CLASS OF 1974
40TH REUNION
Dear Members of the Class of 1974,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 40th 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 1974 Reunion Committee

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World News

Border battles between India and Pakistan erupt into full-scale war when India invades East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in support of the independence movement.

Major General Idi Amin takes control of Uganda and soon becomes one of the worst and most notorious dictators of modern times.

The IRA campaign to end British government rule causes rioting in Northern Ireland.

Switzerland gives women voting rights in state elections.

US News

The 26th Amendment to the US Constitution, formally certified by President Richard Nixon, lowers the voting age from 21 to 18.

Walt Disney World opens in Florida.

In an attempt to control inflation President Richard Nixon implements a 90 day freeze on wages and prices and removes the gold/silver backing from the US dollar.

The New York Times begins to publish sections of the Pentagon Papers starting on June 13th showing the US government had been lying to the American people.

A ban on radio and television cigarette advertisements goes into effect in the US.

Pop Culture

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts opens in Washington, D.C. with the premiere of Leonard Bernstein’s MASS.

The Allman Brothers Band plays their legendary concert at the Fillmore East.

The landmark television sitcom All In The Family, starring Carroll O’Connor as Archie Bunker, debuts on CBS.

The Academy Award for Best Picture is Patton.

Inventions

Ray Tomlinson invents internet based email.

The liquid crystal display (LCD) is invented by James Fergason.

The floppy disk is invented by David Noble with IBM.

Books

Wheels, Arthur Hailey
The Exorcist, William P. Blatty
The Passions of the Mind, Irving Stone
The Day of the Jackal, Frederick Forsyth

Movies

Fiddler on the Roof
The French Connection
Diamonds Are Forever
Dirty Harry

TV Shows

Gunsmoke
Here’s Lucy
Sanford and Son
The Mary Tyler Moore Show

Economy

Average Cost of a New House: $25,250
Average Income Per Year: $10,600
Cost of a Gallon of Gas: 40 cents
Cost of a United States Postage Stamp: 8 cents
Movie Ticket: $1.50

 Died this Year

Louis Armstrong
Jim Morrison
James Cash (J.C.) Penney
**Pop Culture**

- HBO launches as the first subscription cable service.
- The Volkswagen Beetle becomes the most popular car ever sold with over 15 million sold.
- Atari kicks off the first generation of video games with the release of PONG, the first game to achieve commercial success.
- Women dominate the 1971 Grammy Awards, taking all four top categories. Carole King wins Record, Album and Song of the Year, and Carly Simon wins Best New Artist award.
- M*A*S*H premieres on CBS.
- The first episode of *The Price Is Right* with host Bob Barker airs on CBS.

**World News**

- Bloody Friday: 22 bombs explode in Belfast, Ireland; 9 people are killed and a 130 people are seriously injured.
- Anti-British riots take place throughout Ireland. The British Embassy in Dublin is burned to the ground, as are several British-owned businesses.
- India and Bangladesh sign a friendship treaty.

**US News**

- Five men are apprehended by police in an attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C.’s Watergate complex, which marks the start of the Watergate Scandal.
- The Dow Jones closes above 1000 for the first time in history.
- The US Supreme Court rules that the death penalty is unconstitutional.
- US President Richard Nixon orders the development of a space shuttle program.
- The last draft lottery is held, a watershed event in the wind-down of military conscription in the US during the Vietnam War.
- At a scientific meeting in Honolulu, Herbert Boyer and Stanley N. Cohen conceive the concept of recombinant DNA, which dramatically changes the field of biological sciences, especially biotechnology.

**Inventions**

- The first scientific hand-held calculator is introduced.
- The compact disk (CD) is developed by RCA.
- The digital watch makes its debut.

**Books**

- *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, Richard Bach
- *August 1914*, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- *The Odessa File*, Frederick Forsyth
- *The Word*, Irving Wallace

**Movies**

- *The Godfather*
- *The Poseidon Adventure*
- *What’s Up, Doc?*
- *Deliverance*
- *The Last Picture Show*
- *Cabaret*

**TV Shows**

- *Hawaii Five-O*
- *Adam 12*
- *Maude*
- *The Wonderful World of Disney*

**Economy**

- Average Cost of a New House: $27,550
- Average Monthly Rent: $165
- Cost of a Gallon of Gas: 55 cents
- Median Household Income: $9,697

**Died this Year**

- J. Edgar Hoover
- Jackie Robinson
- Harry Truman

**1972**
**World News**

The US bombing of Cambodia ends, officially halting 12 years of combat activity in Southeast Asia.

The United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Denmark enter the European Economic Community, which later becomes the European Union.

The Yom Kippur War begins. This is the fourth and largest Arab-Israeli conflict. Egyptian and Syrian forces attack Israeli forces in the Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights on Yom Kippur.

Egypt and Israel sign a US sponsored cease-fire accord.

**US News**

The Sears Tower in Chicago is finished, becoming the world’s tallest building at 1,451 feet.

Roe v. Wade: The US Supreme Court overturns the state bans on abortion.

US President Richard Nixon announces that a peace accord has been reached in Vietnam.

Skylab, the United States’ first space station, is launched.

**Economy**

Average Cost of a New House: $32,500

Average Income Per Year: $12,900

A Dozen Eggs: 45 cents

Coffee: $1.90 per pound

Bread: 27 cents

Cost of Super Bowl Ad: $88,000

**Pop Culture**

Elvis Presley’s Aloha from Hawaii television special is seen around the world by more than 1 billion viewers.

Federal Express officially begins operations with the launch of 14 small aircraft from Memphis International Airport.

Billy Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a tennis match.

Secretariat wins the Triple Crown.

The Miami Dolphins go undefeated and win the Super Bowl.

**Inventions**

Ethernet was invented by Bob Metcalfe and David Boggs.

The personal computer was invented by Xerox PARC.

**Books**

Once Is Not Enough, Jacqueline Susann

Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut

Burr, Gore Vidal

The Hollow Hills, Mary Stewart

**Movies**

The Sting

The Exorcist

American Graffiti

The Way We Were

**TV Shows**

The Waltons

M*A*S*H

Kojack

The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour

**Died this Year**

Lyndon B. Johnson

Pablo Picasso

Bruce Lee

J.R.R. Tolkien

1973
Pop Culture
Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth’s record by hitting his 715th homerun.

People Weekly magazine debuts, with Mia Farrow gracing the cover.

For safety reasons, the National Academy of Sciences calls for a temporary ban on some types of genetic engineering research.

Inventions
The Universal Product Code (UPC) is scanned for the first time, to sell a package of Wrigley’s gum at a supermarket in Troy, Ohio.

The MRI scanner is developed in the US.

The Post-It note is invented by Arthur Fry.

World News
The IRA begins a bombing campaign on mainland Britain and bombs The Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and pubs in Birmingham.

The Smallpox Epidemic in India causes the deaths of between 10,000 and 20,000 people.

Gasoline shortages and price increases throughout the world cause economic problems.

Leftist revolution ends almost 50 years of dictatorial rule in Portugal.

US News
The largest series of tornadoes in history hits 13 US states and one Canadian province: 315 died and over 5,000 were injured.

Work begins on the 800 mile long Alaska Oil pipeline.

US President Nixon announces his resignation after the Watergate Scandal.

Gerald Ford succeeds Richard Nixon as the 38th president of the US.

Books
Centennial, James Michener
Watership Down, Richard Adams
Jaws, Peter Benchley
Carrie, Stephen King

Movies
Blazing Saddles
The Towering Inferno
Young Frankenstein
Earthquake

TV Shows
Chico and the Man
The Jeffersons
Rhoda
Good Times

Economy
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Died this Year
Bud Abbott
Agnes Moorhead
Charles Lindbergh
Ed Sullivan

1974
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<td>Rod Stewart, “Maggie May”</td>
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<td>Andy Kim, “Rock Me Gently”</td>
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<td>Olivia Newton-John, “I Honestly Love You”</td>
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<td>Carl Douglas, “Kung Fu Fighting”</td>
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<td>Harry Chapin, “Cat’s In the Cradle”</td>
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- President: Marver H. Bernstein
- Commencement Speaker: Saul Bellow (Professor and Chairman of the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago)
- Tuition: $2,650
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term: 2,479
- Number of Graduates: 531

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
- Number of Graduates: 835
President Fires Dean: Seeks Replacement

University President Charles I. Schottland said last week that he plans to replace Dean of Faculty Peter Hansbrough in 1969. (Schottland recently resigned as the faculty Senate president.) Hansbrough will resign, thereby reducing procedures for selecting a new dean.

Schottland, who has held the post for six years, said that the new dean will have to review the operation of Schottland's budget. Hansbrough will not be considered for the post, he added.

Schottland also said that a new dean will be chosen from within the government, which has a broad base of support.

The committee, which has been in existence for six months, was formed in response to a situation that it believes will be resolved in the coming months.

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By Frank Cupit

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Opening of 6 Duplex Apartments Delayed

Most of the new duplex apartments opened on schedule yesterday. University officials expect the six incomplete apartments to open within the next two weeks, possibly in a few days. Six of 68 students assigned to the incomplete apartments are being housed temporarily in the Faculty Center or with other students and will receive compensation for their inconvenience. Those who have volunteered to put up the duplex residents in the interim will not receive compensation. "It pays to have friends," Dean of Student Affairs Robert Scallen noted.

(Foto by Frank Gilbert)

Wien Resigns Post Of Trustee Chairman

Maher Named New Dean of Faculty

Golda Meir at Brandeis

Woman of Renown

Her address . . . came directly from the heart

Proposal for Co-ed Housing in Some Suites Next Year Approved

Facility Approves New BioChem Major

Bernstein Favors Student Input Into Major University Decisions

President-elect Marvin Bernstein said Wednesday that he is a "strong believer in student participation in the governing of the University," and he believes that such participation should take place at several levels.

Bernstein, who has begun a series of weekly visits to the University to meet with students, faculty, administrators and staff personnel, said that consultation should have a regular way to communicate with department faculty in such matters as curriculums, teaching department requirements and inter-departmental affairs. Students should have "opportunities to influence the outcome" of important academic decisions, he added.

Hiatt Named Board Head

Jacques Hiatt was unanimously elected chairman of the Board of Trustees last week. Hiatt, current vice-chairman, succeeds Lawrence A. Wein who has served five years and will retire June 30.

President-elect Marvin Bernstein at a meeting Wednesday with members of The Jewish staff. (Photo by Frank Gilbert)
**Life since Brandeis:**

I live in South Orange, New Jersey, with my husband, Jeremy Garber, and two lovely daughters, Leah and Miriam. This year they are 22 and 20 years old respectively. A third lovely daughter, Judith, 24, lives in Boston. I work as an art teacher in two elementary schools in Livingston, New Jersey. Work, family, a little bit of community involvement and a little travel sketch out my current life.

Jeremy is a disciplinary attorney for the State of New York, where he tries to keep crooked and unethical attorneys in Manhattan and the Bronx from harming the public. His avocation is Hebrew and Yiddish literature and poetry. He has an M. Phil from Columbia University. As usual, after 30 years of anonymity, he is an overnight success. He sought eagerly to teach folklore and related classes at a local synagogue. He also co-authored a monograph on Mendel Beilis that got a recent shout-out in The Washington Post, in a review of a related book by author Edmund Levin. Jeremy is also famous for taking out-of-town visitors on insane hikes from which they return with various injuries.

All the girls are proud products of Columbia High School in Maplewood and of Rutgers University/New Brunswick.

Judith works for Pearson Education, the textbook publisher, as an editorial assistant for pre-calculus books. She applied to grad schools in Public Policy and Economics and will know the results soon, but past yearbook deadline. The touchstones of her life are the musical 1776 and Ultimate Frisbee. She plays Ultimate on the Boston women’s team “Vice” and on scores of pickup teams, sings a-cappella, hikes, runs, works out...I’m tired just thinking about it. Due to 1776, Judith majored in American Studies and Political Science. Judith’s four oldest friends gather every July 4 for a 1776 party. There’s a drinking game, too.

Leah, a trumpet performance major in the Mason Gross School of Music, will have graduated by Reunion and is looking for work. She, too, plays Ultimate seriously, but somehow it seems more sotto voce. Besides all kinds of music, she loves New York, Broadway musicals, books on the brain and popular science, shopping for insane bargains, puzzles, and hanging out with her friends.

Miriam is a biochemistry major and a-cappella singer. She is thinking about becoming a teacher or a research scientist. She loves her classes in science writing, spanish, and world literature, organic, not so much. She also loves music, reading, animals, and not going outdoors.

At work, I enjoy my colleagues, the students, the terrific work they produce, and getting paid. The art room is my studio. I stay there way too late cleaning up, assessing, drawing, planning, and puttering. For exercise, I like to walk and do yoga. I work with our union, the Friends of the Library, the synagogue, and the League of Women Voters.

My current goals include getting out more, so Jeremy and I are seeing more plays and movies. There’s not much point in eating out because Jeremy’s a terrific cook. And on that topic, I’d like to apologize to Marian, Dale, and Janie for serving them the same spinach-cheese casserole every Thursday night of senior year in the Duplexes. I cook better now.

Teaching is my fourth post-college endeavor. I was in children’s publishing right out of school, a freelance illustrator for 15 years and an at-home mom for 10. Back in the ’80s, I was also a union activist for graphic artists and performed in two international folk dance troupes.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**

At Brandeis, I especially enjoyed working at The Justice, hanging with friends in the dorm, swimming, and studying art history. The first exposure to art history was electrifying and it just got better through the four years. It has been lovely to visit the campus from time to time.

**Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on your life and why?**

Professor Carl Belz created an indelible impression of ways to look at modern art. Professor Gendzier allowed me to pursue what became my senior topic for three years with unstinting support. The art history department was inspiringly passionate about the subject in all its eras through human history and around the globe.

Timid about “real” history, I took Professor Meyers’ Jacksonian Democracy and gained a template through which to study all of America.

Professor Grossman’s “Hum 1” was a roller-coaster ride through metaphor and literature that spun my mind.
Michael Allosso

Life since Brandeis:
Each of the last four decades, I have re-invented myself: high school drama director, MFA at Boston University, professional director and choreographer, artistic director of numerous theaters, actor, college professor, communications expert, keynote speaker, executive coach.


Acting credits include: Felix in "The Odd Couple" opposite Sherman Hemsley at the Stoneham Theatre, Father DiBlasio in "Marty" starring John C. Reilly at the Huntington Theatre, and the Maitre D' in the movie "Pink Panther II" with Steve Martin.

I had the pleasure of directing the movie "Bluff", the Roger Corman film "The Strangler's Wife", and numerous industrial films. These included "You Be the Judge", "Christopher" and my poignant masterpiece, which I shot in Seattle, about how to be a good Costco demonstrator, starring me as the on-camera narrator.

I have served on the theater faculties at Boston Conservatory, Regis College and others. I have been a guest artist at many institutions, including our beloved alma mater, where I directed and choreographed "Guys and Dolls", "Much Ado About Nothing", "Fiorello", "City of Angels" and "Dancing at Lughnasa", all mainstage, as well as other Laurie Theater productions.

