

April 2002

Dear Friends:

Once again, Brandeis is approaching a milestone; the Class of 1952 will celebrate the University's first fiftieth class reunion in May. At that time, Brandeis will confer honorary degrees on Associate Supreme Court Justice **Stephen Breyer**, human rights activist Fr. **Robert Drinan**, S.J., acclaimed architect **Frank Gehry**, business executive and philanthropist **Richard N. Goldman** and Yale University biochemist **Joan Steitz**. ABC "Nightline" host **Ted Koppel** will deliver the commencement address, and an honorary degree will be awarded to Professor **Lawrence H. Fuchs**, the Meyer and Walter Jaffe Professor of American Civilization and Politics. A Brandeis faculty member since 1952, Larry served as Dean of Faculty, chair of two departments and was elected a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees three times. On the national level, he served as Executive Director of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy from 1979 to 1981 and Vice Chair of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform from 1990 to 1997.

Another milestone will be the graduation of Brandeis's first Posse class. The Posse program, founded by Brandeis alumna **Deborah Bial '87**, identifies, recruits, and trains outstanding youth leaders from inner city high schools for admission to America's top colleges and universities. Nine of the ten Posse students who entered Brandeis in fall 1998 will graduate in May. Two Posse graduates will attend law school, one plans to attend medical school, and three are enrolling in doctoral programs.

At the spring commencement, the 2002 Alumni Achievement Awards will go to **Gustav Ranis '52**, The Henry R. Luce Director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, the Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics and Brandeis Trustee emeritus; **Stephen Solarz '62**, international consultant and former U.S. Congressman from New York; and **Nancy Kaufman '72**, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, three individuals of extraordinary talent, who have made significant contributions to society.

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Brandeis students and alumni everywhere are earning unusual honors, adding to the glowing reputation of the University. **Daniel J. Abadi '02** (Sudbury, Massachusetts) has been named a Churchill Scholar, the second Brandeis student to be so honored in two years. A double major in computer science and neuroscience, Daniel will do graduate work in computer speech and language processing at Churchill College, Cambridge University, England. Joining him in Cambridge next year will be **Wendy Adelson '01** (Pompano Beach, Florida), a former Truman Scholar, who was selected for a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. **Daniel D. Moss '01** (San Diego, California) is one of 85 recipients nationwide of an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies. **Jared M. Willis '02** (Deerfield, Illinois) has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Full Grant to study in Israel. **Anna M. Medak '02** (Claremont, California) has received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to teach English in a German secondary school, and **David B. Klein '02** (New York City, New York) has been awarded a French Ministry of Education

Teaching Assistantship in France. **Rachel L. Katz '00** (San Antonio, Texas) has received a \$15,000 Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship and will spend next year in Italy and Istanbul studying the architecture of domes. **Jonathan C. Sclarsic '03** (Sudbury, Massachusetts) has been named a Truman Scholar for 2002, the fourth consecutive year that a Brandeis undergraduate has been so honored. **Shlomo H. Meislin '04** (Waltham, Massachusetts), a double major in biology and biochemistry and **Margaret E. Pawlowski '03** (Amherst, New Hampshire), a biochemistry major, are two of 309 students nationwide who have been named Goldwater Scholars. My fall letter inadvertently omitted **Sandra Tseng '02** (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey) from the list of juniors and seniors selected as Roosevelt Fellows.

The Brandeis medical emergency response team of **David Baskin '02** (Ojai, California), **Avital Schwartz '02** (Jenkintown, Pennsylvania), **Christopher DeRienzo '03** (Northboro, Massachusetts) and **Matthew Harris '04** (New City, New York) placed third in a competition at the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Foundation's convention. **Benjamin Brandzel '03** (Berkeley, California) has been elected President of the Student Union. **Ebone Bishop '04** (Gaithersburg, Maryland) and **Jonathan Sclarsic '03** (Sudbury, Massachusetts) have been elected undergraduate representatives to the Board of Trustees.

