Super Successful Science Campaign Tops $2.4 Million

Science Scholarship Campaign to Follow

For the first time in its history, the National Women’s Committee is playing a direct role in making Brandeis a scientific powerhouse. The organization wrapped up its Science for Life campaign this summer, raising $2.4 million, 20 percent more than its goal of $2 million. This successful campaign will fund a laboratory, named for the National Women’s Committee, in the university’s new Carl J. Shapiro Science Center, which is currently under construction. It also will make possible the creation of an endowed medical science journal fund for the Brandeis Libraries.

The BUNWC campaign was part of a major university initiative designed to make Brandeis the number-one university for interdisciplinary research within the life, physical, and information sciences.

“This campaign struck a chord with chapters and donors,” Campaign Chairman Carol Kern reported, “as they joined in the effort to help Brandeis researchers unlock the answers to neurodegenerative diseases.” Chapters raised $1,723,735, with twenty-two chapters raising more than $10,000 each through events and/or individual donations. In addition, gifts and planned gifts from individual donors brought the campaign total to $2,406,397.

Many individuals made gifts of $1,000 or more for the first time. One donor offered a chapter a matching gift as an incentive to increase the chapter’s total donation.

Students for Science Scholarship Campaign Launched

Building on the excitement the Science for Life campaign generated, the National Women’s Committee is launching the Students for Science campaign to provide much-needed scholarship aid for science majors at Brandeis. Scholarship support ensures that the university will be able to continue to admit the most extraordinary students, based solely on their ability to contribute to its academic and cultural community and to benefit from the unique and transforming experience of a Brandeis education.

Gifts to the campaign may be made to the following:

- BUNWC’s annual science scholarship fund (minimum $1,000)
- Named Endowed Scholarship ($50,000)
- The Brandeis University Life Science Scholar program (minimum $10,000)

The Life Science Scholar program provides exceptional undergraduates the opportunity to work side by side with eminent university and visiting researchers and professors, including work in university laboratories over the summer.

For more information, contact Janice Fineman, 888-862-8692, fineman@brandeis.edu.

Read more about Students for Science on pages 6–7.

Join us as we celebrate BUNWC’s 60th anniversary
June 3–6, 2008
Brandeis University
Details to follow

Over the top BUNWC makes $7.8 million gift to Brandeis.
See Presidential Perspective on page 2
It is with much excitement that I look back over fiscal ’07 and my first year as your president. We accomplished so much, not only in the changes to our organization but also in the fundraising efforts of our members.

Our 2007 gift to Brandeis University totaled $7.8 million. This extraordinary contribution represents a 30 percent increase over last year’s gift and is the second-highest gift total in BUNWC’s history. It is because of the dedication and hard work of our chapters and donors that we are able to contribute so much to the university’s growth and future. My heartfelt congratulations to you all.

Our successful Science for Life campaign raised $2.4 million and exceeded our goal of $2 million. Our contributions will culminate in a state-of-the-art laboratory named for the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, to be located in the new Carl J. Shapiro Science Center, and will also create an endowment for medical science journals that will enhance scholarly research.

In keeping with the important theme of science, we began to concentrate our efforts on scholarships for science students, and for the first time we presented two awards for outstanding students in the sciences. This recognition was in addition to our Library Work Scholar Presidential Award.

This year, as we celebrate our sixtieth anniversary, we will continue our traditional support for the libraries and also will present our new fundraising initiative, Students for Science. By giving scholarships to exceptional science students at Brandeis University, we will have the opportunity to influence the future and train these brilliant young minds to help find cures for neurodegenerative and other diseases.

Last year, we began our strategic planning work in order to strengthen our organization. Just as research conducted by Brandeis students creates new possibilities for the future, our strategic planning committee is taking an in-depth look at our organization to find the most effective ways to move toward a successful future as an integral part of Brandeis University. I look forward to sharing the results and ideas generated through the strategic planning process in the near future, and I know they will be both groundbreaking and far-reaching.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support. You should be proud of your contributions that will help make our world a better place in which to live.

—Dr. Dorothy Pierce

In Memoriam: Jen Kowal
National President 1975–1977

Brandeis University and the National Women’s Committee mourn the loss of BUNWC’s thirteenth national president (1975–1977), Jen Kowal. Mrs. Kowal joined the National Women’s Committee at its inception, before the university first opened. She always said that it was her “richest experience.”

