

## Brandeis Beat

## December, 2010



## Save The Date Friday, January 14, 2011

Come and immerse yourself in an exciting morning of stimulating and thought-provoking lecture by Dr. Daniel Terris, Director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life.

The Center is known for colloquia on varied topics such as "Judicial Activism - How far should Judges Go?" and "Is it ethical to conduct medical trials among poor and uneducated populations in developing countries?"

9:00 Registration      9:30 Breakfast  
Temple Chai, 4645 East Marilyn Rd, Phoenix

Couvert:

Bachelor's \$40      Masters' \$45      PhD \$60

(Anything over \$40 is tax deductible)

An additional \$5 will be charge for non-members.

### University on Wheels, Please respond by January 4, 2011

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To benefit the Phoenix Chapter's Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Co-Chairs: Ronda Kottle 602-327-0266 and Kathleen Witkin 480-473-4825

For further information contact Iris Wigal (602) 274-8771

**Remember to bring your non-perishable food items to the University On Wheels to help the PV Emergency Food Bank.**

# President's Message

Dear Members,

Chanukah always bring back fond memories of my childhood, with the smell of latkes permeating the air. Joan Nathan was the featured cookbook author at our joint venture with the JCC during Jewish Book Week. We were treated to a delicious luncheon based on her new cookbook, highlighting the cuisine of French Jews. I, for one, plan to be more adventurous this year and go beyond potato latkes. We hope that you can share the tradition at our Chanukah celebration this year at the beautiful home of Helen and Michael Greenberg on Saturday, December 11th.



This follows our outstanding opening luncheon; those who attended were thrilled by the performances of the Phoenix Opera singers. I know a chill went through my body when I heard them sing and I was so pleased that our chapter could present them to you. Along with the fabulous luncheon that followed, it was a wonderful day. Many thanks go to Lori Roth and her committee who put this event together. They certainly did an excellent job.

One of the highlights of our year has always been the University on Wheels. This year we are fortunate to have Prof. Dan Terris, the Director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University. This is where we all go back to school, without the tests. This will be a lecture not to be missed, and Brandeis University has sent us one of their outstanding faculty members, among a faculty that has many stars. Please join us on Friday, January 14, 2011 to hear Prof. Terris and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

We welcome all our new members. Those who attended our New Member Coffee recently were greeted with the warmth and hospitality that helps make our chapter great. Many thanks go to Joyce Gordon and her membership committee along with board members who made this a special day. In fact, congratulations are due to the Membership Committee, for they have been awarded the 2nd place prize for new member enrollment by the Western Region.

Happy Holidays,  
Gladys Simon, President

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## University on Wheels

### What is the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life?

Over the last 20 years, an emerging system of international justice has begun to hold individual men and women accountable for acts of mass violence and crimes against humanity. But what happens when efforts to indict and prosecute interfere with efforts to create a stable and lasting peace? And what happens when global politics threatens to undermine the integrity of institutions designed to protect

human rights and advance justice? Join us on Friday January, 14, 2011, when Professor Daniel Terris will explore these questions, focusing on examples from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

#### Who is Dr. Daniel Terris?

Daniel Terris is Vice President for Global Affairs and Director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University. Under his leadership, the Ethics Center hosts the world's only permanent institute for judges who serve on international courts and tribunals, such as The Hague. Terris received his Ph.D. in the History of American civilization from Harvard University, and has written on 20th-century history, literature, and religion.

## Hiking . . . What Fun!

The hiking group met for the first time on November 4 at the Phoenix Mountain Preserve and we had a terrific hike. Present were Joyce Gordon and Arlene Feldman (facilitators), Judy Baletin, Laurie Checkoway, Sharon Gadless, Joyce Lefco Jane Marks, Emmy New Delman, Gladys Simon and Nan Waldman. What a treat for us all.

The views, fresh air and camaraderie were enjoyed by all and we look forward to our next and more challenging hike. Everyone did a terrific job and we thank you for making this happen.

Arlene and Joyce



# Focus On Study Groups


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## AZ Authors Speaker Series

Monday, December 20th at  
Barnes and Noble, Shea/90th  
Street.

