CLASS OF 1954
60TH
REUNION
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

60TH REUNION
May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1954,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 60th Reunion. Whether you are returning for the first time since your Commencement or have visited us often over the years, I am delighted to count you among the members of our family who will gather here in June.

I extend my deep gratitude to the committee that has worked so diligently to plan this celebration; your Reunion is a significant milestone for you and for Brandeis, and we have organized an exciting program of events. From the moment you arrive on Friday through the Farewell Champagne and Jazz Brunch on Sunday, you will be honored guests of your alma mater. There will be plenty of time to catch up with your classmates, reminisce about the old days, and acquaint yourself with the Brandeis of today.

We hope that you will take note of the many exciting changes on our ever-evolving campus. The spectacular Carl J. Shapiro Science Center provides the teaching labs, classrooms, and research facilities necessary to attract and retain top science students and faculty. The Ridgewood dorms have been replaced with apartment-style residence halls for juniors and seniors. Our newest building, the Mandel Center for the Humanities, opened only four years ago and reflects the University’s enduring commitment to the humanities and social sciences. And finally, a beautiful new Admissions Center allows us to accommodate high school students’ steadily-growing interest in Brandeis.

Despite these developments, the values that brought each of you to Brandeis have remained constant. While our grounds might look different, the bedrock principles that underlie the special spirit of our community – a shared commitment to scholarship, teaching, and social justice – live on through our students, faculty, and alumni.

My thanks to the Committee and to our alumni staff for organizing what promises to be a wonderful weekend. Welcome home!

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Lawrence.
On behalf of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, we would like to thank the members of the Class of 1954 Reunion Committee

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music and lyrics by Leonard Bernstein
JAZZ SYMPOSIUM: Jule Styne, Larry Johnson, George Simon, Barry Ulan, Leonard Feinert, George Wein, Nat Hentoff
POETRY
Children by Karl Shapiro, Peter Viereck, William Carlos Williams
THREE PENNY OPERAS—Kurt Weill
Trio by Marc Blitzstein
Soprano by Louis Levy, a choice of Broadway melodies and others
SYMPHONIE POUR UN HOMME D'ETAT
by Pierre Schaeffer
choreographed and danced by Martha Cummings and Brandeis University Dance Group
LES VOCES—Agnieszka Wlodarczk's
CONCERT to Ministry of Irene Konocty
Soprano—Alicia England
conductor—Leonard Bernstein
First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn’t get tested for diabetes.

Then, after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles or locks on doors or cabinets. When we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.

As infants and children, we rode in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter. We drank Kool-Aid made with real sugar, and we weren’t overweight. Why?...because we were always outside playing...that’s why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day, and we were okay.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps, and then rode them down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play Stations, Nintendos and X-boxes. There were no video games, no video movies or DVDs. No surround-sound or CDs.
No cell phones, no personal computers, no internet and no chat rooms.
We had friends, and we went outside to find them.

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from those accidents.
We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays.
We rode horses and used games with sticks and tennis balls, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend’s house. We knocked on their door or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.
Little league had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn’t had to learn to deal with disappointment...imagine that!

We had three ribbons for most events, not ribbons for everyone who showed up.
If you didn’t finish in first place you would try harder the next time you had a chance.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of.
They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.
The past 50 To 85 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

We are among the lucky ones born between 1925 – 1965, congratulations!
### Historical Events Since Our Time at Brandeis:

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| 1954 | World Population – 2.728 billion  
US Life Expectancy – 69.6 years  
Cost of a First-Class Stamp - $0.03 |
| 1955 | April 12 – Dr. Jonas Salk announces the development of his polio vaccine  
December 1 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. She is arrested, and charged with violating Montgomery, Alabama segregation laws  
December 5 – Martin Luther King Jr. leads a boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system, including over 40,000 black citizens |
| 1956 | July 30 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorizes “In God We Trust” as the U.S. national motto  
December 20 – Browder vs. Gayle declared the Alabama and Montgomery laws requiring segregated buses to be unconstitutional |
| 1957 | January 5 – The Eisenhower Doctrine calls for aid to Mideast countries which resist armed aggression from Communist-controlled nations  
September 24 – The “Little Rock Nine” integrate Arkansas high school  
Eisenhower sends troops to quell mob and protect school integration  
October 4 – Russia launches Sputnik I, the first Earth-orbiting satellite, launching the beginning of the Space Age |
| 1958 | July 29 – NASA is established by President Eisenhower |
| 1959 | January 1 - Studies determine that more Americans have died in auto accidents than in all U.S. wars combined  
July 17 – The Leakey’s discover the first hominin fossils |
| 1960 | February 1 – Black students stage a sit-in at a lunch counter in Greensboro, NC. The event inspires a wave of such sit-ins across the South  
May 1 – The Soviet Union shoots down an American U-2 reconnaissance airplane over Soviet airspace and captures pilot Gary Powers, forcing the U.S. to admit to aerial spying |
| 1961 | October 1 – The United States forms a military and economic aid treaty with South Vietnam, leading to the arrival of U.S. support troops  
August 13 – The Berlin Wall, separating East and West Germany is formed |
| 1962 | September 27 – Rachel Carson publishes “Silent Spring”, bringing attention to a number of environmental crises for the first time  
October 28 – The Cuban Missile Crisis ends |
| 1963 | August 28 – The March on Washington rally occurs. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his famous “I Have a Dream” speech  
November 22 – President John F. Kennedy is shot and killed in Dallas, Texas |
| 1964 | January 8 – Lyndon B. Johnson introduces his “War on Poverty,” enacting a variety of federal welfare programs  
July 16 – Harlem Race Riots start, involving 4,000 New Yorkers |
| 1965 | February 21 – Malcolm X, black-nationalist leader is shot to death at a Harlem rally  
July 30 – The Social Security Act is signed, starting the Medicare program |
| 1966 | June 13 – Miranda v. Arizona upholds the right of defendants to an attorney  
September 1 – The three major American television networks—NBC, CBS and ABC—have full color lineups in their prime-time schedules |
| 1967 | January 15 – The first Super Bowl is played, with the Green Bay Packers defeating the Kansas City Chiefs 35–10  
October 2 – Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice |
1968
April 4 – Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated

1969
April 4 – The first successful artificial heart implantation is conducted
June 28 – The Stonewall Riot in Greenwich Village, NY serves as a catalyst for the Gay Rights Movement
July 20 – Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin are the first men to walk on the moon

1970
April 10 – The Beatles break up
May 4 – The Kent State shootings occur
June 13 – The Pentagon Papers are leaked to the American public
July 1 – The 26th Amendment is enacted, lowering the U.S. voting age to 18
September 1 – The first VHS players are released

1971
June 17 – Five men are apprehended by police in an attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters – starting the Watergate Scandal

1972
January 22 – The Supreme Court rules on Roe vs. Wade

1973
March 18 – OPEC ends the oil embargo
August 9 – Gerald R. Ford is sworn in as president after Nixon

1974
April 30 – The city of Saigon is surrendered and the remaining Americans are evacuated, ending the Vietnam War
November 19 – "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is awarded five academy awards, including one for Best Picture

1975
August 4 – 29 people die from a mysterious bacteria at an American Legion convention. The bacteria is later discovered to be "Legionnaires Disease"

1976
May 25 – Star Wars IV is released and goes on to be the second highest grossing film of all time
June 20 – The Supreme Court rules that states are not required to spend Medicaid funds on elective abortions
August 12 – The Space Shuttle Enterprise makes its maiden voyage

1977
June 28 – Regents of the University of California v. Bakke uphold affirmative action in the college admissions process
September 6 – Human insulin is successfully produced in a laboratory for the first time

1978
June 28 – A nuclear accident occurs at Three Mile Island
November 4 – The Iran Hostage Crisis begins; 52 U.S. captives were held in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran for 444 days

1979
March 28 – The first successful artificial heart implantation is conducted
June 1 – CNN, the first 24 hour news channel, is launched
June 16 – The Supreme Court case Diamond v. Chakrabarty rules that genetically modified food can be patented
December 8 – John Lennon is shot dead outside his apartment in New York City

1980
June 1 – AIDS is first identified by the CDC.
July 7 – Judge Sandra Day O'Connor makes history as the first woman nominated to the Supreme Court
August 12 – The first personal computer, the IBM 5150, is released

1981
November 30 – Michael Jackson's album "Thriller" sells 25 million copies, becoming the best-selling album in history
September 14 – Princess Grace dies in an automobile accident at the age of 52

1982
February 28 – The last episode of "M*A*S*H" airs to an audience of 125 million people.
October 23 – A terrorist explosion in Beirut kills 237 United States marines

1983
September 20 – "The Cosby Show" debuts on NBC
November 6 – President Reagan is re-elected in a landslide with 59% of votes
2001
July 10 – Stem cells show promise in being able to regenerate human tissue, with notable success in treating neurological disease
September 11 – Hijackers crash jetliners into New York City’s World Trade Center and the Pentagon, leaving thousands killed or injured

2002
February 21 – U.S. health officials strongly recommend breast cancer screening beginning at age 40, instead of 50
November 8 – The U.N. Security Council passes unanimous resolution calling on Iraq to disarm or face serious consequences

2003
January 28 – In the State of the Union address, Bush announces that he is ready to attack Iraq even without a U.N. mandate
February 1 – The space shuttle Columbia explodes, killing all 7 astronauts
December 13 – Saddam Hussein is captured by American troops

2004
May 17 – Massachusetts becomes the first state in the country to legalize gay marriage
October 17 – The Red Sox win the World Series for the first time in 86 years
December 26 – An enormous tsunami devastates Asia killing 200,000 people

2005
April 2 – Pope John Paul II dies
August 25 – Hurricane Katrina causes catastrophic damage on the Gulf coast. More than 1,000 people die and millions are left homeless
October 15 – Millions of Iraqi voters ratify a new constitution

2006
June 18 – The Food and Drug Administration approves Gardasil, a vaccine that prevents cervical cancer
August 24 – Pluto loses its status as a planet.
October 14 – The U.N. Security Council votes in favor of a resolution banning the sale of materials to North Korea that could be used to produce weapons

2007
February 2 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concludes that global warming is very likely caused by human activity
June 27 – Gordon Brown replaces Tony Blair as the prime minister of Great Britain

2008
February 19 – Cuban president Fidel Castro permanently steps down after 49 years in power
June 12 – The U.S. Supreme Court rules that prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, have a right to challenge their detention in federal court

