

Brandeis University
Brandeis National Committee
Phoenix Chapter



Learning Opportunities
Study with the Best
2011 - 2012

Phoenix, Scottsdale, North Scottsdale
Sun Lakes and West Valley

Welcome Everyone!

This promises to be an exciting year for our Chapter. Your leadership team has been hard at work planning programs, membership events, and study groups for us to enjoy. Our fabulous study group co-VPs Sara Leopold and Merrill Kalman have been instrumental in bringing us many new and exciting groups. Our study groups are a unique way to enrich our lives and to connect with others. Each year, participants discover new friends and renew old acquaintances, while helping us to become a stronger Brandeis family in the process.



Ideas for new study groups come from our members. We've created specialized book groups, lunch/dinner groups, lecture series groups, game groups and so much more. If you have a suggestion for something new, please let us know. As you look at the study guide I am sure you will be excited by the learning opportunities we offer. We are unique in the Valley in that we have the faculty and resources of Brandeis University to enhance our programs and study groups. When you join a study group, your fees stay in Phoenix to help our Chapter function. We use these funds to pay for our administrative expenses and other obligations.

Whether it is leading a study group, planning an event, or assisting in various other activities, we need your help. Please consider volunteering in some capacity so that the Phoenix Chapter will continue to maintain its vitality and strong dedication to Brandeis University.

Best Wishes,

Gladys Simon
President, Phoenix Chapter, BNC

Registration Information

Brandeis University has a policy of non-discrimination toward any race, religion or gender. Brandeis National Committee (BNC) follows the same policies. **YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER** of Brandeis National Committee (BNC), Phoenix Chapter, **IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR STUDY GROUPS.** If you have not paid your annual or associate membership dues, you must complete the membership form on page 25 of this study guide and send it with your check to the Financial Secretary, Irene Lubin. You may also use a Master or Visa credit card. She will inform the Registrar of your membership. In order to join a study group, if you are a member of another chapter and visiting for the winter, you must become an Associate Member. Use the same membership form on page 25 and indicate you are an Associate Member. The Registrar will have an up-to-date membership list to check your status. If you are not a member, your check and registration form for study groups will be returned and may delay your enrollment. Note: **DO NOT COMBINE CHECKS. MEMBERSHIP goes to IRENE LUBIN and STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION goes to THE REGISTRAR, MERRILL KALMAN.**

ENROLLMENT AND REFUND POLICY

Unless notified, you are enrolled in the study group(s) you have chosen. There will be no refunds unless a study group is cancelled or oversubscribed.

GUESTS

Any member may attend a study group for one session only as a guest. However, members are limited to four study groups which can be attended as a guest. **THE FACILITATOR MUST BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER SPACE IS AVAILABLE.** The guest fee is \$5 and it can be applied to the enrollment fee if the member wishes to join the group(s) - assuming space is available.

NON-MEMBER GUESTS

A guest who is not a BNC member can attend a study group containing more than two sessions if space is available, but only once. A fee of \$5 will be collected at the start of the meeting. If you decide to become a member and join the study group, the \$5 can be applied to the study group fee.

EARLY REGISTRATION

All groups are \$21, with a discount of \$3 for early registration. **The early registration deadline is September 17, 2011.**

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION

You must be a paid-up member of BNC to join a study group. Fill out the registration form on the next page completely. If you have an email address, be sure to include it, since this is the most efficient way for your facilitator(s) and the Registrar to contact you. In addition, we want to help the environment.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO BNC
AND MAIL IT TO THE REGISTRAR:**

**Merrill Kalman
8240 E. Tether Trail
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
Phone: 480-296-3355
Email: mskbfo@aol.com**



2011 - 2012 Study Group Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____@_____

(Please Print Clearly)

Circle Membership Status: Annual Life Spouse Associate (List Chapter name)

Mark your selection(s) – All study groups are \$21

**** Deduct \$3 per Study Group if registration is mailed before 9/17/11**

A downloadable copy of this page and the Study Group Guide are available on the chapter website: www.brandeisphoenix.com/Study_Groups.html

1. Boomers
2. Cultural Sites
3. Canasta for Beginners
4. **NEW** Canasta Tournament
5. Mystery Book Group
6. **NEW** Needlework & Stitchery Group
7. Phoenix Symphony Lecture Recitals
8. Arizona Authors Speaker Series
9. **NEW** Opera Jewels
10. First Tuesday Book Group
11. **NEW** Play Canasta
12. Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch
13. Mah-Jogg for Beginners/ Advanced Beginners
14. Camelview Review and Lunch
15. Intermediate - Bridge
16. Movie + Happy Hour
17. Artist Studio Tours
18. **NEW** 350° - Let's Bake
19. N. Scottsdale Weds AM Book Group
20. Contemporary Fiction - AM
21. Contemporary Fiction - PM
22. Knit A Mitzvah
23. Poker/Texas Hold'Em
24. Hiking - Happy Trails!

