CLASS OF 1969
45TH
REUNION
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

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May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1969,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 45th 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 1969 Reunion Committee

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**Pop Culture**
- Color television sets become popular.
- Dr. Seuss’ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* animated television special, adapted from the book, is shown for the first time on CBS.
- The first Star Trek episode, *The Man Trap*, is broadcast.
- Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Sound of Music*

**Inventions**
- Pampers creates the first disposable diaper.
- Dr. Robert H. Dennard pioneered the invention of the dynamic RAM memory cell, used in today’s computers.

**Movies**
- *A Man for All Seasons*
- *Dr. Zhivago*
- *Thunderball*
- *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

**TV Shows**
- *Bonanza*
- *The Andy Griffith Show*
- *The Lucy Show*
- *Green Acres*

**Economy**
- Average cost of a new house: $14,200
- Average income per year: $6,900
- Gas per gallon: 32 cents
- Average cost of a new car: $2,650

**Books**
- *Games People Play*, Eric Berne, M.D.
- *In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote
- *The Adventurers*, Harold Robbins
- *Valley of Dolls*, Jacqueline Susann

**Died this Year**
- Montgomery Clift
- Walt Disney

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**CLASS OF 1969 TIMELINE**

**World News**
- India suffers the worst famine in 20 years.
- Lyndon Johnson asks for $1 billion in aid to the country.
- France withdraws its forces from NATO.
- President De Gaulle visits the USSR.
- The Salvation Army celebrates 100 years.

**US News**
- The Draft Deferment Test is started in the US as a way for students to convince the Draft Board that they will serve the nation better in the quiet of the classrooms than in the jungles of Vietnam.
- Race riots in Atlanta and Black Power becomes a significant factor in American politics.
- The Supreme Court decides Miranda v. Arizona, protecting rights of the accused.
- The U.S. population exceeds 195 million.

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**1966**
World News
The Foot and Mouth epidemic in Britain is the worst this century and the government issues additional guidelines to help stop the spread of the disease including stopping all horse racing.

Presidential hopeful US Navy pilot John McCain is shot down in his A-4 over North Vietnam and spends 5 1/2 years in prison.

Israeli and Arab forces battle; Six-Day War ends with Israel occupying Sinai Peninsula, Golan Heights, Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Dr. Christiaan N. Barnard and a team of South African surgeons perform world’s first successful human heart transplant.

Inventions
The Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) is invented by John Shepherd-Barron.

Texas Instruments invents the first handheld calculator.

Movies
Bonnie and Clyde
The Dirty Dozen
The Graduate
To Sir, with Love

TV Shows
Bewitched
Doctor Who
Jeopardy!
I Dream of Jeannie

Economy
Average cost of new house: $14,250
Average income per year: $7,300
Average monthly rent: $125
Gas per gallon: 33 cents
Average cost of a new car: $2,750
Movie ticket: $1.25
Polaroid camera: $50
Federal minimum wage is increased to $1.40 an hour
One dozen eggs: 65 cents

Books
Misery is a Blind Date, Johnny Carson
Rosemary’s Baby, Ira Levin
Death of a President, William Manchester
The Confessions of Nat Turner, William Styron

Died this Year
John Coltrane
Langston Hughes
Jack Ruby
Spencer Tracy

Pop Culture
Rolling Stone and New York Magazine debut, spawning the popularity of special interest and regional magazines.

The Musical Hair opens off-Broadway.

Barbara Streisand performs in Central Park before 135,000 people.

Monterey International Pop Music Festival in California features some of the 60’s icons including Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Janis Joplin, The Steve Miller Band, Simon & Garfunkel and the Grateful Dead.

US News
Race riots break out in a number of cities in the United States, including Cleveland, Newark, Detroit and Washington, DC.

The first Super Bowl is played between the Green Bay Packers (win 35-10) and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Muhammad Ali is stripped of his heavyweight title for refusing induction into the US Army.

Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first black US Supreme Court justice.

1967
Inventions

The video game console was invented by Ralph H. Baer.

Movies

Planet of the Apes
Rosemary’s Baby
The Odd Couple
Valley of the Dolls

TV Shows

Rowan and Martin’s Laugh-In
Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C.
Family Affair
The Dean Martin Show

Books

Preserve and Protect, Allen Drury
Couples, John Updike
Myra Breckenridge, Gore Vidal

1968

Died this Year

Helen Keller
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Upton Sinclair
John Steinbeck

Economy

Average cost of new house: $14,950
Average income per year: $7,850
Average monthly rent: $130
Gas per gallon: 34 cents
Average cost of a new car: $2,822
Movie ticket: $1.50

Pop Culture

The emergency 911 telephone service is started in the US, which provides a single number for reporting emergencies and is manned 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The Beatles create Apple Records and record Hey Jude as the first single on the label.

The CBS television news magazine program 60 Minutes is aired for the first time.

The motion picture rating system debuts with G, PG, R and X.

Academy Award, Best Picture: In the Heat of the Night

US News

Martin Luther King, Jr. is shot dead at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. Following the assassination, President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy is shot and critically wounded in a Los Angeles hotel after winning the California primary.

The black power salute is seen on worldwide television during the Olympic medal ceremony in Mexico City, Mexico.

World News

North Korea seizes US Navy ship Pueblo, claiming the ship violated its territorial waters while spying.

The North Vietnamese launch the Tet Offensive, which is considered a turning point in the Vietnam War.

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World News
27 year old Colonel Muammar al-Qaddafi deposes King Idris of Libya and establishes a pro-Arabic, anti-Western, Islamic republic.

The United States, USSR, and about 100 other countries sign the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

Golda Meir becomes the first female prime minister of Israel.

The very first US troop withdrawals are made in the Vietnam War.

Pop Culture
Sesame Street known for its Muppet characters makes its debut on PBS.

The Beatles have their last public performance on the roof of Apple Records.

John Lennon and Yoko Ono are married at Gibraltar.

In August, more than half a million people gather in the small, upstate New York town of Bethel (near Woodstock, N.Y.) for four days of rain, sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll.

The FCC bans all cigarette advertising on television and radio.

Inventions
ARPANET is invented by the United States Department of Defense.

Movies
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Hello, Dolly!
Midnight Cowboy
True Grit

TV Shows
Mayberry R.F.D.
Here’s Lucy
Walt Disney’s Wonderful World of Color
The Doris Day Show

Books
The Andromeda Strain, Michael Crichton
The Selling of the President, 1968, Joe McGinnis
The Godfather, Mario Puzo
The Inheritors, Jerome Robbins

Economy
Average cost of new house: $15,550
Average income per year: $8,550
Average monthly rent: $135
Average cost of new car: $3,270
Gas per gallon: 35 cents

1969
### Top 10 1966

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1969
- President: **Morris Abram**
- Commencement Speakers:
  - **Roger Baldwin** *(Founder, American Civil Liberties Union)* and
  - **René Cassin** *(Nobel Prize winner in the Field of Human Rights)*
- Tuition: **$1,650**
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term: **2,112**
- Number of Graduates: **533**
- 18th Commencement Exercise
- Honorary Degree Recipient: **Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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**
Celtic Star K. C. Jones Named New Hoop Coach

K. C. Jones, backcourt ace of the Boston Celtics, was named Brandeis' varsity basketball coach last Tuesday. Jones will play one more season, his eighth, in the NBA before joining the Brandeis physical education staff for the 1967-68 academic year. An interior coach will be named for next season to direct the offense and defense of the Athletics.

Jones, a 6' 1' 195-pound defensive star, is 31 and the father of three. He has been a key factor in the Celtics' world championship teams. Jones is a graduate of the University of San Francisco, where he played with Celtic captain Bill Russell.

Morris B. Abram Accepts Post as University President; U. N. Delegate, N. Y. Lawyer To Take Office in September

Student Union Opening in '68

The New Brandeis Student Union will be open by June, 1968, according to David Rolbein, director of business administration.

The building complex will be constructed on the site of the abandoned reservoir opposite Goldfarb Library. Construction will require 18 months to two years. Associate Dean of Students Leonard Zion called the completion of the buildings a "high priority" project, and noted that the opening of the student union has been set ahead of the original campus master plan, which called for a 1972 target date.

The Student Union Building will consist of five interconnected units enclosing a landscaped court. It will consolidate most student social, recreational and service organizations in one central complex.

Bureau and Alleys

Offices of the Dean of Students, chaplains, and alumni will be located in the new facility. The mailroom, bookstore, snack bar, a ballroom-auditorium, a waitess-service restaurant, card rooms, bowling alleys, lounges and music listening rooms are also planned. A large parking lot will provide additional on-campus parking space.

Rolbein and Zion stated that many suggestions advocated in meetings with a student committee headed by Naomi Reecce, '65, were incorporated into the preliminary engineering designs.

Complete Boycott Called

Faculty Ratio 25:1 | General Dissatisfaction

Boycott Estimated 80% Successful; President Addresses Student Union

Ford Occupation Ends Without Settlement of 10 Demands; Group Planned to Prevent Recurrence; Term Extended
Over 200 Students Lose ID Cards in Sit-ins

Members of the vigil (and newsmen) in Bernstein-Marcus lobby.

(Justice photo by Alan Ferber)

Ford Still Held by Majority of Brandeis Blacks

President, in Interview, Calls for Communication

Violence Center Sees Trouble At Universities

Rosenthal Not Open; Over 30 in Wellesley

Faculty Again Changes Regulations on Gen. Ed.

New Securitymen To Patrol Campus Without Weapons

Highlights Remaining in Orientation Week

Two New Dormitory Areas Planned; Morrissey Reveals Housing Program
Ford Occupied; Talks Progress

More Meetings Stated for Tonight

Faculty, White Students React

Petition Urges Open Channels

The students at Barnard College have long been concerned about the building and its policies. The petition calls for open channels between the student body and the administration. The petition states that the building is not only a place of learning but also a place of belonging. The students want to be heard and their concerns addressed. The petition calls for the building to be more accessible and inclusive for all students.

The petition was signed by many students, and it was presented to the administration. The administration has promised to review the petition and to take action to address the students' concerns.

The students hope that the petition will help to bring about change and improve the student experience at Barnard College.

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BULLETIN

Student Council President Eric Taylor appeared at a press conference at the building last night. He said that the students have been actively engaged in the discussions and that the council will continue to work with the administration to ensure that the building is a safe and welcoming space for all students.

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The students at Barnard College have been actively involved in the building's governance and decision-making processes. They want to ensure that the building is a place of learning and belonging for all students.
president's message

To the Class of 1969:

I came to this university from the law, from the world of Louis D. Brandeis. One of the many reasons I take such pride in my association with Brandeis University is that it bears the name of a man who believed—as I do—that "the great achievement of the English-speaking people is the attainment of liberty through law" and who defined liberty in a twentieth-century democracy as "the right to enjoy life, to acquire property, to pursue happiness, in such a manner that the exercise of the right in each is consistent with the exercise of a like right by every other of our fellow citizens."

I find that today I have tentative views on many things, but I am absolutely confident that the real solutions to the painful problems we face today in the United States will be within the framework of the American political system and through the application of the processes of law and accompanying justice. I know—as Louis Brandeis knew—that our American system can work. Justice Brandeis showed that it could. He knew how to stretch the system and work it harder, by meticulously studying the institutional framework and then working within it for the public good. He used the system with brilliant originality to redress wrongs of his day and to effect reforms wherever he could. He employed knowledge as power, and America was changed for the better by his efforts.

1969 marks the 21st birthday of Brandeis University. It also marks the 21st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document with both moral and normative impact that melds rights flowing not only from Western middle-class liberalism, but from the labor movement and the socialist movement as well. We in the United States—along with the people of other Western democracies—understand those rights which protect the individual from the state: freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion and the like. We have difficulty, however, in accepting as basic rights other principles in the Universal Declaration, for we have been unaccustomed to the idea that individuals also have a basic right to a job, to leisure, education, medical care, housing and social security. And therefore, while the American democratic system has succeeded overall, especially in the area of individual liberties, strong economic and social steps still must be taken to encourage wider public acceptance of these other principles, and to implement the rights they enunciate. But we clearly have the means and structures in the United States to do what needs to be done if we have the will, the discipline and the energy.

When I was in the university, I was what is now called an activist student. But my activism was born of a dreadful fear that when I got out of the university, the curve of the depression would still be downward, and I would not be able to find a job no matter how well-educated I was. And so I was out to reform the economic system, as most of the young radicals of the thirties were, but I was out for personal reasons. I was afraid for my own destiny.

Young people today are not much concerned—as I was—about what the system is going to do to them. You are concerned about what the system is doing to others—to the blacks, to the disadvantaged. Your generation may well be the first in this country really prepared to make common cause and citizenship with all Americans, whatever their race, color, religion, class or economic status.

For this, I applaud you and I envy you. You understand that a government which promises civil, political and religious rights for all has not yet discharged its obligations. You have asserted the truth that any enlightened government has an obligation also to ensure the educating, housing, clothing and feeding of those of its people who need its help. And if, as is traditional, I were to exhort you to anything, it would be to go forth to work within the system to achieve the changes you so articulately pronounce essential. If used with imagination and intelligence, the system will respond.

Although a freshman president, I find I have much in common with the Class of 1969, for we share intimate knowledge of the University, yours gained by four years of exposure, mine by a total immersion of many months. I have enjoyed meeting some of you, and in the years ahead I hope to have the time to know all of you—as alumni, as fellow-citizens, and as friends.

Morris B. Abram
Jo Anne Chernev Adlerstein

Life since Brandeis...

Made aliyah to Jerusalem in 2008 and I love living here. In 2013, I became one of the first Registered Foreign Lawyers in Israel. Recently, I stopped my New York work. Now I work in only one time zone and restrict my practice to U.S. tax law compliance for residents of Israel.

Daughter Laurie, her husband and five children live 20 minutes away in Efrat. It is fun to be Savta. The kids are astounded when I say anything in Hebrew which is grammatically correct. Son Dave (Brandeis ’94) and his wife sent teenagers Isaac and Yoav from NY to visit with me for winter break this year. Son Dan and I got together in New Orleans and Amsterdam last year. We’ll meet in New York after the Reunion.

My leisure time is spent outdoors as much as possible. I garden on my balconies, and enjoy my memberships at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem Cinematheque, and Jerusalem Pool. Just got back from a hiking trip at Mizpe Ramon in the Negev. Still a voracious reader, a Democrat, and a supporter of left wing causes. Travel for legal conferences and fun.

In 2011, I spent 2 weeks in Ethiopia with a group of Israelis retracing the path of the Beta Israel from Ethiopia to Sudan and Israel. My roommate Frey came from a village to Israel with her grandmother as a young child and this was her first trip back. We visited the graves of her parents and met with her aunt and cousins who remain. Frey serves in the military police now. We spent time with the families hoping to make it to Israel on the final flights. After years of supporting the resettlement of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, it was an extraordinary trip. I am about to start volunteer work with the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews.

Always happy to hear from classmates!
I've tried to live my life in a way that honors the ethics I learned at Brandeis. My politics haven’t changed much from the days of the sit-ins at Gryzmish, though I’m horribly disappointed at the way things have turned out. My sentiments haven’t changed much from my senior year of socializing with the TYP students, though they have certainly matured and grown tougher.

I’ve had a wonderfully abundant life with good health, good friends and good fortune. I’ve lived long enough to fulfill one of my dreams, that of being a philanthropist. So many other dreams have fallen short, yet I continue to work on them as I donate my time, talent and money to the causes that inspire me.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis has stayed with me all through the years, both in name and in deed. Whenever people hear that I went to Brandeis, they are extremely impressed and they treat me as if I’m in an elite group of very smart people. Then I have to live up to that expectation, and so I work very hard not to disappoint.

I continue to want to fulfill all the possibilities that were open to me when I first graduated. I keep trying new things, I keep exploring and I keep working to spread my political and humanitarian sensibilities to everyone I know.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I’m much more serious than when I was at Brandeis and constantly wish that I could go back now and really study with so many of the wonderful professors and get to know classmates better.
Life since Brandeis...
Still working hard as an attorney and enjoying it--believe it or not. But also really enjoying our five grandchildren. What a joy!
Life since Brandeis...

I have been in Denver, Colorado practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology for over 35 years and I have delivered over 12,000 native Coloradoans.

My oldest son, age 30, is an MD/PhD student in neuroscience and starting a business in computer data management in healthcare at UCLA and my 27 year old son is starting business school at the Yale School of Management, after spending the last four years working in economic development for the State of Colorado. My work life balance allows my wife and I to spend more time at our vacation house on the coast of Maine in Ogunquit, so I come to Boston often. Being back in New England on the ocean has been very invigorating. I am learning to salt water fly fish along with my daily walks on the beach.

My Colorado recreational activities include skiing, hiking, biking and fly fishing for trout in picturesque mountain streams. It turns out that trout rarely live in ugly places.

I remain active in Planned Parenthood activities having served on the board and as Medical director. I currently consult and speak on identification and treatment of patients with Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer syndrome and other genetic conditions that place women at high risk for developing these diseases which are much more common in Jewish women.

So life’s been good. I don’t know if I will get to the reunion but my thoughts will be with all of us who were in the Class of 69.
Shirley Joseph Asher

Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis, my husband, Jonathan Asher & I, moved to Greeley, Colorado where I worked at the mental health center & Jon worked with Colorado Rural Legal Services. After a couple of years, I went to the University of Colorado at Boulder and in 1980 received my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. We moved to Denver where I have maintained a private practice and consulted with domestic violence and rape crisis centers.

We have two sons—Aaron, born in 1976, and Zachary born in 1981. Aaron works in the budget office of Denver Health and Hospital and Zach is a physician assistant in the ICU of University Hospital. Zach and his wife, Katie, are expecting their first child in May.
Life since Brandeis...

I have been happily married for 29 years to Ellen Leopold, have three wonderful daughters, and our youngest, a 20 year old son. We have two grand children, Uriah and Oriana who live in Santa Monica, CA. They are the light of our lives and helped me decide to retire from practice this June so we could spend some extended time with them during the chilling months of January and February.

I sold my Harley in 2013 and have taken to biking. Ellen and I have biked recently in Scotland and Portugal and will be biking in Southern France after a meeting in Amsterdam at the end of September. Ellen and I also enjoy films and have attended the Sundance Film Festival the past seven years.

I have had a fulfilling career in Academics first at Wayne State University in Detroit and then at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. I have been a Chief of Medicine at a community hospital in Rochester, a medical director of a 3400 physician IPA, the Director of Strategic Innovation at the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency and most recently the Chief Medical Officer of Focused Medical Analytics. I had the good fortune to study human interaction with a linguist, Richard Frankel, and what encourages physicians to embrace change. I do considerable consulting now with medical groups in Massachusetts and California.

I appreciated my time at Brandeis and especially enjoyed my Chamber Music class on Wednesday afternoons studying Beethoven's String Quartets.
Life since Brandeis...

It's odd how you can look back at your life when you reach a certain age and think about what you might have done differently. I can safely say that I probably wouldn’t have changed a thing. I got to live out my dream of running a television production company: creating shows for various networks, producing documentary style films, and even creating a news feed that provided content to over 400 television stations. It’s also odd that a Brandeis graduate should have had such a career in sports television, but it was lots of fun, and I never had to dodge a bullet—an angry crowd here and there, but never a bullet. Additionally I got to work with a number of very talented editors and producers who have gone on to create programming for a number of networks, large and small. In fact, I had it so good, I wanted it to last forever and assumed it would.

If I’ve learned one thing in the last year it’s nothing lasts forever. The company that I helped found and had worked for the last 35 years finally closed its doors, a victim of the changing broadcast landscape, and I find myself either unemployed or retired depending on the day and who’s asking. As a person who is used to the craziness of a broadcast operation, I find it strangely odd not having feature pieces to review, shoots in remote locations to organize, press conferences to cover, and marketing problems for clients to resolve. I hope someone will find some use for my skills since I’m not ready to ride off into the sunset. On the other hand, if I don’t find another challenge, I am in the fortunate position not to have to worry about putting food on the table or paying off a mortgage, and all in all that’s a pretty good place to be after 45 years. I have my health, a lovely family, three grandchildren with more to come I hope, and a house on a lake, I am a very happy guy.

To this day I am grateful for the good friends I made and the education I got at Brandeis. It has served me well.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I think the most important things I learned at Brandeis was how to think, how to write and how to get along with people.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I remember working very hard to take WBRS from a carrier current Brandeis only radio station to an over the air broadcast reaching some of the affluent suburbs west of Boston. Then I remember putting Norm Weiner on the air and causing some real issues for some of the commercial stations in the area. Thanks Norm!
Life since Brandeis...

Time passes yet my memories of my days at Brandeis remain (which isn’t so bad all things considered ...).

I became engaged to my wife, Fran, while at Brandeis, and now almost 45 years later, my wife continues to put up with me as do our three children who live in NYC. Our identical twin daughters (36 y/o) work in the fashion industry, and buy all the fashionable clothes a social security aged person could ever hope for and need.

I studied physics at Brandeis and that led me to my profession as a bioengineering faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh.

I became interested in jogging at Brandeis, and now 45 years later, I am blessed to be able to still jog daily (albeit very slowly and more slowly each and every day) and of course do push-ups!

Several years ago I represented Pitt at the inauguration of the current Brandeis President, and I was happy to see that the food quality was pretty much unchanged since 1969!

Be that as it may, Fran and I always enjoy attending these reunions and reminiscing with friends about our days at Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

Its been an improbable, serendipitous journey starting, after graduation, with a two year stint as a Vista Volunteer in Gary Indiana, followed by four years of teaching by day and law school at night, leading to eighteen years in a law firm in Washington, then three years as General Counsel at Capital Cities/ABC to finally what I have been doing for more than the past decade -- serving as General Counsel of The Walt Disney Company. Throughout the journey, I have had the great fortune of working with some truly great and generous people whose wisdom helped illuminate the way. I am one of the lucky ones who truly loves what they do and treasures the opportunity to be able to do it.
Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis, I went to the University of Chicago for a masters in education. I lived with Jaine Darwin in Hyde Park at that time. The next year I married Ben Bronheim ’68. We lived in Milwaukee while he finished his MD. I ran the psychological testing department at Jewish Vocational Services while there. In 1972 it was time to move on for our careers. We moved to the DC area for Ben’s residency and my graduate school. I completed my PHD in clinical psychology at Catholic University and have been on faculty at Georgetown U. in Pediatrics for almost 40 years. My work has focused on clinical, research and policy efforts affecting individuals with special needs. Since I have always been on soft money, I have gotten to do a range of really interesting things. I ran our learning disabilities clinic, co-directed the Tourette’s Syndrome clinic, have worked in the National Center for Cultural Competence and run a psychology internship program. Best of all, I have been able to work in the same setting while doing all those interesting things with a wonderful group of people who have become family. I have also devoted a lot of volunteer time to my children’s schools and have held multiple leadership positions in our synagogue. Ben and I have two children Rebecca (37) and Jeremy (35). Rebecca’s work is in international public health and takes her around the world. Jeremy, like many in his generation, is now embarking on a third career--this time in accounting. Their life journeys have enriched ours. We love to travel, especially if opera is involved. We have followed our daughter in her travels to Africa and Central America as well.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to have such a rich and fulfilling life. I am now contemplating the next chapter--lots of thoughts about legacy and wanting to do something meaningful beyond my work years. Not sure when that new chapter will begin (if government funding gets any worse it could be VERY soon). I know, however, that it will be informed by the values and vision that I developed at Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

After active duty in the Navy--remember me in my sailor uniform?--I got a law degree from the University of Texas, and ended up practicing law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, while serving on a number of civic boards and organizations in Irving, TX. I was appointed a U. S. Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration--ironic since I now draw retirement benefits while working for Social Security--in 2004 and, after serving 4 1/2 years in Syracuse, NY, got transferred back to the downtown Dallas hearing office in 2009. I have continued to pursue my hobby--the piano--as music director of local musical productions and as a competitor in the Cliburn International piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs, where thrice I placed as a semi-finalist. I study piano with Dr. Tamas Ungar of Texas Christian University--a nice counterpart to Brandeis, don't you think?--and have participated annually in the Piano Texas festival, and performed with the Fort Worth Symphony. I live in Plano, TX with my wife of 33 years, Martha Jane, son, David, dog, Buster, and a 9 foot concert grand piano, a Knabe named Obiwan. Can’t make the reunion, but best wishes to all.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Leonard Levy, and his History of Constitutional Law and Theory. It started me on my career.

Professor Glazer teaching the History of the Bible, provided my single most vivid memory at Brandeis: As the last class of the fall semester was drawing to a close, he summarized the recurring message of the Old Testament, and in particular the prophets, as one of social justice: caring for the hungry, the poor, etc. And then he said: You know, America is the first country in history that has the means and opportunity to do it. . . .BUT YOU DON’T DO IT. I DON’T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DON’T DO IT.”

And then the bell rang.

In my current job, deciding claims for disability benefits, I have an opportunity to do it, in a small way, for some people.
Bill Callahan

Life since Brandeis...

Have lived and worked since 1976 in northeast Ohio, where I was born and spent my childhood. In Cleveland since 1980. With Bonnie since 1971, married in 1978. We have three grown offspring.