2009
March 6 – Unemployment in the U.S. reaches 8.1%, the highest rate since 1983
March 12 – Bernie Madoff pleads guilty to fraud for operating a Ponzi scheme that defrauded his clients out of billions of dollars
December 5 – An Italian jury convicts Amanda Knox, an American student, of murdering her former roommate

2010
January 12 – A 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastates Port-au-Prince, Haiti
April 20 – An explosion on a BP oil drilling rig off the coast of Louisiana leads to the largest marine oil spill in history

2011
April 29 – Kate Middleton marries Prince William in a lavish royal wedding at Westminster Abbey in London
August 27 – Hurricane Irene moves up the eastern seaboard, killing 44 people in 13 states

2012
January 4 – The European Union imposes an oil embargo on Iran
July 31 – The 2012 Summer Olympics open in London

2013
April 15 – Multiple bombs explode during the Boston Marathon
June 7 – Edward Snowden comes forward as the person responsible for leaks of top secret NSA information
June 26 – The Supreme Court strikes down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
July 13 – George Zimmerman is found not guilty of Trayvon Martin’s murder
October 1 – Congress fails to agree on a budget and passes a spending bill that causes the government to shut down

2014
World Population – 7.095 billion (July 2013 estimate)
US Life Expectancy – Women = 81 Years and Men = 76 years
Cost of a First Class Stamp - $0.49
## Top 10 1951

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<td>Joni James, “Why Don’t You Believe Me”</td>
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## Top 10 1954

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1954
- President: Abram L. Sachar
- Commencement Speaker: Buel G. Gallagher (President of City College of New York)
- Tuition: $500
- Students enrolled in Fall Term: 853
- Number of Graduates: 168
- Third Commencement Exercise
- Three graduate students (the first to receive degrees from the newly established Graduate School of Arts and Sciences)

Today
- President: Frederick M. Lawrence
- Commencement Speaker: Geoffrey Canada (President/CEO of Harlem Children’s Zone)
- Tuition: $43,980
- Total Undergraduates: 3,504
- Countries Represented: 65
- Clubs & Organizations: 260+
- Number of Majors and Minors: 43 and 45
Billy Butterfield Band
To Play At Formal

Castle Wins Championship
By Defeating Ridgewood

Sachar Speaks on Draft and Brandeis

At the first press conference of the year, held December 5, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, in answering questions concerning how the draft might affect Brandeis, said that such things as the draft situation could not, of course, be controlled by the school; nevertheless, he added, "the integrity of the school will not be affected." To support this viewpoint, Dr. Sachar disclosed that at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, eight hundred thousand dollars was voted for next year's building program which will include a six hundred thousand dollar dormitory project, a dining hall, a social hall, offices.

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BRANDEIS ATHLETIC BUILDING TO HONOR ABRAHAM SHAPIRO

This year marks George Almy, President of the Board of Trustees of Brandeis University, an important year, for the fund was made available to the University for the construction of the "Almy" Athletic Building. The combination gymnasium and playing courts will greatly supplement the recently announced intercollegiate sports program, which will find the new building in competition with such schools as Harvard, Boston University, Brown College, Dartmouth, and Wellesley.

The CASTLEFIRE, who helped the girls' inter-collegiate basketball league, took on the job, and the regular cast included: Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kastel, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Kastel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg, Mrs. Kemel, Mrs. Gruenberg.
Senior Privileges are Secured by Council

240 Fresh, 49 Transfers
Boost Enrollment To 763

Dec. Weekend Includes Jazz,
Jeans. Formal

Juniors, Fresh
Dine Together
Rules Defined

Creative Arts Shell
Will Be Completed
For June Festival

PARADES, PARTIES, SONG FEST, TOO,
BOOST BRANDEIS — DONE BY YOU!

101 Seniors To Graduate;
Mrs. Roosevelt To Speak
SACHAR REVEALS BRANDEIS FUTURE IN FIRST SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE

Dr. Abraham Sachar announced at his first press conference with Ture Jerne and Annette Tansey on Tuesday, March 26, that a grant had been received from the Whitney Foundation to study modern music curricula.

In connection with plans to construct a new music building, it is planned that the department of music will be expanded. The foundation has asked Dr. Sachar to work on the music department at Brandeis.

The conference included a new faculty member, Dr. Jerne, who has agreed to work on the department of music.

A huge crowd attended convocation.

NEW DORMITORY TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The latest addition to the Brandeis Campus will be a dormitory for 175 students next year.

HUGE CROWD ATTENDS CONVOCATION

At Annual Convocation

MRS. ROOSEVELT, DR. SACHAR and MR. ALPERT HEAD IMPRESSIVE ANNUAL PROGRAM

Mrs. John Foster, President, Brandeis University, Southeastern Board of Trustees, and United States Delegate to the United Nations, and Mrs. Louis I. Alpert, President of Brandeis University, opened the Annual Convocation at Brandeis University this evening.

Three-Story Library Annex To Be Ready By September

The new library annex is expected to be ready by September, and will be the largest in the country.

S. C. PROTESTS CHAPEL PLAN

The Students Council protests the construction of a new chapel, which it believes will be used for the purposes of the Jewish Students' Union.

The protest is expected to be extended to the administration of the university.
Tales of a Kingdom
Life since Brandeis...

Hi all:

Though there are many signs nowadays that a lot of time has elapsed since we all first met at Brandeis, in many ways it seems as if the time passed in the blink of an eye. Norman and I have been very lucky and the years have been packed chock full of joy and adventure, and we have no complaints.

We raised our four sons and our niece and nephew in nearby Wayland, and our family has been enriched by four terrific daughters-in-law, another nephew, 11 grandchildren, and 2 step-grandchildren and their spouses.

We are fortunate to be healthy (at this writing) and able to work and play, with a definite emphasis on playing. We can still travel a lot on our own and continue to spend summers on our boat, though we no longer sail far from Rockland, ME, our home port. Norman still skis and plays softball; I just try to keep moving. We even volunteer as guinea pigs at the Aging and Cognition Lab at Brandeis. We are living each day to the fullest.

We are looking forward to sharing our 60th reunion with all of you. Though there have been many changes in Brandeis and in ourselves, we share many of the same memories of a time just a blink of an eye ago....
Life since Brandeis...

Life is a lot more interesting now than it was when I was graduated from Brandeis. At 81, as are most of us from the class of 1954, I have found dozens of things to do that I want to do, rather than what needed to be done (although mostly fun) to build career, house, home and family.

I “retired” from real (paid) work almost ten years ago and began a journey which has taken me through music, theater and cooking. My latest project is a cookbook entitled “Kitchen Compositions: a Symphony of Recipes by the Musicians and Staff of the Philadelphia Orchestra” which says it all. It is over 300 pages, about 150 recipes with a picture of each. They are still available for purchase and there is a copy in the Brandeis library. Prior to this I wrote a cookbook that was to be part of a series of Opera Cookbooks, the first of which was “Don Giovanni” based on the location and era of the opera. No other Opera Cookbooks were completed though I have more in the works.

Life intervened and I became a member and subsequently President of the Philadelphia Opera Guild, then of the Rittenhouse Square Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra; then a member of the Board and again subsequently President of EgoPo, a small theater company. I am also Chair of the Sixth Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) and write a column on Safety for the Society Hill Reporter (local magazine) and am on the Board of the Civic Association. I also started the Citywide PDAC and am on its Board. Besides all this, we subscribe to the Walnut Street Theatre, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Vocal Arts (opera training school), live in HD from the Met, EgoPo performances, etc. We also attend a number of fund raising events for all of these organizations. Occasionally I read grants for a federal agency and brought in over $8 million in grant funds when I was working as Assistant Dean for Faculty Development and Medical Education at Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University Medical School (now Drexel University). I was also Research Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine at both institutions where I worked for over 27 years, encompassing most of my career life.

Prior to my stint at medical schools, I taught science and math in the Philadelphia school system until I received my doctorate. After receiving my EdD, I worked for five years for Research for Better Schools as Director of Science programs developing a K-8 individualized science program funded by the feds. After that time I became President of the Brandeis Alumni Association for two terms and subsequently was elected as a Fellow. Back in 1967 we purchased a property in the midst of Society Hill in Center City Philadelphia, which we gutted and rebuilt (my husband Harry, as a Stock Broker, doing everything but the plumbing and electrical work with his own hands). My two girls, Sheryl, a super Sales Associate and Laurie with a doctorate in Psychology in private practice, grew up here and when they moved out and the dog died we turned our house into a Bed and Breakfast, which we still run on a limited basis.

During all this time, I edited several books on cognitive development, published many refereed articles and have given hundreds of presentations in areas of education including Piagetian theory, medical education, testing and evaluation, communication skills, public speaking and teaching for physicians, police officers and community-based volunteers.
Life since Brandeis...

My years at Brandeis were the best 4 years of my life! I remember Professor Nahum Glatzer - he spoke very quietly. We listened to him with great reverence. My friends - we laughed together, studied together, took classes together. It was the first time I was surrounded by Jewish people, so different from where I grew up, where there were very few Jews. There was kosher food!

I remember my father came to school, and said "Sissy, you’re coming home with me, you are going to work in the store!" To which I replied, "No, Dad, this is where I belong." I remember Leonard Bernstein and elegant Eleanor Roosevelt. I made the best friends of my life.

After Brandeis, I was a teacher, later sold encyclopedias, and then real estate. Harold of blessed memory and I raised a family of three children. One of 3 settled in Israel. I have 6 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter.

I currently sing alto in my local community Jewish choir, exercise, belong to the Yiddish group, and am active in my synagogue’s Sisterhood and Hadassah.
Life since Brandeis...

When I first arrived in Waltham, in the fall of 1950, I was rough-edged, financially impoverished, and didn’t feel very smart. I was confused and insecure. Brandeis provided the nurturing and inspiring environment essential to my emotional and intellectual development. For that, I will always be grateful. It was at Brandeis that I fell in love with a fellow student, Vera Rabinik and, wonder of wonders, she fell in love with me too. We were married a few months after graduation and raised four warm, caring children, each of whom, in a totally individual way, is deeply engaged in helping to make the world a better place.