Dr. Eleanor Concepcion  
"Connie" Mariano is a  
physician, the first  
Filipino-American to reach the  
rank of Rear Admiral in the  
United States Navy, the first  
graduate of the Uniformed  
Service University of Medicine  
to reach Flag Officer status and  
the first woman to be the  
Director of the White House  
Medical Unit. She served as  
White House Physician for  
President George H.W. Bush,  
President Bill Clinton and  
President George W. Bush.  
Dr. Mariano retired from the  
Navy and left the White House  
in 2001 to join the Mayo Clinic  
in Scottsdale.

Barnes and Noble will have her  
book, *The White House Doctor*,  
available for sale and  
autographs.

Members or guests must RSVP  
to facilitator to guarantee a  
seat. Guests are \$5.

Facilitator: Merrill Kalman,  
mskbflo@aol.com /  
480-296-3355.


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## Study with the Best

Please join facilitator Joanie  
Bream to discuss *A Good  
Fall*, by Ha Jin. This book  
was the one chosen by  
Brandeis University for this  
year's freshmen to read.  
This short story collection  
from Ha Jin (*Waiting*)  
focuses on Flushing, one of  
New York City's largest  
Chinese immigrant  
communities. Through the  
eyes of multi-generational  
characters, he explores the  
many challenges, ups and  
downs associated with  
making a new life in America.  
Our first meeting will be on  
January 7 at 2:00 pm. (The  
date has been changed from  
January 14 due to University  
on Wheels.) Participants will  
be notified of the location by  
email.

There is still time to join this  
interesting and enjoyable  
group. For more information,  
contact Sara Leopold,  
sara.leopold@live.com


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## Wine Tasting

This is a new study group  
this year. The first meeting  
will be Thursday, December  
16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.  
Join us as we try wines from  
six different regions! We will  
meet at Wine Styles, 10625  
N. Tatum Blvd, D142,  
Phoenix (Tatum and Shea).  
Each monthly session will  
feature five tastings of wine  
from a particular region.  
There will be snacks served  
with the wine, and the group  
plans to go to a restaurant in  
the neighborhood for dinner  
after the tasting. Mmmm!  
Wine Styles will donate a  
percentage of all wine  
purchased at the tasting to  
Brandeis.

Premium fee:  
\$10 per person per evening  
for the wine.

For further information,  
contact the facilitator,  
Toby Teret Taylor  
tobyarizona@aol.com /  
602-708-4980.

# Book and Author Wants You!



We couldn't do it without you! The number of volunteers who have signed up to work on Book and Author, March 14th, 2011 is amazing and we thank you for your support. Here are the jobs our loyal members have signed-on to do and if you have not indicated the one or two or more that you are interested in doing - please call or write to us and we will add your name to the committee(s):

Publicity, Bookmark Cocktail Reception, Boutiques, Book Sales, Decorations, Favors, Hostesses, Program Book, Registration, Silent Auction, Table Hosts, Set up and Breakdown.

As you can see there is much to do! So - if you have not signed on yet, let us know. We welcome all long-time and new members to join us.

Save the Date cards are in the mail and if you'd like to add a friend to the list for invitations, please let us know.

Thanks for all that you continue to do and will do to make our Book and Author the biggest and best ever!  
**Carol Kern - cak571@aol.com and Sue Karp - suekarp1@aol.com.**



## What an Event !

Kudos to the membership committee for their help at the wonderful Membership Event held on October 22 at Freddie Lieberman's house. Everybody enjoyed themselves, in large part, due to our committee and to Freddie's hospitality.



# Book Fund

**For all your Book Fund needs call:  
Book Fund Chair,  
Marianne Silberman 480-314-1971,  
11871 E. Del Timbre, Scottsdale, 85259  
marsil13@cox.net**

