Why has the Jewish mother been the fixture that so many people love to hate for so long? To what degree does the Jewish mother stereotype miss the complexity and diversity of real Jewish mothers?

These became burning questions for prolific author Joyce Antler, the Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture at Brandeis and a frequent speaker at National Women’s Committee events, after her own beloved mother died ten years ago.

You Never Call! You Never Write!: A History of the Jewish Mother, Antler’s eighth book on women’s social history and Jewish women, is the delightful and insightful result. She examines one of the best-known figures in popular culture—the Jewish mother—through decades of American films, novels, radio and television programs, stand-up comedy acts, and psychological and historical studies.

Antler traces the popular view and portrayal of Jewish mothers from the early 1920s, when they were admired for their tenacity and nurturance, to later negative images that depict them as brassy, smothering scourges, to a more current portrait in which leading feminist scholars and stand-up comedians see the Jewish mother in positive terms. The author’s careful examination of the continually reinvented but always important Jewish mother provides a clear look at American Jewish culture and the culture at large.

A large group of BUNWC members in Florida helped Antler with her research by filling out detailed questionnaires about their experiences as Jewish mothers and their attitudes toward their mothers and their daughters. “These women were enormously helpful,” she says. “They really revolutionized my understanding of Jewish mothers. Their memories of their mothers were overwhelmingly positive, as were their appraisals of their own mothering and that of their children. There was a remarkable continuity of values and behavior."

“I wanted to acknowledge the importance of our mothers in our lives,” Antler explains. “That’s really why I wrote the book. I identify with and embrace the label of Jewish motherhood—but base it on real understandings. I hope this book will start that conversation.”

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Coming This Summer!

Look for Joyce Antler’s study guide on You Never Call! You Never Write!: A History of the Jewish Mother, prepared exclusively for National Women’s Committee members.
As the year draws to a close, I look back with such excitement at all that has transpired in the short time since I assumed the presidency. I visited many of our chapters across the country, and I worked with our national officers, national board, and national center to strengthen our connection with Brandeis. The university has welcomed us as an integral part of its family, and I cannot begin to describe how fulfilling it is to be a part of the Brandeis community.

For the first time, we are contributing to scientific medical research. Our fundraising efforts will support a research laboratory that will bear the name of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee in the new Carl J. Shapiro Science Center, where Brandeis faculty and students will focus on neurodegenerative diseases.

For the first time, a Brandeis student will serve as a representative to the national board. Sam Vaghar ’08, also a student representative to the university’s Board of Trustees, will meet with me to explore ways to benefit both our organization and the student body.

Also for the first time, we are working closely with the Alumni Association in programs throughout the country, and we are collaborating with the Brandeis Lifelong Learning Institute (BOLLI), which will take us on a journey from midlife and beyond through “Elderquest.”

There are several other first-time initiatives. They include new partnerships with the National Center on Jewish Film, the Crown Center for Middle East Studies, and the Hadassah Brandeis Institute. In addition, we collaborated with the Brandeis Theater Company to present scenes from one of their plays to our members, and we are continuing to work with the Office of Communications and technology gurus to create a new state-of-the-art Web site.

This will provide access to information online and enable BUNWC chapters to network with others to share ideas.

Our latest exciting joint venture with Brandeis University is the formation of a strategic planning committee to develop a collaborative five-year plan that will further strengthen our organization and position us for continued success.

There is a Hebrew phrase, tikkun olam, which translates to “repair the world.” In this troubled world today, our hope for tikkun olam will come from educating our young people. Brandeis students are challenged to think and question. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and Brandeis University prepares them in a unique way. Isn’t it wonderful that we, as a student and a member of the National Women’s Committee, are playing a role in support of their studies and their research?

It has been said that what we are we owe to those before us, and what we become we owe to ourselves. “Ourselves” are you, the members of the National Women’s Committee. You are the foundation, the hope, and the bridge to the future. We have all made a mark upon the world in which we live by nurturing the minds of Brandeis University students. We must continue to do so if the world is to survive. What can be more important?

