CLASS OF 1959
55TH
REUNION
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

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May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1959,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 55th 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
Special Thanks

On behalf of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, we would like to thank the members of the Class of 1959 Reunion Committee:

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**Barbara Esner Roos**
Pop Culture
- Academy Award, Best Picture: Marty
- Elvis Presley enters the US music charts for first time with “Heartbreak Hotel”
- Black-and-white portable TV sets hit the market
- My Fair Lady opens on Broadway
- The Wizard of Oz has its first airing on TV
- Videocassette recorder is invented

World News
- Winter Olympics are held in Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy
- Summer Olympics are held in Melbourne, Australia
- Suez Crisis caused by the Egyptian Nationalization of the Suez Canal
- Prince Ranier of Monaco marries Grace Kelly

US News
- Alabama bus segregation laws declared illegal by US Supreme Court
- Autherine Lucy, the first black student at the University of Alabama, is suspended after riots
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 signed into law for the construction of 41,000 miles of interstate highways over a 20-year period

Books
- John Barth - The Floating Opera
- Kay Thompson - Eloise
- James Baldwin - Giovanni’s Room
- Allen Ginsburg - Howl

Movies
- Guys and Dolls
- The King and I
- Around the World in Eighty Days

Economy
- Gallon of gas: 22 cents
- Average cost of a new car: $2,050
- Ground coffee (per lb.): 85 cents
- First-class stamp: 3 cents

Died this Year
- Connie Mack
- Tommy Dorsey
- Jackson Pollock

1956
**World News**

- Soviet Union launches the first space satellite Sputnik 1
- Soviet Union launches Sputnik 2. On board is the first animal to enter space - a dog named Laika
- Asian Flu pandemic claims over 150,000 lives worldwide

**Pop Culture**

- Academy Award, Best Picture: Around the World in 80 Days
- Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story debuts on Broadway and brings violence to the stage
- American Bandstand makes its network debut on ABC
- Leave It to Beaver premieres on CBS

**US News**

- Peak of the Baby Boomer years
- Martin Luther King Jr. leads nationwide resistance to racial segregation and discrimination in US
- Toyota starts selling cars in the US
- The “Little Rock Nine” integrate Arkansas high school. Eisenhower sends troops to quell a mob and protect the students after Governor Orval Faubus defies federal order
- Portable Radar Devices used to enforce speed limits

**Books**

- Dr. Seuss – *Here and Now*
- Ian Fleming – *From Russia with Love*
- Jack Kerouac – *On the Road*
- Denise Levertov – *The Cat in the Hat*

**Movies**

- *The Ten Commandments*
- Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley
- *The Bridge on the River Kwai*

**Economy**

- A dozen eggs: 28 cents
- Average monthly rent: $90
- HI FI Portable Record Player: $79.95

**Died this Year**

- Humphrey Bogart
- Richard E. Byrd
- Joseph McCarthy
- Arturo Toscanini

**1957**
**World News**
- European Economic Community becomes effective
- Munich air disaster leaves 21 dead, including 7 Manchester United Players
- The Great Chinese Famine begins in 1958 and ends in 1961 causing the death of nearly 30 million people from a combination of natural disasters and poor planning

**Pop Culture**
- Academy Award, Best Picture: The Bridge on the River Kwai
- Alvin Ailey establishes the American Dance Theatre
- Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army
- The Hula Hoop hits the market

**Movies**
- Vertigo
- Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
- South Pacific

**TV Shows**
- Candid Camera
- The Ed Sullivan Show
- The Jack Benny Show

**US News**
- The Recession of 1958 causes over a 7.0% increase in unemployment
- Army’s Jupiter-C rocket fires first US satellite, Explorer I, into orbit
- The US Supreme Court rules unanimously that Little Rock, AK schools must integrate
- NASA is formed
- US Nuclear Submarine “Nautilus” passes under Ice Cap at North Pole

**Economy**
- Average cost of new house: $12,750
- Average monthly rent: $92.00
- Average yearly wages: $4,600
- Gallon of gas: 25 cents

**Books**
- Truman Capote – *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*
- Jack Kerouac – *The Subterraneans, The Dharma Bums*
- Theodore Roethke – *Words for the Wind*
- Leon Uris – *Exodus*

**Died this Year**
- Robert Donat
- Alfred Noyes
- Norman Bel Geddes

1958
### World News
- An international agreement is signed to preserve Antarctica
- Cuban President Batista resigns and flees
- Fidel Castro assumes power
- Tibet’s Dalai Lama escapes to India

### US News
- Alaska becomes the 49th state
- Hawaii becomes the 50th state
- The Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in New York City is completed
- Boeing 707 Jet Airliner comes into service cutting 8 hours from transatlantic flight
- US Launches first Weather Station in space
- Xerox launches the first commercial copier

### Movies
- Room at the Top
- Ben Hur
- Some Like It Hot
- Anatomy of a Murder

### TV Shows
- Bonanza (the first weekly television series broadcast completely in color)
- Juke Box Jury
- The Huckleberry Hound Show

### Economy
- Gallon of gas: 25 cents
- Average cost of a new car: $2,200
- Movie ticket: $1.00
- Loaf of bread: 20 cents
- Kodak movie camera: $67.50

### Died this Year
- Lou Costello
- Cecil B. De Mille
- Mel Ott
- Frank Lloyd Wright

### Pop Culture
- Academy Award, Best Picture: Gigi
- The US Grammy Music Awards are started
- Frank Sinatra wins his first Grammy Award: Best Album - Come Dance with Me
- The Sound of Music, opens on Broadway
- "The Day the Music Died": The chartered plane transporting musicians Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper goes down in an Iowa snowstorm, killing all four occupants on board
- First pictures of Earth from space are taken by Explorer 6

### 1959
### Top 10 1956

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<td>Debbie Reynolds, “Tammy”</td>
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1959
- President: Abram L. Sachar
- Commencement Speaker: Pierre Mendes-France (a French politician who served as France’s Prime Minister in the Fourth Republic)
- Tuition: $700
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term: 1,166
- Number of Graduates: 261
- Eighth Commencement Exercise

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 and Organizations: 260+
- Number of Majors and Minors: 43 and 45
Kennan, Kennedy, Saltonstall Honored at Wien Convocation
Former Envoy Speaks on Image of America

1957 Football Record
All-time Brandeis Best

Freshmen Tripled In Double Rooms

SC Protests Police Entries into Rooms

$481,000 Fund to be Used for Scholarships

Begin Construction on Faculty Center
New Men's Dorm To Open in Fall

S. U. President Speaks

 Forty New Members Named To Brandeis Faculty This Fall

Professional School To Open in 1959-60

Student Dress Issue Raised Again by S.C.

Men's Quadrangle Library Being Erected On Campus

Tuition Raised 25% in Surprise Move

Brandies Cuts Tuition; Ends Football

Little Rock Board Overruled; Integration Must Go Forward

$3000 Grants Announced For 100 Foreign Students
Graduates to Hear Mendes-France
300 Receive Degrees

University Granted
3 Major Donations
The University has received
three major monetary gifts
which will provide a six-year
endorsement in Business, a
comprehensive law school, and
a museum of art and sculpture.
A $250,000 gift from Mr. and
Mrs. Samuel J. Smith will
provide a six-year endorsement
in Business. A comprehensive
law school will be developed.

66 Awarded B.A. With Honors!
Academic Merits Recognized

At the annual meeting on Thursday, June 1, Dean Kaufmann announced the names of
66 students who are candidates for honorary degrees, as selected by the Board of
Trustees. These students will graduate at commencement time. Those
named are: William S. L. Leventhal
and William M. F. Leventhal, with Distinction in Graduate
Sciences; Bruce Wald, with Distinction in Music; John C. Reynolds, with
Distinction in Philosophy; and Anthony J. Spinosa, with Distinction in
Psychology.

54% of Senior Class Continues Education

Close to half of all members of the senior class are planning
to graduate in two years. The other members of the class are planning
to graduate in one year. The majority of the students with
their majors in Education, History, English, Economics, and
Psychology.

Beauty and Brawn Chicago Criteria:
Klamptown Revamps Educational Ideals

The academic year is about to come

Dear Roche
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Life since Brandeis...

I was graduated from Brandeis U with Distinction in June of '58, in three years, in order to marry and thus prevent my future husband from being drafted into the US Armed Forces after his graduation from Columbia U. Law School. The Viet Nam War was of great concern at the time. We were married August of '59. While my husband served his tour of duty in the National Guard, I earned my MA degree from NYU Graduate School of Education in October of '59 and began teaching Spanish at Stuyvesant H.S. in NYC.

We waited five years before starting a family in which time I also taught classes in French and Italian. Son David was born in 1963; graduated from Vassar College and has lived in San Francisco these last 20 years. He is a very successful executive in the marketing of technology products. By age 35 David was appointed Senior International V.P. of Promotion for Oracle. He now has his own marketing company and is married to Celia Canfield.

Daughter Cara was born in 1966 and graduated from Tufts University with Honors. She is an outstanding beauty and fitness industry professional, becoming Elle magazine’s Director of Beauty & Fitness. After many successful years at Elle, unfortunately Cara developed breast cancer which halted her career. Gratefully, she is now recovering. Cara has been married to Andrew Kagan for 21 years and they reside in Riverdale, NY.

Our family lived in Teaneck, NJ for twenty years where I no longer taught. I began researching and recording Jewish history by completing two textbooks for local yeshivas - “The Immortals - The Story of 10 1/2 Jewish Women Whose Genius Made History,” and “The Effects of the American Presidency from Washington to Nixon.” The town then requested that I write “The History of the Jews of Teaneck (NJ),” commemorating its Bicentennial. Unfortunately all three books are no longer in print.

When my marriage ended in 1984 I returned to teaching. Budget cuts made teaching positions scarce so I changed careers. For fourteen years I was Director of P.R. and Student Worker Programs for long term care facilities. My work career ended with a tenure appointment to the Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, N.J., a high school for gifted students that included advanced placement courses and summer trips to Spain. Olé.

My hobby during these many decades has been active participation in Sephardic organizations, attending and lecturing at several university conferences on Sephardic history and customs, even one at Brandeis U. Exceptional personal travel experiences, including several opera tours of Italy (one during the Verdi Centennial) and of Eastern Europe, rounded out a productive life. I visited family who lived in Istanbul for many generations. How wonderful it was to visit Kastoria, Greece, which is my father’s hometown, but so sad to learn that only one Jewish family now resides there.

I am now retired and enjoying the climate and lifestyle of Laguna Hills, CA.

Attending Brandeis U. enriched my life enormously. It not only taught me subject matter, but how to continue teaching myself. All my professors were inspiring, especially those of the Music Dept. and with the exception of Physical Science 101 (which I was just too incompetent to appreciate it). I admired Dr. Denah Levy Lida very much, especially as a Sephardic woman of her generation who had earned a Ph.D.

My head shot is from 1/14 - 76 yrs of age.

My second photo is of my son David Appelbaum and wife Celia Canfield.

My last photo is of my daughter Cara Appelbaum Kagan with husband Andrew Kagan.
David Ball

Life since Brandeis...

Now that I’ve retired from teaching at Smith College and our two grown sons live in San Francisco, I mostly work as a translator of French literature with my wife Nicole Ball. I’ve signed six book-length translations since my retirement, most collaborations. Two exceptions: Jarry’s proto-Dadaist *Ubu the King* in the Norton Anthology of Drama (just me) and Jean Guéhenno’s Diary of the Dark Years, 1940-1944, a remarkable diary of life in occupied Paris which I translated, annotated and introduced: Oxford U.P. will be putting it out May 1, 2014. I really recommend our translation of Lola Lafon’s *We Are the Birds of the Coming Storm* that Sea Gull Books will be publishing this May. A wile anarchist-feminist novel that reads like autobiography, whereas we know a lot of this never happened.

We spend our time between Northampton and San Francisco, where our grandchildren draw us like magnets, and Paris, where we love our neighborhood—“ours” because we have a little apartment there—in the 20e arrondissement.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Maury Stein for great teaching. But also Irving Howe (another great teacher), and Marcuse, a great intellectual. Those were the days.
Marilyn “Micky” Goretsky Becker

Life since Brandeis...

Education:
B.A. Brandeis Univ. Major Music and Theater Arts
M. Ed. Lesley University, Elementary Education 1960
Cantorial Studies, Hebrew College, Boston
Independent Cantorial Studies, Boston Area
Cantorial Investment and Certification, Cantors Assembly, 2000

Work Experience:
Served Cong. Adat Hadrath Israel, Hyde Park, MA as Cantor 12 years
Served Temple Emmanuel, Haverhill, MA three years
Created and Developed Cantorial outreach program, Life Cycle Outreach. Serve as Director and Cantor and Kolbo serving the Jewish Community in Greater Boston Area, N.Y., Florida and Hawaii (www.lifecycleoutreach.com)...Still actively working!!!!!!

Family:
In Boston. Selected in 2012 and 2013 as a Super Lawyer by Boston Magazine. Wife Debra Mahler Becker
Daughter Allison Becker Pollock, first grade school teacher Medfield Ma 20 years. Husband Jeffrey Pollock
Four wonderful grandchildren, oldest of whom Jason Becker Pollock graduating from Newton South H.S. June, 2014 to attend UVM fall 2014, College of Engineering.
Andrew Harris Pollock, age 13, student at Brown Middle School, excellent athlete
Dory Madeline Becker, age 15, sophomore at Westwood H.S., Varsity Volleyball, looking forward to Israel trip with the Cohen Camps, summer 2014
Leah Rose Becker, age 12, dancer, artist and looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah June, 2014
As my dear mother would say..."Let them all be well"!!

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Brandeis taught me to always continue to grow and to learn, to have an open mind and that education never ends. I hope I have taught my students and my family that very important concept which can be life altering.

In the past three years, my career has taken a new path, that of serving as clergy aboard cruise ships for the Jewish Holidays. This year, we look forward to being aboard a Celebrity Cruise Ship for the High Holidays, sailing from Vancouver to the Hawaiian Islands....two weeks of a delightful cruise while helpng Jewish folk to celebrate our holidays.

Last year we had the delightful surprise of meeting Judy Yohay Glazer and her husband on Princess for Chanukah.

The four photos I have included are from cruises where I served as clergy officiating at the High Holiday services aboard the Princess and Celebrity Cruise Ships on the Mediterranean Sea and Alaska Inside Passage is 2012 and 2013.
My first photo is of me holding the Torah.
My second photo is of me leading the liturgy.
My third photo is of me leading the services on the Princess Cruise Ship.
My final photo is of Stan and me after the service.
Stephen Berger

Life since Brandeis...

I am presently Chairman and a Founder of Odyssey Investment Partners, a Private Equity Firm that is presently investing our fifth fund. Over the past 5 decades I have worked in financial services, higher education and the public sector serving as Chief Executive Officer of both private and public organizations, board member, corporate director, private equity investor, university professor and chair of government commissions.

My public service career began as Executive Assistant to Congressman Jonathan Bingham. I served as Executive Director of two major commissions under Governor Nelson Rockefeller: The New York State Study Commission of New York City, which predicted New York’s fiscal crisis and the Commission of Critical Choices for Americans.

By Presidential appointment (Carter and Reagan) I served as Chairman of the United States Railway Association, the US Government's banker for structuring Contain’s emergence from bankruptcy.

I served as New York State Commissioner of Social Services responsible for welfare, medicaid and social services, as Executive Director of the New York State Emergency Financial Control Board for New York City during the height of the City’s financial crisis in 1976 and 1977; member of the Board and Chairman of the finance committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

I was Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from 1985-1990, responsible for directing New York and New Jersey’s airports, port facilities, interstate network of tunnels, bridges and commuter trains and real estate investment including the World Trade Center.

And finally: Chairman of New York State Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, 2005-2007 which resulted in the first major restructuring of NY State’s Health Care System in decades. Chairman of New York State Governor’s Task Force on Health Care Reform, 2003-2005 which laid out a template for health system reform. Member of the Governor’s Medicaid Redesign Team 2010-2011 and chairman of the MRT Health System Redesign - Brooklyn Work Group which proposed a redesign of Brooklyn’s hospitals and primary care facilities.

Prior to the founding of Odyssey Investment Partners I was a partner at the original Odyssey Partners. I was also executive vice president of GE Capital and had been chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Guarantee Insurance Company.

I held an appointment with the rank of Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University from 1977-1984.

I have always been grateful for New York City’s fiscal crisis in the 70’s. One of my colleagues (then at New York State Correction Department) was Cynthia Wainwright. We and the city survived that crisis and Cynthia and I got married and have just celebrated our 36th anniversary. Cynthia’s business and government careers have been capped by her commitment to philanthropic service. She presently serves as President of the Churchill School and Center, President of The Bridge and is President Emerita of The Children's Museum of the Arts in Soho.

Last November, our oldest daughter Robin, a graduate of Parsons, married Marco Briceno in a magical destination wedding in their new home Costa Rica. Our younger daughter, Diana is now at Landmark College in Vermont.

In the past I served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Brandeis and Chair of the Finance Committee. I am now a director of the Partnership of New York City.

Cynthia and I live in New York City and Dutchess County.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

In 1957 David Berkowitz was my Professor and Advisor. In commenting on the first paper I wrote on Dante (which later became my thesis) he made the following comment.

“For the historian the controlling limit on cynicism must be skepticism. In your situation the historian desperately needs sympathy for his subject. Proof by suggestion is no great advance over proof by assertion. Employed sparingly, it has its importance. For the rest, there must be controls on interpretation: evidence, correspondence of ideas and facts, external data, etc. The fictionist has no limits on his creativity. You still have to be honest with yourself as a historian – “How do you know it is true?”