Since 2004, I have brought my "You On Your Best Day" program to business leaders throughout the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Ireland. Comparing the role of the actor to that of the CEO, I train and coach companies and individuals on their communication - both day-to-day and for specific presentations. My client base includes everything from the insurance industry to construction, manufacturing, software analysts for the Pentagon, and television medical celebrities. In the last seven years, I have won major speaking awards from Vistage International (the world's largest trainer of CEO's), including three “Speaker of the Year” awards, two “Member's Choice” awards, and the “Above and Beyond” award. In April, I was named "Speaker of the Year" by TEC Canada, Vistage's Canadian partner.

Keynote clients include: The Western Independent Bankers Association in Hawaii, The United States Tennis Association in Kiawah, South Carolina, and outdoor industry associates in Boston. I still find time to give back to the community where I started, by coaching high school seniors for their auditions for BFA programs. I also serve on the executive council of the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild (just finishing my 33rd year), where I judge, and train judges, for the state drama festival. I am a member of SSDC (directing), SAG/AFTRA (film/TV acting), and AEA (stage acting). My "personalized entertainment" company creates, writes, produces and performs shows for corporate and private clients for special events. Clients range from celebrity Manhattan hedge fund gurus, to poolside Hamptons’ events, to National Grid.

I live in Wayland, MA, with my jewelry designer/actress wife, Peggy Whitefield, and Bridie, the amazing Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. My greatest achievements come from the magic of my stepchildren, Stacy and James. Their names are Kaelyn (age 7), Sophia (age 5) and Simon (born Feb. 22) - Papi’s grandkids!!
Joanne Arbia Gore

Life since Brandeis:

I unknowingly completed all my coursework in December 1973 and was told I did not need to return to campus for the second semester of senior year (I honestly was not trying to finish early and was somewhat shocked). I did not have funds for graduate school, and I knew I had to enter the workforce, so I attended a career fair at the Prudential Center in Boston.

While touring the different booths with crowds of young people, I heard someone yell “How would you like to be in Europe at this time next year?” and, since I had spent the summer of 1973 in Italy and loved it, I immediately sought out the source. It was an Army recruiter. She explained the Army’s Stripes for Skills program which allowed college graduates to enter at an accelerated rank with a guaranteed position. So, by the end of January I enlisted in the Army and after basic training became a Social Work Specialist.

The Army Community Service Center at Ft. Belvoir, VA, was my duty station for the next three years. My primary responsibilities involved counseling for “waiting wives” whose spouses were overseas, and directing a therapeutic recreation program for dependent children with special needs. I met my husband there and, ironically, our first child was born with cerebral palsy. I left the Army right after she was born, and stayed home for almost three years with her and her sister, who arrived two years later, while my husband continued with his military career.

My first post-active duty job was working for the Virginia Department of Social Services as a field social worker. Upon transferring to Ft. Eustis, VA, two years later I accepted a civil service position as Child Development Services Coordinator and managed the base preschool and child care center which served 227 children.

My daughter needed extensive surgery in 1985, so I left that position and started graduate school first on a part-time basis, then full-time. I received my M.Ed in Guidance & Counseling from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg in 1988. We had actually been relocated by the Army to Palatka, Florida in December of 1987, so completing my thesis was a challenge.

In 1991, I accepted a position as a Child Find Specialist with Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System, a project of the North East Florida Educational Consortium. I work with families of young children with special needs by conducting developmental screenings, focusing on ages birth to five to identify delays and assist with accessing appropriate services, either through agency programs or the local school district.

My oldest daughter had twin boys in 2006, and I am thoroughly enjoying my role as “Nonna”. At the time of this publication, I will have been blessed with another grandson from my youngest daughter who was married in March 2012. Both my girls reside in the same town, so weekends are often spent together. We vacation as a family each year; favorites are the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina/Tennessee and the White Mountains of New Hampshire (Florida summers are TOO HOT). My husband and I also enjoy cruising to the islands of the Caribbean, especially Jamaica, Bonaire, and St. Johns (although my favorite cruise so far was to Alaska).

I’m not sure when I will be retiring (that may be dictated by how long I am able to get in and out of those pint-sized chairs while testing preschoolers!) but when the time comes I hope to be healthy enough to travel more (and bring the grandkids with me, of course).

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

I was able to take two courses at the Heller School and apply them to my undergraduate degree. Dr. Gunnar Dybwad taught both courses, and I was impressed by his enthusiasm and dedication concerning the rights of individuals with disabilities. He really sparked my interest in that area, and it later became my vocation. I have worked with adults with disabilities as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, and with at-risk children as a Foster Care Counselor, and with preschoolers with special needs as a Child Find Specialist, a position I have held for the past 23 years. My fondest memory of Dr. Dybwad was his love of a certain candy; I would be “forgiven” if coming to class late as long as I had a bag of M&Ms to give to him!
Life since Brandeis:
I have been married for 35 years. We have one child, a charming and delightful daughter who lives in Boston. I spent most of my working life in philanthropy (Pew Charitable Trusts; Rockefeller Foundation; and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation). I have been lucky enough to travel to beautiful and interesting places. My favorite leisure activity is going to New York to see Broadway and off-Broadway plays.

Write your own question and answer it:
If I could go back and be an undergraduate again, what would I do differently? I would become more engaged in non-academic activities, like joining the staff of The Justice, or the Waltham Group. And I would major in NEJS. I took two classes in that department, and they are among the few classes I remember quite clearly.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I miss my two best friends, Janie Kaufman and Dale Morse. Although I see them both regularly, it’s not nearly often enough.
Life since Brandeis:

It’s been a life. Graduate school and since then not really using what I learned in graduate school. A wife, two kids, dogs, and living in the suburbs. Both kids launched successfully into the world. A career (writing software) that I enjoy. Not looking forward to retiring.
What have you been doing for the past 40 years?

Law School at NYU; 9 years at Shearman & Sterling in NYC and San Francisco; marriage in 1984 to Bertil Lundqvist, a Swedish lawyer who moved to NYC; two daughters, now 25 and 27, one following as a lawyer and one a special-ed teacher. We've lived on the Upper West Side, with the great fortune to have had second homes in sequence on Long Island, in the South of France, and now, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I stopped practicing law (though I got an LLM in taxation at NYU) when my first daughter was born and I've done a lot of non-profit board work over the past decades. At present, I'm most involved with Young Audiences, Inc., a national network of arts in education providers, whose mission is to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, there was the first graduate school (MA, Hornstein Program, Brandeis) which led to working in Jewish Communal Service. When my first child was born in 1981 (followed by her sister in 1988), I transitioned to early childhood education via a MS in education from Wheelock College. Most of my work as a teacher and then program director in early childhood has been in the Jewish early childhood settings along with teaching early childhood and child development at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Atlantic/Cape Community College as well as working as a consultant in early education. Along the way, I developed a passion for teaching and mentoring teachers and directors and writing Jewish and secular early childhood materials. With a dear friend, I have published a series of Big Books on the Jewish holidays. I currently am the Director of Professional Development for the Child Care Council of Westchester, New York, where we work to make quality early care available for children, their families, and their teachers.

As gratifying as my professional work has been, my greatest joy has come from parenting my two wonderful daughters who are now amazing young adults. Now I love spending time with them and two extraordinary grandchildren. They grew up by the South Jersey shore (Exit 36 on the Garden State Parkway) on the beach, the inland marshes, and the Ocean City Boardwalk with frequent trips to Philadelphia museums to round out their life experiences. That says it all.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

Traying down the hill - because we all need daredevil craziness in our lives once in a while

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

To live a life of thought and reflection - To seek information so as to make intelligent decisions - To see issues globally.
Karen Bernstein

Life since Brandeis:

I had no idea what I wanted to do after leaving Brandeis, so like many of our contemporaries I went to graduate school, eventually earning a Ph.D. from Stanford University in political science. But after a few years of teaching I concluded the academic life wasn’t for me. I left academia -- again with no clue what I would do next, although I did know that I wanted at least some time to pursue art -- at the time I was making modern art quilts and exhibiting quite a lot. By sheer luck I got a job writing books about the then-nascent field of biotechnology, which I fell in love with. That was in 1987. In 1992, I co-founded an information services company, BioCentury Publications Inc., focused on providing analysis to the biopharmaceutical industry, and have been there ever since. If anyone had asked me back in 1970 if I would ever own a company, I would have fallen on the floor laughing... And I haven’t given up on my art -- still quilting and recently began making jewelry.
Roy Birnbaum

Life since Brandeis:
I graduated from Harvard Law School in 1977, working first with a law firm in Washington, D.C., then as a foreign legal consultant with a firm in Seoul Korea from 1981 until 1984. While in Korea, I met my wife, Jungae, who was then working as a clerk and translator in the U.S. Embassy, and we married in 1984. Since then I have worked in in-house international legal positions for a series of pharmaceutical companies including Upjohn in Michigan, Pharmacia in Hong Kong, Pfizer, Schering-Plough, and finally Merck in New Jersey, where we have lived in Basking Ridge since 2002. We have three children. Sandra (26) is now a fourth year medical student at Rutgers and in the process of applying for residencies. Jacqueline (23) is a first year med student at BU. Daniel (21) is a junior at Dartmouth. (I failed to interest any of them in Brandeis). Jungae is taking a well-deserved break with personal time after a “tiger mom” career supervising the kids.
Life since Brandeis:

I am currently Professor of Education Leadership, Law, and Policy at Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate Center. I’ve had many jobs since Brandeis: elem. and middle school teacher, lawyer, government official, not-for-profit staff member, and now in higher ed., all related to K-12 education which I studied at Brandeis and at the University of Cardiff, Wales. My preferred work combines direct service and policy, for which, to my surprise, academia is a perfect fit. Just took a while to realize it. My wife is an attorney working in the Brooklyn courts and we raised our 2 sons in the borough where they could get pizza around one corner from our house and Michelin star dining at the opposite corner! My older son is getting his Ph.D. in the UK, where he also received his BA and MA in History. My younger son attends college in New Orleans. Both love music and theatre. Great to have interesting kids to visit in such interesting places! Traveling, plays, and eating: some of favorite pastimes!
Life since Brandeis:

L luckiest guy in the world. Married for 33 years, three great daughters, 2 precious grandchildren, and the same employer for 38 years. Florida is great, moved down 40 years before most people, haven’t shoveled snow since 1984. I haven’t found too many people to play lacrosse with, so I play basketball with my daughters.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I miss my friends who live 1000 miles away. I miss pastrami sandwiches at The Stein. I miss playing lacrosse, and I miss blowing things up by mistake in organic chemistry lab and having Professor Hendrickson yell at me. I miss making money on chain letters. I miss traveling to Bowdoin on an four-hour bus ride and then losing 28-1 in lacrosse.
Life since Brandeis:
My life seems to be a series of reinventions.
Over the past 40 years I’ve been a grad student (UC Berkeley School of Journalism), crime reporter/rewrite man (City News Bureau of Chicago), Jewish journalist (Heritage newspapers in California) and labor editor and writer (Bleiweiss Communications Inc.).

I’ve been an aspiring banjo picker, a chess competitor, a liberal polemicist and an online debater on inter-religious issues. I’ve become fascinated and profoundly inspired by the life of Thomas Paine and his legacy for America and the world.

In the past decade I’ve also become a politician. I am president of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, serving my pleasant Los Angeles community of approximately 42,000 people. As I write this, I’m seeking election to a fourth term on the council’s board of directors in a city-administered vote by the people on March 16. Elliot Maggin, Brandeis Class of ’72, is a much-valued member of this board.

In that same period, I’ve also become close to a free-spirited community of young artists, musicians and poets. I love these kids dearly.

My personal life is a story of great joy and tragedy. In 1982 I married Janette, an exquisitely beautiful teacher of English to high school kids. Together we raised two brilliant and lovely children, Sarah and Nathan. Sarah graduated from Brandeis in 2007 and is applying for Ph.D. programs in curatorial studies.

We lost Janette in a car accident on March 5, 2013. That was a devastating event and we miss her every day, but we are coping and healing as we prepare for our next chapters in life.

As Thomas Paine said, “We have it in our power to begin the world over again.”
Bill Brouillard

Life since Brandeis:
Our close-knit group, forming the basketball teams of the early-mid 70's, has experienced marriages and families, but stayed tight throughout.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:
Brandeis was a great melting pot for me, meeting others from all different walks of life. Coming from a relatively small city, I found it eye opening to be exposed to a variety of personalities and backgrounds, yet all being at the same place for seemingly the same reason - to get a top-level college education and experience.
Life since Brandeis:

I came to Israel in 1977 and until 1997 I worked for the Ministry of Agriculture as a trade negotiator. From 1991 to 1995 we were at the Israeli Embassy in Brussels. It always amazed me that I actually was working on stuff I had studied in grad school (International Relations at Johns Hopkins SAIS).

Since I left the government, I have been working in agricultural development with 2 Israeli consulting firms and on my own. Most of the projects have been outside of Israel, and in the last few years, mostly international agency projects in Africa. It has all been very interesting. Looking for new (ad)ventures. Someone recently referred to me as “semi-retired.” I was stunned and vowed to either get back up to speed, or at least to enjoy my retirement more.

Through all this, but closer to my heart, I married Yael Raved in 1982. Yael died of cancer in 1987. In 1989, I married Beatriz Hendel, Montevideo born, who manages international trade finance for an Israeli bank. Between us, we have raised 3 sons, once all soldiers, and now, a statistician, a physicist, and a rock climber. They have added 2 daughters in law, 1 out of law, and 2 grandchildren.

I have kept in touch with a few Brandeis friends in Israel: Victor Friedman, and Donna Kaminetz Tzinamon ('72) and, until his death in 2010, Todd Miller. Many others have come through on visits, and on Facebook.

My best take-aways from Brandeis: David Hackett Fisher. He was a star, then as a teacher and a scholar, and even better to read today. And memories of Demo: he taught philosophy, drinking, and cheating.

A few words on being in Israel these 40 years: I came to Israel as a Zionist, to share, for better or for worse, the challenge of the Jewish people in our homeland. I was young, single, footloose. I stayed for the reasons people stay anywhere: work, love, mortgage, family, home, memory. Now I am old, married, and settled. But the challenge of the Jewish people in our homeland is not resolved. We are struggling still with the idea of how to be a free people in our own land. My political thoughts have changed little in these years: we cannot be free as long as we rule over other people in this land who are not free. This year may be our last chance for a solution of two states for two peoples in this land. If we succeed, my children and grandchildren may live in a more settled region. If not, they will face the question: “Who’s afraid of a one state solution?” I do trust that they will find the answer to that challenge.
Life since Brandeis:
My twins are launched and I recently left a position in Educational Administration to pursue other interests including developing my own business and studying design. I will be chartering a boat and sailing along the coast of France with a few friends this summer and again in the Caribbean next winter. In between, I will be teaching in the OLLI program at UMass Boston and continuing to develop my Educational Coaching business. I have been doing volunteer work at the Boston Food Bank, hosting students from European and South American countries and this year volunteered, at the suggestion of another alumnus from our class, as a sponsor for a student from Nigeria who is a student in the Heller Graduate School. I look forward to the opportunities and adventures awaiting me in this new phase of life!

