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Dear Friends,

I begin with wonderful news of our graduate and undergraduate alumni. **George Saitoti '67**, former Vice President of Kenya, is now Minister of Education, Science and Technology, charged with implementing universal primary education. **John H. Hopps, Ph.D. '71** has been named Deputy Director for Defense Engineering and Research in the Department of Defense. **Ronald R. Thomas, MA '78, Ph.D. '83** is the new president of the University of Puget Sound (Seattle, Washington), joining 18 other Brandeis alumni who lead colleges or universities in this country and abroad. Commander **Christopher Wright '84** will assume command this summer of the U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned ship in the United States Navy, originally launched on October 21, 1797 and currently berthed at the Charlestown Naval Yard in Boston. **Nikolay Vassilev, GSIEF '97** is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy of Bulgaria. **Suzie Talukdar '96**, a practicing Muslim and accomplished South Asian dancer, is the new director of the Intercultural Center at Brandeis. Madame **Seraphine Wakana, SID '97** is the new Minister of Planning for Development and Reconstruction of the Government of Burundi. **Joel Hirst, SID '03** has been appointed the Head of Mission in Pakistan for World Vision, one of the world's largest international NGOs. **Geir H. Haarde '73**, co-chair of the International Advisory Board of the Rosenberg Institute of Global Finance at GSIEF, is Iceland's Minister of Finance. **Jeffrey Wiltse, Ph.D. '03**, a member of the faculty at the University of Montana, won the prestigious Allan Nevins Prize from the Society of American Historians for the "best doctoral dissertation on a significant theme in American history."

The Brandeis University Athletics Hall of Fame [BUAHF] inducted: **Jim Belanger '81**, two-time captain of men's soccer; **Bob Boutin '87**, baseball MVP and two-time All-New England and All-Northeast Region All-Star; **Chris Corsac '88**, three-sport standout in women's soccer, basketball and softball; **Dennis Donoghue '77**, a premier distance runner and Brandeis's first, four-time All-American; fencer **Kristen Foellmer '96**, who won two UAA titles and twice finished fifth in the nation in foil; **Andre James '92**, two-time men's basketball captain, fifth all-time scorer and third on the all-time rebounding list; and **Tom O'Connell**, men's baseball coach from 1972 to 1981 with a .697 winning percentage. The 1956 women's basketball team, Brandeis's first-ever undefeated team in any sport, was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame: **Doris Berman Rocklin '58**, **Ruth Porter Bernstein '57**, **Marjorie Grodner Housen '56**, **Abby Frank '57**, **Jacalyn Want White '59**, **Judy Brecher Borakove '58**, **Rena Joy Olshansky '56**, **Esther Kartiganer '59**, **Sue Colby Taylor '57**, **Lois Stetson Glass '57**, **Paula Cohen Hamburger '57**, **Claudia Linsey Scott '56**, **Sue Kronheim '58**, manager **Myrna Jaffe Wasserman '57** and coach **Anna Nichols**.

Alumni also serve current students. For example, Brandeis Trustee **Perry Traquina '78** (President, Wellington Management), **Stephen Koplun '57** (Chair, United States International Trade Commission), **Deborah Gaines '73** (Manager, Operating Budget, Partners HealthCare), **Wilfred Chilangwa '91, GSIEF '92** (senior fund analyst, Fidelity

Investment) and **Steven Bunson '82** (Managing Director, Goldman, Sachs and Co.) spoke at our Graduate School of International Economics and Finance [GSIEF] this spring. In the fall, GSIEF will be renamed the Brandeis International Business School.

One hundred and thirty alumni leaders from across the country attended the 2003 Alumni Leadership Weekend in March, whose theme, "Our Brandeis: A Work of Heart," stressed the critical roles alumni play in the University's future. You will be pleased to learn that this year's Alumni Achievement Awards will go to **Marta Kauffman '78**, executive producer and co-creator of "Friends" (originally conceived at Brandeis!) and **Osman Faruk Logoglu '63**, Turkey's ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Logoglu hosted 250 alumni at a reception at the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C., giving me an opportunity to meet many of Brandeis's influential alumni in government.