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<b>SPECIAL TRIBUTE</b>		
Josephine & Harry Liebhaber Ruth Anne Myers	Ruth Finn Sherrymae Cohen	In honor of your 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday In memory of beloved mother, Charlotte Plottle
<b>LOUIS BRANDEIS</b>		
Gladys & Harvey Simon The Membership Committee	Harvey Bream Elaine Gerber	Best wishes for a speedy recovery Best wishes for a speedy recovery
<b>MILLIONTH BOOK</b>		
Joan & Will Gill Marianne Silberman  Truda Chick Truda Chick Phoenix Chapter Board Phoenix Chapter Board Phoenix Chapter Board Bernice Klein Carol & Don Baine	Lynn Kahn & Family Bunny Morris & Family  Joan Gill David Kern David Kern Sherrymae Cohen Harvey Bream Sherrymae Cohen Nancy Miller	In memory of your beloved mother In memory of your beloved brother, Vernon Reingold In honor of special birthday Best wishes for a complete recovery Best wishes for a complete recovery In memory of beloved mother, Charlotte Plottle Best wishes for a speedy recovery In memory of beloved mother, Charlotte Plottle Best wishes for a speedy recovery

..... **Book Fund Form available on page 14.**

### **Brandeis University Policy on Sharing Membership Lists**

"It is the policy of Brandeis University, the Brandeis National Committee, and the Phoenix Chapter that membership lists and event registration lists may not be shared with other organizations. They are the property of the Phoenix Chapter. In order to insure the privacy of each individual, our members may not use our lists for any purpose other than that for which they were created."

# Membership

## Membership News

Happy Birthday wishes to Ruth Finn who is celebrating her 90th birthday.  
Happy Birthday wishes to Sharon Gadless, Irene Lubin and Roz Fischer.

### Sincere Condolences go to:

Sherry Mae Cohen on the death of her mother, at 104 years of age.  
Colleen Espinoza, on the passing of her sister.  
Barbara Sharfman, Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman and their families, on the loss of beloved husband and father Earl Sharfman.  
Daron Barness and her family, on the death of her beloved grandmother.  
The family of the late Mildred Zuckerman. Mildred was an active Board member, and very involved in the Book Fund committee.

### Get well and speedy recovery wishes are sent to:

Margie Bold, Ingrid Braslow, Harvey Bream, Elaine Gerber, Will Gill, Gloria Kasper, Harriett Gartner, Marty Heller, (Joyce's husband), Jerry Bold (Margie's husband) and Paula Sobel

### Mazel Tov to:

Elaine Goldberg's grandson David Goldberg who is a freshman at Brandeis University.  
He is enjoying the experience.  
Ruth Cohen's granddaughter Amanda on her marriage to Ryan.

### CONTACT PERSONS:

#### Phoenix, Scottsdale, N. Scottsdale and E. Valley

Margie Bold - bold1@q.com . . . . . 602-788-1123

Joyce Gordon - Joyagor@aol.com . . . . . 480-970-1062

#### Valley West

Leona Gilman . . . . . 623-584-0144

To announce your special life cycle events, please contact:

Truda Chick 480-686-8747/ tchick2@cox.net

Sandy Blum 480-905-3225 / sanblum@cox.net



## Welcome New Members

Arnold Becker, Life-Member Claire Becker's husband  
Patti Becker, Sheila Handwerker, Gail Kalish, Ronee Siegel



## Save the date...

The Membership Committee will be hosting  
a "Getting to Know You Coffee" on

**January 21, 2011 at 1:00.**

New and prospective members are cordially  
invited to attend. For additional information,  
please contact Sheila Berkowitz at 480-451-5229  
(sberk327@cox.net) or Joyce Gordon  
at 480-970-1062 (Joyagor@aol.com)



## Save the DATE! Sunday, March 13 Book and Author Bookmark Event.

In these times it is even more important for us to continue to support education and that is what Bookmark does. Our event makes it possible for a deserving student to have the opportunity to attend Brandeis on a scholarship. We have been so successful in the past and will continue this tradition with your help.

Plans are underway to make this a wonderful evening. After years of great Bookmarks, Freddie Lieberman and Lynda Weckstein have turned over the event to us, Merri Rubin and Stephanie Garfinkle. We look forward to your continued support.

Last year was Merri's first year as a BNC member and attending the Bookmark was the best way for her to meet people in a smaller intimate setting. She got to see a fabulous house and meet the authors. So for new members as well as old -- Save the Sunday! More information will follow.

