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Distinctive Pin Offered Donors

NWC Endows Librarian Chair with Most Ambitious Campaign in History

T he National Women's Committee has successfully completed its $2.5 million campaign to establish the Brandeis University National Women's Committee University Librarian Chair. In establishing an endowed chair for its librarian, Brandeis joins the ranks of Harvard, Johns Hopkins, the University of Illinois and a handful of other prestigious universities that provide this financial security for their libraries. Income from the endowment will fund the librarian's salary and related expenses, ensuring that Brandeis will always be able to secure a librarian of the highest caliber.

The campaign struck a chord throughout the organization, involving hundreds of active volunteers and almost 2000 donors. Substantial individual gifts combined with the enthusiastic support of chapters to bring to a fast and successful conclusion the organization's most ambitious fund raising campaign to date.

Starting with Founding Gifts from Jean Carrus of the Desert, California Chapter in Palm Springs and former NWC President Ellen Atlas and her husband Simon of Washington, D.C., the campaign received three additional gifts of $100,000 or more. Camus, president of the Greater Western Region, also commissioned the bronze book sculpture which will be placed in the National Women's Committee garden in front of the main library. The names of those making gifts of $3,000 or more will be permanently inscribed in the book.

The campaign also broke new ground in other ways. The distinctive brushed gold “chair” pin, now proudly worn by 475 donors who made gifts of $500 or more, became a national symbol of the campaign and the National Women's Committee. It introduced many people to the organization, including First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Chapters held spectacular events for the benefit of the campaign. Eighty-six chapters will be represented in the new garden, their names engraved on bricks to form a pathway. Chapters raised a total of $500,000 above and beyond their annual financial commitment to the chapter. Continued on page 8

Carl & Ruth Shapiro Give $20 Million for New Campus Center

C arl and Ruth Shapiro of Palm Beach are making the largest single gift in Brandeis history—$20 million—for the design and construction of a dramatic new campus center.

University President Jehuda Reinharz said the building is intended to be an active place for students to gather, relax and study. Open 24 hours a day, it will house a state-of-the-art computer library, a student theater, student clubs and offices, a bookstore and a café. The new building will be situated in the center of campus, at a crossroads through which students, faculty, staff and visitors travel each day. Construction is scheduled to begin in the late summer of 2000 and be completed by the end of 2001.

“The Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center will transform the campus,” said Reinharz. “It will be the signature building and the heart of student life at Brandeis. It is difficult to overstate the impact that this gift from Carl and Ruth Shapiro will have on the university. We are extremely fortunate that the Shapiros have the vision to make this incredible commitment to Brandeis.”

Ruth Shapiro became a Life Member of the Boston Chapter of the National Women’s Committee in 1948, the year the University was founded. She and her husband have been leading supporters of Brandeis for more than 20 years with funds for a new admissions building, the Carl Shapiro Chair in International Finance, and an early gift to advance technology in the Libraries. Carl Shapiro served on the Brandeis Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1988, and continues to play an active role as a trustee emeritus. Their daughter, Rhonda Zinner, is a Brandeis University trustee.

The library space in the new center will afford 24-hour study lounges and computer support services, tailored

Victim’s Rights: Justice or Revenge?

The promotion of “victim’s rights” is one of the biggest changes in the criminal justice system. Many would agree it was long overdue, but is the new common use of victim impact statements during the sentencing phase of capital trials bringing justice or revenge? Is it tipping the scales of justice too far and threatening a defendant’s right to a fair trial? Read Brandeis Professor Andreas Teuber’s new brieflet “Victim’s Rights: Justice or Revenge?” in this issue of Imprint for a thorough and thoughtful examination of this very important issue.
White House Correspondent To Receive Sacher Award at NWC Conference 2000

Helen Thomas, UP’s White House bureau chief for more than 25 years and the recognized “Dean” of the White House Press Corps, will be honored at the 53rd Annual Conference of the National Women’s Committee with the Abram L. Sacher Silver Medal. Thomas will accept the award at a dinner in Waltham, Mass. on Friday, June 2.