I have carried this with me in my wallet for the past 57 years – a reminder and guide particularly in my public service career.
Life since Brandeis...

Since leaving Brandeis, I finished a Masters in Education from Queens College. I married Peter Spaulder, the father of my 2 daughters, Debbie and Mara, and we divorced after 21 years. Debbie is married to Tom and are the parents of Charlie and Jen; and Mara is married to Michael and are the parents of Rachel and Cory. In 1989, I met the love of my life, Lee Blitman, and we were together 28 years until he passed away in January 2013. We have 8 grandchildren ranging in age from 12 to 24 and each one is very special.

I’ve lived in a number of places--growing up in Queens, then moving to Chicago, IL then Westfield, NJ then Highland Park, IL then Rosemont, PA then Center City, Philadelphia then N. Bethesda, MD and now a snowbird in Boynton Beach, FL alternating with 5 months in East Windsor, NJ

Lucky to have travelled extensively--covering all 50 states and many countries. This summer going to Greece with my grandson, Cory--my Bar Mitzvah present to him. Had a successful career, first in the supermarket industry. I was Director of Marketing Research for Food Fair/Pantry; The majority of my career was in Medical Publishing. I worked for a division of CBS Publishing, W.B. Saunders, and was responsible for Marketing, International Sales ; Left to join U.S. Pharmacopeia where I was VP of Sales and Marketing. I had my own consulting company for several years until I joined Jack Farrell Associates as VP doing Executive Search in Publishing. I’ve continued that until December 2013 when I decided to celebrate my 75th birthday in January with full retirement. Over the years I’ve been involved in Women’s American ORT as President, and served on the condo and HOA Boards of the places I’ve lived. I enjoy bridge, golf, travel, theater, reading, museums, walking & gardening. Last, but not least, I enjoy many wonderful friendships including several of my classmates from Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

My life in 600 words or less? It’s quite a daunting task. My life has been generally very happy and very satisfying. My late husband Harvey and I met at a mixer on campus, married a week after graduation and had three terrific children, including one Brandeis graduate, class of ’88. While the children were growing up I received an MA in Library and Information Science, and then studied Computer Science. When I returned to work, it was as a Systems Analyst—and I thoroughly enjoyed the years I spent writing business systems for a small computer service bureau. I am now retired, living the good life in Sarasota, Fl. My children all have MBA’s, and are all married and living their lives happily and productively. I have seven fabulous grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 23. I am currently the Vice President of Youth Education for my Temple, responsible for coordinating education for all children ages 18 months through 18 years. The position has been very rewarding, as is my work on the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Temple. I am also a member of the board of our local Brandeis National Committee chapter and the Sarasota Opera Guild. In addition, I now have a man in my life, Stanley Kissel. We are very much aware of how fortunate we have been to have found our wonderful relationship and we love being together. We look forward to continuing to enjoy living our lives—playing bridge and attending concerts, theater, ballet, etc. In addition, Stan has a home on Martha’s Vineyard where we spend much of the summer when not traveling.
Life since Brandeis...
Continued studies at Harvard (MA) and Oxford (Dipl. Ethnology and Pre-History). Traveled to over 80 countries. Parent of actor (LA), lawyer (LA) and film director (NYC). Currently working and seeing a lot of theater. Studied various languages including Arabic, Yiddish and Hebrew. Attend many edifying cultural events and enjoy intellectual discourse.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Beyond measure. Am very greatly indebted for the incomparable education I received.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?
Abraham Maslow - changed my world view. Also influenced by Professors Held, Marcuse and Salinger.
Debra Marsha Keshin Cohen

Life since Brandeis...

I feel like it was just recently that I attended Brandeis University, received an MS degree in Education at Yeshiva University, taught in elementary school, and then substituted in regular and special education classes. The years have mysteriously zipped by. I would love to grab some and bring them back. Each day passes by so quickly it seems important to make it special in some way. I thoroughly enjoyed my college experience, and feel proud to announce to anyone who might inquire, that I am a Brandeis graduate.

My husband, Morty and I have now been married fifty-three amazing years. We were delighted to have our children visit us to celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary. Next came a European cruise to Spain, Italy, Sicily, Croatia, and the Greek Islands, which was like a second honeymoon. Two of our three sons, Gary and Brad, are physicians. Our third son, Neil, teaches chess. We are the proud grandparents of three grandsons and finally… a granddaughter! Ave and Elisheva live in South Florida and Jared and Seth are in Birmingham, Alabama. I can’t believe I have a grandson who is a junior at the University of Alabama. I have been playing tennis for forty years. It gives me great pleasure to see that I have passed on my love of this lifelong sport to my children and some grandchildren. My son, Gary and I won three rounds of the annual Equitable Life Family Challenge National Tournament when he was eighteen. A few years ago my grandson, Jared, won the silver medal in tennis at the Maccabbi Games in Texas. His brother, Seth, won a gold medal in a different year in ping-pong, a game I’ve played my whole life and joyfully played with my sons.

The Brandeis experience showed me the joy and rewards of trying something new, either alone or with others. Over the years my husband and I have enjoyed golf, photography, bridge, tennis, and backgammon. I love to sing and have enjoyed being part of my synagogue choir.

In 2005, I became an adult Bat Mitzvah. To keep the memory of that special day alive, I have been reciting my Bat Mitzvah portion for the last nine years.

I have always enjoyed helping others and supporting the state of Israel. Upon returning from a trip to Israel in 1985, I felt the need to expand my Jewish involvement, so I joined Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America. I am active in this outstanding organization of 330,000+ women, and have held many positions throughout the years, including being president of two chapters and recently, organization vice president of the Suffolk Region on Long Island. Some of the awards I have received are the chapter’s Myrtle Wreath Award for my long term commitment and the Woman-of-the-Year Award for outstanding service in a particular year. Suffolk Region presented me with the National Leadership Award.

It has given me great satisfaction to encourage others to use their talents, learn to make speeches, sing the anthems at special events, participate in skits, and attend national conventions, where I received firsthand information on current events and how they affected the state of Israel’s position at the time. How rewarding it has been for me to help raise funds to build the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, an extension of the Ein Kerem Medical Center in Jerusalem, that contains underground operating rooms in case of an on ground attack, or plan a fundraiser for 230 people featuring the renowned Israeli Scouts, or help organize Hadassah Shabbats in synagogues throughout Suffolk County! These events were all part of the commemoration of Hadassah’s 100th year anniversary. I have always felt that I was doing important work and making a difference. Hadassah has gone through turbulent times in the last several years, but this is a powerful, resourceful, organization and its hospitals at Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus, that serve all in need, will continue to provide outstanding medical care on a continuing basis.

Loir Vidor! May we set an example that will encourage our children and grandchildren to want to help ensure that Israel continues to be a beacon of light for Jewish people everywhere and may we all strive for peace in our homes, communities and throughout the world.

Although, I probably won’t be at the 55th class reunion, I want to send best wishes to all my classmates. Lochia! To life, good health, family enjoyment, and personal satisfaction! With warmest regards,
Debra Cohen
Malcolm Martin Cohen

**Life since Brandeis...**

My personal life, since leaving Brandeis, has been both complicated and fulfilling. While still an undergraduate, I met and married a wonderful, beautiful, and intelligent young woman, Marilyn Jerrow (class of ’60). Marilyn and I moved to Philadelphia, where I attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania, and where she taught History at John Bartram High School. To earn additional money over our first summer in Philadelphia, I took a “temporary” job with the US Navy at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. Marilyn and I truly enjoyed living in Philadelphia, with us both taking courses at Penn and attending lectures, concerts, and the opera. We found Philadelphia to be a large, but comfortable, city, and we took every opportunity to partake of its rich cultural and artistic heritage. In 1962, I completed my M.A. in Physiological Psychology, and in 1965, I received my Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology.

Tragically, shortly thereafter, Marilyn was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Because of Marilyn’s illness, I was desperate to obtain a job that provided good quality health insurance, and my former supervisor at the Navy Yard helped me secure a full time civil service position as a Research Psychologist. The job was stimulating and rewarding, and I was able to secure independent research funds with which to develop my skills and pursue my scientific interests. After extensive, but ultimately futile radiation therapy, Marilyn’s tumor took her life in 1967; she was 28 years old.

I pretty much immersed myself in my work, largely as an escape. My research interests began to focus on perceptual and behavioral adaptation to the altered G-forces encountered in high-performance military aircraft, and I was soon offered another civil service position at the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Pennsylvania, where the world’s largest (at that time) human-rated centrifuge was located.

Virtually at the same time, NASA was beginning to explore the anticipated effects of spaceflight on future astronauts, and my research was directly applicable to the problems that would be encountered by astronauts during launch and re-entry in Project Apollo – the first attempt to land humans on the moon.

Subsequently, I was transferred to NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, California, where I continued my studies of adaptation to altered gravity (including weightlessness). Over the years, I undertook increased organizational and management responsibilities, and received significant professional and academic recognition for my work. For several years, I was a Consulting Professor in the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department and in the Human Biology Program at Stanford University, where I taught and organized the first interdisciplinary course on “Astrobiology and Space Exploration.” Largely because of a fortunate combination of historical events and good academic preparation, I have truly enjoyed my professional career beyond any reasonable expectations.

I have since married, divorced, re-married, and retired from NASA. Although I still do some lecturing and consulting, my wife, Suzana, and I have been spending much of our time travelling to interesting and exotic places; in the past few years we have visited Antarctica, Argentina, Bora Bora, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Laos, Portugal, Tahiti, Tanzania, Thailand, Tibet, Turkey, Vietnam, and Zanzibar … and that’s only in the past few years. I still serve on advisory panels and editorial boards, and I try to remain professionally current; also, I have been trying to increase my reading in other areas that have remained an enigma to me thus far – politics, policy, and philosophy, for example - with little real progress. Still, I try.

**What impact did Brandeis have on your life?**

Brandeis was the place where I met my first wife, where I began to mature as a human being, where I developed an abiding interest in science, where I formulated life-long ideas of truth, beauty, and justice, and where I received a superb academic introduction to guide me through the rest of my life ... at least thus far.

**Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?**

The Brandeis professor who left the biggest impression on me was Herman Epstein. Dr. Epstein taught a course on the Physics of sensory systems. The course involved an examination of seminal journal articles that explored topics such as how many quanta of light were necessary for the human visual system to be stimulated, or how much energy was required for detecting a sound. His course literally changed my life, and set me in a direction that provided a foundation for my entire professional career. Dr. Epstein gently guided us in our reading of classical scientific papers, explained aspects of the papers that we had not appreciated on our own, and peppered us with probing questions and ideas that allowed us to expand our understanding. Dr. Epstein taught us what was probably the most important skill that would be needed in our later scientific careers - i.e., how to ask an intelligent question, and then to answer it.
Life since Brandeis...
I married in 1959 at the Brandeis Chapel - have 2 sons. I returned to school for a Masters in Family Childhood Development and directed a Preschool for 10 years. Subsequently, I entered a Psychoanalytic Institute and have had a private psychoanalytic practice for 33 years (hard for me to believe). My older son, Michal, graduated from Brandeis in 1982. I divorced, and remarried in 1992. Unfortunately, last year I was widowed. One of the gifts from this marriage were 2 stepdaughters and the good fortune of a larger family of our sons, daughters and grandchildren!

Widowhood has been difficult and I am still "adjusting," but the blessing of children, stepchildren, grandchildren and dear friends offers solace and pleasure. Although I have lived in New Jersey all my married lives, I often returned to Massachusetts to visit my parents and many relatives. I realize that Brandeis has grown, much changed, and, I expect, much the same in intellectual rigor and social conscience.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
At the risk of sounding overly traditional, I think my greatest achievement are my children, who are fine, honest, intelligent and kind people. I would like to think that I had something to do with that! My other “great achievement” is the early teaching of children; providing them with a good educational start - and it was fun and fulfilling!

Then - all the years of helping people with their difficulties in my therapy practice. I hope the balance is weighted on the side of positive outcomes - and that the journeys were fulfilling.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
At 18, I was shy, not confident and overwhelmed by the perceived sophistication and intelligence of the students. Most (at least in my eyes) were from New York. I was from a small town, the daughter of a fruit peddler ad beyond naive. Brandeis was the only college I applied to - I wanted some Jewish life and a school free of sororities and fraternities. In my interview, the interviewer noted that "you put all your eggs in one basket." That was the basket I wanted!

I probably never got over my lack of confidence - but I learned to think, to study, and was introduced to a world with a broader canvas than I could have anticipated.

All the eggs hatched into a world view of curiosity, discovery, and the excitement of new ideas - an impact difficult to describe but so satisfying to live.
Life since Brandeis...

At Brandeis, I was a General Science Major, taking the science courses I was interested in and skipping the others.

After graduation, I worked for a year as a research assistant doing cancer research at Boston City Hospital for Tufts Medical School. Then I got a job offer to move to Santa Monica, California at more than twice the pay and be trained as a Computer Programmer ("What’s a computer?"), I asked!

For 3 years, I worked on the Sage Air Defense System writing computer subroutines to help guide missiles to destroy attacking rockets. Then I was accepted to medical school. Meanwhile, my current husband had been courting me for over a year, and I kept saying “No, I’m going to Medical School.” But romance got the better of me and I opted to marry and take my old Computer Programming job back, and when the children were born I became a Real Estate Broker. I had my own Real Estate business in Santa Monica for 20 years.

We have had an adventurous 51 years of marriage, having a son and 2 daughters (and now, 5 grandchildren), camping, remodelling our home twice, travelling in an RV, cruising, gardening, cooking, volunteering for the Los Angeles Opera, and playing bridge. We are now enjoying retired life doing still more of the things we have enjoyed together.

My education at Brandeis gave me the tools to analyze and solve problems and the confidence to make changes when I thought it was necessary.
Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis I earned a Master’s degree in French and Spanish at Boston College on a Teaching Fellowship. I then started teaching French and Spanish at Holliston High School in Holliston, MA. I taught there for thirty-five years, and retired in June of 1986. I spent several summers at the Middlebury College French and Spanish Schools. I also was awarded government grants to attend language institutes at the University of Maine, Michigan State University and in France. I have traveled extensively in Western Europe and North America, and continue to do so. All in all, life has been good to me, and I owe it all to my four years at Brandeis.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

What I consider my greatest achievement is the fact that I helped educate two generations of Holliston students. I am very proud of that. To have helped launch young people into what hopefully will be successful lives is very satisfying.

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?

Before coming to Brandeis, I spent two years in the Army. I went in during the Korean War. I needed to be able to afford going to college. I was very fortunate in that by the time I arrived in Korea, the Armistice had gone into effect. The living conditions were basic at best. We lived in squad tents and used outdoor latrines, which were no fun, either in the bitter cold winter or the hot, rainy summer. All the while, we were grateful that no one was shooting at us. What I learned from this experience is that a person can learn to adjust to any living conditions, no matter how bad they seem, while knowing they could be worse.
Life since Brandeis...
Musing: February 18, 2014
The old red toboggan is newly patched. The duct tape applied is a floral design with vivid colors. I like the effect. I like that it marks my ownership now and my right to dive down the steep, slick hill with the young boys who tumble like my young boys who are neither here nor young anymore. It is play that I celebrate – the gift from my boys. I push off and leave a little sadness at the top. It’s all about survival now, through each moment - about wind and bumps, scrape and crunch and where to drag my boot to arc around the tree and stop before the high, linked fence at the bottom stops me. I am using all I know about my body – eyes gathering data, skeleton configured to absorb the slamming jolts of the ride - but I’m humble enough to provide my skeleton with a pad. Years of studying the Feldenkrais Method has given me a body aware of itself and an understanding that learning requires gentleness and clear senses – no small challenge for me.
That challenge was huge in my college years. Without experience in the world outside our campus, I regarded the contents of my classes as fiction about places I had never visited, events I could never witness. What would I see walking through ancient Greece or staring at an electron? It troubled me. Yet Brandeis gave me the gift of wondering. My other college was the city at the end of the long bus ride from Waltham. Boston gave me the gift of dance. It was the era of folk singing (miss you Pete Seeger) and also of international folk dance. The music of each country urged me to move in a certain characteristic way – and all of it with joy. It was the direct experience I was wanting so much.

The wondering is still strong and so is the dance. I have learned about relationship through improvisational dance, laughed a lot while swinging through contra, and discovered that dance happens among roots and rocks while hiking each summer through the White Mountains in New Hampshire.
I am amazed and so proud of what my classmates have done with their lives. I have no great accomplishments - have written no books, made no breakthroughs in medical science, saved no bodies from human rights abuses. I haven’t even met my first grandchild yet, born the day after Christmas 2013. I’ll see him soon and I’m warned it will change my life. Perhaps I’ll play again with a small boy, wonder with him about the world, and discover dance in more surprising places.
Lynn Walzer Elgart

Life since Brandeis...
Brandeis taught me that I could do anything and be successful.
After college I studied architecture at Columbia Graduate School. I was chosen to go to Barcelona to bring a large donation to save Antoni Gaudí's work.
I married Larry Elgart in 1963, 50 years ago. I was a partner in an art gallery in New York City. In 1982, when my husband had a big band hit record, I became the manager of the orchestra which meant I was responsible for lights, sound, payrolls, library, travel etc. We played venues around the world performing our concert for 25 years (i.e. Sydney Opera House).
We moved to Florida after 27 years living in Eleanor Roosevelt's last house on 74th Street.
We have written a book "The Music Business and The Monkey Business" which will be published by the end of the year.
I now design jewelry. My company is called Big Band Beads.
Thank you Brandeis.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.
Abbie Hoffman's Sub Sandwich delivery.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?
Dr Finklepearl Creative Writing. We had to write directions on How To Make A Bed.
I continue to compose, with recent and upcoming performances of my work taking place in this country as well as in London, Paris, and Leuven Belgium. A CD of my piano music is scheduled for early next year.

