country House written by Donald Margulies and directed by Robert Kelley is funny and poignant. It revolves around a revered stage and film star who summons her show-biz family to her Berkshires home for a summer stock season soon overstocked with memories. In a Chekhovian blend of witty comedy and poignant drama, they grapple with fame, art, the promise of romance, and the frustration of faded dreams—and, as always, each other. This recent Broadway hit is the latest from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Dinner with Friends”.

Study Groups-Showcase ‘15

Our Fantastic Study Group Showcase will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 11:00 AM at the Villages Clubhouse. This year we will have a Spanish Theme. We will be entertained by professional flamenco dancers, a Spanish guitar, and wonderful Spanish songs. We are lucky again to have Mindy Frankel making the very generous donation of the very special entertainment.

Our sumptuous lunch includes Gazpacho Soup and, if you choose, Paella. All this will be followed by a surprise Spanish dessert that we are importing.

Study Groups will be showcased. We will learn all about the new groups and even something new about the continuing groups. All groups will have written descriptions and when they meet. You can sign up at the study group tables or take home the name and phone number of any group leader. Dues for National and the once-a-year Study Group fees will be accepted at a table just for that purpose.

by Gail Fisher

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The essence of the Brandeis National Committee, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, is to provide support through our many and varied Study Groups. This year the Chapter is pleased to offer its members many Study Groups from which to choose. Some of the topics available in these Study Groups are current events, discussions, reading groups, dining and cooking, arts and crafts, museum excursions, movie and theater groups and many others. These stimulating opportunities along with other one-time events are available with membership in the Chapter’s Study Group program.

A fee of $25 per person, or $35 for two people living in the same household, is payable to BNC. This fee is good for an unlimited number of study groups.

Please send your Study Group fee check (payable to BNC) to:

Jan Silver
5526 Cribari Circle
San Jose, CA 95135

Be sure to read our Bulletin or go to our website www.santaclarabnc.org for new study groups.

Following is a list of some possible new study groups for this year.

- **Make Friends with Your IPhone - Tamara Parker**
- **Meditation as Part of Healthful Living - Judy London**
- **The Intelligent Brain Series using videos - Fred Stern**
- **TED talks - Darrel Kelly. Technology, Entertainment and Design**

If you have an idea for a new study group, there is time. For more information please contact:

Josephine (Joey) Stern
Vice President of Study Groups
sternjo@pacbell.net
(1-408) 238-4890
ADVENTUROUS DINING
To be held in conjunction with TheatreGoers. Tired of the same places to eat? Spice up your palate. We dine at inexpensive and unusual ethnic restaurants. Many of them are in the Entertainment Book. The Group coordinates with TheatreGoers. Dine either before or after the play depending on the performance time.
When & Where: Varies – TBA – To be held in conjunction with TheatreGoers
Group Leader: Iris Drotman 1-408-266-8366

AFTERNOON READERS
Enjoy books, including fiction, non-fiction and plays. Participants take turns facilitating the discussion.
When: 2nd Thursday – 1:00PM
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader: Sharon Blaine 1-408-257-6410  seb@TheBlaines.net

ART MUSEUM TOURS
Take day trips to various museums in the bay area. Trips may include a docent’s tour and lunch.
When & Where: Varies – TBA
Group Leader: Barbara Tommaney 1-408-238-1247 btommaney@comcast.net

BOCCE AT THE VILLAGES
Bocce is a fun outdoor activity everyone can play. It originated in Italy where it was played only by men. Here both men and woman play this game that is a cross between shuffleboard and bowling. It is easy, fun and does not require athletes ability.
When: TBA, once or twice a month
Where: Bocce court at the Villages
Group Leader: Gail Fisher 1-408 238-3899  g.fisher25@comcast.net

BROADWAY MUSICALS
Using audio and video clips, Fred Stern will lead a discussion of various Broadway Musicals of the 20th .
When: 1st Friday -10:00am
Where: Foothill Center at the Villages
Group Leader: Fred Stern 1-408 238-4890 stefnj@pacbell.net

CANASTA – CAMARADERIE AND FUN Players Wanted
Play fat-free canasta, no snacks, no gain, only fun. Occasional players welcome.
When: Varies – TBA
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader: Iris Drotman 1-408-266-8366

CRAFTS WITH DEBBIE
Knitting, needlepoint and other hand crafts. Come and learn or relearn old skills.
When: 4th Friday 1:30 PM
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader: Debbie Pinck 1-408-629-2901 debra.pinck@gmail.com

DISCOVERING THE BAY AREA
Once a month day trips. We will explore various sites and points of interest within our beautiful region.
When: Varies
Where: Different Locations
Group Leader: Janet Atkins 1-408-270-6127 JA42151@gmail.com
FAMOUS HEROES AND VILLAINS FILM CLASS
A Selection of famous heroes and villains films. Cy will have you watch, and then she will discuss the films.
**When:** Start October 15th, 2nd Wednesday— 1:00PM
**Where:** US Bank on Village Parkway
**Group Leader:** Cy Axelrad 1-408-223-9681 cyaxelrad@gmail.com