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Our current students give me much to report as well. **Joshua Brandfon '05** (Weston, Florida) has been elected President, **Kenneth Gantz '04** (Los Angeles, California) Vice President, and **Andrei Khots '05** (Brooklyn, New York) Treasurer, of the Student Union. **Alissa Piasetski '05** (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) has been elected to a two-year term as an undergraduate representative to the Board of Trustees, joining **Ebone Bishop '04** (Burlington, Massachusetts).

Professor **Kiyoshi Igusa** (Mathematics), coach of the Brandeis Math Team of **Anton Geraschenko '04** (Medford, Massachusetts), **Gregory Igusa '06** (Newton, Massachusetts) and **David Diamondstone '05** (Seattle, Washington) with alternates **Themistoklis Mastorides '03** (Oreokastros, Thessaloniki, Greece) and **Lacramioara Bintu '05** (Oresti, Romania) wins praise for helping our team rank 11th out of 476 participating institutions in the U.S. and Canada in the 2002 William Lowell Putnam Undergraduate Mathematics Competition. I congratulate **Rochelle Fleischman '03** (New Haven, Connecticut), who has received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Israel next year, examining the multicultural aspects of Israeli security, and **Sol Schulman '04** (Buffalo Grove, Illinois) is one of 300 students nationwide to receive a Goldwater Scholarship, designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering.

Our students continue to uphold the tradition of outstanding athletics at Brandeis. The indoor track and field team led the way with All-America honors at the NCAA Division III championships held at DePauw University (Greencastle, Indiana). **Mariko Tansey Holbrook '03** (Trumansburg, New York) placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run, was a member of our third-place distance-medley-relay team and earned two awards bringing her career total in cross-country and indoor track and field to eight. **Jessica Curlew '03** (Scarborough, Maine), **Caitlin Malloy '03** (Athens, Maine) and **Karel Charles '04** (Dorchester, Massachusetts) completed the Judges' team to become the first distance-medley-relay All-Americans in Brandeis women's history.

Maya Marx '04 (Amherst, Massachusetts) set three school records (the 50-, 100- and 200-breaststroke) at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships at Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia), earning her the highest finish ever by a Brandeis swimmer at the nationals (24th) and distinction as the first Brandeis woman swimmer to earn All-America honors since 1990. **Tracy Marien '03** (Manville, Rhode Island) earned

her first career All-America honor at the NCAA national collegiate fencing championships held at the United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, Colorado), placing 10th in the nation in the women's saber competition and becoming the only woman among Division III competitors to gain All-America honors at the event. Teammate **James A. McBean '03** (Orlando, Florida) enabled Brandeis to place third among Division III schools. Brandeis placed five players on the All-UAA baseball team, and catcher **Sean Ewers '03** (Old Lyme, Connecticut), was selected University Athletic Association [UAA] 2003 Most Outstanding Performer by the conference's coaches. Designated hitter **Jonathan Brown '03** (Topsfield, Massachusetts), outfielder **Andrew Kahn '03** (Los Angeles, California) and pitcher **Thomas McShane '03** (Manchester, New Hampshire) earned first team All-UAA honors. Pitcher **Mike Parissi '03** (Leicester, Massachusetts) was named to the second team. Brandeis baseball coach **Pete Varney** has recorded his 500th victory. Congratulations to all.

Students organized an impressive array of Black History Month, Asian Awareness Month, Islamic Heritage Week and Women's History Month activities this year. Black History Month featured "A Journey Through Time with the Divine Nine," an evening featuring African-American graduate acting students in the Theater Department, as well as Minority Alumni Network events with **Julieanna Richardson '76** (founder, The HistoryMakers), Justice **Edward Redd '71** (Roxbury Trial Court), Dr. **Shirley Redd '73** (MVP Anesthesia Associates), **Jesus Estrada '82** (President and CEO of Allez Software) and **Peter Wong '89** (Director, IT Operations, British Telecom Conferencing).