Merri Rubin 610-999-6227

Stephanie Garfinkle 480-314-0223

## Become a Bookmark



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to become a Brandeis Bookmark

### LEVELS OF GIVING

<b>Special Editions</b>	<b>\$5,000+</b>	Includes 2 lunches, 3 cocktail party invitations, <i>plus an invitation to join the authors at dinner following the cocktail reception.</i> Also, a copy of each author's featured book.
<b>Rare Finds</b>	<b>\$1,000-\$4,999</b>	Includes 2 lunches, 2 cocktail party invitations, <i>plus an invitation to join the authors at dinner following the cocktail reception.</i> Also, a book of your choice from this year's featured authors.
<b>First Editions</b>	<b>\$750-\$999</b>	Includes 2 lunches and 2 cocktail party invitations.
<b>Classics</b>	<b>\$500-\$749</b>	Includes 2 lunches and 2 cocktail party invitations.
<b>Best Sellers</b>	<b>\$250-\$499</b>	Includes 1 lunch and 2 cocktail party invitations.
<b>New Releases</b>	<b>\$150-\$249</b>	Cocktail party only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check made out to BNC \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my:  MasterCard or  Visa Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my Bookmark donation to benefit:

The Phoenix Chapter Scholarship Fund  The Brandeis University Libraries

Please mail this completed form to:

Paula Eckstein, 15007 E. Twilight View Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268



### Study Group Information

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 Sun Lakes Liaison, Irene Kestenbaum . . . . . 480-883-7639  
 digsee@me.com  
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 JoanieSmall@hotmail.com  
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 knj1974@aol.com

## Phoenix, Scottsdale, N. Scottsdale, Sun Lakes & Valley West

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| 2 | Thur | <b>Let's Take a Hike.</b> 8:30. Enjoy the fresh air and the awesome beauty of the desert while you get a little exercise. Please RSVP to either of our facilitators for our hike's location and time. Arlene Feldman <a href="mailto:agfeldman1@cox.net">agfeldman1@cox.net</a> / 480-227-6303; Joyce Gordon <a href="mailto:joyagor@aol.com">joyagor@aol.com</a> / 480-970-1062   |
| 2 | Thur | <b>First Thursday Jewish Book Group.</b> 10:00. Read <i>One More Year</i> by Sana Krasikov, then meet at Borders across from PV Mall on Cactus Blvd. Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307  |
| 2 | Thur | <b>Sun Lakes Potpourri.</b> 1:30-3:30. Study group will include books, movies, contemporary issues, and other areas of interest. Call the facilitator for the location. Irene Kestenbaum <a href="mailto:digsee@mac.com">digsee@mac.com</a> / 480-883-7639   |
| 3 | Fri  | <b>Contemporary Issues #1.</b> 9:30. Rescheduled from November. Members are asked to contact the facilitator who will provide directions to the location of the meeting. Ruth Anne Myers <a href="mailto:ramyers@aol.com">ramyers@aol.com</a> / 480-947-8216   |
| 3 | Fri  | <b>Boomers.</b> 10:00. <i>The Tempe Festival of the Arts - 2010 Fall Festival.</i> Admission is FREE. This event consistently ranks among the Top 200 art festivals in the nation by Sunshine Artist and has received the Pinnacle Award from the International Festival and Events Association. We will meet at Barnes and Noble at 9:15 to carpool to Tempe. We will have lunch in Tempe before we return. RSVP to <a href="mailto:carol@mmcom.com">carol@mmcom.com</a>  |
| 3 | Fri  | <b>Public Speaking Workshop.</b> 1:00-4:00. Whether you are making a toast to someone special, giving a report at a meeting or speaking at an event, here you can acquire the basic skills of speaking in front of a group. You will learn how to get your message across, and enjoy the experience! This workshop will consist of 2 sessions, 3 hours each, and will be held the first and second Friday afternoons. Location to be determined based upon participation. Carol Kern <a href="mailto:cak571@aol.com">cak571@aol.com</a> / 480-948 9236 |
| 6 | Mon  | <b>21st Century Mysteries.</b> 1:00-3:30. Meet at the Dynamite Grill at Troon North Golf Club, 10320 East Dynamite Blvd. For further information contact Irene Mieszcanski <a href="mailto:miesirene@aol.com">miesirene@aol.com</a> / 480-314-0238   |
| 7 | Tues | <b>Contemporary Fiction #1.</b> 1:30-3:30. The facilitator will send out a monthly email with the title of the book for that month, the location of the meeting and the person to whom you must RSVP. Kim Friedman <a href="mailto:hfried1100@aol.com">hfried1100@aol.com</a> / 602-840-4394   |