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
My fondest memory of Brandeis is experiencing all the joys and wonder of first falling in love. I met a lovely young man at the beginning of sophomore year and we spent the next three years at Brandeis (and beyond) together. We ‘grew up’ along side each other, engaged in many firsts together and rode the adventure of adolescence and young adulthood in a rapidly changing and historically exciting period of time as loving friends and supports. I was blessed to have had those experiences with that young man and will forever cherish them.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?
I am forever grateful to Bob Jaffe, fellow alumnus, for introducing me to the Theater Arts Department at Brandeis. Through his suggestion and encouragement, I was allowed to assistant stage manage for him on ‘The Glass Menagerie’ during our sophomore year. It was through this delight-filled opportunity that I discovered a lifelong love of theater production and design. It also allowed me to meet some of the most interesting and creative people I have ever met. Furthermore, I met my new roommate and lifelong friend, Katie on that production.
Greetings and best wishes to all our wonderful classmates of '74! I hope this reunion yearbook will be a way for many of us to reconnect across the years as we reminisce about some of the very best years of our lives. I’m confessing that I only got to know a small % of our class, but would love to hear from anyone who recognizes my name.

I’ve always considered my time at Brandeis to be a terrific, lucky break that I was fortunate enough to fall into. Since that time, my lucky streak has continued. I now live in Austin, TX and have a great life here. Happily married with grown daughters in NYC and here, and a great stepson and family also in this area. My health has remained very good over the years - still play a lot of competitive tennis, and ride bikes and swim regularly as well. I have a corner office on the top floor of our City Hall, and manage a team of lawyers who support our police and fire depts, and also handle the labor law issues with our City’s unions.

Over the years since Brandeis I’ve lived in Atlanta and Los Angeles as well as TX. I’ve been lucky enough over those years to travel the world, have leadership roles in businesses, communities, and church groups, love and be loved by many people, and gain a real appreciation for what a wonderful foundation Brandeis University provided me. I remember the real diversity of our class, the sincere search for wisdom, and of course how much smarter everyone was than me!

I’ve been remiss in keeping touch with even my closest Brandeis friends over the years, but take comfort in knowing that we are still lifelong friends. I am grateful to everyone I knew at Brandeis for your friendship during those years, and sincerely hope you are well and happy.
Kathleen S. DeMetz

Life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I attended the University of Notre Dame Law School. Upon graduation I worked for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland until 2003, at which time I transferred to the public defender office in Cleveland. I have a 27 year old married daughter Carrie, a 25 year old son Marc, a 3 year old grandson Sammy, and a year old grandson nicknamed Bear. I adore animals and have a 13 year old yorkie, Hercules. I am a huge fan of the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Cavs.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I most miss lengthy dinners lingering at Kutz dining hall, talking and laughing with various friends. I often would sit with several sets of diners to socialize. It was so easy to just go in, pick up a tray, select food, and bus the tray with no shopping or prep or clean up. I especially enjoyed the soft serve ice cream with the chocolate topping which was available to serve ourselves every lunch and dinner. I also miss dorm life in East and North halls. It was fun having so many friends living close by.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Dr. Raymond Knight and his abnormal psych class were very valuable in my life and work. I still have the textbook and refer to it on occasion. He was an excellent and interesting professor.
Dwight E. Dickerson

Life since Brandeis:

Greetings to my fellow Brandeisians from the San Francisco Bay Area. As for me I am alive and well. I have fond memories of Brandeis and especially New England autumns and springs. However, I am so not missing winter!

Has it really been 40 years? I am not sure how to answer an open ended question as to what I have been up to during that time period. Here's the short version. I went on to law school [Michigan] immediately after graduation and then back to California. I spent a number of years working for legal aid and then running a nonprofit building affordable housing. I decided to return to academia and I am now responsible for the Paralegal Studies Program at California State University, East Bay. During this time period, I managed to raise a family and have two beautiful daughters who are presently in college. Needless to say retirement is not looming on the horizon or anytime soon.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

While there are many, there are several professors that I need to give a shout out: Professor Pauli Murray (Who taught me that the law can be a powerful tool in promoting justice); Professor Peter Woll (That change is possible); Professor Bill Goldsmith (We all matter and that you can make a difference); and Professor David Fischer (Academic discipline - there are no short cuts).

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memory was my first day. It was a beautiful fall day. I came to the campus in a suit and tie, not knowing what to expect. Upon arrival, I immediately discovered that “I wasn’t in Kansas anymore.” The tie came off and the adventure began!
Life since Brandeis:
Pretty straightforward story for a Brandeis politics major. Went to law school (University of Pennsylvania Law School 1977) and then returned to Boston to work for a then medium-sized law firm, which grew into a large law firm in the 1980s. Concentrated in corporate law, corporate finance, technology licensing and M&A work. Made partner, but had enough of that merry-go-round and six years later in the early 1990s left to found a small boutique firm with other former partners of the large firm. The boutique grew and in 2011 merged with a large national law firm. Decided not to go that route—been there, done that, had the T-shirt and didn’t want another, so I took my corporate group and founded my own firm.
Met Beth, the love of my life, in 1995. Married her in 1996 at age 44. We have two great kids—our son Rick is 17 and our daughter Marianna is 15. Both are boarding students at a well-known private high school in the Greater Boston area.
Settled in Cambridge, MA in 1981 and have lived here ever since.
Not particularly amazing or perhaps even interesting, but life has been very good.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
Being able at that point in my life to take an afternoon nap.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
Being able at that point in life to again take an afternoon nap. We’re all getting older, after all.
Life since Brandeis:

Debby filled you in on our family life and on our work together at the law firm I started. I will add just a few words about my professional career. As Debby noted, I graduated from NYU School of Law (1979) and was ordained as a Rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary (1980). Since 1979, I have been engaged full time as a trust and estates lawyer. After spending most of my career as a member of two Chicago law firms, I started my own practice in 2006 and we now have 3 other lawyers who practice with me. Our firm’s practice is limited to matters relating to trust and estate law. A major focus of our work supports my service as trustee of several dozen trusts including trusts with modest assets as well as those with assets exceeding several hundred million dollars. In addition to Debby being our business manager, our three children also work with us -- one as an attorney, one as a paralegal and one as a financial analyst. It is a real pleasure and privilege being part of this “family enterprise”.

Throughout most of my career, I also had the opportunity to serve several communities as a Rabbi for the High Holy Days and during some years, as an interim part time Rabbi. My other rabbinic functions have included teaching and officiating at life cycle events for friends and family.
Robert Epstein

Life since Brandeis:

Four awesome kids and two awesome stepkids! :) Weight gain and hair loss! :( A Ph.D. from that inferior institution over in Cambridge. :( Fifteen books and more than 200 articles published! :) Dad recently passed away. :( But mom is going strong, more or less. :) Divorced. :( But currently very happily married. :) Finally gave up my motorcycle a few months ago. :( But currently living in the Fiji Islands! :) So, life has its ups and downs, yes?
Life since Brandeis:

Life has been an e-ticket ride (think Disney, not airlines)!!! We (Jay Pepose ‘75 and I) moved to St. Louis to raise our kids and have had a great 25 years, both personally and professionally. Our oldest son (David ’08) is living and working in NYC (for CBS) and our triplets have recently left for their freshman year of college. One is at NYU, another at Vanderbilt and the third at Syracuse. I am still holding out hope that at least one will transfer to Brandeis before they all graduate from college!

Now that I have attained my professional goals - I have been a full professor of economics for several years, have chaired the department and received several NSF grants, and have published a principles of economics book (dedicated to Barney Schwalberg and Anne Carter) - I have decided to take CY2014 off to contemplate the direction of my ACT III in life. I am blessed to have the resources to take this personal “sabbatical” to consider my options...whether it is to once again become a student, become a professional volunteer in the community, do fundraising for just causes, and/or redirect my professional skills.

In the meantime, I really enjoy spending time with my Brandeis friends - Steve and Emily Young Branz ’73 and Arell “Cookie” Schurgin Shapiro ’74 - who continue to give me lots of love and support. After all these years, we Brandeisians are still different from the rest of the world...hooray for that!!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Barney Schwalberg had arms that seemed to be able to reach all the way to the back rows of the classroom. His vigorous movements and emphatic expressions made for high drama and occasional comendy in the classroom...even when the course was economic statistics!!! Anne Carter followed on Barney’s heels, offering wonderful smiles at the same time that she drilled into her students the most demanding aspects of modelling and econometrics.

It was from the two of them that I learned how to be a tough, but fair economics professor...and that student respect is earned by having high expectations.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I miss the all-pervasive learning environment that I enjoyed at Brandeis. We are captured by knowledge silos as we chase our professional dreams. Rarely do we face the vigorous challenges of colleagues who are only committed to discovering truth.
Debbie Feld-Fabisiewicz

Life since Brandeis:
The truth of the matter is that I did not graduate from Brandeis. I was only at Brandeis for two full years. I was a music major with piano as my instrument. I took my junior year abroad in England. Looking back, I’ve come to realize that Brandeis played an important part in my life. Had I not gone to Brandeis, maybe I would not have gone to the University of Hull my junior year. It was not a particularly good match for me at Hull so I left England to go to Israel to live on a kibbutz and participate in an Ulpan (work/study program). It was on kibbutz Nir David that I met this wonderful Brazilian fellow who would turn out to be my future husband 13 years later. (It’s a great love story that unfolded in those 13 years, but that will be for another reunion blurb.) I returned home from Israel only to drop out of Brandeis. I was a lost soul and did my fair share of floundering. I took a full time job at the Harvard Business Review and on a lark, started studying the harp. The harp would become my passion and I ended up returning to the New England Conservatory of Music where I got my bachelor of music degree. Now I am a professional harpist. I was the principal harpist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra for several years, and the Orquestra Sinfonica Brasileira in Rio de Janeiro (where I performed with the Bolshoi Ballet on their Brazilian tour among other amazing concerts). In the greater Boston area I am the principal harpist with the Orchestra at Indian Hill and the Plymouth Philharmonic. I have performed with the Boston Pops and the Boston Symphony Orchestra on several occasions and I am an active freelancer. And as mentioned above, I am happily married and living in Sudbury, MA with my husband. We have a fabulous son who is in his sophomore year at McGill University and I have two grown stepchildren who lead successful lives in South Carolina and in Brazil. I still maintain some deep friendships with people I went to Brandeis with, so though I am not a graduate, I have some very positive memories of those 2-3 years that I studied there.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:
Going to Brandeis was the first time living away from home and it was an important steppingstone to other worldwide adventures.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I miss being in touch with some of my classmates to see how they turned out in life.
Life since Brandeis:

Here goes, 40 years in 600 words or less. Following two unsuccessful attempts to gain admission to medical school, I went abroad to Italy for medical school. I had three wonderful years in Florence, Italy, became fluent in Italian, and was able to transfer to complete medical school, and obtain my medical degree, from SUNY at Buffalo. I actually liked Buffalo (ate chicken wings at Anchor Bar many years before they became famous) and stayed in Buffalo for my pediatric residency, but five winters in Buffalo was sufficient for one lifetime. I completed my training in pediatric allergy and immunology at St. Christopher’s Hospital in Philadelphia (I diagnosed and took care of the first child with pediatric AIDS in the Philadelphia area in 1984), where I met Vicky Abbott, who was to become my wife in 1987.

After a short time working at New York Medical School (it was a tough commute over the George Washington Bridge even way before Chris Christie got involved in lane closures), we eventually settled in south Jersey. I was the sole allergist for a large group model HMO, and was elected to the Board of Directors of the medical group, and eventually became secretary/treasurer of the HMO. I enjoyed the job as well as the administrative aspects of the HMO, and despite an annual budget of over 400 million dollars (that was a lot of money way back then), we managed to go bankrupt and dissolve in 1996. Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia was looking to begin a clinical allergy program and I was the second full time allergist in the program, which has now grown to 15 full time allergists and a thriving fellowship program. I am the main allergist in a satellite office in Voorhees, New Jersey (close to our home), and somehow within 12 years have been promoted to full clinical professor at the University of Pennsylvania. I enjoy my career at CHOP immensely. The second semester C in organic chemistry back in 1972 has not affected my career, or life, adversely. Our allergy group has been involved in cutting edge research on the treatment of food allergies in young children, and our current food allergy program is the largest in the USA.

I have been an advocate for community allergy, having been president of the Philadelphia Allergy Society, and am currently on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Allergy Society, and will be the president of that organization in one year. I have been the director of the annual CHOP allergy conference for the past 17 years, which has drawn pediatricians from all over the East coast for annual updates in the field of pediatric allergy. In addition to lecturing extensively and teaching, I have also served as a reviewer for a number of peer-reviewed journals.

My wife, Vicky, is a full time neonatologist in a local hospital in Camden, New Jersey. We have raised three children, a daughter and two sons. Two have gone to the University of Pennsylvania as undergraduates (our younger son is currently a freshman), and our older son went to NYU. Our daughter and older son have settled in California. She is a lawyer in San Francisco. He is a budding entrepreneur in Los Angeles, who runs a business out of New Delhi, India.

My wife and I remain rooted in New Jersey and we try to spend as much time as possible in our summer home in Cape May, New Jersey. I never thought I would spend my career and life in southern Jersey, but our careers and family have taken us there (my wife is from Jersey).

Despite career developments and a few relocations along the way, I have managed to stay in contact with a number of “old” college friends. My housemates from senior year, Mike Kusevitsky, Gary Zellerbach, Carl Sealove, Steve Bober, David Katzen, and I, now get together every 2 years for a week along with our wives (that is, we each have one wife and no divorces among any of us) for a reunion. This coming summer we will spend a week in Napa Valley, following previous reunions in Cape Cod and Flathead Lake, Montana, two and four years ago. Our definition of partying has changed substantially over 40 years.

I have a few more years to work, and my wife and I will eventually spend half our time in Cape May, and the other half in Naples, Florida, in search of the eternal fountain of youth, and finally able to cease shoveling snow.

So, all in all, everything has worked out well over the past 40 years and I have no regrets, except for the time I threw a baseball through a glass door in North Quadrangle and had to pay for a new one, back in 1972.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Some of my fondest memories at Brandeis were Jon Imber and Gary Zellerbach playing guitar in the stairwell, and Mike Kusevitsky always going to get Mountain Dew. I used to pretend to study in the lounge in the basement there.

I remember studying for science exams in the science library and always going to Lenny Krilov to have him explain organic chemistry problems, which he was always willing to do. So, 40 years later, thanks Lenny.

I remember those late night trips to Lena’s sub shop, which is still there, and Gary Zellerbach, Mike Kusevitsky and myself alternating on those Lena’s runs.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

I would most like to replay our championship intramural softball games, which we lost in our junior and senior year.
The late George Carlin had a great routine about how we should live life in reverse (youth being wasted on the young). I’m sure we’ve all wished, at one time or another, that we could go back for a re-do, knowing what we know now. And yet, that would mean missing out on all the anticipation and surprise. Nevertheless, I still wonder how the course of my life would have been altered, had I opted for the large mid-western university instead of Brandeis or had I spent four years in college rather than graduating a year early.

I can’t imagine what prompted me to rush to law school, which, if truth be told, wasn’t ever the career path I had envisioned. Yet, after almost 38 years of practicing, I can’t say I have any regrets, except, perhaps, that our family gatherings might be more interesting if I, or any of my siblings, or any of our spouses, had chosen another profession!