Mrs. Kowal realized the good fortune of living in the Boston area and took advantage of every notable Brandeis campus event: she met Marc Chagall on campus and saw him weep as he viewed one of his paintings that he hadn’t seen in fifty years; she accompanied Eleanor Roosevelt during one of Roosevelt’s trips to Brandeis, and she remembered the intense security and the aura of excitement when Golda Meir received an honorary degree.

One of the highlights of Mrs. Kowal’s presidency was that she brought computerization to the National Women’s Committee, resulting in efficient and accurate records of all 50,000 members.

To encourage planned gifts and bequests, she initiated a national pilot program on estate planning called “Money Sense for Women.” More than thirty years later, the university and the library fulfill the financial needs of students with those bequests.

Mrs. Kowal was an experienced, patient, and conscientious leader during an exciting and productive time for the National Women’s Committee.
Frank Talk, Heartfelt Letters

It isn’t often that actors can reach into a box—quite literally—and find letters penned by their characters that inform and illuminate their roles. It’s even more remarkable that the letters are discovered in an archive less than ten miles from their stage.

But such was the experience of Brendan McNab and Bridget Beirne as they prepared for their parts in the SpeakEasy Stage Company (Boston) production of *Parade*, the Tony Award–winning musical based on the notorious Leo Frank case in Georgia. Alfred Uhry wrote the 1998 musical.

McNab played Frank, the New York–raised Jewish manager of an Atlanta factory who in 1913 was convicted on circumstantial evidence of murdering a thirteen-year-old girl who worked for him; he was abducted from prison and lynched by a mob of citizens seeking to avenge her death. Beirne played his wife, Lucille, a quintessential Southern belle who courageously defended him.

The actors found themselves facing a rich repository of letters at Brandeis University between the Franks and others that brought them powerful new perspectives on their characters.

Eight sturdy manuscript boxes were filled with yellowed letters, thank-you notes to Frank’s supporters, news clippings, legal documents, and even Lucille Frank’s daily planner.

“It was amazing,” said McNab. “It was just this reality setting in. You’ve been looking at books and at the play and thinking, “Oh yeah, this is a guy from history,” and all of a sudden you are looking at these handwritten letters in pencil, down to his absolutely gorgeous signature. It gives so much more of a human element to the characters.”

The Leo Frank Trial Collection of letters and documents is housed at Brandeis University’s special collections department. The collection was donated to Brandeis in 1961 by an Atlanta relative of Lucille Frank. Lucille, who died in 1957, was a life member of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, according to Brandeis archivist Karen Adler Abramson. While other documents related to the case are located in repositories in Atlanta and Cincinnati, Brandeis believes it has the most comprehensive collection of personal correspondence, Abramson says.

The archive includes letters between Leo and Lucille during their courtship as well as documents written over the period of Frank’s arrest, trial, imprisonment, and lynching on August 17, 1915. It contains letters the Franks wrote to journalists and influential citizens across the country seeking help and guidance, as well as letters written on their behalf to the governor of Georgia, John M. Slaton, who commuted Frank’s original death sentence to life imprisonment. Many poignantly reveal Frank’s certainty that the case would be resolved in his favor.

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It’s now generally believed that the murderer was Jim Conley, a black janitor at the factory, and that Frank fell victim to a confluence of factors including anti-Semitism, concern about child labor, political opportunism, and a sensationalist press. The case, along with the anti-Semitic furor that surrounded it, now stands as a watershed moment in American Jewish history, an event that helped lead to the founding of the Anti-Defamation League and the revitalization of the dormant Ku Klux Klan.

Donors making a gift of $1,500 to the Library Benefactor Fund will receive the Synergy Pin. The design, a polished silver and gold vermeil pin with four diamonds representing the four pillars of Brandeis University, was created in anticipation of a second-year enhancement. A cultured freshwater gray pearl can easily be attached for a distinctive look.

For a donation of $2,000, donors will receive this pin and the added pearl enhancer. Donors who received the pin last year and wish to add the pearl may make an additional gift of $500.