Thomas has spent almost her entire career working for UP in Washington. She was assigned a regular beat covering the federal government in the late 1940s, which included the Justice Department, the FBI and Capitol Hill. She began covering the White House during the Kennedy Administration and gained a reputation for asking blunt questions with a populist flavor.

She has traveled around the world several times with Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush and was the only print journalist to accompany President Nixon on his historic trip to China in 1972. She became UP’s White House Bureau Chief in 1974, the first woman to hold the position. She was also the first woman officer of both the National Press Club and the White House Correspondents Association and the first woman member of the Gridiron Club.

The Abram L. Sacher Silver Medal is presented annually to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of education, was established by the National Women’s Committee to honor the first President of the University upon his retirement. Recipients of the Sachar Award have included journalists Nina Totenberg and Anna Quindlen, activists Helen Caldicott and Sarah Brady, Nobel Prize winner Rosalyn Yalow, Dr. Susan Love and Dr. M. Moskowitz.

The National Women’s Committee Conference will be held on and near the Brandeis campus from Wednesday, May 31, to Sunday, June 4, 2000. All members are welcome to attend all or part of the conference. For information visit www.brandeis.edu/bunwc, call 781-736-8660, or write to Conference, Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, M 132, Waltham, MA 02454-9120.

Imprint welcomes letters to the editor. We reserve the right to edit letters for publication.

Dear Editor:

A long time ago, a geographically remote, interested member of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, I read with interest your publication Imprint.

However, I was surprised (appalled would be a better word) to read your account of the trials and tribulations of Captain Alfred Dreyfus and reread it several times and still find no mention of Emile Zola and his fiery and effective manifesto, “J’Accuse!”

Zola’s beliefs, actions and written testimony focused attention on the wrong done Captain Dreyfus and were instrumental in righting the wrong and changing political customs and the climate in France. All of this was done, but not without personal pain to Zola. Old friends disagreed with his stand, including his boyhood companion, the painter Paul Cezanne, an ardent Rightist who could not understand and did not forgive Zola’s forthright and vigorous protestations that wrong had been done, and by whom. If you are going to relate history, try to give it’s story as fully and as truthfully as possible.

Betty L. Mass
New Orleans, LA

Editor’s Note: Thank you for providing this additional important information to our readers.
Annabelle Bahr Makes Major Endowed Gift

Annabelle Bahr of the Los Angeles Chapter has made an endowed gift of $200,000 to the Brandeis Libraries and plans to augment that amount with an additional gift. An area of the main library will be dedicated to her and her late husband Bernard.

In addition to this new gift, Mrs. Bahr completed a donation of $100,000 to the Technology Fund this year, funding a cluster of four computer workstations in the library and supporting the installation of a state-of-the-art computer network infrastructure. Previously, she established the Annabelle and Bernard Bahr Endowed Library Work Scholar Fund and has supported the Journal Guarantor Endowed Fund, the Library Benefactor Fund for rare and choice acquisitions, and the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee University Librarian Chair.

Mrs. Bahr also gives generously of her time. A vice president of Book Fund for the Los Angeles Chapter, she has been an active member of the chapter board for more than 15 years. “I am making this new gift in memory of my beloved husband, Bernard, whose love of learning has inspired me to become a major donor in support of Brandeis University, its students and the Los Angeles Chapter of BUNWC,” said Mrs. Bahr.

The National Women’s Committee will launch a year-long study and dialogue on violence in America at its national conference in May. A panel of criminal justice experts and legal scholars will kick off Town Forum 2000 which will include Brandeis faculty lecture study group and materials on the topic, and chapter activities. Some chapters also have community service projects in areas such as court monitoring, domestic violence and introducing conflict resolution to public elementary school children. Anticipated program topics include constitutional law, the death penalty, the history of violence, domestic violence, gun control, children killing children, juvenile justice, and the role of entertainment in violence in America.