The men's baseball team won the UAA Championship in Florida, defeating Emory University 9 to 3 for the title. I am currently serving as chair of the UAA Presidents Council, a fact that had no bearing on the outcome of the title game. **James Freethey '02** (Manchester, New Hampshire), **Thomas McShane '03** (Manchester, New Hampshire), **Michael Dowdy '02** (Waltham, Massachusetts), and **Daniel McIntosh '04** (East Falmouth, Massachusetts) earned first team All-UAA honors, the greatest number of Brandeis athletes ever placed on a first team All-UAA squad. With 1,928 career points, **Rashad Williams '02** (Redwood City, California) shattered the all-time men's basketball scoring record of 1,752 points set by **Rudy Finderson '58**. **Lindsey Sensenbrenner '02** (Pompano Beach, Florida) and **Jen Curran '02** (Danbury, Connecticut) finished their women's basketball careers at Brandeis ranked third and fourth respectively on the all-time scoring list. At the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships, All-American honors were earned by **Hannah Johnson '02** (Greenwood, Indiana) in the 1 and 3 meter diving events and **Maya Marx '04** (Amherst, Massachusetts) in the 100 meter breaststroke. **James A. Zotz** has been named Charles Silvia New England Division II-III Men's Swim Coach of the Year by the New England swim coaches and **Jim Brainerd** received the Charles Batterman Diving Coach of the Year award. **Bill Shipman** and his assistant, **Cesar Morales**, won the Women's Fencing Staff of the Year award at the UAA Championships won by the Brandeis women at New York University earlier this year. The University plans to continue to invest in the University's athletic facilities and equipment to provide the best opportunity possible for our student athletes to excel.

For the fourth year in a row, the Brandeis Debate and Speech Society was ranked one of the top eight teams in the nation at the American Parliamentary Debate Association National Championships held earlier this month in Baltimore, Maryland. **Storey W. Clayton '02** (Albuquerque, New Mexico) was named Second Speaker of the Year, the highest honor earned by a Brandeis debater in the team's history. Also competing at the Nationals were **Andrew Tirrell '02** (Belmont, Massachusetts), **Eric Sirota '04** (Evanston, Illinois), **Harrison Whitman '05** (New City, New York), **Chetan Hertzig '02** (Lexington, Massachusetts) and **Sara Spurling '03** (Natick, Massachusetts).

Earlier this month, and in response to the dangerous developments in the Middle East, more than 1,500 students, faculty and staff gathered for a talk on “September 11th and its Consequences” by **Thomas L. Friedman '75**, foreign affairs columnist of *The New York Times*. His remarks underscored the need for informed and compassionate minds to cope with the magnitude of contemporary conflicts. This year, Tom received his third Pulitzer Prize, this time for commentary on the worldwide impact of terrorism.

This spring, Brandeis students had the opportunity to learn about current issues and best practices in business and policy through informal conversations with leading executives and policy makers. Among the speakers participating in the CEO Forum and the Entrepreneurs Forum of the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance were **Jack M. Greenberg**, President and CEO of McDonald’s Corporation; **Shari Redstone**, President of National Amusements Inc.; **Stephen Koplman '57**, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission; Trustee **Alex Barkas '68**, Managing Partner of Prospect Venture Partners; **Manfred Steinfeld**, Chairman (ret.) of Shelby Williams Industries, and **James C. Foster**, CEO of Charles River Laboratories, a world leader in laboratory animal and biomedical research products and services. In May, **Nikolay Vassilev**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy in Bulgaria, who received his degree from the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance in 1997, will visit campus for discussions with students and faculty. This spring, **William Schneider '66**, CNN’s lead political analyst and Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor, has taught *The American Voter*, a course examining the role of public opinion in American politics. Also this month, **Michele Vickers Forman '67**, a social studies teacher at Middlebury Union High School in Vermont, spoke at Brandeis on her experiences in education and her time as National Teacher of the Year 2001.

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And now for the faculty: **Jack P. Shonkoff**, M.D., dean of the Heller School of Social Policy and Management and Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy, is one of 325 distinguished scholars and public leaders given a lifetime appointment as a National Associate of the National Academies. This honor recognizes “truly extraordinary” contributions to the work of the Academies. **Ray Jackendoff**, professor of linguistics and the Volen National Center for Complex Systems, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Linguistic Society of America. **Jacqueline Jones**, Truman Professor of American Civilization, and **Gregory Petsko**, Gyula and Katica Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacodynamics, have been elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS), bringing to 15 the number of current Brandeis faculty members so honored. Brandeis’s memberships in the AAAS far exceed those of schools of comparable size.