I’ve been a union organizer, a neighborhood organizer, a consumer organization specialist on energy and utility issues, and a community development corporation director. Since the mid-90s my focus has been digital literacy and access strategies for low-income residents and communities.

From 2010 through 2013, I directed one of the most ambitious low-income broadband adoption projects funded by the U.S. Commerce Department’s “broadband stimulus”. We trained and helped connect more than 25,000 new Internet users through community initiatives in Cleveland, Akron, Detroit and other localities in Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina and Florida.

Now that project is over, and I’m working with partners in Cleveland and Detroit to develop the next iteration.

In the words of before-my-time Brandeis professor Irving Howe, quoting the wisdom of the fabled elders of Chelm to a man they hired to sit at the village gate watching for the Messiah:

Yes, the pay is low. But the work is steady.

Story of my life.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Lewis Coser, Sociology 1a. It was advertised as an introduction to social theory and that’s exactly what it was: greatest hits of Marx, Manheim, Simmel, Weber, etc. discussed by a very, very smart guy in the true Venerable Intellectual style. A class to remember.

Also, I’m pretty sure this was where I first heard the Irving Howe story mentioned in my previous answer.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

“Fondest”? Hmm. Well, aside from interpersonal experiences that shouldn’t really be discussed here, and obvious highlights like occupying the administration building, I guess it’s the music that showed up routinely at Cholmondeley’s. The Kweskin Jug Band and the Charles River Valley Boys in particular, but there were many, many others. Four years of pretty unbelievable booking. We were really and truly spoiled.
Life since Brandeis...

I have been married for almost 30 years and have been living in Washington DC for even longer than that. My husband and I are both lawyers, although I have been unemployed for a while. We were law professors for four years before marriage and during the beginning of our marriage living in two different cities until I got pregnant at which point I was not interested in a commuting marriage.

We have a son Charlie who is 23. He has dropped out of college (Reed) and is currently living in Brooklyn and cooking at an upscale grocery store and take-out. Since age 9 he has been involved with Habonim Dror. I would never have expected a child of mine to be that involved with any Jewish institution.

The most life altering part of my life is that before Charlie we had another son Jason. He was born with a very serious genetic condition after a misdiagnosed amniocentesis. We ended up placing him for adoption and I have become an activist for reunions for adult adoptees and their birthparents. As part of this I have played a key roll in passing legislation in Maryland.

I have recently become a passionate, but not very good, gardener. I am currently taking a course for a Master Gardener certificate.

The atmosphere at Brandeis freaked me out, but it turned me into a life-long activist.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

My castle apartment and my roommates there as well as other Brandeis friends.
Life since Brandeis...
Many changes - 3 grown children, one a breast cancer survivor; 3 careers - construction, Nursing, and medicine; 3 jobs since residency - group practice, solo practice, faculty in Family Medicine residency; 40 years married; closing in on retirement

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
It showed me the importance of education - although I didn't appreciate it at the time.
Life since Brandeis...


Through the years enjoyed travel to London, Paris, Monet’s home in Giverny, the south of France; repeated visits to many Caribbean islands, Maui, Kauai (miles & miles of smiles).

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Late ’67 through the Fall of ’68: Co-founded the Afro-American Organization (AAO) with 9 other men and women of color. Ultimately achieved our goal of making Brandeis more diverse by recruiting more blacks and latinos to apply and attend. Of course, that diversity didn’t happen without the Ford Hall Occupation by the AAO, but our major demands — like increased minority recruitment and 10 MLK scholarships (based on financial need) — were achieved. It was a very intense time but I’m very proud to have been a part of those significant achievements.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My work for years as a community organizer (see above) comes directly from my activist efforts at Brandeis. My years there helped shape my ideas about what our society should look like and about how we should work to achieve it.
Life since Brandeis...

I am still living in Cambridge, Ma. and still practicing as a psychologist and psychoanalyst. It always startles me when someone asks how long I have been in the field and the number of years is so large. I treat patients, teach at the Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis, the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy and the Victims of Violence Program at the Cambridge Health Alliance. I am still very active in the Division of Psychoanalysis of the American Psychological Association. I ponder retirement, but that feels daunting both because I would have to structure my own time and think before I spend. From 2004-2011, I ran a pro bono mental health program that gave services to extended family of mobilized military and veterans. This was gratifying and disorienting after years of protesting wars.

I continue to love to cook, to travel and to hang out with friends. I regret the absence of my own children and grandchildren. I use that energy on nieces, nephews, god children and now all their progeny. I fondly remember when none of my joints hurt.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My years at Brandeis taught me many things; some of which I only realized in retrospect. I was exposed to an intellectual rigor that can be so absent in so many places. I came away thinking that everyone was reflective, introspective and progressive in their thinking. My years at Brandeis allowed me to experience adventures that might have easily eluded me somewhere else. I am glad that part of me could emerge.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I am as invested in social justice now as I was at Brandeis. I am much better able to take initiative and to appreciate the people around me who join me in these endeavors.
Life since Brandeis...

Forty-five years (since graduation) is a long time! My life has taken unanticipated turns but looking back I’m very proud of how things turned out. The highlights: I earned a PhD from Stanford; lived in Brazil for about 10 years; and worked with the Ford Foundation for more than two decades. My hands-down favorite project was a global fellowship program supported by Ford that sent more than 4,000 social justice leaders from Asia, Africa and Latin America to graduate school at the world’s top universities. Over 150 of the fellows earned master’s degrees in the Sustainable International Development program (SID) at the Heller School. It felt great to bring these dedicated students to Brandeis -- they loved the program and are now back in their countries making life better for the people at home. The program ended in October 2013 after 13 years. I’ve had the great luxury of spending this academic year at Oxford--yes, that’s Oxford, UK--reflecting on how education is the best investment there is for making a real difference in people’s lives and aspirations for the future. On the personal front, I have a beautiful son, Andre, aged 24, who’s graduating this spring from Boston Architectural College. And one of the best parts of the story? I’m still in touch with some of our classmates. Even if we lost touch for a while, we can pick up right where we left off. Very little in life is as precious as a 50-year conversation! Looking forward to this year’s reunion.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

It was a close match between Leo Bronstein, Alan Grossman, and Luis Yglesias. I think I’d pick Yglesias, though, since he set me on a course toward Latin America that’s lasted a lifetime. He was young, handsome, and had a motorcycle! And the best part – he was a poet. I spent decades trying (unconsciously, of course) to find that passionate commitment to life and art in various parts of the world. Latin America turned out to be filled with passionate poets, although none ever made quite as much of an impression on me as Yglesias did. But he gave me a great start.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Not sure this is a fond memory: Alan Grossman shouting at me across the quad, in his gravelly voice: “Ms. Dassin, your paper was totally incomprehensible!” Life lesson learned: never assume people understand what you are trying to say. Alternative interpretation: work harder to make yourself understood!
Life since Brandeis...

After graduating from Brandeis, I went to medical school (Yale), taking off a year along the way to travel around the country. In med school, I decided on a career in psychiatry. I did a medical internship in Philadelphia and then took off from training for two years before pursuing a psychiatry residency. During that time, I lived in western Massachusetts, belonged to a children's theater troupe and learned to practice Vipassana (Buddhist meditation). In 1977, I moved to Boston, to begin my psychiatry Residency at Tufts. During training, I met my wife-to-be, Deena, who was the director of psychiatric nursing in a hospital where I was a resident. We got married in 1980 and have had a wonderful, loving marriage for the past 33 years.

After completing my training, I worked in various settings including state mental hospitals, community mental health centers, day treatment programs and general hospitals, with a 15-year stint at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. I also pursued psychoanalytic training and am a graduate of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. For the past 33 years, I have also had a private practice (my full-time activity for the past 12 years), providing a mix of general psychiatry, psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, psychopharmacology, geriatric psychiatry and medical psychiatry. I am on the faculty at Harvard Medical School, supervise psychiatry residents and teach at several institutions.

Deena, my wife and soul-mate, is a woman with a heart of gold. After years as a psychiatric nurse administrator, she decided to stay home to raise our children. As they grew up, Deena became deeply involved in the school system and political activity, and became a full-time, volunteer, community activist.

We have three wonderful children: Jenny, 30, is in osteopathic medical school and plans to go into Ob/Gyn; Avi, 27, is a musician, who teaches in a performing arts charter school for disadvantaged students. Jonah, 22, is finishing his final year in college (Brown), and is interested in documentary film-making, music, prison reform, sociology, and what he can do to help fix the world. They are all energetic, caring, thoughtful, engaged people who are highly motivated to do good in the world.

Outside my work, I have been involved with music in a variety of ways over the years. Most recently, I have been in two choruses, a community chorus and a hospice chorus, using music to comfort the ill and dying. I have had a meditation practice for much of the past 45 years and have been exploring the interplay between Buddhism and psychoanalysis as two approaches to human suffering. I love to ski, sail, bike and travel.

I am blessed by the life I have had since Brandeis, and feel very grateful for the opportunity to attend Brandeis, which provided excellent preparation for a life of meaningful work, service, culture, and connection.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis introduced me to a world of intellectual stimulation, a wider range of social contacts, political awareness, an education in social justice, and an exposure to all the fun, excitement, energy and confusion of the counter-culture in the late 1960’s! What an amazing time to be in college!
Life since Brandeis...

What I recall most about my days at Brandeis were the events that took place outside of the classroom - - the anti-war demonstrations, the take-overs of the administration building and of Ford Hall, Sanctuary, the symbolic red fists on our graduation gowns - - the constant rebelliousness in the air. And, for me personally, love was also in the air - - it was in my senior year that I met my future wife, Randy Sherman, Brandeis class of '71. Following graduation, I went on to law school - - what else was I to do with a major in History? Following Randy's graduation, we were married in June of 1971 and we will be celebrating our 43rd wedding anniversary this coming June. We first lived in Cambridge and moved to Needham in 1980, where we have lived ever since. In 1977, our daughter, Ana, was born and in 1983, our daughter, Rosie, was born. Ana married in 2003 and in 2009, our granddaughter, Molly, was born and in 2012, our grandson, William, was born. Both of our daughters have careers in higher education administration. Randy began her career as a public school teacher in Boston in 1971 and in 2011 she retired after having been a primary school principal for the previous 13 years. Since my graduation from law school in 1972, I have practiced law continuously in the greater Boston area concentrating in the areas of real estate, estate planning, probate and general business transactions. For the past seven years, I have also taught a course in real estate law at Suffolk University Law School as an adjunct faculty member. I am hoping to slow down a bit in the next few years so that I can spend more time with Randy and the grandchildren and do more traveling.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

As odd as it may seem, considering that I was a History major and went on to become an attorney, it was Professor Bronstein and his art survey course. Before taking his course, I knew next to nothing about art, but, after taking the course, I have a lifelong appreciation of art and artists. I guess that is the value in a liberal arts education - - it opens up your mind to topics and subjects that you might otherwise not encounter.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had two major impacts on my life: first, by the time that I graduated, I had developed a social and moral consciousness that may not have existed when I entered Brandeis in 1965. I became more liberal in my thinking and in my politics and more attuned to what I perceived as inequality and discrimination in all of its forms; and, second, on a personal note, and probably the major impact on my life, I had the good fortune to meet, at Brandeis, the woman who would become my wife and to whom I have been happily married for the past 43 years.
Steve Deitsch

**Life since Brandeis...**

I have resided in Los Angeles, California since 1979. I am a partner in a 180 attorney law firm which has 8 offices throughout California, and one in Washington, D.C. I specialize in municipal law. On a contract basis, I serve as city attorney for Arcadia, Big Bear Lake, Indian Wells and Shafter, California. As such, I get in the car regularly to travel around southern California and enjoy both the legal practice and the chance to experience the California environment very much. I enjoy periodically attending Southern California Brandeis Alumni Association events, and especially like keeping in touch and getting together, albeit too infrequently due to geography, with treasured and life-long friends from Brandeis around the country. Due to my interest in collecting and appreciating art, I have kept abreast of events concerning the Rose Art Museum on campus, along with other Brandeis news. I still love Brandeis and cherish my 4 years at the University.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory.**

I still remember the pre-freshman orientation party in northern New Jersey where I first met some wonderful Brandeis people. My experience as an editor of the Justice was fascinating, and participating in student government (vice-president while Eric Yoffie was president) was also fun. The black students’ occupation of Ford Hall was a unique experience, and I learned much by observing how University President Morris Abram handled it, working with faculty and student groups to resolve the situation. I vividly recall experiencing the shock of the assassination of Martin Luther King during my senior year, and the additional shock of the assassination of Robert Kennedy while I remained on campus immediately following graduation in order to speak at the groundbreaking for the new student center across from the library. The electricity blackout event covering the northeastern United States during freshman year was memorable, and my entire freshman year at Deroy Hall was quite amusing.

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

Two things primarily come to mind -- the wonderful students, faculty and administrators I met and befriended at Brandeis, and the fantastic education I received. Brandeis provided a stimulating social and educational environment. The total experience led me to expand my thinking about lots of things.
Life since Brandeis...

It has been a rich journey for which I am grateful. My children, Eli Battis and Tamara Battis-Lee, and step-daughters Brett and Meghan, are successful and open-hearted adults. I have been blessed to be part of my granddaughter Maia’s daily life. My husband John is a retired English/Drama teacher.

My work has been in theatre, education, and counselling. I worked in Boston theatre largely in the 1980’s and early 90’s, earning my union cards and even winning the Boston Outer Theatre Critics’ award for Best Actress 1984 for my work in "Skirmishes" at the Alley Theatre in Cambridge. I am a Designated Linklater Voice Teacher and taught at Emerson College, Lesley University, Trinity Repertory Company, and my own studio. I happily taught drama and directed many plays with young people as well. I am still working as a psychotherapist in my own private practice which is rewarding, inspiring, challenging, and humbling. In addition to studying yoga and tai chi, I am taking cello lessons.

My time at Brandeis in the 60’s was intense, vibrant, and sometimes wild...and I treasure it.
Life since Brandeis...

A hello to my reunion classmates as I will be visiting one of my daughters in Australia. It is so hard to believe that 45 years have passed - amazing!

Many think of Brandeis of the 60’s in terms of the unrest. But when I think of Brandeis, I remember the superb teachers I was lucky to take classes from: Goldhagen, Levitan, Linchitz, Jordan, Ginger, Evans, and my advisor Registrar Duhig, Ralph Norman, Marjorie Cotton, and Chaplain Robert Bullock. Each taught me how and why to think for myself.

I am happily married to Pat Dunne (Ph.D ’71) and living for the past 35 years in Framingham, MA. We have three daughters, Dr. Kerry Dunne, Dr. Eileen Dunne, Erin Dunne, and a honorary daughter Beatriz Beckford, all with successful careers, and three young children Nora, Maggie and Stokely who call me Nana. Two years ago, I retired from my faculty career at Framingham State University and continue to work part time as a Professor Emeritus at the MetroWest Economic Research Center at FSU which I cofounded 23 years ago. Life continues to be just as busy with partial retirement: gardening, reading, exercising, volunteering, and meeting friends. Plus I love traveling! We just returned from a Panama Canal cruise and are now working on our travel wish list to visit every continent. Community activities continue as I am a 25+ Framingham Town Meeting Member and teach Sunday school at our local parish. Recently it was a joy to return to Bethlehem Chapel where we married – also 45 years ago! – and meet Father Cuenin. I am grateful to be able to celebrate my 45th and certainly recognize and appreciate the many blessings I have received.
Life since Brandeis...
Life has been good. I have no (or very few) complaints.
I spent 20 years in human resources in the corporate world, but I got tired of laying people off. Now I sell birdseed which pays a lot less and is a lot more agreeable. I live in suburban New Jersey, a bit of an adjustment for this city girl, but it's a great commute. I am the proud owner of four cats which is why I can't have nice things.
There is always room at the Hotel Epstein (if you are not allergic to cats.) Call me if you are heading my way!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
I treasure the many friends I made at Brandeis, so many of whom are still major parts of my life. I love you all!
Life since Brandeis...

I’ve had a rewarding career as a psychiatrist for 35 years. My wonderful wife of 25 years is also my best friend. We have 4 dear and successful children and one great son-in-law who are a joy. My lifelong interests in cooking, gardening and enjoying wine sustain me well. Thank you Brandeis for lighting the way with the lanterns of art and history, and honing my tools of critical thought.

A great day for my family was graduation at Brandeis 2010 when Nick Nestelbaum, our youngest, got his diploma.
Life since Brandeis...

In what seems like a lifetime ago, friends at Brandeis knew me as Susan Levin. A few significant reminiscences about life at Brandeis: how overwhelming it felt to arrive at Brandeis from a small Midwestern town, how disappointed I was that the introductory psychology courses really didn't help me understand life at all, and how remarkable an education those 4 years at Brandeis proved to be.

These past 45 years (hard to believe) have been a challenging but rich journey. Soon after graduation, I moved to Israel for several years, struggling to learn Hebrew while working with special needs children. Three years later I moved with good friends to the other side of the planet, Vancouver, B.C., where I continued to work with children and to pursue graduate studies.

1992 was a pivotal year for me: I completed a doctorate in Counseling Psychology at UBC and immediately after that I returned to Israel to carry out a post-doc project on autism. I have lived in Jerusalem ever since. I love my profession here as a child psychologist working in two different capacities: as a specialist in the assessment of autistic spectrum children at the Feuerstein Institute, and in private practice specializing in the play therapy treatment of young children.

2005 was the next pivotal and totally life-changing year for me, since that’s when I met my husband Shlomo Fox. A wonderful mensch and a Mancunian no less, Shlomo and I are a JDate success story. The Almighty works in mysterious ways. So Susan Levin became Shoshana Levin Fox. Together we enjoy his 5 grown children and the (so far) 14 grandchildren. We also enjoy our respective jobs, travelling in the summer (Italy has become a favorite vacation destination), and sharing the many facets of living in Jerusalem.

Music remains a favorite hobby of mine. One of my most memorable experiences of senior year at Brandeis was participating in the student orchestra under the direction of Robert Koff. In the spring of 1969 we gave a youthfully energetic performance of Mozart’s Prague Symphony (38). Although I rarely play my flute these days, over the last 20 years I've been studying voice, and singing Mozart arias even as an amateur is great.

Although life in Israel is definitely stressful and challenging, it is at the same time wonderful and deeply meaningful. My path here has led me to Shabbat observance and to an on-going discovery of the richness of Jewish tradition. Beyond the challenges and perhaps even because of them, life is good, meaningful and laden with a sense of blessing.

I hope that the years have been kind to fellow Brandeis friends and acquaintances. To 120 all—and in good health!
Danielle Frankenthal

Life since Brandeis...
I am a painter and installation artist whose works have been shown and collected by museums including the MFAH, the CAMH, the McNay Museum of Art, The Morris Museum, The Museo Casa Santo Domingo. I am represented by galleries in the USA, Latin America and Europe.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Leo Bronstein, Carl Belz and Allen Grossman.
Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis found me the love of my life, classmate Ruth Israelite Freedman, as well as the drive and direction that has maintained me in my work in disability and elder law. Having gotten over the idea that 45th wedding anniversaries are for old people, Ruth and I are treasuring our luck in having our sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren (three going on four) so close, physically and emotionally, that we can engage in their daily lives.

Having had and laid aside (temporarily?) more hobbies than I can count, and having transitioned from downhill skiing to cross country to snowshoeing, but continuing to find personal and professional satisfaction in my work, I do want to begin spending more time in avocational passions (like birding, another slow sport), some of which I assume are still awaiting discovery. For one thing, I have become a much better learner as an adult than I ever was in college. Biblical Hebrew has become something of a passion -- something I never would have anticipated when I had and blew off the opportunity to obtain a solid grounding during my Brandeis years. Ironically, my primary teacher over the last decade or so has been Marc Brettler, a long-time and current professor on the NEJS faculty. Brandeis can have that kind of a reach and hold. I am also blessed by my parents still having the ability and desire to clamber into 4-generation family photos. My father, at 90, has the nerve to complain about his golf game, and my mother, 89, has become a water aerobics fanatic. Every night after supper they play cards and watch Jeopardy.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Gordon Fellman was a formative influence, not only because sociological perspectives were so broadeningly new, but because he was then, as he miraculously continues to be, not only so deeply committed to important causes but also so warmly and genuinely accessible to new people and ideas. Sometime early on, several of us invited Gordie (who must have then been about 20) to our off-campus apartment for an organizational meeting of a group we dubbed “Peace in ’68.” Its mission was the door-to-door anti-war education of our Waltham neighbors. (We thought calling it “Peace in ’67” would have been thought unrealistic.) And he came!
Life since Brandeis...

I have been blessed with a fulfilling personal and professional life, in tandem with Don Freedman. We were married at Brandeis Chapel in our senior year, 45 years ago – wow! We have grown up together, sharing opportunities, hopes, and challenges. We have 2 wonderful sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew and Elizabeth (Natick) and Ezra and Ali (Roslindale). We have 3 awesome grandchildren – Max (age 10); Zachary (age 7); Talia (18 months) and another on the way in early June.

I received my PhD at Heller School for Social Policy at Brandeis in 1982, and still maintain ties with Heller folks. My Brandeis undergrad and grad experiences have been formative in my personal and professional growth. I have worked in research and policy, social advocacy, and for the past 30 years (!) at Boston University School of Social Work, as a professor of research and for the past 11 years as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. I will be retiring at the end of June, and look forward to spending more time with family and friends, and to explore new options (as yet undiscovered) in the community.
Jim Garb

Life since Brandeis...

These reunions do come closer and closer together, don’t they? It's not just my imagination. We must be having fun!

Actually, we are enjoying living on Cape Cod, where we’ve been since 2006. My original plan to do consulting work for a year or two after moving here proved to be shortsighted. I have cut back my client list considerably, but I'm still working as Medical Director of Occupational Health Services at Cape Cod Healthcare on a very limited, consulting basis. It's really just a few hours a week, but I like it, work with some great people, and plan to continue with it for a few more years. It's been a great transition from full time work.

I'm continuing to help teach English for Speakers of Other Languages, my fifth year doing that. We have a great class this year – half Haitian, about a third from Brazil and the rest from scattered countries as far away as China and Viet Nam.

My favorite new activity is playing bongo drums, and occasionally Cajun accordion, with a couple of great local bands. It works out to just 2 or 3 times a month, but it's great fun and we've made some really good friends through the music scene here on the Cape. I'm still pursuing photography and have had a minor degree of success exhibiting and selling some of my work. I've been peripherally engaged in trying to help get the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth shut down. Poorly designed (same as Fukushima) and poorly sited, this aging nuke is a huge potential public health threat to eastern Mass, and particularly the Cape.

Sheila continues with her volunteer work with foster kids, but has given up her paid camp nurse job as of this year. We became first time grandparents late in 2012 when my daughter had a little girl. They live in Mountain View CA, where her husband teaches philosophy at Stanford, so we do a lot of Facetime and have been going out there about four times a year. This little kid is terrific, and we're having so much fun watching her thrive. My daughter does some curriculum writing from home, which is perfect. My son is head chef in a very nice French Bistro in Manhattan. Petit Poulet on 33rd between 5th Avenue and Broadway, right around the corner from the Empire State Building and Macy's if you're ever in that neighborhood and looking for a place to have lunch or dinner.

I've been to France to visit friends a couple of times since our last reunion. In addition to this being the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the US (say it ain't so!), it's also the 50th anniversary of my maiden trip to Paris, where I lived with a wonderful family who are like parents to me, even now in their 90's. Paris is always a good idea, and that was really a transformative experience. We’ve also traveled frequently to NY, Mexico and out to southern California, where I have a stepson and a sister in law in addition to my daughter. We enjoyed a great trip to the Canadian Rockies two years ago.

So there you have it. Hope all is well with you. Peace.
Life since Brandeis...

It’s not much of a surprise but after 10 years of acting, starting Second Stage Theatre in 1980 and running it for 13 years and then Producing One Life To Live for 5 years, that I finally started my own company (Aged In Wood Productions) in 2000 to produce theater on and off Broadway.

Currently I have Avenue Q and Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella running in NY and have just become the Executive Producer of Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope Pennsylvania. My passion is developing new plays and musicals and luckily I have been able to make a living doing just that.

As if that were not enough, I also run the new works program at Roundabout Theatre Company and Produce their Underground Series of emerging playwrights. There is no retirement in my future and that’s ok because I have such a wonderful job.

Halloween 2013 I married Anna Louizos, a brilliant Broadway set designer. We have been together 17 blissful years.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis gave me the confidence to go to New York City and try to have a career.

Charlie Moore, our Professor for Acting, gave me my Equity card at the Sharon Playhouse and it made my auditioning so much easier when I arrived. I got a job in 6 weeks and began my career.
Life since Brandeis...


After Brandeis, I worked in the mental health field for a few years. Here in Eugene, I owned a bicycle store for 17 years.

Since 1980 licensed as an acupuncturist, specializing in electronic stimulation - still in active practice and enjoying every day.
Life since Brandeis...

My photos show me at work, with my family, my feline housemates, and what I like to do in my spare time: play the ’cello (here, with the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra).
I was born in the second year of the Great Postwar Baby Boom. My daughter is a Millennial. On some level it amazes me that we can love the same music. In the place where culture excites emotion the years that might create distance instead disappear.