Brandeis also gave me a great head start to my life’s work. At Brandeis, I wandered, quite by accident, into a class on introductory psychology being taught by Abraham Maslow, was inspired by his lecture on causes of prejudice, and, the next day, switched my major from economics to psychology. Maslow encouraged me to go on to graduate school. Eventually, I did my own research on ways to reduce prejudice, wrote 23 books, and was named by my peers as one of the 100 most eminent psychologists of the 20th Century—right up there with my mentor, Abe Maslow (see Wikipedia).

I didn’t realize it at the time, of course, but the fact that a scholar of Maslow’s eminence was teaching at the introductory level is a rare and wonderful thing in the academic world. It is a reflection of and a tribute to the special intellectual atmosphere at Brandeis at the time. Among other things, what I learned from my experience as a student was how to be a professor. Like Maslow, I have always volunteered to teach freshmen and sophomores at the introductory level. What I learned is that the best way I can show my appreciation is by passing it on.

Due to an illness (macular degeneration), for the past 15 years, I have been almost totally blind. Needless to say, the loss of eyesight is an irreparable loss. I am fully aware of that loss every time I reach for a book—only to say, to myself, “What are you doing, schmock? You cannot read!” But it is not a tragedy—mostly a nuisance. I am a very lucky guy because I am surrounded by people who I love and who love me—mostly Vera, (the love of my life for more than 60 years), my children, my grandchildren, my close friends and my former students. I continue to write and to teach. With or without eyesight, it’s a good life!
Life since Brandeis...

Like many students in the pioneering years of Brandeis, I came to the university with limited means and horizons. For us, Brandeis was the passage to a fascinating world of interesting people and ideas. After high school I underwent a dispiriting year at an Israeli kibbutz and the campus in Waltham was a welcoming community of new friends and inspiring mentors. I recall with special fondness Nahum Glatzer and Simon Rawidowicz in NEJS and Irving Fine and Harold Shapero in the Music Department. And who could not be impressed by the dazzling array of lecturers in General Education S, which opened new horizons in areas we had never encountered. In addition, the appointment of Leonard Bernstein to the faculty our junior year introduced us to the New York world of music and theater. At graduation, he produced for the first time in English, Kurt Weil’s Three Penny Opera. I was delighted to participate in the play’s chorus. In retrospect, since I have subsequently spent my life in an academic milieu, I often wonder about the ingenuity and ability of Brandeis to create such a stimulating environment in those early years.

I married shortly after graduation, and since my husband, Arnold Band, was invited to teach at UCLA, we left Boston on a lark and have been happy residents of Los Angeles where we raised a family and worked in education for almost 55 years. Our two sons, David and Jonathan, profited greatly from the local Beverly Hills school system and frequent trips to Israel. They spent three years in elementary schools in Jerusalem. For college they went back east: David to MIT and Harvard, where he did his doctorate in astrophysics; Jonathan to Harvard and Yale where he studied law. They both have productive careers and wonderful families: David unfortunately passed away in 2009 after a seven year struggle with cancer, during which he continued his astrophysical research almost until the end of his life. Jonathan is an attorney in Washington D.C. with his own practice in intellectual property specializing in legislative issues in software and libraries. He published two books and many articles on the subject. We have four - naturally amazing - grandchildren, all college graduates. Zvi, the eldest grandson, is married to a lovely wife and is a software entrepreneur. Our Asperger grandson, Jeremy, has a master’s degree and works at NIH. Gabi is on the staff at NSA and Jessica runs her own social media marketing business. We visit Washington, D.C. frequently to be with family.

After my sons left home for their studies, I returned to school and earned my M.A. in TESL at UCLA. Using this advanced training, I’ve taught Hebrew language and literature at the secondary and college level in Los Angeles. With colleagues we have produced a Hebrew Language Series (The Shelabim Series) for High School and College students and I have published a Hebrew Reader.

While Los Angeles has been our home since 1959, we have spent time in Israel enjoying a wide circle of friends, mostly associated with the universities, and also with my parents’ families. We were privileged to witness Israel developing over these years and were present in Jerusalem during the Six Day War. In addition to dozens of visits to Israel we have traveled widely to Europe, South America, and East Asia. Finally, in the first decade of this century we returned frequently to Brandeis where my husband was invited to teach. The Brandeis we now visit is not the tiny Middlesex village of my student days, but it still radiates warmth and intellectual excitement.
Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis was a unique experience for me and everyone else who attended in those first few years. It was new, exciting, and full of surprises. After school, I got my first job with a jewelry buying office in NY. Shortly afterwards I met my future husband (my handsome architect) and moved off to Los Angeles. Three children and eight grandchildren later I am enjoying a wonderful life in Southern California. Traveling, working for several years, raising three children has been very rewarding. Brandeis was one of my rewards!!
Elaine Schur Batchker

**Life since Brandeis...**

After completing two years at Brandeis I decided to go home to Scarsdale, NY where I enrolled in The New School University. I met my future husband in my senior year of college and we were married the October following my graduation. I proceeded to have two children which eventually led to my current status of two children and seven grandchildren. I worked for several years as president of a mail order business and later as an assistant to a building contractor. There were fabulous trips across this amazing country and to several European countries. Israel was a highlight as it came as a gift from my children. We owned a boat and had great times with family and friends, many of whom I still treasure as I tiptoe through this phase of life’s landscape. But mostly my greatest joys came from the births of my children and grandchildren. Their achievements and disappointments stitch my life along with the long and sad goodbye to my parents. Well, these are the bones of my adult life. All the meat of the life I led far too difficult and complicated to explore in this space. However I am so glad to be here and to contribute even these few words. I do hope to attend the Reunion!
Janice Lerner Bolaffi

Life since Brandeis...

Life has been very good...Andre and I are both retired and share time between San Francisco and Palm Beach FL...our 2 children are both wonderful and give us much pleasure...daughter, Mimi, will be relocating to Singapore in May so our travels will now go westward rather than Europe...our son, David, lives in San Francisco so we can see him often...he keeps all our Apple stuff in working order so we can always be connected wherever we are...this is still somewhat of a small wonder, even to me as a trained scientist. Retirement has been fabulous...lots of walking in gorgeous San Francisco, swimming in Palm Beach and reading and local politics go on. Our lives are full with many friends, only a few foes. Brandeis was just the beginning of a great ride.
Robert Bornstein

Life since Brandeis...

I’ve visited Brandeis many times in past years and marvel at what the University has become from 3 buildings [the main building where most of our classes were held, the post office and the castle]. I was fortunate to have such wonderful teachers while I was at Brandeis.

I’ve been married to my wonderful wife for 56 years. I’ve had a good life for which I am thankful. When I look back at my days at Brandeis, I realize how fortunate I was to have attended such a wonderful university.

Thank you Brandeis!

It’s been a long time since I left Brandeis. I was a commuter and didn’t enjoy all the benefits of college life, but I feel I received an excellent education, which allowed me to enter the medical field. I am a pediatrician and still practice in the greater Boston area for the past 51 years.

I have 2 children, Michael, a pediatrician in Texas, and Beth, an actress who now resides in Hawaii. I have 4 grandchildren who are all in high school.

Most of my life outside of medicine has been involved with charities, sports and theatre. I have received awards from the Jimmy Fund Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, theYawkee Foundation and other charities. I sponsored theatre groups in Bermuda and New York.
I have not learned to play the piano, the harp or the violin nor have I even tried. My guitar leans against the wall. Instead I keep my toe in commercial real estate finance and development in the NW region.

Volunteering - Giveback - has also been a large part of my time commitment. I worked for seven years with an organization called FareStart preparing and delivering more than 2,000 meals a day to homeless shelters and pre-schools here in Seattle. I also have been a SCORE volunteer for almost ten years now. For those not familiar with SCORE, it is a national volunteer organization that works in conjunction with the SBA providing free counseling and mentoring to individuals who want either to start their own business or are in business with a problem seeking solutions. The satisfaction that comes from this work is immeasurable and is renewed with each client's success.

Retirement has never been a word in my vocabulary.
Life since Brandeis...
I'm a mother & grandmother of three daughters and seven grandchildren.
Previous occupations were 17 years as a physical therapist. Later I received my MA and PsyD in Clinical Psychology and practiced for ten years.

After retiring, time was spent traveling the U.S.A., Canada, and Alaska in a travel trailer with my spouse. Between our trailer trips we traveled to much of the world.
I am fortunate to have good health. Like Woody Allen said upon awakening the next day, “Am I still here?”
This is the 18th year in which I’m teaching/leading a twice monthly adult education class in Jewish texts. It began as a Brandeis Women’s group and has evolved into one open to whoever would like to come and learn. “Much have I learned from my teachers; more do I learn from my students.”

Good health is a blessing I continually appreciate, as also my growing desire to breathe deeply and to savor the beauty and challenges surrounding me.

Life since Brandeis...

We are a three generation Brandeis family: daughter Naomi Bar-Yam and grandchildren Shlomiya and Maayan.

I enjoy much nahot from our children and grandchildren. Children Naomi, Efrem and Hillel, and the grandchildren already in the workforce, are all in the helping professions. (Ask me, and I’ll be happy to detail.)
Life since Brandeis...

In the spring of my junior year at Brookline High School, there was a story in the Boston Globe of a new university starting in Waltham, a university with inspiring ideals, a university open to all faiths, a university of promise, and that is how I came to Brandeis in September of 1950.

My sister was already enrolled at Tufts University. We would both be commuting students. I traveled to Brandeis with a very close friend, Joan Schlosberg (Weinstein). I lived on campus my senior year.

BRANDEIS:

There was one building for classrooms, Ford Hall. The mailroom and student services were in a small building that once was the stable. A small white house served as offices for President Abraham Sachar and Dr. Joseph Chedkis. Then there was the Castle where General Education S introduced us to the “movers and shakers” of our world: Martin Luther King Jr., Norman Thomas, and Eleanor Roosevelt to mention just a few. When exam time came, we found a quiet spot to study on floor in the stacks of what was the library. Research papers were written and rewritten many times because to add or subtract or make a change, the whole paper had to be retyped.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

I cannot forget waiting for Leonard Bernstein to come rushing down the corridor of Ford Hall shedding his coat, jacket and tie as he made his way to the piano; Dr. Kinsey who authored the infamous "Kinsey Report" that astonished students with his claims of a sexual revolution; Dr. Robert Thornton who made science understandable; and Dr. Max Lerner who at the first Social Science lecture announced that “one day there will not be clean air to breathe, nor clean water to drink, and all the races will be one.” The audience gasped in disbelief. Brandeis was going to build a chapel on campus, but with the help of The Justice, the class of ’54 was able to negotiate for not one, but three chapels.