We both have fond memories of our Brandeis years and have had many occasions to be grateful for the educational and personal experiences we had there.

Life since Brandeis...

After graduation Adele (Umans, ’58) and I headed west. I did graduate work in composition at U.C. Berkeley, followed by a year in Milan studying with the composer Luciano Berio on a Fulbright grant, six years teaching at Tulane, and thirty-two at Temple. I retired as Professor Emeritus of Music Theory in 2001, and we have remained in the Philadelphia area. Last year we celebrated our 55th anniversary. We have one son who practices law and lives in Philadelphia with his wife and our 17-year old granddaughter.
Life since Brandeis...

After graduation from Brandeis, I went to work at Bell Laboratories, where I learned about life in the workforce and went back to school where I earned a Ph.D. in Physics at NYU. I have been married to Susan Douglas Feibus, a Brandeis girl since 1961. We begat 2 boys who begat 3 boys, so the family is expanding. My first pic shows my middle grandson, Bryce (the good-looking one), singing in a concert. A actually shot the pic (my first ever, which may mean I am getting a bit ditzy, although I really enjoyed seeing my grandson perform in his school concert. My second pic shows my oldest grandson at his graduation from USC.

Sue is no longer a girl and I am no longer a boy, but we still both function and enjoy life, as you can see from my third pic, which depicts us on a recent elephant hunt (no guns; we just captured it).

For over 30 years, I worked at Bell Labs, Con Edison and DOE. Since leaving DOE, I have done my most productive research (at least most enjoyable), aimed at improving the reliability of the NYS electric transmission grid. One of the pics shows “Control System PNC”, depicting one of my most enjoyable and productive ideas to regulate the transmission system.

I have come to enjoy and look forward to Brandeis reunions where I get to meet and greet old friends. In fact, my old roomies and I began, about 25 years ago, to schedule our own reunions, which have become more important to me, with the passage of time. See my other two pics, which are included in the Class of 1959 Collage pages. These were taken of me and my roomies and our wives (one was ill and unable to attend) at a reunion in Rehoboth. All things considered, we are a lucky bunch.

The picture used for my head shot was taken when I was selected for a Blue Yarmulke award by the Men’s Club at my synagogue. I cannot believe I deserved the award. I have never been comfortable being part of an organization; unless it was necessary to earn a living, but I was happy they thought to give me an award.

Looking back at what I wrote probably gives a pretty realistic snapshot of what I do. I am happy with doing it and hope to continue as long as I can still enjoy the kind of activities depicted, and as long as I can laugh at a good joke or an absurd situation.

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?

I worked in Poland for several years during the transition out of the Communist era and into the Westernization era. My biggest mistake was travelling back and forth about twice a month instead of moving there. Nevertheless, it was a fantastic learning experience for me, working with the Poles who were very capable, but came from a radically different background from me and my colleagues. By the end, I had made a great group of friends and felt they would fit in with guys I grew up with (and vice versa) if we had switched places. Yes, I went there with trepidation, but it was exactly the place I wanted to visit and try to understand, if I ever had the chance, given my background and the fact that my grandparents were grateful to have been able to get out of Poland.

I worked in Italy for several years. The culture in Italy was very different from my background, and different from what I experienced in Poland. I loved Italy as a place to visit. I have never met such a hospitable group of people who loved their culture and wanted to show it off. I had an occasion to travel to Japan with a couple of my Italian friends; we took some time to tour Kyoto and spent half the evening trying to find an Italian restaurant, which my Italian insisted upon.
Life since Brandeis...

Dear Class of ’59,

Since our 50th Reunion, our family has celebrated one Bar Mitzvah and one Bat Mitzvah. I’ve given up private practice prompted by the advent of the electronic medical record (emr), and am now working 2 1/2 days/week as a semi-retired Professor of Dermatology teaching and supervising residents and medical students at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine affiliated hospitals in the Bronx.

This is my 75th year and although I have no plans to fully retire, my wife and I are thinking about downsizing and leaving our home for an apartment within walking distance of a train station. We try to maintain our physical and mental health with exercise, diet, routine medical visits, reading, music, theater, travel and keeping close family ties despite geographic distance.

Our children, their spouses and the four grandkids are amazing and give Mima and Yaya Fisher the utmost of pleasure. Our travel schedule continues to be chock full of goodies with recent trips to Africa, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Turkey, Myanmar and Russia, several under the sponsorship of Brandeis. Theater in New York is as great as ever and we take full advantage of the fact that Broadway is only 35 minutes from New Rochelle. For my vocal cords and love of performing I continue to sing the music of the American Song Book in and around the tri-state area as a member of New York Cabaret Unlimited.

Life is good, the sun continues to shine and I look forward to seeing you all at our 60th.

Stay well, keep smiling and enjoy!

Fondly,

Michael
I was only at Brandeis for my senior year. I married David Folkman in 1958, following my junior year at Connecticut College, and we moved to Cambridge so that David could attend the Harvard Business School. Brandeis generously agreed to allow me to join the class of 1959 if I could meet all the graduation requirements. Between taking extra courses and commuting, I didn’t have much opportunity to meet fellow students or become engaged in campus life. That year was nevertheless memorable because of the outstanding faculty I encountered, especially in medieval and ancient near-eastern history and American literature.

In the summer of 1960 we moved to Houston, Texas where David began his post-MBA career in department store retailing. Our children arrived in 1961, 1963, 1965, and 1968, and in 1969 we moved to St. Louis. The Women’s Movement was underway and in response I began questioning expectations I had about my role, which until then had largely been about being a supportive wife and mother and a good housekeeper. The outcome was the decision to return to school. With the total support of my husband and children, I began a master’s degree in the one program I found that met evenings and weekends—four children still at home meant daytime programs were not feasible—and for which my undergraduate major in history would not disqualify me. The program was counseling psychology. Half-way through I realized I was more interested in research than in clinical work, and thus I’d need a PhD. Just as I was about to enter a PhD program at Washington University, my husband was offered a marvelous opportunity at Macy’s California. So we moved to San Francisco in the summer of 1974 and one year later I enrolled in a PhD program at the University of California, Berkeley, which I completed in 1979. I wanted to continue pursuing the question on which my PhD focused and that had fascinated me since childhood: How do people get through difficult times? It was what I call a Good Research Question; it kept me busy for the next 30 years.

After several more years at Berkeley developing theory with Richard Lazarus, a pioneer in this field, and conducting basic research on stress and coping I moved to the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF), just as the AIDS epidemic was unfolding. For the next 12 years I conducted an NIH-funded program of research on coping in the context of AIDS-related caregiving and bereavement. I was appointed to the rank of Full Professor in 1990. In 2001 I was offered the opportunity to develop a new center at UCSF, the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine and I was also named the Osher Foundation Distinguished Professor of Integrative Medicine. When I retired in 2009, the center had fully established programs in education, research, and clinical care. Thanks to the generosity of Bernard Osher, the center also had a new building that was completed just after I retired.

Throughout the 30 years of my academic life I published regularly in the field of stress and coping. I view this body of work as a product of the good fortune of being at the right place at the right time, in combination, of course, with a productive research question and work that I found deeply engaging and fulfilling. I have had the privilege of being invited to speak in more than 20 countries. This career has been deeply rewarding and certainly not what I anticipated when I left Brandeis in 1959.

Meanwhile, our four children grew up, and three married and had two children each. They are scattered across the country -- Boston area, northwest Minnesota, Napa, and Eugene, Oregon. David’s career in department store retailing went well, culminating with his role as CEO of a San Francisco-Bay area department store, the Emporium. In 1987 he moved into the area of venture capital, and after a few years he returned to operations, including several years as CEO of Esprit, He is now retired.

Throughout these decades we have always been involved in the Jewish community including our synagogue and community organizations. I have had the privilege serving as president of several boards and, most recently, as a board member of a foundation.

About 3 years ago we moved from our home of 37 years in Hillsborough, CA to a lovely condominium with great views, less than 1 mile away. We do not get to see our six grandchildren as frequently as we would like because of distance and harsh winters in two of their regions, but we do manage to keep up with their activities in between our visits. We both continue to be involved in activities related to our respective work, but we are also enjoying doing things together, including attending classes offered at Stanford, this semester on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and learning Hebrew (I am the student, David the teacher).
Shepard Forman

Life since Brandeis...
I have had a wonderfully diverse and fulfilling career as a professor of anthropology, director of programs at the Ford Foundation, founder and director of an international public policy think tank, and now a post-retirement entrepreneur manufacturing space-saving furniture for Brazil’s urban market. I have been married to Leona Shluger Forman, a journalist, UN official and Founder/president of BrazilFoundation, for 46 years. We have two children, Alexandra, a writer-translator in Rio, and Jacob, a scriptwriter in L.A. Jacob’s lifelong companion, Kristen Jackson, is a public interest lawyer specializing in immigration law. Leona and I are closing our apartment of 32 years in NY to live between Rio de Janeiro and our bi-centennial farm house in Ashfield, Mass. where we can be found summer and fall watching the pumpkins grow and ripen and the leaves color the landscape. Our number in Massachusetts is (413) 628-3314. Call and come visit!

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?
My family and I lived with an indigenous people, a Papuan language group called the Makassae, in East Timor from 1973-4 doing ethnographic research. We have had a life-long engagement with the East Timorese ever since, supporting the independence movement through the period of Portuguese decolonization and abandonment, the 27 years of brutal Indonesian occupation, the UN interregnum, and independence. Timor-Leste has in many ways been the defining reference point in our lives, has influenced my career choices and my worldview. I learned a great deal living among and studying these distinct people and their culture, living off the grid, surviving and in many ways flourishing in a dramatically different environment from anything I knew or previously imagined, let alone understood. It was a life-shaping experience.
Life since Brandeis...

After graduating in 1959, my world took unexpected turns in work, family and life.

Upon receiving an MA in East Asian Studies from Harvard in 1961, I went to Taiwan to do dissertation research in 1964. Eventually I had to get a job to support myself. I was hired by the US Government to teach China-watching (Kremlinology) to government specialists learning Chinese on Taiwan. That got me involved on and off in working for the US Government.

In 1969 the Nixon-Kissinger Security Council invited me to help prepare the president for his 1972 opening to Mao's China. In 1981, 1982 and 1983, I was a China specialist for the Congress' Foreign Affairs Committee working with Brandeis grad, Cong. Steve Solarz. In 1993-94 I worked for the Secretary of Defense. Most recently, Obama's National Intelligence Council invited me to help prepare the president for his meeting with his Chinese counterpart at the December 2009 Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change. Totally unexpectedly, things like going into Cambodia to work with guerrillas in the mountains or spending long hours with Fidel Castro, Helmut, Schmidt, Lee Kuan Yew, etc. became part of the job.

Even my academic work took me to places I never expected. I did field work in poorest parts of rural China for 30 years, including the Himalaya Mountains. This led to invitations to work on land reform from Albania to Nicaragua. Most recently, I was the main editor of an extraordinary book (Tombstone by Yang Jisheng) which vividly narrates China's Leap era famine which took the lives of over 35 million innocents. At Yang’s behest, I got the 1,100 page Chinese manuscript translated and then condensed it, reorganized it, and made it accessible to a larger readership.

My life really changed when I met Susan Stanford in January 1968. She now is the Director of the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research in the Humanities. She is the scholar in the family. And the tennis player. Our two married daughters, Ruth and Joanna, live and work in the DC area, with Ruth focused on the juvenile justice system and Joanna a lawyer specializing in employment discrimination among the security branches of the US Government. Our family has been spending part of each summer with another family on Block Island since the early 1970s. One of our grandsons died at age 3 of a genetically transmitted disease.

Having lived in Madison, Wisconsin since 1967, I became a Badger and Packer fan, purchasing season tickets to football and basketball at UW since forever. This means that Ruth and Jo, who went to games with me even before they entered kindergarten, know far more than their father about sports, and everything else, which is how it should be.

I owe much of the good stuff to Brandeis.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Two professors deeply influenced me. The first, a specialist in history of science who taught the intro on Western Civ. In introducing the feudal ages, she asked us to imagine out loud what life would have been like if we had lived in the middle ages. After everyone imagined what it would have been like to be a lord or a monk or whatever, she asked how come not one of us one could imagine being a female serf? The question still haunts me.

The other was bio-physicist Herman Epstein who was active in the Federation of American Scientists working to end nuclear testing in the atmosphere because of the deadly consequences of radiation in the atmosphere. His combination of professional work and community service seemed a model to shoot for, even if I couldn’t achieve them. Herman loved tennis and had a wicked sense of humor. We stayed friends until he died. As life should be, Herman’s was full of friends, fun and joy.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

I retired in May 2012. But I still teach Chinese foreign policy, still do related government service, and still research and write on Chinese foreign policy. I worry about, and try to do what little I can against, the war prone tendencies inside the CCP political system.
Aviva Futorian

Life since Brandeis...

After graduating Brandeis, I attended graduate school in history at U of Chicago and discovered that I was not a scholar but a dilettante -- not an auspicious beginning. But in 1964, I participated in the seminal event of my life: the Mississippi "Freedom Summer." From there I became a civil rights organizer for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee in northern Mississippi. After two years, I went to law school at the U of C and became a human rights attorney.

I currently represent long-term prisoners, train lawyers to represent prisoners at parole hearings, and work on prison reform policy issues in Illinois. I also co-founded and chair an oral history project in northern Mississippi (www.hillcountryproject.org).

From nine years until the Illinois governor commuted the death sentences of all death row inmates, I represented death-sentenced inmates at the post-conviction stages of their appeals. As a result of that representation, I became active in efforts to abolish the death penalty in Illinois, which were successful in 2011.

Previously, I was Director of the Women's Law Project, a unit of Legal Services that addressed legal problems of poor women through class action litigation and legislation, and Legislative Assistant to (former) Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman.

I'm divorced, have no children, but seven delightful great nieces and nephews. None at Brandeis yet.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?
Raymond Grew, serious dedicated history professor, unfortunately only at Brandeis for one year, then grabbed up by Princeton.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Made me appreciate how very much more there was to life than football and cheerleading.
Life since Brandeis...

Morris Weintraub and I are still feeling very lucky to share our lives together, half the year in Florida and the other half in Providence.

I now have one granddaughter in college, a grandson who will be entering in September, five more from the ages of 8 to 16 and the latest granddaughter who just turned 2.

My daughter and son-in-law, who are Brandeis graduates, are happy and successful and are living in Manhattan with their two daughters. My other three children and their families are thriving happily also.

I am now a retired Speech/Language Pathologist, but I am still enjoying doing special education mediation in Rhode Island. Other than that I spend my time supporting progressive-thinking political candidates, volunteering for Planned Parenthood, playing piano and tennis and relishing the Florida winter weather.

Life is treating me well.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Irving Massey broadened and enriched my love for reading by encouraging a deeper and more careful analysis of literature on many levels.
Donna Medoff Geller

Life since Brandeis...

I spent the first two decades of my almost 55-year marriage raising my four children. When the youngest was 9, I was approached to start an accompanying program for the Music Department at the University of Akron, a job which I held for 13 years. During that time I earned my Master of Music degree from the U. of A. and played in the Akron Symphony as its keyboardist, as well as performing the Shostakovich Concerto No. 1 for Trumpet and Piano, The Carnival of the Animals, (Saint Saens,) and the Franck Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra. I have given many lecture-recitals and collaborated on hundreds of recitals with faculty members and students.

I have been so fortunate to have met and/or studied with wonderful teachers and musicians, among them Caldwell Titcomb, with whom I remained in touch until his death.

My memories of my Brandeis years will always be cherished...

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

We live in Southwest Florida, where “the livin’ is easy.” I still play tennis and bridge, do the NYTimes crossword every day, and enjoy reading, watching good movies, and the company of my family and good friends.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

As a Mercedes and Toyota dealer, my husband had the opportunity to take many trips to Japan and Europe, which we enjoyed tremendously. We also tried to visit as many National Parks as possible and Australia and New Zealand, all of which were spectacular.
Life since Brandeis...

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Sally Marshall Glickman

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis changed my life. When I arrived on campus almost fifty-nine years ago, I had traveled less than fifty miles; yet, I entered an entirely new world. It was at Brandeis that I developed a love of the arts - theater, painting and other media, music - and encountered new ideas. It was at Brandeis that I met new friends who, to this day, remain good friends. It was at Brandeis that I found the love of my life, my husband Stanley ’58. We had a wonderful thirty-five years of marriage until his sudden death in 1994.

Together, our most important legacies are our children. Our daughter Faith, an attorney, is married to Fred, a master furniture designer. They have two sons. A.J. is a 2014 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Tyler is a junior at American University. Our son Scott, a senior operating partner at a private equity firm, is married to Marcia, an attorney. Their children are Hannah, a senior at Brown University; Sarah, a sophomore at Brandeis University (Hurray, Brandeis!); Tali, a high school senior; and Noah, a high school freshman. Blessed with a close family, I connect with at least one of them nearly every day. Also, we visit and travel together. However, it seems as if some roles are reversed, for now my grandchildren patiently instruct me, the teacher in the family, about the mysteries of twenty-first century electronics.