All these years later, I still believe fervently in the value of education; I’m still a bleeding heart liberal and still committed to promoting justice and improving the lives of others, albeit on a smaller scale and through quieter means. I revel in being part of the generation that elected the first African-American president and, with luck, will put the first woman in the Oval Office.

While I haven’t accomplished anything to merit even a footnote in a history book, I have maintained an extraordinarily good marriage (we’ll celebrate 38 years this summer), raised two wonderful children, done my best to serve my clients and uphold the integrity of the legal profession, and dedicated countless volunteer hours to numerous non-profit service organizations in my community. And, who knows? I still have miles to go before I sleep.
Arnie Freedman
Life since Brandeis:

33 years happily married to the woman who so adroitly knew just when to call a surgical consult during our residencies at NYU Medical Center. We have 4 lovely daughters, ages 20-29. The eldest just had a daughter of her own on Feb. 23, 2014. We all love sports, as avid participants, and passionate fans of our favorite teams. We travel extensively, still as a family as often as possible. Our trips are as varied as visiting mountain gorillas in Rwanda (which I initially visited as a volunteer physician prior to their 1994 genocide), treks in Tibet, and a recent family journey to Antarctica. (No, we were not the ship stuck in the ice!)
Life since Brandeis:
I've been practicing entertainment law--primarily music--in New York for over 30 years (although my wife keeps telling me that entertainment law isn't real law).
Following graduation from law school in 1977, I was at the firm now known as Kaye Scholer for about 3 1/2 years, then at Arista Records for about 2 1/2 years, and in December ’83 I joined my current firm, originally known as Grubman Indursky & Schindler and currently known as Grubman Shire & Meiselas.
I hope to be able to afford to retire some day.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
In an odd sort of way, much as I enjoy and appreciate the extraordinary connectivity that modern technology enables--instant access to information and entertainment on the Internet, computers, iPads, iPhones, cell phones, a couple of hundred cable channels, etc.--I do miss the “splendid isolation” that was Brandeis in the early ’70s (and for that matter, most every other college campus of that era).
We didn’t watch much television, we called home once a week on the pay phone in the hallway (if it hadn’t been removed by AT&T) and we only read the occasional newspaper. What we did is talk to each other, gather in dorm rooms, meet in Usdan. We were privileged to be able to spend four years in this bubble.
Life since Brandeis:

Since leaving Brandeis, the study and practice of Buddhism has been the central, guiding theme running through my life informing the directions, journeys, investigations, and amusements savored along the way. I have had the tremendous good fortune to study with a number of renown Japanese Zen and Tibetan Buddhist teachers and lineage holders, truly women and men of deep knowledge and wisdom. My Buddhist path has allowed me to spend a significant amount of time exploring various parts of India and witnessing in depth the extremes of human life. One of a multitude of highlights and insights while in India was partaking of the extraordinary Jaipur Literature Festival.

I have been in private practice as a master’s level, licensed psychotherapist in Boulder, CO since 1991 and also hold a master’s degree in Art History and Museum Studies. Additionally, I have trained extensively and am certified in several, distinct coaching modalities, among them the highly regarded CTI – The Coaches Training Institute. I have worked as a psychotherapist at the Department of Social Services with survivors of sexual abuse and non-offending parents and also with adolescents in the throes of great angst and destructive behaviors. While entirely secular, my practice of counseling, coaching, and psychotherapy is deeply rooted in my personal practice of meditation. Presently, in addition to my private practice in psychotherapy, I teach in the graduate psychology program at Naropa University.

My interests have also led me to work actively in the world of the arts, cultural preservation, and the translation of Tibetan literature. Most close to my heart are my three beautiful children, now truly beautiful adults and my most precious 3 and a half year old grandson. I am happily married to Jules Levinson a Buddhist scholar, professor, and Tibetan language translator. We’ve shared 14 fulfilling and meaningful years together and I look forward to growing together for many decades to come.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

I think that everything written in my 'life summary' has been a life altering milestone. Being a parent, working as a psychotherapist, the serious study and practice of Buddhism, studying with Suzuki Roshi, Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, Thrangu Rinpoche, Khenpo Tsultrim Rinpoche, the Dalai Lama, being involved with the translation and preservation of Tibetan Buddhist texts and the translator community, travel throughout India, the study of cultural history, teaching aspiring counselors and therapists . . .

Write your own question and answer it:

What impact did Brandeis have in your life?

It is at Brandeis that I discovered the field of art and cultural history through several art history and theater history courses. These opened up pathways that have remained central, deeply resonant, and fulfilling, and allowed me to cultivate a life vibrant with interest and exploration. This exploration continues with ever expanding new horizons and topics. I love this!
Victor J. Friedman

Life since Brandeis:

I left Brandeis with a Watson Fellowship to explore Arab-Jewish relations in Tunisia, Israel and France. Afterwards I studied in Yeshiva for two years, taught English in Arab high schools, and worked in Arab-Jewish relations in Israel. Nurit and I were married in 1979 and we went to the US where, did my M.A. in cross-cultural psychology at Columbia University and my doctorate in Counseling, Consulting and Community Psychology at Harvard. During that time I was first exposed to “action science” as a way of combining academic research with organizational/social change. Three of our children - Nomi (1981), Micha (1984), and Gilead (1987) were born in the U.S and Tamar (1989) was born in Israel. We returned to Israel in 1987 and settled in Zichron Jacob, Nurit’s home town. I worked for 15 as a faculty member of the Department of Economics and Management of Cooperative Organization at the Ruppin Institute, which at the time was the main technical and management training center for the Kibbutz Movement. At the same time I began working with schools that wanted to improve the way they were working with young people whom we now describe as socially excluded. Most of my work since then has involved organizational learning, conflict engagement, intercultural effectiveness, social entrepreneurship, and social inclusion. In 2003 I moved to the Max Stern Yezreel Valley College in Israel’s northern “periphery” because I wanted to work with populations, both Jewish and Palestinian/Arab, that were excluded. Together with colleagues and community activists, we founded the Action Research Center for Social Justice, which builds learning partnerships between academia and the community. All of our children currently live in Israel and we have two grandchildren - Uriah (born 2009) and Avigail (born 2012).
Minx (Margaret) Fuller

Life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis, I went to graduate school in Biology at MIT, moved to Indiana for a three year postdoc, then started my first Assistant Professor job at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1983. After several wonderful years on the Front Range in Colorado, during which I learned to kayak, got married to Matthew Scott, and we bought and remodeled our first house, we moved to California to do research and teach at Stanford University in 1990. Our son Lincoln, born in California, is about to graduate with a BA in Economics and History from UC Santa Cruz. Our daughter Julia has just finished her junior year in high school. I am enjoying teaching sophomores and graduate students, and relish working with my terrific postdocs and students in my lab on the molecular and genetic mechanisms that regulate division and differentiation of adult stem cells. Off work, we have been lucky to enjoy travel, including diving on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring the Peruvian and Ecuadorian Amazon, visiting the Galapagos, traversing the Alps on the Haute Route, and trekking in Nepal.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
The best thing about Brandeis was the many opportunities to explore: singing in the chorus, Gilbert and Sullivan, swim team, painting and drawing, research in the lab, the list goes on. This extended to academics as well: I was given the freedom to basically design my own major, substituting original research in a biology lab for the integrated circuit lab class required in Physics, taking biophysics in place of quantum mechanics. I especially enjoyed having my own room in the Castle, looking south down the hillside senior year - that really felt like I was making my own way to live.

Thank you all, professors, fellow students, and many friends for a great growing experience.
Diane Gennaretti (Gass)

**Life since Brandeis:**

My years at Brandeis taught me to be independent and how to appreciate art and design. During my junior and senior years I studied abroad in Italy.

In 1973, while still a student abroad, I met my soul mate, and in 1976 I married my husband, Mauro Gennaretti from Rome, Italy...in a beautiful wedding on my parents’ back lawn in Malden, Massachusetts, where I grew up.

What started as a semester abroad turned out to be 12 years of living in Rome, Italy, where I worked for the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (1974-1986).

In 1984 my life changed dramatically when my big brother Michael (GASS), who also graduated from Brandeis in 1970, passed away at the young age of 35.

In 1986, Mauro & I moved back to the USA to start an import business together called ITALIANISSIMO, which features “very italian design” products...exclusively made in Italy. The rest is history...Mauro is still the love of my life ...we still work, laugh and travel together throughout Italy, discovering and designing unique products for our business which caters to an up-scale, modern design audience of museum shops, gift shops & boutiques across the USA. Check us out online at www.italianissimoinc.com.

After Roma and Massachusetts, Mauro & I have been living in Boca Raton FL, for many years, and the adventure continues...taking care of each other, the business, and our parents, and often being the “zia” and “zio” (adopted aunt and uncle) for children and grandchildren of our friends here in the States and in Italy. “La vita e’ bella”.....Life is good.

**What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?**

The loss of my brother Michael Gass, a graduate of Brandeis class of 1970 - who died on February 24, 1984, has taught me the hard way how precious life is and how to take one day at a time.

The loss of my dad, who always made me laugh, in 2008...he is missed, but I am still blessed to have my mom who has become an amazing friend and inspiration of strength.

2010 - The joy of having my husband’s grandparents (Nazzareno & Maria Gennaretti) included in YAD VASHEM for having hidden and saved a Jewish family of five on the farm they were working outside of Rome, Italy, during the war. The enormous joy of meeting the 90-year-old survivor, who was just a girl when it all happened, telling me stories as if they happened yesterday.

“La vita e’ bella”....Life is good.
Mark Gershenson

Life since Brandeis:

Being a nice Jewish boy who can’t stand the sight of blood, I went to law school in 1976. For most of those two years between Brandeis and law school, I worked in Southern California as a field rep. for a college textbook publisher. With the ink barely dry on my college diploma, it was an interesting experience to knock on professors’ office doors and try to sound knowledgeable about various subjects, some of which I had never studied. All of a sudden professors were no longer authority figures, but customers.

It took me two years after law school to get around to practicing law, a function of a lack of desire rather than the lack of a license. Since 1982, however, I’ve been in private practice, including several small firms and one large one. Since 1992, I’ve been on my own, first in Los Angeles and since 1993 in Palm Springs. For the last 15 or so years, most of my work has been divorce and related family law matters. In addition to my role as an advocate, I branched out into divorce mediation a few years ago (seemingly along with half the lawyers in California). Let’s hear it for failed intimate relationships.

I married Elaine (née Vedder) (Whitman College ’82) in 1990. She teaches English in a local continuation high school. We’ve been blessed with two lovely daughters, Chloe (1994), who is finishing her sophomore year at U. Maryland College Park; and Gwynne (1996), who, as I type this in early March is waiting to hear from several more schools (Brandeis among them), before she decides where she will attend college. (Brandeis lost its shot at Chloe when it accepted her on a midyear-start basis.)

After a serious and unexpected health issue in 2008, I feel good, and, since we are in the tuition-paying years, have no immediate plans to retire.

It would be great for there to be a large turnout at our 40th reunion. At past reunions, I’ve been struck by the large number of people who live within a 30-minute drive of campus yet who did not bother to show up. We spent four important years together—important both in terms of our personal development and the societal changes that were happening around us—and are now old enough to enjoy re-connecting with each other without regard to how kind or unkind the intervening four decades have been to each of us.

The photos: Chloe is the daughter with the dark hair; Gwynne has the lighter hair. The woman in the shot with Gwynne is Elaine (but you probably guessed that). The picture of Mike Goldenkranz and me was taken in Seattle last summer.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

The intellectual atmosphere and the focus on ideas. Looking back on our four years, that “Truth Even Unto Its Innermost Parts” thing actually had some basis in reality. In marked contrast to Brandeis, law school was primarily vocational training, and involved the memorization of various laundry lists without much critical thinking. What passes for “real life” is largely people discussing things, not concepts. Brandeis was, and hopefully still is, a community of active thinkers. I miss that.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

There have been several: Getting married. Having the large Los Angeles law firm in which I was a young partner implode. Moving from Los Angeles to Palm Springs in 1993. Becoming a parent. Being diagnosed quite unexpectedly with neck cancer in 2008 and going through seven months of rather unpleasant but thus-far successful treatment. That health challenge gave me a new appreciation for good health, coupled with the realization, on a very visceral level, of the relative unimportance of the material things for which most Americans strive incessantly.
Laurence Gewirtz

Life since Brandeis:
MFA Yale University School of Drama
Actor, Director, Professor
Created Professional Theater Company: Liberty Stage Company
Currently:
1) Professor; New York University, School of Professional Studies, Acting Program
2) Artistic Director; The 4th Wall Actors Workshop, Off-off-Broadway

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
James H. Clay, Director Theater Program
His vast knowledge of theater
Sense of humor
Made it his business to get to know each student
Embraced me into the world of theater

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I miss the beauty of the campus; Spingold Theater; USDAN Student Center; and, of course, the Castle.
Life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I went to Boston University for an MBA. I owned a photofinishing business for many years. The business closed when digital photography took over and people stopped having their photos printed. I was married in 1986 and have two sons. My wife died of cancer and I raised my sons from the time they were eleven and thirteen. My older son just graduated USC Gould School of Law and passed the bar in California. He is not coming back to Boston. My younger son graduated college and sells Peterbilt trucks. I now own a wholesale candy distribution business.
Susan Goldberg Benjamin

Life since Brandeis:
Life since Brandeis:
I’m grateful for my blessings. Fathering two now grown children I adore who have curiosity, values and integrity that Brandeis would be proud of. A former interesting, varied, and purposeful legal, health care and education career; the opportunity to help others and myself through long term volunteering; lifelong small circle of valued close Brandeis friends and others since; singing “In the Still of the Night” a cappella with the Persuasions; doing stand up comedy at a Seattle Club (not open mike night); learning to partner dance; skiing and hiking for the very first time after moving to Seattle. Working for a year with Waltham’s Police Department soon after graduating Brandeis. Doing guest teaching at local middle and high schools; co-coaching a Seattle High School’s mock trial team; previously being married for 27 years; the unexpected opportunity to be “Mr. Mom” (way before it was in vogue or cool). Finding a dance partner later in life and a 9-year-old white shepherd. Running marathons and passing that baton to my daughter. Joy I wish I could bottle when my daughter married. Fear and envy when my son parachute jumped. Having parents still alive who just moved from Brooklyn to the West Coast to be nearer to their kids and grandkids.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Shapiro B, 1st year, making friends for life. Playing huge prank on dorm mates using the Dean’s actual letterhead concerning hallway pay phone. First seniors to live in the then-new ‘mods’ (next to the gym). Getting into a real fight with the non Brandeis townies next door who were throwing beer bottles at our beloved roaming “campus king” black lab,”Sandoz.” Representing Brandeis as a Congressional Intern during the infamous Watergate D.C. summer. Throwing fabulous barbeques at the cottage where I bunked junior year in its 6x4 pantry. Double ‘first’ dates on snow-filled campus movie “It Happened One Night” and best friend later marries that same Brandeis “date.” Working with the admissions office senior year. Interviewing members of the scary occult group “The Process” for freshman sociology class & bringing back one of their weirdest of the weird to haunt our freshman dorm for a couple of days. Senior nude centerfold photo behind tree with 4 trunks.