Professor **Mary Campbell** (English & American Literature) has received both a Guggenheim and a Fulbright Scholar award for her project, *Dreams Long Before Freud*. Ms. **Jennifer Nuss**, Artist-in-Residence, is also one of the 184 Guggenheim Fellows for 2002, selected from nearly 3,000 applicants. Professor **Faith Smith** (African & Afro-American Studies and English and American Literature) received a National Humanities Center grant to support work on her next book, *Making Modern Subjects: Cultural and Intellectual Formation in Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad, 1880-1910*. Professor **Joan Bryant** (African & Afro-American Studies) received a Woodrow Wilson award to support work on her second book, *Acquainted with Grief: African Americans and the Discourse of Death, 1750-1890*. Dr. **Susan Kahn**, Senior Research Director at the Hadassah International Research Institute on

Jewish Women, was awarded the Eileen Basker Memorial Award for her book, *Reproducing Jews: A Cultural Account of Assisted Conception in Israel*. The National Science Foundation granted Professor **Stanley Deser**, Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics, a “special creativity extension” to his current grant in recognition of “outstanding scientific progress achieved under the grant.” Brandeis researchers have succeeded in mapping the dynamic processes of a key protein required for the human immunodeficiency type-1 HIV virus to enter human cells. The research by **Darly Bosco**, a doctoral candidate in bio-organic chemistry, Dr. **Elan Eisenmesser**, a post-doc in biochemistry, Professor of Biochemistry **Dorothee Kern** and Professor **Mikael Akke** of Lund University, Sweden was published in the February 21 issue of *Science*. Adding to his academic pursuits, former Secretary of Labor and Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy **Robert Reich** is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Massachusetts. Among the other Democratic candidates is former Brandeis Board of Trustees Chair and businessman **Steve Grossman**. **Ira S. Shapiro '69** is the Democratic candidate for Congress from Maryland's 8th Congressional District.

In a formal acknowledgment of excellence, the American Board of Genetic Counseling has granted Full Accreditation to the University's Master's Degree Program in Genetic Counseling, which is under the direction of Professor of Biology **Judith Tsipis**. This two-year program, which includes work in the biological sciences, clinical internships and fieldwork, prepares students for the genetic counseling certification examinations and employment as genetic counselors. The Brandeis program is one of only twenty fully-accredited genetic counseling programs in the United States.

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This spring, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Brandeis alumni at overflow events hosted in Los Angeles by **Marta Kaufman '78**, in Philadelphia by **Kenneth Kaiserman '60** and his wife, **Susan**, and in Washington, D.C. by Brandeis parent **Larry Lipnick**, father of **Marnie '01** and **Scott '05**. In early May, I will travel to Israel to meet with Brandeis alumni and students currently studying at Israeli universities. Earlier this month, I wrote to these students and their families to assure them that they could stay in Israel or return to the campus early, owing to the Middle East crisis, without any academic penalty. Numerous colleges and universities have cancelled their Israel study abroad programs and required their students to return home. My belief that the decision to stay in Israel or to return is a personal one for students and their families was deemed worthy of reporting in *The New York Times*.

The year 2002, which marks the 50th anniversary of the University's first Festival of the Arts, will highlight the creative arts at Brandeis. Special events this fall include appearances by jazz vocalist **Bobby McFerrin**, visual artist **James Turrell**, electro-acoustic music pioneer **Pauline Oliveros**, writers **Li-Young Lee**, **Mary Leader Ph.D. '00**, and **Ross Martin '95**, who will read from their works, as well as a live dance documentary entitled *From the Horse's Mouth*, and symposia on the making of documentaries and the role of public art and memorials in the aftermath of 9/11.