I hear new things in the songs now. As much as I found poetry in the lyrics, as a musician the harmonies and the chord changes stayed with me more. My daughter, a writer, embraces the lyrics, and easily remembers and quotes them back to me. Now when the songs come back to this aging child[2], sometimes because of my daughter’s fresh perspective and sometimes my changing one, old meanings are overlaid with new:

I'd like to call back summer time
And have her stay for just another month or so….[3]

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Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Two: Gordy Fellman and Nahum Glatzer

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Impossible question, let’s move on.
Life since Brandeis...
A very fulfilling life since leaving Brandeis in many areas:
1. Practicing Gastroenterologist in Miami, FL for 36 years
2. Voluntary Professor of Medicine (GI) at University of Miami School of Medicine
3. Founding director and former board chairman of the Health Foundation of South Florida
4. Founder and CEO of Erlan Medical Management Inc.—a consulting company specializing in strategic planning and technology applications, for large national and international companies
5. Chairman and CEO of Kendall Endoscopy and Surgery Center and also of Fairchild Anesthesia Co
6. Enjoying the activities that life in south Florida permits all year long
7. A great wife along with 2 great kids and 2 great grandkids

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
It was the most influential 4 years in my life in preparing me to be a critical thinker and not only succeed in the real world, but contribute to it.
Life since Brandeis...

As I write this, we are anticipating two happy events. Our daughter Miriam will marry Benjamin Jacobs in May. Miriam works in public relations at the National Gallery of Art, and Ben is an attorney at the Federal Aviation Administration. In July, our son Nathaniel and his wife Kristen are expecting the arrival of their first child. Nat directs the Experiential Education program in the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. Kristen is an advertising copywriter and freelance artist. Jeff is still working, and we have no plans for downsizing or relocating any time soon.
Life since Brandeis...

I graduated from Northeastern School of Law in 1974 and started teaching business law courses that same year. I have now taught at UMass Lowell’s Manning School of Business for close to 40 years. I love teaching; I have great students. I am not at all interested in retiring. I married the former Geoffrey Heald, a graduate of Amherst College, in 1975. We hyphenated our names. We have 3 children: Nathaniel b.1979, Rachel b.1981 and Nicholas b.1990. Geoffrey is also a lawyer, and practices as a commercial real estate attorney. We lived in Harvard, Mass for 11 years, and moved to Lincoln in 1988. We have no idea where we’ll go next. I think this phase of my life is by far the most difficult to figure out. We both have good health, enough money, and too many options. Deciding “what to do next” has never been this hard before—I just can’t visualize anything compelling enough to give up my job for. I am very happily married, Geoff is still my favorite person. I love my job, my family, my friends, my house, my town. But I would also love a new adventure, something dramatic and wild, some BIG change. I think it would be fun to be a newbie again. Right now, though, I can’t think of anything. I wonder if it’s my age!!?
I have been retired since 2010 and have loved every minute of it. I am a two-time cancer survivor and pride myself on living a relatively stress-free life. I am a textile weaver, do some crafts, volunteer with AFS, read a lot, practice yoga, visit the museums, walk my dog and generally relax. While I live most of the year in Washington DC, I spend summers in Falmouth, on the Cape. Looking forward to seeing classmates in June......
Life since Brandeis...

I found my personal paradise at the end of a dirt road in a small town in southern Vermont. From my cabin in the woods overlooking a beaver pond I have pursued a career as an educator, raised my daughter and a garden, connected with many grass roots classical music organizations, and been part of a deep-rooted vibrant community of like-minded neighbors for over 40 years.

I have been a teacher since leaving Brandeis, first in a maximum security prison for men in Connecticut as part of the Teacher Corps, then in several public and private middle and high schools, finding a rewarding niche for the last 30 years at Landmark College in Putney, VT, a college dedicated to serving students with learning disabilities. Everything I learned about literature, literacy and linguistics at Brandeis has served me well in my capacity as tutor, teacher, dept. chair, dean, and finally in Landmark's Institute for Research and Training as a teacher trainer for schools all around the country. I'm still going strong at 66; not sure when retirement will entice me to slow down.

I share a passion for education with my husband Zeke, who retired from teaching at a local high school 8 years ago to pursue an active second career as a composer. Going back to earlier days at Brandeis, where Louis Bagger coached us in a baroque trio (even though Zeke attended Harvard at the time), we have made music our first avocational priority, performing in many orchestras and chamber groups, and founding Friends of Music at Guilford, a non-profit that sponsors concerts in the musically rich area around Brattleboro, VT, including a yearly Messiah Sing and Labor Day Festival, which features an organ concert in a barn and an orchestra concert on the lawn.

We are lucky to live in a close knit neighborhood of friends: we raised our children, buried our dead, celebrated birthdays and weddings together, as well as shoveling out the mailboxes and planting gardens. My daughter Anna was born 2 months exactly after my neighbor’s daughter Emily, planned so they could be best friends, which they still are 32 years later. Anna was married 2 summers ago at the Guilford Fair Ground and lives in Brooklyn like everyone else’s kids, thriving as a writer and copy-writer/editor.

I value my close daily contact with the natural world. Every morning a group of women neighbors walks up and down hill, drawing strength from nature and each other. I love to x-c ski, bike, kayak, and hike as the seasons permit.

I am not in touch with Brandeisians much but there is a small clutch of them who live in the area like Peter Gould and Ellen Schwartz (who studied linguistics with me). I appreciate the stimulating, personalized education I got at Brandeis even more when I observe the range of educational offerings across the country as part of my work travel.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

I was lucky to study linguistics with S.J. Keyser and David Perlmutter in the heady, Chomskian transformational grammar days. The small group of linguistics majors/minors were nurtured and mentored by both these excellent professors, who encouraged us to think deeply and attempt original work. They were funny, intellectually challenging, and kind. Jay Keyser invited us to his splendid home in Gloucester for an annual cook-out.

I stayed in touch with Jay after I left Brandeis because an annual Linguistics Conference was held at U Mass, Amherst, near where I live in VT. I reconnected with Jay there and later consulted with him when deciding about whether to pursue a doctorate. His advice was good: don’t bother unless you really need that paper. Pursue your own research.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

My fondest Brandeis memories took place in Slosberg - the music building. I studied opera with Dr. Treitler, chamber music with Bobby Koff, formerly of the Juilliard Quartet. I played in the Brandeis Orchestra. Two sublime musical occasions: performing Brahms Symphony #2 under guest conductor Arthur Winograd and the electrifying Bartok Divertimento for Strings under Maestro Koff.
Hi there classmates!

I won’t be coming to reunion this time. I hope to make the 50th but who knows, as Frost said, “way leads onto way” which isn’t a bad metaphor for my life.

Short life summary - 6 years of grad school, two-time math phd flunk-out. That involved moving to California, relocating to Philly and then back to NorCal. Been married to Nick Corsano for 42.5 of those years. Most of the time, we have had a pair of litter mate cats. These days it’s Borealis and Denali.

Retrained as engineer, spent 15 years in the computer industry.

For 25 years, Nick and I lead the Legendary Girl Scout Troop 757. We’re retired a decade ago, but many of them still come back for our winter Festive Holiday Gathering. Not a bad legacy for what the SF Chronicle (in a story about the cookie sale) once called “a childless Menlo Park couple.”

Trained as a Diversity Trainer, spent two decades working in the diversity arena, sometimes paid, usually not. Trying to change paradigms is like that.

My recent big accomplishment was to become a credentialed parliamentarian as a Registered Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians. I’m an expert in bylaws and running meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Decisions made by the majority respecting the rights of the minority and the absent.

You can find me on Facebook and LinkedIn if you want to catch up more directly!

Life since Brandeis...

I started getting my life politics at Brandeis and I learned a lot about defending my position. I still think people in Hum class took Kafka’s Metamorphosis, or maybe just themselves, too seriously back then.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Still love science fiction and mysteries. More clear on my values and thus much more sure of myself without needing to be full of myself. Able to answer the questions which should have been asked if it seems appropriate.

I see the world through a very different filter than many people. I use that in my diversity work to help people find their own values and filters by asking good, open ended questions.

For the next reunion, I’d love to see questions like:
- what risks have you taken that have made all the difference
- how would you like to be remembered
- what’s on your bucket list and why?
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Life since Brandeis...

I feel very fortunate to have lived a very fulfilling life so far. A loving and supportive marriage; 2 wonderful daughters who continue as adults as integral parts of my wife and our lives; an incredible 4 year old granddaughter who has given me another purpose/dimension for living; wonderful friends and extended family; and the good fortune to have been able to work and live in the same community and even the same house for the past 35 years.

I loved my work in energy efficiency and utility planning and programs. I have been a part of tremendous advances in efficiency which when I started working were only a dream. I am so lucky to have been able to shape a successful career from something so meaningful and important to our survival. I was able to retire 2 years ago and am working hard on relaxing to enjoy the rest of my life. I love to travel and see the world. I have embraced biking for exercise. And I am volunteering on local energy efficiency efforts.

I believe my years at Brandeis were foundational and fundamental to this story. Critical thinking, taking responsibility and wonderful friends. I look forward to seeing all my classmates despite the reality of seeing so few of you more than every reunion.
Mark Horowitz

Life since Brandeis...

It's been a good life so far. Married to Abby Seixas for 41 years, Two sprouts: Rachel 31 and Eli 29. Current executive and life coach; retired management consultant. Teach organizational systems theory in Russia once a year in a post-graduate training program. About to publish my first book: *The Dance of We: The Mindful Use of Love and Power in Human Systems.*

Hobbyist woodworker and woodturner. Board of Directors of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, ME. Founder and President of The Uniterra Foundation: the Practical Application of Spiritual Values for Social Change. Would love to hear from anyone: mark.horowitz@comcast.net
Life since Brandeis...

Since Larry has done a nice job of summarizing our joint history and his own career, I’d like to comment a bit on my own.

When I started work at Bell Labs after finishing my degree at Cornell, I had the good fortune to find myself amongst some of the most innovative leaders in the then-emerging world of optical communications. I didn’t just peek over the shoulders of giants – I ate lunch with them. It was exciting to be part of the huge research effort that eventually created the stupendous bandwidth that I am using to post this update.

Not everything was wonderful. I was the first woman PhD working in my building; in the mid-70’s not everyone was delighted to have women as colleagues. (This is what we call a polite understatement.) For the first few years this was a significant problem, but in time I found myself with a boss who was the mentor I could have used when I first started. After that things went better and I eventually became a group leader and mentor to the next generation of researchers. (A professional bio is at http://north-c.com/JanetJackelResume.pdf.)

After 35 years in optics/telecom research I decided to retire. It had been a great experience. I’d had the opportunity to invent optical materials and devices and eventually moved on to systems and networks. Technologies that were wild dreams when I started were realized and then surpassed by orders of magnitude. I was starting to feel like an old geezer, and besides I was doing less research and more proposal writing and managing. So I retired to spend much more time with Larry and our dog Luke, though I have done a bit of consulting and hope to continue.

Of course work is only a part of life, and as Larry has written, we have two sons who were really the center of our lives for many years. Luckily neither was interested in team sports so we didn’t have to go to athletic events, but we did help haul amplifiers to a number of sleazy clubs until they went off to Brandeis. Dave and Rob are now grown and married and (we hope) thinking about having their own families. Besides the outdoor adventures that Larry and I share, I spend time with local civic groups. Since no one else wanted to do it I am president of a group that works to preserve our town’s rapidly disappearing open space, turns neglected public land into parks, and issues propaganda to encourage public support of these efforts. We are moderately successful, which is about the best that can be expected.

Brandeis gave me a great education, which is what I expected of it. As an unexpected bonus of going to Brandeis, I ended up with a great husband—the only man who could possibly stand me for all these years. The two together have given me a great life. I can’t wait to see what happens next.
My principal focus for the past 45 years has been our family - my wife Janet, our parents, our sons David and Robert, and their wives Shana and Mara. Family concerns largely determined the jobs we took, where we lived, how we worked, and how we played.

Since 1976 we have lived in New Jersey...we have been in the same house since 1979. Janet and I started our careers at Bell Labs in Holmdel and stayed with the bits and pieces of the Labs that continually fractured, beginning in 1984 and ending for me in 2002 and for Janet in 2011. My professional bio can be found at http://north-c.com/short-bio.htm

Our sons grew up in Holmdel and went on to Brandeis: David '01 followed a path into video production where he met his wife Shana Bethune. They live in Boston and run Shave Media. Robert '04 married his classmate Mara Cohen: they are now both Philadelphia lawyers.

Janet and I own North-C Technologies, Inc. (named for the Brandeis lounge where we first started yacking while waiting for the NY Times to arrive). We do free-lance consulting. I focus primarily on supporting research in robotics and neuromorphic computing; Janet supports telecom research. I am now working on the DARPA Robotics Challenge and the DARPA SyNAPSE program.

We spend our summers cruising the New England coast between New York Harbor and eastern Maine. We sail with Luke (the dog) and sons and their wives, and seaworthy friends.

When we were younger we did backpacking in Colorado with the boys, but we are too creaky now. I still managed to climb the Caps Ridge Trail up Mount Jefferson with Luke 3 years ago, carrying him down when he was freaked out by the rough terrain.

In winter, we ski at Snowbird UT with family and friends. Our sons started skiing there at age 3 and easily passed us after 10 seasons. When we are not traveling, we walk Luke in the nearby woods for several miles each day, hoping he does not find dead deer or other gross things to roll in while off leash.

From 2003-2007 I was a DARPA Program Manager in robotics, but after 4 years the time away from home became too wearing. Consulting lets me have more control of my time while still interacting with smart people, staying abreast of technology, and traveling to interesting places.

Living in Holmdel, we are still near our sons and their wives, my mother, and my sister’s family. As long as we can drive, we plan to stay here. We stay in touch with Brandeis friends in the Boston area, sometimes meeting in places like Cape Cod, Rome, and Snowbird.

The photos show the house in Holmdel where we have lived for 35 years, our boat, Applied Physics in Vineyard Sound, Luke snoozing while I keep watch, and me climbing the mast to fix the radar.

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

Brandeis shaped my life. At Brandeis I went from being a kid to being an adult.

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

Prof Steve Berko had the greatest influence. He was incredibly demanding. I worked in his lab and learned electronics from his students and postdocs. This lab was my first real exposure to experimental physics. I loved it.

In our Junior year, Prof Berko taught Janet, Wolf Rueckner, and me quantum mechanics in a special tutorial. He scared the hell out of us...we were orally quizzed every week in his office. It was great prep for grad school and Bell Labs. Under Berko’s supervision, Wolf and I built a machine to measure what is now called “quantum entanglement”. In hindsight, we probably could have published our results, but we never did.

Berko used to tell a story about riding on a bus in Paris and saying rude things in Hungarian and then getting caught by a fellow speaker. After 45+ years we still remember the story.
Life since Brandeis...

My Brandeis education gave me two important impulses: music (harpsichord) and the desire to learn German. I began medical school in Zurich, Switzerland, but soon changed to musicology with minors in art history and literary criticism. After concluding my studies and receiving the equivalent of an extra Master's degree in library science, I was responsible at the Winterthur Libraries for subject cataloguing, before taking over the Special Collections with the manuscript and picture collections. On the side I have written various articles, mostly on local cultural history, published volumes of correspondences with the artists Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Niklaus Stoecklin and Anton Graff (2014), edited Baroque chamber music with realisations of the basso continuo, and been responsible for publication of the collected works of the Romantic composer Theodor Kirchner. In 2011 I received my pension, and since then work as archivist for the Oskar Reinhart Collection “am Römerholz”, in addition to assisting with research for the Museum Oskar Reinhart in Winterthur.

I am fortunate to be married since 1982 (my wife teaches Latin), and my three daughters have found their occupation in education or in music. Since 1988 I am a Swiss citizen.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Caldwell Titcomb taught us to regard music with all the literary influences. He had us read Cervantes to better understand Richard Strauss. Later I was responsible for the original manuscript score of Don Quixote in Winterthur, and now in the Römerholz collection here I enjoy Fragonard’s and Daumier’s treatment of that text.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

At Brandeis I learned from Louis Bagger to play the harpsichord, and although I was a mediocre pupil (certainly a reason for going into musicology!), this was so important for my life in Europe and the friends I made here.

In addition, I learned so much about Judaism from fellow students.
Larry Joseph

Life since Brandeis...
Over the past 45 years, I have had three somewhat different “careers.” After graduating from Brandeis, I received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I subsequently taught political theory at Washington University in St. Louis.
In 1984, I went to the University of Chicago to “retool” as a public policy analyst. Unexpectedly, I stayed there for more than 20 years, holding various research, administrative, and teaching positions in the School of Social Service Administration, the Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, and the Chapin Hall Center for Children.
In 2007, I left academia to join the staff of Voices for Illinois Children, a non-profit advocacy organization that focuses on issues affecting children and families. As research director, I work on state budget and policy issues related to education, health care, human services, and family economic security.
My wife, Lauren Newman, is an attorney. Our daughter, Carol, is graduating this year from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We live in Chicago’s Hyde Park community.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Several professors left lasting impressions (in different ways) about how to engage in critical thinking: Eugene Meehan (Politics), Alasdair MacIntyre (History of Ideas), and Gordon Fellman (Sociology).

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Like many of us in the Class of ’69, I know that my experience at Brandeis fundamentally shaped my view of the world. My closest friends remain my friends from Brandeis.
Donald M. Kaplan

Life since Brandeis...

Continuing from my Brandeis days are my interest in the sciences and passion for sailing. For the past 12 years I have been a Trustee of the Museum of Science in Boston, and chair of their Program Advisory Committee. It has been immensely satisfying to help plan and launch exhibits and programs at the Museum. Sailing has taken me from competition racing small boats to cruising the coast of New England and beyond. The freedom to go where the wind blows is a relaxing contrast to life on shore. Winter has brought new excitement as a skier, totally remote from my Brandeis experience. While others are grousing about the long winter we savor the last few weeks of exhilaration outdoors.

With kids and grandkids on both coasts, Edna and I are accomplished airline travelers. Travel has also encouraged me to semi-retire from my practice as Chief of Pulmonary and Critical care for the Cambridge Health Alliance. I do enjoy returning to the Brandeis campus for events related to the sciences and productions at Spingold. We consider leaving the Boston area, but haven’t found that ideal spot yet. If only they could do something about the security line at Logan terminal C.
Life since Brandeis...

“Lately it occurs to me what a long, strange trip it’s been.” I am not particularly a Grateful Dead fan, but that line from “Truckin’” sure sums up all that has happened since my first day at Brandeis. I did not enter Brandeis as a freshman, having transferred from Franklin & Marshall as a sophomore. The day I came up for a tour while a freshman was the day they were fishing out an airplane that had crashed into the old reservoir on campus, killing two people. Fortunately, that was not an omen. I was accepted at Brandeis and thrived there. I underwent orientation with the class of 1970, and lived in North Quad on a floor that had a mix of students from various class years. One member of the class of 1970, Teddy Backal, became my roommate during my junior year. Teddy was one of the nicest people I ever met; calm, decent, caring. He idolized Pete Seger, but lamented that Pete was getting older. At that time, Teddy was about 20, and I was about 25 or so (the perfect age gap!). Sadly, Teddy only lived for several years beyond college, dying from leukemia. Pete just passed away this year at 94. You never know.

During my years at Brandeis I was a glutton at the academic buffet table. I took no more politics courses than I needed to fulfill my major, and dabbled in, among other things, Judaic studies, acting, film, and sociology. I came for a liberal arts education, and I got it. I also made some great friends and had my first real girlfriend. Compared to my sense of community and feelings of personal growth at Brandeis, my next 3 years at NYU Law School were more a matter of me just passing through. The times were turbulent, and I marched behind Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin in a New York protest against the Cambodia invasion and Kent State massacre. I also hung out one memorable day in Washington Square Park with A. J Weberman (a well-known Dylanologist) and David Peel (famous for the song “Marijuana”). When it started raining, we adjourned to A.J.’s apartment where David gave an impromptu lesson in deconstructing and reconstructing someone else’s song to create a new song.

My father had passed away while I was in law school, so instead of seeking law jobs after being admitted to the bar, I spent 6 years, along with my mother, running the family business, a retail men’s clothing store in Orange, NJ. When we decided to sell the business and move on, I sent out my resume in search of a job as a lawyer. They didn’t know what to make of a beginner with good academic credentials, but 6 years removed from law school, so the job I landed was not the best. The partners who hired me had too much work for the two of them, but as it turned out, not really enough work for me, so after less than a year I was looking for another job. Having been my own boss and having made good money for 6 years, and being married by that time, I decided I didn’t really want to be slave labor somewhere for 7 years until I could make partner, so I left the law and became a commercial real estate broker. I worked for one company for over 20 years, and another for about 7 more, before I opened my own company, KenKap Realty Corp. I continue to transact my own deals and also teach and mentor my sales agents.

Along the way my political development took me from John Kennedy and his Profiles in Courage, through Barry Goldwater and his Conscience of a Conservative, to Brandeis and the Vietnam War protest movement and opposition to the draft, through witnessing on TV the 1968 Chicago Democratic Convention, which was an anti-democratic as you could get! At that time, I still considered myself a Democrat, but not a very enthusiastic one. Then in 1973 a TV ad for Fran Youngstein, a candidate for Mayor of New York clued me in to a new political party, the Libertarian Party, which champions individual liberty in both economic and personal areas of our lives. I knew I had found a new political home. Over the years I have been state chair of the party in NJ, and run for office numerous times. Here is a link to an interview I did for my 2012 Senate run: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqNejphhQsA

Most recently, I was a candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 2013, where I came in 3rd in a field of 8 candidates. I had nothing to do with Bridgegate! lol

Over the years I have pursued some other interests as well. I participated in a comedy workshop at the New School for a couple of years, where I made a contact with Alan Abel, that led to me doing some writing for his 1976 movie, The Faking of the President, a parody about Richard Nixon, so there I am on IMDb with a writing credit. More recently I was credited as a “bankster” in a music video about economics, “Fight of the Century: Keynes vs. Hayek Round Two” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7narrzMToc I first appear about 2 minutes into the video. I am also an avid fan of live music, seeing many rock and folk performances every year, especially enjoying acoustic house concerts.

Savesthe best for last, I am the proud father of two adult children whose accomplishments thrill me. My son, David, graduated at the top of his mechanical engineering class at Carnegie Mellon and obtained his masters at Johns Hopkins. He works in the Baltimore, MD area. My daughter booked the first on-air interview with Jerry Sandusky and his attorney for Rock Center with Brian Williams, and won an Emmy for her work on that interview. She is now an Editorial Producer at CBS This Morning.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I think of one night, sophomore year, when Ben Kerner (class of ’70) and I took a late night walk where we ended up on the bridge over Rte 128 watching the cars whirl by. We talked and talked. It was one of those magical bonding conversations that make you feel really connected to someone. I also remember walking up to former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who was on campus for a speaking engagement. I approached him ostensibly as a newsmen for the campus radio station, but I really just wanted to shake his hand. Such a spontaneous encounter would never be possible today. I literally got to touch history! And how could I forget getting stoned the first time, which is not an easy thing to do for a non-smoker. Turned on by a freshman when I was a senior, I provided the comic relief for him and his friends as I attempted to inhale, while protesting that I wasn’t feeling anything, until suddenly, I was!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

It sounds trite to say I found myself at Brandeis, and, indeed, finding myself is still an ongoing process, but at Brandeis, I had finally arrived in a community of people who were very much like me as far as being smart, curious, and not much inclined to bully and pick on others (as I had experienced back home and in my first year of college at F&M). It was a place where I was comfortable and quickly made friends, and where I learned so much, both from my classes and from my fellow students.

The photos I provided include a recent headshot of me and a more casual outdoor photo. There is another one of me taken with Ringo Starr when I had the good fortune to be invited to the sponsor’s cocktail party when he performed at Radio City Music Hall in 2003. There is also a photo of me with my children, David and Kimberly, from 2012, and a more recent photo of Kimberly.
My family and personal life has been very fulfilling. I was married and started a family while at Brandeis. Now have two sons in their 40's who are independent, smart, very different from each other. In a long term relationship with a great guy who understands yet challenges me. We are lucky enough to have all four parents still living, aged 89 to 91. It’s a full-time job in itself, difficult at time but rewarding.

Life since Brandeis...

I had a very fulfilling career as an attorney with a large law firm in Los Angeles. I retired in 1996 and goofed off for 14 years. In 2010, I returned to the law firm for a special project, and then became interim General Counsel of a large international oil services company based in Switzerland and Houston. I am re-retiring March 2014.
Steve Katzman

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Taught critical thinking and intellectual curiosity.
Life since Brandeis...

It was so wonderful to go to our 40th reunion and see so many of our classmates and to get reaquainted. Our times and class were so special and I will say clearly and loudly that they contributed so much to whom I have become over these years (and am still becoming).

After we went back to school in the early 1980s, my wife Barbara and I started our own independent and objective financial advising practice here in Center City Philadelphia. We have been fortunate to be able to work with wonderful families over these years and to learn from them while we have hopefully been able to make a difference in their lives and plans. In addition to her work and family life, A couple of years ago Barbara founded and continues as president of the Philadelphia Map Society. She has attracted an enthusiastic group of devotees to its activities.