Write your own question and answer it:
What is Success?
To laugh often and much
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children.
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends.
To appreciate beauty. To find the best in others.
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition.
To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.
(allegedly) Ralph Waldo Emerson
Jane Goldman Ostrowsky

Life since Brandeis:
My husband, Mark Ostrowsky, and I have been happily married for over 33 years. We live in Newton Highlands and have three wonderful children, David ’06, who is married to Lauren Schreider ’04, Sharon and Jonathan ’13. Last winter we lost our beloved doggie, Sandy, a Cockapoo who was almost 16.
I have been engaged in residential real estate in the Greater Boston Area since 1990 and am a member of Coldwell Banker’s International Sterling Society. I am also an active member of Temple Emanuel’s Sisterhood, the Jewish Community Center and Newton Tennis. Skiing, photography, running road races and rooting for the Red Sox are still strong passions of mine!

Mark is a Project Manager for the Mass. Dept. of Developmental Services. David is a professional Tutor for the SAT’s and has just written his first book, “Game Over or Game On?”, which is about athletes who have retired and the different vocations they have gone on to pursue. His wife, Lauren, is a pre-school teacher at Temple Beth Avodah in Newton. Sharon is a Special Education Teacher for “Quest to Learn” in New York City Public Schools. And Jonathan, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brandeis last May, is now working as the Policy and Issues Director for Steve Grossman’s campaign for Governor of Massachusetts. I am very much looking forward to reconnecting with my fellow Brandesians at our 40th!!!
Neil Goldstein, MD

Life since Brandeis:
It all went by so fast!

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?
Children and grandchildren. Their pictures are below.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
Someplace warm.
Life since Brandeis:

I am one of those few lawyers who enjoys what he does. I have met a lot of interesting people along the way.
I have been playing in a basketball group since 1974. We are in our 40th year of playing together.
I have been married for almost 28 years to a woman who keeps me happy and on my toes.
I have a son who is a freshman at Brown University and a daughter who is in 7th grade. (I started late).
I love live music. My son is my rock ‘n roll buddy. By the time he went to college, we had been to 93 concerts. I have a blog entitled “Fathers, Sons and Rock ‘n Roll,” that tries to capture our experiences. Check it out at rocknrolldad.tumblr.com.

While I am still in touch with a number of my high school buddies as well as a number of my law school friends, the only person from Brandeis with whom I am still in touch is Joel Linzner.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Steve Whitfield. Steve taught several courses that I took and was my honors thesis advisor. He taught me a lot about research and critical thinking and even a little about tennis. I worked two nights a week at an indoor tennis club in Sudbury and Steve and some of my other friends would play late at night, after I closed the club.
Leslie Grayburn Charbonnel

Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis I started a graduate program at Columbia University. I quickly realized that I had made a big mistake so I quit and started working in the World Trade Center for a Japanese Trading company. After a few years, I decided to get an MBA in Finance at NYU Graduate Business School. After graduating, I worked in publishing, mostly as Business Manager of Redbook Magazine. During a trip to Paris in 1986, I met a wonderful French man for whom I moved to Paris in 1987. In February 1988 we got married in NY but returned to Paris to live. At the time, I was working for YSL perfumes in their Finance Dept. After having 2 children, I decided to leave work and become a stay at home mom. Jumping ahead many years, my daughter Elisa graduated from Cornell in 2012 and my son will graduate from UPenn in May 2014. They will both be living and working in NYC as of June 2014. My husband and I are empty nesters now, still living in Paris since my husband is still working, but will be spending more time in NY to see our kids and family. I have been very active in various organizations over the past years. I am currently on the Board of AAWE, an organization of long term Americans in Paris. I am an active volunteer with the Make A Wish Association and am also cooking for a local soup kitchen. I always loved to travel and we have instilled that love in our children with our numerous trips around the world. We are a bicultural, binational and bireligious family.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

I guess that the biggest milestone I experienced was meeting my husband and moving to Paris, France. Although I always loved to travel, I never thought that I would end up living in Europe. Funny, my grandparents left Europe to go to the United States, and I ended up coming back to Europe.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

Hopefully on a plane going back and forth between NYC and Paris!
Steve “Buddy” Greene

Life since Brandeis:

I was a “professional Jew” until 1990. I started as a religious school teacher and moved along to youth advisor, educational director, youth director, ritual director, administrator, executive director, cantorial soloist and fill-in for the Rabbi. Along the way, I had to use computers and learned about PC’s and many off-the-shelf programs.

We moved back to South Florida in 1990 where my primary employment was in the travel business, as well as privately teaching b’nai mitzvah lessons and reading Torah and m’gillot as needed. In 1992, I awoke with a backache that turned out to be a herniated disc. Twenty-two years, four surgeries, and several dozen sets of injections later, it’s become a true disability.

I teach part-time and tutor for my beautiful wife, Ruth, who is the Director of Life-Long learning at the local Reform synagogue. I continue, when I can, to dabble in computer repair, modifications, and virus and malware removal.

We have two beautiful adult daughters, Adinah and Miryam.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

In 1977 while working as the Educational Director at a synagogue in North Carolina, I joined the local volunteer fire department. I was certified in basic firematics, hydraulics (how to drive and pump an engine or tanker) and high-level rescue. I was also a North Carolina certified EMT I and received training within the Guilford County EMS, where I worked part-time for eight months, as an EMT II (medic). Other than my marriage and my two daughters, there is nothing that has given me more self-worth and self-satisfaction as saving a life or delivering one. The “flip-side” of that coin is always a bitter pill to swallow and accept. However, knowing you have used all of your skills to save someone’s life, home, vehicle, property, etc. is an amazing feeling and one feels truly blessed to act in such a manner.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I miss sitting on the wall around the pond in the Massell, playing my guitar, with wonderful friends and classmates, sitting together.
Life since Brandeis:

Forty+ years! A long time! I can still picture myself sitting in the back of my parents’ car, driving onto campus for freshman orientation. We unloaded my stuff, they left, I cried for about 10 seconds and the adventure began. It is truly hard to comprehend how almost forty-four years have passed since that day. I remember that when we arrived on campus, there was a discussion of whether the students should continue the strike from the previous Spring. I was raring to go, and was glad the school year began as scheduled.

So what has happened since 1974? I graduated with a double major in math and psychology and found that got me almost nowhere career-wise. I completed an MBA in marketing research part-time. I met my husband, Irwin, five days after graduating Brandeis and we are still together after 40 years, 35 of them spent married (this June). My life got sidetracked by a fairly serious accident in my twenties. As working was difficult due to health issues, in 1982 we moved to the suburbs, and started to think about starting our family. We have been in Ardsley, in Westchester, NY, ever since. In 1984, Tracy was born. She now practices intellectual property law in a large law firm in Palo Alto, CA. Her sister, Laura, followed in 1987, and she’s our city girl. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, and works for the Village Voice doing media and marketing.

A lot of our girls’ early years were spent with me volunteering for something. Class mother, Girl Scout leader, various board positions for numerous organizations, and for the last few years the class representative for our alumni magazine. My husband and I have done a fair amount of traveling, abroad and in the U.S., and we’re big fans of New York theater. One of my hobbies is photography, and I can average 4,000 photos on a 10-day vacation. They’re my visual diary of our travels, even if afterwards they only live on my computer.

I am still an avid fan of film and always have a maxed out Netflix queue. I haven’t had a paid job for decades, somewhat due to continuing health challenges. However, I find myself leading a busy life and it is rewarding to stay involved with family, friends and Brandeis.

As to my photos, the first two, and my headshot, were taken at a family reunion in Aruba, in August 2013. We were celebrating my 60th birthday and my mother’s 85th, both of which occurred earlier in May. The photo of the five of us shows my husband, Irwin, myself, our younger daughter, Laura, our older daughter, Tracy, and her fiancé, Jón. Tracy and Jón will be married next month, in July, in Sonoma, CA. After 7 years together, we are delighted to see they are finally making it official! The group photo shows our family, along with my parents in the middle, my three nieces, and my sister, Linda, and her husband. We all spent a week together and I can’t imagine a better celebration of my 60th. The remaining two photos were taken at my 60th birthday party with friends back in May 2013. That’s my husband, Irwin, in the electric blue jacket. I managed to stretch my birthday celebration from May through August, not a bad way to celebrate!

So to all of you from the class of 1974, it was a pleasure having our lives intersect for those four formative years. I look forward to seeing those of you who will attend our 40th Reunion. I will miss those of you who can’t make it. Finally, as our class correspondent, I truly do hope you will all stay in touch. May the bonds we made at Brandeis continue always.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I miss the all-encompassing nature of college. I found the classes to be stimulating, challenging and interesting. I still love learning and have spent some amount of time over the years trying to acquire new skills. This included a year of adult ed Latin, and a high school computer course I took years ago. I miss the day-to-day routine of attending classes with their fascinating discussions.

However, I most miss those late night conversations on the meaning of life, along with endless cans of Mountain Dew. You would never pour it into a glass, the color was too weird. I miss having friends drop by at midnight and stay until 3 a.m.. Being able to program my classes for afternoons only, so I could sleep late. Having friends that you could see virtually 24/7 and would remain friends forever. I still look back on Brandeis as one of the peak experiences of my life.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I find this an interesting question as my husband and I have recently started thinking about this. A year or so ago, when attending a friend’s 60th birthday, their son asked my husband when he was planning to retire. My husband is probably a year older than the boy’s father, and we were taken aback by the question. I don’t work outside the home, and my husband is possibly winding down his legal career at some point. Our older daughter lives in California and is currently planning her wedding, so perhaps one day we will have grandchildren in California. Our younger daughter lives in Brooklyn, but leads a busy life, which means we don’t see her that often. I have parents in Florida, a sister in Pennsylvania. Without a doubt, northeast winters are getting to be less fun each year.

So, in the next few years, maybe a move to somewhere warmer. We wonder ourselves where that might be. I look forward to reading this answer in a few years and seeing if anything has changed.
Life since Brandeis:

After twenty years as Chairman, CEO of Playboy Enterprises, I started a new professional chapter, concurrent with the election of Barack Obama. I have been working with the well regarded health resort company, Canyon Ranch, as Executive Chairman of a new company, Canyon Ranch Enterprises, which we formed to own and leverage their intellectual property. I have built a team which produces healthy living content for Canyonranch.com, has done app’s, DVD’s, a radio show and books. And I have forged partnerships with companies in areas like employee wellness and healthy weight. I also have been on the board of the Center for American Progress since leaving Playboy. CAP, started by former Clinton chief of staff, John Podesta, is generally considered the leading progressive public policy think tank. Additionally, I advise companies on strategy and marketing, and appear on talk shows like "Morning Joe" and "Squawk Box." I continue to live in Chicago.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Larry Fuchs, who was both a wonderful professor, a great thinker and a good friend.
Life since Brandeis:

I married David Stern in 1986. David is a professor of classical Hebrew literature at Penn and a specialist in the history of the Jewish book. We have a daughter, Rebecca, and a son, Jonah. Rebecca graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2011, an English major, and receives her MSW from the University of Pennsylvania in 2014. She will marry Jesse Wenger in June 2014. Jonah graduated from Penn in 2013, a visual studies major. He is an independent filmmaker and artist, and works as a videographer and film editor.

I translate and still write poetry. My poems appear in little magazines and anthologies. I hope to publish a book of my poems. My current projects include a book called China through Yiddish Eyes and a project on Jewish women in the Midwest from 1840 through 1950, about my family history.

Because I am dictating this entry on a speech recognition program, I feel like I am becoming the robot that is "listening" to me as I speak in three word units. Having to articulate every punctuation mark, spell every name, and instruct the program to delete the "But but but it it it as an act as as an act as" that the program inserts when I pause to breathe or sigh, I don't think I can find any clever humorous way to conclude this conversation. But I can manage a little sentimentality. I have fond memories of Brandeis, even though I was miserable there, but who wasn’t? J. V. Cunningham, Adrienne Rich, Allen Grossman, and many other teachers and friends at Brandeis helped to make me who I am today. I am grateful.
Life since Brandeis:

I married in 1974, Jerome Smith, Brandeis ’73 alum. We have three grown daughters and three beautiful grandchildren.

I received my Master’s degree in Elementary Education and Guidance Counseling from University of Missouri. I have been a teacher, counselor and Director in the education field for thirty years. In addition, I have worked for twelve years for the United States Postal Service.

I divorced in 2000, and retired from my multiple positions of employment in January of 2013. I am enjoying traveling and spending time with family. I recently relocated to Atlanta, Georgia to spoil my three lovely grandchildren.

In addition, I help supplement my retirement income with part-time positions in the Decatur, Georgia school district, and at Walmart.

Becoming a Brandeis Baby Boomer has been a blast! Since retirement I have traveled to South Africa and Israel. My goal is to journey around the world!

Life is Good! God is Good!
Peace Be With You.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

This was a simple lesson but I still remember this obstacle my freshman year. I had to learn how to swim well enough to pass swim class. Of course, my class was 8:00 a.m., and the pool was too far from my dorm room.

The other lessons I learned from Brandeis was how to network and succeed in organizing groups of people to achieve important goals.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I hope to have continued good health and the ability to travel and visit other countries and cultures. In addition, I would like to continue to work in my community with young people and have a positive impact on the growth and development of my own grandchildren.

Life is Good! God is Good!
Peace Be With You.
John Wesley Hogan

Life since Brandeis:

When I left Brandeis I returned to Atlanta. I attended Georgia State University to take my premed classes. I attended Howard University College of Medicine. I am currently an HIV specialist working for Unity Health Care in Washington, D.C. I am married and I have two daughters and a son. I have an eleven-month-old grandson.

Write your own question and answer it:

My most memorable experience at Brandeis:

During my junior year, the prime minister of Israel came to Brandeis for an award. The security was extreme. My math professor, Dr. Mayer, asked me if I wanted to walk down to the theater building to see all the military security. On the way back to the math building he asked me what I wanted to be. I told him that I really wanted to be a doctor, but changed my mind at Brandeis, and that I was going to get a PhD in math. He stopped in his tracks and said, “Oh no, Hogan. If you really want to be a doctor, then that is what you should be.” He said that I should not let anybody or anything convince me that I can’t do it. He said if I couldn’t do it at Brandeis, I should go to another school. He said that I should be willing to do whatever it takes and study as long as I have to. I made up my mind right there that I was going to be a doctor.
Life since Brandeis:

Married Jeffrey Hunter ’73. We have 2 great kids, Joanna, 30 and Daniel ’09 and a wonderful son-in-law Dan August. We live in NYC and spend summers on Fire Island.
Jonathan B. Imber

Life since Brandeis:
I have spent my entire life in the rhythms of academic life, thirty-three years at Wellesley College in the Department of Sociology. I am blessed with a loving family: my wife, Amy, and our daughter and son, Elizabeth and David.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Of course in my business, memory of professors is especially meaningful. Kurt H. Wolff, Gordie Fellman ("Marx and Freud") and William Alexander Johnson have been mentors of unparalleled excellence. I am deeply grateful to them all.