Asian Awareness Month opened with a performance by the Ankor Wat dance troupe and a video on the plight of the Korean "comfort women" during World War II. Islamic Heritage Week featured a discussion of Islamic law and marriage, and Women's History Month offered the first annual "Women's Dance" (for women and their friends), a "Take Back the Night" march through campus garnering a huge turnout and a discussion with **Anita Diamant**, author of *The Red Tent*. Earlier in the semester, Middlesex District Attorney **Martha Coakley** addressed a regional conference on dating violence on college campuses and **George Chauncey** (University of Chicago) visited campus to discuss gay liberation and sexuality. Muslim Awareness Week sponsored a presentation by **Khaleel Mohammed** (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) focusing on Western society's misperceptions about Islam, particularly the stereotypical classification of Islam as an Arab religion (88 per cent of the world's Muslims are not of Arab descent).

The Society Organized Against Racism created a panel on affirmative action, and my office invited Professor **Anita Hill** (Heller School for Social Policy and Management) to deliver a campus-wide talk on the subject in light of the University of Michigan admissions case currently in the United States Supreme Court. Brandeis is one of 38 private higher education institutions that filed an *amicus* brief supporting the right of public colleges and universities to consider race as a factor in undergraduate admissions. We reject fixed quotas or rigid guidelines, but argue that the breadth and rigor of a student's high school program, extra-curricular activities, special talents, evidence of leadership, country of origin of international students, gender and race should be considered in addition to academic performance measures.

Brandeis's traditional focus on issues of social justice was evident in a symposium organized by the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life entitled "Both

Sides of the Bench: New Perspectives on International Law and Human Rights." Funded by the Rice Family Foundation, speakers came from South Africa, Haiti, Bahrain, India, Poland, England, the former Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka and Argentina. **David Benatar** (Philosophy, University of Cape Town, South Africa), **Naina Kapur** (Director, Saskhi, a violence intervention center, New Delhi, India), and **Shiranee Tilakawardane** (appellate judge, Sri Lanka) participated as Brandeis International Fellows in Human Rights, Intervention and International Law.

The U.S.-led war in Iraq has elicited multi-sided student and faculty advocacy, some of which was reported in *The New York Times* (4/5/03). The "Anti-War Coalition" led a one-day classroom walkout at the start of the war, while students in "United We Stand" distributed red, white and blue ribbons to demonstrate support for the U.S. administration. Although the war has prompted strong feelings, I am proud that the Brandeis community has conducted itself with reasoned discussion and respect for the right of individuals to express differing opinions.

Among many student events that I personally attended this semester were the always excellent Culture X, a first-rate production of the Hillel Theatre Group's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and BEMCo's (Brandeis Emergency Medical Corps) very polished 20th anniversary celebration. Unfortunately, travel prevented me from attending this spring's Junior/Senior Prom, an annual highlight for Shula and me.

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Our faculty continue to excel in the classroom and beyond. **Jonathan Sarna**, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), received the Marshall Sklare Award from the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry. **Eve Marder**, Victor and Gwendolyn Beinfield Professor of Neuroscience and Volen National Center for Complex Systems (Biology), received the Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award from Women in Neuroscience. **Li Deng** (Chemistry) has been named a 2003 Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. **Eric Chasalow** (Music) is one of four composers nationwide to receive an Academy Award in Music from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The award is considered the highest honor the Academy bestows for music. **Arthur Green '61, Ph.D. '75**, Philip W. Lown Professor of Jewish Thought (Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), will be on leave to help establish a new rabbinical program at Hebrew College and serve as its founding dean. **Ray Jackendoff** (Psychology) is the recipient of the Jean-Nicod Prize for 2003, which recognizes a leading philosopher of mind or philosophically oriented cognitive scientist. **Mark Hulliung**, Richard Koret Professor of the History of Ideas (History), received the Gilbert Chinard Book Prize of the Society for French Historical Studies for *Citizens and Citoyens: Republicans and Liberals in America and France*. **Dorothee Kern** (Chemistry) is this year's recipient of the Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry, one of the most prestigious awards given by the American Chemical Society. The *Centre pour le juif inconnu* has invited **Antony Polonsky**, Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies (Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), to participate in commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