JOANNE’S BON APPETIT
Enjoy cooking and eating interesting foods. Experience gracious dining, socializing, cooking and eating gourmet foods in member’s homes. Participants are given recipes by the coordinator. Delicious creations are cooked at home and brought to the elegant group luncheon. Participants take turns hosting and cooking.
**When:** 4th Thursday –11:30am
**Where:** Members’ homes
**Group Leader:** Judy Sack, 1-408-374-8331 judysack@att.net

MIMI’S SMALL GROUP COOKING LESSONS
In the past we have made challah and appetizers. The group will decide what we will cook this year.
**When and Where:** TBA
**Group Leader:** Mimi Pass 1-408 737-7639 mimipass@sbcglobal.net

MOVIE GROUP
This Group will meet in The Villages. Join us for stimulating critique of current movies. Each month’s movie selection is sent to you by e-mail two weeks prior to the discussion so you will have time to see the movie.
**When:** 4th Saturday –7:15PM
**Where:** Cribari Center – Terrace Room – The Villages
**Group Leader:** Members participate as discussion leader
**Facilitator:** Marcie Pais 1-408-622-4600 paismarcie@gmail.com

MY BOOK CLUB
Enjoy books, including non-fiction and classic and contemporary novels. Participants select reading materials and take turns hosting and facilitating discussion.
**When:** 3rd Thursday –7:00PM
**Where:** Members’ homes
**Group Leader:** Josephine Stern 1-408-238-4890 stemjo@pacbell.net

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES
One or two night trips to exciting places
**Where:** TBA
**Group Leader:** Gail Fisher 1-408 238-3899 g.fisher25@comcast.net

PAPER TOLE - 3-D- ART
Join us to make unique gifts for yourself and others
**When:** Every Tuesday by appointment only starting October 6
**Where:** Judy Roger’s Workshop
**Group Leader:** Judy Rogers 1-408-223-9020 judy.rogers@comcast.net

RELIGION FROM A HISTORIC POINT OF VIEW
Study religion from a historical and intellectual perspective. Watch and discuss lectures presented by The Teaching Company
**When:** 4th Friday—10:30am
**Where:** Gail Fisher’s home
**Group Leader:** Gail Fisher 1-408 238-3899 g.fisher25@comcast.net
BRANDEIS STUDY AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS 2015-2016
Printed listing will not be repeated until September 2016.

SASSY LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH
Participants take turns hosting and cooking.
When: 2nd Tuesday – 11:30am
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader:  Joey Stern  1-408-238-4890 sternjo@pacbell.net

TheatreGoers
Attend plays at local and regional theatres. Performance often followed by discussion with the cast.
Take advantage of available group rates. Earlier or later we join Adventurous Dining at a nearby restaurant.
When & Where: Varies – TBA
Group Leader: Iris Drotman 1-408-266-8366

TRAVEL THE GLOBE LUNCH
Eat at different ethnic and international restaurants. There will be times we will order from the menu and times we will have a “sampler” lunch.
When: The 4th Tuesday every other month 11:30am
Where: We will go to a different restaurant
Group Leader: TBA

THE WELL-PLANNED JOURNEY
Uncomfortable about traveling? This group will help you get there. Tips and ideas for all your future travels.
How to: Pack, get the best reservations, use your miles, make insurance decisions etc.
When: 4th Monday 10:00am
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader: Tamara Parker 1-408-532-1516 tamara.parker@yahoo.com

WOMEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP LET’S TALK AND LISTEN
Like to talk? If so, you may want to join this study group.
We will discuss topics that are of interest to the group members.
When: 2nd Friday – 10:00 AM
Where: Members’ homes
Group Leader: Marcie Pais 1-408-622-4600 paismarcie@gmail.com

WOMEN’S LITERATURE – RABBI MELANIE ARON’S STUDY GROUP
American Jewish Women Speaking Out - Politics and Social Justice
When: 3rd Thursday – 10:30-11:45 AM from October 15 through May 19 2015-2016.
Where: Congregation Shir Hadash – Oneg Room – 20 Cherry Blossom Lane, Los Gatos
Group Leader: Rabbi Melanie Aron, 1-408-358-1751 ext. 4 apply on line at rabiaron@shirhadash.org

WORLD TODAY
Discuss a variety of current events international, national and local issues.
When: 2nd Friday – 7:15 PM
Where: Cribari Center – Terrace Room – The Villages
Group Leader: Members participate as discussion leaders
Facilitator: Marcy Forman 1-408-274-9036 marcyforman@sbcglobal.net

WRITE STUFF
If you are interested in creative writing, writing your family history, or any other kind of writing, this may be a good study group for you.
When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – 1:30 PM
Where: Iz Truman’s home
Group Leader: Iz Truman 1-408-238-3803 itruman@comcast.net
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