The Library Benefactor Program funds the acquisition of the rare and prized materials that distinguish the Brandeis libraries.

Contact Janice Fineman, 888-862-8692, for more information.

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NIH invests $2.5 million in Brandeis neuroscientist

Gina Turrigiano of the Department of Biology has been named a recipient of the 2007 NIH Director’s Pioneer Award. This highly prestigious award, totaling $2.5 million over five years, recognizes bold ideas from some of the nation’s most innovative scientists. Turrigiano is one of twelve recipients out of the 449 who applied for this extremely competitive program. As a key component of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research, the Pioneer Award program supports exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative—and potentially transformative—approaches to major challenges in biomedical research. Turrigiano hopes to develop new tools to probe the structure and function of synapses. Her goal is to understand how experience changes synaptic structure and how these molecular machines are impaired by neurodevelopmental and neurological disorders.

Brandeis DNA expert wins $2.7 million NIH grant

Biologist James Haber, who studies the mechanisms by which broken chromosomes are repaired in budding yeast, has won a prestigious MERIT award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The MERIT grant, which stands for “Method to Extend Research in Time,” provides long-term grant support to investigators who have demonstrated superior competence and outstanding productivity during their previous research endeavors, according to NIH.

Haber’s research has made fundamental advances in understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying certain cancers and rare diseases.

National Academy of Sciences elects two Brandeis scientists

The nation’s most honored scientific advisory organization, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), elected two Brandeis professors to its membership. Neuroscientist Eve Marder and biochemist Chris Miller were elected to the academy in recognition of their “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.” Membership in the academy is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded to a U.S. scientist or engineer. With the election of Marder and Miller to the academy, Brandeis counts ten NAS members, a remarkable achievement for a small research university. In addition, two Brandeis faculty are members of the academy’s Institute of Medicine. Brandeis ranks second of forty-two hundred colleges and universities in the United States in the percentage of faculty who are members of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences or fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Two new centers open at Heller School

The Heller School for Social Policy and Management is home to two new centers. The Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation has established the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy to research issues related to autism and other disabilities, as well as conduct policy analysis to identify areas for regulatory change. The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy will empower a generation of philanthropists to become social entrepreneurs. The center will provide research-supported advice on effective grant-making, develop best practices, help successful ventures reach scale, and offer educational opportunities in philanthropy.

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But it was the relationship between Leo and Lucille that captivated Uhry “because it moved me so much,” he said. “It was Lucille’s emergence from proper young southern lady to serve her husband’s cause, much like the emergence of Eleanor Roosevelt.”

Leo was deeply adoring, signing his letters to Lucille “your sweetheart” and “fondly your beau,” and expressing concern for her state of mind even as his legal woes deepened. “I expect that you are a trifle ‘under the weather’ over the storm through which we have passed,” he wrote his wife in a letter dated June 22, 1915, sent from the State Prison Farm in Milledgeville, Georgia. “It has indeed been an ordeal for both of us, my darling, but in time both of us will be happy.”

“We learned so much about them from their own words,” said Beirne. “Leo was very much a romantic; he wrote to her every two days when they were courting.” It was extraordinary, she said, “to see her go from this loving wife to these letters at the end when she is on her own two feet and speaking not only about the lynching but in a broader historical sense. It was like she knew...
Dear Friends,

Like the flowing waters that keep Heraclitus’s river in flux, you cannot step twice onto the same Brandeis campus, for it is continually alive with exciting initiatives. Here at Brandeis, home to four schools and thirty-one research centers and institutes, signs of growth and renewal are visible in every area.

Currently under construction, the Carl J. Shapiro Science Center will provide research and teaching laboratories and classrooms that characterize science at Brandeis; as well as interaction spaces to foster physical connections between the disciplines.

The youngest private research university in the United States, Brandeis ranks second out of forty-two hundred colleges in the percentage of faculty who are members of prestigious academies. Jason Carmichael, a student in Brandeis’s graduate genetic counseling program, was recently chosen from among the nation’s top health and human-service schools to join the ranks of new Schweitzer Fellows. He will devote a year of service to the Cambodian community in Lowell, Massachusetts, where Cambodian families often confront a genetic blood disorder prevalent among Asian populations.