When I graduated in the spring of 1954, I had a soon-to-be-husband, Edward Cohen, and a soon-to-be job teaching in Newton, MA. Four years of teaching in Newton was followed by a move to our home in Norwood, MA. There we raised three great kids. I returned to teaching in the neighboring town of Walpole and taught there for the next twenty-five years. Ed and I were married for forty-eight years before he died in 2004. These were full and busy years.

I retired in June of 1999. In the Boston newspaper, Professor Bernie Reisman at Brandeis advertised a start-up program at Brandeis for life-long learners. The program would begin if there was at least fifty people interested in founding an adult learning program. When four hundred people showed up, the Osher Life Long Learning Program began. The return to the Brandeis campus was exciting! Since its inception twelve years ago, the program known as BOLLI (Brandeis Osher Life Long Learning) has come full circle for me. At Brandeis, once again, I am taking courses, making new friends, and working on committees. What I am especially happy about is that there is now a scholarship in my name at the Heller School at Brandeis. Life has been very full.
Life since Brandeis...

I enjoyed my years at Brandeis immensely. My three sons also went there. From early on in my life, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. That dream was realized upon graduating from B.U. School of Education. I taught in a school in Natick for a short time. When my sons were born, I devoted my life to raising them. When they were old enough to go out on their own, I went back to teaching. I became a second grade religious school teacher at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley; I taught there for 20 years and loved working with my students. The year before I left, I received the Keter Torah Award as an outstanding teacher. I planned to retire but that was short-lived because a former teacher I knew from Temple Beth Elohim approached me and persuaded me to teach at the Sunday School for Jewish Studies where she was currently working. Once again, I became a second grade teacher and taught for 5 years. Due to my husband’s upcoming surgery for a knee replacement, which would incapacitate him for many months, I stopped teaching, and both he and I completely retired.

Fortunately, we get to see our children and grandchildren frequently. We have friends from childhood who we keep in contact with plus new friends. We keep in touch with our nieces and nephews and get to see them at various times. We also love going to services at temple Aliyah; we are one of the founders of this temple.

Myrna Weiss Davidson
Jerry Douglas (a.k.a Gerald Rubenstei...)

Most of you know me as Gerald Rubenstei... since that was my name during our time at Brandeis. 30 years ago, I legally changed my name to Jerry Douglas. I am currently living in Lake Sherwood, California with my wife Kymberly. I have three children: a daughter, Avra and two sons, Jodamon and Hunter.

After appearing in the play, John Brown's Body, a critic said I was terrific and that inspired me to hire an agent and pursue a career in acting. In 1982, I started playing John Abbott, the patriarch of the Abbott family and wealthy chairman of Jabot Cosmetics, on the long-running television soap opera “The Young and the Restless.” In March 2006, after 25 years, my character exited the show; however I was fortunate to have a recurring role on the show for a few more months.

I appeared in numerous TV series, commercials and feature films. You may remember me from these TV shows: “Hill Street Blues”, “Melrose Place”, “The Rockford Files”, and “Walton’s Mountain”. My break-through TV work was on a show called “Mannix” where I was a semi-regular. Also, I reoccurred on “Streets of San Francisco”, “Barnaby Jones”, “FBI”, etc.


I also have a passion for music. In 2007, I released a CD, The Best Is Yet to Come, a collection of jazz standards and had the opportunity to perform around the U.S. and Canada.

Currently, I own a production company called “O’Connell-Douglas Productions” with my partner Josh, a New England boy. We currently are in negotiations for a new series for my talented wife Kymberly who is also in the acting industry. She is a T.V. personality with a long run as a guest star on “The Ellen Show” and currently starring in Home and Family on the Hallmark Channel.

This will be my first time attending reunion, and I look forward to coming back to campus and reconnecting with all of my classmates.
Nina Doerfler Drooker

Life since Brandeis...

Sixty years. Well, that is indeed a lifespan. I look back on my years at Brandeis (only two, since I was a transfer student from Bard) with great fondness. The Fifties were a different world, part of a different century, and Brandeis was a new and exciting place to be at that time! I learned a lot, in the classroom and out. The courses that stayed with me the most were Max Lerner’s American Civilization and Irving Howe’s English Novel. Writing an honors paper on Dickens’ Bleak House set me firmly on the path to a lifetime of reading and writing. I loved drawing for the Justice and for our unique 1954 yearbook.

I made wonderful friends at Brandeis, some still very close, especially Miriam Miller Rockmore and Lucy DeVries Duffy; I greatly mourn the death of talented friends Joan Rubinstein Freeman and Pam Lerner Schofield. It was at Brandeis that I discovered Jews who weren’t the New York kind, whose parents weren’t civil servants, but were often businessmen, or even cantors! This was a revelation to an 18-year old from the Bronx! I was stunned at how many cashmere sweaters some coeds brought with them to college. And it was at Brandeis that I crossed paths for the first time, knowingly, with gays.

The Brandeis years were a time of high romance for me-- I met my husband-to-be, Hal Drooker, and spent as much time with him in person (and on the phone in the hallway of Schwartz Hall) as I spent studying in the library. I even got my photo in the yearbook sitting in that phone booth! We slow-danced to all the mushy Fifties songs; I still get misty when I hear “The Nearness of You.” My bridal shower was held in the Brandeis dorm, and I still use the Revere ware pots I received.

Since then, I’ve had a long, satisfying career teaching in New York City, integrating the arts (visual, musical, and literary) into the curriculum. I raised two very interesting sons, Eric and Star, in a Manhattan apartment. One went on to be an artist/illustrator living in Berkeley, California, the other a musician/photographer and café owner in Northampton, Massachusetts. They each produced a grandchild, Maya and Rain, and these darlings have become my late-in-life treasures.

Brandeis wasn’t the end of my collegiate life. Indeed, I’ve never stopped going to school: to Cooper Union Art School in New York, and then several universities. I’ve racked up two Master’s degrees, in art education, and in teaching the gifted. Since retirement, I attend Hunter College in New York. Now, as a very senior Senior, I am an active painter and continue to take classes in art history. I write poetry and sing in a chorus.

We continue to live in Manhattan, and spend summers in a house I inherited from my parents in Putnam County. It is in a cooperative community called Three Arrows, founded in the Thirties by young Socialists, my parents among them. My children and grandchildren spend time there, swimming the same lake, catching the same turtles that I did so long ago.

When I look back at my years at Brandeis, I see us as a brainy, energetic, hopeful group, in our bobby socks, straight skirts, and chinos. In our long lives, we’ve experienced enormous changes in culture, customs, and technology. I believe that we have remained, mostly, brainy, energetic and hopeful.

I congratulate us all on getting this far along on the paths we’ve taken, and look forward to further, interesting, turns in the road.
Nancy Halperin Golden

Life since Brandeis...

How do I feel celebrating a 60th Reunion? Probably the same as most of my classmates because it also means “How do I feel turning 80 years of age?” As I live near Brandeis and often visit it, I feel the huge difference in trying to wander around the campus. I know it is something I can no longer easily do, however when I get on campus I always have a special pride in its growth and beauty. Only we know the difference between Ford Hall and the Rosenthal Science complex, the “barn” and the huge Goldberg library, the “banana” and the Slosberg Music Center, to name a few improvements over the years. I even went to the Embassy Theatre recently, but there was no “Goldies” for pizza afterward.

Yet, Brandeis is always with me because I credit Brandeis for all of the many things I have done and still continue to do. I was a member of Boston Civic Symphony for many years and I still teach violin to children. On the art side I give painting lessons and occasionally paint portraits.

I do stained glass work and have made windows and eternal lights in several synagogues in New York and Boston. I haven’t retired yet and hope to complete designs for a Holocaust memorial window.

My daughters Amy and Marcia graduated Brandeis. Amy passed away a few years ago from cancer. She worked for the Leukemia Association in Long Island for many years and they honored her with a research grant to Brandeis, in her memory, towards a cure for leukemia.

I am sure that many of us here have had an 80th birthday. I made mine special by having a “bat mitzvah”. It is one of the more difficult things I have ever done in my life - 12 years old is a better age for this to happen, and my 12 year old twin grandchildren will be doing it this year. I guess it is the same spirit of adventure that made me go to Brandeis in the first place. I thank the Almighty every day for having had that wonderful privilege.
Life since Brandeis...

I met my husband, Ed, at Brandeis, in Dr. Cheskis class. I chased him until I caught him and we ended up having 56 wonderful years together. Our education at Brandeis helped us weave our way through an interesting life. We raised three great children, Laura, David and Ellen. Since our children were the center of our lives we both became active in our community with Ed spending ten years on the Oyster Bay East Norwich School Board. As liberal thinking people we marched for causes we believed in and even participated in “Hands Across America.” In real life Ed was a Private Eye. He found missing people. He didn’t carry a gun but... Ed wrote a book about some of his experiences called TRACERS. I worked in administration at a hospital near our home which helped see our children through college. We moved into NYC, the West Village, when our children finished college. Museums, libraries, restaurants were right there for us to partake in and so we stayed there when we retired. We traveled, Ed played golf and I started playing with a camera and my computer. And as you get older illness takes hold. The heart with Ed and cancer with me. Weddings took place and three grandchildren joined us and I took hundreds of pictures. Life has ups and downs but the ups always seem to come out on top. They give you a reason to keep going. I lost Ed in 2010. Heartbreaking, but I have my family. My daughter, Laura, has an off Broadway musical right now, THE CHOCOLATE SHOW! A TASTY NEW MUSICAL. And I had a big photography show in honor of my 80th birthday called COLORTROPOLIS. You can see it at http://paulagphotos.wix.com/colortropolis. Shalom, Paula
Life since Brandeis...

Having accepted the deferment offered to students, the future was clouded and uncertain post-graduation. As if by magic the clouds parted upon the conclusion of the Korean War and my draft status less threatening. This began my thoughts of exodus from the northeast westward. I consulted with the campus guru and trivia expert Bob Sheridan, seeking a west coast law school who then, with ease, pointed me to Stanford. Need I say that I had never been to the west coast nor did I know anyone there. I just followed my instincts and submitted my application and, as they say, the rest is history.

Some might think I was motivated to avoid any commitments to Jeanette, but this is not true since we were married in Milton, Mass after completion of year one (after one false start).