25. First Thursday Jewish Book Group
26. Writing with the Best
27. Sun Lakes Potpourri
28. **NEW** Home Skills 101
29. Intermediate Mah-Jongg
30. Third Thursday AM Book Group
31. Third Thursday Lunch Bunch
32. **NEW** Neighborhood Haunts
33. Contemporary Issues #1
34. Contemporary Issues #2
35. N. Scottsdale Friday AM Book Group
36. Study with the Best
37. **NEW** Studio Art & Bistro Lunch
38. Friday Afternoon Book Group
39. **NEW** At the Ballet
40. **NEW** Girls' Night Out

COURSE SUBTOTAL \$ _____

**** Early Bird Discount (9/17/11)**

\$3 per group \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

Mark your selection(s) and mail Registration Form and check, payable BNC, to:

Merrill Kalman

8240 E. Tether Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

480-296-3355 mskbflo@aol.com

Registrar Use Only: Date Received/Other _____

**Dear
Members,**

Welcome to the Learning Opportunities Guide for 2011-2012. Most of our groups from previous years will be returning, and this year we have several exciting new groups. We've added some new game groups, evening groups, cultural groups and of course, FOOD groups!

Our groups cover a variety of interests and pursuits, so whether you're interested in socializing, intellectualizing, or just hungry, we've got it all! Come join your friends and also meet new people.

Our website is:

www.brandeisphoenix.com/Study_Groups.html

and is available 24/7. The Registration page is on the website, with its own link, for you to print out and send to Merrill.

We are always interested in new study groups; if you have any ideas or would like to organize a new group, please contact us. Have a great year!

Merrill Kalman
Sara Leopold

mskbflo@aol.com
sara1225@gmail.com

480-296-3355
480-525-1575

Mission Statement

Brandeis National Committee is an organization committed to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fund raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism, and service to the community.



2011 - 2012 Study Groups in Alphabetical Order

350° - Let's Bake! *

Arizona Authors Speaker Series
Artist Studio Tours

At the Ballet *

Boomers
Camelview Review & Lunch
Canasta for Beginners

Canasta Tournament *

Contemporary Fiction - AM
Contemporary Fiction - PM
Contemporary Issues #1
Contemporary Issues #2
Cultural Sites
First Thursday Jewish Book Group

First Tuesday Book Group

Friday PM Book Group

Girls' Night Out *

Hiking - Happy Trails!

Home Skills 101 *

Intermediate Bridge
Intermediate Mah-Jongg
Knit a Mitzvah
Mah-Jongg for Beginners/
Advanced Beginners

Movie + Happy Hour

Mystery Book Group

N. Scottsdale Friday AM Book Group

N. Scottsdale Wednesday AM Book Group

Needlework & Stitchery Group *

Neighborhood Haunts *

Opera Jewels *

Phoenix Symphony Lecture Recitals

Play Canasta *

Poker - Texas Hold`Em

Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Studio Art & Bistro Lunch *

Study with the Best

Sun Lakes Potpourri

Third Thursday AM Book Group

Third Thursday Lunch Bunch

Writing: The Creative Process

*** New Study Groups**

2011 - 2012

Study Groups - Grouped by day

Various	Boomers
Various	Cultural Sites
Monday	Canasta for Beginners
Monday	Canasta Tournament *
1 st Monday	Mystery Book Group
1st Monday	Needlework & Stitchery Group *
2 nd Monday	Phoenix Symphony Lecture Recitals
3 rd Monday	Arizona Authors Speaker Series
4th Monday	Opera Jewels *
1 st Tuesday	First Tuesday Book Group
1st, 3rd Tuesday	Play Canasta *
2 nd Tuesday	Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch
2 nd , 4 th Tuesday	Mah-Jongg for Beginners/Advanced Beginners
3 rd Tuesday	Camelview Review and Lunch
3 rd Tuesday	Intermediate Bridge
3 rd Tuesday	Movie + Happy Hour
4 th Tuesday	Artist Studio Tours
1st Wednesday	350° - Let's Bake! *
2 nd Wednesday	N. Scottsdale Weds AM Book Group
2 nd Wednesday	Contemporary Fiction - AM
2 nd Wednesday	Contemporary Fiction - PM
2 nd , 4 th Wednesday	Knit a Mitzvah
Wednesday Eve	Poker - Texas Hold`Em
1 st , 3 rd Thursday	Hiking - Happy Trails!
1 st Thursday	First Thursday Jewish Book Group
1 st Thursday	Writing: The Creative Process
1 st Thursday	Sun Lakes Potpourri
2nd Thursday	Home Skills 101 *
2 nd , 4 th Thursday	Intermediate Mah-Jongg
3 rd Thursday	Third Thursday AM Book Group
3 rd Thursday	Third Thursday Lunch Bunch
4th Thursday	Neighborhood Haunts *
Last Thursday	Contemporary Issues #1
Last Thursday	Contemporary Issues #2
2 nd Friday	N. Scottsdale Friday AM Book Group
2 nd Friday	Study with the Best
3rd Friday	Studio Art & Bistro Lunch *
3 rd Friday	Friday Afternoon Book Group
Saturday	At the Ballet *
Saturday	Girls' Night Out *