My interests outside of work and family include musical comedy (spurred on at Brandeis by my friend Dick Goldberg ’69), public transportation (maybe inspired by Barry Andelman, the guy who sold tickets to the Boston & Maine at Kutz), meditation and health, politics, history of retailing (Kauff man!), city planning and Reconstructionist Judaism.

Over the past several years I’ve reconnected (after a thirty five year hiatus) with my cousin Rabbi Bill Kaufman, and have found the relationship with him and his family so meaningful. I have also been glad to be back in touch with friends Paul David and Paul Brynes, both of whom were part of our “group” at school. At the last reunion we also connected with our college group’s Marshall Davis and Ken Kaplan.

We are very lucky to have three great sons and for now they are all in Philadelphia. This is a great deal and we are enjoying each moment of this while it lasts.

Brian is an environmentalist and the first director of a non-profit called the Keystone Energy Alliance. The big news with him is that he recently became engaged to Stacey Kallem, a first year resident at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia, and they plan a 2015 wedding.

Alex is a fourth year art history graduate student at Penn and also works on exhibitions at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. His field is contemporary art and he curated a wonderful film series there a year ago. His girlfriend Molly Knowles works in public health around issues of food sufficiency and poverty at Drexel University.

Our youngest son Josh is in eleventh grade at Strath Haven High School and will be editor of their newspaper next year. He has had virtually a lifelong interest in comedy -- he became a fan of Conan O’Brien at age 3 1/2 -- and just started taking courses at the Upright Citizens Brigade comedy workshop in New York.

In the past five years we were saddened on the passing of the last of our parents, who were such a big part of our lives. From our Brandeis life, we also have mourned Larry Fuchs, professor of American Studies, mentor and friend over all these years. When people talk about standing on the top of giants, Larry is the first person to come to mind for me. A consolation is that through Larry we have become friends with his Brandeis colleague, Steve Whitfield, who is extremely high on the mensch count himself.

I send our love to all ’69ers and hope for a future full of health and happiness ahead!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

There are so many teachers at Brandeis that stand out, including Professors Pettit, Meehan, Long, Fisher, Maslow, Fadiman, Katz, Kantor, Bernstein, Onorato, Keller, Bohler, Bercovitch, Edelstein, and Seeley. Later, I worked at the late, lamented Institute for Jewish Life with Leon Jick and Bernie Reisman. So much also I learned from my friends, classmates, and fellow Justice folks. Amazingly, I can only think of a few clunker teachers, all of whom now that I think of it were in the required courses where we got stuck. Yet Larry Fuchs always stood out from this distinguished company. His wit, optimism, deep knowledge of American Civilization, his openness, and activism in so many aspects of the civic culture, his deep caring for his students -- I took all of that in and know how much Larry affected me and helped me to be me. Later, I saw him being able to adapt to whatever life threw at him and his family and make the best of that, too. His life and works is indeed for a memory.
Life since Brandeis...

I am a dermatologist with both a private practice and a faculty position at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. My wife and I have been married since 1970 and we have two married daughters.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Even though I was a biology major and took a heavy load of science courses, the most enjoyable activity I participated in was playing clarinet in the orchestra, chamber music groups, and the annual Gilbert and Sullivan play.
Life since Brandeis...
I am very grateful for the education I received at Brandeis. It has instilled in me the desire to be a lifelong learner. I’m also still in touch with good friends I made during my college years. I have tried to live an ethical life which was reinforced at Brandeis. I am fortunate to have a loving husband, 2 children, & 1 granddaughter. I’m looking forward to our reunion!
Life since Brandeis...
Downsized/Retired
  From a mostly challenging and satisfying career in creating, managing and funding non-profits in Jerusalem, New York City and Cincinnati (See www.susanknobler.com for more.)

MARRIED
  To Sam Knobler for 34 years

MOST PROUD OF
  A son in NYC, daughter in Boston and the creation of Onesight, an optical charity (See www.onesight.org.)

MOVED
  In fall 2013 from Cincinnati to Delray Beach, Florida, to be near aging mother-in-law

INVITING
  Sun-seeking classmates to visit anytime

WISE QUOTE FOR REUNION YEARBOOK READERS FROM SAID MOTHER-IN-LAW
  “Everything together nobody has.”
  -Yiddish Proverb
Babette Krolik

Life since Brandeis...

Life has only gotten better since Brandeis. Immediately after graduating, I spent 15 months hitch hiking through Europe, Asia, and Africa. This completely cleared my head of the fog of Waltham and set me up to enjoy and succeed at the rest of my life.

I went to law school, accumulated two husbands and three children, and am currently living very happily in Brooklyn. I started out in low income housing, working for HUD in Connecticut and NHP, a syndicator of low income housing, in Washington DC. I then became general counsel of the New York City Housing Development Corporation, a low income housing bond issues, and married Bob Rafsky. Last year, my home videos of Bob and our daughter Sara were featured in How to Survive A Plague, the award winning documentary about ACT UP and AIDS activism in the 1980s.

My career then went private, as I became general counsel for the Zeckendorf Organization, a major NYC developer. I married Harry Greenwald. We had two more children, Nat and Julia, and I became general counsel of Terra Holdings, LLC, which owns several large real estate brokerage and management companies in New York.

Over the years, I have worked with Russian immigrants and fledgling English speakers, created arts and cultural programs for our synagogue, served on the boards of indie opera companies and local libraries, and am currently doing SAT tutoring for NYC juniors.

Even after the kids came, we managed to keep traveling through house exchanges. The kids have all inherited my love of travel. They have all lived in South America and speak fluent Spanish and, for two of them, Portuguese. As a result, our brownstone in Brooklyn is a b & b for an endless string of international visitors, which I love.

While my personal life has worked out better than I ever imagined when I was at Brandeis, I can’t say the same for our political life. It seems our passion for a more just society has resulted in much better treatment, individually, for women, gays, and other minorities. However, despite all our idealism, overall social equality has seriously declined. A tiny minority holds most of the wealth. The prospects for a decent, comfortable, middle class kind of life, with good schools, good public services, good job opportunities and security, have diminished for all but a tiny minority. Our children are understandably anxious. Our generation was given extraordinary opportunities. While international and technological changes of course play a part, I think we have to take some responsibility for what we have wrought.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

I wasn’t a Medieval History major but Norman Cantor’s classes were riveting. Not only were they about how the questions of the 1960s, idealism vs. institutions, played out in 13th century Europe, but they also showed that history was not just a list of dates and names. It was about people grappling, with different tools and outlooks, with the same questions we had to answer.

I have read his subsequent books with pleasure and deeply appreciate his opening the door to history to me.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I think I’m about the same, but better. I still like to read, bike, play tennis, hike, ride horses and ski, but I am better at all of them now than I was then. I’m lucky to have great health and stamina. I still wear jeans and sweaters whenever I can, but now the jeans are slimmer and the sweaters are often cashmere.

I didn’t have a husband and kids and the friends I have now at Brandeis and these are an endless source of pleasure, companionship, and interest.

This must sound so smug but I know I’m fortunate.
Life since Brandeis...

The last five years or so have held a lot of looking back and thinking about the choices I’ve made and the impact our generation made on the world. Who I am vs who I might have been and what’s the same and what’s changed because of our generational bubble. I don’t have any great insights to share because I’ve come to feel I/we aren’t that different from those who preceded us, and who in their sixties were doing their own looking back.

To summarize, I’m happy to say that after years of doing what I had to do to earn a living (working in the software industry for Software Arts, Lotus and IBM) and making the best of the choices I felt I had made earlier and the choices I still had, I’m now thoroughly enjoying teaching art and continuing to learn to paint and draw.

I now am grateful that at some level I must have known what I was doing by getting my MFA and devoting the time I did to a career which didn’t materialize at the time. Though I still wonder about “roads not taken”, it’s in a curious rather than a regretful way.
Life since Brandeis...

I got a Masters Degree in Social Work in 1983, and have worked as an internship Field Supervisor at Marist and Dutchess Community Colleges in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. I married in 1975 and had three daughters. My husband died in 1990.

Over the years I have continued to pursue my passion, folk singing and song writing, as I did in college. I have two solo CDs (“Full Circle” and “Do I Know My Song Well Enough to Start Singing Yet?”) and one with a trio, “I Don’t Mind Failin’.” Since retiring in 2011 I’ve been doing more and more performing and writing, and receiving much pleasure and fulfillment in this new career. Pete Seeger liked one of my songs, “Peace Pilgrim,” so much he devotes a track of his latest (and, sadly, last) album to talking about it and singing part of it. I’ve also stayed active in social justice movements, such as peace, the environment, and criminal justice.

My web site is www.patlamanna.com. I invite you to check it out! If you know of a place where I could perform, please let me know. I would love to reconnect with old Brandeis friends.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

When I think of Brandeis, I usually think first of Gordon Fellman. It was his class that got me to switch my major from English to Sociology. He was also supportive when I decided to devote the summer of 1967 to organizing Waltham to oppose the War in Vietnam. It was probably that experience that caused me to eventually go to Social Work school and major in community organizing.

Larry Fuchs also made a big impact on me, and it was in Philip Slater’s group dynamics class that I realized my engagement was a huge mistake. I called it off, one of the wiser decisions I’ve made in my life. And to this day I brag that I took a class with Abraham Maslow, whose theories I now teach in basic psychology and human services classes.
Judith N. Lasker

Life since Brandeis...

Trying to capture 45 years reminds me once again how much I have to be grateful for. First to my parents who modeled intellectual curiosity and kindness and made it possible for me to go to Brandeis even though they surely could not afford it. Second, to my mentors at Brandeis—Gordie Fellman and Ruth Morgenthau—who inspired and prodded me into an academic career that I had not known I would want and that has proven to be immensely satisfying. Third, to friends and colleagues throughout the years who have supported and challenged and applauded me along the meandering path of my life. And always to my fabulous daughters who have forgiven me my many errors of parenting and make me proud and grateful every day.

So, the basic career facts: About to enter my 40th year as a faculty member (first at Brown, then Bucknell), I am a professor of Sociology at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. My teaching and research are in the broad field of medical sociology. Specifically, I have studied and written about pregnancy loss, infertility, community ties and mortality, autoimmune liver disease and liver transplant, and Time Banking. My current project examines the growing phenomenon of short-term volunteering in global health, a phenomenon that sends tens of thousands of Americans to poor countries every year for a week or two or three. I am primarily concerned with whether and how such activities can benefit host communities. Watch for the book in a year or so!

Thinking about the next phase and wondering where it will take me.
Life since Brandeis...

Moved to Cambridge, MA. Worked in Post Office 1 year.
Moved back to Cleveland, Dec. 1974.
Attended Maharishi International University 1975, 1984-1988, got BSEE.
Moved to Fairfield, Iowa 1982.
Worked as contract software engineer, verifying avionics SW, 1988-2013.
Worked mostly in IA, also in MI, Albuquerque & Atlanta.
Co-founded Sri Devi Mandir, a Hindu temple in Fairfield, 1999.
Joined Fellowship Of Isis 1998. Have attended FOI Convocation in Geyserville, CA 13 times!
Bought house (finally!) in 2000.
Always wanted to be a musician. Dabbled in guitar since 1965, electric bass since 1988. Have played bass in local rock bands since 1991.
Presently bassist for: rock band Blue Cat Alley, jazz band Dave Leffler Quartet & occasional pickup bands. Find us on YouTube.
Played with DLQ at Iowa City Jazz Fest 2010.
Recorded CD “Every Day”, released Oct 2012, with Blue Cat Alley. Find CD on iTunes, CDBaby & elsewhere.
Have 2 cats.
Never (yet!) married.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Many first experiences: living away from home, interacting with a wide range of different people, studying (successfully 1st year, not my 2nd year) in a rigorous academic environment, first girl-friend, first sexual partner, etc.

Was exposed to new social & cultural forces, some positive (for me), some not so much. Perhaps a larger life impact came from settling in Cambridge after (involuntarily) leaving Brandeis in 1967. I lived there for 7.5 more years. During that period I first worked in my eventual field (high tech). I also heard about Transcendental Meditation, learned it as soon as I could, helped at the local TM center, and became a teacher. I was a partner in 2 small businesses. Although neither made much money, they both gave me a wealth of life experiences.
Zoe Levy Lazar

Life since Brandeis...

About a year after graduation from Brandeis, I married and then spent some time teaching and traveling. I soon went to graduate school and became a Clinical Psychologist and eventually completed Post-Doctoral and Psychoanalytic training. I’ve been in private practice since 1976 and on the Faculty of Cornell Medical College since 1978 where I’ve been primarily involved in teaching and supervising post-doctoral fellows in clinical psychology. I’ve always loved my work and have found it to be intellectually and emotionally challenging and gratifying.

My greatest joy, however, has been being a mother and I have 3 wonderful grown children, Alexander 32, Samantha, 29 and Damien 25. I also have two granddaughters, Athaliah and Nadia, ages 3 and 4 months. I truly loved all aspects of mothering and never worked more than part-time when my children were young as my family life was both so compelling and demanding. I raised my family in Westchester County, immediately north of NYC and I continue to live and practice in Westchester at the current time.

I recently divorced after 43 years of marriage, am in a new relationship, and am really enjoying the sense of new possibilities, the empty nest, the freedoms that come with being older, my grown children and grandchildren, and feeling so much less encumbered. I also just realized one of my life dreams which was to buy a house in Truro on Cape Cod, a place my family vacationed every summer and a place that has always been filled with magic and peace for me.

I love to laugh and I have been involved with comedy improvisation for the past 5 years (as a hobby) and also enjoy hiking, cycling, dancing, theater, traveling, cooking, reading and all sorts of creative projects which involve making things and using lots of varied materials and colors in unusual ways. About 15 years ago, about to turn 50, I wrote a book with my best friend of 40 years, called “Victoria’s Rejects”, a spoof catalogue of essential but unavailable items for the midde-aged woman. It was a labor of love and gave us lots of laughs as we created it.

In the pictures that follow, I have included pictures of myself, myself and my younger son and daughter and dog on the beach, my older son and granddaughter 2 years ago, and my daughter and her newborn niece. All but one of the pictures are taken in Truro, as that seems to be one of the few places I actually take pictures, other than of the grandchildren.
Life since Brandeis...

Dear Classmates,

Congratulations! I am so glad you were able to make it to the reunion and regret that previous commitments prevent my attendance.

45 years after graduation, I am a happy person with a full, rich life----still looking forward to new challenges, professional, personal and philanthropic.

After three decades, I retired from a career in corporate communications, which provided plenty of memorable moments. My first breakthrough was the introduction of Merrill Lynch’s Video Network----the first private broadcasting system in the financial services industry. My last corporate assignment was the global introduction of the DVD for Time Warner----a cutting edge innovation then; now, an almost extinct technology! I still write special event speeches for a select group of clients, mostly university presidents and corporate CEOs. I like to deliver standing ovations.

Who would have predicted that I would end up with seven grandchildren? My husband, Joe Neubauer, and I, both children of Holocaust survivors, are the hub of an extended, multinational family that meets frequently. One Seder, we hosted 46 relatives, from six countries.

Philanthropically, we are very active. We work on most things together, although each takes the lead on certain projects, according to respective interests. We focus on education, the arts and Jewish continuity. I served as a Brandeis Trustee for many years until I reached term limits.

I am particularly proud of enabling the Metropolitan Opera to launch their high definition broadcast program, a focus that grew directly out of my Merrill Lynch experience. The opera is now broadcast live, to 67 countries, attracting up to 350,000 people per performance. It delivers the highest level of artistic excellence at a price point even graduate students can afford. It has produced a cascade of benefits: strengthening the Met financially, introducing rising stars and helping them to build global careers, growing world-wide opera audiences, as well as stimulating interest in regional opera companies.

What I value the most about my Brandeis education is how I was encouraged to explore ideas far away from my comfort zone or attached to a specific career objective. What I learned from corporate life were the practical disciplines necessary to implement ground-breaking ideas.

I am still more interested in tomorrow than yesterday, but work hard at savoring the moment. A survivor’s daughter, I am ever conscious that terrible things can happen for no good reason. When one has the opportunity to be kind, generous, or creative, it’s best to take it.

Enjoy the reunion!
Mike Lerman

Life since Brandeis...

Life since Brandeis has been a joy. After I received my MAT from Brown University ('70) I embarked on a mission to teach and coach in the inner city (Providence, R.I.). Fortunately, I had a great experience and learned a tremendous amount about myself and the public schools. I was fortunate to marry Mimi (Finch) in July of 1970 and we were blessed with the first of our 6 children in 1971. After Sarah was born we moved to South Bend, where I was offered the opportunity to join our family business. Working for and with my dad and brothers was extremely rewarding and we eventually became proud parents of Aaron, Nathan, Naomi, Rena and Ilana.

Since there were very poor options for Jewish education in our community we saw that there was no alternative other than to open a new school which took place in 1974. In spite of tremendous resistance, the South Bend Hebrew Day School has grown to over 150 students from pre-k through 8th grade. Our graduates have been able to attend and excel in fine public and private schools including colleges, Seminaries and Yeshivos in the US and Israel. Our mission is to provide every Jewish child in our community with the opportunity to have an excellent secular and Jewish education regardless of affiliation, observance or economic means. We are continuing to work hard to assure the successful implementation of the voucher program in our state which was recently initiated.

In addition to the Day School we have been fortunate to be able to open and sustain a Yeshiva (for boys) and Bais Yakov High School (for girls) along with a Kollel that helps serve the need for high level Torah education for adults in the community.

We are also working extremely hard on succession planning in our business. One of the highlights of the year is our Lerman Internship week where we meet and discuss critical issues with anyone in our family who would like to be involved. (Our Shabbos meals feature a “cast of thousands.”) It is a great pleasure to see the interaction of the generations as the family continues to grow. Our Team Lerman extends to many into the 4th generation and our Camp Lerman is the highlight of the year for many of the grandchildren and great grandchildren who are able to “bond” and enjoy the extended family.

Thank G-d we have seen tremendous growth in our business (9 locations throughout the US and Mexico) and our family (we have 22 grandchildren) and we are extremely appreciative of all the blessings that the Almighty has bestowed upon us.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

It enabled me to meet a broad range of people. Some I enjoyed and agreed with; many I did not. Learning how to disagree with people is something that I have had to do for much of my life. It has helped me in business, community and family life although I find that I NEVER disagree with my wife on anything.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Not a professor…it was my wrestling coach, Ted Reese. He pushed us to do things that we did not think were possible and I benefit from his leadership until today. I have attempted to do the same with all of our children, our employees and managers.
Life since Brandeis...

I couldn’t be happier. I have a wonderful wife, kids, and granddaughter. I still enjoy good health, and my professional life continues to be quite rewarding. This is partly a matter of good luck—being at the right place at the right time—and partly related to what I learned about myself, my friends, and the world while I was at Brandeis.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Robert Koff. He inspired me to continue performing (oboe) even though that #$%^ reed-making was a pain (and at times interfered with my social life—a cardinal sin at Brandeis).

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Being at Brandeis greatly expanded my intellectual and social landscapes. I was a pretty provincial Bostonian when I arrived.
Gerri Deckter Levine

Life since Brandeis...

Gerri Deckter Levine got to do pretty much everything she dreamed about except live a long life (February 1948-February 2012).

Science
- Worked with Melvin Calvin at Berkeley’s Laboratory of Chemical Biodynamics putting the finishing touches on his eponymous carbon cycle (bring back any memories BioSci refugees?)
- Assisted physicians at UCSF in developing a hepatic cell line
- Part of the research team that demonstrated that benzene compounds may cause breast cancer
- Worked with the California Department of Justice to develop and certify DNA testing protocols
- Spent 20 years at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory developing and tending to a human breast cell line for the testing of cancer drugs
- Helped to organize the scientist’s union at LBL

Art
- Creator and owner of The Venerable Bead, an antique textile and bead emporium
- Create pretty much anything out of plant/animal fiber (spinning, weaving, knitting, tatting, lace making, crochet, needlepoint, sprang, kumi-himo)
- After thirty-five years in the laboratory, recreated herself as an award winning photographer. Some of Gerri’s work may be viewed at http://www.flickr.com/photos/phxgal/

- Co-owner of the gallery Artists of the Rim. Work may be viewed at her commercial sitehttp://galevinephotos.wordpress.com/2010/03/17/photograph -See her photos published in Arizona Highways and National Wildlife
- Publish two books of her bird photography
- Take award winning photos of the Apache, Hopi, and Navajo peoples

The World
- Rear a pride of lions (in graduate student housing at Berkeley)
- Canoe through the Mexican jungle
- Kayak the Sea of Cortez
- Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Commune with the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda
- Explore the Egyptian pyramids and lower Nile Valley
- Helicopter mining amethyst on Four Peaks
- Observe the winter solstice at Stonehenge
- Observe the summer solstice at Chaco Canyon
- Trekked East Africa’s Rift Valley from the Virunga Mountains of the DRC (Zaire) through Uganda to the Ngorongoro Crater (Tanzania) to the Indian Ocean at Mombasa (Kenya)

Gerri’s words to live by: We need to do more than simply understand the affinity that art and science share for each other. We need to incorporate their modus vivendi into our own lives. For how else are we to define the good life and live it with grace if we leave the creative act and appreciation of beauty to specialists.
Howard Levine

Life since Brandeis...

What I Learned at Brandeis (and took 20 years to fully comprehend):

“Let’s do lo jick’.” I first heard Jean vanHeijenoort utter those words in 1966 and even though I studied with him every subsequent semester until graduation, I can’t remember another word he said. Van was something of a mystery. First the name, clearly Dutch, but he was French. In fact, Henry Aiken had taken to calling him (behind his back) Maurice Chevalier with a sour stomach. More tellingly, Van’s classes were only about one thing – lojick’. Never Vietnam. Never Civil Rights. Never student strikes. At a time when all politics was personal, and individual authenticity was more important than academic credentials, Van was a vulcan in an emotional maelstrom. You didn’t study with Van because you were interested in Van (that was a non-starter), you studied with Van because you too were interested in lo jick’.

And yet, there were two, persistent rumors in the philosophy department about Van, and I couldn’t countenance either. The first was that he had been Trotsky’s bodyguard in Mexico. The second, that he had been married to a succession of manicurists named Bunny. Regarding the first, I ruled it out reasoning that someone who had once lived the revolution could not possibly be silent in the throes of 1960’s madness. As to the second, Van wore the same uniform every day (grey flannel pants, blue oxford shirt, thin blue wool tie), seemed to adhere to European standards of cleanliness, and, as best as I could tell, only spoke about lo jick’. He suggested that I go off to Berkeley to continue my studies which I did, though logic quickly morphed into more mainstream philosophy. I saw him once on the West Coast in the early 1970s when he visited Solomon Feferman at Stanford. He was his usual polite but curt self, and as we shook hands goodbye I had the sense that the Van part of my life was over.

1978. I’ve just returned to Berkeley after a stint in D.C. running the National Science Foundation’s Public Understanding of Science Program. As I walk past Moe’s Books on Telegraph Avenue (you can see the exact storefront in The Graduate) I’m stopped dead in my tracks by a book in the window, With Trotsky in Exile by Jean vanHeijenoort. I race into the store, read the book standing up, and realize just how naive the 20 year old Brandeis student had been. Van was with Trotsky from 1932-1939, leaving a year before the assassination in Mexico because he loved lo jick’ more than revolution (in fact, Van’s character appears in Frida). But Van was much more than a bodyguard, though he did that too. Given his fluency in several languages, Van was Trotsky’s chief amanuensis. In fact, he spent much of his time post Brandeis consulting at Harvard where the Trotsky papers are housed.

1986. I’m sitting in my office in the Philosophy Department at San Jose State when a colleague rushes in to tell me that Van had been murdered by his wife in Mexico and that she then killed herself. A few year’s later Anita Feferman published Politics, Logic, and Love, Van’s biography. Turns out Van had had several marriages (“four or five marriages, depending upon how you count”, and this numerical ambiguity from the most lo jick’al person I ever met), and indeed one had been to a manicurist named Bunny. I mourned Van, but I was happy that the naïve 20 year old had finally learned some important life lessons: Not all reasons are good reasons. Some good reasons aren’t even good enough. Shakespeare was right. There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy.
Life since Brandeis...