—Dr. Dorothy Pierce
“One of our challenges is to make the use of scholarly electronic resources as easy as possible for a generation raised on the ease and speed of the Google search engine,” said Amira Aaron, Brandeis’s director of information resources in Library and Technology Services (LTS). Having recently worked at Harvard in electronic access and management, Aaron will direct all aspects of information resources in the library. Information resources include books, journals, sound recordings, videos, electronic journals and databases, and more.

What are the challenges of managing information resources in libraries today?
Academic libraries today are faced with increasing challenges in managing growing print collections in a finite space. Much scholarly journal content is now available online, and these versions have become very popular—both on- and off-campus. Therefore, most libraries are now transitioning from print to online journal content, freeing up valuable space that can be used for important books and other materials not yet available electronically. Managing and providing access to these electronic resources bring new challenges but also exciting opportunities.

Why are electronic resources so valuable in teaching and learning?
Electronic resources can be used from course Web sites and can be more easily integrated into the teaching and learning process. Searching for information in electronic resources can be much more powerful and successful than browsing through print volumes. These resources can also be used from home or office, regardless of the time or day of the week.

What’s in the pipeline for Brandeis?
Brandeis’s LTS will be implementing an exciting new system in the next few months that will allow campus users to search several article indexes and databases, as well as library catalogs, at the same time. In addition, LTS is planning for the digitization of valuable local resources, such as Brandeis photographs and archives.

What are some of your goals for the Brandeis libraries?
One of my major goals is to provide the best possible access to information for the Brandeis community, whether we own the material or not. We need to be resourceful and nimble in order to keep up-to-date and support the newest areas of the curriculum and research on campus. My colleagues and I are also working to integrate the use of information resources into the teaching environment and to create a welcoming environment in the libraries that will promote learning and the exchange of ideas among students.
The Skinny on Fat

K.C. Hayes has been studying it for more than three decades

K. C. Hayes has been researching animal and human lipid metabolism—how the body utilizes fat—for more than three decades. Long before trans fats took center stage in the escalating food fight over fat and health, Hayes and his colleagues developed cholesterol-lowering tortilla chips and Smart Balance buttery spreads. So it’s no surprise that a new study by Hayes published recently in Nutrition and Metabolism has already garnered global interest.

The research, conducted in Malaysia with Dr. Kalyana Sundram, nutrition director for palm oil research at the Malaysian Palm Oil Board in Kuala Lumpur, and at Brandeis, shows that a new method of modifying fat in commercial products to replace unhealthy trans fats raises blood glucose and depresses insulin in humans, common signs of impending diabetes. Furthermore, like trans fat, the newest fat on the block still adversely depresses beneficial HDL cholesterol.

Trans-fatty acids were initially introduced in baked goods, processed foods, and restaurant cooking, mostly because of their ability to extend the products’ shelf life. They are now being eliminated from commercial products such as cookies, crackers, pies, doughnuts, French fries, and other foods because they raise LDL (“bad”) cholesterol, lower HDL (“good”) cholesterol and contribute to heart disease, with a strong inference that they are involved in type 2 diabetes.

The recent study demonstrates that an interesterified fat (a modified fat that includes hydrogenation followed by random rearrangement of fat molecules by the process called interesterification) enriched with saturated stearic acid adversely affected human metabolism of lipoproteins and glucose, compared to an unmodified, natural saturated fat.

Interesterification is fast becoming the method of choice to modify fats in food that require a longer shelf life because this process hardens fat similarly to oils containing trans-fatty acids. This new study shows that this can alter metabolism of fat (including cholesterol) and glucose in humans.

“One of the most interesting aspects of these findings is the implication that our time-honored focus on fat saturation may tell only part of the story,” says Hayes. Hayes and Sundram are planning more studies to consider the role of genetics, amount of total fat consumed, and other factors.

Plans for the Center for Israel Studies also include securing permanent funding for the Summer Institute for Israel Studies, a one-of-a-kind program that has, since its establishment in 2004, addressed the shortage of qualified academics teaching about Israel.