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| 8  | Wed  | <b>Contemporary Fiction #2A.</b> 10:00. Members will be notified of the book list by email. Sara Leopold <a href="mailto:sara.leopold@live.com">sara.leopold@live.com</a> / 480-248-6674; Sue Rollins <a href="mailto:serollins52@gmail.com">serollins52@gmail.com</a> / 480-563-0411   |
| 8  | Wed  | <b>North Scottsdale Wednesday AM Book Group.</b> 10:00. Read <i>The Heretic's Daughter</i> by Kathleen Kent. Hostess: Francie Fruchtman <a href="mailto:wexy44@cox.net">wexy44@cox.net</a> ; Arlene Rudley <a href="mailto:arlenrudley@cox.net">arlenrudley@cox.net</a> / 480-483-6686; Carol Sobel <a href="mailto:sobelassoc@aol.com">sobelassoc@aol.com</a> / 480-513-0133   |
| 8  | Wed  | <b>Contemporary Fiction Group #2B.</b> 1:00. Members will be notified of the book list by email. Sue Guardino <a href="mailto:aeg2978@cox.net">aeg2978@cox.net</a> / 602-996-8447   |
| 8  | Wed  | <b>Knit a Mitzvah.</b> 1:00-3:00. We will be knitting scarves for a variety of different organizations that are in need of warming up adults and children. Meet at the Borders Bookstore on the northwest corner of Tatum and Cactus. Nancy Moffitt <a href="mailto:nancy@moffittandcompany.com">nancy@moffittandcompany.com</a> / 480-443-3443   |
| 9  | Thur | <b>Mahjonn - Intermediate.</b> 11:15. This is a group intended for players who are not beginners. Note time change to 11:15 from the Study Guide time. Contact the facilitator for the location. Sandy Blum <a href="mailto:sanblum@cox.net">sanblum@cox.net</a> / 480-905-3225   |
| 10 | Fri  | <b>North Scottsdale Friday AM Book Group.</b> 10:00. Read <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> by Rebecca Skloot. RSVP to Darcy Goodman at 480-419-0475. Eilene Raiden <a href="mailto:eraiden@aol.com">eraiden@aol.com</a> / 480-563-5737; Hennie Greenland <a href="mailto:tomhennie@aol.com">tomhennie@aol.com</a> / 480-473-7166   |
| 10 | Fri  | <b>Public Speaking Workshop.</b> 1:00-4:00. Whether you are making a toast to someone special, giving a report at a meeting, or speaking at an event, here you can acquire the basic skills of speaking in front of a group. You will learn how to get your message across, and enjoy the experience! This workshop will consist of 2 sessions, 3 hours each, and will be held the first and second Friday afternoons. Location to be determined based upon participation. Carol Kern <a href="mailto:cak571@aol.com">cak571@aol.com</a> / 480-948 9236   |
| 10 | Fri  | <b>Boomers.</b> 1:30. Is using your computer an exercise in frustration? Do you have general questions that might help you use your computer more effectively? Can you use Skype? How about setting up group emails? Is your computer secure? Boomers, have your computer questions answered. Location will be determined based on response. Submit your questions when you RSVP to <a href="mailto:carol@mmcom.com">carol@mmcom.com</a> so that we make sure your concerns are addressed. This is not a computer repair session.                         |
| 10 | Fri  | <b>Cultural Sites Around the Valley.</b> 10:15. Members will visit the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMOCA). Docent-led tour of a new gift ....Celebrating 30 years of collecting, including an exhibit of Paolo Soleri's works which coincides with the Soleri Bridge dedication in Scottsdale the following day. Entrance fee for non-museum members, \$5.00. Tour begins promptly at 10:30. Meet at the museum no later than 10:15. Optional lunch at AZ 88. RSVP a must to: Carol Kern, <a href="mailto:cak571@aol.com">cak571@aol.com</a> . |
| 13 | Mon  | <b>Phoenix Symphony Recitals.</b> 1:00. Discussions and brief musical presentations by guest musicians involved with the Phoenix Symphony. This month, a special program with membership: no Guest Fee for New Members. Gabriel Kovach, Principal Horn, and Paula Engerer, Assistant Principal Oboe and English Horn. A reception will follow the recital. Palo Cristi Church, 36th Street and Lincoln. RSVP: Roz Fischer <a href="mailto:roseroz@hotmail.com">roseroz@hotmail.com</a> / 602-971-8004   |

