

**BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
GREATER WASHINGTON  
CHAPTER**

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# **Study Guide**

## **Part 3**

### **April-June**

### **2026**

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## **Mission Statement**

Brandeis National Committee (BNC) provides philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. BNC's membership is connected to the university through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.

### **OUR HISTORY**

Founded in 1948, Brandeis University is the first Jewish-sponsored, nonsectarian university in the United States. Brandeis reached the pinnacle of American higher education by earning Phi Beta Kappa recognition in 13 years, the youngest university to be honored in this manner since the 18th century. The life of the mind is central to this institution. As a small, vigorous research university, Brandeis combines the education and teaching normally found at small selective colleges with superb facilities and renowned faculty usually found only at the largest research universities.

As one of the youngest and smallest research universities, Brandeis University has a remarkable record of accomplishment. The Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center's interdisciplinary approach to combating diseases has greatly expanded the scope of leukemia research, pinpointed an on/off switch in diphtheria and improved the effectiveness of mammography machines. Research in the Volen Center's Memory and Cognition Lab focuses on how memory and mental processes change across the adult lifespan. The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute develops fresh ways of thinking about Jews and gender worldwide by producing and promoting scholarly research, artistic projects, and public engagement.

Our strong leadership and membership enable us to be a highly successful chapter of the Brandeis National Committee. Currently, our fundraising efforts will go to Engineering education. BNC's new multi-year campaign will raise money for the Brandeis National Committee Professorship in Engineering, supporting a new engineering program that will immerse students in engineering culture and provide them with the essential skills to become engineers and design solutions to complex problems. With your support, Brandeis envisions a future where its engineering program continues to cultivate conscientious and skilled engineers who will tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

[\*\*DONATE TO THE ENGINEERING FUND HERE\*\*](#)



**REGISTER  
NOW**

**Don't Delay!! Fill Out Your  
Personal Record Sheet  
On Page 13  
And Join Our Exciting Events!!**

**REMINDER: You must be a Brandeis chapter  
member to register for Study Groups.**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

# April – June 2026 Programs

**Registration Is Open Now!**

**Registration Questions and the Registration Form are located at the end of the Study Guide**



## **Tours**

Brookside Gardens Springtime Tour #35  
Riversdale House Museum  
    Historic Site #36  
Kreeger Museum Tour #38  
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    Rights #40  
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    Garden/Studio of Tina Theime Brown #42  
*Blacklisted: An American Story* at the  
    Capital Jewish Museum #43

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Creativity and Cocktails #39

## **Let's Get Together**

Wine, Delicious Food, and  
    Good Company #34  
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Olney Theatre, *Carla Hall: Please  
    Underestimate Me* #44

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## Board Meetings

April 14

May 6

June 3



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## 34. Wine, Delicious Food, and Good Company

This story begins in Poland and Ukraine in 1870 with Malka and Meilech Lowe growing the wine empire with their 12 children. Their business thrived until WWII when the Holocaust took all but one member of the family. Their son, William Loew, migrated to the U.S. and with his wife and three children created the Loew Winery, initially as a hobby. Third generation granddaughter Rachel Lipman now runs this award-winning business. Join us as we learn more about this family's journey while we sip wine and enjoy our brown-bag lunch.

**Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026  
**Time:** 11:30  
**Cost:** \$22  
**Location:** 14001 Liberty Road, Mt. Airy  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 15, Maximum 25  
**Coordinators:**



## 35. Brookside Gardens Springtime Tour

Put on your walking shoes and join us as we welcome Spring at Brookside Gardens. The venue features a variety of distinct garden areas, walking paths, gazebos and two conservatories that house a collection of tropical and seasonal plants. The facility covers 54 acres of cultivated gardens which include the Roc, Yew, Butterfly, Rain, Perennial, Aquatic, and Fragrance and Trial gardens. Spend a lovely morning with us in this botanical paradise and join us for lunch after our visit.

