Please Join Us

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE
and
INDOOR PICNIC

Sunday, August 23, 2015
11:30 in the morning
at the
University Village Clubhouse
12700 North 22nd Street

Cost for attendance is only $5.00
See you there!!
from the President...

I felt great pride as I read the newspaper article about Rabbi Rosenberg of Congregation Beth Am joining the NAACP “journey for justice” from Selma to Washington D.C. 150 rabbis are participating, continuing the historically important role the Jewish people play in the fight for civil rights and the quest for justice for all people. Ironically, on the same day we read about the journey for justice, the editorial bemoaned the continuing need for the protection of voting rights 50 years after the enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. In the past couple of years, it has become increasingly obvious that the struggle is far from over.

As I thought about the situation, I was again filled with pride as I realized that Brandeis University and we as members of BNC also play an active role in the goal of justice for all people. Louis Brandeis, known as the people’s lawyer, left a legacy of dedication to social justice, the right to privacy and freedom of speech. Brandeis University and BNC build upon this legacy in countless ways. BNC helps fund the summer program that financially supports interns in social justice. The university’s “take back the night” program was recognized as one of the country’s outstanding initiatives in overcoming the problem of sexual assault on campus. People of all major religions are guaranteed access to a place to pray. This is not even the tip of the iceberg.

As we begin our new year with our Showcase/Picnic, let us strengthen our support for a university whose mission is to help create a world where marches are no longer necessary.

Jill Hekkanen
Picnicking indoors is so very wise....no flying insects, no rain, no humid heat only delicious food offerings along with good Brandeis friends, plus an introduction to this season of Learning Opportunities. Adele McCollum and Judy Greengrass, VPs of the Learning Program, will introduce all the exciting Opportunities while Terrill Hameroff will organize the Indoor Picnic.

Listed here is a choice of covered dish suggestions from which you may choose what you would like to offer to this Picnic....your unique ideas are always welcome. Make your selection and inform Terrill (908-0702) of your choice.

- Mini Dinner Rolls
- Tossed Salad
- Tuna Salad
- Potato Salad
- Egg Salad
- Dessert
- Mac & Cheese
- Quiche
- Kugal (what kind?)
- Fresh Fruit
- Chicken Fried
- Rotisserie
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Judy Sventivanyi Tampa Bay Chapter In Appreciation

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News From National

A NEW RAPE CRISIS CENTER, OPEN TO ALL

Capping months of discussion, planning and hard work by students and staff, a new Rape Crisis Center is offering survivors of sexual violence a dedicated resource for information and support on campus.

“We have opened a space where all Brandeis students can find support and recognition of their needs concerning sexual violence”, says Sheila McMahon, sexual-assault services and prevention specialist at Brandeis.

Located in Usdan Student Center, the crisis center, which opened in March, includes counseling rooms for individual appointments and group discussions, as well as a lending/reading library.

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 3, at 10:00 AM. Tampa Bay Chapter Board will hold its monthly meeting. And…..there will be a guest speaker. At 11 o’clock we will welcome Andrew Warren, a Federal Prosecutor in the State Attorney’s Office. He will talk about “Protection Against Investment Fraud”. Should be an interesting morning.

MISSION STATEMENT

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism and service to the community.
THE STORIES THEY WOULD TELL

Afghanistan is a bleak place to be female. Westerners know some of the reasons why: Men have the power to control the lives of their wives and daughters, sometimes cruelly. Without a husband or a father, a woman is a cipher in her community. The idea of women’s rights is still widely resisted.

Statistics add more telling detail. According to Amnesty International, only a third of students enrolled in Afghanistan schools are girls. A mere 13 percent of Afghan women 16 and older can read and write, compared to 43 percent of the country’s men. Eighty-seven percent of Afghan women endure domestic violence. Most Afghan women won’t live to be 50.

As startling as these facts are, they don’t reveal what it’s like to be a woman in Afghanistan, what her world looks like from the inside. So Nadia Hashimi, ’00 Brandeis grad, a pediatrician living in Potomac, Maryland, whose parents immigrated to the U.S. from Afghanistan before the 1979 Soviet invasion, decided to remedy that by writing a novel.

“The Pearl That Broke Its Shell” follows the lives of two Afghan women, told in intertwining narratives. Shekiba contends with violence and privation at the turn of the 20th century; her great-great-granddaughter, Rahima, faces disturbingly similar challenges 100 years later.
Florida Region

The Florida Region will sponsor a fabulous luncheon on Feb. 4, 2016, at 11:30 AM at the Wyndham Hotel in Boca Raton. Proceeds will go to our new campaign: BNC Scholarship Campaign. Luncheon will cost $50.00. In addition, a pledged donation of $500.00 during the fiscal year of July 2015 to June 2016 will be required.

A great speaker, as well as entertainment, will be included. Make your reservation early and get on the Bandwagon!

Call Dr. Lydia Axelrod, Florida Region VP for Fund Raising, for more information at 561-573-4069.

BNC Florida Region presents STUDY GROUPS AT SEA aboard the Princess Cruises’ “Regal Princess”. Ship sails January 10 to 17, 2016, from Ft. Lauderdale to Princess Cays, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. For more information contact Elaine Bloom (847)899-0032 or Lydia Axelrod (561-573-4069. Sounds like a very pleasant cruise!!

Annually this Bulletin prints Holiday Greetings to celebrate Rosh Hashana/Yom Kippur, Chanukah/Christmas, and Passover/Easter. Joanne Luciani collects members’ names with a modest fee of $15.00 to be published here-in.

Don’t you want to contact Joanne at 996-0141 to add your name to the list and have it published in the October Bulletin?
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