Staten Island Chapter of
Brandeis National Committee
Spring and Summer 2016

Bulletin

Presidents’ Message

Dear Members,

We wish each and every one a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!
Greetings from the Snowbirds of Sunny Florida. Just to recap since we last wrote, we
have had a successful Card and Mah Jongg Party, the proceeds of which went to the
Sustaining the Mind campaign. Thank you Judy Pincus. Thank you Shelly Burko for
keeping the Book, Film and Discussion Clubs going. Proceeds of these clubs go to the
Scholarship Fund

Looking to the future, we are planning a wine and painting party in May and a tea party
at the Old Bermuda Inn on a Sunday afternoon in June. Muriel Schleifstein has also
planned five trips which are detailed in this bulletin. Thank you Muriel.

Thanks go to Fay Schiff, Lenore Berman and Phyllis Levine for their hard work on the
North/South luncheons.

There is also a book and author luncheon on May 17 at the Shadowbrook in
Shrewsbury, New Jersey. The topic is John Lennon. The author is May Pang. Her books
are Instamatic Karma, Photographs of John Lennon and Loving John. The cost is
$60.00. If interested in attending, please mail your checks payable to Brandeis
University, to Shelly Burko, 24 Ladd Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312. Indicate book
and author luncheon in the memo. Proceeds will be designated for Science Research in
Neurodegenerative Diseases.

We look forward to another wonderful year!

Ruth Andriani and Louise Grollman
PROJECT HOSPITALITY
Eileen Bernstein

Hi, Although it seems far in the past, I'd like to thank those of you who have helped with mailings and who attended and/or gave donations to the Poor People's Dinner. I hope those of you who attended the "Fall Dinner" had a great time. To those who could not attend but gave a donation for the journal, Thank You. A special Thank You to Linda Herschfeld for taking over the organizing of volunteers while I am away. See you in the spring.

Community Events

Susan Wagner High School Opera Spring Schedule
April 2 - Puccini's Madama Butterfly
April 30 - Strauss's Elektra

MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016
Una Mackler

Our membership continues to grow thanks to all our members who have had their friends join Brandeis. Remember all you have to do is call me at (718) 761-4435 and I will be happy to send information on how they can join an organization that offers great trips, movie and book clubs and a chance to meet new and interesting people.
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LAUGHTER

YOUR INVITATION to the 2nd floor Art Gallery at the Jewish Community Center, 1466 Manor Road, Staten Island. From March to April 2016 see the Cartoons of Aaron Bacall. Opening Night Party March 17 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

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DISCUSSION GROUP
Led by Shelly Burko and Louise Grollman

The Discussion Group will meet at the Golden Dove Diner, 3281 Richmond Avenue, at 1:00 pm for lunch and discussion on the Thursdays listed below. We will discuss any and all topics of interest to you our members, including (but not limited to) current events, politics, people and places. If you know of someone who would be an interesting speaker for our group, please let us know.

It is important to call or e-mail at least five days prior to a meeting so reservations can be made at the restaurant. Please call or e-mail Shelly simmab@aol.com, (718) 948-4143 or Louise lgrollman@aol.com, 917 239-5632. A donation of $3 will be collected from all who attend. Members and non-members are welcome to our discussions. Net proceeds from these meetings will be earmarked for Catalyst for the Future in Support of Student Scholarships.

DATES OF THURSDAY MEETINGS

____ May 24, 2016
____ June 28, 2016
____ July 26, 2016
____ August 23, 2016
____ September 27, 2016
____ November 22, 2016

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BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

The Book and Author Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 5, at the Pines Manor on Route 27 in Edison, New Jersey. The author is Andrew Kane. He wrote The Night, The Day and Joshua, A Brooklyn Tale. Marlene Cohen has the books for sale. Joshua is $14 and The Night, The Day is $12. You can reach Marlene at 732 302-1211 or marlenecohen01@gmail.com. Tickets for members are $60 and $70 for non-members.
BOOK CLUB
Led by Shelly Burko and Louise Grollman

The Book Club will meet at the Z One Diner, 1821 Richmond Avenue, at 1:00 pm for lunch and discussion. As a rule, we meet the third Wednesday of the month. It is important to call at least five days in advance of the meeting so reservations and other considerations can be made at the restaurant and copies of the questions can be reproduced. Please call or e-mail Shelly simmab@aol.com, 718 948-4143 or Louise lgrollman@aol.com, 917 239-5632 if you plan on attending a meeting. A donation of $3 for members and $4 for guests is collected at the diner. Net proceeds are earmarked for Catalyst for the Future in Support of Student Scholarships.

BOOKS FOR DISCUSSION

April 20  
**Go Set A Watchman** by Harper Lee.  
20 years after *To Kill a Mockingbird* Scout returns home during civil rights tensions and political turmoil that was transforming the South. A woman and a world in painful transition.

May 18  
**The God of Small Things** by Arundhati Roy.  
This is a featured book in BookBrowse. A family saga, a forbidden love story and political drama combine to make this award winning novel a must read.

June 15  
**Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng.  
This is a featured book in BookBrowse. A story of family and the meaning of home.

July 20  
**All The Stars in the Heavens** by Adriana Trigiani.  
Lust, drama, power and secrets of the golden age of Hollywood and some of its players.

August 17  
**The Other Half of My Soul** by Bahia Abrams.  
This poses questions about choices, commitment and responsibilities. It is about a Jewish girl and a Muslim boy at college. Their taboo relationship sparks intolerance on all sides.
TRIPS - Spring and Summer 2016
Muriel Schleifstein

Muriel's trips book quickly so don't delay if you would like to join. It is important to notify Muriel if you are unable to make a trip for which you have registered. We regret to advise that there are no refunds for trips if you cannot attend. If there is someone who would like to take your place, you would be reimbursed by that person. Muriel cannot issue a refund for you.

Event: Jacques Marchais Museum (Tibetan Museum)
Date: April 13, 2016, 11 a.m.
Place: 338 Lighthouse Hill, Staten Island, NY 10306
Donation: $30, lunch at Casa Verde, 3471 Richmond Road, Staten Island, 10306

Event: Museum of Modern Art Degas Exhibit
Date: May 11, 2016, 11 a.m.
Place: 11 West 53 Street, NY 10019
Donation: $15 excluding lunch

Event: Temple Emanuel
Date: June 14, 2016, 1 p.m.
Place: One East 65 Street, NY 10065
Donation: $10

Event: Good Housekeeping
Date: July 8, 2016, 11 a.m.
Place: 300 West 57 Street, NY 10019
Donation: $10

Event: New York Historical Society
Date: August 11, 2016, 11 a.m.
Place: 170 Central Park West, NY
Donation: $55, lunch at Isabellas, 259 Columbus Ave., at 77 Street, NY

Create a separate check for each trip made out to BNC. Write which trip it is for. Send check to: Shelly Burko, 24 Ladd Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312.

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