The Summer Institute has already trained faculty from nearly sixty colleges and universities to develop new courses in the emerging field of Israel studies at their institutions through a three-week summer program—two weeks at Brandeis and a third week in Israel. Participants attend seminars at Brandeis led by distinguished scholars from around the world, then visit Israel for sessions with noted scholars, writers, artists, and experts, as well as leaders from the Israeli and Arab communities.
Over the past four years, I have come to know your national officers, board members, and presidents. It has been a pleasure to meet so many philanthropic friends from across the country who are dedicated to Brandeis University. Passion, commitment, and intellectual vitality are indeed the hallmarks of your unique group of volunteers. And your support of our library—over $100 million—is an amazing legacy, as well as an inspiration for the future.

Brandeis University has just completed the ten-year reaccreditation process. This process required that we assess how far we’ve come over the past ten years and what we want to do during the next ten. As we look backward and forward, it’s clear that the university’s embodiment of universal Jewish values—such as a commitment to the life of the mind, a passion for social justice, and a desire to make the world a better place—helps to define who we are and to determine the kinds of academic programs we offer.

We were highly commended about the quality and dedication of our faculty, the intellectual curiosity of our students, and the sound management of the university. Over the last ten years, we have added two new schools (the International Business School and the Rabb School of Continuing Studies), grown now to support thirty-one research centers and institutes, and developed new interdisciplinary programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. We’re ranked thirty-first nationally among the top research universities by U.S. News & World Report, and our faculty ranks second out of three thousand colleges in the percentage of faculty who have been elected into prestigious academies and associations. We not only attract students from more than one hundred countries now, but we’ve put in place new policies and systems and are working to create a university and a library for the future.

As we plan for this future in the twenty-first century, I am pleased that we are embarking together on a new strategic plan for BUNWC. Just as Brandeis has grown in stature and reputation, so too has BUNWC expanded its support in new areas like Science for Life and formed new chapters. I envision an exciting future for us, one in which we build on each other’s strengths and together support the vital mission of our university and its libraries.

Dream Makers
Inez and Leonard Shechtman, originally from Hartford, Connecticut, have established the Leonard Shechtman and Inez Shechtman Endowed Scholarship Fund. Both Inez, a lifetime member of the Aventura/Hollywood (Florida) chapter, and her brother Leonard could not attend college and are happy to have the opportunity to help students pursue their dreams of a college education.

Mea Culpa
We regret the omission of Adrienne Rosenblatt from the “Thanks a Thousand” listing in the fall 2006 Imprint.
The Brandeis University National Women’s Committee has committed to raising $2 million for the *Science for Life* campaign—$1 million to name a lab in the university’s new Center on Aging and Age-Related Neurodegenerative Disease, and $1 million to create an Endowed Medical Science Journal Fund.

**Polina Navrotsky ‘07: From Dolls to Drug Discovery**

As a child in economically depressed Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union, Polina Navrotsky ‘07 crafted her own toys by cutting and modeling pieces of paper into three-dimensional animals and dolls.

In Greg Petsko and Dagmar Ringe’s protein crystallography laboratory at Brandeis, Navrotsky now builds three-dimensional molecular models that help scientists better understand how infectious diseases can be treated. With funding from the National Science Foundation’s Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, Navrotsky is using x-ray crystallography to solve the three-dimensional structure of an enzyme associated with infectious bacteria like *E. coli* and *salmonella*, as well as *Y. pseudotuberculosis*, which is related to the organism that causes bubonic plague.

“Figuring out what the protein looks like goes a long way to helping determine what drug compounds will bind to it and inhibit its function with minimal side effects,” Navrotsky says.

The 21-year-old is the first scientist to work on the structure of this protein, which seems to catalyze two different reactions within the same active site—something that is relatively unusual. Her novel research could contribute to the development of new antibiotics.

Working in the Petsko/Ringe lab, known for its innovative investigations into neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s, has also exposed Navrotsky to a variety of other projects.

“I have been introduced to so many different lines of research and ways of thinking about problems,” she says. “It has been a very rich learning experience.”

After more than a year of medical school in Russia in 2000–01, Navrotsky realized it was the biomedical research behind drug discovery that intrigued her. With little support for such work in Russia, she jumped at the opportunity to spend a year in the United States learning English and applying to colleges. When Navrotsky read about the work being done at the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center in 2002, she eagerly applied to Brandeis, which offered her a full donor-funded scholarship.