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Town Forum 2000 to Address Violence in America

The conference panel will include Mary Davis, associate professor of legal studies at Brandeis; Ralph Martin ‘74, district attorney for Boston Suffolk County; Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans; and John Rosenthal, founder of Stop Handgun Violence. The panel will be chaired by Emily Romney, former executive producer for ABC News Tonight and current host for the public television show Greater Boston.

A new brieflet entitled “Victim’s Rights: Justice or Revenge?” is available in this issue of imprint. “Victim’s Rights” is the fifth study guide group by Brandeis philosophy professor Andreas Teuber in his provocative series on criminal and legal issues.

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Cynthia Shulman, Greater Boston

Cynthia Shulman has risen to the pinnacle of Jewish service in Boston while keeping her feet squarely on the ground and her family at the center of her life. Currently serving as only the second woman in its 105-year history to chair Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston (CJP), she was the first woman to be elected chair of the 97-year-old Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged prior to taking her CJP post.

President of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee from 1982 to 1984, she is a volunteer who is always in demand and rarely says “no.” Active in three organizations and many more for almost 50 years, Cynthia recalls her first jobs for National Women’s Committee—coordinating photography at the national conference—and at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center—calling in pledges for a campaign. “Somebody complained about me to the Center president and I was afraid I would get fired before I got started,” she recalls. Recently with a laugh. She credits her excellent leadership training with the National Women’s Committee for her later successes.

A reputed whiz with a balance sheet, she joined the national board of National Women’s Committee as assistant treasurer, ran a very successful capital campaign for NWC in the 1980’s and brought the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, with its two senior housing complexes and a continuing care retirement community, into the black. She also chaired two CJP campaigns before becoming chairman of the board of the organization with its $26 million annual budget and served on the Brandeis University Board of Trustees for 10 years.

“She is absolutely spectacular,” said Arnold Rosenberg, current chair of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. “She is the best public speaker I’ve ever heard. She thinks on her feet, understands situations in an instant, and runs meetings extremely well. If Cynthia had been born in another generation, she would have become president of the United States or head of a major corporation. There is no limit to her capabilities,” he declared.

However, it is Cynthia’s “people” skills that make her most effective, according to many of those who have worked closely with her. “She is gifted in dealing with people,” said Susan Ebert of CJP. “She makes people feel included and valuable,” she said. Former NWC president Barbara Miller describes Cynthia as “kind, patient, and very, very thoughtful. She even remembers my grandchildren’s birthdays!” she said. “And she is always the voice of reason. In meetings she has a way of focusing on an issue, clarifying it, and helping those involved come together as a unit.”

It is fitting that this devoted daughter, mother, wife, mother-in-law and grand-mother lives in the house in which she grew up, a half block from the temple which her parents helped build. Despite the demands of her volunteer work, she and her husband Leon made time to raise three fine sons who are carrying on the family tradition of service. Steven, their eldest, is co-chair of Super Sunday for CJP this year and is involved with the National Young Leadership Council. Sons Kenny and Billy put their efforts into Dana Farber Cancer Center’s Pan Mass Challenge fund raiser.

Despite her many accomplishments and her stellar reputation as a super volunteer in the Boston community and throughout the National Women’s Committee, Cynthia looks no further than her own progeny when asked what makes her most proud. “My family,” she says without hesitation. “I am most proud of the care and love they have for each other. They are genuinely nice people.”

After 46 years of non-stop, high-energy volunteer work Cynthia shows no signs of slowing down. Currently on the National Women’s Committee leadership team, she also serves on the CJP executive committee and on two committees of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. “I would be miserable not doing it,” she admits, adding that “it’s not so much the doing, but working with so many wonderful people and being able to accomplish things together.”

Spring 2000
Chase Manhattan Foundation Gives $5 Million to Brandeis

The Chase Manhattan Foundation has made a $5 million gift to Brandeis, one of the largest gifts ever given by the foundation to an educational institution. The funds will be used to establish The Chase Manhattan Chair in Ethics and to provide scholarships to first-generation Americans and underprivileged students.

Upon accepting the gift, Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz said, “The Chase Manhattan Foundation is setting an example by dedicating significant funds to opening doors of opportunity for underprivileged students.” He added that “endowing a chair in ethics will allow the University to strengthen this important discipline and will enable Brandeis to build on its reputation established by the International Center on Ethics, Justice and Public Life.”