Paul Anatas, PhD ’90, the father of green chemistry, who was named to the Scientific American 50 for outstanding leadership in science and technology, has received the twelfth Annual Heinz Award for the Environment. Brandeis, recognizing its responsibility as a global citizen in a world of limited resources, has embraced green design and made it an integral part of capital projects on campus. The new Irving Schneider and Family Building, an addition to the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, is an example of the university’s commitment to sustainable development. U.S. News and World Reports ranks the Heller School third among U.S. graduate schools of social policy.

The internationally renowned firm of Moshe Safdie and Associates has begun design work on the new $14 million Edmond J. Safra Center for the Arts. The fine arts department teaches approximately 1,300 Brandeis students each year. Last year, more than thirty-five thousand people attended art events at Brandeis—ten times our undergraduate population. The new facility will triple the space and move Brandeis into the vanguard of studio art and art history.

The diary ends, simply, with a single entry in Lucille’s usual script, written three days after her husband was hanged. “My darling is buried,” she wrote. “[W]hat has life for me now.”

This was an event that was going to be important for people to remember.” Beirne says one of the most amazing finds in the archive was Lucille’s tiny hand-sewn daily planner, a promotional item from the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Worcester, which she used as a diary. One heart-wrenching entry was dated July 17, 1915, following an attempt by another inmate on Frank’s life.

“How can I write what I saw last night. Was called about 1 a.m. My darling is nearly dead. Some fiend cut his throat from back to front. I wonder how he survived even temporarily. ... He looks at me and smiles such a dear smile. When I came into the room he could barely make himself understood but he whispered, ‘Angel.’”

The Brandeis Libraries, looking ahead, will feature dynamic services that will include interdisciplinary teaching and research and special and unique collections. Students will learn in a variety of ways through collaboration, technology, and by gathering informally. An “information commons” will serve as the libraries’ core. Students arriving on campus this fall enjoyed additional seating in an expanded commons in the Goldfarb library made possible by space gained with the digitization of information resources.

The new Graduate Student Center features a similar commons area and a computer cluster. Chapels Field has been updated with areas for spectator seating. And construction has started on the New Ridgewood Residence Hall, scheduled for occupancy in spring 2009.

Yes, change is all around us and we, too, are in the process of change. In the spring edition of Imprint, you will learn about the changes we are making to position the National Women’s Committee for continued growth and success.

Shari

Brandeis Encore Series

Profiles in Courage: The Leo Frank Story

As part of our Brandeis Encore Series, a study guide on Leo Frank is available, with video and questions for discussion prepared by Thomas Doherty, professor of American Studies.
Students for Science

Brandeis University National Women’s Committee proudly announces its new campaign, Students for Science, providing scholarships for promising young science students.

BUNWC science scholarships will create opportunities for students to build on the extraordinary accomplishments of Brandeis scientists and to contribute to life-changing scientific advances.

Cancer Detective
Undergraduate wins prestigious fellowship to pursue cancer research at Brandeis

Kaiane Habeshian ’08 has always known that she wanted to help people. Now, thanks to a ten-week fellowship from the American Cancer Society and two Brandeis mentors, she is a step closer to figuring out how. The biology major spent the summer in Larry Wangh’s lab developing a clinical test to detect deadly esophageal cancer in people who suffer from chronic acid reflux. The work is being done in collaboration with the laboratory of Dr. Brian Reid at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington.

“This fellowship gave me the opportunity to do real cancer research in the Wangh lab, and it’s been a tremendous experience,” says Habeshian, who was selected as an Alvan T. and Viola D. Fuller American Cancer Society Junior Research Fellow, a distinction that includes a $4,000 stipend. This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Fuller American Cancer Society fellowships, which offer grants to gifted undergraduate students, introducing them to basic cancer research.

People with chronic acid reflux have a thirty- to fortyfold greater chance of developing esophageal cancer because the long-term reflux of stomach acid into the esophagus can change the cells in the lower end of the esophagus. This cancer is now the seventh most common cancer in the United States.

Habeshian is working with Wangh and senior research scientist J. Aquiles Sanchez to develop tests that may one day be used in the clinic to identify which chronic acid reflux patients have the genetic mutations that cause esophageal cancer so that these patients can be treated early. Specifically, Habeshian is developing new genetic tests to detect early esophageal adenocarcinoma.