Said it before and I’ll say it again – I was an ex-yeshiva-boy-turned-Dylan faux hippie when I got to Brandeis, the perfect set-up for everything that followed – Jon Landau, Crawdaddy, Barry & the Remains, the MC5, my first Gibson guitar, Baba Ram Dass, Leonard Cohen, Dexedrine, Richard Brautigan, Richard Farina, Richard Rosenberg, Richie Salas, Berkeley, SDS, Sam Wallace (“One man’s deviance is another man’s lifestyle”), Lew Coser, Ron Shuffler, Charlie Mingus, John Coltrane, Roland Kirk, Club 47, Boston Tea Party, The Ark, Lechmere Sales, KLH, Henry Jumbo pizza, Elsie’s, Hazen’s, iHOP, Boo, and my 1959 Jaguar 2.4 sedan, all the great transformative touchstones of my Jewish post-adolescence in Waltham. I got started in music at Brandeis – playing guitar in DeRoy with Stu Teplin and my roommate Paul Springer (anybody know where he is?); second banana with Norm Winer (“Out Of the Norm”) on the overnight shift at WBRS; co-managing Cholmondeley’s with Tony Laudin with all those incredible acts for all those years – everyone from the Blues Project, J. Geils Band and Rev. Gary Davis to Spider John Koerner, Eden’s Children, Loudon Wainwright, John Hammond, a hundred more, and a hundred more at shows in Boston & Cambridge; getting free records from the distributors on Route 128; studying old movies at the Brattle Theatre; reading Thomas Pynchon and John Barth; and writing writing, writing. Music, film, politics, activism, sociology was all one big ball of wax. I’m still there. High points were too many to count: Too many to recount: Jim Kweskin at Rose Art Museum; Bruce Conner films; airplane crash at the reservoir; midnight commando “gleeping” at the construction sites; “Cream is at the airport!”; getting high for the first time with Wendy while listening to the Mothers’ “Freak Out!”; looking for Boo’s gold ring in the goldfish pond; getting high in Sam’s class; running the movie projector on Sunday night at Ford Hall; dead rabbits in the dumpster behind the science building; Phil Ochs at Jordan Hall; “Sanctuary” at Mailman; “The History Of The Rolling Stones”; seeing Gail Stern for the first time; Bronstein Day in the Castle courtyard. And Gorsky. Did I mention getting high?
Life since Brandeis...

Life has been very good. Wonderful family, with three grown daughters who are committed to making our world better, intelligent, interesting, and kind. My professional life has also been extremely fulfilling as I have tried to advance knowledge broadly in the area of behavioral medicine. I have also been fortunate to have had a wonderful life partner for about three decades who is supportive and enjoys making life fun too!
Life since Brandeis...

Life is good. I’ve been an environmental professional for my entire life. Spent 25 years at World Wildlife Fund and then founded a unique organization, the Investor Environmental Health Network (IEHN). We’re “shareholder activists” encouraging companies to get rid of the toxic chemicals in their products. (Think plastic baby bottles) We’ve also been heavily involved in natural gas & oil “fracking” issues that have been in the news. Sylvia and I celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary on April 7, 2014. We’ve lived in the Washington area the entire time. Our sons Benjamin and Adam are, respectively, a senior and a freshman at Virginia Tech. Family life is good, and we’ve got much to give thanks for, as indicated by the photo I’m posting of our family at Thanksgiving 2013. I’m looking forward to retiring when Adam graduates in 2017 and to seeing everyone at our class’s 59th reunion, if I don’t see you before. I still proudly possess our 10th reunion t-shirt, with the red fist, the 20th with the pink fist (indicating we’d mellowed), and a homecoming shirt emblazoned with the Woody Allen line—“Must be smart...went to Brandeis”—from his “Hannah and Her Sisters” movie.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Our community’s commitment to social justice and making the world a better place had a major impact. I didn’t do much along these lines while I was at school but it certainly has colored everything I’ve done since as an environmental professional. And as a “shareholder activist” for the last 10 years, I keep in mind Louie D’s statement that “there’s no such thing as an innocent investor”—you’ve got to think about the broader societal consequences of how you invest your money.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

There were several so it’s really hard to choose. Jerry Bernstein of course for introducing me to the world of fine arts. I’m foggy on names of some of the teachers who had an impact, but I think it was Professor Brainerd in music who introduced me to the world of classical music, and I think it was Professor Herman Goldstein (?) who impressed me with his effort to get away from traditional “biology for poets” with an imaginative effort to show us nonscientists how scientists work through addressing scientific issues in the laboratory.
Life since Brandeis...

What an amazing journey it has been—and how dull had it all been predictable! The summer after graduating, I worked for a Brandeis economics professor at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. While there, I was introduced to Hal Luft, then a graduate student at Harvard. I started a graduate program at Penn in City Planning, and by that October, Hal and I decided we wanted to get married, which we did the following May in the Brandeis chapel with Rabbi Axelrod officiating. I completed my City Planning degree at MIT the next year and started working at the Cambridge-Somerville Mental Health Center, one of two community mental health centers I had studied as part of my master’s thesis.

Two years later we moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Hal took a faculty position at Stanford, and I decided that I wanted to continue working in program planning and evaluation in mental health. Without being aware of it at the time (I was probably about the only member of our class who never took Introductory Psychology), I was on my way to becoming a psychologist! When our first daughter, Shira, was nine months old, I began a PhD program in clinical psychology, and I was pregnant with our second daughter, Jana, at my graduation.

Becoming a psychologist was a huge achievement, and it has been enormously gratifying to me. I continue in private practice, seeing both individuals and couples. The work is ever engaging, challenging, and fresh. While I had enjoyed the study of economics and urban planning, neither came close to my keen fascination with psychology. Both Hal and I continue to be deeply committed to our respective careers and so far don’t think much about retirement.

Being a wife, mother, and grandmother brings me yet more satisfaction than being a psychologist. My marriage has gotten sweeter and sweeter over the years, and I am grateful for all the effort we both invested to make that happen. We are blessed with two wonderful daughters, who both live in the Bay Area and have continued the “family business.” Shira is a clinical social worker with a private practice in Berkeley, and Jana is a special resource teacher at Berkeley High School. Shira’s three-year-old son Solomon is truly my “heartthrob”; I “Sol-sit” one afternoon a week to my utter delight, and I am reaping the joy of a grandparent relationship, which I never experienced as a child.

In this phase of life, I am also doing a lot of caretaking for my 101.5 year-old aunt who moved to Palo Alto, as well as other family members who have encountered some very difficult health challenges. Life certainly has its ups and downs, and I am very grateful for the many blessings in my life, including my health and stamina.

We live in “paradise,” where I never take the climate or natural beauty for granted. My exercise regimen includes lots of hiking, tennis, and yoga. We enjoy fantastic travel experiences (including Brandeis trips to Morocco and Vietnam & Cambodia), treasure deep friendships, and rich volunteer/leadership experiences with Facing History & Ourselves, as well as our synagogue community.

There is hardly a single facet of my life that I could have envisioned 45 years ago when we graduated from Brandeis, but I credit my Brandeis experience with so much of who I have become!
David Mandel

Life since Brandeis...

I never thought I would live past the age of 26. Morbidly confident that I would die young, I never made any plans. Why make plans if there is no future? I majored in psychology at Brandeis, spent three days in graduate school at the University of Texas and dropped out; failed two military physicals by having high blood pressure; spent a year at the Art Institute of Boston realizing that I had no talent. Went across Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and into India, photographing people I met all along the way; returned to Boston and worked as a photographer for Boston After Dark and as a janitor for The Proposition in Inman Square; met and married Cherie and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to get an MFA in photography; graduated, moved to Wisconsin, had three sons, worked 16 years for the Wisconsin Historical Society, eventually becoming director of exhibits and operations at the Society’s museum; divorced Cherie after 25 years and moved to New Mexico to become Chief of Exhibits at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. For the last eight years, I was curator of exhibits at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Adele and I live in a century-old modified adobe located in what we hope will remain the middle of nowhere. The house is surrounded by mountains. Elk graze in the grass between our house and Nogal Creek. Our neighbors are ranchers, water well drillers, retired miners, film makers, artists and one horse-breeder from New Jersey.

After all those years ago at Brandeis, I’ve slowly begun to actually feel happy. I make plans. I look forward to whatever comes along. And why not? I’m now too old to die young.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Robert Maeda in the Fine Arts department. Although my parents had been taking me to art museums since before I knew what they were, I had never had an art course until I took a survey of Asian art from Dr. Maeda. It was a new world to me: foreign and at the same time engaging - life-changing.
**Life since Brandeis...**

What an astonishing number of post-Brandeis years! I lived in New York, southern California, and the Bay Area before accepting my identity as an Easterner, and moving to Massachusetts, where my stint at making the world a better place while earning a living took place largely at Tufts University. I introduced planning and assessment to the university’s Development operation, doing my share in adding close to a billion dollars to private higher education. During those years I found the marriage that worked and we had a son who, I rush to note, had an excellent time as a Brandeis undergraduate.

More recently, as a so-called retired person, I have come to respect the distance between this stage of life and prior ones. I doubt it is Erickson’s wisdom stage, but is is very different from the would-be superwoman/sandwich-generation stage. I enjoy the choices available, and am discovering the joys of voluntary institutional affiliation. I have been in public programs at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston for a number of years. I have also begun auditing classes at Brandeis, which has been extraordinarily interesting and nurturing. Not only do I have the opportunity to keep learning, and realizing how very much the field of history as changed since my graduate-school days, I thoroughly enjoy the people I meet and the undergraduates who welcome me into their classes. Such nice people!

I have also become closer to friends from Brandeis. A few decades of going in different directions enhances the quality of the friendships that rooted when we were very young. How comfortable and interesting and helpful to spend time with people who have known you when.

This is a time of choice and possibility; I feel good; I feel hopeful.

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

At Brandeis I was encouraged to form opinions and learned a lot about having fun. At other times and other places I learned more about truth and ideology and doctrines and secondary sources and the value of models and defential behavior and diplomacy and the way the world works and fun. But I still like forming opinions, and don’t know if I would have had that sense of self had it not been for our time at Brandeis.

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**Share your fondest Brandeis memory.**

My memories are limited, and picking my favorite one impossible. During this very long winter of 2013-2014, I have found myself remembering the weather on campus on a specific day in January, 1969. The student take-over of Ford Hall had begun. A group of us gathered outside Bernstein-Marcus to provide "support". President Morris Abram and Dean of Faculty Peter Diamandopolus invited a couple of students in to "talk." They came back after an hour to report "progress" and announce their intention to continue talking. Then the weather really began to matter: it was seventeen degrees out, we had been standing outside for an hour, and were told to continue standing there. That did not seem like a good plan to me. "I am cold," I announced, "And I am going inside." And did. So did the others. That is my recollection of how the twelve-day so-called takeover of the administration building’s lobby began.
Rita (Chumaceiro) Mendes-Flohr

Life since Brandeis...

Here I was, below the snow peaks of the Himalayas more than a week away from the nearest road, hiking in Nepal’s Tzum Valley – a secluded region across from the Tibetan border that was only opened to trekkers a few years before. It was the spring of 2011 and I was celebrating my 64th birthday. www.ritamendesflohr.phanfare.com/5115104.

Forty-five years ago at Brandeis, I could not imagine myself as a hiker in remote mountain and desert landscapes – or for that matter, as a visual artist, a writer of prose and poetry or an open-water swimmer. I did not even dare to admit to myself, certainly not to others, that this is where I wanted to get in my life – it was more a sense of a vague longing to write, to create art, to hike, to travel, to swim, with no idea how I could possibly realize these nebulous dreams.

Strange, how life takes you to places you can only reach in nonlinear ways. I was not able to set clear, outward goals to achieve. Achievement was indeed a dirty word back then - but for me, the preference of process over product was not only an ideological or even existential matter – it simply suited my personality. This was the only way I could move in the world – through a slow, inner unfolding.

I came to the US from the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao to study sociology, imbued with a strong sense of social responsibility that resonated with the ethos of the sixties of ‘social relevance’ as we called it then. I was not able to acknowledge the artist in me.

Moving to Jerusalem in 1970, together with Paul (we combined our last names into Mendes-Flohr), I was intrigued by an exotic, young country where I thought I could have an impact – but as Israel disfigured beyond recognition, I despaired of trying.

In Jerusalem, I did an MA in urban anthropology at the Hebrew University that took me to architecture studies with the aim of designing an urban environment that is more attuned to social needs. I hardly worked in either field, ultimately realizing myself as the grant writer of a nonprofit multi-cultural feminist organization and curator and director of its art gallery, Antea, that I co-founded in 1994.

It was my architecture studies – at an art and design school, Bezalel – that opened my inner doors to my drawing and painting, leading to exhibits in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Perhaps I had to give permission to myself, going through sociology and architecture, to ‘indulge’ in art.

My writing grew from an assignment in architecture school to draw the house of my earliest childhood, a drawing that evolved into a memoir/novel based on my childhood in the Sephardic Jewish community of Curacao – integrating my insights from both sociology and architecture. House without Doors has now been published in Hebrew translation and I hope its original English will soon see the light. www.housewithoutdoors.blogspot.co.il

Writing (poetry and prose, in English), as well as photography, have come to be an integral part of my travels and hiking. Perhaps I was given the courage to start hiking by our children, who, as teenagers were both avid hikers with their nature clubs. I had to build up my confidence slowly, taking the next step without losing my balance – to overcome my fear of heights, of the desert, of traveling to far-off regions of the world. Today I believe that hiking depends less on physical ability, than on a seasoned frame of mind.

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Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis in 1969, I was a community organizer and since then have worked on many campaigns. Professionally, I worked for 20 years as a nurse in local hospitals and health centers. After getting a Master’s in Creative Writing in 1993, I have been teaching writing and literature at various colleges and universities (including TYP Program at Brandeis).

I have been writing plays for more than 30 years and have had the good fortune of seeing many of them read and produced. I like to write comic plays about serious subjects (war, the economy, the status of veterans post-war, etc.).

I have two adult daughters and five grandchildren.

I considered myself lucky to have grown up when I did in an era that questioned authority and took action against injustice. I have tried to keep those values at the heart of everything that I have done in my adult life.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I came to Brandeis to be in a community that was more intellectual and questioning than that I had been in before (Brown University). Since graduating, I have been involved with Brandeis in a number of ways: working in the TYP Program; serving on the Arts Council. I am glad to be reconnected with Brandeis in a way that makes sense to me.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I took some fine courses at Brandeis. Also, as a non-Jew, it was a worthwhile experience for me to be in the minority.
Life since Brandeis...

Forty-five years is WAY too long to try to compress all that’s happened. All in all, it has been a pretty interesting ride. In my view, I’m just starting on the second third of my life, so there will be many more segments to go. I’m way too much interested in all that’s going on in the world to get bored and want to pass on. Way too much still to experience/accomplish. Most exciting for me is my recent marriage (July 2012) to Adina Lawson. We met, as she put it, on an online dating site for Old Jews! I feel so blessed and delighted.

From an earlier marriage I have a wonderful daughter, Emily, 18, who is a sophomore in USC’s Music Business department, and is having the time of her life getting acclimated to that arena and making contacts with people she follows online (I was going to say “reads about in the papers” but I doubt teenagers read papers these days). Together, we have 3 kids in college. Her two, Samuel and Reba, are wonderful.

Finally, I am blessed that I get along great with Emily’s mother, Holly (the term “ex-wife” just doesn’t cut it), as she had a boy on her own. Sammy is now 9-1/2, and up until I met Adina 2+ years ago, I used to say “Sammy is my best buddy, and he and I are the only two straight guys in Palm Springs, so we go out and do manly things together.” He loved that phrase too. Of course, not single any more, and Adina is now my best buddy! And now Adina and Holly gang up on me!

Having been single most of my life, I sometimes find adapting to married life challenging (example: she doesn’t go home! She lives here! Where is my man cave!). And I KNOW Adina finds adapting to me to be even more challenging! But finally I have the experience of—jeepers, at 66 still not sure what to call it—“real love.” It has taken me an extremely long time to mature—am still only about half-way there. I forgot to grow up—really didn’t have a clue about that. But I do wake up each day thinking “I LOVE being married to Adina.” And her knowing how much I love and adore and appreciate her helps tremendously when I otherwise screw up.

Speaking of Adina, she is a retired school teacher who taught English and Drama for the past 20 years to high school students up in Eureka, California, on the northern coast just south of Oregon. She got her Masters in (what she says) Shakespeare from UC Berkeley. Now that she’s out of the cold of Eureka, she is flourishing here in the desert. She’s only been here for less than 3 years, and is already established in the theater community. Last year she was nominated for two Desert Theater League Awards: leading actress in a drama and in a comedy, and won in the latter category. She just got cast in an “indie” movie that is being shot out here, and was also cast by a Los Angeles theater company in a one-act that opens in Hollywood at the end of April. You can probably tell I’m proud of her. I even was a stagehand on her last play so I could experience her world.

I am having (oops, nearly said “I had”) a continuously interesting career as a corporate and securities attorney. One of the few attorneys I know who loves what s/he does. Started my career as an Enforcement Attorney with the Securities & Exchange Commission. Went on to in-house positions with Domino Sugar, National Semiconductor, MP3.com, and a few others. Also did some private practice stints with a boutique corporate/securities law firm. Most were in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Silicon Valley, and with MP3 in San Diego. I spent 30 years in the Bay Area, and then when Holly and I split, we moved down to San Diego so she could be closer to her parents, who could help her, as a single mom, with Sammy.

After about 7 years in San Diego, I moved out to the desert about 8 years ago to follow her and Emily and Sammy (to what I try to no longer to refer to as the world’s largest kitty litter box due to all of the blowing sand). I was at a loss to find high tech companies “out here”, so I went back to my roots as a securities attorney. I work with young entrepreneurs who are doing some amazing things. And a couple of oldsters who just keep on truckin’! Won’t bore you with too many details, but will only say that I continue to be amazed and feel blessed by the extraordinary people who somehow seem to find me.

I’ll conclude by saying sorry I won’t be there for the 45th. Think we’ll be at a yoga regreat in Costa Rica. Adina goes nearly every day. I tag along some times. As my Gung Fu teacher put it: you are only as young as your spine is limber! Have fun. Be healthy. And feel free to contact me (but only if you have something upbeat to say) :-)

If you make it to the pictures, they are, as requested, a head shot of me from 9-2013, a wedding pix of Adina and me from 7/2012, a pix from our honeymoon cruise from Rio to Buenos Aires—we’re at Ipanema Beach in Rio. Then there’s one of the whole family from just a couple of years ago—Sammy now reaches past my chin (at 9!) and my now 98 year old mother. The last is Emily and me from a year ago.
I am recently retired, or semiretired, from a highly varied career as editor and writer, chiefly in technology areas. Now I’m a local-HS sub and sometime basketball coach, a sport I still (try to) play. I keep up with music and audio, both playing piano and reviewing. (All of these interests stem from adolescence.) I also am slowly writing a novel/screenplay based on the highly unusual life of a famous grandfather: http://home.comcast.net/~drmoran/home.htm. I’m married to another veteran editor, and our two kids (employed, debtfree) live nearby, boy and girl, and one also has two children, boy and girl. Joint ailments aside, life now seems pretty good!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
A continued keen appreciation (I was a transfer student from a very similar school) of the life of the mind, especially in areas of culture and behavior, and the concealed, likely or at least plausible, relations to real life. An amazing, though also notably low, time to be in college and of college age.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
It is impossible to choose among Richard Onorato, Allen Grossman, and Andrew Silver, but ultimately I may have learned more about subtle visual pattern recognition, with associated/associative concealed themes, from the film courses of the last. Living nearby in Wayland, I have kept up with all of these minds and mentors as much as feasible, and with some other faculty as well. I also learned considerable trade and reviewer-temperament skills from Caldwell Titcomb and Louis Kronenberger.
Ken Morris

Life since Brandeis...

After practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery for 38 years, I am looking forward to retiring at the end of June of this year. I have fully enjoyed my career, and take pride in the work that I have done. Sandy (class of ’70) and I plan to enjoy retirement. We have always loved to travel, and have been around the world and back several times, visiting Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Middle East, etc. But there are still many other destinations to visit, and retirement is meant for that. We do spend a lot of time in the Boston area, as our daughter Wendy (class of ’95) and her husband Marc (same class) live in Westwood with our precious grand kids, Rachel and Jacob (ages 10 and 7). Our son, Andy, and his wife, Lynne, are living in Seattle, but with our going West, and them coming East, we do see them often.

We have very fond memories of Brandeis, and have stayed connected to the school. We always enjoy a spin through the campus when in the area, and we are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends at the reunion.
Life since Brandeis...

Since leaving Brandeis, I have been a very lucky guy. I am still married to my marvelous Brandeis sweetheart, Edie -- Edith Marcus Mossberg ’69. We have two great sons, Steve and Jon, and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Steve’s wife Arielle. We live in Potomac, Maryland, very close to our Brandeis best friends and classmates, Ira and Nancy Shapiro. Edie has had a great career, first in special education, and later, in early childhood education.

Professionally, I have been a journalist, which was my plan at Brandeis, and have had many wonderful beats. I spent most of my career at the Wall Street Journal, first covering national and international affairs in Washington, and then, for 22 years, as the paper’s principal technology columnist.

What I didn’t anticipate at Brandeis was that I would become an entrepreneurial journalist, creating and launching online and offline news organizations. That wasn’t something covered in the curriculum either here or at Columbia, where I received my Master’s in journalism.

While at the Journal, I created and ran, with a close Journal colleague, an independent news group called All Things Digital, which produced the premier tech conference in the country, called the D conference, as well as the prominent and respected tech news Web site, AllThingsD.com.

At the end of 2013, my partner, Kara Swisher, and I voluntarily left the Journal to form our own company, Revere Digital, with the backing of minority investors, including NBC.

In January, 2014, Revere launched a new tech news Web site, Re/code, at recode.net, where I have continued to review and comment on tech developments. At Re/code, I have the pleasure of hiring and mentoring a strong team of journalists, with great talent and high standards.

In May, 2014, Revere introduced the Code conference, which attracted the top speakers and attendees in tech and media, including the co-founder of Google, Sergey Brin, and CEOs of companies like Microsoft, Facebook, Comcast, Intel and many others.

So, for this last chapter of my career, I am running a startup company, an exciting and rewarding experience.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had a huge impact on me. It’s not only where I found the love of my life and close friends, but also where I learned critical thinking, and developed a commitment to social justice.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Gene Bardach, a young Politics professor, who encouraged me to meld my journalistic and Politics interests by doing an independent senior project on the segregationist politician George Wallace of Alabama. Gene even got a small grant so that I could travel on Wallace’s campaign plane. I did this project with two 1969 classmates, Ira Shapiro and Peter Alter.
Life since Brandeis...

I am married and have two children, a son and a daughter who went to Brandeis. Although my early wedded life was in New Jersey, I seem to have spent more of my life in Fairfield, CT than any other place. After taking courses in computer programming, I worked as a software engineer. I used my MLS in Special Libraries to work as a librarian in a Modern Orthodox day school and a Reform synagogue. I now work part-time at my synagogue in their religious school.

I am an observant, egalitarian Conservative Jew who has attended National Havurah Institutes and belonged to a Reconstructionist synagogue (the first one in Connecticut). I have a deep love for Midrash, midrash, text study, children’s picture books, folklore, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and ballet (watching it). I like to make connections between things not obviously linked together and enjoy systems in which a few basic things combined using a small set of rules lead to many beautiful results—mathematics, ballet, wooden blocks.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Two-week film festival and Sunday night movies in Ford Hall.
Life since Brandeis...

My first activity after leaving Brandeis was teaching math at a junior high school in the Bronx for a single semester. Inspired in part by my enthusiasm for public school teaching, I started law school at the University of Michigan in the following academic term. My wife, Ronna and I met and married during my time in Ann Arbor, after which we moved to Chicago, she to continue her graduate studies in Spanish literature at Northwestern, and I to begin practicing law at the firm then known as Sonnenschein Carlin Nath and Rosenthal.

I spent my entire legal career there, specializing in securities and corporate law, and retiring as a partner at the end of the firm’s centennial year, 2006. (After subsequent mergers it is now known as Dentons.) Ronna finished her Ph.D at Northwestern in 1981 and taught Spanish language courses at Loyola University for a number of years. Our daughter Abigail was born in 1983, graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and Brown, and is now working on a Princeton Ph.D in art history. She is living in Antwerp this academic year (after spending the last academic year in Madrid) doing research for her dissertation; we have enjoyed visiting her in both places, and have also developed an unsurprising enthusiasm for Skype.

We still live in downtown Chicago (in the same apartment for the last 37 years) and Lakeside, Michigan, and are enjoying the unstructured life permitted by retirement.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

At the end of my third semester at Brandeis, my interest in matters academic had reached a nadir. Unpleasant encounters with Math 12 and Math 21 had persuaded me that I would clearly not major in mathematics, and although I then expected to major in history, I badly needed a history course to be passionate about. Fortunately, David Hackett Fischer was about to teach a course on the Civil War, and I had the good sense to take it. I remember him as a dynamic and seriously engaged lecturer, and the course as highly substantive and demanding, I loved it. He told us that he thought that history deserved to be studied for its own sake, and his course constituted a compelling argument for that proposition. I took additional courses, comparably splendid, with Professor Fischer, and with him as my adviser, wrote my honors thesis on "Slavery and the Personality of the White Southerner" -- my most worthwhile experience at Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

In September 1967, I was a junior, allowed to be on campus early because I was a freshman advisor. Showing up with a friend at the Ralph Norman picnic, we surveyed the sea of faces, only to realize that we recognized a lot of them. I turned to my friend and said, “I don’t think there are any freshmen here at all.”

And from the lawn by my feet, a girl’s voice piped up, “Oh, yes, there are.”

Her name was Lois. In three years, we were married. Nearly forty-four years later, we still are.

A lot more happened to me after graduation, of course. We had a son, who is now himself happily married and thriving. I went into book publishing, and for many years now have been the publisher and editor in chief of my company, Putnam, as well as the editor of many of my favorite authors -- it’s a job that gives me pleasure every day (mostly). I have no plans to retire -- they’re going to have to drag me out of here by my feet.

I’ve gotten to meet notable people, go great places, see and hear fascinating things. But nothing tops that day in 1967 on the lawn at Brandeis, and what followed from it.