Write your own question and answer it:
I don’t have any other questions to answer, except to say that I live nearby Brandeis so have had the good fortune to keep in touch with various people there and to visit often. My daughter is a graduate and celebrating her 5th reunion this year as well.
Life since Brandeis:

Forty years is a long time, amazing. After leaving Brandeis, I attended graduate school in social work and have worked as a social worker in a variety of settings for the entire time. I love the positive impact that I have had on individuals, families and institutions. First, I was employed with Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Child Protective Services, where I was a supervisor for twenty years. I enjoyed training my staff, many of whom later pursued advanced degrees in social work and psychology. At the agency I engaged in several projects. I was one of a team that collaborated with Simmons Graduate School of Social work in developing protocols for treatment, and updating psychosocial assessments which were utilized across the agency. I served on intra-agency consultation panels, serving as a liaison between the agency and service providers. I was also involved with the National Association of Social Workers for a number of years. I was elected for 3 terms as a member of the New England Region of the Delegate Assembly, which wrote position papers in various areas. I served on a panel which focused on adolescent services which was recognized as its own entity. This was the basis for legislation that resulted in specific services for this population.

After retiring from Child Protective Services, I briefly worked in several short-term intensive psychiatric hospital settings. Then, I practiced as a therapist with adolescents for ten years. I am now providing consultative services to a social service agency. In addition, I am now tackling mental health disparities with the NAACP Health Committee by conducting mental health education at small health fairs, and forums in the African American Community.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

While at Brandeis, I studied music composition. I plan on resuming my study of music. I want to learn to play the cello and play in a chamber group. And further study music composition, perhaps complete an unfinished work of Black/African classical composer and perform their music.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

During my work with the Commonwealth, I always advocated for a more diverse staff and equity in the provision of services to all clients regardless of race, class, or ethnicity. Often, I was identified by other staff of color to convene and plan Black History Month celebrations. During these events we taught the staff facts and significant events regarding both black history and the black diaspora (historical information, which I learned from black studies at Brandeis).
Life since Brandeis:

In 1974, after leaving Brandeis, I immediately moved to NYC to pursue a career in the theater, working steadily as a stage manager. After eight years of working professionally (and exhaustedly), I decided that it was time for a change and left New York to enter the business world, joining our family’s business, moving to Boston, then to Providence.

Spending the next ten years in the manufacturing business, working alongside my father, afforded me a new set of skills. This change also led to my meeting Jill, to whom I have been married for 35 years. We have two children, Erica and Max, and, now, a daughter-in-law, Alex.

In 1986, the business was sold and, a year later, I left to pursue other paths - owning a restaurant (good idea – bad timing) and working as a management consultant for not-for-profit organizations. After consulting for a number of arts organizations, I eventually decided to return to my first career in the theater.

For the last 18 years, I have been working steadily as an actor and director. Six years ago, I returned to New York with Jill. Both children, now grown, are also pursuing careers in New York and are thriving. Along the way, I had the honor of being a guest artist at Brandeis, both with my solo play "and then you go on... An Anthology of the Works of SAMUEL BECKETT" and in the Brandeis Theater Company’s production of "The Bacchae."
Ellen Jaffe-Gill

Life since Brandeis:

This reunion comes as I’m about to launch my fourth or fifth career, after writer, editor, teacher, and cantor, not that I’ve given up on any of those. As I write this, I am in my final semester as a student at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College just outside Philadelphia; my ordination as “rabbi and teacher in Israel” is scheduled for June 1, 2014. Beginning rabbinical school at 55, and undergoing what RRC calls “rabbinic formation” since then, has been an enormous challenge, but one that has changed me for the better in numerous ways and given me many new skills.

It was a real wrench for my husband and me to leave our friends in Los Angeles, where we’d met and made a home together for many years, but we’ve enjoyed living in the East, where each of us grew up, winter weather notwithstanding. Where the rabbinate will take us, I don’t know, but I do know that I’ll spend the final phase of my career working to nurture a vibrant and joyous diaspora Judaism. I believe that liberal Judaism not only has a future, but also the potential for growth as a faith community that can and will draw in many spiritual seekers.

Spencer and I have been married 23 years. By choice, we never had kids. (We do have two adorable dogs who may as well be our kids.) Because I like kids, especially the 10-to-14 crowd, I spent 14 years teaching primarily junior-high English in public schools in the 1980s and 90s. I’ve devoted a lot of time, since entering Jewish institutional life about 15 years ago, to training b’nai mitzvah candidates and teaching in religious school. I also wrote a novel for that age group, No Big Deal, which was published by Lodestar just after our 20th reunion. Subsequently, I published Embracing the Stranger: Intermarriage and the Future of the American Jewish Community (BasicBooks, 1995), which was supposed to be the next important book on Jewish-Gentile intermarriage, and The Jewish Woman’s Book of Wisdom (Citadel Press, 1998), a collection of short writings by Jewish women across several centuries. I also have a nice stack of bylines in magazines, especially Moment, and Jewish newspapers.

I took the Reform movement’s independent-study route to becoming a cantor and was certified as a full member of the American Conference of Cantors in 2006, also earning a master’s degree in Judaic studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion/Los Angeles in 2003. It didn’t take long for me to recognize that the cantorate wasn’t the last station on the line; I’d have to be a rabbi to do a lot of the things I want to do in the Jewish world.

It’s strange to be living like a grad student and planning a new career at almost-60, with all the realities almost-60 brings: graying hair, creaking joints, parents who have gone from aging to really old. It’s also a bit exhilarating to open a new chapter in life without excessive baggage, and accompanied by a loving and supportive partner. May we all be like the palm tree in Psalm 92: gray-headed but fresh and full of juice.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I see myself on the bimah and in the classroom, with the definition of bimah and classroom very loose and both wherever the work takes me, and continuing to make a home with my husband, the love of my life.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

Even 40 years later, I miss the camaraderie of dorm life.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, spent a few years in sports administration functions for the Boston entry in World Team Tennis. Then on to back office operations for an international forest products company and a financial services company in the Boston suburbs. Most recently, was at The Timberland Company in HR and Corporate Travel management from 2000, up until the company sale early in 2012.

Served as public address announcer, voice of the Boston Celtics from 1980 - 1997 and currently do the same for Boston College men’s and women’s basketball (since 2001).

Diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma early in 2013, and I am currently under the great care of the oncology team at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Brandeis has been part of the Jick family since 1966 when father Leon Jick began his 30+ year career at Brandeis as a NEJS professor and first Director of the Lown Center for Jewish Studies. My brother Dan ’79, his wife Elizabeth (Etra) ’81, and 2 of their 3 children (Jamie ’09 and Josh ’12) all attended Brandeis.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

My father, Professor Leon A Jick, who led by example, and always assured me “it was okay to be me”.

I am currently under the great care of the oncology team at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.
Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I spent several years at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where I earned my MA in Anthropology. Being underwhelmed by the job availability in my field after leaving school, I ended up working for the federal government. I have worked for the Social Security Administration for over 30 years in various positions in and around Boston, and am currently the manager of the Norwood, MA office. So it did turn out well, after all! I have been married to my husband Bill since 1995 and we now live in Milton with our teenage daughter Sarah. We all enjoy the beach and warm weather, so usually spend some time in Florida and at the Cape each year.
Annette (Nettsie/Netts) Kahn-Arcangeli
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I went to law school, got married and raised a family in Bethesda, Maryland. I am now living in Boston again and am active in civic and political organizations in the area.
Life since Brandeis:

Career path and significant work-related events since 1974:

Upon graduation I headed to Stanford Business School for an MBA. It was an awesome experience with an incredible learning opportunity in an amazing and gorgeous environment.

I started my career at Leo Burnett advertising in Chicago, but after a brief stint there I decided to join my brother in opening a real estate company. I parted after five years to join larger firms in Chicago and expand my experience to commercial real estate development, leasing, and asset/portfolio management. Ultimately, I started my own firm to focus on real estate development, asset management, and acquisitions. It’s been a very expansive education, experience, and opportunity to combine business fundamentals with creativity for developing some very neat cutting edge projects in regard to lifestyle and green initiatives. All high end... not focused on saving the world, but projects and results I’m very proud of!

The development side of my real estate business has been shuttered by the industry crisis and required my change of focus. In response, my activities are now focused on brokerage transactions for investors, while I am looking to join a large firm with responsibilities for asset management or acquisitions.

Significant personal events since 1976:

I married at the age of 36 to a great lady originally from Wisconsin. So, I had an unusual amount of time to develop my career, while enjoying some travel and personal growth as a single guy.

Kids and family are the most influential side of my life. My daughter and son have been very receptive to the important life messages every parent tries to convey. My daughter, 21, attended Marquette University and my son, 18, is a freshman at Columbia University in NYC. He has the same passion for sports and instruments as I did. In addition to his strong academic abilities, he also plays for Columbia’s football team as a wide receiver. Both kids are really cool, great people, as well as deep, fun, smart and juiced on life, with an attitude that they can reach for it in every way possible. There are no barriers or limits to communication with them and they appreciate the fact that they’ve been raised with respect, fun, openness and an expectation that they will determine who they want to be. Pinch me... it takes a lot of luck too!!!

I’ve kept up with my sports interests and managed to stay fit enough to continue with competitive swimming and tennis. Back in 2000, I participated at Nationals Masters Swimming with remarkable results. My sprint times at age 49 were equal to and faster than my college swimming days (very shocking!!!). Activities involving Board affiliations for the Better Boys Foundation and Wasco Baseball League, as well as assisting organizations such as The Chicago Food Bank that serve others, have added further meaning to my life.

Favorite memories or reflections about Brandeis:

Most of the favorite memories are not fit for print!!! Lol! I am grateful for our classmates and the professors we experienced. The unique culture of Brandeis allowed us to expand our minds and perspectives in a very friendly, open and supportive environment. (Was it ‘rule 22’???) It’s also interesting to note that some of my “gut” classes actually proved to be among the most valuable or inspiring throughout my life (i.e. Interpersonal Dynamics with Charlie Derber or American Film). I also look back with appreciation for the small classes and dedication of our professors. I have strong reflections and sentimental appreciation for Barney Schwalberg, Lenny Housman, and Peter Diamandopoulos. I’ve stayed close with a handful of classmates. But I’ve always welcomed a call, visit or chance meeting with any of our classmates and alum. I look forward to joining the Reunion.

Write your own question and answer it:

Personal reflections and life’s insights:

Keep your values strong and stable, but your mind and attitude flexible. Change will surely come! Keep your heart open and be aware of the things that intrinsically make you happy. Speak with intimacy to those around you that you care for. Keep the smiles coming... there’s always a reason!

How I want to be remembered:

Good father, good husband, good friend. Someone who added fun, warmth and some growth to others’ lives. Keep the lid open, I’m busy and I’ll probably be late for the funeral. Come and find me.
Hal Karas

Life since Brandeis:
The best thing about life since Brandeis is that I have three fantastic sons, two wonderful grandchildren, and an amazing wife. After Brandeis I worked selling structural steel, and then left that position to attend law school at Northeastern. Following that, I relocated to Milwaukee and worked for a small law firm, eventually becoming a partner in a 350-lawyer firm. In 2005, I switched to a smaller (140-lawyer) firm and am really happy there doing business and structured financing transactions, including tax-oriented transactions. I am particularly proud of some of the economic development projects in which I have participated. I was a BBYO advisor for a dozen years, a synagogue president for two years, the chair of the state bar’s real property section, and continue to be active in many Jewish and economic development causes in Milwaukee.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Three memories stay with me:
1. Being part of the Hillel egalitarian service community
2. Walking in the woods behind the International Center
3. Participating in intramural sports
All three of these gave me peace and created lasting friendships.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?
Three boys, three daughters-in-law, two grandchildren (so far!).
Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis, I spent 6 years at U.C. Berkeley working on a graduate degree in Comparative Literature. I left in 1980, ABD (and still am!) and moved to Madison, Wisconsin to be with my husband, Kenneth Sacks. We raised 3 children in Madison, then left to come to Providence, RI in 1995. In 1998, I began teaching Latin at Providence Country Day School, and I am still teaching both Latin and English to students grades 7-12. Our children have left the nest, at least for the time being, and Ken and I are fortunate to have our summers free to travel and relax. I keep in touch with Dale Morse and Marian Bass, but see them all too infrequently.
Life since Brandeis:

I headed to the west coast immediately after graduation. I was lucky to have a job that came with a company credit card and a company car. I had the opportunity to see several business environments, learn about entrepreneurship and travel. After 3 years of this wonderful opportunity I learned that I was not going to climb a corporate ladder – but I had a decent shot at creating a software business. 

My business started by leveraging my software expertise to help clients. I was able to help companies, non-profits and public schools. By the end of the 1970’s, it became apparent that the real value was in creating software. Along the way, (in ’82) I met Audrey. We were married in ’83 and our three children were born in ’84, ’86 and ’88.

After trying several software concepts, I finally succeeded in creating a tool really popular in the healthcare industry. The company grew to 50 people and was acquired in 2000. What does one do after selling the company they founded? One option is to become active with various non-profit activities, which I did. It allowed me the time to watch our children leave the nest and go to college. The oldest is now married and has two children.

The most rewarding non-profit activity has been working with the Brandeis Alumni Association. I was president of the Washington chapter for a decade or so. Brandeis people can be so amazing.

With this experience behind me, it would make sense to relax, travel and enjoy the grandchildren. I would be happy to do this if not for the allure of entrepreneurism. I am in the midst of another popular concept.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

As I started to write this - I realize that I could not even quantify the life lessons. It started with the transition from growing up with brothers and no sisters, to suddenly having many sisters in my dorm. This sounds somewhat mundane, but learning about other people, by living with them, was a great lesson in getting along.

This was furthered by the economic, regional and racial diversity on our campus. Visiting my fellow dorm mates in South Boston; Newton, MA; Southeast DC; and Compton, CA, allowed me to gather a small taste of the diversity in this country.

Academic life taught me the value of creativity. The mantra in our day was “question authority,” but in reality it is more of “question previous assumptions”.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

I have two professors who altered my life. Morrie Schwartz - I met Morrie when I was in junior high. We spent time together in Denver - and if it had not been for Morrie - I never would have even applied to Brandeis. In those days, we did not have the US News and World college rankings to help us pick colleges.

Jacques Cohen - Jacques was my first computer science professor. I had taken programming courses in high school, and did not know there was such a thing as computer science until I arrived at Brandeis. Jacques introduced us to this subject and I am forever grateful - for it became the foundation for my career.
Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Allen Grossman
Life since Brandeis:

It’s been a wild ride, so far. Along the way I managed to graduate from Duke Med, and train at UCSD, Brigham & Women’s, and Boston Children’s Hospital. I spent 7 years teaching and doing research at Shands Hospital, Univ of Florida, helping run a 36 bed PICU, then moved to Denver as a partner in Pediatric Anesthesia Consultants, PC. Along the way, I travelled to dozens of countries, learned to hang glide, SCUBA dive, rock climb, and went on fifteen medical missions, teaching and delivering pediatric anesthesia care in the developing world, for children with cleft lips and palates, and burn victims. The next big events were a bike ride with Lance (yes, that Lance), followed by a brain mass that nearly killed me, learning to walk and talk again, retirement, and lots of training in the gym. That was eight years ago. Since then I’ve spent about two months each year bicycling around and across most of Italy, and, volunteering with the Copper Mountain Ski Patrol each winter. Two years ago, I caught up with several classmates on a visit to NYC, thanks to Don Friedman. For years I’ve been corresponding regularly with classmates Mark Gershenson and Michael Goldenkranz, friends of mine since we were 6 years old! Last year, I began volunteering as a Pediatrician, at the Inner City Health Center, in Denver. We serve only indigent or Medicaid insured patients, the majority of whom speak only Spanish. It’s the most rewarding, and, challenging work I’ve done in years.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

Life since Brandeis:

As I write this little narrative I look forward to seeing the members of our class who will be at the reunion this year. 40 years seemed like an eon back then. Now it is like a nanosecond. I don’t really feel any older. But a lifetime of memories keep reminding me of how much time has passed, how much wonderful time, too many sad times, accomplishments, failures, joys. But I also still feel excitement for the future ahead, however long it may be.