Fortunately, the premalignant condition associated with this lethal cancer, known as Barrett’s esophagus, is easily recognizable because of the distinct color change in the esophageal lining. The genetic alterations that lead from Barrett’s esophagus to esophageal cancer involve the loss of the so-called tumor suppressor genes, which prevent uncontrolled cell growth.

Habeshian is developing a LATE-PCR test that detects the loss of the tumor suppressor gene TP53. Since the test will be used in the clinic, she has designed her assays to work in a single tube format and to be completely automated once the sample is placed in a tube and the tube is placed in a machine. During her senior year, Habeshian will test the sensitivity and specificity of the assays on clinical samples with known genetic alterations in TP53 in samples from one to ten cells.

“I knew that I was interested in biology,” says the Waltham native. “The idea of being exposed to cancer research was very appealing because I wanted to be able to help people through my work.”

She hopes her fellowship experience will help her to determine whether she should pursue a career in the research or medical field. Habeshian is also excited to develop a test that has the potential to be used to detect other types of cancers in the future.

“Undergraduate research at Brandeis provides a unique opportunity to help students such as Kaiane focus their interests on specific aspects of medicine such as cancer research and oncology,” notes Sanchez. “The American Cancer Society fellowship at Brandeis has helped Kaiane better define her research interest and commit herself to a career as a medical scientist.”
When a man dresses up like a wizard, he’s probably selling something. In the case of Brandeis University’s chemistry professor Irv Epstein, he’s trying to shill college-level science classes to an often-indifferent American youth. But donning a shiny conical hat is merely the tip of Epstein’s efforts to market hard science to teenagers.

“When I began to introduce magic into freshman chemistry, the students seemed happier, and their grades were somewhat higher,” says Epstein, who, with his brambly beard, rampart eyebrows, and smiling good humor, looks the very model of a merry wizard. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute recently gave Epstein a $1 million grant to attract new students, particularly minority students, to the sciences. He’s doing this in conjunction with an organization called the Posse Foundation, whose goal is to encourage inner-city youths to attend college together.

For nearly ten years, Brandeis has been enrolling “posses” of youths from the same neighborhoods who can support one another through their college years. The program has proved a success, with a 90 percent graduation rate. Now, Epstein wants to expand the program to recruit two annual “science posses” in which the students are prepped for immersion in the world of logarithms, calculus, and molecular structures. “In a typical posse of ten students, you’ll get three interested in science,” says Epstein.

Epstein hopes this effort will help remedy the dearth of “underrepresented” students—meaning non-Asian minorities—in the sciences. “In introductory science courses, you see a sea of white faces,” says Epstein, “and it gets whiter and whiter as you go on.” But he’s motivated by more than just questions of social justice. “There are dire strategic and economic implications,” he says. “We’re relying on human subsidy from other countries to fill the gaps in our ranks of scientists. But now it’s becoming more attractive for students from China or India to go back rather than stay here. If we don’t start producing domestic scientists, we’re in trouble.”

Epstein has exactly the sort of credentials that he’s trying to cultivate in his students. Born in New York, he grew up in Queens before completing an undergraduate degree at Harvard. “I was always good at science, and I like it,” he admits. Then came a Marshall Scholarship at Oxford and a return to Harvard for a doctorate in chemical physics.

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“Deborah Bial ‘87

Deborah Bial ‘87, whose pioneering Posse Foundation has helped nearly 2,000 students attend college, was named a winner of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation’s “genius grant.”

Meanwhile, Epstein continues to draw students to his colorful classroom shows. “To inspire kids to want to learn that material,” he says, “I blow stuff up.”

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BUNWC Leaders Gather

National President Dorothy Pierce (fifth from right), BUNWC Executive Director Shari Meehan (second from left), and Nancy Winship (third from left in purple suit), Brandeis’s senior vice president of institutional advancement, hosted region and chapter presidents from around the country at the first BUNWC Art of Leadership training program.

Middlesex, New Jersey

Middlesex Chapter’s book and author event featured Ann Kirschner (first row, second from right), author of Sala’s Gift, the story of her mother’s survival in German forced-labor camps. Also pictured is Ilene Karp (chair of the event), seated in print top, with members of the planning committee.