Building on the typically active range of summer programs, we are launching some new initiatives this year. Reunion Weekend for the classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997 will begin Friday, June 7, and will include *Alumni College 2002: Shaping the Future*. In July, the University will inaugurate *Brandeis in the Berkshires*, two five-day institutes for the discussion of moral, ethical and religious issues based on works

by classic and contemporary thinkers. The two institutes will be held at Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Massachusetts and have been made possible through the generosity of University Fellow **Harold Grinspoon**. Beginning July 7, the first institute will be led by **Sylvia Barack Fishman**, Associate Professor of Contemporary Jewry and American Jewish Sociology; Professor **Leonard Saxe**, Director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies; and Rabbi **Irving (Yitz) Greenberg**, President of Jewish Life Network. Their topic is *Jews in a Multicultural Society*, with guest speaker Trustee **Michael Steinhardt**. The second institute, *Playing God: The Human Quest to Control Fate from Macbeth to September 11*, will be co-moderated by **Daniel Terris**, Director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life; Iraqi dissident and author **Kanan Makiya**, Adjunct Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at Brandeis; Harvard Professor of Government **Michael Sandel '75** and writer **James Carroll**, a member of the Advisory Board of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life and author of *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews*, a history of antisemitism from Jesus to the Holocaust. The guest speaker will be Professor **Robert Reich**. This institute will build on Dr. Terris and Professor Makiya's current team-taught course, "September 11: Roots and Aftermath," an exploration that draws on politics, history, literature, the arts, religion and regional studies.

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It gives me great pleasure to announce several major gifts to the University in support of programs and faculty positions. Supported by a grant of \$5,000,000 from **Alan B. Slifka**, the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life has established the Alan B. Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence. A first-of-its-kind Master's Program in Coexistence will be built on this foundation. In the interim, the grant will increase undergraduate offerings in coexistence and sustain the Center's global outreach work in Sri Lanka, South Africa, Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Guatemala, and the United States.

The Brandeis University Libraries have received one of 18 prestigious National Leadership Grants awarded this year by The Institute of Museum and Library Services for Preservation or Digitization projects. The award will enable Brandeis to create a digital image collection of nearly 4,000 lithographs created by Honoré Daumier (1808 – 1879).

A recent gift from the Righteous Persons Foundation, established by **Stephen Spielberg**, brings to over \$2 million the Foundation's support for Genesis, an annual summer program on the campus, established in 1997 for high school students, integrating Jewish studies, the arts, humanities and social action. Genesis serves approximately 75 students each year. I especially want to thank **Shirley** and **Milton Gralla**, who have generously provided over \$1 million in support of the Genesis Program.

I am extremely pleased to announce the creation of 12 new faculty chairs in a variety of fields. • Thanks to the generosity of **Harry Stoll**, the University has established the *Karl, Harry and Helen Stoll Chair in Israel Studies*, the first of its kind in the United States. • Professor **Marion Smiley** (Philosophy) will fill the new *Chase Manhattan Chair in Ethics*. • **Bill Friedman '65** and his wife, **Lucy**, have established the *Raymond Ginger Endowed Professorship*, named in honor of a former faculty member in the Department of History. • Trustee **Kenneth Kaiserman '60**, his brother **Ronald Kaiserman '63**, and their sister, **Constance Kaiserman Robinson**, have created the *Kevy and Hortense Kaiserman Endowed Chair in Humanities*, which is named in honor of their parents. • Trustee **Jeanette Lerman '69** and her husband, **Joseph Neubauer**, have established the *Lerman-Neubauer Chair in*

Democracy and Public Policy, which will be held by Professor **Bernard Yack** (Politics). • The Mandel Supporting Foundations of Cleveland, Ohio has generously provided funding for the Center for Studies in Jewish Education, as well as the *Mandel Chair in Jewish Education* held by Professor **Sharon Feiman-Nemser** (Hornstein). The Center is the first of its kind at a non-sectarian institution of higher education in America.

• The Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation of Geneva, Switzerland has made possible the creation of the *Edmond J. Safra Chair in Sephardic Studies*, which will be filled by Professor **Jonathan Decter** (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies). • Dr. **Joseph J. Levitan** has established the *Harry S. Levitan Chair in Teacher Education* in memory of his brother, a devoted teacher of students with reading and learning disabilities. The chair is held by **Marya R. Levenson '64**, professor of the practice of education (American Studies). • A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has provided \$3 million to establish a chair in neurobiology. • Trustee and Chairman of the Board **Stephen B. Kay** has established an endowed and unrestricted chair that will be assigned by the University in an area of the greatest need. • Trustee and Vice Chair of the Board **Sylvia K. Hassenfeld** has made possible creation of the *Hassenfeld Chair in Islamic Studies*, a position that brings an important added dimension to the University's curricular offerings. • Through the generosity of members of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Assistant Provost for Libraries **Bessie K. Hahn** has been named to the position of *Brandeis National Women's Committee University Librarian*.