Bold - New Study Groups

Phoenix Chapter Learning Opportunities 2011 - 2012

VARIOUS DATES

1. BOOMERS

Boomers is a state of mind. This active group investigates all the Valley has to offer. From museums, hiking, field trips, book reviews, and game days, the Boomers are always on the go. We welcome participants' suggestions for new places to explore. Our meeting day is based on the activity, with Friday preferred. Facilitators will notify members of specific dates and activities by email.

Facilitators:

Carol Baine carol@mmcom.com
Ellen Kirschenbaum ellenk102@cox.net

FEE: \$21
480-626-4763
602-214-5212



2. CULTURAL SITES AROUND THE VALLEY

Cultural Sites Around the Valley will meet on a different day each month, depending on event schedules, for 4 months: November, December, January and March. There will be all new venues to visit this year unless there is a special showing of great interest. Entrance fees and optional lunch are additional.

Facilitator:
Carol Kern

cak571@aol.com

FEE: \$21
480-948-9236

MONDAY

3. CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

Meet new people, have fun and learn a classic game all at the same time! This group is offered as a 4-week session, with meetings once a week. The location will be determined later, depending upon participation. Four consecutive sessions on Mondays:

October 10, 17, 24 and 31 (10:00-12:00) - Limit 12

Facilitator:

Cheryl Senkfor senk4@aol.com



FEE: \$21
216-272-1697

4. *NEW* CANASTA TOURNAMENT

Let's all play Canasta together in a 2-day Tournament! We will play in teams of two and the teams will rotate and play each other. We will match you up with a partner if you don't sign up with one. You must attend both days. There is an additional \$5 fee, given to the facilitator the first day, which will provide a prize for the winning team. Location will be determined based on participation.



Two Mondays: January 23 and January 30 at 10:00 am

Facilitator:

Cheryl Senkfor

senk4@aol.com

FEE: \$21

216-272-1697



5. MYSTERY BOOK GROUP (New Name)

This group will be reading a variety of mysteries. We meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Troon North Golf Club, in the Grill. It is located at 10320 East Dynamite. The first meeting will be on October 3 and the book will be *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett.

First Monday: 1:00 pm

Facilitator:

Irene Mieszcanski miesirene@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-314-0238

6. *NEW * NEEDLEWORK & STITCHERY GROUP

Come for a fun afternoon of any type of stitching - knitting, crochet, needlework, embroidery, off-loom weaving, etc. Share ideas with others of similar interests. All levels welcome. We will meet at various members' homes. The first meeting will be October 3 at Helen Greenberg's home. Details will be emailed to participants.



First Monday: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm (October - May)

Facilitators:

Helen Greenberg

Hennie Greenland

helendesign@cox.net

tomhennie@aol.com

FEE: \$21

602-840-6260

480-473-7166



7. PHOENIX SYMPHONY LECTURE RECITALS

Location: Palo Cristi Church - 36th Street and Lincoln. Brief musical presentations and discussions by guest musicians involved with the Phoenix Symphony.

Four Sessions Including The Following Musicians:

November 14, 2011: Leslie Frey, Assistant Principal Second Violin; Peter Anderegg, Acting Principal Cello



December 12, 2011: Lan Qiu, Violin; Marilyn Kredel, Piano **Note: This is a special program with membership. No Guest Fee for New Members. A reception will follow the recital.**

January 9, 2012: Fred Chao, Cello; Barbara Davis Chao, Flute; Susan Fishman, Piano

February 13, 2012: Usha Kapoor, Violin

Second Monday, 1:00 pm (November, December, January, February)

Facilitator:

Roz Fischer

FEE: \$21

602-971-8004

Hostesses: Ingrid Braslow, Marilyn Blynder, Joan Pass, Joan Sitver, Elaine Wagner, Sondra Weiss.