Just recently, I was at a conference, and I heard someone quote from a noted endocrinologist and feminist named Estelle Ramey, who died in 2006. Near the end of her life, she said, “I have loved. And I have been loved. And all the rest is background music.”

To which I can only say: Amen.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

The professor I remember the most was Richard Onorato, who taught English. He was smart, perceptive, sympathetic, happy to lend knowledge, but even happier when his classes were fizzing with discussion. I learned a lot from him, but here’s why he made a particular impression:

In my senior year, with real life looming, I was considering a number of possibilities, one of which was to follow in my parents’ footsteps and do graduate work. I thought I could use some good advice on the matter, and went to talk to Professor Onorato about which schools I should consider, and he said he would be glad to make some recommendations, but first, he wanted to ask me a question: “Do you actually want to go to graduate school?” I thought for a moment and said, “No, not really.”

“Then don’t go.” Best piece of advice I ever got. I applied for a publishing job instead. Been doing it ever since.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis was when I grew up. When I got there, I had just turned 17, and in the next four years, I found out what it was to be my own person. It was the second half of the 60s, of course, and I plunged into political activism (marches, sit-ins, the Sanctuary), the Boston/Cambridge music scene (I’m looking at you, Club 47 and Boston Tea Party), the radio station (BRS!) and the theatre department (where I often spent more time than at my classes -- as my professors occasionally pointed out). And it was there that I made longtime friends, fell in love, learned to think for myself, began to consider the future, began to plan for the future: became fully-formed. It was glorious. Then I graduated and immediately got drafted. But that’s a story for another time.
Greg Prestopino
Life since Brandeis...
I never imagined Brandeis would mean as much to me after graduating; turned out to be a family affair. Married Larry Price ('68) and our son, Brian, graduated in '04. In the intervening years, volunteered to serve on the alumni board and helped redecorate Brandeis House in New York City, the site of many wonderful university events. Returned to campus over the years for visits and panel discussions. Happy to see how vibrant and relevant our alma has remained.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Prof Bagger's Beethoven course--I can still tell the Leonore Overtures apart. Well, maybe not.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.
Laughter. Even during exam weeks, missed deadlines, and social catastrophes, mirth was just a moment away.
Nick Rabkin

Life since Brandeis...

After failing to make democratic socialism a meaningful option in American politics, I have found a way to make a career somewhere around the intersection of culture and progressive politics. I ran a wonderful theater company in Chicago, was the deputy commissioner for cultural affairs in the Harold Washington administration (and hung on for the first couple of years that Rich Daley ran the city). Was saved from a life in the purgatory of City Hall when I was offered the chance to do cultural grantmaking for the MacArthur Foundation. A decade later, I ran the Center for Arts Policy at Columbia College Chicago, where I became very involved in research and advocacy for the arts’ role in schools and school reform. I have been doing research and consulting for the last few years - for arts organizations, foundations and public art agencies - on arts education and the ways the arts contribute to civic life and community building.

With my wife, Cynthia, who’s an artist and educator, and probably the inspiration for all the work I’ve done on arts education, I helped a couple of kids grow up: Francis, who’s 28 and writing plays in Brooklyn (latest is a piece about Chelsea Manning), and Claire, who’s 24 and writing plays and doing theater, dance and painting in Berkeley.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

The sociology department was the haven for such a group of rebellious, smart, weird, sometimes serious students and professors. Hard to say which made the biggest impression. I was pleased to see Phil Slater’s great book, Pursuit of Loneliness by the foot of the Vietnam Memorial, the first time I visited. Maury Stein ignited my heartfelt interest in the arts. Gordy Fellman was the go-to guy for nearly everything—academic, political, and personal. And then, there was one outlier: Dick Jones, who left Brandeis shortly after I took his psych class on Motivation freshman year. That class propelled so much of what I did academically subsequently, and I have a hunch it did the same for many others. Jones was a Freudian in the best sense of the word—not married to psychoanalytic orthodoxy, but able to use it to build a rich understanding of how the mind shapes our lives and how our lives shape our minds.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Most embarrassing moment: Graduation day. My mother personally thanks President what’s his name for not calling in the cops over Ford Hall or the sanctuary for an AWOL GI in Mailman.
Life since Brandeis...

Days without End—Daze Without End

September is filling the window of North D3. There will be time for breakfast before Physical Science. Or, is it one of those 5,000 days, as I waited by the curb to head off for the teaching day at Framingham State? It’s noon, junior year, spring semester, East, Johnson not running, Klieg lights in Ford Hall, Martin Luther King shot, the team wiping out every rival on College Bowl. Or, is it lunch with the colleagues in the faculty-staff dining room, table rules, no shop talk, department chairs refraining from offering remedies on how to insulate the institution from meddling politicians?

Night has fallen, lights in the Hamilton pool, noise from the other floors in Rosenthal, Ford has been taken, a building burned, honors thesis, snow, red fists at graduation, where can I find a graduate school. Or, is it, retirement, students and faculty friends too busily fading, kept or broken promises of a seventh decade, time contracting and space dilating in this anti-Einsteinian world.

As always, one is keeping on because no one has said to stop. As never, one is walking the knife edge between accomplishment and aspiration, pride and dissatisfaction, the merry and the maudlin.

There was something about growing into oneself at Brandeis that I tried to give to every subsequent student. There was everything about those friendships that I still treasure and preserve. There was dazzling intellectuality and bewildering socializing. The arrogance of knowing too much for one’s own good and the humility of not being near wise enough. Always, there were words, and there still are. Always we had each other, and we still do. And, if we have gone gray, color out of a bottle, or hairless when we once had Samsonian tresses; if we’re thicker round the middle, a bit slower of step, more interested in cheating time than wasting it, more about grandchildren than big ideas, less about spending the night together and more about just sleeping through it, “No matter how you look at it, or think of it, that’s life and you still got to play the game.”
Life since Brandeis...

I’m sorry to be missing this reunion, but I’ll be far from Waltham and traveling in Europe in June. Retirement has been my pleasure for several years, and I’ve become happily accustomed to the slacker’s life. My husband and I fly between homes in MA and CA, with road trips, cruises, and family get-togethers for variety. He’s taken up golf, while I focus on classes in yoga and Pilates, setting aside lots of time for reading and other hobbies.

I’m proud that during my professional career I enjoyed many years as a classroom teacher, earned a doctorate in education, then became an adviser on a TV show produced by WGBH. I even wrote a book that earned some praise from parents and teachers. I guess I got to live beyond the dreams I had at Brandeis, but Brandeis certainly set me on the path that led to many challenging and fulfilling pursuits.

I wish you all the best as you gather on campus to renew old friendships. I hope to be able to attend our 50th reunion in 2019 and to be in touch with many of you at that time, if not before.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Not one memory, but many fond and vivid images emerge when I think about the music of the ’60s: listening to Motown on the snack bar jukebox, playing “Rubber Soul” on a cheesy record player in the dorm, attending the Simon & Garfunkel concert and the Supremes, folk music at Cholmondeley’s, grooving to the Rolling Stones’ latest, Tom Rush, Janis Joplin, and so many others. Remember how we savored the music of the day?

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Richard Onorato became a friend and neighbor of mine in the ’70s and ’80s. His love of poetry and literature was contagious, and his thoughtful reflections were inspiring. He also brought 2 cats into my life, beautiful, beloved pets, and I am grateful for the joys of knowing him as a teacher and a friend.
Life since Brandeis...
Currently still very active in unusual antiques (industrial, folk art, graphic arts/printing) and making art from historic materials (many examples of these things at historicmaterials.com). Living in Buffalo, NY area with my wonderful wife of 33 years, Carol. Though not involved in a learned profession, I consider my Brandeis education important and valuable in the historical research and advanced arts I am often involved with.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
I would say the most positive impact is an ability to look at all issues of politics, culture, and important life events with more depth and more advanced ways to analyze and understand things beyond the simple and obvious--yes, truth even unto its innermost parts. The negative? I was much happier working and doing non-academic things so I never was a serious student in terms of career or graduate work.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.
Working for Ralph Norman and science department manager, Jimmy Ciotti and the crews at both places. Also just walking, hitchhiking, and exploring around campus, Boston, and all of New England.
Life since Brandeis...

Since our last reunion (09) Audrey and I have relocated from Bryn Mawr, Pa, to Burke, Va. (outside DC), become grandparents, and I signed up for Medicare. These events are emblematic of the last 5 years.

As we age, life’s standard for fulfillment gets clearer and simpler.
1. I wake up each day and my body parts are working
2. My family still loves me &
3. My children have turned out to be people I like and respect……
   the rest is just details.

For 37 years after graduation I pursued a career in business across a variety of industries (public opinion polling, data driven marketing, strategy consulting, investment management, insurance, and healthcare) and responsibilities, (Chief Financial Officer, Chief Marketing Officer, Chief Executive Officer) and locations (Boston, Kansas City, Dallas, Philadelphia and Washington, DC)

In ’06 I took a sharp turn to serve on AARP’s all volunteer Board of Directors. I just completed an enlightening, challenging, and fulfilling eight year term of service, the last two as President, the organization’s Chief Volunteer Spokesperson. With over 35 million members, we speak to the interests of the 100 million Americans over the age of 50 and their families. Our mission, set out by founder, Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired educator is…. “to help everyone age with dignity and purpose.”

Our breadth of activities span the marketplace, the workplace, the public square, and the kitchen table. In the marketplace, we challenge companies to create products and services of value to meet our needs as we age. In the workplace we engage businesses on the value of experienced workers, support anti-discrimination protection, and provide people with tools and connections to employers and job opportunities. In the public square we support the pillars of financial security, (Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act), as well as issues ranging from consumer fraud protections, unfair utility hikes, and sensible solutions to the care giving challenge every family faces. At the “kitchen table” we provide information and tools that help people navigate every day challenges, be it discounts on products, free tax preparation service, (2.5 million people resulting in $1.3 billion in refunds last year), and helping those who want start small businesses via the SBA. The core idea is the importance of each person and the power of collective action. AARP’s overarching goal is to change to perception about aging from a “societal burden” to one of opportunity and challenge. The profound demographic shift (10,000 of us turn 65 each day for the next 18 years) challenges us to work for a robust, inclusionary society which generates economic vitality, democratizes opportunity, within a framework of social justice and personal responsibility.

This chapter has been a source of deep personal fulfillment but leaves me with the idea of “so much left to do”. The core element of social justice that was and is the essential element of the Brandeis experience informed and influenced me all along the way.

That coupled with my wife Audrey’s guidance in our family’s spiritual journey, summed us best by John Wesley’s words——” Do as much good as you can, in any way you can, for as many of you can, and long as you can”…….She embodies that in our family, in our community as an elected public official, public advocate for government transparency and spiritual leadership in our church communities. Not to mention her patience, tolerance and support evidenced every day in our 39 year marriage.

Our children, Rachel and David, now in their thirties are indeed not only the recipients of parental unconditional love, but indeed are people we like and respect. Rachel teaches 8th grade civics in northern Virginia in an award winning fashion with great dedication and caring. To our great and lasting joy, Rachel is now a great mom, with the arrival of Grace Celeste 6 months ago. Our world has indeed changed...

David lives in Washington State enjoying the beautiful northwest. His journey a bit more circuitous (Is it my imagination or do young men take a bit more time to find a path?) as he has gotten his degree and settled into an increasingly responsible role in his company. Like his sister, he is a person of high personal integrity, cares for others and is that person his friends come to rely on to help. We couldn’t be prouder of both of them.

What next? Many of us are likely to live well into our eighties and beyond…….What to do with this gift of longevity?

A common refrain I hear is “I’m not done yet”… How do we capture and channel the energy, contribution, hard earned wisdom and experience each of us have? This long term challenge exists against the backdrop of a toxic political environment…. Sadly, we all must be aware of the “3 Ds”……

Disinformation, disillusionment, and disenfranchisement.

- Fill the political discourse with incomplete, distorted and in many cases false information,
- Corrode and delegitimize government to the point of disgust/disinterest (a pox on both their houses) leading indifference (there’s no difference, I don’t’ matter anyway) and non-participation, and just to make sure,
- Pass laws which seriously impede people’s ability to vote.

Ever the optimist, we are not done yet. Many of us will in our own way contribute and fashion an answer to the 2 questions: Did it matter that I was here? Did I leave it better than I found it?

For “Brandeis”69”, the answer is a resounding Yes.
Life since Brandeis...

With each passing decade since graduation my life has improved, and the education behind my Brandeis B.A. has helped. It’s ironic to think that I graduated as Laura Rosetree, ’69, as a pretty neurotic hippie who wanted to be a writer. Back in the day, the English Major suffered such severe writer’s block, until my very last semester, the only A I received was in the wonderful “Nonverbal Communication” course taught by Dr. Dick Katz. And even the courses with the Divine Dr. Allen Grossman (my advisor) weren’t enough to propel me very far into coherent writing.

Hardly recognizable now, this person at 19. (You’ll see Laura, back in the day, in the last photo shown in my collection of four pictures.)

By now I am a writer, getting ready to publish a short series of nonfiction books for empaths -- the most sensitive of the Highly Sensitive Persons. Already I have published other books about energetic literacy and the emerging mind-body-spirit field of energy spirituality. (All at www.rose-rosetree.com.) Counting foreign editions of my books, I have sold the equivalent of two national bestsellers in America.

The first photo of the series submitted here is from 2013. The year I turned 65, like many of you!

Well, what are the specialties where I develop systems, get trademarks, help clients, and now train apprentices? Just versions of “Truth, even unto its innermost parts.”

I am so grateful for the education that helped to shape this person who now helps others. Some 45 years post-graduation, I’m just starting to hit my stride in career. The second photo of me is a cherished memento from 13 trips to Japan, where I was sponsored to teach workshops and facilitate sessions of healing; this picture dates from 2005. As for the rest, I live in Sterling, Virginia with my husband of 24 years, Mitch Weber. Utterly gush-worthy, but I will spare you details. Okay, I will include a picture of us hiking a bit at a local park.

Our son, Matthew Weber, couldn’t go to Brandeis because he wanted to major in engineering. Now he is in graduate school, still in engineering, at the University of California at Berkeley. Also included, I’ll submit a photo of Matt and me last summer, as our family celebrated his college graduation with a trip to Bryce Canyon.

Unfortunately I’m not going to make it to Reunion #45, but I do plan to attend #50, and I very much look forward to visiting then with you all. Meanwhile it will be a treat to read what others of you have submitted here. Thanks to Angela Nocerino, Phoebe Epstein, and everyone doing the work to create this yearbook.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Dr. Allen Grossman inspired me as a writer and a real-live poet. (I’m so proud of his winning the Bollingen Prize in 2009.) I was inspired by his definition of poetry as the search for each person’s special excellence.

His teaching style, his listening ability; his generosity and his verbal style have all inspired me.

How could he have guessed that this under-achieving student would go on to teach and write and listen and help. The work that I do is multi-faceted. It could be summarized as helping people to develop skills to use perceptual abilities and put them into language, then into life.

Energetic skills are not skills of psychic development. They are more like what this perceptive reader and inspired teacher used to model for us. Very deeply human capacities.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Here’s a clue. I remember almost nothing of my life prior to landing at Brandeis. Meaning no disrespect to my parents and sister (who gave me the very best they had) there was little in those first decades at home that spoke to my soul or provided true companionship for my journey in life.

Amid the lively conversations at Brandeis, loneliness and isolation fell away. Compared to many of you reading this yearbook, I didn’t get to know many of my fellow students or professors very well. Yet the community nurtured me. And the relationships that I did share brought new social connection and, especially, hope.

Here was a place where I could fit in, find some true friends, and learn from people who loved learning as much as I did. Here was a place for people with curiosity and ideals; truth seekers who kept on seeking. That hasn’t changed about me, actually. I’m very glad.
Life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis, I joined Havurat Shalom Community Seminary in Somerville, MA, a utopian experiment that changed the direction of my life. I moved from a secular to an observant lifestyle; from the pursuit of pure scholarship to living what I taught and valuing the role of lerer (teacher) above all others and to a love affair with the Land of Israel. I married (on the second try) a kindred spirit, with whom we traveled to the far corners of the Jewish world, sometimes with our son in tow. We count our blessings every day.
Life since Brandeis...

Since coming back to the University of Chicago in the summer of 2009 full-time (after a 7-year stay as chief scientist and then director of Argonne National Laboratory), I’ve had a great time - both in returning to doing physics research and in co-founding the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago. (On the policy end of things, I’ve gotten involved in a broad variety of issues, including the spread of nuclear power internationally, and especially the issue of internationalizing the nuclear fuel cycle. The biggest surprise to me has been the fun I’ve had interacting with social scientists at UofC as part of my policy work!) Marsha has gone back to full-time research as well, after over 13 years as chair of the Cancer Bio dept. at UofC. And our children have moved on - our oldest, Daniela, is now married, now has a daughter (named Amara), and is on the faculty at the Univ. of Washington/Seattle (as is her husband Jeff Heer); both work on computer science-related research. Our younger daughter, Nicole, is a grad student in urban anthropology at UC Berkeley, and spends her field work time in the favelas of Rio. As for us, unlike the past 3 decades, we’re now facing a clear transition: within the next 5 years or so, we’re likely to step down from full-time research and teaching ... but exactly what this means remains a mystery to us. What we do know is that “retirement” in the traditional sense holds no attraction to either of us ... to be continued ...

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had a huge impact on me professionally: I’ve spent most of my career as a theoretical physicist and astrophysicist, a direction that got its start at Brandeis ... perhaps just as important, my undergrad experience taught me to be fearless in tackling hard problems, an attitude that served me extremely well in my life, both within academia and outside of it ... Brandeis also reignited my sense of fun in learning - I confess that I simply had a great time as an undergrad.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

Brandeis was a bit of a cocoon, sheltering me from the outside world ... I don’t think I was particularly mature by the time I graduated ... as is the case in many other instances, maturing meant in my case making mistakes, regretting them, and trying to change ... it was an iterative process, it didn’t happen over night, and it’s probably still going on ... what probably has not changed is my affect - my wife continues to insist that I’m an extrovert, and she’s probably right, and has been for the past 40+ years ...
Life since Brandeis...

I am currently a Professor of English at the University of Oregon, where I have taught for nearly thirty years. I am also the editor of the journal Comparative Literature, and for the past four years have been the Director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Oregon. I have three daughters, all of whom reside on the east coast, with the left coast side of the family now consisting of my wife, Megan, myself, two dogs, and a cat.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Alan Grossman.
Marcia Brown Rubinstein

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

When I graduated, I thought I could shape the world. At 66, I have learned that the world shapes me. Although I fought this inevitability for years, I have discovered that there is as much creativity in allowing myself to be shaped as there might be in shaping something else. I have always known that the most important influences in my life would be the people I met along the way. Although few could live up to the pure intellect and adrenaline of those with whom I shared the 1960’s, I am learning to tolerate - and even enjoy - people who have different kinds of intelligence. Each new perspective I encounter adds another facet to the jewel of life. I am still searching for that elusive compound - happiness and satisfaction. It may not be mine to enjoy in this incarnation, but the journey still energizes and excites me. I am less idealistic and far more pragmatic then I was in 1969. But I am still exquisitely vulnerable to music, beauty, art, joy, love, and beauty.
Life since Brandeis...

Since leaving Brandeis or just since the last reunion? When we were last together, Harry and I were dating; and, we were married 4 years ago. We both sold our homes and bought a house together in Brookline. We’ve had our ups and downs, but we’re doing well. In addition, I now have 4 more grandchildren than I did five years ago. Being a grandparent is definitely the best state in the world!

Professionally, while I maintain an affiliation with Harvard, I have moved to the Security Studies Program at MIT. There I am teaching part-time about the post-Soviet world and running a seminar series on Central Asian security. And, of course, as I write this, Ukraine is in turmoil--I’ve commented for Ukrainian TV and other publications.

I am also very involved with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which helps Jews in need around the world. JDC does a lot of work in Russia and Ukraine so, as I always say, it’s the perfect “wedding” of my two great interests Russia and the Jewish world. I’ve travelled throughout the former Soviet Union for JDC--Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Turkmenistan.

And...I remain involved with Brandeis. I always say we’re a very Brandeis family. Richie, of course, was president of the alumni association at the time of his death; both of our kids went to Brandeis; and my daughter married a fellow Brandeis student. I serve on the Board of Trustees of the university and am currently chair of the honorary degrees committee.

Most of all, it’s hard to believe that we are all the ages we are and that we were graduated from Brandeis 45 years ago (ugh). I look forward to seeing everyone!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had an amazing impact on my life. I learned so much, not only about my chosen field, but also about life. I met Richie at Brandeis and we were married for 30 years before he died. I also remember getting to graduate school and thinking how Columbia was easy compared to Brandeis. We were taught to think and to question. And to this day, I carry that into the classroom when I teach. My students won’t become Ph.D.s in Political Science, but they will become thinking and questioning adults.
Life since Brandeis...

45 years! Can that be possible? Well, my life since leaving Brandeis can be summarized in these other anniversaries that have been observed this year: 40 years since my rabbinical ordination at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati; 37 years since the awarding of my Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Brown University; 35 years since I joined the faculty of HUC-JIR in Cincinnati; 31 years this past February since I married Anne Arenstein; 29 years this past November since the birth of our elder son Jonathan (Yoni), 26 years this past July since the birth of our younger son Michael—and 20 years since I last attended our Brandeis class reunion (Annie and I came in for our 25th reunion). Regrettably I will not be able to attend this year’s reunion, although I would much like to, because it conflicts with the inauguration weekend of our new president at HUC-JIR, and I must be here for that (also had to miss our 40th reunion because that was ordination and graduation weekend here that year). Hopefully, for our 50th!

It’s been a good run since Brandeis, as the expression has it. I am doing what I love to do and (still) getting paid for it: I love to read, I love to learn, and I love to teach and to facilitate others’ learning. I remain completely fascinated by the materials that I study—Jewish history and Jewish texts. (And I still have professional reasons to spend time in Israel—another passion that began at Brandeis, when I spent half of my junior year there on the Hiatt Institute program.)

I also love to make music, which is one of the things that Annie and I enjoy doing together and that our sons have pursued as well. I sang in the Choral Union and performed in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society at Brandeis. Annie, who was a Simmons undergraduate, did G&S at Harvard (her director back then is now the director of our rabbinical school here!) Together we sang in the Cincinnati May Festival Chorus (the chorus of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra here) until the boys were born and needed more attention. Work responsibilities at this point prevent me from regular choral work (while Annie sings in MUSE: The Cincinnati Women’s Chorus), but I still get to sing around the College at services, etc. Annie and I attend a lot of performances at the University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music, which has a fine opera department (among others). Annie writes classical music and opera features for the local “alternative” news weekly and has done some great interviews. So there is lots of music in our lives. (Thinking back on our era at Brandeis, I sometimes opine that I never needed or need chemical stimulants because I just get high on music—but no comparisons intended!)

Our eldest son, Yoni, is the regional director for Birthright Israel Next in Chicago, working on how to keep Jewish young adults engaged after the Birthright trip experience. He is also a drummer. Our younger son, Michael, has a band here in Cincinnati, the Pinstripes (check them out online), plays tenor sax, flute, keyboard, sings, and fronts the band. They celebrated their tenth anniversary in November at their 500th performance. They’re good. He is also a freelance writer and, from time to time, leads Birthright trips.

In sum, I consider myself (not at all smugly, but humbly) to be very fortunate and very blessed. Again, I regret not being able to attend this year’s reunion. What most impressed me about the one 20 years ago was the accomplishments of my classmates—specifically, the way in which the social concerns and activism of the 60’s have borne so much fruit in our lives and how many of us have made caring, creative, and self-extending contributions to society. It made me very proud to be a member of the class of ’69!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis was eye-opening for me on many levels. I came as a sheltered adolescent from Detroit. Brandeis was my first sustained exposure to the culture of the east coast. It was also my first real opportunity to individuate more fully from my family—so much of the standard growth work of late adolescence for me was done there. And I made some lifelong friends. I think my emotional intelligence grew enormously in college. So, of course, did my intellectual horizons. I acquired so many more critical thinking skills, as well as an appreciation for the cultural situatedness of all discourse, I had always had a scholarly bent, and Brandeis gave that shape and direction. Most specifically, the six months spent studying in Israel during my junior year on the Hiatt Institute literally set me on my lifelong professional path, blending my intellectual interests with my Jewish interests, giving me the rudiments of Hebrew fluency and a passion for Israel and Jewish culture, history, and text.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

It is difficult to single out only one Brandeis professor who made the biggest impression on me, because my interests and exposure were expanding in a variety of directions in college. So I think in particular of Barney Schwalberg and Robert Hartman in the Economics department who drew out my interests in the relationships between economics, psychology, and public policy. They were both caring mentors as well. Nahum Glatzer’s storied course on Job and his course on Jewish and Christian Scriptures opened up new vistas for me in the study of religious literature, which would become important professionally. The history lectures of Heinz Lubasz and Ray Ginger gave me the beginnings of a mature appreciation of history. The two courses I took with Leo Treitler were enormously important in my developing understanding of symphonic form and operatic literature, as was the course on chamber music with Robert Koff. I recently let Dr. Treitler know the impact his courses had had on me.
Life since Brandeis...