Because the wedding was in late August, there was little time to make the move west, so I took year two at Boston U, but, not to worry, I returned to Stanford for my third year. I received a degree right on schedule in June of 1957 and embarked upon my career as a lawyer. I believe that I hold the distinction as the first graduate of Stanford Law School from Brandeis. I am still in the office every day, something that Jeanette endorses and appreciates.

My interest outside of law was taking lunch on the basketball court until my 80th birthday. We have enjoyed travel around the globe. Last year we went around the world and next year we are going somewhere else.

We have two children whose interests lie beyond the law. They live in Southern California about 500 miles distant. We are not suffering very much having to live alone in our home for the past 25 years or so. One grandson only, who is a Freshman at the University of Indiana. No, I do not know why.

I am in good health with few exceptions and see a great future for me and Jeanette, too.

You might ask why I am still married to Jeanette and the answer is that her father (a lawyer) predicted that the marriage would never last. The better question is why the beautiful and talented Jeanette hasn’t left for greener pastures.

We are so grateful to Brandeis for being the foundation of a good and satisfying life for us.

As a final note, I am still waiting for maturity and expect my childhood to last a few more years.
Life since Brandeis...

We all have a unique story of how & why we chose to attend a new and unaccredited university called Brandeis, a place where new ideas questioned tradition, where life-long relationships were formed, and an experience, to some, where the paths to the future were made. Our yearbook was written in the style of a fairy tale, and in many ways, being a student at Brandeis was just that for me.

After graduation I moved to Manhattan, shared an apartment with Mimsy Feingold and Marian Sanders where we had, I believe, the first meeting of the Brandeis Manhattan Alumni Chapter. It was an exciting time working for NBC on the set of The Home Show and singing with the Collegiate Chorale at Carnegie Hall and St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

After a year of separation, Ike and I decided to marry, and I left N.Y. to attend Boston University where I received a teaching credential. I continued my teaching career in California for over 30 years, raised 2 children, Eric and Andrea (grandson Zach), and one husband, Ike, and received a Master’s Degree from San Jose State University. I continue to teach as a volunteer for the San Francisco Symphony. I sing as a soloist at Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City as well as a soloist in a Yiddish Chorale.

We continue to keep contact with Brandeis, our roots, and have been active throughout the years with alumni events and welcoming parties for incoming freshman at our home. I’ll repeat Ike’s remark, “We are grateful to Brandeis for being the foundation of a good and satisfying life for us.”
Life since Brandeis...

I have been retired for about 15 years from Florida State University. There I taught Social Policy in the College of Social Work for 21 years. I earned my PhD from the Heller School at Brandeis in 1972, after having spent many years in Jewish Education and then, in practicing social work.

Hopefully, later this year I will be celebrating my 85th birthday together with my wife, seven children and five grandchildren.

In the early '50s I came to Brandeis as a socialist/Zionist, became a more religiously oriented Jew, a social activist in the South in the Civil Rights movement, a community organizer, a graduate student again, a professor, a disillusioned Zionist, and now, a grandfather...It’s been a good life!
Life since Brandeis...

I am well and happy living in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada since July ’54. Winnipeg is perhaps the coldest city in North America, but it’s a city with a great, friendly, interesting and creative population.

My husband, Ernie and I had three sons and one daughter...all married... and I am the grandmother of 9.

My daughter and her partner live here. All the remaining family have moved west...most remain in Vancouver, BC.

My interests have centered around education and creative arts... the most recent is helping Grandmothers to raise their Aids-orphaned grandchildren in Southern Africa through the Stephan Lewis Foundation.

I remain well and hope if any venture here, you’d be in touch.
Life since Brandeis...

I chose to go to Brandeis because it promised to encourage and support my “pioneering spirit”, and it did; emphasizing creativity, social conscience and community responsibility. I earned a Master of Science degree at Brown in experimental psychology, then became Senior Researcher in Neurochemistry at the Mass General hospital. I then got my M.D. from Boston University, interned at Mount Auburn Hospital and did my psychiatry residency at the Mass Mental Health Center, ending as a Chief Resident and moving on to become Director of Geriatrics, naming our program “Positive Aging Services” as the first community focused mental health center-based outreach program in the United States. At our peak, we had 40 full time positions, with interdisciplinary training and a multidisciplinary outreach approach. As an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard, I developed and taught the first HMS course on Mental Health and Aging. I received an NIMH training grant which trained physicians, social workers, psychologists, nurses and occupational therapists. We designed, funded and ran a psychiatric nursing home and demonstrated a reduction in use of chemical restraints, an increase in patients’ independent function, and a significant decrease in costs. I am currently on active staff at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, the adult psychiatrist at the Bowdoin Street Health Center, and Medical Director for Mental Health at the Jewish Family and Childrens Services. In the past 50 years, I have moved from basic research to clinical research, administration and program development, teaching and supervision and clinical services for the elderly and underserved populations. I continue to learn, and I’m not comfortable with the prospect of retirement. First marriage ended in 1978, remarried in 1983, 5 children and 7 grandchildren. I continue to do creative writing, watercolor seascapes, life drawing and singing with the Metropolitan Chorale.
Life since Brandeis...

In answer to the question “How are you?” I usually reply “O.K. so far.” The life of a retiree is rather busier than I had imagined, but it is a worthwhile busyness, I think. When my wife Marjorie and I moved to North Andover five years ago, we expected to continue pursuing our interests without the obligation to work or care for a house. For me the interests were birding, studying the cello for the first time, and keeping up with the version of tai chi called Taoist Tai Chi. The birding has suffered because the last two interests take substantial time. I’ve become certified to teach Taoist Tai Chi (see www.taoist.org), a discipline oriented to the health of older practitioners, and I’ve been fortunate to find a wonderful cello teacher who conducts a string orchestra as well.

The retirement community where Marjorie and I live (see www.edgewoodrc.com) has a lively intellectual and musical life in addition to its facilities for health-enhancing activity, and I hope that I am contributing to that life. “O.K. so far” certainly seems like the right answer!

And what of succeeding generations? Marjorie and I have two sons, each of whom has a wife, a son, and a daughter. Our sons and our daughters-in-law enrich our lives, and our grandchildren allow us to kvell endlessly whenever we’re asked about them. Our only complaint, an old and dated one, is that neither son would consider a small college or university. Their undergraduate choices were Brown and Yale. Oh well! Maybe we can persuade a grandchild or two.
Ernie Helmrich

Life since Brandeis...

It's hard to believe that 60 years have gone by. I hope that it has been a pleasant journey for all.
Charlie Herman

Life since Brandeis...

Glad to be Alive! Hope to continue! I want to Keep on Keepin On!
Life since Brandeis...

IS THERE LIFE AFTER BRANDEIS?

Yes, of course. Still, I have to acknowledge that my Brandeis years really made me myself. I can’t imagine, looking back, who I would have been if I’d taken a different path. Our class was especially fortunate in being part of the first cohort—before any class had graduated and gone into the outside world leaving myths of themselves behind. We were part of the Brandeis myths-in-making.

We were more politically active than is often assumed. In popular retelling of that era the 50’s typically are overshadowed by the far-out 60’s. We’re often characterized as complacent and compliant. Yet our years at Brandeis coincided with the ascendance of Joseph McCarthy and his mission to root out intellectuals (and others) deemed un-American from campuses and from government. Students as well as faculty did what we could to oppose the witch hunt. And some of us were participating in early actions for civil rights. Though I was not an organizer I was part of a lunch counter sit-in for integration in Washington, DC, launched by CORE, in the summer of 1952.

Later years: After spending too much time not finishing my Ph.D dissertation (history, at Princeton) I found that working with people on new, needed endeavors was more my kind of thing than solitary scholarship. In 1980 I was one of a group of 4 who organized a local association of independent scholars, which became the Princeton Research Forum—still going strong. In the late 90’s I helped to set up “House 2” of Community Without Walls, a grassroots effort to engage individuals in Princeton to help one another age well in place. Since 2002 I’ve been associated with another grassroots effort—the Evergreen Forum— an all-volunteer learning in retirement program serving the greater Princeton area. I’ve taught a couple of courses on local history for the Evergreen Forum, served on its steering committee for 10 years, 6 of those years as chair. Currently I’m on the board of the Princeton Senior Resource Center.

Family: My husband, Richard Jeffrey, died in 2002. He was a member of the Princeton Philosophy Department, specializing in probability and decision theory. Our two children are Daniel and Pamela, named for Pamela Lerner Schofield, class of ’54, who died in 1962. Dan lives in Allentown, NJ and works as a systems administrator. Pam lives in New York and is a partner at a law firm that concentrates on union-side labor law. Her husband is Sean O’Connor, playwright and actor. Their children are Sophie, a junior at Beloit College currently spending a term in France and her sister Juliet, a junior in high school. Dan is a first-class uncle. We’re lucky; we enjoy each other’s company and spend lots of time together.

Absent friends: I especially miss my dear friend, Hannah Friedman Goldberg, class of ’54, who died in 2010 after a vigorous, fulfilled life in scholarship and academic administration, seasoned with the joys of travel and extensive, intense friendship.

Best wishes to you all.

Edith Kelman Jeffrey
Life since Brandeis...

I went to law school after college and practiced mostly as a trial attorney until 2 1/2 years ago, in the field of employment discrimination. I now do mediations for a non profit and my own firm, as well as act as a consultant to law firms and companies on employment matters. I have three sons and 6 grandchildren. Alas, none of my sons went to Brandeis. My husband died in 2001 when we were living in New York City (having relocated after 30 plus years in Philadelphia). After my husband died, I purchased a home for weekends in upstate New York (on the New York side of the Berkshires) and moved there full time four years ago. I have really wonderful memories of my years at Brandeis, am still best friends with my college roommate, Joyce Rosenberg Barnett, and all in all am content with my life. I feel I contributed a little to society by being active in the women’s movement, civil rights and health education (moderating panels on breast cancer and other health issues). I believe I had a superb education at Brandeis and am happy to be celebrating my 60th year as an alum.
Life since Brandeis...

Can’t believe that 60 years have passed since we graduated from Brandeis - but my photos are sufficient proof. The picture of me and my husband seated surrounded by our 2 daughters and 7 of our 9 grandchildren was taken at my husband’s 80th birthday party a couple of years ago. The other photos are more recent - they were taken on a trip to Israel in February to celebrate my 80th birthday and an Israeli grandson’s engagement.

As usual some of our grandchildren couldn’t be in the group photo because they couldn’t take time off from work or school for travel. A number of those grandchildren are older than I was when I left Brandeis! One was recently married and 2 others are engaged to be married.