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| 13 | Mon  | <b>Bridge - Advanced Beginners.</b> 1:30-3:30. Group meets for a fun afternoon of bridge and camaraderie. Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> / 602-606-2712. (new phone number) Nan Waldman <a href="mailto:nanlarry@cox.net">nanlarry@cox.net</a> / 602-953-2084.   |
| 14 | Tues | <b>Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch.</b> Lunchtime. Join us in the discovery of new culinary experiences and enjoy dining with new friends and familiar tablemates. Reply to a facilitator in order to secure a place at the table. Harriett Gartner <a href="mailto:hsgartner@cox.net">hsgartner@cox.net</a> / 450-538-2841; Amy Richman <a href="mailto:amy@richmanfamily.com">amy@richmanfamily.com</a> / 480-664-6901  |
| 14 | Tues | <b>Mahjonn - Beginners.</b> 1:30-3:30. Learn this game in a fun-filled setting with friends. The facilitators will let you know where we will be meeting. Kim Friedman <a href="mailto:hfried1100@aol.com">hfried1100@aol.com</a> / 602-840-4394; Daron Barness <a href="mailto:daronday@aol.com">daronday@aol.com</a> / 480-607-1611  |
| 16 | Thur | <b>Let's Take a Hike.</b> 8:30. Enjoy the fresh air and the awesome beauty of the desert while you get a little exercise. Please RSVP to either facilitator for our hike's location and time. Arlene Feldman <a href="mailto:agfeldman1@cox.net">agfeldman1@cox.net</a> / 480-227-6303; Joyce Gordon <a href="mailto:joyagor@aol.com">joyagor@aol.com</a> / 480-970-1062   |
| 16 | Thur | <b>Third Thursday AM Book Group.</b> 10:00. Read <i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> by Jamie Ford, then meet at Borders' across from Paradise Valley Mall. RSVP to Ellen Tuckman 602-953-9307; Robin Koehler <a href="mailto:robink07@aol.com">robink07@aol.com</a> / 602-788-8290; Colleen Espinoza <a href="mailto:colleenmespinoza@aol.com">colleenmespinoza@aol.com</a> / 480-483-8622   |
| 16 | Thur | <b>Third Thursday Lunch Bunch.</b> 11:30. Enjoy friendship and camaraderie at a variety of restaurants around the valley. Reply to your facilitator in order to secure a place at a table. Annette Kurland <a href="mailto:akurland@optonline.net">akurland@optonline.net</a> ; Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> / 602-606-2712 (new phone number)   |
| 16 | Thur | <b>North Scottsdale Needlework Group.</b> 1:00-3:00. Date change for this month due to the holiday. An informal afternoon of stitching, knitting, or crocheting. The facilitator will notify members of each month's location and hostess. Lynn Rappaport <a href="mailto:lewis416@cox.net">lewis416@cox.net</a> / 480-515-4897  |
| 16 | Thur | <b>Boomers.</b> 6:00 pm. Join us at Greasewood Flats, 27900 N. Alma School Pkwy, Scottsdale (480) 585-9430. Housed in a 120+-year-old bunkhouse, Greasewood Flat has been in business for over 30 years. Greasewood has served up hearty burgers and some wicked libations to Cowboys, Bikers, Locals, and Tourists alike. The seating area is outdoors. You come out, stake your claim on the picnic tables, then enjoy the cold drinks, some good food, live music under the stars, and the warm and toasty campfires - weather permitting. This evening activity is open to Boomers, Friends, Spouses and Significant Others. We would appreciate an RSVP so we know how many tables to claim. Contact Ellen <a href="mailto:ellenk102@cox.net">ellenk102@cox.net</a> before Sunday, December 12 for details. |
| 16 | Thur | <b>Wine Tasting.</b> 6:00-8:00 PM. Meet at Wine Styles, 10625 N. Tatum Blvd D 142 (next To Big Fat Greek Restaurant). Snacks provided. Each month we will taste 5 wines from a different region. The region selected will be announced before in the <i>Beat</i> . Please RSVP to Toby at <a href="mailto:tobiarizona@aol.com">tobiarizona@aol.com</a> (preferred) or 602-708-4980 no later than 3 days prior so we can let Wine Styles know for how many to set up. REMINDER - there is a \$10 per person wine fee. Guests are welcome for a \$5 visit fee in addition to the \$10 wine fee, but please RSVP to ensure a place.   |
| 17 | Fri  | <b>Friday PM Book Group.</b> 1:00. Contact the facilitator for the book selection and location. Ruth Cohen 602-274-6126  |