Brandeis Physicist Wins Prestigious NSF Award

For the third year in a row, a young Brandeis faculty member has been awarded the National Science Foundation’s prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award, intended to boost the teaching and research of young scientists. Jane Kondev, assistant professor of physics at Brandeis, was one of 250 young researchers selected out of 2,000 who applied. Kondev will receive $220,000 over four years as part of his CAREER award.

Kondev’s research touches on strongly correlated matter, found in many-particle systems whose behavior cannot be predicted by the behavior of single particles. A condensed matter theorist, he develops mathematical descriptions of activity within such complex systems.

As part of his CAREER award, Kondev will examine the movement of particles within a turbulent flow, such as a stream of water or rapidly moving air. He will also study what happens when polymers - molecular chains such as proteins and the building blocks of plastics - are compressed into two dimensions, such as when proteins are adsorbed on membranes.

Kondev, who was awarded Excellence in Teaching awards from Princeton University’s Engineering Council when he taught there in 1998 and 1999, also proposed in his CAREER award to introduce a new undergraduate course. It would teach mathematical methods and then apply them to questions in various areas of science. Its goal would be to teach students to mathematically model processes found in the biological, chemical, and physical worlds.

Brandeis to Offer Courses for Adult Learners

Starting September 27, 2000, older adults will be able to take courses at Brandeis through the new Brandeis Adult Learning Institute (BALI). Although there is no age eligibility, the institute was established for people 55 and older.

Courses in history, literature, religion and psychology will cover a range of subjects, including spirituality, theater, and the writings of noted authors, thinkers, and politicians. Fall offerings will include “Henry James: Novels and Short Stories,” “The Dynamics of the Helping Process,” “Memoir Writing,” “Introduction to Astronomy,” and “With God on our Side: Religious Fundamentalism in American Political Life.” Each class will meet weekly for ten weeks. The institute will also sponsor Lunch and Learn sessions which will feature lectures by Brandeis faculty members.

For more information on BALI, write Bernard Reisman at the Rabb School of Continuing Education, Brandeis University, MS 085, Waltham, MA 02454-9110, or phone 781-736-2992.
Gayle Wise Nominated Next NWC President

Gayle Wise of the San Diego Chapter has been nominated national president of the organization by the National Nominating Committee. The proposed slate of officers will be voted on by the delegates to the National Women’s Committee’s conference in May.

A former national vice president, Wise joined the San Diego Chapter in 1975 and served as president from 1982-84. However, her family has a much earlier connection—her late mother-in-law was a founder of that chapter in 1953. Currently chair of Conference 2000, Wise has also chaired imprint, Expansion, the Library Technology Fund, and Book Fund. She has also been active in her temple and community. She was president of the Women of Reform Judaism (sisterhood at Congregation Beth Israel), a vice president of Jewish Family Service, and a member of the San Diego Mental Health Alliance.

Wise studied English and journalism at San Diego State University. She lives in San Diego with her husband George, who is a member of the National Women’s Committee, and has two adult daughters, Lisa and Andria.

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“Upon the tragic loss of our son Jeffrey, we sought a way to memorialize his life. As middle income supporters of education, music, art, and scientific research, we found a Planned Gift to Brandeis the best way to honor our son’s memory. It also allowed us to enhance our income for life and help the Desert Chapter achieve its financial goals.”

Ruth and Robert King
Desert Chapter, Palm Springs, CA

The development staff of the National Women’s Committee welcomes your questions. For a financial proposal tailored to your individual circumstances or for the exact wording to use to ensure that a bequest is directed to the Libraries, contact Judy Diamond, Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, MS 132, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 or call 781-736-4160.
CHAPTER & REGION NEWS

KUDOS TO

Central Queens on its recent fund raiser, a luncheon and card party.