I’ve had a great run since ’74. A fun year working at Rosenstiel, two great years in graduate school at Cornell, marriage to Shelley (love of my life), 10 years in psychiatric hospital administration, and 26 years in high tech marketing. All the while I continued to pursue Gilbert & Sullivan and other operatic and choral performances (with Shelley), a passion that was engendered at Brandeis.

While working I had the opportunity to visit many parts of the world, from Brazil to Beijing and many places in between (in both directions). In addition, Shelley and I were able to see other countries including Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Nepal, and Italy. Needless to say, our traveling days are not yet over. So many countries and so little time.

I am happily retired for now, spending half the year in FL and the other half in MA (You can guess which half in which place.).

Now that I have the time, I am doing a lot of volunteer work: helping to manage a golf tournament to benefit pulmonary fibrosis research at Brigham and Women’s hospital, providing marketing support to the Indian Hill Music Center (www.indianhillmusic.org), and helping out my synagogue, this year as ritual chair. And, of course, it’s been a lot of fun working with my classmates to organize this yearbook.

Our two wonderful daughters keep us very happy. Lauren (engaged to Gabby) is an MSW specializing in community organization and management of human resources, currently coordinating youth empowerment programs through art and education, residing in Chicago. Ariel (engaged to Eric) is an art historian, managing The Edgar Modern Gallery in Bath, England. (www.edgarmodern.com) Two weddings upcoming in less than two years, phew!

This is only the second reunion I’ve attended. After years away from the school I decided to go to the 35th and was so delighted at seeing old friends (and being amazed that so many people remembered me) I decided then that I would work on this one.

I’ve missed many of you and look forward to renewing acquaintances in June.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Karen Klein, English, showed me the beauty and elegance of language. This contributed to my professional life as a marketer in which a great deal of my work involved writing and editing. And I am grateful to her for all she gave.

I was not the most successful and involved student for most of my years at Brandeis. However, Jim Haber, Biology, saw the real value I had underneath that failing. He gave me significant responsibility for part of his work as well as my own. This gave me the confidence to pursue graduate studies, albeit in a very different field. Indeed, had it not been for the grade he gave me, I might not have graduated. While ending my Brandeis career with well below a middling GPA, I finished at the Cornell business school first in my degree class. At least one lesson learned.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

To be perfectly honest, my Brandeis experience was mixed. Over the years I realized how much the school had to offer and how little I took advantage of it. I understand how right GB Shaw was when he said that, “Youth is wasted on the young.” At least in my case. Although, I certainly enjoyed the non-academic activities in which I participated. BUT I now know that, in spite of myself, I learned a great deal. It wasn’t so much the academic knowledge as life wisdom: How important friends are (especially having lost Peter Stark ’71, my dearest friend), how to take risks and approach tasks, how to seize opportunities and make the most of them, how to think more critically and more. All this may seem pretty mundane but the fact that I harbored so much regret about my Brandeis experience compelled me to make the most of the rest of my life. An odd way to capitalize on such a premier education. But it has definitely worked for me.
Life since Brandeis:

My wife, Sumru, and I have been happily married for 35 years. I started teaching at the Lewenberg Middle School, Mattapan, right after Brandeis. Taught 2 years, laid off during busing. Spent a year working for Boston Legal Aide, co-founder of Cambridge Food Co-op, Y.E.S. community organizer and camp director. Traveled overland to Brazil (hitched) and returned with Spanish and Portuguese skills. Landed job at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and taught bilingual special ed. for five years. Switched back to social studies and taught soc., psych., anthro., politics, American and world history. Also started and directed the largest H.S. Ski and Ride program in the country at CRLS, along with directing their Wilderness Program, (rock climbing, canoeing, winter camping, mountain hiking).

I retired from CRLS in 1989 (I was already 36!) and moved to Vermont with Sumru and our 2 boys, Darif and Raphael, who are now 25 and 27. I am an elected Vermont Justice of the Peace, (18 years), and still teach about five days a year because I sometimes miss it. I also run the Ski and Ride program at the Charlotte, VT, K-8 school, where we take 100 kindergarten to 8th grade students every Wednesday night to Bolton Valley (nearby). Sumru is an artist, (sumrutekin.com), and we’ve both gotten to be at home while the kids grew up. It has been a very good life.

We recently became grandparents to a beautiful baby girl, Logan Beatrix Krasnow, who is now 2-1/2. As I said, it’s a good life. These are some photos of the family, including Logan, ... along with some home-brewing activities in South Africa, where I was involved with a community project. I am currently working on a pediatric diagnostic tool developed by a friend of mine in Vermont which has the potential to be adopted globally, and serving on the Board of Ben & Jerry’s West Coast (San Diego), a family business.

I have been lucky enough to have traveled extensively through East and Central Africa, Europe, Central and South America, Turkey (Sumru is Turkish), Japan, South Africa, Caribbean, and every state in the U.S. Much of this was with my wife and sons, often “roughing” it. Lots of camping...

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Reunion.... Always, Michael (Kras)

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Gordie Fellman, and Maury Stein... for obvious reasons if you know them....

Write your own question and answer it:

How can I be reached? mkrasnow1@gmail.com, LinkedIn, or in Charlotte, Vermont.
Francine (Ladd) Sohn

Life since Brandeis:
Roger (‘73) and I have lived in California for the past 27 years, after living in Boston for several years, in addition to a one-year stint in Ireland, where I gave birth to our second son, Matthew, who is a proud member of the Irish-Jewish-American Association, a fictional society. I have 3 sons: Joshua (32), soon to be married; Matthew (30), and Jonathan (24). After Brandeis, I received a Master’s Degree in Special Education and taught for several years, before going for a second Master’s in Clinical Social Work, thereby fulfilling my quest to enter the two lowest paying fields possible! I have retired from being a therapist, and now spend my time as a volunteer docent at a National Historic Home, playing golf and tennis, painting, and traveling.

I had been the President of the Southern California chapter of the Brandeis Alumni Association, which brought me back to our alma mater several times per year. Roger and I will be going to Poland this May with the group from Brandeis, followed by a week in Israel.

Even though we live in California, we consider ourselves to be bi-coastal. Every year, for the past 27 years, we spend the summer on Martha’s Vineyard, where, coincidentally, many of our dearest East Coast friends also have homes. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to stay in close touch with our East Coast friends and family.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend reunion this year, but send my warmest wishes to the Class of ’74!
Life since Brandeis:
Although my writing professor at Brandeis told me sternly that I would never make it as a writer (!!), I am a New York Times and USA Today bestselling novelist of *Is This Tomorrow* and *Pictures of You*, and 7 additional novels. *Pictures of You* was on the Best Books of the Year List from the San Francisco Chronicle, the Providence Journal, Kirkus Reviews and Bookmarks Magazine. *Is This Tomorrow* was a Best Book of the Year from January magazine, A San Francisco Chronicle Editor’s Choice, a Jewish Book Council Book Club Pick, an Indie Bookstore Next Pick, and is currently longlisted for the Maine Reader’s Prize. I teach writing online for Stanford and UCLA, I work with private clients, and I review books for the Boston Globe, People Magazine and the San Francisco Chronicle. I was also a finalist in the Sundance Screenwriting Lab. I live in Hoboken with my husband, a writer and editor, and our teenaged son, who is an actor. I can be reached through www.carolineleavitt.com.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
I remember there was a rumor from the then-famous psychic Jean Dixon that there would be a mass murder in a college starting with the letter B in a girl’s dorm. I lived in North A and everyone was sure our dorm was the one that was going to be hit. We were all terrified! Everyone fled the dorm. I had mono and could barely get out of bed. Brandeis sent a security guard to keep me company and that night he sat up with me in the lounge and talked to me until the morning, when everyone came back. I never forgot that—and I always loved to see him around campus!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Oh, that would have to be the writing professor who told me I would never make it as a writer. There were 15 of us in his class and one person always brought in Valium and passed it around like party nuts. The first time he went through my story, he held it up like it was garbage. Tears streamed down my face, but I refused to leave his class. After I left Brandeis, when I published my first novel and got my first NYT review, I sent them both to him with a note that said, “I told you I could do this!” He wrote me back a really warm letter saying that he knew that I could, that he was just trying to get me angry enough to keep going!
Hi all --

I've had many great adventures since graduating Brandeis. Went to Washington, DC in '75 to attend grad school and got caught up in Jimmy Carter's long shot campaign. After the election, I served on a Presidential Commission on urban affairs and wrote a series of recommendations in the economic development area. Came back to Boston, ran a community development organization for three years, then joined Mayor Flynn’s Administration, first as a Housing Advisor, then as Director of Federal Relations. Also served in Mayor Tom Menino's Administration as Press Secretary, Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Chief of Projects and Partnerships. In the middle of the Menino years, ran my own consulting practice and worked with several non-profit food organizations, for-profit telecom companies, the Boston Housing Authority and a non-profit domestic violence prevention agency.

I am proud of writing legislation establishing the Massachusetts Housing Innovations Fund; staffing two Presidents of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and creating the framework for its committees on Education and Food Policy; directing the lobbying strategy that brought Boston a Federal Empowerment Zone designation; beginning the effort that led to Boston’s hosting its first national political convention; serving on a committee to create a tribute statue for Bill Russell; and securing state funds and identifying a site for a Boston Public Market for regional foods.

Have worked for innumerable political candidates in the Boston area and nationally, including Ralph Martin '74 (until recently, we lived several houses away), and Marc Draisen '78. Elected to Mass. Democratic State Committee in 2004, and chaired local Democratic ward committee.

Still love Boston sports and so fortunate to have experienced the 21st century surge of championships. Went to the Patriots first Super Bowl win, and many great victories since. And appropriate for a former Justice sports editor, still follow the fates of the basketball Judges, and am amazed that today, I can watch the games via video transmissions. As they say today, #RollDeis!

Write your own question and answer it:

Photos below are as follows:

1. Me and Red Sox World Series Trophy, 2014, Third in 11 years!
2. My going away party from City Hall, 2004, along with a super staff from the 1994-2004 Office of Intergovernmental Relations for City of Boston. Great group!
3. And back to 1993, Boston Mayor Ray Flynn gets sworn in as Ambassador to the Vatican and a crew of Bostonians headed to DC to celebrate.
Life since Brandeis:

Since leaving Brandeis I have enjoyed a life filled with family, great friends and interesting work. I was married for 30 years and have three children (Adam, age 35, is an attorney in ME and MA and is a Brandeis graduate; Amy, age 31, graduated from Hofstra and is currently working as a cardiovascular assistant at a cardiology practice in ME; David, age 29, graduated from U of Hartford and is an Informatics Specialist with Cigna in Hartford, CT. I am now divorced and still live in Portland, ME.

I have worked in education, sales and non-profit development. My current position is a Marketing/Community Affairs Specialist at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. I am based in Portland and cover ME and NH, but also spend time in our Wellesley office. I enjoy my work and the opportunity to spend time in three different offices with great staff.

Pam (Sacks) Weil and Joan (Smith) Clemons are still close friends and I try to get together with them several times a year.

I have been involved with Lyric Music Theater (a community theater in South Portland) for many years and enjoy performing in shows, as well as producing shows. I am a volunteer usher for Portland Ovations and at the Maine State Music Theater in the summer. I have always been involved in several community organizations and I am currently on the board of the Jewish Community Alliance (JCA) in Portland. I chair the Development Committee.

I finally went to Israel in 2006 and will be going back in May with a group from our Portland JCA. I am very excited about being in Israel again.

I often meet other Brandeis alumni and enjoy talking about our shared experiences at Brandeis.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

My years at Brandeis taught me to be a life-long learner. I find that I am always interested to learn something new and enjoy being challenged to think about issues from many perspectives. The liberal arts courses gave me an opportunity to learn about different ways of thinking and to always ask questions.

I also learned a great deal about different groups of people. Forty years ago, Portland, ME did not have a very diverse population, and I enjoyed learning about other cultures from many of the students at Brandeis. Those experiences helped me to want to learn more about various cultures and people.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I plan to continue working and enjoying my leisure time. I would like to travel more and hope to find more opportunities to take interesting courses.
Life since Brandeis:
I am a very lucky guy. I am very fortunate to be married to my beautiful wife Laurie Beth for thirty-five years. I have two wonderful daughters, Diana and Andrea. I have a great job teaching math and coaching football and baseball at BC High.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:
Living at Brandeis helped me to grow up.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I miss my roommates, teammates and friends Billy Gorgone, Dave DiMarzio, Dick Quinn, John Parcellin, Dave Arinella, John Bianchi and Basil Racheotes. I also miss playing baseball.
Life since Brandeis:

It is daunting to even think about summarizing 40 years, let alone do it. The only thing I can say is that it’s impossible to grab hold.

I am well, 40 years older, still working as a Labor Relations attorney in the entertainment industry. I have two kids, who are also well and thriving in their chosen graduate school programs, and a wonderful husband of 32 years. I truly apologize to everyone with whom I failed to stay in touch. You will know who you are, and I send my very fondest greetings; I think of you often. Not staying in touch is one of my greatest shortcomings. I unfortunately will not be at the Reunion due to plans already set to travel to far off places – my greatest joy, other than my family.


Be happy, be well; carpe diem.
Life since Brandeis:

Many of us remark on how quickly time goes by -- then we reflect on those years -- what we have given ... and what we received. It’s gone by quickly for me, too. I do not feel as if I am 40 years older. I returned to my home in Georgia with the entirety of my Brandeis experiences within me. I am grateful for them all. My work life has taken me from Emory School of Medicine, to the Georgia State Public Health system, to Morehouse School of Medicine, where I have spent the past, almost 28, years.

I love my work -- finding innovative ways to partner with folks to improve the health of people and communities, particularly underserved communities. I have been gifted the opportunity to teach medical students, and influence how they might interact with their patients and health policy in the future -- having an awareness of the role of social determinants in health status.