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Michaele Whelan, formerly Associate Dean for Academic Planning and Innovation in the Office of the Vice President of Arts, Sciences and Engineering at Tufts University, has joined the senior academic administration as Associate Provost, working closely with Provost **Melvin Bernstein** in the area of academic planning. **Barbara Selwyn** has filled the newly created post of Director of Marketing for the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. After nearly a quarter century, **Roger Kizik**, one of the Boston area's best known artists, is stepping down from his position as preparator at the Rose Art Museum to pursue his painting career full-time. An exhibition of his work, *Roger Kizik: Outward Bound*, is on display at the Rose through May 12. Also departing Brandeis is **Maureen Fessenden**, Associate Vice President for Human Resources. She will continue to work on selected special projects on a part-time basis. The Louis and Helen Zirkel Award and the Lou Ennis Award, which recognize superior contributions to the University by staff members, have been awarded to **Charles R. Fremault** (Facilities Services) and **Ralph J. Szymczak** (Library) respectively. Earlier this month, the Brandeis community participated in an "Hour of Presence," a program initiated by the Ethics Center's **Marci McPhee** and designed to encourage members of the University community to reflect on the negative impact of time stress on learning.

In December, we bid a sad farewell to **Jack S. Goldstein**, former Dean of Faculty and professor emeritus of astrophysics, who died in December following a long illness. He served at Brandeis from 1956 until his retirement in 1992. Earlier this month, we lost **Ernest Grunwald**, professor emeritus of chemistry and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Professor Grunwald served at Brandeis from 1964 until his retirement in 1989.

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And now for some comments on our beautiful and ever-changing campus: Work is progressing rapidly on the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center, which will open this summer. This 24/7 building will include a 250-seat student theater, rehearsal spaces, student organization offices, function rooms, and lounges. The new Campus Center bookstore, relocated from the current Usdan Student Center, will provide an expanded selection of books and merchandise, while the new café will create a focal point for student interaction. The new library and computer cluster will afford 24-hour study lounges and computer support services, tailored to both group discussion and individual study. This magnificent structure serving students and other members of our community will be a focal point at the heart of the campus.

Later this spring, we will break ground for the 220-bed residence facility that will rise adjacent to the Ridgewood and Ziv Quads, fronting on South Street between the Slosberg and Epstein buildings. The building will include single and double rooms in a modified suite configuration. Bathrooms will be grouped for 6-8 students, and a common lounge, kitchen, and study rooms will be provided for each group of 20 students. A “quiet-study” lounge, a seminar room, an “active” lounge and staff spaces will be provided for the entire building. Student Life and Residence Life staffs have worked closely with Kyu Sung Woo Architect, Inc. to anticipate student and community needs. The strategic plan for campus housing will be implemented in phases to achieve 2,790 beds, enabling the University to house 90 per cent of its undergraduates. Plans are also being made to increase the University’s stock of housing available to graduate students.

Once again, the University enjoyed a highly successful recruiting season, and I look forward to welcoming a fine Class of 2006 in August. Included in this year’s applicant pool was the largest number of Early Decision candidates ever. Average SAT scores and average rank in high school again rose this year. In preparation for the New Student Forum in August, members of the Class of 2006 will receive *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by **Anne Fadiman**, a story of cultural ambivalence and miscommunication. Ms. Fadiman will attend the New Student Forum to discuss her work with the students. I recommend this book to all of you and welcome your thoughts on our selection of summer reading for incoming students.

I wish you all a relaxing and peace-filled summer.

Sincerely,

Jehuda Reinharz Ph.D. '72

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P.S. Approximately 14,000 alumni, parents and friends of the University now receive my letters electronically. If you wish to be added to the University’s electronic mailing list, go to www.brandeis.edu/president and click on “President’s Letters” in the left-hand column. I invite you to review our web site, which provides a wealth of information about the University.