**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026  
**Time:** 10:30  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** 1800 Glenallen Ave, Wheaton  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 10, Maximum 20  
**Coordinators:**



## 36. Riversdale House Museum Historic Site

Join us for a one hour guided tour of this elegant historic house as we learn about the history of the people who lived and worked at this former plantation from the house's construction in 1801 through Emancipation in 1864. Visitors engage in facilitated dialogue with tour guides while being led through the rooms of the historic house and dependency buildings. We can also stroll through the gardens on our own.

**Note:** Although there is elevator access to most of the house, it does not service the second floor. There are scattered short flights of stairs throughout the house.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
**Time:** 11:00  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Riversdale House Museum  
6005 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Riverdale Park, MD  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 10, Maximum 30  
**Coordinators:**



## 37. Kate Pearl Tea Room

Spend a delightful afternoon at the “spa for the soul,” the Kate Pearl Tea House in Sykesville, Maryland. Enjoy the afternoon with friends as you indulge in a multi-course Traditional Tea Service. This year we have extended the menu to include soup, salad and scones with clotted cream and spreads, tea sandwiches and savories, fresh fruit, tea, assorted sweets and sorbet. Come and join us!!!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
**Time:** 11:30  
**Cost:** \$49  
**Location:** 7540 Main Street, Sykesville  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 15, Maximum 30  
**Coordinators:**



## 38. Kreeger Museum Tour

Join us as we visit this intimate museum, the former home of Carmen and David Lloyd Kreeger. Enjoy walking through this premier modern mansion as we view modern and contemporary sculpture, paintings, prints and drawings dated from 1850 to the present. The sculpture garden, an extension of the museum, expands the outdoor exhibition space and affords us the opportunity to experience art in a natural setting. Lunch after the tour.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
**Time:** 10:30  
**Cost:** \$22  
**Location:** 2401 Foxhall Road, NW, Washington, DC  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 20, Maximum 25  
**Coordinators:**



## 39. Creativity and Cocktails

We are excited to offer this program facilitated by Patricia Dubroof, a BNC member and Director of Community Relations/Creative Aging Specialist with Assisting Hands of Potomac. Her extensive knowledge in the field of aging and creativity helps support our community. Patricia is a professional artist and teacher who will demonstrate a simple hands on project. All materials will be provided along with Signature Cocktails and Mocktails. No previous artistic abilities necessary!

**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026  
**Time:** 2:00  
**Cost:** \$18  
**Location:** 5485 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 5, Maximum 20  
**Coordinators:**



## 40. Tour the Birthplace of Revolutionary Rights

Gunston Hall is more than a historic home as it serves as the symbol of American democracy. Explore the home and the legacy of George Mason, the visionary behind the Virginia Declaration of Rights. From stunning gardens to engaging exhibits, Gunston Hall offers something for everyone. Join us as we step into the 18<sup>th</sup> century to acquaint ourselves with George Mason, an architect of the American Revolution and leading proponent of both limiting government tyranny and protecting citizens' rights.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
**Time:** 11:00  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road  
Mason Neck, Lorton, VA  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 8, Maximum 30  
**Coordinators:**



## 41. Visit the Glenstone Museum

Founded in 2006 by Mitchell and Emily Rales, this contemporary museum holds more than 1300 works from post WWII artists around the world. It is the largest private contemporary museum in the United States. Put on your walking shoes as you navigate more than 230 acres of paintings, single-artist installations, video installations, sound installations, and both indoor and outdoor sculptures. Lunch at group's discretion before the event.

**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2026  
**Time:** 2:00  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Location:** Glenstone Museum  
12100 Glen Road, Potomac  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 10, Maximum 25  
**Coordinators:**



## 42. A Day in the Country!

### Visit the Garden/Studio of Tina Theime Brown

Spend a day in the Upcountry! Meet Tina Theime Brown, Environmental Activist and Visual Chronicler of the Agricultural Reserve. Enjoy viewing her art work and stunning garden at her historic home. Tina is respected as an outstanding documenter of the natural world. You can read about her in the Chicago Tribune and Plenty Magazine Summer 2025. After our visit, we will go to lunch at a restaurant In Poolesville.