Reception: Ellen Tuckman, Lois Roth



8. ARIZONA AUTHORS SPEAKER SERIES

Our state of Arizona contributes much to the literary world with authors and also as story settings. This study group will focus on both. Once a month, for seven months, we will be treated to an appearance by an author who is either from Arizona, resides in Arizona now or uses Arizona as a locale for a book. The author will speak to us about his/her life and writings. There will be a question and answer period followed by book signings. You do not need to read the author's book in

advance but you are, of course, welcome to do so. Books will be available for purchase that day at Barnes and Noble. It is not required that you buy a book, but we do request that you buy at least one book over the seven month period. Barnes and Noble does not charge us for using the store and the authors do not charge us for their appearance, but selling books is what sustains them, so support from our group would be appreciated.

Study Group members must RSVP to Merrill to reserve a seat. This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.

The first meeting will be on October 17th and the speaker will be Tempe mystery writer Donis Casey. Location: Barnes & Noble, 10500 N 90th St, Scottsdale.

Third Monday: 12:30 - 2:00 pm (October - April)

Facilitator:

Merrill Kalman

mskbfo@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-296-3355



9. * NEW* OPERA JEWELS

A docent from the Arizona Opera will come to talk to us about their productions of *Faust*, *Aida* and *Orfeo ed Euridice*, introducing opera audiences to some of the highlighted arias and stories that have been jewels to generations of opera lovers. This group will consist of three sessions: October 24, January 30 and March 26. Location will be determined based on participation.

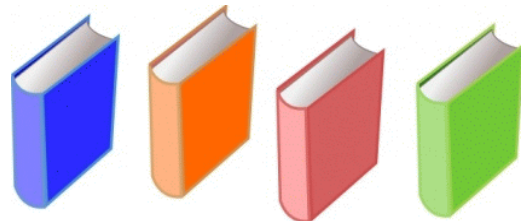
Fourth Mon: 1:30-3:30 pm (October, January & March)
Facilitator: Selma Ost selmasost@aol.com

FEE: \$21
623-869-0909

TUESDAY

10. FIRST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP (formerly Contemporary Fiction #1)

This group reads best sellers and new books, fiction and non-fiction. Books are chosen two or three at a time to reflect new releases. Someone in the group must have read the selection (or know a person they respect as a reader) for it to be considered as a book of the month. This study group meets all year. We meet in members' homes so the group is limited to 16 people. The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the name of the book for that month, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP. Our first meeting will be on October 4.



First Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Facilitators:

Judy Bernstein

Judy Levine

jbsews@yahoo.com

judithlevine43@yahoo.com

FEE: \$21
480-948-0725
480-496-0252

11. * NEW * PLAY CANASTA

This group will meet twice a month to have lunch, play Canasta in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere and have fun! Our first meeting will be October 18, at McCormick & Schmick's in Gainey Ranch.

First and Third Tuesdays: 11:30 - 3:30

Facilitator:

Claire Becker

claire1770@comcast.net

FEE: \$21
480-443-9166

NOTE: Also new this year is a Canasta Tournament in January. Please see Group #4.



12. SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. We will meet on the second Tuesday at well-reviewed, diverse and interesting restaurants. Each person is responsible for paying for her own meal. If separate checks are not available, we will divide the bill evenly amongst ourselves. There is a limit of 20 people with a wait list. You must reply to a facilitator in order to secure a place at the table. Our first lunch will be

November 8.

Second Tuesday: November - May

Facilitators:

Harriett Gartner

Amy Richman

hsgartner@cox.net
amy@richmanfamily.com

FEE: \$21
480-538-2841
480-664-6901

13. MAH-JONGG FOR BEGINNERS / ADVANCED BEGINNERS

If you've always wanted to learn how to play the game, this group is for you. If you know how to play, but could still use some instruction, this group is for you too! You will need to purchase a mah-jongg card prior to the first meeting. Cards can be purchased at the Jewish Collection and temple gift shops. If you have a Mahj set, please let the facilitator know after you register for the group. Our first meeting will be **October 25**. The location of the group will be determined once registration is complete.

Second Tuesday: 1:00 pm (November - May)

Also, Fourth Tuesday: 1:00 pm (October 25, November 22, December 27)

Additional Tuesdays from January - May 2012 to be determined by facilitator and group.

Facilitator:

Daron Barness

daronday@aol.com

FEE: \$21
480-607-1611



14. CAMELVIEW REVIEW & LUNCH (New Name)

Enjoy a thought-provoking Harkins Camelview 5 movie each month followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Limit 25.