David Hackett Fischer, Earl Warren Professor of History, has been named University Professor, a rarely bestowed position for individuals of exceptional scholarly and

professional distinction whose achievements transcend disciplinary boundaries. In addition to being a superb teacher of American history, David is a prolific writer. His books include *The Great Wave: Price Revolutions and the Rhythm of History*; *Paul Revere's Ride*; *Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement*; and *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*, among others. Twelve faculty members have been named to endowed professorships, six of which are new chairs raised as part of the Campaign for Brandeis. They are **Laurence Abbott** (Brandeis Chair in Neuroscience); **Edward Kaplan** (Kevy and Hortense Kaiserman Chair in the Humanities); **Kanan Makiya** (Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Chair in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies); **Marion Smiley** (J. P. Morgan Chase Chair of Ethics); **Ilan Troen** (Karl, Harry and Helen Stoll Chair in Israel Studies); and **Bernard Yack** (Lerman-Neubauer Chair of Democracy and Public Policy). New incumbents to pre-existing chairs include **Jeff Gelles** (Ann and Imre Tauber Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology); **Mark Hulliung** (Richard Koret Professor of the History of Ideas); **Adam Jaffe** (Fred C. Hecht Chair in Economics); **Blake LeBaron** (Abram L. and Thelma Sachar Chair of International Economics); **Ibrahim Sundiata** (Samuel and Augusta Spector Chair of History); **Arthur Wingfield** (Nancy Lurie Marks Chair of Neuroscience and Director of the Volen National Center for Complex Systems).

In January, the International Association of Art Critics honored the Rose Art Museum for the Best Monographic Museum Show, the *Roxy Paine/Second Nature* exhibition curated by Mr. **Joseph D. Ketner**, The Henry and Lois Foster Director of the Rose, and Ms. **Lynn M. Herbert**, Senior Curator of the Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston, Texas. Now and through June, the Rose has on display *Coexistence: Contemporary Cultural Production in South Africa*, an ambitious survey of contemporary art in South Africa organized in collaboration with the South African National Gallery. Also in the arts at Brandeis, the Kniznick Exhibition Space at the Women's Studies Research Center offered a retrospective of Ruth Cobb's watercolors, to the delight of large crowds of viewers.

I am delighted to announce that Ambassador **Dennis B. Ross**, a major shaper of America's policy for the Middle East, will be the fall 2003 Richman Visiting Professor. Ambassador Ross will teach "Ending Deadly Conflict," a course that examines the Israeli-Palestinian and Israeli-Syrian negotiations of the past in order to glean insights for possible peace making in the present.

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Every university president needs a talented and dedicated administration. In February, I named Professor **Marty Wyngaarden Krauss, Ph.D. '81** to the post of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs *pro tempore* following the departure of **Melvin Bernstein**. Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Programs at the Heller School since 2000, Marty is the John Stein Professor of Disability Research and Director of the Starr Center for Mental Retardation at the Heller School. For the first time in Brandeis's history, both the president and the provost are Brandeis alumni.

In June, Professor **Jesse Ann Owens**, Louis, Frances and Jeffrey Sachar Professor of Music, will complete her term as Dean of Arts and Sciences and return to teaching and research. Jessie has provided strong leadership in curricular, governance and faculty matters during a period that has also required the setting of clear and firm priorities. After 25 years as Dean of Admissions, **David Gould** has taken early retirement to start

his own consulting firm in the field of college admissions. **Michael Kalafatas '65**, Director of Admissions, has also retired. Among his most recent accomplishments is the publication of his first book *The Bellstone: The Greek Sponge Divers of the Aegean, One American's Journey Home* published by Brandeis University Press. After 22 years of service, Assistant Provost and Brandeis National Women's Committee University Librarian **Bessie K. Hahn** will retire in June. In the past decade, Bessie and her staff have transformed the library from a traditional print-based repository into an institution that takes full advantage of advanced computer and telecommunications technologies.