I was a Wien Scholar from Panama at Brandeis from 1965-1969. I spent my junior year in Israel at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. My Brandeis years were the most important and formative period in my young adult life. Brandeis instilled in me a love of learning and scholarship, a commitment to community service and leadership. There I developed friendships and influences that have lasted a lifetime, even when some of the contacts have not continued.

I majored in Near Eastern and Judaic studies and came under the intellectual spell of Professor Nahum Sarna and the spiritual mentorship of Rabbi Al Axelrad. During my first year, the kind Selma Finstein, at the Wien office, was my “turn-to mom” on campus. I had the opportunity of getting to know Dr. Abram Sachar who, upon learning that I was a Panamanian Wien Scholar interested in the rabbinate, invited me for conversation in his study.

At Brandeis I cemented my commitment to becoming a rabbi. Upon graduation I enrolled in the newly founded Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and at Temple University, where I pursued doctoral studies in religion. In Philadelphia I met Sandy Eisenberg, also an entering student and the first female at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. We married after our first year at the college.

This was the most fortuitous event in my life. Sandy and I were ordained in 1974, took separate congregations in New York for three years and in 1977 came to Indianapolis to serve together at Beth-El Zedeck, a historic Congregation in the Midwest as the first husband and wife rabbincial couple. We have two adult children, David and Debbie (Brad) who have given us three bright and beautiful grandsons, Darwin (7), Ari (6) and Levi (3).

Sandy and I have labored in the vineyards of Jewish community, civic and interfaith life for the past 37 years in Indianapolis. Sandy retired last year and serves as Rabbi Emerita while she leads a seminar on Religion, Spirituality and the Arts at Butler University. I continue to serve as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and as Affiliate Professor of Jewish Studies at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

I left home at age 17 to come to the United States for the first time. Here I have raised a family, made lasting connections and, hopefully, made a difference.

I owe Brandeis and the Wien Program a forever gratitude for preparing me for these tasks.
Life since Brandeis...

It hardly seems possible that 45 years have passed since we graduated from Brandeis. Most of the time, I also can’t believe that I am 66 years old. My life since Brandeis took a very traditional route—marriage, children, etc. After several years at home, I did go back to obtain a law degree—something I had thought about doing for several years before. I have been practicing law for the past thirty years. I hope that sometime soon, I will get the practice right. Life now revolves around my grandchildren, family, friends and trying to get the practice of law right. Looking forward to reconnecting with classmates.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis taught me to think critically.
Life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis, I went to Yale for graduate school (English), taught there for a couple of years, then took a job at Purchase College (State University of New York). This work at Purchase is one of the major facets of my life—I have been there almost 40 years, which is almost the entire life of the institution. I have taught American Literature, Shakespeare, Milton, The Bible, Modern Poetry, more—we are a small school and program, so I have been able to edge beyond my technical specialties (American poetry, probably). Also I have been writing poetry, and have manuscripts of a novel (still trying to hustle that...) short stories, and a play or two. My personal life: a first marriage, two children (son, daughter, varied and interesting and challenging lives for them too); a second marriage. All that has been and especially IS fine. I have travelled, to India recently, Iceland upcoming; also Hungary, lots of times to Italy, Costa Rica, Mexico, and so forth. I also became a birder, a fairly accomplished one, an inexhaustible activity. Currently I live part of the week in Port Chester New York, to be close to work, and the rest of the time in NYC, the vital heart of The City, the intersection of Flatiron, Union Square, the Village, Chelsea.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

It’s hard to choose a single “fond memory” of Brandeis. My experiences as a fencer have informed my life in subtle and important ways. My sense of Brandeis as a school nurturing unconventional lives has influenced me personally and professionally (I took the job at Purchase College because the students and the learning atmosphere reminded me of Brandeis, so welcome after Yale...). My work as an English major with Aileen Ward, I also recall with great fondness—our paths crossed professionally more than once long after those years. I cherish “the 60s”—what a privilege it was to be young and in such a charged atmosphere then, how much I learned and how much I grew...
Life since Brandeis...
Hi. I’ve lived in Colorado since 1986. For the past 28 years, I have been a family practice doctor and am looking forward to working less and playing more. I have 2 cat children and 1 longtime boyfriend, and love to go hiking in the mountains.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
I remember my time at Brandeis fondly. The professor who made the most impact on me was Abraham Maslow, as his ideas were inspiring. He believed in self-actualization and reaching one’s highest potential.
In 1969, a few weeks after graduation, I was lucky enough to marry Marjorie Laken, who was an undergraduate at Simmons College. 45 years later we are still married. We have two children, Jonah, born 1977, a software engineer and entrepreneur, and Sarah, born 1981, a researcher and analyst in the field of reproductive rights. We have two grandchildren.

I have two websites: www.schwartzlaw.com and www.schwartzphoto.com

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I believe Brandeis set the stage for my lifelong commitment to civil rights and civil liberties and empathy for the poor and neglected. I recall that Roger Baldwin, the founder of the American Civil Liberties Union, was our commencement speaker. Symbolically, at least, he launched me on my way. I’m a product of the 60’s.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Prof. Gordon Fellman’s humanity and understanding of people had a lifelong impact on me. Prof. Egon Bittner introduced me to the world of police and the sociological issues surrounding police power. Prof. SacVan Berkowitz gave life to American Literature and connected fiction to the American experience.
Gail Feinberg Schwartz

Life since Brandeis...

After college I took my first and forever position as elementary music teacher in the Dumont, NJ Public Schools. In March, 1970, I married George and soon we will celebrate our 43 years together. In 1976, I gave birth to my son, Josh. During the years of early parenting I went to graduate school at Montclair State University, where I earned my Master’s Degree in Education. At age 62 I decided to retire. Shortly after, Josh and Jana had a baby girl, Jordyn Brynne, and I started a new career as grandmother and babysitter. I joined the adult choir at Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, NJ and love the opportunity to sing with peers, something I haven’t done since college days. Now I am on the committee to plan the 50th reunion of Leonia High School Class of 1965 and looking forward to connecting with friends at our Brandeis 45th.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Cream was performing in the gym and I had made the foolish decision to spend that evening off campus. When I returned to my dorm, my roommates told me the band had been delayed in a snowstorm and did not begin their concert until midnight. I hurried down to the gym in time to hear them play “Glad” for an enthusiastic audience in the middle of the night. What a memory!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My Brandeis education gave me the tools I needed to pursue a career in music. The performance opportunities there reinforced my skills and filled me with such joy that I knew I wanted to make music my life. The opportunities to hear live performances of many genres was an education in itself. Another important component of my Brandeis experience was to strengthen my ties to the Jewish people. Learning about Reconstructionist Judaism opened my mind to a new way of thinking about God, and celebrating holidays with Hillel gave me a wonderful way to combine Judaism and music. Nowadays, when I sing in the Kol Rishon Choir at Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, NJ I have the opportunity to recall choral settings from my college years in current performances and this fills me with special joy.
Life since Brandeis...

I have just been awarded a Berlin Prize to spend a semester at the American Academy in Berlin in 2014/15. Last year I published Long Days Last Days: A Down-to-Earth Guide for Those at the Bedside, available as e-book or hard copy. My most recent scholarly work is a cultural history of noise, entitled, Making Noise: From Babel to the Big Bang and Beyond (Zone/MIT, 2011), on which topic I gave a keynote address to the Tuned City Festival in Brussels in 2013. I continue to work on English translations of Korean poetry with collaborators in the US and Korea; a co-translated volume of the work of Kim Nam-jo will appear from Codhill Press in 2015 under the title Rain, Sky, Wind, Port. I also continue to work in the San Diego area as a private medical case manager for a company I co-founded, Sage Case Management. I am in touch with such friends from Brandeis as Sidney Blumenthal, Harold Boll, Ben Gerson, Shelly [Gonickman]


What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Upon graduation Brandeis gave a travelling fellowship to Europe. Since I had never been out of North America, that had the most impact on my life, and led to my subsequent scholarly work in European history. I must thank David Hackett Fischer, among others, for making this possible.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

April sunsets over the marshland by the chapels.
Joel Schwartz

Life since Brandeis...

I got a Ph.D. in physics, changed fields to energy and environmental economics, went to work for the US EPA, changed again to environmental epidemiology, and moved to Harvard where I am a professor in the Departments of Epidemiology, Environmental Health, and Medicine. I have two children, one of whom graduated Brandeis (majoring in physics and math!) and is now in grad school in electrical engineering. The other is still in college. My wife started out in Bible and also changed fields (it was that 60's thing). I guess my biggest accomplishment was getting rid of lead in gasoline. Currently, I am interested in air pollution, weather, epigenetics and statistics. I did a lot of travelling for work, and found the experience of other countries very worthwhile. I just got back from a sabbatical in Rome (without gaining weight!).

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had an enormous impact on my life. My oldest friends are from Brandeis. I learned a tremendous amount, I found the courses outside my field fascinating, and my favorite course was Bob Koff’s chamber music class. But the physics department was wonderful because from the very beginning we got to work in people’s labs and actually live doing work in physics, instead of just studying it. My second favorite class was a seminar on the Florentine republic. Brandeis was just full of opportunities to discover the joys of the intellectual life in all its aspects.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Steve Berko was a larger than life force. He survived the Holocaust, (one of six from Eli Wiesel’s town), started a university in the refugee camps, and came to the US with the aid of Einstein. His experiences made him tough, and sometimes angry, but also a great man. When my quantum mechanics class came up with the idea for the Transitional Year Program after the King assassination, he shepherded it through the faculty senate. As a teacher he was hard, but he made people learn.
Life since Brandeis...

I believe that my wife Risa (maiden name Gabelnick), also Class of 1969, has included a description of our salient points. Briefly, we have been married since 1969...quite an accomplishment! The ceremony was at the “God Quad” at Brandeis. We have two adult sons, Matthew age 36, and Aaron age 32. Matthew, who is married and has two children, also graduated from Brandeis in 1999. Our two grandchildren are Jonah and Annie, who will soon be 7 and 4, respectively. Since my graduation from law school in 1972, we have lived in Maryland and I have practiced law in Washington, D.C. My area of practice is food and drug law at various law firms. In that capacity, I represent drug, medical device, food and cosmetic companies regarding regulatory matters. In the near future I expect to retire, and we will move to a house on Cape Cod (Yarmouthport). I’m not sure what our precise game plan is, but we expect to spend more time with our grandchildren, since Matt and his wife (Leilani) live in Winchester. I may or may not continue to work on a part-time basis. Risa and I look forward to reconnecting with our classmates.
Life since Brandeis...

Soon after graduation, I married Don Segal, also of the class of 69. We moved to Maryland right after he graduated from BC Law School. I got my social work degree at Catholic University and practiced for thirty years. Like everyone, we have had big sorrows and huge joys in our life together. Choosing to focus on the joys, I will share that we have two terrific sons and two awesome grandchildren with another on the way. We expect to retire to Cape Cod by the end of this year. We enjoy being by the water, the hiking and biking. We do not fish because we are not fans of worms and hooks. We eat fish, but that is very easy to do at the Cape without developing a personal relationship with the fish while they are alive. We are eager to spend more time with our kids and grandchildren who live in the Boston area. Our younger son lives in Manhattan where he and his girlfriend recently became the proud parents of a Labradoodle puppy. Since neither he nor we are getting any younger, we are hoping the puppy is parenting practice and preparation for a cousin for my other grandchildren. Clearly, however, that is out of my control, as are most things at this time of life. Don says “hi”. Hope to see you at the reunion. It will be our first!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Gordon Fellman encouraged my intellectual curiosity, my creativity and my commitment to service in my community. His energy was motivating, his analytic talents were fascinating and his humor was enriching.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I am obviously older and hopefully wiser. I still try to see the humor in life’s daily tricks.
Life since Brandeis...

Hello everyone and I hope you’re enjoying life (including those senior citizen discounts). Here’s what I’ve been up to since our last reunion:

- Celebrated with family my mother’s 100th birthday (see photo) – now she’s 101.
- Played Hide-and-Seek with my grandson hundreds of times. But I still can’t convince him not to talk to me from his hiding place while I’m looking for him.
- Rearranged everything in our refrigerator thousands of times (my OCD).
- Learned to text with my thumbs -- too bad this skill will be obsolete by our 50th reunion.
- Self-published a slightly-autobiographical novel, Last Exit in New Jersey, available cheap from Amazon. One chapter takes place in the Castle snack bar.
- Decided that getting old is pretty great.

- Shared a joint at Hamilton/Massell pond (actually, that was during our last reunion).
- Welcomed three grandchildren to Planet Earth (and, happily, to the DC area) (see photos). For three years I’ve been providing grandpa-care twice a week.
- Spent time (though not enough) with classmates Ed Siden, Stu Teplin, Steve Deitsch, Howie Goldstein, Mike Lerman, Sandy Ruffin, and Lee Adlerstein – also Claude Jacobs ’70 and Joan Heinsheimer ’71.
- Enjoyed five more years of marital bliss with Maya, the best wife ever [note to editor: insert a joke about marrying a Jewish doctor]. And I’ve finally convinced her that my eating peanut butter out of the jar on a knife is efficient, sanitary, and safe.
- Embraced the S-label by joining the Democratic Socialists of America -- we tried unsuccessfully to keep Walmart out of DC.
- Continued working in a preschool program for kids with autism, twice a week.
- Built a treehouse and then moved it to a different tree (with help from 11 friends) when the county cut down the original tree.
Life since Brandeis...

Ira Shapiro

The five years since our 40th reunion have rocketed by. The great joys in this period have been the birth of grandsons, Jacob and Zev, now almost 4 1/2, and the publication of my book, The Last Great Senate, which came out two years ago. Book promotion in 2012-13 took me to twenty states, including a number of Brandeis audiences. The book has given me a platform to speak and write about our current political dysfunction, which I haven't hesitated to use. The book has produced unexpected moments of pleasure, like when it showed up on Frank Underwood’s/Kevin Spacey’s desk in episode 2 of “House of Cards” this season. Recently, I left law practice to start a consulting firm focused on international trade issues, U.S.-Japan relations, and efforts to overcome the political dysfunction. Like all of us, I think, I’m terribly worried about the world that we are leaving our kids and grandkids, and hope, at the margins, to continue working to make it a little better.

I believe that we will always be the product of a unique place and time: Brandeis, 1965-1969. We lived through some of the most turbulent years in American history, only partially cloistered in a beautiful campus community that combined the best qualities of a research university and a small college. There was even time for intramural football, which every fall took precedence over Leonard Levy’s Con Law class. Despite this, my life course, which took me into government and politics, law and writing—all stemmed from Brandeis—my politics and history professors (Bardach, Ginger, Keller, Art, Macridis, Long, Roche); the student council, with intense debates including Eric Yoffie, Justin Simon, Allan Lichtman and John Weingart); the McCarthy campaign; the march on the Pentagon; my joint thesis, with Walt Mossberg and Peter Alter, on George Wallace’s presidential bid; the negotiations to resolve the Ford Hall takeover. Brandeis even found me $600 for a summer internship with Senator Jacob Javits, which proved to be the touchstone of my career. By the time I left Brandeis—marrying Nancy two weeks after graduation—my passions, professional and personal—had been pretty well shaped.
Life since Brandeis...

I still believe that what I learned and experienced at Brandeis built a formidable foundation for the rest of my life—and that’s not an exaggeration. I met Ira there, and we’ve been married for 45 extraordinary years. Our best friends at Brandeis, are still among our best friends in the world: Walt and Edie Mossberg, Eric and Amy Yoffie, Larry Joseph (and wife Lauren). I was an American History Major, and took a lot of English lit classes, so I became a decent high school English teacher and then university faculty member. I took one remarkable PhysSci I course with Hugh Pendelton that I’ve parlayed into a specialty in STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) winning over $30 million of science education grants from the National Science Foundation. I attend a Torah Study class, and periodically take out old notebooks from my study of the *Book of Job* with Nahum Glatzer. My first job in Washington was staff to the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy—I was hired by Larry Fuchs. What can I say—Brandeis permeated my life to the core.

And when I organize my current work in public education policy around social justice and equity concerns for underrepresented minority students who are unprepared for college, I know what college experience I want them to have—I want them all to have the Brandeis experience.

So, thank you, Brandeis!
Larry Shar

Life since Brandeis...

Life’s been very good to me since leaving Brandeis for which I take all the credit. I’ve been divorced from Penny Wise (class of 1970) whom I married in ’69 since 1981; our union produced Brad (b. 1972) and Tracy (no. 1) (b. 1974); happily remarried to shiksa Tracy (no. 2) since 1985 and we have one daughter together Hilary (b. 1990); all great kids and Brad gave us 2 great grandkids, Ben and Olivia (seriously less productive than my classmate and old friend Mike Lerman) I gave up a financially non-lucrative singing career (before it began) to earn a living in the family art business, allowing my kids to go to good schools, me to play lots of tennis before my knees caved and now golf in Westchester and Florida. I plan to some day return to my musical roots by creating and producing a new television show called “Geriatric American Idle” in which I will assume the role of Ryan Seacrest; stay tuned. I grew up in Brooklyn NY graduating from Sheepshead Bay HS with Larry David. I’ve tried hard to embrace my many neuroses but was no competition for David who successfully embraced his many more than mine, rendering him much, much richer! Happy to re-acquaint with any of my classmates who so desire.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

Probably wiser (otherwise the same), but would happily give that up to have my parts back.
Jane Shull

Life since Brandeis...

I have been living in Philadelphia since 1971. Was married to Ed Schwartz whom I met while we were occupying a building at Brandeis for 42 years until his death in 2012. We have a daughter, Ruth Schwartz, now age 35. For the past 22 years I have served as the director of Philadelphia FIGHT, the largest AIDS Service Organization in Philadelphia. We have the largest outpatient clinical practice in the city and a wide range of education programs. We have very extensive prison and jail re-entry programs, youth programs, digital divide resources and other programs addressing the issues making our clients vulnerable to HIV in the first place. And with our partner the Wistar Institute we have a grant working toward a cure for AIDS. Before that I worked with Ed in housing and community development. We helped elect the first African American mayor of Philadelphia and Ed was elected to the Philadelphia City Council. I have taught social work at Temple University and various other courses at Penn and Rutgers over the years.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

As I think with all of us, Brandeis and the people teaching there formed my mind.
Life since Brandeis...

My life since Brandeis has been filled with blessings—of family, friends, work, and art. I have kissed the sky and found earth cramm’d with heaven. Most recently, Sheila and I in our 45th year of marriage are completing a renovation and addition enabling our son and daughter-in-law and, by the time this is read (God willing) third grandchild, to move in. We will be enjoying aging in place in a multi-generational, fully accessible home with our daughter’s family 5 minutes away. We have our commune! Forever young! Come visit!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

- Met my wife...Sheila—still married.
- Communed with Blake’s angels!
- Certain professors fed my head in ways that still affect me—Dick Katz and Larry Rosenberg, in particular.
- Through Abe Maslow, met Cesareo Pelaez, turned down 4 year fellowship to Cornell and journeyed in his caravan for 15 years.
- Met wonderful friends we are still blessed to enjoy.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

...one day she came (the one I love) and lay me down (she was promise, she was spring) and let me find (I cannot forget) beneath her jeans (I cannot forget) her tendrilled mound of strawberry blonde that tasted and tastes of heaven. And when I left (I was cold, I was winter), she would not let me go, but led me in to her soft and rooted soul that I might have a soul to give. She threaded my heart, embroidered me, sewed patchwork into a life. Cradling children snuggled between, we rocked ourselves to sleep each night, dreaming a wish to throttle time.
I have many fond memories of my time at Brandeis. I married my Brandeis sweetheart, who I met at freshman orientation, and we’ve been together 45 years, 47 if you count the time we spent living together first. We have two wonderful adult children and two incredible grandchildren, with a third on the way that will arrive before the reunion.

Bob and I are both therapists, seeing patients out of our house three days a week. I love my work and my patients, and find it endlessly interesting, intellectually stimulating, and heart opening. We spend a good amount of time at home, due to Bob’s being in a wheelchair with MS, but my life feels very full with work, caring for Bob, friends, family (especially being an actively involved Nana and having the kids here often), cooking, gardening, laughing and learning.

We are in the process of building an addition onto our house, so our son, daughter-in-law, and new baby can move in with us and we can be on one floor. It’s going back to the multi-generational living of our parents’ generation. I’m hoping we’ll have lots of the benefits and few of the pitfalls. After all, we’re so much more laid back and fun to be with.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at reunion.

My fondest memories of Brandeis are of the wonderful people we shared our lives with, both students and faculty. It felt like a wonderful community of kindred spirits with long, philosophical discussions, crazy adventures, new ideas, new ways of being and new meaning. I loved the cultural things we had available to us: Merce Cunningham dancers, Alwin Nikolais, marches, sit-ins, be-ins, The Blues Project, Krishnamurti, wonderful theatre at Spingold, exhibits at the Rose, tons of great stuff right on campus, and trips into Cambridge and Boston for even more. It was an incredible time.
Life since Brandeis...

I spent the immediate years after graduating in an experimental urban Jewish commune of sorts. I was the leading editor of "The Jewish Catalog: A Do-It Yourself Kit" (published by JPS in 1973), reflecting the Jewish counter-culture. It has sold over 500,000 copies and is credited with helping to fuel a contemporary Jewish revival. (It was also the subject of my Masters Thesis at Brandeis in Contemporary Jewish Studies in 1972.)

After four years as the Director of the Hillel Foundation at SUNY Stony Brook, I spent most of my professional career at the National Foundation for Jewish Culture (28 years), based in NY, helping to promote the arts as a core conveyer and shaper of Jewish identity.

I am currently living in Los Angeles and working as the Director of the HUC-JIR School of Jewish Nonprofit Management.

I was previously married to Jeanne Bakst, Brandeis 1970, with whom I have a step-son, Andy (43), and a daughter, Ruth (32). I am currently married to Laura Geller, who serves as the senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Several professors had major impacts on me. But the one who irritated me the most and who provoked me to question my self-perceptions most significantly was a psychology professor named Jim Klee who taught a course in "Psychology of Religion." One day, he drew a two-dimensional diagram puzzle on the blackboard and challenged us to solve it. Although tantalizing, it was insolvable... in two dimensions... and we gave up in frustration. It could only be solved by going into the third dimension... which indeed was not invalid by the terms of the puzzle. He then looked at us an said enigmatically, “The Jews in the class probably think that this is anti-Semitic.” I had no idea what he meant and still am not sure. Something about Jews tending to color within the lines, to play it safe, to not take chances, to not think expansively and imaginatively. I felt intuitively that he was wrong... and that sent me on to a life exploring and renewing the rich depths of Jewish wisdom.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I wouldn’t exactly say that it is my “fondest” memory, but the bacchanal in the courtyard of the Castle celebrating “Bronstein Day” in 1969 (I think... could be ’67 or ’68) sticks in my mind. Something about the combination of a pig roasting on a spit over an open fire, the drinking, smoking, and the pure exhilaration of spring and youth and privilege epitomized both the best and worst of our narcissistic, but quite fragile existence.
Life since Brandeis...

I’ve been a practicing family law attorney since 1977, seen the rise of the internet and computers, and demise of carbon paper, short hand, and typewriters in the office. I’ve also seen a huge increase in women attorneys and judges, and am astounded that I only knew three women in our class who took the LSAT’s in 1969. I was not one of the three. I have also had the good fortune to be in a fulfilling relationship with Rick -- a kind and gentle soul who designs and makes exquisite gold jewelry as a profession, and cooks, gardens and engages in delightful conversations, both humorous and insightful. Years ago I worked with a lawyer whose family participated in the early years of the university. The lawyer and his wife regaled us with stories about dinner with Eleanor Roosevelt, the Sachars, and so many other notables who lent their lustre to the new university. Approximately 10 years ago I was part of an oral history that included all but two of our alumni association presidents who were no longer with us. That’s an amazing fact that few, if any other universities could match. Within the span of a our lives, the university got started, grew, and flourished during turbulent social, economic and technological changes. With luck and health, I will continue practicing family law and be back on campus for our 50th reunion, confident that the university is well established, well regarded and well loved.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I’ve learned to curb my belief that if I simply try hard enough I can change anything.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My four years at Brandeis left me with a deep appreciation of art, history, social justice, and most of all, friendships with engaging people.
Life since Brandeis...

Despite having not a clue about life or what to do with it, so far it’s worked out pretty well.

Along the way I’ve been a musician and music journalist, a financial professional at a socially responsible brokerage, executive director of an internationally-touring youth orchestra, and now archivist with the Free Speech Movement Archives, and writing coach and editor. There have also been love, extended family, and dear friends. And over thirty years in beautiful Berkeley.

I have shared many of my interests, including photography and genealogy, on a website: www.BTStack.com.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

The decision to go to Brandeis was shallowly informed: I’d met a recent grad who was a tutor in a summer school program at St. Paul’s School and I liked her honesty. I also had a sense that Brandeis was an artistic, avant garde, and liberal community. I got in, got a scholarship, and became the first in my immediate family to go to college. And improbably, I had managed to land in the right place, among the right people.

I entered Brandeis a child, and graduated a child. It took me a long time to grow up. But I graduated a fairly well educated young thing, and was able to make my way. The institution nurtured me, as did my friends. Brandeis shaped my expectations and validated my seeking.