Retired only two years ago, I have loved seeing my students attain success. To this day, I maintain contact with many of them and hear about the wonderful paths their lives have taken. Teaching has been the mainstay of my life and, I think, another important part of my legacy.

Now that I do not have the responsibility of full-time teaching and preparation, I can take advantage of opportunities to travel more, read, attend theater and concerts, and take courses, not to mention work for Brandeis. My wander lust has lured me to different destinations including New Zealand, Israel, Russia, and China. My most recent travel was the outstanding Brandeis Pilgrimage to Poland with Dr. Antony Polonsky and President and Mrs. Lawrence. Now, I am anticipating a journey to Mexico with my Spanish class. Dare I imagine at my age staying in someone’s home where no English is spoken? This will be an adventure.

Whenever I stroll down memory lane, I feel grateful that Brandeis took a chance on me and gifted me with the opportunity to work hard in order to overcome the obstacles of a naive small-town girl making her way into a new life. To this day, I cherish my Brandeis experience although it was difficult at times. This past fall, when I visited my Sarah in Shapiro B (the same cinder block decor) and gazed out at the Kane Reflecting Pool, I thought, “Life is mysterious and strange. It works in wondrous ways. Here I am more than a half century later with Sarah, named for Stanley, where it all began.”

The photo with four people is of my daughter Faith, her husband Fred, and their two sons Tyler and A.J..

The photo with three people includes my son Scott and his wife Marcia.

The remaining photo is of five of my six grandchildren: Tyler, Hannah, Sarah, Tali, and Noah.
Judith Olef Goldner

Life since Brandeis...

I live in Lexington, MA where I have been for 50 years. I was widowed in January, 2013. My dear husband, Ron, died after a long battle with vascular dementia. I have three wonderful children and seven delightful grandchildren, ranging in age from eight to twenty-five. I am fortunate to be involved in their lives. Piano playing continues to occupy a large part of my life. I regularly play chamber music and occasionally do recitals with a cellist. I continue to teach piano. I still enjoy my involvement with the Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc., which I helped to found. It provides programs for the retarded and physically handicapped. I also volunteer as an ESL tutor for adults. I enjoy my daily long walks and weekly yoga classes. During the last few years I have enjoyed study trips to Italy, Greece, and Turkey. I am looking forward to traveling to Scandinavia this summer.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Irving Fine was my favorite professor because he taught me how to think "out of the box."

Tell us about a time when you had an unexpected encounter with another Brandeisian. Did you continue to connect with that person after that encounter?

Meeting Marilyn Goretsky Becker, who was a close childhood friend. We met unexpectedly last November when she led my sister’s funeral. It was wonderful to reconnect with her after so many years.
Arlene Levine Goldsmith

Life since Brandeis...

Following Brandeis, I received an MSW from Columbia U. School of Social Work, and a Ph.D from Fordam University School of Social Services. I have been married to Mark Goldsmith for almost 53 years, and we have twins, Scott, an attorney and Jennifer, a primary care physician at NYU. We are blessed with 4 beautiful grand-daughters, Julia, Ellie, Aidan and Lucy, all living in NYC. Our entire family went to the Galapagos to celebrate our 50th anniversary and it was a trip of a lifetime. Mark and I have been to Africa three times going on safari and visiting schools and villages.

The other passion in my life is New Alternatives for Children (NAC) which I helped to initiate in 1981. I have been the Executive Director since then. NAC serves medically complex and behaviorally challenged children and families in the child welfare arena and this year 1500 children and their families received services. The outcomes for our families are extraordinary due to my incredible staff of over 300. Mark spent his entire career in the cosmetic industry and 8 years ago founded Getting Out and Staying Out, a program which works with young men (18 to 24 year olds) at Rikers Island jail. He has substantially cut the recidivism rate and was the winner of the covete purpose prize.

We have no plans to retire at this time, as there is so much more to do with our families. I continue to treasure the four years I spent at Brandeis and the quality education we were fortunate to receive.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

I had so many professors who influenced both my professional and personal life, including Maslow, Manuel, Max Lerner, Abe Sachar, Sachs, Stein, Van Doren, and others.
Life since Brandeis...

Hi everyone,

I continue to enjoy the wonderful life I have had since leaving Brandeis. David, my husband, two daughters, one son-in-law and two grandchildren are the loves of my life. Rachelle who lives in Atlanta is a grad of U. of Maryland. Lisa resides in NYC and graduated from Brandeis in 1989. She earned her MPA at NYU. Ross's undergrad degree is from U. of Pa./Wharton and his graduate degree is from Columbia. Who knows what schools of higher learning the next generation, Joshua and Julie, will attend.

We have lived in Texas (the three largest cities 1962-1971) and Raleigh, NC ever since 1971. Volunteer work, particularly with Hadassah, has played a large role in my life. Extended family keeps me busy, but I always have time for friends both here and away, particularly my wonderful friend and Brandeis roommate Judy Yohay Glaser. Our two families have shared many visits, simchas, good times and some difficult times together.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

Volunteer work in my community, reading, attending a few classes and lectures, and trying to stay healthy occupy my time, along with keeping in touch with family and friends.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

Visiting family abroad that I had never met before was fascinating. I had heard my grandparents speak of these family members and the years they had spent together as youngsters. Getting to know each of them, their children and grandchildren was like painting in the blank spaces on a canvas.
Life since Brandeis...

I have been married to my wife Ida for 52 years. I have three children, Larry, Lisa and David and five grandchildren, Jack, Kress, Max, Raquel and Zoe. Everyone is healthy, so come visit us in Palm Beach, Florida.

My 35 year career was in plastic packaging. Now, with daughter Lisa, we sell Home Furnishing accessories to the major big-box accounts under the most popular brand in America, “Made in China.”

Hope to see you in June!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

My favorite professor was Peter Grippe, who was an Art Professor.
Life since Brandeis...

Children: Sharon Goodie, Brandeis ’85; Steven Goodie; Adam Goodie. 3 grandchildren. Post-grad degrees: MS 1962; JD 1977.
Law practice: environmental and commodity law enforcement litigation; legal services counselor; administrative law judge hearing social security disability claims. Retired 2013. Currently volunteering in a Planned Parenthood health center.
Life since Brandeis...

For me, life has consisted of two major components. The first and most important has always been my FAMILY. It was a wonderful journey, not always with the outcome I wanted, but everything is not under our control.

I met a wonderful woman, Mimi, during medical school and we married shortly after graduation and I took her to the hinterlands of the US, Cleveland Ohio. The journey begins. We had two children who were always the center of our attention and enjoyed the ups and downs of parenthood. Dinner was never served until Dad came home, Mom took off work until the boys were both in school and then returned for a graduate degree and worked from then on in her chosen field. A good deal of each summer recess was spent traveling around the US and Canada with our tents, camping and hiking gear. These turned out to be the best family vacations with each having a role in daily activities. Of course mom and dad took some time alone to travel other parts of the world as well.

I strive to remember all these wonderful times and not focus on the sad ones. Mimi passed away prematurely at 60 from the dreaded disease and Jon our oldest son joined her a few years later also of Cancer. Although I cared for Jon a good deal in the last two years we also were able to travel together and enjoy life as best we could. Our most memorable trip was a month in SE Asia, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. I cherish the pictures and memories.

My younger son Louis lives with his wife and my two grandchildren in Seattle. I visit as often as possible. Wish I were closer but there is no way I will live in the rainy NW. I cannot give up the travel bug and in the last 2 years have been to Patagonia, India, and this winter to Costa Rica.

We all had to develop our chosen CAREER. I left Brandeis and went to Medical School at SUNY Upstate, from there to Case Western Reserve University for 2 years of training and to Columbia for my last year of Residency. I joined the Berry Plan to avoid going to Vietnam and was a Pediatrician in the Air Force for 2 years suffering in Florida. I had to swim, fish and enjoy the weather and our first son as well as travelling.

After a year of suffering through Radiology training, and finally listening to Mimi’s sound advice, I accepted an offer to join the New Canaan Ct. Medical Group. We settled into the community and professionally it was satisfying for about 5 years until we decided that we were not small town folks and I longed for the academia.

Back to Cleveland where I joined the faculty at CWRU as the Chief of Out Patient Services in the Children’s Hospital. I stayed for many years advancing to Professor and Chairman of the Pediatric Department in the other University Hospital. After 15 years in this position and having earned an MBA at CWRU to help run a large department, not by the seat of my pants, I decided that no one should remain in this role forever.

For me the logical next step was Hospital Administration and then ending my medical career as a Health Care Consultant. My son continue to urge retirement and I said, ‘when it is not fun anymore I will’. Well, that time came at 72 and now I live between NYC and Rhinebeck New York where I have a wonderful log cabin lots of vegetable gardens, fruit trees, strawberries, blueberries and overwhelming beauty from all the flowers. I work harder than I have in years but love it. Please visit if you are nearby and everyone goes home with a big bag of goodies.

The photo of me in the tuxedo is from my wedding in 1963. My second photo is of my sons ages 18 and 20. My family photo is from 1970. My last photo is of my grandchildren.
Life since Brandeis...

After graduating Brandeis I taught in the Boston School system and received my Masters Degree at Boston University in Education. I met my husband Leonard Gottlieb in 1963 and we were married on March 22, 1964 in Boston. I then moved to Greenwich Village, New York City and have lived at my present address for 50 years. Leonard passed away last year. We would have celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this March. We had wonderful years together and we enjoyed the varied pleasures of New York City together.

I now spend time taking classes at my local Senior Centers. I sometimes feel that I’m back in school. I take many classes, literature, art, painting, and the opera. I listen to the various musical offerings here including the people who play music in Washington Square and at some of the clubs on Bleecker Street.

Travel has been another of my pleasures and of course spending time with friends.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis opened my mind to a sophisticated World. When I graduated from Newton High School in Newton, Massachusetts I was mostly concerned with meeting deadlines for papers written or getting a decent mark on a research project or science paper. I finally found that I enjoyed the very story of our world. History was my major, from the early tribes of Greece and the many wars of Rome, through the Dark Ages and the Renaissance, and finally the discovery and exploration of the Worlds away from Europe and the politics that were always present. Today I’m as interested in current affairs, financial cycles and local political misbehavior and much else that is history in the making. The adventure continues.
Life since Brandeis...

Harvey and I married at the end of my junior year, and the first of our three children was born four years later. I had the fun of staying at home to raise our two sons and a daughter for a few years. Then I returned to school and obtained a Master of Education degree at Boston College, so that I could pursue a career as a Library Media Specialist. For thirty years I worked as a librarian, all but the first two years at the middle school level. I loved the work, which combined two of my favorites: children and books.

Meanwhile, our kids matured, pursued fine educations of their own (our daughter is Brandeis ’86), married and had children. We are the delighted and grateful grandparents of three girls and four boys, ranging in age from 20 to just turned 4.

Now in retirement, Harvey and I are both actively involved in the marvelous BOLLI lifelong learning program at Brandeis, both of us as students, I as a teacher some semesters.

We feel so blessed to be together, to have this wonderful family and to still be able to participate in gratifying, enjoyable activities.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I was fortunate to attend Brandeis at a unique time which provided me with the sort of education which is probably impossible anywhere today. I had transferred from Barnard, because my parents were seriously ill, and I was needed at home to help. At Barnard, I had enjoyed my classes in huge lecture halls, often with more than 100 other students. During my time at Brandeis, I was in one class where there was only one other student, and in Henry Popkins' drama course, there were seven of us. The ability we had in those tiny classes to interact with the gifted professors we had was marvelous.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Truly, making a happy and productive family with Harvey, nurturing our children to become good and accomplished people, was my central goal in life, and the one which was the most fulfilling to me. I am also aware that I’ve been extraordinarily lucky in these endeavors.

In my working life, my greatest achievement was in doing my utmost to turn teenagers into lifelong readers. To that end, I read all the fiction that I purchased for the library, the better to make the “right” connection between child and book, so kids would love to read, as I have all my life.

I hope that our loving interactions with our seven grandchildren will enrich them. They have brought us such joy.
Judy Neipris Greenbaum

Life since Brandeis...

Life post Brandeis: One year program in Israel with the American Friends of the Hebrew University, 1959-60; MAT from The Harvard Graduate School of Education, 1961; marriage to fellow Brandesian, Charles Greenbaum ('56), June 1961; two years teaching American History at White Plains High School, White Plains, NY; aliya to Israel with a new six week old son, 1963; birth of twin girls, 1965 and another son 1969; retraining in Applied Linguistics over the years; 30 years in the Dept. of English as a Foreign Language at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, teaching, developing curriculum, supervising teachers, manuscript editing; retirement; volunteer work; loss of a daughter to cancer in 2004; subsequent birth of three grandchildren (including twins) to bring the number to ten grandchildren; a course in professional academic editing. Currently: more volunteer work with MA and Ph.D students at The Hebrew University wishing to present their work in English, more manuscript editing, working with and enjoying the grandchildren and a course at The Jerusalem Botanical Gardens.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

Fifty-five years later.... I am currently occupied with family, grandchildren, some teaching, and manuscript editing. Current teaching is after school activity, helping the grandchildren with their work as well as volunteer teaching, working with MA and PhD students at the Hebrew University prepare for oral and written presentations in English.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis became a part of me. It remains in my memory a very creative and dynamic institution, a very exciting place to have been in the late 1950s.

My education at Brandeis helped me shape a way to look at, think about and resolve problems. I am forever grateful that I had the opportunity to receive part of my education at Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

Most recently, our first grandchild was born to Don Gropman and me on April 3rd, Levon Henry Stephan Gropman. His parents, Adam Gropman and Robyn Monks were married on the Grammys on January 26th. Adam, a comic and writer, wrote a piece about the wedding in the NYT Times Sunday Styles section on February 2nd. His sister, Sonya Gropman, continues to be a skilled decorative painter and gilder in NYC. She and I have our book about German-Jewish food with top agents in New York and Berlin, and have a blog called germanjewishcuisine.com. I am immersed in my studio life as a sculptor, excited about a new body of work. In November, my sculpture was in a show at the Bamberg, Germany Museum called "Jewish in Bamberg". At the opening my German talk acknowledged the changes I have witnessed there in over 40 years. Mediation, which started as a 'day job' at Harvard Law School became a passion and a second career interest. I continue to do mediation training occasionally, mostly in Berlin. Don Gropman and I will be married 55 years in June, to coincide with my Brandeis graduation. He is working on a fiction about touring Europe with Franz Kafka in 2011. Losses abound, most recently my baby brother, Andy Rossmer. Nonetheless our garden is finally growing after a harsh winter here in Medford MA, our dog Reba is an absolute joy, and we cook good food most days.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Don (class of ’56) and I are convinced that Brandeis was a unique and life-changing environment during our years there. The intellectual environment was unmatched. We were the recipients of all that energy from the European intellectuals who were displaced and found a new freedom in New England - Marcuse, Coser, Glatzer, Gurwitch, Bronstein, Vigee - to name only a few that come to mind. And the home grown intellectuals, like Irving Howe, who also taught us. We took it seriously. It was all about learning. Brandeis did not even consider our professional after-life if it was not going to be graduate school. I once asked about teacher certification, and was laughed away, as though it was beneath the dignity of the University’s mission. Times have certainly changed. Even though it would have been nice to be able to have more professional training, we were left with a life-long respect for learning as its own reward.
Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?
Irving Howe. He taught us how to REALLY read a novel.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
I am most grateful for my relationships, i.e. children, grandchildren, my life's companion Maury (31 years), blended and extended family, longtime friends and newer ones as well.
Life since Brandeis...

My post-Brandeis life didn’t start out in a promising way. First I got kicked out of the Harvard graduate program in experimental psychology (see http://gos.sbc.edu/h/harrisj.html). Then I developed a serious, chronic illness - an autoimmune disorder now known by the misleadingly bland name, “mixed connective tissue disease.”

Nevertheless, things turned out all right. I married Charles S. Harris - we’ve been married for 52 years - and we raised two nice daughters, who gave us four lovely grandchildren. Despite being more or less housebound for many years, I managed to have an interesting career (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judith_Rich_Harris, or http://judithrichharris.info/tna/bio.htm).

I don’t think Brandeis had much to do with any of these outcomes. On the other hand, my experiences at Brandeis were often edifying and/or fun - thanks at least as much to my classmates as to my teachers.

Thanks, classmates, for those edifying and fun experiences!
Robert J. Hecker

Life since Brandeis...
JD Fordham University School of Law
Asso City Judge City Court of White Plains, NY
Attorney - admitted 1962
Life since Brandeis...

A half century of making music and enjoying family life full of artistic and social satisfaction.

I have worked as a composer/arranger/bassist with Billie Holiday, Bud Powell, Benny Goodman, Coleman Hawkins, Stan Getz, Herbie Hancock, J.J. Johnson, John Coltrane, and many others. I played with the Bill Evans Trio from 1961 through 1966 and was Director of the National Jazz Ensemble from 1973 to 1981. Until moving to Portland last year, I was director of Jazz Studies at Western Washington University.

Among my recordings as a bassist, some outstanding ones include: Coltrane Time, with John Coltrane; My Point of View, with Herbie Hancock; Getz au Go-Go, with Stan Getz; and many recordings with the Bill Evans Trio, including The Town Hall Concert; The Second Trio; Trio ’65; Live at the Trident; Time Remembered; and Live at Shelley’s Manne Hole.