On behalf of Steve Kay, Chairman of the Brandeis Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new members of the Board of Trustees. The first is **Charles Bronfman**, former President and Co-Chair of the Seagram Company. Charles is one of the world's leading philanthropists and Jewish communal leaders, dedicating tens of millions of dollars to the arts, education, health care and social services in Canada, the United States, Europe and Israel. The second is **Thomas P. Glynn III, Ph.D. '77** (Heller School for Social Policy and Management), chief operating officer of Boston-based Partners HealthCare, an organization that provides a full range of health services. Tom has been serving Brandeis most recently as a non-Trustee member of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee.

On March 25, in the beautiful atrium of the new Shapiro Campus Center, we officially launched the Campaign for Brandeis: Creating Connections. As announced by Campaign Chair and Trustee **Gershon Kekst**, our goal is to raise \$470 million by June 30, 2006. **Yevgeniy Sirotnin '03** (Waltham, Massachusetts) and **Binetti Vitta '04** (Nairobi, Kenya) spoke about the meaning of scholarship support to their dream to pursue a Brandeis education. You will be pleased to know that \$275 million or 58.5 per cent of the campaign total was raised at the time of the Campaign's announcement. Although Brandeis is a very young university, alumni have already made ten gifts of \$1 million or more (totaling \$27 million). On the national level, alumni giving to colleges and universities is in a second straight year of decline. At Brandeis, however, alumni gifts are up by more than 40 per cent.

Every January, I visit some of our major Palm Beach-based donors and attend an annual dinner. This year, **Michele** and **Howard Kessler** hosted the event at their home, providing me with the occasion to confer an honorary degree on Trustee Emeritus **Carl J. Shapiro** in recognition of his life's work as one of Brandeis's greatest supporters. Carl became a Brandeis benefactor in 1950 and a Trustee in 1979. He and his wife, **Ruth Shapiro**, a member of the National Women's Committee since 1948, recently gave Brandeis its largest gift, the \$25 million Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center. **Jack N.** and **Lorraine Lakritz Friedman**, also of Palm Beach, recently made a \$6 million gift to the Campaign for Brandeis to name a major unit in the new residence hall; a previous \$1 million gift was given by them to establish the Jack N. and Lorraine Friedman Endowed Scholarship Fund. Designed by noted architect **Kyu Sung Woo**, the residence hall is on schedule to open in time for the start of the fall semester. I welcome all of you to come to campus to see the several new campus structures, all of which enhance the University's beauty and functionality. Among the new buildings is the Lemberg Academic Center that has been made possible by generous gifts from GSIEF's Board of Overseers and other friends of the University, with a lead gift by **John** and **Adam Usdan**. The Center will include classrooms with the latest in presentation

and media equipment, spaces where students can work in teams, a wing for staff and faculty offices, and amenities such as a café.

On May 18, we will convene the University's 52nd commencement and will bid farewell to the newly minted alumni of the Brandeis Class of 2003. Dr. **Aharon Barak** (President, Israeli Supreme Court) will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary degree, as will **James O. Freedman** (former Dartmouth College President and Brandeis Trustee), Ambassador **Richard Holbrooke**, **Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot** (sociologist), **David McCullough** (historian), **Nancy Pelosi** (U.S. House Democratic Leader), and **Alan B. Slifka** (philanthropist). Alan is Chair of the Abraham Fund, an organization dedicated to fostering peaceful coexistence between Israel's Arab and Jewish citizens. At Brandeis, the Slifka Coexistence Endowment Fund supports Jewish and Arab Israeli undergraduates. Alan has also provided generous support to the coexistence initiatives of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, and his foundation has made possible The Alan B. Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, which will offer a master's degree in intercommunal coexistence beginning in fall 2004. In conferring honorary degrees, the University expresses its commitment to the values reflected in the lives of its honorees: a commitment to social justice, the life of the mind, and excellence in education.

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

Sincerely,

Jehuda Reinharz

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P.S. Approximately 17,000 alumni, parents and friends of the University 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, its programs, faculty and students.