My family thought well of the change Brandeis worked on me, and a generation later my sister was only too pleased to send her older daughter to Waltham for another Brandeis education.
Life since Brandeis...

I married a classmate, David Stein, and we shared twenty-five years of adventure together— in Hawaii, on a farm in Nova Scotia, a kibbutz in Israel, a small town in Virginia, sunny California, and a farm in New Hampshire. We had three children, Mikhal, Maya, and Adam, now 42, 41, and 33 and who have their own stories. Two daughters graduated from Brandeis, Adam attended for a year. David and I separated in 1993, he moved to New York, and then France, and my path continued in New Hampshire for a time, where I discovered and nourished my artist-self, and my former dancer-self, and also discovered a place for myself in Waldorf education as a developmental movement teacher. I painted, exhibited and sold my paintings, began to facilitate an Authentic Movement group. I moved to Amherst, MA in 2005, in search of a Jewish community, and found exactly the community that suited me here. I’m very involved in my synagogue, completed the DLTI training to become a lay service leader, continue to do art, and am working now on a series of collages which involve the Hebrew letters. I still travel a bit to Waldorf Schools in New England to do developmental movement consultation, but I guess you’d say I am semi-retired.
Howell Ira Strauss

Life since Brandeis...
Howell Ira Strauss, DMD
Executive Director and Dentist of the AIDS Care Group in Chester, Pennsylvania

Howell Strauss, a Brandeis Class of 1969 alumnus, received his DMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1973, completed a general practice residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, and embarked on a joint career in education and private dental practice. In the late 1980s he left private practice to return to school, studying under Michael Glick, DMD; and working as a faculty member in two new HIV+ dental treatment centers for patients at Temple University School of Dentistry and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Strauss has been working with HIV clients ever since.

He was assigned to a Section 330 Community Health Center in Chester, PA in 1993. In that public health setting, he helped to establish a comprehensive center for HIV care, uniting the primary care clinical disciplines with the social service programs. He remained at the University of Pennsylvania and the Community Health Center until January 1998, when he established, with his public health colleagues, the AIDS Care Group.

Currently serving as the group’s executive director, dentist, and grant writer, the AIDS Care Group is now sixteen years old and is staffed by 74 experienced full and part-time providers. Following Ryan White protocols, the agency’s foundation resides in its core medical services and utilized over 80% of its grant funding to support: physicians, psychiatrist, dentists, dental hygienists, nurses, nurse practitioners, phlebotomists, medical case managers, medical and dental assistants, dental hygienists, HIV educators and test counselors, and drug and alcohol counselors.

Addressing the resisters that historically have kept patients from care, the agency utilizes its remaining grant funding and earned income generated through its 340B program to aggressively develop and expand an extensive network of social service enhancements including transportation assistance, food assistance, clothing assistance, housing, and other client-centered psychosocial services. Two-thousand five-hundred clients have received clinical care, medical case management, and supportive services; another 18,000 county residents have been tested for HIV.

The AIDS Care Group is funded by Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act Parts A, B, C, D; the Minority AIDS Initiative; HOPWA; CDC; Department of Human Services of Delaware County, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education; and private philanthropy. The agency has also received two five-year Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) grant awards: One for a five-year demonstration project to help improve access to dental care and services to underserved populations; the other to link HIV+ prisoners released from county jails into durable re-integration services and HIV medical care and social services.

A dentist for over 40 years, Howell has found his greatest personal and professional satisfaction in utilizing extensive social services and outreach programs to help improve access to and retention in care for poor and disadvantaged groups living with HIV disease. He credits the success of the AIDS Care Group to his experiences and studies at Brandeis, his staff, and the responsiveness of the community which they serve.

Howell’s younger brother, Kevin Strauss, is a Brandeis class of 1974 alumnus. Howell’s only son, Eric Edward Strauss, is a Brandeis class of 2004 (undergraduate) and 2005 (Masters in International Business) alumnus. Both Kevin and Eric work with Howell at the AIDS Care Group.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
The right school at the right time.
Life since Brandeis...

Married to Mark Szuchman since 1969. I’ve been Lenore Szuchman for more than twice as long as I’ve been Lenore Panzer.

We moved to Austin after Brandeis. I thought my few education courses at Brandeis might impress, but principals told me they feared I would be too liberal, wear my skirts too short, and fail to lead my class in the Pledge of Allegiance. After a few months as a girl Friday at a brick company, I was on my way to a master’s in special ed from the University of Texas. By the time I had been working a year in the school in the Austin State Hospital, we were off to Argentina for Mark’s dissertation research.

We spent over a year in Cordoba, where my Spanish got pretty great. Our friends didn’t speak much English, and those who did forgot to tell me so.

After returning to Austin, Paula (Brandeis ’96!) was born. I was scheduled to start law school at UT, but no one thought anything of it when I decided to stay home with the baby instead of making a career move. While Mark worked on his dissertation, I happily washed diapers at the laundromat and learned to make baby food.

I was still a full-time mom when Mark got a job in Miami and we made the next move. Jeff (Brandeis 99!) was born and I was still feeling my bliss. We spent another year in Argentina -- Buenos Aires this time -- with the kids and it was all good. One day, when Jeff was about 3, I suddenly, desperately, had to get out of the house and go to work. I did some teaching over the next few years and then started a Ph.D. program in developmental psychology at Florida International University. I couldn’t finish before I was 40, but I did finish, got a job at Barry University (a smallish Catholic University in the Miami area) in 1990 and retired after 22 years there.

I would not have chosen Miami as the place to spend most of my life. It’s crazy there and really hot. You can’t get in the car and go anywhere for the weekend that is different from where you are. The endless suburbs and strip malls don’t lead to a real city that you would go to in order to go to the city -- like New York, for example...

Nevertheless, I feel very lucky to have been able to stay home with kids when I wanted to (with no cultural pressure to get a nanny and get a real job) and to get a job at a college when I needed it in the very town I needed it in. And Barry turned out to be a warm and wonderful place. A college founded by Dominican nuns (a pretty liberal crowd) doesn’t feel so different from a college founded by Jews. We try to educate the kids and then ask them to use their education to do something good for the world.

Now Mark and I have followed a dream to get back to New England. We live in rural Vermont and have learned how to prevent ice jams on the roof, to snowshoe, to make deviled eggs, and to train a dog properly. He built a wood shed and I have a darkroom. We see the kids much more than we did.

I could spend another 600 words bragging about Paula and Jeff. They are sweet and funny. They have lots of degrees and smart jobs. Paula is a journalist, currently Director of Digital Content for WNYC and Jeff is an archaeologist, currently trying to end urban poverty working for U.S.A.I.D. They’ve done lots of traveling. Both are married to great people and both have great kids aged 2 and 4. I could spend another 600 words bragging about the little ones, too. Who doesn’t love being a grandmother? The photo I’m sending shows us all -- I’m the grey-haired one in the front row.
Life since Brandeis...

Mine is not a complicated story. Boy meets girl freshman year (Lenore Panzer). Boy and girl marry immediately after graduation. Boy and girl live happily ever after — or thus far anyway. But details matter, all the more so in the environment of a reunion in which people are interested in knowing about people even if — especially because — they haven't seen them in years. So here goes (pardon any redundancy with Lenore's version of the story).

We drove to Austin, where I began my doctoral program in Latin American History at The University of Texas. Prior to the communications revolution which in many ways homogenized the cultural contents of country, we strongly felt a different America once we got past Pittsburgh. Austin, far and away the most cosmopolitan of Texas's cities because of the regional and international diversity of its faculty and graduate student populations, still featured sheep grazing on the grassy divider stretched along Lamar Boulevard. Our first home was located in a dry neighborhood — that's "neighborhood," not county or town: beer was available at the 7-Eleven five blocks away. I considered changing professional paths. For a few weeks, I interpreted my four-year experience as a Brandeis campus guide, culminating in my appointment as "Head Guide" senior year (with access to the golf cart!), as sufficient pre-professional experience to land me a job in a public relations firm back East. The delusion did not last long and we both settled down to an awkward relationship with an area of the country we would be reluctant to leave seven years later.

Lenore, too, joined the grad student path, taking her MA in Special Education and becoming an educational diagnostician. We went to live in Argentina for over a year while I conducted my research with Lenore as my full-time assistant (she wanted no part of the field, but it was a good experience and hastened the completion of a project that might have taken two years to finish). We came back to Austin to complete the dissertation, to give birth to Paula (in 1974), and to apply for jobs.

I was fortunate to receive a tenure-track position at Florida International University, starting in the Fall of 1976. With the birth in 1977 of our second child, Jeffrey, our nuclear family was complete. Paula and Jeffrey received the full-time attention of Lenore's exceptional parenting. As a faculty member, I had the relatively greater flexibility to stay at home for a good part of the time. But it was time to live in Argentina again for another year. This time, with the additional adventures that come with very young children. I went to the archives, Lenore went to work teaching at a private school, and the kids were taken care of by nursery school and live-in maid/nanny. And, of course, the food.

Some research grants and more residential periods abroad, a few visiting appointments at other universities, opportunities for Lenore to explore graduate courses, and she wisely took the course of full-time study, taking her PhD in Developmental Psychology at FIU in 1990. We were fortunate to have tenure-track university appointments when Lenore joined the faculty of Barry University, a private institution in Greater Miami. And thus, we developed professionally in satisfying jobs, nurturing satisfying kids, both of whom went to Brandeis, and having dinners together. You can't beat it.

We retired at the end of the Spring semester in 2012 and returned to the northeast after an absence of over 40 years. We wanted to be near family, I yearned for New England and we were both ready to say good-bye to the rhythms and requirements of cities. We had bought a farmhouse in 2002 in Andover, Vermont, with a view to retiring into it. We built an addition to it in 2010, in preparation for our new phase in life, and here we are, with the further addition of Luna, our large Bouvier des Flandres (aka as my "retirement project").

Andover is a rural community with a population of almost 500 people. We finally represent an important component of the population. We are not "tie-dye" people, though there are plenty in some areas around us. But we are sensitive to a sense of community. This is more difficult to do in large cities. Yes, we have friends and colleagues and circles of acquaintances, but it's harder to find rootedness. Here it's easy to mingle with people one normally doesn't intersect with in metropolitan areas. It's refreshing and it makes for a different path to a different sense of belonging. I believe that the satisfying need to make connections, intellectual and cultural, was a hallmark of my Brandeis experience.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

The drive to learn, a sense of adventure and a need to achieve were important ingredients in my formative Brandeis experience. These qualities became embedded in me. Maybe they would have been part of my DNA anyway, but Brandeis gave them shape and voice.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

Brandeis taught tolerance, but it did not do so in an inclusive fashion. It taught tolerance from the restricted -- and constricting -- framework of one's own sense of right and wrong, one's own moral stance. It did little to nothing to engage the other on the other's terms. So I left Brandeis with the moral superiority that offers the all-too-easy comfort of self-righteousness. I've grown to separate myself from that perspective. Engagement requires diversity and inclusiveness of views and I'm a better listener than I was at Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis...

The CDC asked me to begin a program at UIC College of Medicine implementing and researching a new psychotherapeutic treatment to ameliorate symptoms of Tourette Syndrome in children. This is the first treatment to succeed in helping children control their symptoms. I am very happy to be included in this multi-site project. For the past 15 yrs. I’ve been a member of a National Review Committee for USDHHS Exemplary Prevention Program Awards. I’ve been a grant reviewer and I was appointed by President Clinton to a USDHHS National Advisory Council for Prevention for 7 years.

Check out sunprogram.org; Check out youtube.com & search for Judy Tellerman.


Life since Brandeis...

I am working as a lawyer in Manhattan at a firm I set up thirty years ago, Wasserman Grubin & Rogers. The firm is now a dozen lawyers and much of what we do relates to real estate and construction law and litigation. I am married to Klari Neuwelt (Class of '68). We live in Manhattan.
Life since Brandeis...

I have never been to a reunion of the class of 1969, but am eager to attend this next one. The 1960s was a decade of great change in America, and I was greatly changed by my four years at Brandeis. I matriculated as a teenager - a rather self-absorbed "grind" - but graduated more of an idealist, eager to effect some positive changes in the world. I attended both Moratorium marches, spent six months camping across the US and Canada, and settled for a while in San Francisco, trying to find my place in space. Each venture led me back to the same vocation: I was born to be a teacher.

My Brandeis experience molded my work teaching high school English: unwilling to succumb to formulaic scope and sequence curricula, I wrote my own. A psych course in my junior year introduced me to group process and personal growth activities, which I implemented to help my own students understand the central themes of literary texts. Research papers addressed "Great Events of the 20th Century." Not surprisingly, incidents from the 1960s were the most popular! Like our Brandeis professors, I expected my students to read dense texts, develop insightful interpretations, and discuss complex textual issues. They learned we read fiction because, according to Ken Kesey, "it's the truth ('Emet'), even if it didn't happen." Finally, Brandeis showed me the importance of "Tikkun Olam": volunteerism and multiculturalism were central to our academic and social pursuits. To explain empathy to my more privileged students, I taught fiction through the lens of "walking in the shoes of the disadvantaged." My hope: that they ACT to improve the plights of people like Boo Radley, Tom Robinson, Santiago, Elie Weisel and Francie Nolan.

Despite some set-backs, I've had a fulfilling personal life. In 1973, I applied to "Operation Match," and met my NJB. Bob was an inventory controller at Polaroid, a big, funny, warm-hearted guy. He claimed he married me because he wanted to have smart kids! The first few years were rough; he was laid off twice, once right before our wedding. We persevered until Bob bought into the family business; he and his partner Gus turned the Brighton Dunkin' Donuts into one of the most successful franchises in the chain!

Bob and I had two children, Debbie, now 37, and the married mother of two-year-old Ascher, and Matthew, now 33, the married father of nine-month-old Elroy. They each chose wonderful spouses! With an A.B. from Columbia and an M.P.H. from U. Michigan, Debbie is a deputy director in the Reproductive Health arm of the Population Council in D.C., which supports women in developing countries. After graduating with a business/economics major from Brown, Matthew used his skills as a personal trainer to start his own sports club. Then, with a full academic fellowship, he earned an M.B.A. at U.VA's Darden School and now does marketing and product management for Kraft Foods in Chicago.

Sadly, my husband faced a myriad of health issues as he aged: coronary heart disease, diabetes, a broken spine, skin and blood infections, and TIAs. He suffered greatly in the last few years and passed away just a year ago. I miss him terribly. Few people knew how committed he was to many local charities that service the homeless, the disabled, the blind, and the abused. He regularly called local shelters, asked directors what residents needed, and then drove up with a new stove, a washing machine, or a carload of diapers and women's personal products!

Now widowed and retired, I am trying to figure out how to reinvent myself. My body would like to relax, but my spirit longs for a new passion or commitment. I am eager to see what the members of the class of 1969 are doing....Anyone have any good ideas?

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Richard Onorato and Alan Grossman taught me how to think out of the box. I was dazzled by Dr. Onorato's description of Wordsworth's obsession with nature as "Oedipal." In 17th Century Meditative Poetry, it took me weeks to understand Dr. Grossman's references to the "relationship between the anecdote and the archetype" meant the relationship between the man and God.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

In many ways, I am still like the young woman who just graduated from Brandeis. As a teacher, I am too outspoken and unwilling to give up the ideals I hold for public education. We can do better. I believe that the federal and state governments have taken too much control over teachers and schools. Standards-based education leads to low standards; can we set high standards for all when when every student has to pass state-wide tests? Drop-out rates in many schools are increasing, and bright students are not being adequately challenged: some are currently being prepared for the biology MCAS instead of the Biology AP. Students memorize more than they analyze. In many schools, students' work is assessed by decontextualized rubrics and scantron machines. Teachers and students are expected to conform, rather than to innovate. The world of education has changed far more than I have.
Life since Brandeis...

I am currently director of the Winer Wellness Center in Pittsburgh, a wholistic natural clinic and health store, as well as host of 31 hours of natural health talk on radio on four different stations that can be heard on the stations’ respective websites. For more information, see www.drjameswiner.com. In the past I taught art history, hatha yoga, and nutrition classes in Pittsburgh, and organized and promoted consumer health expos and worked at a nutrition research foundation in San Diego and Hippocrates Health Institute in Lemon Grove, California. I graduated valedictorian from Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia. As co-founder and president of Nutritional Frontiers, a superior line of nutritional supplements sold only through health professionals, I travel to various health conferences representing my company, including the American Academy of Anti-aging in Las Vegas and Orlando, and the International Health Symposium in New York City. I teach people self-responsibility for their health, and that the body can heal itself if given the necessary nutrients and care. We have seen so-called “incurable conditions” such as psoriasis, sugar diabetes, colitis, asthma, multiple sclerosis, autism, depression and even terminal cancer cured through natural means. Instead of using dangerous foreign chemicals known as medications, which merely mask over symptoms, we address the underlying causes of disease and enhance the body’s ability to function better.

I have been a vegetarian since 1970, and a member of Self-Realization Fellowship since 1972, a meditation organization. My healthy lifestyle has enabled me to have a full head of hair, be height and weight proportional, and free of illness. I generally only need five or six hours of sleep, despite my very demanding schedule. I live in Pittsburgh in a 17 room Victorian home built in 1893, and have properties in other parts of the east coast. I regularly attend the world-famous Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concerts, Pittsburgh Opera, and Pittsburgh Ballet. I still enjoy visiting museums and walking through the beautiful parks in my native city here.

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How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

One of the best things about Brandeis was its proximity to Boston, with its concerts, museums, and parks. Professor Creighton Gilbert of the art history department was my outstanding instructor. I have become much more self-confident as the result of my professional and financial success, and the positive re-enforcement of my students, friends, and co-workers. It has been very rewarding to help hundreds of thousands of people regain their health, often recovering from serious and sometimes “fatal” prognoses. My many guest appearances on radio and television, coupled with having hosted thousands of radio health talk shows, has given me a great opportunity to share the natural health message and the body’s ability to heal itself. Numerous magazine and newspaper articles and even a tv feature have helped me spread the word about self-responsibility in health and the advantages of a healthy lifestyle over dangerous drugs.
Life since Brandeis...

After my Brandeis years, the most important events in my life were my marriage to Amy Jacobson ’71 in 1970; the birth of our daughter Adina in 1979; and the birth of our son Adam in 1983. Amy has had a successful business career, including the creation of an online market research company, which she later sold. Adina did a Ph.D. in history, and now has an editing and tutoring business in New York City; she is the mother of our perfect grandson, Max, age 2, and the wife of Matthew Feigin, an attorney. Adam is an associate at Williams & Connolly, a law firm in Washington, D.C.

I entered rabbinical school in 1969, was ordained in 1974, and then served congregations in Lynbrook, New York, and Durham, N.C. From 1980 to 2012, I worked at the Union for Reform Judaism, the North American organization of Reform synagogues. I was its president for half that time, from 1996 to 2012. My job during those years was to be spiritual leader, advocate for social justice, supporter of Israel, champion of religious freedom in Israel, and spokesperson for new endeavors in interfaith relations—while also being the administrator of a non-profit organization that ran a large camping system and served and supported 900 synagogues. The job involved much travel and aggravation, but was, mostly, rewarding and exhilarating work.

I retired from my position at the Union in 2012, happy by then to give up the 3-hour daily commute from New Jersey. Since then I have been writing for Ha’aretz and the Jerusalem Post on issues relating to Israel and American Jewry, and for the Huffington Post on issues of religious belief and practice. Amy also wrapped up her business in 2012, and we became partners in a new venture; she has been marketing and organizing my busy lecture schedule around the country, at universities and congregations. We, of course, devote as much time as possible to family and friends, and especially to our grandson.

I had only 3 years at Brandeis (transferring from Stanford in 1966), but they were remarkable years. I remember in particular the political intensity of those days, the emotions and complications of the Ford Hall takeover, my classes with Nahum Glatzer and Erich Goldhagen (which were an important influence in leading me to the rabbinate), and relationships that have been extraordinarily enduring. Amy and I met there, and our friendships with Ira and Nancy Shapiro, Walt and Edie Mossberg, and Larry Joseph (who later married Lauren Newman) have been an important part of our lives. I look forward to the reunion.
Life since Brandeis...

I came to Jerusalem soon after graduation and have lived here for nearly 45 years!! Now seven children, twelve grandchildren, and two graduate degrees (genetics and Bible Studies) later, I never stop marveling at the turns life has brought upon me. I have included pictures of me, my children, and most of their spouses and children from our last two weddings.
Marc Zauderer

Life since Brandeis...

I am glad to be reaching another five year milestone since graduation. It is one way to measure the passage of time. Life goes on. Glad for that, too.

Children are finding their ways in the world. Despite sciatica-like pain, I continue to be active athletically, especially playing a lot of tennis. I appreciate the wonder of anti-inflammatories more than I wish I had to. Work continues to be interesting and satisfying, even more stimulating in some ways than ever. There seems to be a reason it is called practice; there is constant stimulation and growth and never a lack of things to learn. If it weren’t for the running the business part, it would be more enjoyable. Rachel has been out of college for 5 years and Joel finishes at RIT in May and some time ago that seemed like a target for retirement of some sort. Sounds like a plan.

So it goes. Hope to see you all.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

I saw my first meteor the night of the blackout. Prepared me for the one I saw during the day while waiting for Old Faithful in Yellowstone in 1972. Put Old Faithful to shame.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis opened my eyes to the importance of actively working to make a difference. If I don’t say it or do it, maybe no one will.
Linda Leonard Zimmerman

Life since Brandeis...
My life since leaving Brandeis? I may have left Brandeis geographically in 1969, but Brandeis has always stayed with me. My work life in computers, my love of art and music, my values, and my dearest friends connect me to my Brandeis years. When we were living on campus, my friends and I used to muse about how wonderful this place would be without the pressure of exams and due dates for papers, and our reunions re-capture that spirit, even if it’s just for a few days. I fell in love with a Brandeis classmate, Walter Zimmerman, in the spring of freshman year, and we were married in the summer between junior and senior years. We have been happily married for almost 46 years, and we are still very much in love with each other. Returning to the Brandeis campus is always a romantic nostalgia trip for us. Our daughter Rachel ’95 also shares our alma mater.

After Brandeis, I worked at the Computing Centre at The University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. I earned an M.Sc (Computer Science) in Artificial Intelligence – Natural Language Understanding Systems. I founded Software Design Ltd, a company that focused on database management and did custom software development, consulting, and training for our clients -- multinational corporations, hospitals, universities and non-profits.

I am fortunate to be a breast cancer survivor, and Wally and I are blessed to be able to enjoy our three grandchildren together.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Professor Léo Bronstein’s art history classes always drew a large audience, and often there were not enough chairs for students enrolled in the class. On those days, it was a privilege (not an inconvenience) to sit on the floor, at the feet of this great man, and soak up his well-crafted words of wisdom along with his captivating slides. I must admit that after so many years have passed, I no longer remember the words, but I will never forget the feeling of being in Professor Bronstein’s classroom. He transmitted his passion for art and culture to generations of Brandeis students, and we celebrated his life with a living tribute, the joyous Bronstein weekend.

I must also mention with special thanks, Dr. Max Chrétien, a physicist who introduced me to computer science, and Professor Elaine Loeffler, an art historian who introduced me to the techniques of archaeology and inspired my life-long interest in computer applications in the arts and humanities.
Life since Brandeis...

Since 1979, Linda and I have missed only one class reunion and that was the 2009 reunion when Linda’s doctors forbade our quinquennial visit. We didn’t let that stop us from holding our own Ralph Norman Barbecue on our rear deck at the same time as our fellow Brandesians were chowing down on their hot dogs and corn. Thank God (and Canada’s wonderful health care system,) Linda has recovered from her cancer and we are looking forward to our Waltham trip this June.

I retired as Librarian Emeritus on January 1, 2010, two and a half years early, after nearly forty years as a reference librarian at The University of Western Ontario. To fill in all that “extra” time on my hands, I took on the Presidency of Temple Israel of London in June of 2012 and I have enjoyed my two year term which is about to end.

Our family has grown since we last saw our classmates in person. Our daughter, Rachel Zimmerman Brachman (Brandeis ’95) and her husband, Scott, have a 9-year old son. She works at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA and our son Gary (Harvard ’99) and his wife Chana have a daughter, 8, and a son, 5. He has just begin his own business after working as an investment banker in New York and Tokyo for fourteen years. Such nachas! While they live far away, they do provide some great places to visit and we take advantage several times a year in addition to the nine of us spending a week together every summer in a rented cottage on the eastern shore of Lake Huron with some of the most beautiful sunsets in the world.

In short, life is sweet and we look forward to seeing many of you in June. Also, if any of our classmates are coming through Southwestern Ontario, say on the way from Detroit to Toronto, why not stop by and pay a visit to the Forest City? We would really enjoy showing you around.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory.

Aside from our unusual commencement ceremony that made a big spread in LIFE Magazine, my fondest Brandeis memory was meeting Linda Leonard in Goldfarb Library in March of 1966 while studying for mid-terms. I was tired and took a nap stretched out on one of the long tables on the lower level. When I awoke, Linda was smiling and the rest is history. We were engaged following our sophomore year and married after our junior year. It has turned out very well, indeed.
Let us remember those classmates, who are no longer with us, but will always be a part of us.

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