Since leaving my teaching position at Western Washington University and moving to Portland, I’ve formed The Chuck Israels Jazz Orchestra to build on the tradition of the best American music.
Life since Brandeis...

I am still married to my first love, Raymond. We will celebrate our 56th anniversary on June 8. Our four children are each wonderful though none - alas - became a doctor. Arthur (52) is a lawyer, married, no children. Stuart (46) is an economist with the SEC, married, 2 children, one son 15, one daughter 12. Laura (39) is a temporarily retired architect, 3 children, 2 sons ages 5 and 3 and one daughter 5 months in June, Jessica, our baby, is a nurse practitioner and almost 35 - she has one son approximately two years old.

I’ve collected three degrees since I left Brandeis -- a masters in English from Boston College, a doctorate from UMASS and a graduate certificate in business from Radcliffe. I spent most of my career teaching English at Middlesex Community College in Bedford. Now and then I published papers on the teaching of English. My career stopped when I developed breast cancer in 2011. After lots of treatment, I seem to be just fine.

Raymond’s teaching opportunities allowed us to live a year in Germany and later three summers in Israel. Now I spend time babysitting my grandkids, being a participant in two book groups and a writing group, working out, even taking a tap class and being part of a senior dance group called Dancin’Feet. Raymond and I also enjoy taking advantage of the variety of theater in the Boston area. Raymond is technically retired, but his school can’t seem to let him go. This spring semester he was on campus two days a week for two courses, almost more than he taught when he was a Full Professor.

We have a summer house on Cape Cod, where my gardening results in frequent cases of poison ivy. I may finally have to give up on this. Fortunately, our Newton house is free of the noxious weed so far. Not thinking far enough ahead, we booked a trip to Eastern Europe that conflicts with the time of our reunion and we will be unable to attend. Will miss you all.

Photo 1. Ina and Newborn Naomi January 2014
Photo 2. Family + Sister Doris (Brandeis 64) at Grandson Ezekiel’s Bar Mitzvah May 2013
Photo 3. Ina and Ray in Maine June 2013
Photo 4. Ina and Ray with Grandsons Summer 2013
Photo 5. Grandson Zack Opening Drawers

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

I was awed and fascinated by Phillip Rahv and his course on modern criticism. He was a true intellectual and a sensitive soul. Irving Howe terrified me.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

The year we lived in Germany was memorable and puzzling. It was difficult to reconcile the refined culture, courtesy and formal politeness of everyday life there with the horrific acts perpetrated by these very same people. We were mesmerized watching our son Arthur playing football for Nuremberg High, a US military sponsored school, right in the same stadium Der Fuhrer used for his propaganda rallies.
Lois Meyer Jacobs

Life since Brandeis...

George Jacobs & I have been married for 55 years. We have 3 married children & 6 grandchildren ages 11 - 16. My husband retired from his Comm. of Ma Judiciary career and is currently a Professor at Univ. of Mass, Dartmouth, Law School, & does some mediation & arbitration. I took some Graduate courses in Special Ed, was a part-time tutor & retired from the New Bedford, MA., Public Schools after 18 years with the Instructional Media Dept. Over the years I have volunteered for numerous organizations in our community including the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee. We now spend the Winter months in Venice, FL.
Life since Brandeis...

The weekend of February 14-15 this year (2014), I will reprise the Torah Portion of my Bat Mitzvah, which occurred in 2011. The Bat Mitzvah was one of the momentous events of my life, something I always wanted to do since I was 13 years old (and Orthodox).

This Bat Mitzvah was meaningful and special on many levels as my synagogue benefited by creating this occasion as a fund raising event. I had, for years, said I would do it only if my Temple benefited. (At 73 (then) who needs a lot of gifts anyway).

Anyone could come to the Service but we made the dinner a Congregation donation. So many came, the Temple congregation, the larger community, many of my former students and their parents (some who had the same portion years before), wonderful friends, and of course my far flung family came! I said a D’Var and an explanation of the Torah and Haftarah portions, a history project (researching my cousin Joe Lask, a Holocaust survivor) and more. The committee put letters from many of my former B’nai Mitzvah students into two beautiful albums which I shall cherish always. It was wonderful.

As for the family - Robby is retired but continuing on many committees - medical, Temple and community. Our grandchildren are growing up - Janna’s Daniel, 28 and Joshua, 26 are engaged (can you believe?), Tina’s Gavin, 13 is on a baseball team that won the National Travel Ball Select Tournament in Memphis last summer (on real ESPN national tv) and Joel’s Madison, 9 is a happy, bright girl who is taller than me (which isn’t saying much for me who is shrinking).

I continue to teach Torah and Haftarah to Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and still am the advisor to the Junior Youth Group at Temple with many of the same young adults. Obviously I like to be with young people. It keeps me young.

I wish all of you, my classmates, continued good life with good health for many years to come.

Love,

Carolee

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I have many wonderful Brandeis memories! These stand out:

Counting just-hatched fruit flies at 3AM in the brand-new science building is one.

Another is doing a year-long experiment on Euglena to find the precursors of chlorophyll and writing a Senior Thesis.

A life-long influence was a course in modern chamber music. From the late Beethoven Quartets through 20th Century modern composers we learned while graduate students played the music. A live concert mostly every class meeting! Of course, I love modern chamber music!

And don’t you all remember the night Danny Kaye came to Gen. Ed.S.?

And, of course, the wonderful people I met and continue to call friends are among my greatest Brandeis memories.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

One of the greatest joys of our lives has been traveling to exotic places. Here are the two favorites: We took a scientific trip to Antarctica in 1985 when there were no other ships around - just us. It was like being on another planet. Everything was blue, black and white - blue sky and sea, black rock, white snow and of course, black and white penguins of many species. There we got a great appreciation of the difficulty of surviving in a cold forbidding environment. Another memorable trip was on the Silk Road from Xian, China to Karachi, Pakistan. Much of it was exactly as Marco Polo had described in his book 1,000 years ago. The Kashgar Bazzar is exactly the same. The scenery in the Karakoram mountains was spectacular as we were very near K2. The many ethnicities in Western China and Pakistan were evident in the different colorful clothing and languages of the people. We also got a great appreciation of how to adapt to live in a hot, dry Gobi desert environment.

My first photo is of my husband, Robby and me.

The large group photo is of (back row) Daniel, Joel, Tina, Tim and Janna, (front row) Madison, Robby and Gavin.

My third photo is of Joshua and Daniel at our 55th anniversary dinner.

My fourth photo is of Gavin as a member of the Santa Ynez Titans the National Youth Baseball Champions 2013.

My fifth photo is of Madison in Grandma’s clothes.
Life since Brandeis...

I have had three immensely satisfying domains in my life since Brandeis, all of which were seeded at Brandeis - 1) family beginning with 58 years of marriage to Marty, her sainthood has been acknowledged by Pope Francis, four second generation Karoffs, and now seven in the third, including eldest grandchild Jacob graduating Phi Betta Kappa in music & linguistics this year from UW Madison, and youngest Lauren who at five is simply a stunner, 2) a passion/fascination for social justice and philanthropy that over these many years actualized into TPI - www.tpi.org - an organization that since 1989 has been a leader/actor/pioneer in the development of strategic philanthropy around the globe, and 3) a writer of books and poems who aspires still to 'make it new'!

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

I am flunking retirement - between several foundation boards, a bank board, teaching at UCSB a course in global philanthropy, a few select consulting projects, a new book on Reimagining Philanthropy, and work on a collection of poetry - my goal is to reduce ambition and increase intentionality.
Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman

Life since Brandeis...

55 years after Brandeis, there is a lot to think about. Sharing my life with my beloved Dick (Brandeis ’57) for almost 56 years of marriage has been an adventure from the start. We were married one year before my Brandeis graduation and lived in Cambridge in an apartment provided by Harvard for married graduate students. Two years later, we moved to Israel for a year while Dick did research for his Ph.D. degree. I became fluent in Hebrew, worked part-time on three sociological studies (including one for Professor Stanley Diamond), traveled throughout Israel, became pregnant with our first child, bonded with my Israeli family, some of whom were holocaust survivors, and attended the Eichmann trial. On route home to the U.S. we spent six weeks travelling through Europe. Upon our return we settled in Washington, D.C., where Dick was with the Federal Reserve Board, and our first baby was born. I became active in Hadassah and taught Hebrew School.

We lived in Washington during the exciting Kennedy years. We witnessed firsthand the Washington events around the March on Washington and President Kennedy’s assassination in 1963. We then moved to New York, where Dick was international economist for Chase Manhattan Bank, and later for GE. We settled in New Rochelle and, more recently, Harrison.

We have three wonderful children, Gale, Michael and Diana, and eight glorious grandchildren, ages 13-20. Our first daughter, Gale, graduated Brandeis in 1983. When our youngest, Diana, entered first grade, I entered NYU Law School and began my second career at the age of 35. Thus, I am Brandeis ’59 and NYU Law ’77. I began as a corporate attorney, working primarily on nuclear power cases, and then became a litigator in the field of personal injury, trying many cases before juries. Representing clients who have sustained devastating medical injuries caused by someone else, and learning the medicine involved has been an education. It has been fulfilling to be able to get them enough help and compensation to return to full lives after life-changing injuries.

About six years ago, I began slowing down from a full-time practice. Now I am Senior Counsel to my firm, The Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Firm, mainly doing legal consulting and strategizing. This has left me more time to travel frequently with Dick and sometimes with our children and grandchildren on adventurous family trips. Two winters ago our whole family went to Costa Rica and last year to the Atlantis in Paradise Island. We continue to visit Israel frequently, where we feel close to our family and friends there, and are involved in the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel and the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center.

I hope during our 55th reunion we will reconnect with joy and pleasure as we look back at our formative years at Brandeis and see where we go from here.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Prof. Robert Manners, Prof of Anthropology. Prof. Manners was my Introductory Anthro professor. I had never even heard of anthropology before college but his teachings and enthusiasm convinced me to major in Anthro. During his course he imparted so much understanding about other cultures, the form and function of societal customs, and comparison between cultures. Other courses I took with Prof. Manners were equally enlightening, I believe that my love of travel and learning about the cultures of countries all over the world, and my empathy for various peoples, comes from my anthro studies at Brandeis.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

So many travel experiences, it’s hard to choose. In December 2000, Dick and I travelled to Machu Picchu. This was the culmination of 35 years of my dreaming about this lost city. The trip was colorful, adventurous, and awe-inspiring. We visited Peruvian tribes in the Valley of the Gods, hiked along the Inca Trail, and explored Machu Picchu on foot, this deserted ancient city on a mountaintop, reachable by a serpentine road through low-hanging clouds.

In 1965, we had been in Lima, Peru, for Dick’s business. From there we flew to Cuzco for an overnight trip, interesting in itself, but considered the gateway to visiting Machu Picchu. Because of Dick’s business responsibilities we had to return to Lima without continuing to Machu Picchu. I was disappointed and Dick promised we would return one day to Machu Picchu. He kept his promise 35 years later.
Life since Brandeis...

After finishing Brandeis I entered medical school. Barbara Cohen - class of ’60 and I were married June ’60. After 2 years in the AF we moved to California where I finished my residency, and we decided to stay and raise our family. We are blessed to have 3 children; Daniel MD, Lisa MFT, and Steven, MBA.

Barbara, also MFT, and I are both still working in our professions and we have 7 grandchildren! 3 are in college, 2 more start next year, and our youngest is 11. We do regret being so far from Brandeis that we cannot arrange to attend many events to share in all the memories. Otherwise, we are pleased to be in California--it has been very good to us.
Life since Brandeis...

After many years of service to the Austrian government, I retired, what the Americans would call, as a undersecretary of state for research and technology in 2002. From 2002 to 2010 I was professor of European law and politics at the University of Innsbruck, in that time a consultant to the European Commission and European Council; since 2004 I teach law of religions and religious communities in Europe at the Vienna University. A legal advisor to the Consistory of the Protestant Church in Austria since 2006, my period ended in 2012. At present, I am engaged in two book projects, a piece on legal philosophy “what does truth mean in democracy and justice?”, and a study on the structures, Gestalt and system of bureaucracies in Europe. The interest in and the first steps in political and administrative sciences are connected to my time of study at Brandeis. I am forever grateful to my Brandeis teachers.

My wife Linda (Brailove), class of 1959, died in January 2012. I miss her. We were married for 47 years. Our three children are Fanny (45) who now lives near London, Hannah (43) who emigrated to Israel and lives with my granddaughter Oria in Tel Aviv, and Alexander (37), living in Vienna. He is the father of Alina, now 3 years of age.
Life since Brandeis...

For the last 40+ years I have devoted my time and energy working with and supporting a variety of organizations working for peace and social justice, with a major emphasis on Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I have served on the Regional Board of the New Israel Fund since its inception, and also served on the Board of a Jewish Meditation and Spirituality Center in Berkeley for 10 years. (In no way to be confused with the more famous celebrity version).

Had you asked me while at Brandeis, I never would have imagined that I would have become so ‘Jewishly’ engaged. One of my proudest moments this past year was to have been recognized by my colleagues in S.F. as NIF’s Guardian of Democracy honoree.

I am equally committed to organizations devoted to the pursuit of civil and human rights, both international and domestic, especially the full participation of women in all areas of social, political and economic life.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

My most exciting travels were with delegations to the “global south” - including a women’s delegation to Honduras and Nicaragua in the early ’80s, and a study tour to Cambodia and Thailand in ’05 with the Global Fund for Women, where we met with grass-roots organizations, including representatives from Burmese minorities under constant military threat. The trip ended with the AWID Conference, the Association of Women in Development which brings together women from all parts of the global south, both professional and grass-roots levels.

A New Israel Fund study tour, meeting with organizations & activists one might otherwise not encounter, who work to strengthen Israel’s democracy. And travels with the S.F. Jewish Film Festival to the USSR for the first public Jewish cultural event in 70 years! and similarly to Spain 500 years after the Expulsion. I am grateful for these rich experiences.
Life since Brandeis...

I received my PhD in Cultural Anthropology from UCLA in 1967 and taught at USC, the University of Pittsburg and Towson University, from which I retired as Professor emerita. My field work was conducted among peasants in Bolivia. I published numerous articles and book chapters on land reform, politics, Afro-Latinos, and the drug trade in that country, as well as editing New Directions in Political Economy: An Approach from Anthropology, and Coca, Cocaine and the Bolivian Reality. Since my retirement I continue to live in Baltimore, travel a great deal and finally have time to read novels.

I have two daughters, Natalia, a lawyer who lives in the Washington DC area and Eve, who teaches Spanish at Landmark College in Vermont. Natalia has two boys, Noah and Ben and Eve is the mother of Ivy. We all are healthy, happy, and enjoying our lives.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis was a great place to come of age. We were in the 10th graduating class and still felt we were pioneers in a new and exciting enterprise. There was always something going on outside of class, plays, lectures, the scrappy basketball games, (does anybody else remember Bunkie Good?), and those great Gen Ed classes that opened up the world. Dedicated and inspiring professors in my major made me realize that academia was where I wanted to live my life. The intellectual life at Brandeis was taken seriously and I was taken seriously. I didn’t find out that there was supposed to be something wrong with being a smart, articulate woman until I got to grad school.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Of course I don’t image anyone forgets their class with Marcuse and and Philip Finkelpearl in English was particularly inspiring to me. But I came to Brandeis knowing that my passion was for anthropology and could not have had a more stimulating and caring mentor than Bob Manners. I thought of him then as a prince of the earth and never changed my opinion. I am bothered to this day by the fact that the yearbook identified me as a chem major, why I never knew, but for someone with such a fixed commitment it was particularly ironic. Bob Manners was not only a great teacher who brought out the best in me as an undergrad but became a cherished professional colleague. I will always be grateful to him.
Life since Brandeis...

Since 1995, I have taught at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve, John Carroll, and Kent State, and have been a part-time congregational rabbi, most recently at Beth Israel-The West Temple, from which I retired in 2012. I continue to serve as the Jewish chaplain at Hillcrest Hospital (Cleveland Clinic) for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. Jean retired in 2013 after 30 years as the director of the Aaron Garber Library at Siegal College. Sharon is married to Marcelo Schliserman from Tucuman, Argentina, and lives with her two children in Eilat, Israel. Deborah is married to Howard Bobrow, and lives in Solon, a Cleveland suburb, with her three children. Seth is single, and lives in Shaker Heights.
Elaine Rosenblatt Levitin

Life since Brandeis...

My life since leaving Brandeis has been both interesting and exciting. I was lucky to be involved from the beginning in the development of programs to mainstream students.

Ultimately I established a comprehensive special education program within a public middle school. My professional training resulted in two masters degrees. In addition to being a wife, mother and grandmother, I feel this is my greatest achievement. I am proud to note that at least two of my special education students have become successful special education teachers. While travelling in Christ Church, New Zealand, we met one of my former special education students in an art gallery. I was thrilled to be recognized!! She had just finished her teacher training and was starting a special education job that semester. On a lighter note, during a week in February of 2010 our family took a three generation trip to Costa Rica. Our family participants were our son Joel and his wife Michelle, our twin grandchildren Miriam and Jesse who were twelve years old, and Marty and me. You cannot imagine how much fun we all had riding in small boats up and down the rivers, looking at and speaking to many species of birds, animals and fish. We are very thankful that we took that trip when we did. At this time health issues seem to be taking over our lives. A word to the wise is to not put off the wonderful opportunities we have for pleasure with our friends and relatives. My husband and I have two children, six grandchildren and one grand son-in-law. Our daughter Debbie also attended Brandeis and has the same positive feelings about her experiences there as I had.
Marcia Jane Spiegel Lipson, Ph.D.