After graduation, Navrotsky hopes to publish her research and will return to medical school as one of a select group of students granted special early acceptance to Tufts University School of Medicine. Not surprisingly, she plans to pursue a career in biomedicine, studying disorders of the brain and nervous system, particularly treatments for such devastating diseases as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s.
New Treatments Sought for Gaucher Disease

Gaucher Disease is a genetic disorder that may afflict up to one in every five hundred persons, but as many as one in fifteen in the Ashkenazi Jewish population. Gaucher Disease is an inborn error of metabolism that arises from the inability of cells to hydrolyze a particular lipid, leading to liver dysfunction and damage to the spleen and skeleton, among other serious problems. Although there are dozens of genetic mutations known to cause Gaucher Disease, just four mutations are responsible for 95 percent of the cases among Ashkenazi Jews and 50 percent of the cases in the general population.

Brandeis has joined with Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the New Jersey-based Amicus Therapeutics in an effort to develop novel pharmaceutical technology that could lead to new treatments for Gaucher Disease. Brandeis biochemists Gregory Petsko and Dagmar Ringe and Raquel Liberman of Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, invented a patentable technology related to the structure of acid beta-glucosidase, also known as GCase, the protein that is mutated in Gaucher, as well as methods for identifying therapeutic agents.

One emerging type of treatment for genetic diseases such as Gaucher Disease involves the use of small molecules known as pharmacological chaperones, which are believed to help mutated, less-stable proteins perform their normal function in the cells of patients with the disease.

“Professors Dagmar Ringe and Greg Petsko are attracting attention for their work using x-ray crystallography, which may help solve riddles of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s. In just eighteen months, the Petsko-Ringe lab has made several important breakthroughs, including producing crystal structures of three key targets for Parkinson’s and discovering several genes associated with Alzheimer’s.”

We are within sight of reaching our $2 million goal for Science for Life, and you can help!

The Science for Life campaign includes the efforts and hard work of volunteers in chapters throughout the country. Chapter and region events, large and small, from coast to coast, and donations from members and nonmembers alike have raised the consciousness of this campaign in support of research in neurodegenerative diseases.

Donors of $100 or more will be recognized in a beautiful tribute book to be published at the completion of the campaign.

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

BUNWC Makes Justice Brandeis’s Birthday a National Event

Chapters around the country are celebrating the 150th birthday jubilee of Justice Louis D. Brandeis, whose extraordinary legacy reflects the values of Brandeis University and the National Women’s Committee, according to national board members and special events chairs Barbara Breakstone and Bobby Starsky.

Many chapters have chosen different ways of bringing the Louis Brandeis sesquicentennial into their communities. Celebrations continue to take place as we go to press, but here is a small sampling of events that took place throughout the year.

Gotham, Wellworth, and Nassau North explored the issue of privacy from the perspective of Louis Brandeis using a BUNWC brieflet. Other chapters, Central Westchester, Riverdale, Las Vegas, Santa Clara Valley, and Boston, invited speakers to chapter events to discuss the virtues of Louis Brandeis. Many chapters hosted birthday parties and candlelighting ceremonies to raise funds for Brandeis while heightening awareness of the university’s visionary namesake; they include Kansas City, Harmony, Phoenix, King’s Point/Tamarac, Conejo Valley, Ponds, Whittingham, Tri-County, New Jersey, Rancho Bernardo, and the Mid Atlantic Region. Finally, Minneapolis, Middlesex, and Somerset Run viewed the classic TV series Profiles in Courage and revisited the nomination of Louis Brandeis by President Woodrow Wilson, participating in a discussion with questions prepared by Brandeis film professor Thomas Doherty. The Delray Beach chapter held a candlelighting ceremony at a luncheon and hosted a dramatic reading of Brandeis’s 1927 Whitney v. California decision, which upheld the Fourteenth Amendment’s provisions of free speech and the right to gather.

“We want to thank every chapter that has taken part in this sesquicentennial birthday celebration,” said Breakstone and Starsky.