Corpus Christi for a full schedule of events and the extensive publicity that accompanied them. The chapter’s University Outreach lecture by Brandeis professor Thomas Doherty got a photo spread in the local paper and an unsolicited testimonial boosted the book sale. The program book for the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra noted that it’s young associate conductor William Buhidar has been a guest lecturer for the chapter.

Greater Washington’s Lunch and Learn program for involving participants in building a “living bridge” between Israel’s Arabs and Jews. Speakers include representatives from “Interim for Peace,” a group that helps people initiate projects to promote co-existence and improve standards of living.

Meadowbrook, NY for its latest in its monthly series, “Timely Events in Judaism,” a lively discussion on “The Role of Lubavitch Women in the Community, Home, and Synagogue.” Mickey Goldstein hosted the 45 participants.

Nassau North, NY for more unusual programming. Actor-poet Nita Michaels portrayed Emma Goldman, “the most dangerous woman in America,” in a one-woman show and the Garden City (NY) Readers Theater group presented “The Pearls of Perelman,” highlights from Marx Brothers films which S.J. Perelman wrote. Nature lovers will get a local guided wetlands cruise in May.

Palm Beach East for its Annual Gala Luncheon, which included a fashion show, drawing, and talk by radio and TV personality Jack Cole.

Saddlerock, CA, for cultivating the younger generation through its events. The chapter’s University Outreach program attracted 100 guests, including a full table of adult daughters of members. A daughter daughter, Professor Linda Hale, was the guest speaker at the March open meeting.

Fran Albertson and her nimble-fingered community service group from the San Fernando Valley Chapter. The group was honored recently by the Foundation for the Junior Blind for knitting 52 afghans for blind children and by Children’s Hospital for creating 13 additional afghans as well as caps for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

South Shore/Brockton, MA for raising a sizeable gift for the Librarian Chair Campaign through a luncheon and ad book honoring their Women of the Year 2000, Charlotte Handverger and Sally Phillips.

Weston-Venture for its excellent ongoing community service program. Conversation Partners, which links Brandeis volunteers with people from other parts of the world to help them improve their English skills. Chapter members also participate in a mentoring program designed to keep children in school and offering them scholarships to Florida-based colleges. In addition, Florida Region President Aida Nogue brought news of the Library Work Scholar Program to a chapter event that Marion Levin chaired.

These Greater East Bay members met to recently hear news from Brandeis. Left to right are: Bea Simon, Marilyn Taglow, Rodica Barad, NWC Director of Development Janice Fineman, Regina Salomon, Betty Anne Lipow, and Frances Kay.

Elaine Keith was chosen Woman of the Year from the San Fernando Valley Chapter at the Assembly of the Women’s Department of Jewish Federations, Valley Alliance. Since joining the Chapter in 1994 Keith has co-chaired the Author and Celebrity Day and was quickly chosen a leadership intern to attend the national conference at Brandeis. Now a vice president, she currently co-chairs the study group program while pitching in on other projects as well.

More than 950 people packed the Phoenix Chapter’s 10th annual Book and Author event featuring Amy Ephron, David Brancaccio, Clive Cusiter and, waiting to speak (L-R), Brandeis professor Anita Hill, Diana Douglas Darrid, and Stephen Cannell. Phoenix book lovers have also been flocking to the chapter’s book store, voted the “Best Used Book Store in Phoenix” by the New Times newspaper.

The Desert, CA Book and Author event featured authors (L-R) Rosanne Welch, Harold Halzlip, and Lillian Hawthorne, joined by Chapter President Barbara Wynn and moderator Burton Kaplan, as well as authors Shirley Halzlip and Steve Covington (for author Amy Ephron), and National Women’s Committee President Marcia Levy.

It was standing room only at the Hills, Florida, Chapter Book and Author Luncheon featuring (2nd left) Helen Gurley Brown, international editor of Cosmopolitan and author of I’m Wild Again, and David Liss (2nd right), debut author of A Conspiracy of Paper, and moderator Margaria Fichtner, book editor of The Miami Herald. The authors are flanked by Chapter President Helene Faitt (left) and Joan Shapira, chairperson of the event.