Life since Brandeis...

I received a Ph.D. in Biology from the Four College Ph.D. Program - I lived at Mount Holyoke College (also Amherst College, Smith College and University of Mass. - where I took courses, etc.) It took me 5 years. I taught at Wellesley College, did research at Yale University, Brandeis University, Rosenstiel for 10 years, and Mass. General Hospital - all in Genetics + Molecular Biology on Rana Pipiens and Drosophila mostly. I am now retired.

I have two daughters with undergraduate degrees from Harvard and both Ph.D.'s from M.I.T. - Computer Science and the other in Physical (Atmospheric) Chemistry.

I have loved travel all over the world - especially Tahiti, Bora Bora and Moorea. The most unusual travel was helping to build a hospital in Saudi Arabia.

I have three grandchildren. Pamela has Darius, age 7. Jennifer has Laura, age 8 and Brenda, age 6.

I also belong to the National Brandeis Committee.
Becky Cohen Long

Life since Brandeis...

Life has been very good to me and very colorful, both with the brights and the various gray shades. After graduation I married my soul mate, Dr. Charles Long II, and had blessing after blessing for 44 years until he passed away in 2005.

We raised four children, Arielle ’83, an attorney and presently a social worker; Ilana, a master teacher and comic; Tamarah, an architect and yoga teacher, and Jonathan, a pilot and entrepreneur. They have given me six terrific grandchildren, all of whom are real “menchen.”

I had a multifaceted, satisfying career in teaching, which consisted of teaching kindergarten, first grade, learning disabilities, high school ESL and adults learning English as a Second Language.

Charles and I were extremely fortunate to be able to travel every summer with our brood of four to dozens and dozens of countries on all continents. We always believed that interacting with different cultures and appreciating the natural environment was the best education we could provide for our kids. And, we grew tremendously from the experience. Personally, my most rewarding trips were to the Galapagos and to Antarctica.

After my husband died, I continued to travel and explore the globe by myself, with adventures to New Zealand, Australia, South America, Patagonia and most recently to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. Every trip is fascinating and enlightening. I should write a book.

The most challenging task I have ever had in my life happened this past year. My 45 year old daughter was diagnosed with severe, major depression. From being a vibrant teacher of architecture at a university, she became a totally non-functioning person. She had many major losses—and no drugs seemed to have any effect on the major depression. She had countless weeks of hospitalization followed by months of talk therapy, to no avail. She was adamantly opposed to, and terrified by the thought of electroconvulsive therapy. I was her sole caregiver.

I honestly think that my Psychology background and training with Abraham Maslow kicked in. I mustered every tactic I could and researched all the medical help I could to save her. I finally found a brilliant MD/PhD who could convince her to take the risk and try ECT. After twelve treatments, she made a complete turnaround and is stabilized, fully functioning and happy. So, with G-d’s help and the wisdom of doctors, she has been blessed—and I too. This is the most worthwhile task I have ever undertaken.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Abraham Maslow was a very wise, kind and compassionate man. He taught me the steps to self-actualization and that has guided me my whole life.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Friends made at Brandeis in the first weeks have become lifelong treasured friends. (You know who you are)
Marilyn Walkow Lowen
Raymond L. Mannos

Life since Brandeis...

Mr. Raymond L. Mannos served as Director of Central BanCorp. Inc., and its subsidiary, Central Co-Operative Bank since August 20, 2009. Mr. Mannos was one of the founding principals of Beacon Fiduciary Advisors, a private money-management firm in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts that was organized in 1991 and acquired by Bank of New York in 2002. From 1989 to 1991, he served as a Senior Vice President and as a member of the Trust Committee of University Bank, Newton, Massachusetts. Mr. Mannos also served as Vice President and Director and member of the Trust Committee of Brookline Trust Company from 1978 to 1989. From 1962 to 1978, Mr. Mannos was employed by Town Bank and Trust Company, Brookline, Massachusetts, where he served as Chairman of the Board and/or President at various times from 1973 to 1978.
Life since Brandeis...
Currently semi-retired and Adjunct Professor of English at Monroe College in New York.
Irwin and I are nesting in our home in the Westchester County suburbs savoring every minute of grandparenthood. The grandkids are: Rachel (12), Jacob (9), Ayelet (4), and Jonah (2), all of whom live in New York City.
Our two daughters Judy and Michele, and their respective spouses, Seth Schwartz and Mark Seiden, are sources of tremendous pride.
Cheers to fond memories of my 4 Brandeis years: blooming, developing, learning, growing in various ways.
Cheers to favorite professors, mentors, classmates, and lifelong dear friends I made during those memorable years!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My wonderful family.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?
Thoroughly engaged in a Philosophy course affiliated with Great Minds of the Western Intellectual Tradition.
Life since Brandeis...

Jim and I married after my junior year and settled in Chicago. Our 3 children and 7 grandchildren are nearby, gratefully. My life is full and busy. I got a graduate degree and work part time as a mental health therapist. I am an Employee Assistance Counselor for a hospital group. I also enjoy duplicate bridge, cooking and gardening. Jim and I have enjoyed some Brandeis friendship time with Irwin and Carol (Cohen) Wagner and Bob and Jane (Jacobson) Stein.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

Irving Howe was my most memorable professor. I remember the class as stimulating and special. I also remember doing my homework, reading Bleak House while eating a sub sandwich from Saldi’s!

Share your most interesting travel experience.

We were fortunate to have visited Tanzania. We were fortunate enough to see 3 leopards there, among countless other animals.
Life since Brandeis...

During the years I was raising our 3 children and my husband Burt ('57) was pursuing his academic medical career, I was involved in museum guiding and developing museum programs for children. I then decided to switch to my other interest, medicine and began undertaking studies in medical ethics leading to a Masters Degree in that field. Today I teach a course in Clinical Research Ethics the The Mount Sinai Medical School in NY and serve on its Institution Research View Board. Along the way, I took courses in black and white photography and joined a photo group with whom I showed my work throughout the area as well as having an image selected in a Katonah Museum of Art exhibition. I have been in the same Book Club for over 40 years with 2 other Brandeisians.

Our three children have all married and are pursuing careers in different fields. Our daughter, Dara is a lecturer in the arts and director of the Muse program at Hunter College; son, Jonathan is in the water resources division of New Jerseys EPA department and son David is involved in real estate evaluation in Westchester. We are fortunate enough to have 7 grandchildren, all in the area. They range in age from 5 to 18. Our 2 eldest granddaughters are in college. Rebecca is in the theater program at Hofstra University and Ava is an economics and language major at Barnard College. I keep connected to Brandeis via attending various alumni programs both here in Westchester and New York City.
Kent Nilssen

Life since Brandeis...
After leaving Brandeis I went one year to Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and worked for a couple of years at a provincial repertory theatre company in Norway. Then I entered the television business, and worked for 40 years in The National Broadcasting Company of Norway, directing and producing documentaries, drama and light entertainment programmes. The last 10 years in managerial positions, ending up as Managing Director (CEO) of the company’s main television channels.

Married to Rita for 49 years, two children, four grandchildren. Main interests as a pensioner: family life, travelling; tennis and tango to keep the body in shape, reading and cultural consumption to keep the mind alert.
Life since Brandeis...

I have just completed a full academic career as a Professor of Comparative Literature and Gender Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. I am now retired, Emerita. During this time I published many articles, and my books include: “The Theater of the Marvelous: Surrealism and the Contemporary Stage”, “The Reflowering of the Goddess”, and “Reweaving the World: The Emergence of Ecofeminism.” I created one of the first conferences in Ecofeminism at USC. During that period a Shaman from Lapland (Samiland, northern Norway), identified me to become a student of hers, and indeed, I went to her home near the North Pole in Norway, and had many fascinating adventures that I spoke about at our fiftieth reunion.

I have also presented papers at feminist conferences all over the world including participating in the Mid and End-Decade U.N. Congresses on Women in Copenhagen (1980) and Nairobi (1985). Back in the seventies, in New York, I co-created The Woman’s Salon for Literature, which can be found under my name and salons on the web. It lasted for over a decade, and was quite a high point in my life and the cultural life of Feminism in NY. in the seventies.

Over the years I became the mother of two successful daughters. Nadine Orenstein is a Curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NY and Claudia Orenstein is a Prof. of Theatre History at Hunter College. I have two amazing grandchildren, Caleb and Sophie Carman. Caleb is only 15, but quite a stunning pianist and composer. Sophie is interested in organic farming as well as karate--and plays the violin with a group of violinists. (I was divorced from Steve Orenstein back at the end of the seventies).

I completed my career by publishing an essay in the book IN WONDERLAND that accompanied the grand exhibition IN WONDERLAND, dedicated to the Women of Surrealism (a field I launched in the early seventies along with the first Amer. article on Frida Kahlo)--focusing on women Surrealists who came to America during and after WWII where their art and lives flourished. I have written most frequently on Leonora Carrington, and was her friend until she died at the age of 94.

Another important event in my life was the co-creation of A SALUTE TO WOMEN ARTISTS with The Veteran Feminists of America. We honored contemporary women artists (several have passed since this event in the early years of the 21st cent.) and awarded them medals. All this documentation is preserved in the Radcliffe Schesinger Archives on Women’s History. My Woman’s Salon photos, taken by Freda Leinwand are also preserved there.

Today, I continue to write on women artists, and to participate in all the areas I was active in during my working years. Brandeis occupies a special place in my heart and in my memories. I am still friendly with my roommate Martha (Miller) Halperin and other friends from that era at Brandeis that I will never forget. Our fiftieth reunion also holds an important place in my heart. Brandeis was a great highlight in my life. Brandeis and The Danforth Graduate Fellowship for Women that I received for many years and supported my graduate education were the two most important influences on my academic accomplishments. I obtained my Ph.d from NYU in 1971, and count my advisor, Anna Balakian as one of the most important mentors of my life. Later, at USC, Prof. Moehs Lazar became another highly distinguished support and colleague, seeing me through to the completion of my teaching at USC. May their memories be a blessing to all, through their writings, as they have been to me.

Here are descriptions of my photos: The photo of the balloons is of me at the Hammer Museum in L.A.

The photo of the family is (left to right): my grandson, Caleb Carman, my daughter Claudia Orenstein and granddaughter, Sophie Carman. The next photo is of me and my daughter, Nadine Orenstein. The final photo is of me in my office at USC - as I used to look in my heyday.

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?

I was invited by The Shaman of Samiland to become her student, and during the summer of 1987 I made my first visit to Lapland (northern Norway). Although I was in no shape to climb mountains, I climbed three mountains to get to their camp site. When we came down from the mountain her father, The Great Shaman, asked me if I had any muscle pain from the trek. I did not have any. The Great Shaman explained to me that they gave me a spirit guide and I would dream of who it was that night. Indeed, in my dream I saw a gigantic figure sitting next to me wearing a skin outfit and taking off big boots. We ran over to The Great Shaman’s house and told him my dream. He took a photo off the wall and it was the same person I had seen in my dream.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I would like to remember here, the Professors I studied with at Brandeis, whose influences upon my career path (Prof. of Comp. Lit. at USC - now retired) have left indelible imprints upon me that enriched my own teaching when I became a professor at USC.

Having majored in Romance Languages and Literatures, I’d like to mention Professors Jean-Pierre Barricelli, Claude Vigee, Pierre Emmanuel, and Dena Lida. I cannot forget the thrill of when Prof. Pierre Emmanuel, who was a friend of Ionesco’s yet unpublished plays to me just as I was writing my Senior Honors Thesis on Ionesco.
Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Life since Brandeis...

Immediately after graduation, I began my professional life in book publishing, working for eleven years at various houses and ending up as Vice President of a small company. In 1970, Doubleday published my own first book, HOW TO MAKE IT IN A MAN’S WORLD, which allowed me to leave my executive job and become a journalist, columnist, lecturer, and social justice activist. In 1971, I was a co-founder of Ms. magazine (with Gloria Steinem among others), where I spent nearly 20 years as an editor and writer.

I’ve been joyfully married for 50 years to Bert Pogrebin, a labor and employment lawyer (still practicing). We have three grown children and six grandchildren, ages 12 to 17, all of whom, I’m delighted to report, live within walking distance of our New York apartment.

Our twin daughters, Abigail and Robin, are both writers. Robin Pogrebin covers the culture beat – architecture, theater, the museum world, Lincoln Center – for The New York Times where she has worked for nearly 20 years. Abigail Pogrebin, a former television producer for Fred Friendly, Bill Moyers, Charlie Rose, and Mike Wallace, is a journalist and the author of two books, one of which, STARS OF DAVID, has been made into a musical. Our son, David Pogrebin, a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, is a trained chef who has spent most of his career in restaurant management. He is currently the General Manager of two restaurants in Manhattan -- E & E Grill House in the Theater District, and Hill and Bay on Second Avenue and 32nd Street.

Since 1970, I’ve published ten books, nine nonfiction titles and one novel. My second novel, SJM SEEKING SOULMATE, will be published in the Spring of 2014. HOW TO BE A FRIEND TO A FRIEND WHO’S SICK, my most recent work of nonfiction (published in 2013), was inspired by my having had breast cancer in 2009 and becoming fascinated by the reactions of friends and family, many of whom were clearly ill at ease around illness. Part memoir, part guide, the book contains illuminating stories of friendship-under-duress as well as useful advice gleaned from interviews with more than 80 people who were sick or sick at heart and who candidly share what words and behaviors they found most helpful -- and hurtful.

For more than forty years, my work as an activist and organizer has focused primarily on three issues: gender equality, advancement of Israeli-Palestinian peace, and the promotion of inter-group harmony, specifically dialogue between Jews and African-Americans, and between American Jews and American Palestinians. I am the co-founder and/or board member of dozens of feminist groups, among them the National Women’s Political Caucus, the Ms. Foundation for Women, the Harvard Divinity School Women in Religion Program, and the Brandeis University Women and Gender Studies Program. I served four years as chair of the board of Americans for Peace Now, the U.S. branch of Israel’s Peace Now movement, and four years as president of The Authors Guild, an advocacy organization that works to protect writers copyright and contract rights.

Looking ahead, I fervently hope to live long enough to see the following milestones come to pass: the election the first female president of the United States; a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and the college graduations of all six of my grandchildren.
Life since Brandeis...

After raising two fabulous children and retiring from a long and very satisfying career as a Psychologist, I have moved to the Bay Area of California.

It is wonderful to be close to my children and grandchildren, who have all moved out to California, to be in weather that allows you to be active and outdoors in fabulous environs, and to partake of the stimulating culture of the Berkeley/Cal community.

I am a student again, taking courses whenever there is an empty seat and a good teacher at CAl and giving time to some local organizations who are working to create age friendly cities.

I feel very lucky to be healthy and to be able to enjoy these later years of my life which are turning out to be quite "golden."
Suzanne (Chernow) Prince

Life since Brandeis...
Married to Harvey almost 57 years. Three children, all married. Eight grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 30 - all wonderful! Thirty two graduate credits in political science, but no advanced degree - school just for fun. Retired March 1, 2013, after 40 years as CFO with MPA Sales- toy representatives and distributors.

Share your most interesting travel experience.
Three weeks in the Soviet Union in 1982 contacting Refuseniks.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?
Bridge, reading, grandchildren, politics with the Women’s Political Committee, supporting progressive women candidates both locally and nationally; civil rights on the National Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League. Travel with and without grandchildren.
Life since Brandeis...

Well, I never really left Brandeis. My first job after graduation was with the National Women's Committee, which raised funds for our library. Throughout the years, Brandeis has been my passion. Most of my professional life was on campus, at various times running the alumni office, serving as Executive Director of the Brandeis Women's Committee, managing Brandeis' first capital campaign, retiring in 1989 as Assistant Vice President of Development. During the years when I was home, raising my two great kids, I volunteered in both the Alumni Association and the Women's Committee. At present, chairing a three million dollar campaign to fund research and scholarships in the sciences, called Sustaining the Mind. I was made a Fellow in 1972 and received two different Alumni Awards over the years.

My children, a son and a daughter, are both married and each have two children who we adore. We are so blessed. Teenage grandsons and four year old twin girls. The best news is that our grandson, Louis, was just admitted early decision to Brandeis. So when I get Louie news, I really grin!

The other cause I am involved with is Rally for the Cure, which I have run for about ten years at our Florida home. We have six rallies. It's lots of fun.

Brandeis was a completely wonderful undergraduate experience. Majored in Political Science (non of which is at all applicable with this insane partisan war in the capital). The professors I had were totally engaging. My classmates were very nice. I transferred from Smith and commuted, so I am not as “connected” socially to the class as some of you are, but loved my time there with all of you.

Sorry that I will not see you at Reunion.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?

John Roche taught constitutional law. He was a terrific professor and, for a while, made me want to go to Law School. Learning about some of the decisions the court made turned me into a civil rights activist, which I am to this day. He was exciting. Was my advisor for my thesis on the constitutionality of the Massachusetts Fair Housing Act.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Raising, with my husband, Mickey, two wonderful children. Raising money for Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

During my three years at Brandeis, I transferred from M.I.T., I was a member of the varsity fencing team and continued with the sport of fencing after graduation as a competitor and a volunteer regional officer of the fencing organization. Though I never attained a national ranking, I did adhere to the saying, “the pen is mightier than the sword”. I had a weekly column in the Boston Globe on regional fencing activities and advanced in the national organization hierarchy thru the years.