I feel truly blessed with reasonably good health and a wonderful loving family. Looking forward to seeing many of you in June.

Best wishes to all.
Life since Brandeis...

Most fortunately, I met my husband, Edward, when he and some of his BU fraternity brothers came to Brandeis for a dance. We were married one week after graduation. He then went into the Navy as an officer. We moved all over the country. After serving in Japan, we were then stationed in Florida.

Shortly after his discharge, we settled in Florida. Edward and my brother became partners in the real estate and building business. I became a real estate broker and decorated the model apartments and homes, as well. We have been privileged to have participated in the tremendous growth of south Florida. Edward still loves to work and is still active in business.

We have three children, all married with a great family. Philip is a dentist and lives in Israel. Evan ('81), an attorney, lives and works in Boston. Susan, a teacher and businesswoman, is in Coral Springs, Florida.

I volunteered quite a bit in schools. In Nova, a progressive school attended by our children, I led tours for educators who visited from all over the country and the world to learn the many new methods that were being taught there.

At the Hebrew Academy on Miami Beach, attended by Evan and Susan, I helped many children learn to read.

My nearest and dearest charity is AMIT (Mizrachi). I am on the national board. This organization preceded the State of Israel and helped to bring children to Israel from the Holocaust. It now helps 28,000 children from many countries to integrate into Israeli society. We feed them, clothe them, house them (when necessary) and nourish them. We give them a secular, religious and vocational education. Our motto is “Building Israel One Child at a Time.” Most go on to be very productive citizens despite their difficult beginnings.

We live part time in Raanana, Israel where our son and his family are. Our lives are blessed. We are very grateful. Best wishes to all my classmates.
Life since Brandeis...

After graduation from Brandeis I entered the graduate program in philosophy at Yale and was awarded the MA (1956) and Ph.D. (1960). I taught philosophy for over forty years, mainly at Michigan State University. I was involved in several academic societies, including the Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy, the International Association of Women Philosophers, the International Kant Society, the North American Kant Society, and societies and study groups in ancient and early modern philosophy. I became a full professor in 1970, at the age of 37. I truly enjoyed teaching; I especially liked working with graduate students, directing dissertation, and teaching honors undergraduate students.

While I was writing my dissertation I earned my living teaching Hebrew and religious studies in a Conservative synagogue in Framingham, MA. Since retirement I have gone back to teaching Hebrew as a volunteer in my synagogue in East Lansing, MI.

Our classmate Mitchell Harwitz and I were good friends throughout our four years at Brandeis. We married in 1957. That was a mistake, and we divorced in 1958. After many years, we met again at the Brandeis reunion ten years ago; this time we renewed our friendship. For that I am very glad. I am also glad that Mitchell met my husband Bo Anderson at the reunion, and they hit it off immediately and continue to correspond by email.

I met Bo Anderson (a professor of sociology at Michigan State University) in the fall of 1980. Very soon afterwards we became a committed couple but did not marry until 1998. The years since 1980 have been the best years of my life. Bo has a daughter (Sara) from an earlier marriage. She was in college when I met her father, so I was never a “stepmother.” Over the years we have become very close. My extended family includes Sara’s husband, her four children, and (so far) one son-in-law.

Overall I have had good health, although I have had two serious bouts with cancer and have had arthritis for many years. Recently my husband suffered a stroke. I do not know to what extent we will be able to continue going to Sweden (his home country) every year for extended stays or to go to our primitive place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (we are off the electric grid; the forests and water are beautiful). At the moment, rising to challenges is on our agenda.
Life since Brandeis...

From Sanibel Island, Florida or Providence, Rhode Island, these are the statistics:

Three wonderful children - Lauren Brodie (Class of ’80), Naples, Florida; Steven Levy, Los Angeles, California and Jill Levy Sorota, New Rochelle, New York

Five grandchildren - Michael Miller, Allison Miller, Lindsey Sorota (entering University of Maryland in the fall), Jacob Levy and Andrew Sorota

One great grandchild - Amelia Wilcox

Irwin and I spend our retirement lately playing bridge, reading and walking. We are very happy to be at our 60th reunion!
Life since Brandeis...

  Enjoying retirement for the past 13 years after a gratifying professional life practicing medicine.
  Both of us enjoy family and reading. Ryna is doing her creative arts and crafts. I enjoy fishing in season and brewing, ale, wine and mead (it keeps us mellow).

  Four married daughters and 10 grandchildren. The 20 of us are unusually well bonded.
  The grandchildren: one married, 5 graduated from college (2 from Brandeis), 3 in college and 2 in high school.
  Regards to all.
Life since Brandeis...

I was a football player from 1950 to 1954 and captain of the first and second Brandeis football teams. I was inducted into the Brandeis Hall of Fame for football.

In regards to my professional life, I worked as a teacher in the Revere Public School System, guidance counselor, school adjustment counselor and Principal of Revere High School from 1981-1991. I also developed and headed the first work study program in Revere. I am currently retired.

In addition, I served as President of the Kiwanis Club in Revere and President of Local 122 Wonderland Tellers.

I was married on June 21, 1957 and widowed in 1998. I am currently friends with Evelyn Sheffres from the Brandeis class of 1955. I have two daughters.
Life since Brandeis...

It is difficult for me to accept the fact that it has been 60 years since our time at Brandeis. I still have such vivid memories of the campus - Smith Hall, the Science Building, the Castle and the Library. Professors, dear friends and many extraordinary experiences filled the four wonderful years in Waltham.

A new world was opened for this Brooklyn, NY girl who travelled to Massachusetts for exposure to a world never known before. A gathering of people from many places, subjects unknown to master, being “independent” and able to make decisions (some good and some not so favorable). It was a the beginning of the next part of my life - becoming an adult.

Time has passed swiftly. After graduation I worked, traveled, lived in San Francisco for a short time and then came back to New York. Fortunately I met and married a remarkable man and we had a wonderful life together until his untimely death in 1989. I have three children who have given me much happiness and pride and two extraordinary grandchildren. I have lived in Nyack, New York since 1962, a small town with an interesting community of people and the closeness of New York City, taking advantage of the proximity to all the city has to offer.

I was very involved in school affairs when my children were in the system. I even belonged to the Brandeis Women’s Committee when it was active in the area. I continue to be active in local and national politics and involved in a local organization that offers continuing educational opportunities, primarily for seniors. I recently sold my house of 42 years and live in an apartment overlooking the Hudson River with a great view of the Tappan Zee Bridge.

How can I summarize my life since graduating in 1954? Full, joyous, much love, laughter, sorrows, tears, travel, growth and incredible experiences. I feel fortunate for all that I have experienced over the past sixty years and, as I write this, somewhat wistful for the girl and the hopes she carried with her as she marched proudly in our commencement ceremony. One truth remains, however, I will be forever grateful for the lifelong friendships formed, and the love of learning instilled in me by Brandeis University.
Bob Mayer

Life since Brandeis...
Left Brandeis in June 1953; served in the 34th Infantry Regiment in Korea; returned to Brandeis and received my degree in June 1957.
Retired Computer Engineer.
Four children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Religiously active.
Still swimming and working out; Ran nine marathons until I realized I didn’t need to be in another one; Skied Squaw Valley free five years ago, and then hung them up.
Life since Brandeis...

Gerry and I moved to Arizona in 1957 and have a very interesting life here in downtown Phoenix. It has been a great place to raise four children. Each of them is involved in some form of art. They all live nearby and we truly enjoy them, their spouses and six grandchildren.

As Phoenix developed, freeway construction was inevitable. The process tore down lovely homes and awakened neighbors to the need for some form of preservation. Thus we have been very active in Phoenix Historic Preservation.

Phoenix is over 100 years old. From about 400 up to the 1400’s the Hohokam Indians dug canals and farmed the Valley of the Sun right where the city is now located. So we do have some interesting early old history. My Anthropology classes with Dr. Manners have paid off!

Along the way I developed a passion for Folk Art, ethnic styles, fabrics, and textures. I started making Folk Art dolls using authentic cloth and I have had nice success. Some serious doll collectors have bought many of my dolls. Over the past 40 years I have made more than one thousand dolls and toys. I am still creating them one at a time. Inventory also includes a menagerie of animals. Kids love them.

Meanwhile, Gerry does elaborate architectural illustrations of historic houses to encourage interest in preservation. For 60 years we have enjoyed an artsy good time!
Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis has always been very important to us; it was an experience that we always felt extremely lucky to have had. And of course, we met there— not until senior year— we were an "unlikely couple"; but we had a pretty good life together (almost 60 years). 12/12/12 was our 58th anniversary. Johnny died fairly quickly and unexpectedly on May 14th last year.
Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis endowed me with a solid liberal arts education and a few very important friends. It would have been wonderful to have had my adult experience in the early fifties so that I could have taken more advantage of what was available then. And oh, what a wonderful ride I've had, building on my Brandeis roots and friendships.
Diane Needle Plotnick

Life since Brandeis...

It’s hard for me to believe that it has been sixty years since I graduated. Brandeis has had a very positive influence on my life and my experiences at Brandeis remain very special. I met my husband in the Commons of the Castle and on June twenty-seventh we will be married sixty years. We have two wonderful children and five amazing grandchildren. Life has been good. We have been blessed. Charlie and I look forward to seeing our friends at the Reunion.
Adrienne Gewirtzman Rockwood

Life since Brandeis...
Since graduation in '54 I have been a teacher, received an MS in Counseling Psychology, worked for Family and Children Service of Albany, had a private practice in career counseling, was Director of an Early Childhood Center and since 2002 joined husband Bill in founding Senior Hope - a New York State licensed Alcohol and Substance Abuse clinic for people over age 50 - the only such clinic in NYS. We have both very recently retired - Bill as Founder and Executive Director, and me as Founder and Counselor/Communications and Public Relations Director. Through all of this and 60 years of marriage, our greatest source of love, support and joy has been raising our four daughters and a son and watching our sixteen grandchildren growing and maturing into amazing adults. The icing on our cake comes in the form of 8 great grandchildren and a ninth on the way. More than ever, people often say to me, “you went to Brandeis?!?” - makes me chuckle and I still feel so proud. This is the time in life to write a book. Now that I have a bit more time, I just might.
Life since Brandeis...