**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026  
**Time:** 11:00  
**Cost:** \$18  
**Location:**  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 10, Maximum 20  
**Coordinators:**



## 43. *Blacklisted: An American Story* at The Capital Jewish Museum

Join us for a one hour guided tour of a special exhibit at the Capital Jewish Museum. We step back in time to experience one of the most charged moments in American history. *Blacklisted: An American Story* explores the Hollywood blacklist and the Federal Government's loyalty investigations that upended thousands of lives during the Red Scare. Through powerful personal stories, rare artifacts, and film clips, the exhibition reveals how fear, politics, and identity collided and what was lost when dissent was silenced.

**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026  
**Time:** 11:00  
**Cost:** \$22  
**Location:** Capital Jewish Museum  
575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 10, Maximum 40  
**Coordinators:**



## 44. Olney Theatre, *Carla Hall: Please Underestimate Me*

International super-star chef, Montgomery County resident Carla Hall invites her audience to take that deeply personal journey with her, from her Tennessee roots to Howard University, to the runways of Paris, the white-hot spotlight of Top Chef, and ultimately, a career that challenged her to stay true to herself. Along the way, she confronts the expectation of Black excellence, the sexism of the entertainment industry, and her own self-doubts. In this quirky, insightful, and inspiring World Premier, Carla reveals the secret ingredient to her greatest creation, herself.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2026  
**Time:** 1:30  
**Cost:** \$60  
**Location:** Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, Olney  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 20, Maximum 40  
**Coordinators:**



## 45. Ice Cream Social

What is the best way to beat the summer heat? Our Brandeis Ice Cream Social is the way to “cool off” as you schmooze with your Brandeis friends. Create your own perfect sundae with various flavors and yummy toppings. Good company and your satisfied “sweet tooth” make this a perfect day!

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026  
**Time:** 1:30  
**Cost:** \$22  
**Location:** A private home in Potomac  
**Enrollment:** Minimum 8, Maximum 35  
**Coordinators:**





**12:30**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

Ayse Meze Lounge

700 King Farm Blvd #170, Rockville

Eastern Mediterranean meze, handmade pasta  
and authentic Neapolitan pizza

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday following Board Meeting)**

Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge

2 Preserve Pkwy, Rockville

Seasonal Menu features locally grown produce and hormone-free beef

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday following Board Meeting)**

Founding Farmers

12505 Park Potomac Ave, Potomac

Cooperative-grower-owned spot serving farm-to-table American fare made  
from scratch, including bread, butter, pasta, desserts and more

**RSVP to:**

## PERSONAL RECORD

EVENT #	DATE/TIME	TITLE	CHARGE	✓
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43	Thurs, June 4, 11:00	<i>Blacklisted: An American Story</i> at the Capital Jewish Museum	\$22	
44	Wed, June 10, 1:30	Olney Theatre, <i>Carla Hall: Please Underestimate Me</i>	\$60	
45	Tues, June 16, 1:30	Ice Cream Social	\$22	



## Frequently Asked Study Guide Questions

- **When does Study Guide registration begin?**

Registration for April through June (Part 3) begins **today** for paid-up current members, on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **CLICK HERE to Register Online**

- If you need assistance, please contact

- **Coordinators and participants must register for Study Groups. You will receive an email with your registration list. If the class is full, you will be placed on a waitlist. If an opening occurs, you will be notified by email and have 24 hours to respond.**

- **Will I get my money back if I can no longer attend a Study Guide event?**

No refunds are given unless the session is cancelled.

- **Who is the current Registrar?**

- **May I ask my friend to take my place?** No

- **Do I need to register if I am hosting at my home?** No

- **Do I need to register if I am speaking or leading a study group?** No

- **What if the weather is bad?**

Our chapter reflects weather policies of Montgomery County Schools. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, chapter activities are canceled. Programs with speakers and/or on Zoom will continue as planned on Zoom, if possible. If schools have a delayed opening, our events will be held as scheduled.

- **What happens if BNC cancels a study group?**

If the chapter cancels a study group, you can donate your fee to BNC or request a refund.

- **When will I hear from the coordinator for my Study Group?**

Two to three weeks before the event, the coordinators will contact you by email to inform you of any specific directions. If you have not heard from a coordinator within 3 days of the event, contact the coordinator or the registrar.

**For additional questions contact Study Guide Vice-Presidents:**