The Greens, New York

Pictured with the children from the Huntington Freedom Center are (left to right) director of the center Brooke Bronson and members of The Greens chapter: Phyllis Foodim, public relations vice president; Roberta Stummer, community services vice president; and Rochelle Teitelbaum, special events chair. Members of The Greens chapter have been collecting and donating books to the center, which provides quality, affordable, comprehensive daycare and resource services for low-income working families.
Celebrating the 150th birthday of Louis Brandeis are past presidents of the Greater Boston chapter (left to right): Helen Kolsky, event chair; Helen Meltzer, Shera Smith, Ethel Daub, Natalie Winer, Lillian Backman, guest speaker Neil Chayet, Ellie Shuman, Cookie Hootstein, Arlene Hecht, and Helaine Saperstein.

National President Dottie Pierce and her husband, Stan, traveled to the Berkshires in Western Massachusetts to take part in the Brandeis in the Berkshires workshop “Can Cultural Activism Bridge the Jewish Generational Gap?”

Most people today say college students are apathetic. Not at Brandeis.

The commitment to social justice at Brandeis almost sixty years after its founding is stronger than ever. We recognize the pursuit of social justice to be a lifelong endeavor that begins for us as students on this campus.

I am affiliated with Positive Foundations, a student-run organization committed to the eradication of global poverty. Our members have addressed the United Nations, lobbied members of Congress, and brought together student leaders in colleges and universities from all over the country equally committed to global change.

Positive Foundations is just one of more than twenty-five activist organizations on campus that uphold Brandeis’s ongoing commitment to social justice. Our development as young leaders is a direct result of opportunities that show us not only the complexity of the crises our world faces but also that sustainable resolutions can be and are being found. While cynicism and apathy often dominate today’s society, the Brandeis community reminds us that we have the ability and power to come together, effectively responding to crises.

The Brandeis experience gives us a sense of purpose, an opportunity to lead, and the skills needed to move effectively, to make our vision of a more just world a reality.

Sam Vaghar is a senior at Brandeis University. He is student representative to both the Women’s Committee’s National Board and the university’s Board of Trustees.
Welcome to BUNWC’s expanded “University on Wheels,” now representing a broad spectrum of exciting topics and including new learning modules. UOW means more opportunities for members to participate in highly acclaimed programs that have become synonymous with Brandeis University.

**Brandeis Encore Series: video programming showcasing faculty and guest speakers**

**Old School**

Brandeis members once again can participate in the Helen and Philip Brecher New Student Forum, a learning opportunity for incoming students. This year, Tobias Wolff’s novel, Old School, was selected by Brandeis faculty as the book to be read by students and discussed with the author.

Old School is now available as part of our new Brandeis Encore Series. The author’s presentation has been videotaped and comes with questions prepared by Brandeis faculty.

**Polio: An American Story**

By Brandeis alumnus David Oshinsky, PhD’71 Winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in History

Historian and Brandeis alumnus David Oshinsky, PhD’71, wanted to shed light on his terrifying memories of growing up in a world threatened by polio. The more Oshinsky investigated polio for his book, the more it became clear to him that this was not just a story about a disease, but how the crusade against this disease revolutionized the way our society mobilizes around a cause, how it revolutionized medical research, and how it involved one of the most compelling scientific races among researchers.

Listen to Professor Oshinsky’s gripping account as he addresses the Brandeis community on DVD, with questions for discussion prepared by the author as part of the Brandeis Encore Series.

**Study with the Best: BUNWC’s trademark study guides**

**You Never Call! You Never Write! A History of the Jewish Mother**

By Joyce Antler

Author and Brandeis Professor Joyce Antler’s new book about Jewish mothers provides an illuminating and amusing history of one of the best-known figures in popular culture—the Jewish Mother. Whether drawn as self-sacrificing or manipulative in countless films, novels, radio, television, or stand-up comedy, she appears as a colossal figure, intensely involved in the lives of her children.

Antler says that she “wanted to understand the misunderstood Jewish mother.” The study guide includes discussion questions prepared exclusively by Professor Antler for BUNWC members.

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