Third Tuesday Mornings: October - April

Facilitators:

Janie Kuznitsky

Amy Richman

Iris Wigal

cashew3@cox.net
amy@richmanfamily.com
wiggley@cox.net

FEE: \$21
480-664-6544
480-664-6901
602-274-8771

15. INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

This group meets for a fun afternoon of lunch, bridge and camaraderie. Members should be experienced bridge players who are willing to enjoy a non-competitive and relaxed afternoon of bridge. We meet from October to May on the third Tuesday of each month. Our location varies depending on the number of tables. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18th.

Third Tuesdays: 11:30 (or 12:30) - 3:30 pm

Location and exact time may vary from month to month.

Co-Facilitators:

Marcy Strauss

Nan Waldman

mss29@comcast.net

nanlarry@cox.net



FEE: \$21

602 606-2712

602-953-2084



16. THIRD TUESDAY MOVIE + HAPPY HOUR (New Name)

Our first year as co-chairmen of the Movie + Happy Hour has been a success! We hope to have more people sign up for our exciting get-togethers. Our first movie will be October 18. (October - April)

Third Tuesday, 3:00 - 4:00 Movie, with a Happy Hour menu to follow.

Facilitators:

Roni Nassberg

Rochelle Reese

ronika1@aol.com

lvtoshopr@yahoo.com

FEE: \$21

480-488-4476

480-361-7628

17. ARTIST STUDIO TOURS

Visit a different artist's studio in Scottsdale, Carefree, Cave Creek or other areas in the vicinity. See an artist in his or her own studio to learn how ideas are formulated and works of art created. The group is limited to 25 with a wait list used for a vacancy. You must reply to the facilitator for each group. The group is always over-subscribed and if you do not RSVP to say that you are coming, your spot will be taken by a person on the wait list.

Fourth Tuesday: 10:00 am, (January, February, March)

Facilitator:

Mady Smidt

mlinsley1@cox.net



FEE \$21

480-860-8917

WEDNESDAY



18. *NEW* 350° - LET'S BAKE

Join us as we bake our favorite recipes and teach them to each other. This group needs a facilitator to prepare some administrative ingredients, such as emailing information to the participants so that the group can be more than half-baked! We will meet on the first Wednesday from November to March. Our first meeting will be November 2. Participants will be notified of the location by email. Limit 10.

Note: There may be a small charge for ingredients, depending on the individual recipes and the number of participants.

First Wednesdays: 2:00 pm (November - March)

Acting Facilitator:

Sara Leopold

sara1225@gmail.com

FEE: \$21

480-525-1575

19. NORTH SCOTTSDALE WED AM BOOK GROUP

Stimulating discussion of both fiction and non-fiction books. Participants will be asked to lead book discussions and volunteer their homes for meetings. This class fills quickly and due to space limitations of homes can only register 25 with a wait list. The first meeting will be on November 9. Read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. Limit 25.

Second Wednesday: 10:00 am (November - May)

Facilitators:

Arlene Rudley

Carol Sobel

arlenerudley@cox.net

sobelassoc@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-483-6686

480-513-0133



20. CONTEMPORARY FICTION - AM (New Name)

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, October through May. Our first meeting is October 12 and we will be discussing *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill. Members will be notified of the book list by email and will take turns leading the discussion. This is an ongoing

group and is currently at capacity. Please consider Contemporary Fiction - PM, which meets the same day in the afternoon, and has the same format, purpose, book list and facilitator.

Second Wednesday: 10:00 am (October - May)

Facilitators:

Sara Leopold

Susan Rollins

sara1225@gmail.com

serollins52@gmail.com

FEE: \$21

480-525-1575

480-563-0411



21. CONTEMPORARY FICTION - PM (New Name)

This group has been created in response to the demand for the Contemporary Fiction morning group. We will read the same books and members will take turns leading the discussion. Discussions are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm, October through May. Our first meeting is October 12 and we will be discussing *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill. Members will be notified of the book list by email. This group has a limit of 20 people.

Second Wednesday: 1:15 pm (October - May)

Facilitator:

Sara Leopold

sara1225@gmail.com

FEE: \$21

480-525-1575

22. KNIT A MITZVAH

If you would like to be a part of a wonderful group of women who will be knitting scarves for a variety of different organizations that are in need of warming up adults and children, then this is the group for you! If you do not know how to knit, we will teach you. Knitting and kibitzing two afternoons a month will be a stitch. For the first day of class you will need to bring your own size 10, 10 ½ or 11 needle and 2 balls of bulky weight yarn (135 yards approximately in each ball). We will be casting on 18-24 stitches and making the scarves approximately 50 - 60 inches long. You will be notified of our meeting place before our first session.