BUNWC joined Brandeis Alumni Making a Difference (BAMD) at a leadership retreat on the Brandeis campus. Shown (from left) are: Janice Fineman, associate executive director; Dorothy Katz, national vice president, San Dieguito (California) chapter; Joanie Small, president, Phoenix chapter; Eleanor Lubin, Manhattan chapter; Ellie Levingston, executive administrator; Beth Wolfson, Norfolk/Sharon (Massachusetts) chapter; Gail Labovitz, Las Vegas chapter; Shari Meehan, executive director; Dorothy Pierce, BUNWC national president; Barbara Katz, office manager; Roz Schacknow, Boca Raton chapter; Beth Bernstein, director of programming and publications; Arlene Cohen, Somerset (New Jersey) chapter.

Members of the Brandeis Theater Company, under the direction of Eric Hill, the Barbara ’54 and Malcolm Sherman Chair of the Department of Theater Arts, brought scenes from The Waiting Room to Florida.

BUNWC President Dottie Pierce visited Ruth Cohen, Phoenix chapter member and manager of the chapter’s bookstore.

Noted violinist Itzhak Perlman greeted Rancho Bernardo chapter donors at a private reception for Science for Life.
Dear Friends,

Our passion for medical research at Brandeis runs deep, with good reason. We find the university’s reputation as a leader in basic research confirmed time and again by its groundbreaking advances in neurodegenerative diseases.

For example, Brandeis University and Boston’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital recently licensed a novel technology to a New Jersey–based biopharmaceutical company that could be instrumental in finding new treatments for genetic disorders such as Gaucher Disease. This venture is based on the work of Brandeis research scientists Dagmar Ringe and Gregory Petsko, our 2006 recipients of the Abram L. Sachar Medallion (see page 7).

You have responded enthusiastically to our Science for Life campaign, an initiative that will support just this kind of research. Together we celebrate the following chapters for their innovative programming:

Flagler/Volusia kicked off the New Year with a “Key to the Cure” luncheon and panel discussion about neurodegenerative diseases. In an interview for Palm Coast Lifestyles, chapter copresident Zelda Gabor explained, “Of course we’re passionate about this. All of us are afraid of neurodegenerative diseases—for ourselves as well as those we care about. We’re doing what we can to make a difference.”

Rancho Bernardo’s Science for Life fundraiser featured a sold-out concert by virtuoso violinist Itzhak Perlman. Carol Kern, Science for Life chair and a former national BUNWC president, spoke at a cocktail reception following the event, at which Perlman made a rare appearance.

From coast to coast, BUNWC leaders opened their hearts and homes to connect members to Brandeis.

In Florida, National President Dr. Dorothy Pierce and her husband Dr. Stanley Pierce cohosted a planned giving event at which Dagmar Ringe provided an overview of developments in her laboratory and Associate Vice President Michael Swartz updated the group on the benefits of planned giving. And in California, at the home of former national BUNWC president Gayle Wise and her husband, George, guests were treated to “Brandeis Science Stories,” an interactive discussion on the frontiers of Brandeis science led by Maria Pellegrini, vice president for research, and Ruth Aronson, associate director, development.

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We wish that space limitations were not a factor; there are so many more creative fundraising events taking place in BUNWC chapters across the country. Thanks to each and every one for your diligent efforts. It’s gratifying to know we can count on you to help Brandeis maintain its interdisciplinary approach to cutting-edge scientific research.

Warmly,

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In Memoriam

Ruth Rose
Fifth National President

A lifelong proponent of education and social justice, Ruth Rose, with her husband Judge David A. Rose, was among those who helped to make the founding of Brandeis University a reality through recruiting and fundraising. Rose died April 9 at her home in Canton, Massachusetts, of complications from a respiratory illness. She was 90.

The years of Ruth Rose’s presidency of the National Women’s Committee, 1957–1960, were a time of intense development and growth, both on the Brandeis campus and within the organization. BUNWC grew extensively in membership, programs, reputation, and in its annual gift to the library. Rose traveled extensively across the country, speaking about the university and recruiting new members. It was during Rose’s presidency that the first book sale, “New Books for Old,” was held.

In order to bolster library funds, Rose presented philanthropist Jacob Goldfarb with the first Named Library Endowment. This gift, from the National Women’s Committee, added a new category for the Library Endowment Fund.