Authors Stella Suberman (left) and Ruth Sidrancky (right), shown with Trails, Florida, Chapter President Adele Brodow, shared their moving memoirs with the 260 members and friends who attended the Trails Chapter’s Book and Author Luncheon. Suberman’s book, The Jew Store, revisits her father’s experience as the unwelcome immigrant who opened a dry goods store in rural Tennessee. Film rights have been acquired by Dolly Parton. Sidrancky’s story, In Silence, traces her childhood as the hearing daughter of deaf parents.

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NWC Plans for 21st Century

Like all volunteer organizations, the National Women’s Committee (NWC) will face a very different environment in the next 50 years than it did in the last 50. In order to meet the challenges ahead, the organization has embarked on a strategic planning process to examine issues such as membership, fund raising, mission, organizational culture, staffing, communication, image, University relations, and structure.

A committee made up of members from throughout the country with varying levels of experience with NWC has been working intensely for a year to define issues and make recommendations. The National Board will vote on the committee’s strategic plan this May.

“The National Board and the members of the Strategic Planning Committee have been committed to making the changes necessary to energize the National Women’s Committee as it enters the very different environment of the 21st century,” said Carol Rubinstein ’59.

“Brandeis depends upon our support and we must find ways to continue to fulfill the promise made 50 years ago when the university was founded.”

Web Update

Check out our web sites—www.brandeis.edu, www.brandeis.edu/bunwc, and www.library.brandeis.edu—for the latest news from Brandeis. Look for locations of summer book sales on the NWC site plus the most up-to-date list of study group materials. The Brandeis site features news that Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu will be commencement speaker and models of the new campus center (see page 1 story) and will link you to the U:News online 2000 College Rankings which lists Brandeis as #81 in the country. The Library site outlines the latest computer upgrade, funded in part by the National Women’s Committee.

In other interesting web news…

www.JavaTicker.com is the brainchild of Brandeis economics major Adam Menzel ’01 of Port Washington, New York, and his childhood friend Ben Nobel. Run out of their respective dorm rooms, JavaTicker lets users customize stock tickers to reflect their portfolios or areas of interest. Already featured in the New York Times, the site includes stock quotes, an IPO section, Securities and Exchange Commission filings, company profiles, information on inside trades, and Reuters news. Menzel describes the web site as just one product of their company, “something we offer for free to create brand awareness,” he explains. “We’re looking to create a company with really top-notch products for businesses on the Web.”

www.WebExhibits.org, created by an alumnus, a professor and an undergraduate, has twice been named a “Daily Pick” by Yahoo!, the most visited site on the internet. Created by Michael Douma ’97 and chemistry professor Michael Henchman, the site was built with the help of Stella Fayer ’00 working at CIMTech, a state-of-the-art media lab in the Brandeis library. This education web site is essentially a wide-ranging online museum featuring dozens of in-depth exhibits on topics ranging from amber and avalanches to garbage and Albert Einstein.

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Members and friends gave to the campaign for many different reasons. Pearl and Mike Zeltzer of the Detroit Chapter, Fellows of the University and generous supporters of Brandeis and the libraries for many years, announced their gift during National Women’s Committee national conference last year to ensure that the campaign would meet its midway goal. Bob Gray of Encino, California gave a generous gift to place the name of his late wife Ruth in the Commemorative Book. Together for 69 years (she was 16 and he 17 when they married), he wrote: “Brandeis was her first love. I would like people to know who Ruth Gray was.”

The successful completion of the campaign will be celebrated at national conference on campus this May with the dedication of the National Women’s Committee garden. A 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book recognizing all donors who have made gifts to the campaign of $1,000 or more will also be on display at conference and then will remain in the University Archives in the main library.

Campaign chairman and former NWC president Ellen Atlas said of the campaign: “As national chairman I began this campaign with great enthusiasm and high hopes, and the enthusiasm continued to be sustained by the help and encouragement I received. My sincere thank you extends to each individual donor, every supportive chapter, and my team, composed of members from every region, and our national development staff. We certainly can be proud of the legacy we leave to Brandeis University.”