Second/Fourth Wednesdays: 1:00 - 3:00 pm (October - May)

Facilitator:

Nancy Moffitt

nancy@moffittandcompany.com

FEE: \$21

480-443-3443



23. POKER - TEXAS HOLD'EM

It's the flop! It's the turn! Now it's the river! Have you seen this game on TV for a long time but didn't know when to hold 'em? When to fold 'em? Don't walk away - here's your chance! Join this group, learn to play and laugh a lot! Taught by Jay Leopold. Limit 8. 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Four straight Wed evenings in October: 5, 12, 19, 26

Facilitator:

Sara Leopold

sara1225@gmail.com

Fee: \$21

480-525-1575

THURSDAY



24. HIKING! HAPPY TRAILS

Hike for health, camaraderie and the serenity of the desert as we explore trails in and around the Phoenix metro area, Scottsdale, Carefree, Cave Creek, Fountain Hills and maybe beyond for about 2 hours, plus or minus. We will stop often for water and snack breaks as we admire the beauty of the desert. You can do your personal best or tag along at your pace. We end together for brunch. Our starting time is usually 8:30 am or determined by the outdoor temperature. Carpools will be an option and are easily formed from a central place. ***Hikers should plan to stay for the duration of the hike.** Winter residents are welcome any time! Once you RSVP, you will be notified of place and time. Limit 25.

First and Third Thursdays: * START DATE: November 3

Facilitators:

Arlene Feldman

Joyce Gordon

agfeldman1@cox.net

joyagor@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-227-6303

480-970-1062

25. FIRST THURSDAY JEWISH BOOK GROUP

The Jewish Book Group meets at 10:00 am sharp on the first Thursday from October-June at the clubhouse of Mountain Gate Apartments, 4602 E. Paradise Village Pkwy. The first book will be *The Hebrew Tutor of Bel Air* by Allan Appel on October 6th. Please call Ellen at 602-953-9307 for a list of the books before you register. RSVP by noon the day before the meeting. All books are paperback and are available at the library. Limit 20.

First Thursday: 10:00 am (October - June)

Facilitator:

Ellen Tuckman

FEE: \$21

602-953-9307

26. WRITING: THE CREATIVE PROCESS

Are you a frustrated author? Interested in learning how to put your thoughts onto paper? Come meet and discuss the creative process with published authors.

Two sessions:

Session I: Thursday, November 3 with Mystery writer Betty Webb. 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Session II: Thursday, January 5, 2012: 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Author and location to be determined.



Note: This group needs a minimum of 8 people in order to guarantee the authors. There will be a **\$15 Supplies Fee per Session.**

Facilitator:

Merrill Kalman

mskbflo@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-296-3355



27. SUN LAKES POTPOURRI

This study group will include books, movies, contemporary issues, and trips to cultural places in Phoenix and Scottsdale. It is open to people outside of the Sun Lakes area. The group meets the first Thursday of each month. Our first meeting will be on October 6. We are opening the first meeting to anyone who might be interested in joining our group. We will be planning our activities for the coming year, and discussing the

book *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn. Please call the facilitator for the location.

First Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Facilitator:

Irene Kestenbaum

irenek0426@gmail.com

FEE: \$21

480-883-7639

28. *NEW* HOME SKILLS 101

Life in today's world requires so much knowledge and so many skills! Some are new challenges, some are old — but if you don't know them and need to, things can be confusing. In this group, we will learn how to do a variety of tasks. Some ideas are: how to create a budget and keep a checkbook, changing names on financial papers, basic car maintenance, airline mileage programs, smart ways to travel as a single, a hands-on lesson in cell phone technology, and the creation of a "women's tool kit," to become competent at common household repairs. Our first meeting will be

November 10 (November - April). Second Thursday: 11:00

Then we can go to (what else?) lunch!

Facilitators:

Betsy Kurasch

jbkluxury@yahoo.com

A co-facilitator is needed for this group.



FEE: \$21

480-458-7876

29. INTERMEDIATE MAH-JONGG

This group is intended for players who are not beginners. We'll meet every Thursday at noon for lunch and then play until 3:00. We will be playing at the JCC. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 13.

Facilitator:

Sandy Blum

sanblum@cox.net

FEE: \$21

480-905-3225



30. THIRD THURSDAY AM BOOK GROUP

This is an ongoing group where the books are chosen by committee. Please call the facilitators below for the books to be read before signing up. Participants are expected to read and discuss the books. The first book is *The Lost Quilter* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Paperbacks have been chosen. This group will meet at Barnes and Noble at Desert Ridge. Limit 25. The first meeting is September 15, 2011 at 9:45 a.m.

