Dear BNC Community,

As we approach the end of this fiscal year, there is plenty to celebrate here at BNC! We are overwhelmingly grateful to have an inspired and passionate community of active learners and to have your continuous support of our philanthropic efforts at Brandeis University.

This note is from Justice Brandeis' great-granddaughters about the importance of The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry Campaign:

"Justice Brandeis, our grandmother, Susan Gilbert, who helped found the University, and our mother, Alice Popkin, a lawyer and public servant are all personal inspirations to us. By donating our family’s remaining collection of Brandeis letters, books, and memorabilia, we hope that the University’s students and the broader community will find inspiration to lead lives that include time for family, professional and personal enjoyment, and civic duty. He felt a strong democracy provided for the pursuit of these things. However, for democracy to function each individual must vote as Ken Burns encouraged (see renowned filmmaker Ken Burns’ speech at the Brandeis 2024 commencement). In doing so, each individual contributes and lives up to our nation’s democratic ideals, holding what Brandeis called the most important political office, that of private citizens. An office that is more important than ever today.

We are so grateful to the Brandeis librarians and archivists, who are caring for our family collection, and to President Liebowitz, the Brandeis National Committee, and all the supporters who are helping to create a window into Justice Brandeis, the person. We hope all BNC members will want to join in supporting this gift whose purpose is to expose more people to these and other of his values."

-Susan Brandeis Cahn, Anne Brandeis Popkin, Louisa Brandeis Popkin (Justice Brandeis' great-granddaughters)

Thank you for all that you’ve contributed to get us this far. We hope you will join us in this final push to reach our goal. If you would like to contribute, please visit the Brandeis giving page and select the designation "BNC The Legacy of Louis - Inspiring Inquiry Fund."

Sincerely,

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