Rose was appointed to serve on Brandeis University’s board of trustees during her presidency, and she served with two other women—one of whom was Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1988, the university bestowed Rose with an honorary degree in recognition of her exemplary service to the university.

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Partnerships in Lifelong Learning

BUNWC Getaway to Brandeis in the Berkshires
July 22-23, 2007

New Jewish Workshop Series: Can Cultural Activism Bridge the Jewish Generational Gap?

Participants will explore Jewish film, music, demography, and literature during two days of interactive plenaries and workshops. Led by renowned filmmakers, Brandeis scholars, and musicians. Tuition is $175 for BUNWC members* (includes evening lecture on Sunday, July 22).

Program is held at Cranwell Resort, Spa, and Golf Club in Lenox, Massachusetts, and includes daily breakfast and lunch.

*Special discounted rate for groups of ten or more; contact Beth Bernstein, 781-736-4190, or bernstein@brandeis.edu. For more information about Brandeis in the Berkshires, visit www.brandeis.edu/berkshires.

Alumni College 2007
June 8, 2007

Experience the excitement of a Brandeis classroom at Alumni College, a daylong academic adventure featuring Brandeis University faculty. Classes this year include the latest research on brain functions, navigating the new world of knowledge on the Internet, black/Jewish relations, innovation and creating thinking, and reflections on the French Classicist painter Nicolass Poussin.

For more information or to enroll in Alumni College, please visit www.alumni.brandeis.edu/alumnicollege or call 781-736-4041.

Tuition: $25 per person, which includes a specially prepared gourmet boxed lunch.

Deadline for registration is Friday, May 25, 2007.
The Crown Center for Middle East Studies

For a more intense educational experience, the university’s Crown Center for Middle East Studies has prepared questions for discussion accompanying Perspectives on the Hezbollah-Israel War, a publication from the Crown Center. This material deals with the war in a broader context, both historically and regionally.

Go Back to School with the Class of 2011

In September 2007, first-year students will come to Brandeis and take part in the Helen and Philip Brecher New Student Forum. They will read the novel Old School by Tobias Wolff, meet in small groups with Brandeis faculty, and enjoy a guest lecture by the author as they assemble for the first time as the Class of 2011.

Information on how you can be part of the New Student Forum in your chapter will be in the fall 2007 issue of Imprint.

What Is 614?

Check out the new Hadassah Brandeis Institute (HBI) online magazine 614. Visit www.brandeis.edu/hbi/614 to find out what 614 means and to view the current issue, featuring must-have books for Jewish women in the twenty-first century.

The National Center for Jewish Film

A new cinematic experience is coming to a chapter near you. BUNWC is opening a gateway to Jewish film, thanks to our partnership with the National Center for Jewish Film (NCJF). Based on the Brandeis campus, NCJF houses the largest, most comprehensive collection of Jewish-themed film and video in the world. The collection includes features, documentaries, shorts, newsreels, and home movies, all dedicated to preserving and sharing Jewish heritage.

Like the popular Netflix, the National Women’s Committee’s new “deisfliefs” will now offer a lending library of Jewish films for chapters. Included among the featured films are gems of the Yiddish cinema like Green Fields (1937), a celebration of the shtetl and one of the most beloved of American Yiddish talking pictures, directed by Edgar Ulmer.

Another film available from BUNWC is the award-winning From Philadelphia to the Front (2005), directed by Judy Gelles and Marianne Bernstein. This is one of the few documentaries to explore the bittersweet memories of Jewish-American WWII soldiers, focusing on six Philadelphia veterans in their 80s.

“The stories of husbands, brothers, friends, and family who experienced anti-Semitism during the war came flowing out. Timing of the film was perfect; we had enough time for discussion,” said Nan Schwartz from the Trails chapter after her study group watched From Philadelphia to the Front.

Other films in phase one of deisfliefs are American Matchmaker, classic Yiddish; and Love at Second Sight, an Israeli film.

Our partnership with NCJF will provide us with access to new and classic film selections.

For information about programming, please contact Beth Bernstein via e-mail, bernstein@brandeis.edu, or call 781-736-4190.
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