I remained in the greater Boston area until 1983. During that time I married and had three children, now with families of their own. My husband (now deceased) and I owned and operated a fencing club, Salle d’Armes Richards, fencing equipment company, Creative Sports, and fencing school, Academy of Fencing, in Watertown, MA for 15 years.

In 1983 I accepted the newly created position of Executive Director of U.S. Fencing when it opened an office at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1997 I stepped down and became the Director of Technical Programs. I was a staff member of the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Fencing Team and in 2004, after the Athens Olympic Games, I retired and moved to Marietta, GA, to be near my daughter’s family which included four children. I have continued as a part time consultant for US Fencing and assist at national fencing tournaments.

In July 2008 I was inducted into the US Fencing Hall of Fame. I have three grown children, each with families of their own. I am grandmother of 8, ranging in age from 21 to 1 year old, 4 boys and 4 girls! I am a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and at the local middle school. My grandchildren have introduced me to the sports of soccer, lacrosse, recreational basketball and baseball. I enjoy reading, both fiction, especially historical fiction, and non fiction, and spend time doing cross stitching projects and journal writing and, of course, continually learning the role of grandmother and senior citizen!

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I enjoyed the challenge of the classes led by Professor Maslow in psychology, gaining an insight into self actualization and working with young children.

There was another professor in history who shared his experiences in the creation of the state of Israel. He was a vibrant person, passionate about Israel and all it stood for. Unfortunately, I am not able to recall his name.

Both of these professors instilled in me a desire to learn more and to become more fulfilled in understanding myself and the world in which we were living at that time. The history of Israel gave me a deep appreciation of the establishment of Brandeis University.

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I was a staff member of several World Teams, traveling to Antalya, TUR, Havana, CUB, Nimes, FRA, Lisbon, POR, Trapani, ITA and Plovdiv, BUL as well as with our Olympic Fencing Team at the Sidney, Australia and Athens, Greece Olympic Games. Each of those trips found me in awe of the impact of athletics in becoming part of another world for a brief moment in time.

In the world of athletics, nationality is part of one’s identity, but more importantly, the world of sports unifies everyone and creates one world, if only at the sporting events themselves. Working with elite athletes was a wondrous experience and gave me a deep respect for the intensity and focus they gave to attain such a high level of accomplishment. The stress of the Games was apparent and the manner in which athletes handled that stress was amazing.
Having spent more than thirty years leading high school students on tours of Spain and Europe, I have a notebook full of incredible and hilarious experiences and bloopers which I will turn into a book: working title: How to Travel with 25 Teenagers Every Year and Retain Your Sanity. Teenagers are to love, to respect, to learn from and to laugh with (or at). How about losing a slightly inebriated young man in Madrid on a Saturday night who did not speak Spanish and could not remember the name of our hotel!? How about getting stranded on a highway in Greece with 25 teenagers on a bus heading for the airport but unable to get through a blockade of Greek farmers on their John Deere tractors on strike against the government!? How about sitting on a hydrofoil crossing the Strait of Gibraltar from Tangiers to Spain and one of the propellers flies off!? The stuff dreams (or nightmares) are made of!

Life since Brandeis...

I have been teaching Spanish since graduation. Married Pete Murphy (’58) in 1960. Took time off to raise three fantastic children: Deirdre, Mark and Maura. Pete died in 1972 of cancer at the age of 35. After an unfortunate second marriage, I met the love of my adult life, Emory Roos. He died of cancer after 21 years of marriage. I have two Master’s Degrees, the most recent of which is in Spanish Literature and Civilization from NYU. I spent two summers studying at the University of Salamanca in Spain. I have seven incredible grandchildren: Peter is a sophomore at Dartmouth and on the Rugby team; Emily is a freshman at Skidmore; and Devin will attend Penn in the fall (her father, Mark’s alma mater); Jake is a sophomore at St. John’s Prep in Danvers and on the swim team (hopefully he will continue in college—he’s that good!). Jillian and Tess are also swimmers and dancers. Teaghan is our thespian and has been acting and singing for several years. I retired from public school teaching in 2004 where I taught mainly Spanish, but some French and English as well. Unable to sit still, I applied to and am now teaching Spanish as an adjunct at Western CT State University as well as Naugatuck Valley Community College. During my teaching career at Danbury High School, I planned and led student tours to Spain every year for 30 years and then adult tours for 5 years. Emory and I went to Spain almost every summer and dissected the country to the point that a dear Spanish friend tells me that I know her country better than she does. One of my greatest thrills has been to reconnect with my roommate (freshman and sophomore years) Susan Dundy Kossowsky as well as Amy Medine Stein. Susan and I have rediscovered each other and try to get together once a month. I have traveled most of Europe and some of South America….more on the horizon. I am a member of a women’s organization that does social things as well as community service things and this keeps me very busy. As a breast cancer survivor for more than 20 years, I spend a great deal of time giving back at Ann’s Place, a unique cancer support agency in Danbury, where I teach a class in knitting, and as a peer mentor, I help to facilitate one of the support groups. Keeping busy, staying positive and living life to the fullest with great faith: wise words of my dad who lived to be 98. I’m on track!

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Life since Brandeis...

Life since leaving Brandeis has been fulfilling in many ways. During the summer of '58 I had taken a summer course at Columbia and met my future husband in the college bookstore. After graduation, we became engaged. Upon completing my M.A. at Columbia in French and Romance Philology we married and I began teaching at New Rochelle High School while continuing to work towards my Ph.D. Two years later, our son, David, was born and was followed by our second son, Ian. With the unstinting love and support of my husband, I was able to complete my Ph.D. I taught at several institutions including Stern College and Yeshiva University for some years as an adjunct professor. In 1980, I joined the antiquarian book trade, selling mostly to university libraries and their special collections. I’ve remained steadfast in a commitment to books by and about women.

David, Class of ‘84, and his wife, Laurie have two daughters, Samantha and Annie. Samantha is a freshman at Northwestern. Annie is a sophomore at Roslyn High School. Ian and his wife, Ellen, are expecting their first child in April.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I’ve always defined my years at Brandeis as an “awakening.” Although I was a transfer student, starting Brandeis as a junior, I felt that I had finally found my niche, both in the intellectual and social realm. I was overwhelmed with excitement in all of my classes. My abiding focus on French literature was nurtured by professors Serge Doubrovsky, who would go on to win the coveted 1989 Prix Médicis, and Claude Vigée, the winner of numerous awards. Reviewing books for The Justice helped sharpen my critical thinking and approach to reading. Brandeis in the 50’s, still a relatively young university, was blessed with a brilliant community of scholars. The air was ripe with energy and intellectual challenges that I recall with great nostalgia. I share these meaningful memories with Brandeis classmates who remain life-long friends.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

First and foremost, I take pride in my family’s strong identification with Israel and the many visits in support of its great universities.

I also take pride in having co-curated - with a retired scientist and physician - an unprecedented public exhibition at The Grolier Club in New York. The exhibition titled "Extraordinary Women in Science and Medicine: Four Centuries of Achievement" was three years in the making. It celebrated the accomplishments and the lives of 32 women who made significant contributions in physics, chemistry, mathematics, astronomy, computing, and medicine from the 17th century through the 20th. Included were nine women who won Nobel Prizes. On display were books, manuscripts, and objects. The exhibit opened in September 2013, and closed in mid-November 2013.
Michael Rosen

**Life since Brandeis...**

After Brandeis I attended Princeton University Graduate School. I received my PhD in Mathematics in 1963. I spent my entire professional life on the faculty of Brown University (Math. Dept.). I retired in 2007, but still keep my office and continue to do research and teach one course a year.

I have one daughter, Erica, with my first wife Barbara, who is also class of ’59. We have three grandchildren; Tyler, Julian, and Cynthia. My current companion (since 1986) is Polly Jacobson, who is also a Brown professor (of linguistics). We live in Providence and enjoy a vacation home in New Hampshire where we swim in the summer, hike in the Fall, and ski in the winter. There is too much mud and too many insects in the Spring. We share our home with two huskies, Kolya who is 11 and Kiana who is 3. Great dogs except for waking us up early every day. We love them anyway. I get most of my exercise by walking them for a half hour twice a day.

I have been something of a political activist most of my life in causes ranging from civil rights, civil liberties, and peace, to environmental issues and conservation. Presently I am a member of J-Street, a Jewish organization which works for a two state solution to the problem of Israel-Palestine.

I like to read widely, preferring books to my kindle, but I take my kindle along with me on trips. I am also an amateur photographer, a hobby I began at age 11 and never gave up.

**Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?**

Herman Epstein was my professor in a beginning course on physics. He was a master of asking challenging questions. A deep scholar and a great teacher! I would visit him at Brandeis every few years. He made a great impression on me. I miss him!

**What impact did Brandeis have on your life?**

My Brandeis education emphasized “well roundedness”. We used to joke about this, but it made a big difference to me. My interests are very varied, many of them beginning with the wonderful and challenging courses I took as an undergraduate. I am very grateful for my Brandeis education.
Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis, I received my MS in Education from Yeshiva University in 1961. My husband and I lived in the Bronx, Chicago and San Antonio before settling in Mount Vernon, NY (Westchester County) where we’ve been since 1969.

I have been married to Richard Rosen M.D., Brandeis ’60, for 54 years this June. We have 3 children - Ira, Daniel and Naomi. Daniel and his wife Julie Cardonick Rosen are both Brandeis graduates. We have 12 (soon to be 13) grandchildren - 7 in New Jersey and 5 (soon 6) in Israel. Our daughter and her husband made aliya in 1999. Our oldest granddaughter was married last summer and will have graduated college by the time this is published. She and her husband plan to make aliya within the next two years.

I spend a lot of time (in my retirement) working with the Medicare Rights Center, the Westchester Library System and an organization called Westchester Seniors Out Speaking (WSOS). We maintain and staff Senior Benefit Information Centers in 8 libraries in Westchester County where we are available for one-on-one counseling. Seniors come to us for information about Medicare and other benefits available to them.

Since 1996 both Richard and I have been singing with Shirah which is a Jewish avocational chorus based at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly, NJ. We had been in the Brandeis chorus, under Alfred Nash Patterson, and remembered that experience fondly.

We are also an active part of the Zamir Choral Foundation which runs the North American Jewish Choral Festival every summer and which has run missions to Israel. It’s also the parent organization for HaZamir - transdenominational Jewish choral groups for high school age children. We find it a good way to help the younger generation connect to their culture.
Life since Brandeis...

The past 5 years have flown by and we, the boys of moody street, have continued to reunite annually, more or less.

We used to talk about our kids. Now we talk about our grandkids. Funny how that works.

Best wishes,

Bob Rosenbluth '59
Life since Brandeis...

I have spent more than four decades designing and leading national initiatives in social policy and education. During this period I served on the staff of all three Kennedy brothers: President Kennedy’s Committee on Youth Employment, Attorney General Robert Kennedy’s President’s Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Senator Edward Kennedy’s Presidential campaign in 1980. In the early 1960s, I was an organizer for CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, and helped in the organization of the March on Washington. I was one of the original planners of the National Head Start program and initiated the National Upward Bound program. In 1967 I was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey for the next 6 years. In 1973 I co-founded the National Committee for Citizens in Education, which became a force in promoting parent and citizen involvement in our schools for the next 15 years. More recently I served on President Clinton’s transition team and I am now the developer of special search engines to meet a variety of human needs such the elimination of human trafficking, the improvement of school performance and the scarcity of our global water supply. Currently, I am President of the Foundation for the Future of Youth, a division of the Eigen Arnett Educational and Cultural Foundation. I am also the author of a memoir, “The Edge of Politics: Stories from the Civil Rights Movement, the War on Poverty, and the Challenges of School Reform”. I have been married to my wife, Elizabeth for 47 years and have two children and three grandchildren.
Mayer Schwartz, MD

Life since Brandeis...

Univ. of Md. med school after Brandeis and then onto internship and a year of internal med. residency in Chicago. Married Alice as a senior med school student. Spent 2 years in the USAR, one of which was in Vietnam as a GMO. Finished medical training at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and practiced allergy/immunology in upstate NY. Retired 1998 to retire to Naples, Fl. Played lots of tennis and now it’s golf. Alice and I have 3 children, 2 of whom went to Brandeis. We have 6 great g-children from ages 31/2 to almost 20 years. Steven ’86 is a conservative rabbi outside of Baltimore, Susan is a mom, wife and an educational editor, and Brian ’95 is on the faculty of NYU in the English/Education departments.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Living in an apt. on Moody Street for 2 years with guys who still get together regularly. Having my first real alcohol at Saldis. Boy, did I get sick from that.

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?

Lived in Vietnam for a year as a medical officer - I learned that that conflict was a huge waste of human and financial resources.
Life since Brandeis...

When I graduated Brandeis with a combined degree in Theatre Arts and Comparative Literature, I wasn’t sure which career I wanted to follow. I’d written my first little book when I was 4 years old, and had been performing since my first dance class at the same age. Should I become an actress, a writer, or an editor? I moved to Greenwich Village, which seemed to be the best place to embark on literary and theatrical pursuits. But did I want to live a life that involved spending every night working and a good deal of every day asleep? Unless I married an actor (and who needs two inflated egos in one family?) I’d see very little of my husband and children. Suddenly the “bright lights” didn’t seem so bright anymore...

On the other hand, as a life-long “book freak,” the prospect of spending my future in publishing felt right. So I sent out 72 resumes to every New York publisher I could identify and received just 12 replies. 11 were rejections, the last was from the Editor-in-Chief of Avon Books, who needed a secretary. Ah, the chutzpah of youth! When I told my only possible employer that I didn’t want to be a secretary, I wanted to be an editor, he assured me that the secretarial job was just an “entry position”, and if I stuck with it he’d make me an editor within a year. After 6 months, I was not only an Associate Editor, I was also Director of Advertising, Publicity and Promotion.

In 1973 I moved to California, dragging my then husband, my kids, Gina and Casey, and Cato the cat, to become Executive Editor of one of the first digital-based publishers. I finally had to learn to drive, and found myself on the freeways in a second-hand car. Terrified that it would break down or blow up because of my ignorance, I joined an adult-ed auto class and found that cars were easy to understand and could be maintained with a total lack of manual dexterity. (This, of course, was when they were still mechanical machines and not electronic enigmas!)

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A few years later, I turned down the Publisher’s position because it was “too far from the creative act” and quit instead to write full-time. I decided on an automotive book for the mechanically challenged; those who, like myself, when confronted by an Easy Guide to the Family Car, found their brains shutting down like garage doors. So, in 1976, I designed and wrote the first “...for Dummies” book (it was the only title I would have dared to buy). I called it Auto Repair for Dummies and in various editions, it has sold around a million copies and is still going strong. A sequel, Buying A Car for Dummies, covers everything every vehicle owner needs to know about cars and money. The two books launched me on a career as an automotive writer that, to my delight, led me right back to performing.

As a female automotive writer, I was news, and this led to over 800 print, TV and radio interviews as a consumer spokesperson, including “Your Money” (CNN/Fin), my own segment on Tom Brokaw’s “NBC Nightly News”, “Good Morning America”, “The Today Show”, NBC’s “Weekend Today”, “Mike Douglas,” the Lifetime and National Public Radio networks; and local shows in 30 major cities. I also appeared regularly on “A.M. Los Angeles” with Regis Philbin, and “The Morning Show” in San Francisco. My video: “Auto Repair for Dummies: The maintenance tape” was a finalist in the National Home Video Awards and led to producing, writing and hosting the “Outrageous Women” series; and several documentaries. A former Contributing Editor to the LA Times’ “Highway1” section, Family Circle, Boys’ Life and Exploring, my articles have also appeared in Redbook, New Woman, KnowHow and other national magazines. And my “Auto Repair for Dummies” course at Cal State University, Northridge drew the largest crowds ever in their continuing education program.

I’ve always been an environmental activist. In the 1970’s I led the group that threw the first Earth Day celebration in New York City and convinced Mayor Lindsay to start the first urban recycling program there. I’m currently replacing all the landscaping in my community with drought-tolerant, native plants; restoring the lagoons, encouraging recycling, and planning to place solar panels on our 21 roofs.

Over the years, my family has grown to include Gina’s children: Jesse, 26, and Kylie, 8; and Casey’s Allison, 15, and Jacob, 11. Three years ago, Jesse presented me with Kiana, my first great-grandchild! I am truly blessed! So what have I been doing for fun? Well, I’m still a “car freak” and run a grandstand each year at the Toyota Long Beach Grand Prix. I’ve restored two classic cars, a truck, and three homes. I’m a passionate sailor and have crewed my way around Mexico and across the Atlantic with one other human being and a cat; and sailed across the Pacific, through Polynesia and up the Great Barrier Reef.