A lifetime has passed since our graduation. To try to put a snapshot of my life for the past 60 years in 600 words is a daunting task. Yet, it can be summed up in just a few. Life has been good! I have a wonderful husband for over 61 years, 4 great kids, 3 wonderful daughters-in-law and 5 super grandchildren.

I’ve been retired for 5 years and now back at Brandeis for the Life Long Learning programs.

I still marvel at the changes in the world we have witnessed. In many ways the impossible has become possible. I was once in awe of some of the changes and now have adapted and accepted these as commonplace.

In the 55th reunion book I wrote “What do the next years hold for us as individuals, senior citizens, or the nation as a whole? That’s anyone’s guess. But, I hope to be around to witness some of it, applaud some of it, curse some of it, and hopefully be thankful for most of it.” That sentiment still stands.
Life since Brandeis...

I hope all Brandeisians, Class of ’54, are well, productive, and contributing citizens, and are still leading meaningful lives with growing families and friends. Happily, we were able to establish at Brandeis,

The Rosenberg Institute for Global Finance at the International Business School. The Institute has done exceedingly well in the growing recognition and expansion of IBS. I also enjoyed my 15 years on the Board of Trustees.
Shalom to all;

The last Brandeis baseball game of the 1954 season was the last time I was called “Lefty.” The day of our Commencement was the last time I was called “Tex.” I have been “Rabbi Bob” now for 54 years.

Annette (Harvard ’55) and I brought our 3 very young kids to Israel in 1962. We and they have had a physically and spiritually satisfying life here. Each of them now has 3 kids. As you are, I’m sure, we are so proud of our family. Annette has had a career as a violinst in several of Israel’s orchestras and is a leader of home chamber music.

I built a large liberal school and community center in Haifa. Please visit on your next trip to Israel. You will be pleased with how much of Brandeis’ spirit is here. Now in my 14th year of retirement, I volunteer as head of several educational boards. Annette and I travel several times a year, enriching our lives through experiencing other peoples and cultures.

Our Israel has moved to the Right, sadly. The settlement movement has succeeded in infiltrating throughout the Palestinian territory and throughout the soul of theIsraeli. We are shocked and embarrassed by the racism and inhumanity to others exhibited by our leaders. But hope for a truly democratic, pluralistic and humane country keeps us active in causes for which our 4 years at Brandeis prepared me.

I was wrong to write at the beginning that I have not been called “Lefty” since Brandeis Baseball. In fact, I am known as “lefty” here for my positions on equality and justice for women, gays, Ethiopian Israelis, Arabs, asylum seekers and the poor. I am so grateful that Brandeis confirmed what my parents in Texas had taught me about democracy and therefore proud to be known as “lefty” here in Israel.

Looking forward to our 60th in June. Hope to see you there.

Photo Captions:
-Headmaster, Leo Baeck Education Center
-Our second year in Israel (1963)
-3 children and 9 grandchildren
-Our family string quartet
-Our wedding- June 12, 1955
I was a Boston Latin History teacher. How fortunate to be in that dream position. I joined the masters a few years after the establishment of BLS by the town fathers in 1635. Ponce de Leon was my grandfather and Bob Weintraub was one of my first students.

I hope your years have been good to you and yours. Ad Multos to all. God Bless.

May our deceased classmates continue to rest in peace.

Life since Brandeis...

As we look back to our early years and as young adults, our Brandeis University Mission Statement—Truth Even Unto Its Innermost Parts—was a very good objective. We are pioneers in the distinguished history of our alma mater. We have had a continual need to do the right thing and to be truly proud and humble in recognizing our achievements and learn well the positive lessons that our mistakes create. We are a pretty good group of more mature judges still on the bench that have passed the litmus test and then some. I hope your legacy is still evolving—hopefully in a pleasant and healthy environment.
Life since Brandeis...

60 years is a very long time, but since Mal and I have always lived five miles from Brandeis it feels as if we have never left. Though Mal was not a Brandeis grad, his involvement has been great and ongoing, and I have also been active at Brandeis. We take both pride and pleasure in this. One of the things about reunion that I love is to see the reaction in those of you that have not been to the campus for a while. There are always new buildings, faculty, students and areas to see and experience. Yet, the traditions, values, the integrity, and the concept of social justice that brought us here still exist and flourish. This will be a wonderful few days for us all.

Our daughter Robin graduated in the class of 1983, and we wait to see what her two daughters, Jessica and Lila choose for their college education. (We can only hope.)

Life has been good to us; Robin and her girls live in the next town, and we are able to see each other often. This, and good health, are the important things at this point in our lives. Other family and friends as well as all that Boston has to offer make our life exciting and happy.

Enjoy our 60th, and I hope that we all are able to be back for the big 65th.
Debby Berman Siller

Life since Brandeis...

I’ve been retired since 2008 after a very rewarding career in banking. Would have continued working had the bank not been sold and over 90% of the staff terminated.

I have two children--Linda (Brandeis 1981) and Michael (Duke 1985). 3 grandchildren ages 9, 7 and 4, all of whom reside in NYC.

My husband and I have traveled extensively throughout the US and Europe and are now beginning to slow down. I keep busy with friends, adult ed classes, yoga, reading and lately have gotten hooked on Sudoku.

Two birthdays “freaked me out”.. 50 and especially 80. No turning back the clock--am just thankful to be in relatively good health. Losing two very close friends, Joan Rubenstein Freeman and Joan Sharaf Felleman was very painful.

Can’t make the reunion, but I’ll be there in spirit.
Life since Brandeis...

Just to keep up with last 10 years, my world is mostly surrounded by Japanese netsuke. Lectured to large crowd of BUNWC men and women in 2014. Did the same at the International Netsuke Conventions in Honolulu '04, San Francisco '05 and LA '11.

I was featured at the Fowler Museum at UCLA with a special exhibition and catalogue in '07. I am Toledo born and reared; our Museum still ranks among the top 10 in the USA. In 2010, the Museum opened “Life in Miniature, Netsuke from the Silverman Collection” with a full colored companion catalogue with 226 pieces called “Adornment in Clay.” Last October the Museum opened a complete gallery of just netsuke with 400 from my collection out of 500 now permanently displayed.

LACMA (LA County Museum of Art) is the only other American museum that has a permanent gallery devoted to netsuke. The Met, Boston, etc. have great collections but they only display them rarely. Their collections are much smaller than LACMA and Toledo which has already published 2 catalogues with my netsuke.

I also received the Silver Kirin in 2011 from the International Netsuke Society given bi-annually for “outstanding contribution to netsuke.” I’m the 15th recipient of this “Nobel of Netsuke.”

In 2008, I was given the Presidential Bush (ugh) Volunteer Service Award for “outstanding service to the community.” I’m in my 12th year as a volunteer at the LA County Sheriff’s West Hollywood Division front desk every Saturday night.

My 2 great loves are still the TMA and Brandeis!!

I was able to accomplish most of my achievements listed above and take 7 yearly trips to Asia every October/November with a walker after 2 more failed back operations.

Really looking forward to seeing all of you and wish I could fake it without the walker. Otherwise I look good. Still have my hair natural with little gray, slim and don’t look 82 - maybe only 72!
Barbara Herrnstein Smith

Life since Brandeis...

Born in New York City, I spent my teen years absorbed by science, music, contemporary poetry and left-wing politics. I attended City College in New York for two years before transferring to Brandeis, where I learned about American history from Max Lerner, about American poetry from Milton Hindus, about “the political novel” from the exemplary New York Intellectual, Irving Howe, and about Shakespeare and the rigors of scholarship from the formidable J. V. Cunningham.

During those years, I became close friends with Pamela Lerner, the very gifted, often sad, daughter of Max Lerner. Her senior honors project in 1954, an oil painting of figures on horseback—richly worked, perfectly composed—hangs in my living room to this day. It was a gift from her husband Joe after Pam died—short, I think, of her thirtieth birthday.

After graduating in ’54, I stayed on at Brandeis to get an MA in English and American Literature, engrossed at the time with Henry James and Wallace Stevens. (For some classmates, I recall, it was D. H. Lawrence; for the philosophical types, it was Ernst Cassirer). I returned a few years later to study for my doctorate, ostensibly as a scholar of sixteenth-century literature but already a closet theorist of language and literature.

My first job (not counting a stint teaching English at a foreign-language school) was at Bennington College in Vermont, where I spent the 1960s teaching literature, completing my dissertation, giving some time to the nascent movement for “women’s liberation” and (then in a second marriage) raising two daughters. The dissertation, titled Poetic Closure: A Study of How Poems End, was published in 1968. It won a couple of national prizes and brought me the offer of a job from the University of Pennsylvania.

I taught at Penn from 1972 to 1987, initially at the Annenberg School of Communications and later in its graduate program in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory. Articles and lectures on questions of language and value became two books, On the Margins of Discourse and Contingencies of Value: Alternative Perspectives for Critical Theory. The latter has been well received but was referred to by one conservative journalist (not altogether incorrectly) as “a bible of relativism.”

I moved to Duke University in 1987, notorious in those days for intellectual and political radicalism (Stanley Fish and Fredric Jameson were among my colleagues). My own interest in debates over objectivity, relativism and, later, the relations between the sciences and the humanities led to two more books, Belief and Resistance: Dynamics of Contemporary Intellectual Controversy, and Scandalous Knowledge: Science, Truth and the Human.

I joined the faculty of Brown University in 2003, alternating semesters at Brown and Duke until my retirement from teaching in 2011.

Professional honors along the way include membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and election as an honorary fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Terry Lectures that I gave at Yale University in 2006 were published as Natural Reflections: Human Cognition at the Nexus of Science and Religion.

What I remember most clearly about my undergraduate years at Brandeis was the combination of intense intellectuality and a strong sense of social and political responsibility that I encountered in many faculty and classmates. It’s a combination of qualities that, in the years since, I’ve appreciated in friends, colleagues and students and been glad to see displayed in good measure in my daughters, my grandson and my granddaughter.
Richard (Dick) Smith

Life since Brandeis...
Where to begin? You see, I occupy a unique position in the Class of ’54. I was there before Brandeis came into existence. While living nearby in Waltham, from an early age, I spent much of my spare time roaming around just about every foot of the original 100 acres of Middlesex University, the precursor to Brandeis University. For an adventureous young boy, it was a paradise with a multiplicity of things to see, to do and even to learn from. There were castle towers to climb, steampipe tunnels to explore and a landscape of woods, small ponds, an abandoned quarry and a nearby reservoir to enjoy. Also, I was once able to watch the immense airship, the Graf Zeppelin, cruise majestically over the Charles River and the City of Waltham.