Third Thursday: 9:45 am

Facilitators:

Ellen Tuckman

Robin Koehler

Colleen Espinoza

colleenmespinoza@aol.com

FEE: \$21

602-953-9307

602-788-8290

480-483-8622

31. THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

This lunch group meets monthly beginning in October through May to enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the valley beginning Thursday, October 20, at 11:30 am. Each person is responsible for paying for her own meal. The location will be announced monthly to the members. We will sample various cuisines and locations. You must reply to a facilitator in order to secure a place at a table. Limit: 35.

Third Thursday: 11:30 am (October - May)

Facilitators:

Annette Kurland

Marcy Strauss

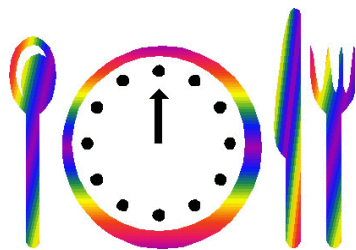
akurland@optonline.net

mss29@comcast.net

FEE: \$21

516-236-6271

602-606-2712



32. *NEW* NEIGHBORHOOD HAUNTS

Foodies. . .are you ready to experience out of the way neighborhood haunts? Join us for lunch as we sample these best-kept secret locales on the 4th Thursday: October 27; December 22; February 23; and April 26. CASH ONLY. Limit 16 with a waiting list.

Facilitators:

Beth Reisman

Iris Wigal

Janie Kuznitsky

Amy Richman

breism@cox.net

wiggley@cox.net

cashew3@cox.net

amy@richmanfamily.com

FEE: \$21

480-488-9883

602-274-8771

480-664-6544

480-664-6901

33. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP - # 1

This study and discussion group has met continuously since 1998. Led by Ruth Anne Myers, the participants choose current issues one meeting ahead. One member of the group researches a topic, but all members are encouraged to add information or to ask questions. Equal participation is important. Some members will be asked to hold meetings in their home or to provide refreshments. Members are asked to contact the facilitator, who will provide directions to the meeting. Limited to 25. First meeting will be on October 27.

Last Thursday of the month: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Facilitator:

Ruth Anne Myers

ramyers@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-947-8216



34. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP - #2

This group was formed a few years ago in response to the large demand for group #1. It has exactly the same purpose and follows the format of the first group. Group participation is necessary, and members will be asked to hold meetings in their home and provide refreshments. Members are asked to contact the facilitator, who will provide directions to the meeting. The first meeting will be on October 27.

Last Thursday of the month: 9:30 am

Facilitator:

Joanie Bream

jonesmnaz@cox.net

FEE: \$21

480-860-8293

FRIDAY

35. NORTH SCOTTSDALE FRIDAY AM BOOK GROUP

This study group reads and discusses both fiction and non-fiction books. Participants take turns leading book discussions, volunteering their homes for meetings, and providing refreshments. This group is at capacity, so it is waiting list only at this time. The first book is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff on Friday, November 11 at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Arlene Katzen at 480-595-8656. Limit 25.

Second Fridays: 10:00 am (November - May)

Facilitators:

Eilene Raiden

Hennie Greenland

eraiden@aol.com

tomhennie@aol.com

FEE: \$21

480-563-5737

480-473-7166

36. STUDY WITH THE BEST

A Memoir, A Movie, and a Meal: A Look at Our Many Cultures.

This group will discuss familiar and unfamiliar international cultures. We will use a variety of sources to prompt these discussions, including short online articles, videos, and especially Brandeis University publications and movies.



Session I: We will read a memoir called "Wedding Song" by Farideh Goldin, who weaves the stories of her childhood into the larger backdrop of her Jewish Iranian culture.

Session II: We'll view a film to learn about and discuss a little-known Jewish community in Asia or Northern Africa.

Session III: We will examine the relationship between Food and Culture, using selected online videos as our source material.

Location to be determined based on participation.

Third Fridays: 1:30 - 3:30 pm (January 20, February 17, March 16)

Additional facilitator(s) to be determined.

Facilitators:

Bruce Galin

Joanie Bream

bruce.phxbnc@gmail.com

jonesmnaz@cox.net

FEE: \$21

480-661-0842

480-860-8293



37. *NEW* STUDIO ART AND BISTRO LUNCH

Expand your artistic and culinary horizons. Travel with us as we discover three different artists in their studios and then discuss their works over lunch. Join us at 10 a.m. on October 21, November 18, and December 16 at each artist's location. Limit 25 with a waiting list.