## Calendar continued

20	Mon	<b>Arizona Authors Speaker Series.</b> 12:30-2:00. Barnes & Noble Shea/90th St. Dr. Connie Mariano was the first woman to be the Director of the White House Medical Unit. She served as White House Physician for President George H.W. Bush, President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. Her book, <i>The White House Doctor</i> , will be available for purchase. Members and guests (\$5.00) must RSVP to the facilitator to guarantee a seat. Merrill Kalman <a href="mailto:mskbfl@aol.com">mskbfl@aol.com</a> / 480-296-3355
21	Tues	<b>Harkins Camelview Movie and Lunch.</b> 11:00. Members will be notified via email with the details of this month's movie and restaurant. RSVP to Eileen by December 16th. Eileen Hoffman <a href="mailto:eileenhoffman@me.com">eileenhoffman@me.com</a> / 480-837-1771; Iris Wigal <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> / 602-274-8771
21	Tues	<b>Bridge - Intermediate.</b> 11:30-3:30. Group meets for a fun afternoon of bridge and camaraderie. Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> / 602-606-2712 (new phone number); Nan Waldman <a href="mailto:nanlarry@cox.net">nanlarry@cox.net</a> / 602-953-2084
21	Tues	<b>Movie and a Dinner.</b> 4:00. Enjoy a new movie followed by dinner and a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Rochelle Reese <a href="mailto:lvtoshoprr@yahoo.com">lvtoshoprr@yahoo.com</a> / 480-361-7628; Roni Nassberg <a href="mailto:ronika1@aol.com">ronika1@aol.com</a> / 480-488-4476
22	Wed	<b>Knit a Mitzvah.</b> 1:00-3:00. We will be knitting scarves for a variety of different organizations that are in need of warming up adults and children. Meet at the Borders Bookstore on the northwest corner of Tatum and Cactus. Nancy Moffitt <a href="http://nancy@moffittandcompany.com">nancy@moffittandcompany.com</a> / 480-443-3443
23	Thur	<b>Mahjonn - Intermediate.</b> 11:15. Contact the facilitator for information. Sandy Blum <a href="mailto:sanblum@cox.net">sanblum@cox.net</a> / 480-905-3225
23	Thur	<b>Dining Around the World.</b> 11:30. This group meets to sample different ethnic restaurants. Members will be notified via email with the name of the restaurant, location, and time. Members must RSVP to the designated facilitator. Iris Wigal 602-274-8771 <a href="mailto:wiggley@cox.net">wiggley@cox.net</a> ; Beth Reisman 480-488-9883 <a href="mailto:breism@cox.net">breism@cox.net</a>
25	Sat	<b>Boomers.</b> Looking for something to do for Christmas? How about a hike and brunch? This yearly Boomer activity is an excellent way to exercise and eat at the same time. We are open to suggestions for trails. Would you like to host this event? We all bring food to share. Open to Boomers and friends. Contact Ellen <a href="mailto:ellenk102@cox.net">ellenk102@cox.net</a> with suggestions, reservations or any other recommendations.
27	Mon	<b>Bridge - Advanced Beginners.</b> 1:30-3:30. Group meets for a fun afternoon of bridge and camaraderie. Marcy Strauss <a href="mailto:mss29@comcast.net">mss29@comcast.net</a> / 602-606-2712 (new phone number); Nan Waldman <a href="mailto:nanlarry@cox.net">nanlarry@cox.net</a> / 602-953-2084
30	Thur	<b>Contemporary Issues #1.</b> 9:30. Participants will be informed of topic in advance. Members are asked to contact the facilitator who will provide additional information and directions to the location of the meeting. Ruth Anne Myers <a href="mailto:ramyers@aol.com">ramyers@aol.com</a> / 480-947-8216
30	Thur	<b>Contemporary Issues #2.</b> 9:30. This group was formed in response to the large demand for the Contemporary Issues #1. This group has exactly the same purpose and follows the format of the first group. Contact facilitator for place and directions. Joanie Bream <a href="mailto:jonesmna@cox.net">jonesmna@cox.net</a> / 480-860-8293
TBA		<b>Brandeis Men's Group.</b> Members will be contacted by the facilitator.