An inveterate gypsy, in 1985 I solved the empty-nest syndrome by giving Casey the house and setting off to sail around the world. Housemates: A Practical Guide to Living with Other People, was published while I was “lost at sea” for 6 weeks when the boat was dismasted in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with no hope of rescue. Solitary Voyager, my forthcoming book, is based on that experience. I’ve made solo treks for 9 months through S.E. Asia, 5 months in Brazil, and traveled extensively in Europe, China and the Middle East. I spend a month or two each year in Paris, the home town of my soul. Through the past half-century, as a “Jewish/Buddhist/Witch” my goal has been to prove that, ultimately, we do have control over our lives. Whether you are working on a vehicle, creating a reality to survive, or making a life-long dream come true, it’s a do-it-yourself world. Knowing this has turned my life into a great adventure and I want to pass the good news on to everybody else!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

In the 50’s, Brandeis was probably the most unique university in the USA. The buildings may have been primitive or under construction but, as the darling of the Jewish intellectual aristocracy, the faculty was definitely avant garde. Abe Maslow, Jim Klee and Herbert Marcuse challenged and stretched my mind, changed my perspectives, and taught me to insatiably pursue knowledge and question every opinion and tradition. Iconic figures like Danny Kaye and Elia Kazan mentored us theatre majors. Eleanor Roosevelt used to show up in my dorm and we’d sit at her feet in PJs and bunny slippers while she admonished us not to just collect an “MRS degree” but to follow our passions and develop careers so we’d never be stuck at home dependent on a man for our well-being. I left Brandeis transformed from a “Nice Jewish Girl” into a woman with the intellectual background, high standards and self-confidence to face life’s challenges and adventures with a brave heart and an open mind.
Life since Brandeis...

I’m a psychiatrist in the Addictions Unit at the VA Hospital in Bedford, Massachusetts. My wife, Faith, is an attorney specializing in civil litigation. Our daughter, Natalie, is a junior a Skidmore in Saratoga Sprngs, New York. She is currently spending the semester abroad in Paris.

My medical students enjoy hearing the stories I share with them about Abe Maslow teaching self actualization. Tomorrow Faith and I are going to a Theo Bikel concert at Berklee College of Music (and I remember when he sang at the Brandeis student union!).
Life since Brandeis...

Have five children...three of my own and two brought into marriage by my wife Valeria...four grandchildren.

MBA University of Chicago

After several years working for Raytheon and General Foods in several countries in executive roles, I went on to be EVP of ITT Community Development Corp where we built the new City of Palm Coast, Florida.

Acquired car rental firm in the early 80s and sold it in 2003 and concluded my for profit business career at that point.

Became president of the American Car Rental Association in 1994 and continued in that post until 2007.

Joined Board of Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida in 2000 and was president from 2009 through 2013. We transitioned the Center into the Central Florida Leader in anti bullying and prejudice, utilizing the lessons of the Holocaust.

Have you ever lived or worked in an unusual place?

Worked in UK, Germany, Japan, and Australia at a relatively early stage in career and gave me a much needed worldly perspective on how people react in different cultures in business situations.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Living in the castle apartment with nine others and the interactions we had.
Gladys Bernstein Sharnoff-Temkin

Life since Brandeis...
I am enjoying urban living in Washington, DC and my 7 grandchildren. Two of whom delightfully came with my husband Aaron. Washington also offers me access to wonderful art museums and I am able to fulfill my life long passion for art and art history as a docent at the Corcoran Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. My working life included teaching high school physics and counseling high school students, designing computer educational materials for college students and running a jewelry design business. Along the way I earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Harvard University and a Masters in Counseling from Pennsylvania State University.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
My questioning approach to life’s experience and my desire to always place new information in a larger social or historical context was honed at Brandeis.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?
Dr. Herbert Marcuse and freshman year’s World Civilization.
Sylvia (Bloom) Shocker

Life since Brandeis...

I was working in a publishing company until October 2013 when my job was eliminated! Guess it’s time to do some fun stuff...

Looking forward to seeing classmates.
Life since Brandeis...

At 76 years old, on this occasion of my 55th college reunion, I have never been happier. My husband Jim and I have been at each other’s side for 50 years, sharing triumphs and difficulties, the hard times and the easy, lengthy hospital stays and extensive travel. We have celebrated weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs, births and passings, heard wonderful music and seen first class theater.

We’re proud of our children, amazed and entertained by our grandchildren and our family and friends nourish us.

We have lived through the debilitating effects of a stroke and the exhilaration of walking again.

My Mom and Dad dropped me off at Brandeis in Sept. 1955 and my world opened up. I moved to New York 4 years later and launched my career in publishing. I immersed myself in civil rights, politics and books and my life expanded exponentially. I met my husband Jim and we laugh and love, work and play and explore music, art, theater and books. We talk and talk. Our kids grew up and married, had their kids and their kids are now growing up.

Happy? So happy.
I have been an avid Pilates student for eight years. I love it and feel that it is an incredible modality. I figure that God gave me one body and I had best take good care of it.

What activities and interests occupy your time currently?

600 words? Yow! I can’t answer any question of that magnitude in 600 words! Well, in a photograph - see below - I am wearing royal regalia. At our ages we should be free to hallucinate about ourselves in any way we see fit! I figured for my 75th birthday I should dress like a queen for my constituency at Camp Echo Lake, the childrens summer camp I have attended, owned and run since 1946. Oh, how I have loved my life’s work. So why not milk the event and in front of people who humor and love and indulge me periodically? In the domestic area of my life I married my college sweetheart, Morry, Class of 1958, who died in a plane crash when he was 58. Our close connection extended to our professional lives because we share a wonderful business together. I have 3 terrific sons, Eric, Anthony and George, two of whom live, sadly, far afield geographically. They are all successful in individual ways and I have 4 fabulous grandchildren one of whom turned out (oh, my heart is beating faster!) to be a little girl. Happily all my grandchildren are at Echo Lake with me each summer. I remarried a wonderful man, Marvin Horovitz, widowed, as was I and very much aware of what is important in life. We have a great marriage and that along with all my other blessings reinforces my unusually (surely most of the time) optimistic turn of mind. I am not alone, I am sure, in that along with my fellow classmates, I have endured several crises. I trust that I am also not alone in knowing that one must play the cards that are dealt - made easier when we count our many blessings. We’re all somewhat sadder but wiser and when we can push through that stuff and come out the other side then we can truly consider ourselves warriors and not victims! I am the Chairperson of a fabulous philanthropic entity Project Morry in memory of my late husband. Our business is children and we were fortunate enough to be quite successful and highly respected. “To Whom Much is Given Much is Expected” and so I, my family and friends have done this very thing. We mentor motivated boys and girls, a hand-picked group, through both a summer residential experience and all year round meeting, monitoring and motivated. From entering 5th grade on, they are ours all the way through and past their 100%, yes that’s what I said, graduation from high school. We’re in our 19th year and going strong. Giving back makes me feel terrific. Let’s be real - along with our Brandeis education came a social conscience. It is yet another thing that made the influence of our college education so profound! Long may we all wave!

Tell us about a time when you had an unexpected encounter with another Brandeisian. Did you continue to connect with that person after that encounter?

Susan Dundy Kossowsky relocated to my town about 15 years ago. We were quite close Freshman year. Because of my reconnection with Sue, Barbara Esner Roos who was still very close to Susan reentered my life. These are two strong, bright, centered, accomplished women. It is a privilege and a joy to have them back in my life. They represent all that a Brandeis alum and female should be. I love and respect them dearly.
Life since Brandeis...

Here’s a snapshot of what has happened personally in the 55 years since we graduated:
- A great family with Bob (class of ’60), two married kids and five grandkids;
- A stimulating and rewarding career as a health and science writer, editor and publications consultant;
- And in my retirement a new venture (or adventure): writing a children’s book about a teacher who writes to her class about her travels. “Dear Class: Traveling Around the World with Mrs. J” will be published in the summer.

As I write this, I’m in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where Bob and I spend 7-8 weeks skiing in the winter and 10 weeks hiking and foraging for mushrooms in the summer. With three other friends, we started a public policy seminar series in the summer, attracting national and international speakers including Galia Golan, ’60, one of the founders of Peace Now in Israel. We also snowshoe and swim with a local program for developmentally disabled adults. The rest of the year is spent in Washington, D.C., or traveling to visit kids and grandkids in Maine and Connecticut and also to far off places. To date, we’ve hiked on every continent except Antarctica.

Life in D.C. is always interesting, with volunteer work as a board member of an organization working to end homelessness. (Classmate David Cohen is also on the board.) Lectures, concerts, museums, piano lessons, reading, hiking, running and more. All is good, and as we have passed or are near the three-quarter century mark I hope it remains so for a long time.

Share your most interesting travel experience.

While all my travel experiences have been wonderful, walking the last 75 miles of the Camino de Santiago—a 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route from France to Spain—was among the most interesting. In October 2013, Bob and I walked about 15 miles a day for five days through oak forests, rolling countryside and farm land. We passed through hamlets, villages and small cities. En route, we talked with people from more than 20 countries, each with a story to tell. It was a cross between “Canterbury Tales” and speed dating. There was a real sense of community and of history as we traveled this ancient route. It was so meaningful and enjoyable that we might do a different section of the camino another year.
Philippa Strum

**Life since Brandeis...**

No one would know from my current life that I was a music major at Brandeis. While the year after we graduated I got an Ed.M. in music education from Harvard and served as the music teacher/5th grade teacher at a Belmont school as part of that program, I went on to earn a Ph.D. in political science. My specialty is American government and constitutional law with an emphasis on civil liberties. I taught university classes on the undergraduate, graduate and law school levels for 35 years and then moved to Washington, D.C. as the director of the Division of U.S. Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where I am now a Senior Scholar. The position involved bringing together scholars and policy makers to discuss issues of mutual interest. Check out www.wilsoncenter.org and click on U.S. Studies.

I’ve also done quite a bit of traveling, in part because the State Department has sent me to various countries (primarily in the Middle East) as a lecturer, and in part just for fun and/or other professional obligations. In the 1980s I co-created and ran an organization that did civil liberties work in Israel. In 1989-1991, during the first Intifada, I lived on and off in Ramallah, studying the Palestinian women’s movement and eventually writing a book combining the fruits of my research with an account of what it was like to live under occupation. I then did a stint as a visiting researcher at Hebrew University and wrote about Israel’s founding period.

There are a couple of books about Justice Brandeis among my publications. That was the result of my becoming curious about the awful statue of him that went up during our class years (it has always looked to me as if he’s flapping his wings preparatory to take-off), and about what he had done to merit having a university named after him. What I discovered, of course, is that he more than merits it – although he wouldn’t have liked it: he went through life absolutely refusing to have anything named after him.

I’m currently a Vice President and national Secretary of the ACLU. I’ve been active in it since the 1960s, and have been on its board of directors since 1979. I don’t know if I would have done that had I not gone to Brandeis; it strikes me as a very Brandeisian thing to do. (Brandeis, FYI, was on the Supreme Court bench in 1920, when the ACLU was founded and so of course could have nothing formal to do with it. He was very much in favor of it, however, and encouraged his protege, Felix Frankfurter, who was one of the early activists.)

Over the years I’ve had the great pleasure of returning to Waltham occasionally to lecture, and I’ve just signed up as a member of an organizing committee to plan a university celebration of the 100th anniversary of Justice Brandeis’ appointment to the Supreme Court.

Now that I’m “retired,” I continue to write books and articles and to lecture, most recently at the U.S. Supreme Court. (That’s me, Justice Scalia, and my son in a photograph taken at the Court. Pretty funny, having Justice Scalia as my host! When I first spoke there many years ago, my host was Justice Kennedy. He asked me what I thought the “clear and present danger” doctrine meant. Flustered at having my thoughts solicited by a Justice, all I could blurt out was, “Whatever you and your colleagues decide it means, Mr. Justice.”) "Retirement" seems to entail doing pretty much what I’ve always done but no longer getting paid for it.

My son David Strum Weiss did attend Brandeis and now has a biology lab in the medical school at Emory University. I’m hoping his daughter will follow in our footsteps!

**Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on?**

John Roche and his course on American political thought left an enormous impression on me. He would perch on the edge of his desk and talk about the Founders so colloquially (“the guys were hanging out in Philadelphia during a really hot summer”) that we felt as if we knew them, and American political thought became much less threatening a topic than it might otherwise have been. I think I learned how to teach from him and from Herbert Marcuse. Imagine having Marcuse as a prof for freshman Western Civilization! (Who knew, then, how privileged we were?) He made the sweep of history seem easily comprehensible.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory.**

My fondest Brandeis memory isn’t of dancing in the cha cha club, although I did that, or participating in Gilbert & Sullivan productions or co-directing a male singing group, although I did both of those too. It was our chorus singing the Brahms Requiem, and dedicating it to the memory of Erwin Bodky, a wonderfully idiosyncratic music prof who died too young. I remember Nancy Aspel’s voice soaring in the soprano solo, and the tears in our eyes and those of some of the audience members when the concert ended.
Life since Brandeis...


Share your most interesting travel experience.

Life since Brandeis...

Professional life: A lawyer specializing in labor and employment law. After the NLRB in Washington, I entered private practice in Boston on (yes) the management side, retiring from the firm 5 years ago. Not wanting to fully retire, I became in-house labor counsel for an old client, Caterpillar. I love union negotiations and educating management and hope to keep going.

Family life: Married to Debby for 50 years with 3 married daughters - one attended Brandeis (Hornstein Program) - and 5 grandkids, ranging from 5 to 14 -- 4 in the Boston area and 1 in Marin County, CA.

Interests: Besides my law practice and our beautiful family, we love travel, theatre, Symphony, continuing ed, summering on Cape Cod, golf, bridge, and attending many functions on campus, especially at the Rose. (Thankfully, we and others helped to "save the Rose."
Hi Classmates!

Still practicing Cosmetic Dentistry in Newton, MA. A wonderful staff of 14 persons, some with me over 30 years and others attempting to reach that level. High tech Dentistry is a very satisfying profession, and I still enjoy practicing about 20 hours a week. My international teaching of Cosmetic Dentistry and Dental Clinical Photography has come to a stop after many years; there’s just so much energy left in my tank!!!!

My lovely wife Judi and I have been married 48 years and have 3 children and 5 grandkids. Our son Charles has 4 and my daughter Amanda has one.

My middle son Brad, died in a parachuting accident at age 33. Judi and I have traveled extensively over the years throughout Asia, Africa, Eastern and Western Europe, South America and many 3rd world countries, 77 so far. We love it!

As of this writing, we are about 50% finished building a new home in Great Barrington MA.

This is quite a fun project.... hopefully we’ll see some of our classmates at Tanglewood and other cultural events, since we will spending more time in the Berkshires this summer.

That is all for now ....... more next yearbook!
Life since Brandeis...

Life since Brandeis...

My husband, Mark, and I met when we both were in high school. We are happily married after fifty-six years. We both are now retired and divide our time between our home in Chevy Chase and our apartment in New York. We are very busy seeing friends and family, going to plays, movies, concerts and museums, and attending our grandchildren’s plays, concerts, soccer games and the like. I am still active in my two Jewish study groups and am happy to be an ex-president of my long time Congregation.

Sadly, our original family of four children has been diminished by the loss of our wonderful daughter Sarabeth, who died in her sleep at age 45 in 2010. We all miss her greatly.

We continue to enjoy the blessings of our other three children and their spouses and our six grandchildren.
Life since Brandeis...

I have lived in Santa Barbara, CA since 1969 and still enjoy the southern California weather and lifestyle. In retirement, I serve as a volunteer and/or board member to various organizations including The Arts Fund of Santa Barbara, Assistance League of Santa Barbara and Coalition For Sensible Planning. With the thirst for learning fostered and nurtured at Brandeis, I enjoy participating in a local grass roots organization, VISTAS for Lifelong Learning, which develops and presents seminars for its members and guests. My husband and I enjoyed traveling and exploring and I continue to do so.

Sadly, after 37 years together, my husband Dan passed away in 1997 and much too soon. We had many happy years and adventures together and raised two wonderful children. My son is an attorney with a law firm in Los Angeles and resides in Encino, CA with his wife and two sons, age 21 and 15. My daughter was blessed with a baby girl at age 45 and resigned her position with the California Climate Action Registry to spend more time with their gift who is now a beautiful 5 year old.

Life is good and I feel blessed to be surrounded by a wonderful and loving family and circle of friends.
In Memoriam

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

Paula Laden Adler  Sandra Hochberg Levy
Sondra R. Albert  Genese Gold Liebowitz
Carol Boroff Albrecht  Lynn Luria-Sukenick
Barbara Kiesler Becker  Julius Margulies
Judith Cossin Berkman  Leonard M. Mendelsohn
Patricia Laver Biondo  Arlette Goldmuntz Miller
Amy G. Blender  Lila Pearlman
Lois Kalb Bouchard  Frederick E. Perera
Fredric R. Bresnick  Ellen Kruh Pfaff
Harry Bruce Cohen  Everett Prudhomme
Sandra Constantine Conviser  Judith Tobias Robbins
Christian Daehler  Howard Robinson
Jack Holton Dell  Linda L. Robinson
Audrey Fiertel Eisenstadt  Carol Kane Rosenshein
Fred J. Epstein  Suzan Sandman
Kenneth Farbman  Eleanor Gettes Sax
Robert Faria  Peter H. Share
Martin J. Fiala  Herbert D. Simons
Steven L. Fishman  Marshall R. Starr
Lawrence H. Geiger  Lynn Brezinsky Tabachnick
Thomas J. Girolamo  Elinor Tarmy
Abbott Hoffman  Jurgen Klaus Tramborg
William Horner  Norman J. Treisman
David A. Kahalas  William Robert Wander
Esther Kartiganer  Rachel Aronin Wasserman
Linda Brailove Kneucker  Elliot S. Wetzler
Linda Brailove Kneucker  Jacqueline Want White
Rosah Cohen Larraguiibel  Joel M. Woldman
Ira Elliott Leonard  
Martin Russell Levy  