Third Fridays: October, November, December

Facilitators:

Iris Wigal

Beth Reisman

Amy Richman

Janie Kuznitsky

wiggley@cox.net

breism@cox.net

amy@richmanfamily.com

cashew3@cox.net

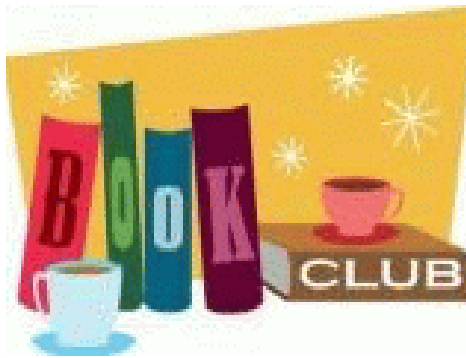
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480-488-9883

480-664-6901

480-664-6544



38. FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This group has been successfully meeting at the same location in Phoenix. They select their books for easy access at the library or in paperback. RSVP to the facilitator. Limited to 25.

Third Friday: 1:00 pm (Starts October 21)

Facilitator:

Ruth Cohen

FEE: \$21

602-274-6126

SATURDAY

39. *NEW* AT THE BALLET

Do you love the Ballet? Would you like to go more often with your friends? This group will get tickets at a group rate for three of this year's performances, called "The Fairy Tale Season." We will see *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty* and the *Director's Choice*. For more information, see the website at:

<http://www.balletaz.org>. Car pools will be arranged.

Minimum participation for the group discount of 30%: 10 people.

Please sign up by September 1 so we can get tickets sooner.

Saturday Matinees: 2:00 pm (October 22, February 11 and March 31)

Facilitator:

Sheila Berkowitz

plus Tickets

sberk327@cox.net

FEE: \$21

480-451-5229



40. *NEW * GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Join us as we go out on the town once a month just to have fun! Each month one or two members of the group will decide on an activity and make the arrangements. Some ideas are: theater, movie, happy hour, dinner, game night, zumba followed by dinner, etc. The first meeting will be organizational and we will discuss the overall plan for the season. That meeting will be held Saturday evening October 1 at Jo Ellen Susman's condo. This group will meet October-May. Details will be emailed to the participants.

First Saturdays: October - May

Facilitators:

FEE: \$21

Nancy Elkins

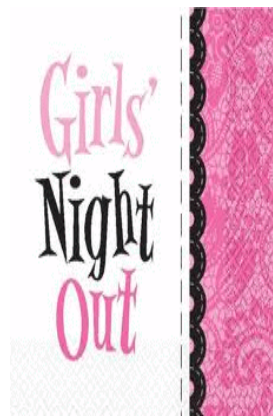
Jo Ellen Susman

nancyfaithelkins@gmail.com

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248-225-3710

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Also founded in 1948, the Brandeis National Committee (BNC) provides financial support for the University and its Libraries. The National Committee is the largest friends-of-a-library group in the world with 30,000 members nationwide. A volunteer fundraising organization, BNC has contributed over \$117 million to Brandeis University, while utilizing the resources of the university to provide unique education programs for its members.

The funds provided by BNC support student scholarship in the sciences and the development and expansion of the Brandeis Libraries. This includes the acquisition of books and research journals, restoration and preservation, development of information technology, and student work assistance. Most recently, BNC raised \$2 million - \$1 million to name a neurodegenerative disease research laboratory in the University's Carl J. Shapiro Science Center and \$1 million to create an Endowed Medical Science Journal Fund.



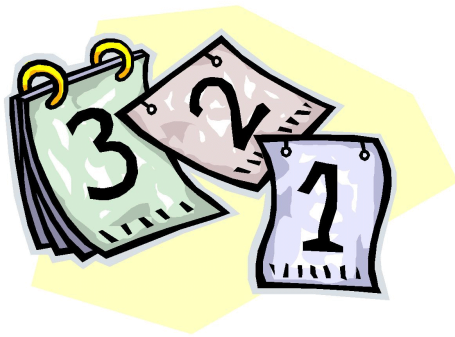
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The categories are as follows:

\$ 5.50	Millionth Book Club
\$ 10.50	Justice Louis Brandeis Card
\$ 18.50	Special Tribute Card
\$ 36.50	Learned Research Journal
\$ 56.50	LRJ Folio for Medical Research
\$100.00	Special Book Collection
\$200.00	Research Journal File
\$500.00	Major Book Collection

Please call
Marianne Silberman,
Book Fund Chair,
at 480-314-1971
or email at Marsil13@cox.net



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Fall Luncheon

MusicaNova / Temple Chai

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Women's Symposium at the JCC

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Holiday Party

January, date to be determined

University On Wheels

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Book and Author Event:

Bookmark Cocktail Reception

Monday, February 27, 2012

Book and Author Event

JW Marriott, Desert Ridge

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Women's Passover Seder at the JCC

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Installation / Spring Event

Brandeis National Committee Phoenix Chapter Membership Application

Name: _____

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\$60 Annual \$85 Contributing \$125 Sustaining

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Check enclosed, payable to BNC \$ _____

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