## Oh, to be a fly on that wall!

### 2010 - Conference on Polygamy, Polygyny, and Polyamory: Ethical and Legal Perspectives on Plural Marriage

Brandies University will host the conference on the ethical and legal perspectives on Plural Marriage in liberal countries on November 7-8. The conference is sponsored by The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. Imagine you are a male guest worker in Holland. Imagine that you come from a country and a society that practices polygamy. You arrive in Holland with your multiple spouses and all your children.

Polygamy is illegal in Holland, but you were married legally in your native country. Can you as a migrant worker demand that the State recognize your marriage? What rights can you expect to enjoy? What responsibilities can the State ethically and legally expect from you?

The international conference will explore a range of issues related to polygamy, polygyny (having more than one female mate) and polyamory (having an open romantic relationship with more than one person at a time) in the United States and around the world.

**Read the entire article, including the topics of the offered sessions here:**  
[www.http://tinyurl.com/33re85p](http://tinyurl.com/33re85p)

### Theodore Sorensen

Theodore C. Sorensen, counselor and speechwriter for President John F. Kennedy and the founding board chair of the International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, died on Sunday at the age of 82 from complications of a stroke he suffered a week ago, according to an October 31 *New York Times* article.

(Our University on Wheels speaker, Daniel Terris is vice the director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University.)

According to an October 31 *ABC News* article, Sorensen was a key aide to Kennedy during his 1960 presidential campaign and his counsel and speechwriter from 1960 to 1963.

Sorensen is closely associated with helping to coin the phrase, "*Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,*" in Kennedy's 1961 Presidential address, according to *The New*

*York Times*.

During the final decade of his life, Sorensen became strongly involved with the Ethics Center at Brandeis. Sorensen is the center's founding board chair, and served as chair of the center's advisory board until 2009, according to an Ethics Center press release on November 1. In 2009, the center renamed its flagship undergraduate fellowship the Sorensen Fellowship when he stepped down as the board chair.

According to the press release, "*Naming the fellowship for Ted Sorensen was meant to be a permanent tribute to a man who was passionately committed to the ideal of public service.*"

According to the press release, "*In the past two years, Sorensen Fellows have worked in such venues as the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, Spirit of Youth Association for Environmental Service in Cairo, Egypt, and Experimental Theatre Foundation in Mumbai, India.*"

**Read the entire article here:**  
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## New Members

You are invited to BE OUR GUEST and attend the Phoenix Symphony Recital Study Group on Monday, December 13th promptly at 1:00 p.m. at Palo Cristi Church on 36th Street and Lincoln. The concert will feature the English Horn and the Oboe. The music will be performed by Gabriel Kovach, Principal Horn, and Paula Engerer, Assistant Principal Oboe and English Horn. They will discuss their varied roles in the orchestra. A reception with light refreshments will follow the recital. If you are unable to attend in December, you are welcome to attend on an alternate month. Hostesses will be Marilyn Blynder, Sharon Gadless, Elaine Wagner and Sondra Weiss. Lois Roth and Ellen Tuckman will be at the reception desk. For additional information or to R.S.V.P., please call Roz Fisher at 602-971-8004.



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