So, with a grandfather, Dr. John Hall Smith, a true visionary, who created and founded Middlesex University (including the landmark Castle structure) with its Medical and Veterinary Medical schools, and a father, C. Ruggles Smith, who both assumed the presidency to replace his ailing father, and later went on to become “the midwife at the birth of Brandeis University” (taken from the content of his Honorary Degree Presentation), I can only say that I am thankful to have been a witness to the Middlesex/Brandeis continuum and most proud to be a member of the third graduating class from Brandeis University and a recipient of a full tuition scholarship in the name of my grandfather, Dr. John Hall Smith.

I joined the Navy Reserve while at Brandeis and shortly after graduation requested activation. I first served for a year as a Photographic Specialist on the aircraft carrier USS Midway (CVA-41) which circumnavigated the globe and then became the Flag Ship for the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific. Later, I transitioned to NAS Miramar, CA and lastly to the NAS on the island of Guam before my discharge.

In my post-military professional career I was employed by both major corporations and large institutions of higher learning in positions of college placement and career counseling, engineering and technical recruitment and corporate coordination of college relations and recruitment. Lastly, I spent 15 years of pre-retirement experience as the Founder and President of a Human Resources and Career Consulting Group with offices in 2 Connecticut towns.

I consider myself to be an involved and active contributor, a staunch liberal, an adventurer and romanticist, and a bit of a non-conformist. My college major in American and British Literature and Biology minor are indicative of the dichotomy of my lifelong interest in both the arts and sciences.

I am now long divorced but have been rewarded (for the most part) by some 20 near consecutive years of marriage to three beautiful and most remarkable women. There were plenty of good years and lasting friendships. My Austrian wife, Trauda, graced our marriage by presenting me with two priceless children (a boy and a girl) now in their 40’s, who have made me a proud grandfather of five.

P.S. My most favorite professors were Dr. Robert Edwards, Thomas Savage and Leo Bronstein. Also, I’m a collector of both fine and primitive art, I love Thai food, classical music, miniature donkeys and biplanes.
Fred K. Sondheimer, MD

Life since Brandeis...

Have had an interesting professional career in Radiology which included a long association with the UCSF Medical Center, major technological revolutions (CT scans, MRI) and leadership roles in State and Professional Societies. My greatest achievement is my three wonderful and productive children and two charming grandchildren. I have been lucky with marriages in that I have found two (at different times) outstanding women. I continue my education by auditing excellent and stimulating courses at UC Berkeley in music and art history.

I feel very fortunate to have landed in the San Francisco Bay Area - stop in and say Hello!
My wife of over 60 years, Rozelin ‘53, and I have three children and four grandchildren. From the Jewish Theological Seminary I received a Master of Hebrew Letters, Rabbinical Ordination and Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa).

Life since Brandeis...

I served as a pulpit rabbi, professional hospital chaplain, director of Jewish education, lecturer, personal and family counselor, and cantor. I also was a member of advisory boards, a public library trustee, and an instructor in youth and adult Jewish education. I was also a merchant. My artistic activity included copper embossing and paper cuts.
Life since Brandeis...

I met Ira the first day at Brandeis in September of 1950. We have been very happily married for 59 years. In previous yearbooks we have told about our lives to that point and how important Brandeis was in our lives and the lives of our children—all of them Brandeis graduates.

Ira taught philosophy at Oberlin College after receiving his PhD from Harvard in 1961 (2 years in the Army in Korea before that). He spent the last 12 years at Oberlin as a Dean in the College of Arts & Sciences.

We now live at Kendal at Oberlin, a Continuing Care Retirement Center. There is so much to do here that we are busier than when we worked. Ira does volunteer taxes for AARP, chairs the Computer Users Committee, is Treasurer of the Kendal Residents Association and is President of a 5 county Child Care Resource Center.

Priscilla taught first and second grade for 20 years after the children were in school. She retired in 1988 and then worked part time as Director of the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce where I got to know the county well. At Kendal, I chair the Third Thursday Lecture Series where we have well known speakers from the Cleveland area talk on many varying topics. I am on several committees and spent untold hours over the summer and fall for the celebration of Kendal’s 20th Anniversary.

We were fortunate enough to travel a lot spending a year in Oxford, England and a year in Palo Alto. Shorter trips took us to most of the U.S. and everywhere in Europe, as well as Russia (before the breakup), Turkey, Peru, Ecuador and for 4 months in China. Since Ira was teaching in Kunming, southwest China, we got to see wonderful non-touristy parts of the country and the usual spots after that.

Our oldest Daniel, Brandeis 1981 -math major lives in Shaker Heights near Cleveland and travels around the world teaching executives how to write Apps for the iPad and iPhone. He is self-employed. His wife, Kim Diemert is a speech pathologist. They now have one daughter, Maggie, a high school senior who has been accepted early decision to Haverford College. We tried to push Brandeis! We lost her sister Elena in 2006 (age 7) suddenly from bacterial meningitis.

Jill, Brandeis 1983-art history and studio art major, recently moved from Seattle to Chicago. She is a computer writer and editor and recently did all the online publicity for United Airlines when they combined with Continental.

Ethan, Brandeis -1985-psychology major, lives in Santa Monica. He works in the financial world and has joined 3 others to form their own company. His wife Rona Rodrig develops websites for clients. They have one son, Eli who is 9 in 3rd grade and loves all sports.

So you see what one majors in does not always lead to a lifetime career in that field.

We are really very healthy. I just had my second hip replaced in an easy surgery and Ira got hearing aids this week. We know by looking at and hearing from our friends and their various problems that we are fortunate to feel so great.
Life since Brandeis...

Where do I begin to describe what it was like having just turned 17 and starting life at a new university, being a pioneer. In one word—“Fabulous.” My roommate and I have known each other since we were eight years old, neither of us knowing that we had applied and were accepted at Brandeis until we spoke about college one day. Thus began four years of happiness, heartache, learning and listening, showing off our wonderful new school to the many visitors—meeting Eleanor Roosevelt, Max Lerner, Leonard Bernstein among others and of course Benny Friedman, esteemed football coach. Then there was “Saldis”—the place to meet, eat pizza and drink beer for which I never acquired a taste to this day. The “HiCharlie” shows and the wonderful guys on the basketball team with whom we became very friendly. They were a very caring group of boys who made sure that we never sat home alone if we didn’t have a date on a Saturday night. Then there was the music and gathering in the commons room with Hal Gelstein at the piano and Bobby Griffin playing bass and singing in that mellow voice of his. How lucky I was to have been accepted at this special school.

I married my love—Burt Stern—a year after graduation and we will celebrate our 59th anniversary in April—had three daughters, the youngest of whom—Julie, also a Brandeis graduate ’86—who pitched for the girls softball team for 4 years and brought them close to the championship.

I worked for my husband for a while and became a travel agent, but when my daughters married and had children they became my priority, all grown up now of course and still a priority.

So, here it is 60 years later and I am writing this from California having just had a lovely visit with my roommate Natalie, or as we were known “The Schvesters” (the sisters). “Go Brandeis!”
Life since Brandeis...
   I am a retired teacher and currently living in Mission Viego, California.
Life since Brandeis...

I’ve had a rich life, not in wealth, but in experiences as a teacher, track coach, Fulbright recipient to teach in the Netherlands, and professor with the title of Professor Emeritus from one of the state’s (Massachusetts) community colleges. Also, thanks to my education and experience at Brandeis, my master’s thesis was an original interpretation of two of Hawthorne’s works: *Hawthorne’s Use of the Philosophy of the Imperfect in His Evaluation of Evil*.

For 39 years, I have been an active member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, responsible for award winning publications and the local lighthouse, the latter for 20 years.

 Needless, to say there is a lot to be added between the lines of the above statement.
Hello classmates,

I am retired from dentistry and enjoying tennis, reading, attempts at sculpture, crossword puzzles, grandchildren (four) and going to Florida for the winter.

I will try to attend this reunion and hope to see all of you.
I've been a daily mediator for 30 years. At 81, I have no serious health problems. Oops! How could I forget? I've been a very active volunteer at my synagogue.

Life since Brandeis...

I've had an incredibly fortunate life in every way, including 59 years wed to my best friend, 5 wonderful adult children, and 3 wonderful grandchildren.

In my retirement from a fulfilling career, I have been doing creative things: Writing, composing, piano, needle-point design, and stitching.
In Memoriam

Let us remember those classmates, who are no longer with us, but will always be a part of us.

Marilyn J. Adler
Carole Joyce Barry
Peter Akulin Bokat
Phyllis Hirsch Boyson
Edward Brooks
Judith Gamoran Chernin
Richard L. Collins
John Crowley
Miriam Feingold d’Amato
John A. Danis
Raymond P. Doherty
Robert A. Domozych, Sr.
Annette Kaplan Dorf
Rima Drell Reck
Muriel Gash Duffy
Sanford Engelberg
Phyllis Coan Farmelant
David B. Feldman
Joan Sharaf Felleman
Harvey Fields
Joan Rubinstein Freeman
Herbert J. Ginsberg
Hannah Friedman Goldberg
Rosamond Brown Goldberg
Edward Goldfader
Morton L. Goldfader
Sidney Goldfader
Ernest Goldstein
Philip T. Goldstein
Marie Gordean
Robert T. Griffin
Mitchell Guttenplan
Carol Sabin Heller
Irma Weinberg Hoffman
Judith Bleich Kahn

Miriam Lee Kaprow
Esther Rachel Kelly
Jolie Brockman Kinsolving
Frank Marvin Lander
Sidney Mael
Donald Menchel
Martin M. Mintz
John D. Morelli
Peter Nadash
George R. Nemetz
Ruth Fleg Pearlmutter
Raoul Nahum Peizer
Judith Ritter Petzold
Minnie Freedman Piha
Michael Rapport
Arnold Razin
Sidney J. Rosenthal
Nadav Safran
Adrian W. Salinger
Irma Stolin Sandler
Clark Timothy Sawin
Pamela Lerner Schofield
Frank R. Sherman
Franklin Siegel
Anne Hessler Smith
Arnold Spishandler
Donald E. Stapleton
Sylvia Herman Svonkin
Lawrence Tattenbaum
Jules Teitelbaum
B. Terri Trieger
Reid Watson
A. David Weisgal
Chester Herbert Wolk