I have been able to travel to see much of the U.S., and a bit of the world, for work and pleasure. I never married -- have no children of my own, but benefit from the richness of being engaged with nieces and nephews, and friends, as they alternately struggle and soar through their life journeys. I know how fortunate -- and am grateful -- to have my Mom here...still guiding me, though now I can finally be more helpful to her. I have had enough personal illness to never take life for granted -- hip replacement and blood cancer (myeloma), and have been in optimal fitness in my rear view mirror (including bodybuilding contests) to work a bit each day to try to get it back. In my future, I see at least one book, substantial community improvement project/s, travel, reconnecting with you, and love of friends and family.
Kathy McDormand

Life since Brandeis:
Still maintain a close relationship with my two older sisters, both of whom attended Brandeis, as well as my brother and his 4 children. Love to travel and have taken a number of cruises - the most interesting one was last year, traveling across the Atlantic Ocean to Northern Europe. Still working full time and not sure when retirement will be an option.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Hanging out with my sisters at the Castle and watching basketball games at the gym. Some things have not changed.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
Hopefully, still healthy and working part time, so that I am able to try some activities that I’ve wanted to do, but haven’t had the time.
Life since Brandeis:

I feel like I have never quite managed to leave Brandeis. After graduating in 1974, I came back to Brandeis for graduate work in American history (eventually left without my PhD, but loved the program.) After a few years working on youth employment issues in state and local agencies, came back to Brandeis to work at a small center at the Heller School focused on youth development (education, employment, etc.). Since then, I’ve spent more than 25 engaging and productive years at the Center for Youth and Communities, evaluating youth and education programs, and helping nonprofits around the country figure out how to document their efforts, and use data to improve the way they serve disadvantaged young people. Can’t think of a better way of using the analytical and critical thinking skills I learned at Brandeis.

At home, I’ve been happily married for 30 years to Sarah Person, whom I’ve known since high school. While I’ve been in one job for 25 years, she has explored several careers, all with a helping focus, and culminating in her move into the ministry. She now leads a small Unitarian Universalist congregation in Middleboro, MA. A challenging and enriching experience! We have two daughters, aged 26 and 23, who are out of college and exploring the next stages of their lives away from home.

Like everyone else in this class, I can’t believe that it’s been 40 years since graduation. Looking forward to seeing what the next 40 are like.
Life since Brandeis:

My father recently asked me if I was happy with my life. “Yes,” I answered without hesitation. I feel blessed to have family and friends that I treasure, professional work that is fulfilling and meaningful to me, and community involvement that enriches me spiritually and emotionally.

My husband, Phil Benjamin (class of 1973), and I live in Framingham, MA, and we are active in our temple community. I participate in the choir, after believing for years that I could not carry a tune!

I am a Steering Committee member of the Daughters of Abraham interfaith book group, and a proud Me’ah graduate. I also have become an avid knitter and have inspired some friends to join me in that hobby.

Professionally, I am an attorney and mediator with a solo practice in Natick, MA.

I was recently listed in Boston’s Top Rated Lawyers, and the biography from that piece includes that I am an attorney, mediator, and arbitrator, with over 36 years of experience. I serve as a hearing officer for the Commonwealth Health Connector, and as arbitrator for Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and American Arbitration Association (AAA).

I was a Governor appointee to the Board of Registration in Medicine, and was President of the Women’s Bar Association and of the New England Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution. I currently serve on the Board of the Metrowest Mediation Services, a community mediation organization. I am a certified mediator with the Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation. My website is www.milbergmediation.com

Phil and I have two wonderful sons, Jason (27) and Alex (22). Both graduated college and are gainfully employed! More importantly, they are kind and loving young men.

We have stayed close with Brandeis friends, and enjoy reunions two years in a row every five years.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I look back at my Brandeis experience with nostalgia, and view those years as among the best years for me. I explained to both of my sons, that college is an opportunity to be on your own, live among friends, pursue intellectual and social experiences without cares or worries. It is a time to be treasured. I took many different types of classes in varying departments. I truly loved it!
Life since Brandeis:

My husband Jeffrey and I have lived in Santa Barbara for over thirty years. We have three wonderful children: our daughter, Shira, who is a financial analyst and lives in Newport Beach with her husband, her two-year-old twins, and her one-year-old daughter; Asher, our older son who was recently married and is an Orthopaedic Surgery resident at UCLA; and our younger son, Eli, who is also a resident in Orthopaedic Surgery, also at UCLA. My husband and I are both physicians. He is in private practice in Pulmonary Medicine and I practice Pediatrics for Santa Barbara County. This is the first time in over fifteen years that our entire family is living in Southern California and we are very happy!
Life since Brandeis:

After the usual travels, I began medical school at age 30. We currently live halfway between Baltimore (for my practice of psychiatry) and Washington, DC (my husband is at NASA). None of our 3 daughters went to Brandeis (sigh) but they are doing well and live scattered between Boston and South Carolina. Only the oldest is married. Would love to catch up with any classmates.
Tom Phillips

**Life since Brandeis:**
I've been very fortunate to have learned enough about life and myself to have a very satisfying career and a good life. Everyone has a different concept of fun, or success, or what is truly important to them. I get to be creative everyday and compose music for films that are diverse and of the highest quality. I enjoy good health, due to a stringent exercise regime and a good diet, and my wife and I enjoy each other’s partnership and our animals and love of nature.

**Where do you see yourself in the next few years?**
Just keep on doing what I've been doing... only better and better. Of course my race times are slowing down, but my composing acumen and sensibility to create unique film music should keep getting better and better. I have no plans to retire... period.

**Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:**
What did I actually learn at Brandeis? Other than the obvious of having read and analyzed and created and failed and succeeded, the one thing I really learned from my experience there was how to think. And the consequences of not thinking.
Life since Brandeis:

Perhaps one never stops being a critical thinker and advocate with a Brandeis education. During one of my early jobs with Native American tribes in New Mexico and Arizona, I was a guest at the home of a human rights lawyer in Flagstaff. There on her shelf was a Brandeis yearbook! Vertical promotion was unlikely, but my life has been so diverse and rich with experience to share with students. First there was VISTA, then graduate school in Wisconsin. Falling in love took me to New Mexico where I worked for Pueblo Indian tribal governments and the state. Years later, I met Mike through the Society for Applied Anthropology and we had our daughter, Amber, now 20 and a student of political science and creative writing/theater. Family life took me to D.C. and Minnesota, and then back to graduate school for a doctorate in planning, with a focus on indigenous rights and regional planning. Travel and university work have taken me hiking through mountains and villages in Idaho, the Philippines, Asia, and Ireland. This year, my extended family is celebrating the publication of my mother’s book, Dolly, Her Story, a tale of my Canadian-Irish grandmother’s perseverance raising 8 siblings through all the crises of the 20th Century.

After a varied career as a strategic advisor and planner for tribal, state, federal, regional and non-governmental agencies, and as a university faculty member, I started Gascelle Strategic Services. Through Gascelle, fellow change agents and I provide facilitation, conflict management, visioning and strategic plan implementation assistance to the many academic and other institutions, trying to build a new culture among employees who feel at risk. This will be my first Brandeis reunion and I hope to hear everyone’s stories.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

The Sachar International Studies Program was the formative gift I took from Brandeis. I came to Brandeis in 1972 as one of the first group of transfer students. We gravitated to the international students, who were also on unfamiliar ground. First, there was the dancing, then the struggles with Aysha studying linguistic structures, and then, friends kept from Peru, Nigeria and around the world. Brandeis gave me an experience that formed my values, my awareness of international politics, and my career - I won a Latin American undergraduate grant to do independent summer anthropology research in Peru. Off I went with a list of four names from my Peruvian friends and a dog tag supplied by a nervous mother. Chile was in crisis, mass migrations to cities was underway, and prejudice toward “cholos” remained. This experience drove me into urban planning and back to get a PhD in 2007. I have come full circle, studying Quichua and working on people and protected area issues in Ecuador.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

After a constantly changing career in New Mexico, Washington, D.C., Minnesota, and Idaho, I am also reclaiming personal priorities while building Gascelle. The next few years will bring the joys of seeing our college-aged daughter find her own social justice and theatrical voice, and of spending time with an aging parent in NH. I will live part-time as a researcher in Ecuador while re-establishing connections in New England and New Mexico. Last year I visited dear Brandeis friend Margaret McBride (’75) and her family in Norway and next I will seek out the international friends, such as Iroka Udeinya, that I met at Brandeis (all are doing outstanding work in the world). Finally, I plan to take long self-supported bike rides and backpacking trips through many mountains, to write op-ed pieces and human interest stories of those I meet by riding the world’s trains. I imagine myself as a trouble-making granny in the years to come.
Life since Brandeis:

BC (before children, 1974 to 1985) - Japanese studies, foreign service officer, computer salesman, Brandeis alumni development, business school, small press publications salesman (and board game player)... a sense that I would never find myself.

AC (after children, 1985 to now) - Found myself... father, strategist, marketer, MUSEUM manager (and board game player).

Life has provided its share of challenges, but any fair assessment makes me a much luckier man than I ever imagined possible. I gave myself permission to pursue my dreams (however odd they might have seemed to those around me) and every day I am surprised by the bits and pieces that come true.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

OK, this is a toss-up:

1. Ellen Jaffe’s orientation show “Good Friends.” I wasn’t in the show but many of my friends were. I loved the lyrics and music and have carried them with me for 40 years (first as a cassette tape, now as digital files). I listen to the music and it’s as though time stands still... I remember what it felt like to be young - the weird combination of exuberant self-confidence and fear about life outside the university’s walls.

2. The hours spent working on “Your Mother Should Know” with Sam Poulton at WBRS. The incredibly schlocky segments are both a source of embarrassment and a test-drive for what would become a lifetime of public shtick.

Write your own question and answer it:

Which Brandeis administrator was most influential in your life?

Dr. David Steinberg has been, by far, the most influential person in my life outside my immediate family. David was Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board when I came to Brandeis. He selected me to participate in an All University Retreat (administrators, faculty and students) during my junior year. I entered the Retreat a scared kid feeling that I couldn’t make a difference... when I left I was still a scared kid, but I had the sense that I could be a force for change. David’s recommendation is the principal reason I got into Yale and the foreign service. When I came back to Waltham to work in alumni relations, he was my boss’ boss. When he became President of LIU, he invited me to be Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board. David gave me a ringing endorsement that allowed me to enter the museum field and remains a friend to this day.
Paula Rabinowitz

Life since Brandeis:
Charlie Mingus at graduation ... says it all.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Adrienne Rich, who died in 2012 a few months after my mother’s death. Her class “Images of Women in the Poetry of Men,” Fall 1972, sent me on a life-long investigation of poetry, feminist writing and friendship. We remained in contact for many years. I last saw her during her visit to UMN after she took a ten-hour drive from Missouri, where she’d given a reading, on September 11, 2001. When all planes were grounded, she found a driver to bring her here because, as she said, she wanted to be near me, someone she felt close to from the past, on that devastating day.
Life since Brandeis:

After completing my BA in Music from Brandeis, I continued my studies, first in the Netherlands at the Instituut voor Sonologie in Utrecht (electronic and computer music), and then at Cornell University in Ithaca (musical theory and composition). I graduated from Cornell with an MFA degree in 1980. While studying at Cornell I was drawn to the music of the Icelandic composer Jón Leifs, who at that time was more or less ignored by musicians and the public alike. My final thesis was based on analysis of several of Leifs’ works and included a comprehensive chronicle of his life. Jón Leifs is now considered the single most important composer in Icelandic music history.

Since 1980 I have mostly been living in Iceland, in Reykjavík and in the neighbouring town Kópavogur. For many years I made my living as a freelance composer and performer, but in 1998 I was appointed as the first Rector of the newly established Iceland Academy of the Arts (IAA). I finished my third and final five-year-term as a Rector in last August, and since then I am freelancing again. The Academy is now a fully accredited academic institution in the fields of arts, awarding degrees at Bachelor’s and Master’s levels in Music, Theatre, Contemporary Dance, Fine Arts, Design, Architecture, and in Art Education.

Before taking on the task of establishing the IAA, I was particularly active in cultural politics and was elected for leadership in various artists’ associations. This includes serving as Chairman of the Society of Icelandic Composers from 1988-1992, and President of the Federation of Icelandic Artists from 1991-1998. Also, I was a member of the board of STEF – The Performing Rights Society for many years, and on the board of the Iceland Music Information Centre from 1983-1988. Additionally, I have written articles and essays on various academic and cultural-political subjects, as well as lecturing on matters of culture, science, and the arts.

My music ranges from shorter solo compositions to larger symphonic works, from lieder to musicals and opera. Also, I have composed extensively for dance and theatrical productions as well as films. Furthermore, I have worked with numerous choirs and vocal groups both as a composer and conductor.

Among my larger works are In Black & White for orchestra, Concerto for Organ and Orchestra, Over a Still Morning for violincello and orchestra, the chamber opera Rhodymenia Palmata, Five Preludes for Piano, the electronic composition Nocturne, Tendrils for a voice and string quartet, Three Songs without Words for voice and percussion, Romanza for chamber ensemble, Mass for a mixed choir a cappella, and the ballet Rauður þráður.

I have three children: Ragnar (b. 1978), Nina Sigríður (b. 1992) and Snorri (b. 1993). I am married to Ása Richardsdóttir, former executive director of the Iceland Dance Company and now a leader of Nordic and international projects in the field of contemporary theatre and dance.

My main interests, besides the arts, are physical sciences (particularly physics and astronomy), and environmental protection. I travel extensively, both within Iceland and abroad, but unfortunately the U.S. has not been a frequent destination. I thank Brandeis, and particularly the Wien Foundation, for providing me with the finest education imaginable. Brandeis really changed my life.
Kenny Raskin

Life since Brandeis:

Well...upon leaving Brandeis I planned to become a lawyer, but the closest I ever got was playing the Humphrey Bogart role in a stage production of “The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial”. I became an actor, and then, to my father’s chagrin but eventual pleasure, a clown and physical comedian of some renown. I performed with Cirque du Soleil, originated a role in a Broadway musical, and otherwise made a pretty good go of it. Around 1998, I tired of show biz, and, as luck would have it, fell in with a group of actors who take their skills into the business world. The past 17 years has seen me teaching executives of all ages, shapes and nationalities how to have more emotional impact in their work. I must say I love it!

I am married for 20 years to a lovely gal from Texas -- Joanna -- and we daily enjoy with delight our son, Evan, a bright and engaging 16 year old. I stay in touch with Arnie and Michael, and occasionally, others from that motley crew in Ridgewood! And recently, I heard from Rodney! I hope to see him soon...

Sorry to miss the reunion. Gotta go to a Bar Mitzvah...

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

I’d have to say Stephen Whitfield. He engaged me intellectually, and genuinely seemed interested in what I thought and had to say.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Hitchhiking with the boys into Cambridge each Saturday to buy albums at the COOP.
I have spent my life with the image of Professor Alexander Altmann in my head and in my heart. I’ve been teaching Plato’s Symposium, and so much of it is about the inspiration of mentors. I think of how Plato spent his life in dedication to his teacher, Socrates, thinking through and working through that early experience. And then there’s Alcibiades—the spurned student of Socrates who ended up being the Benedict Arnold of classical Greece in his defection to Sparta. Passions larger than life. And then I remember Peter Diamandopoulos saying to me just before graduation that I should follow not just a career but a ‘calling’. I have struggled with my internalized mentors as well as my internalized parents and have finally reached some peace, I think.

I’ve lived in Upstate, New York for more than 30 years, teaching undergrads Jewish Studies and philosophy at Hamilton College. I finally published my book, The Self Beyond Itself: An Alternative History of Ethics, the New Brain Sciences, and the Myth of Free Will (2013), which was ten years in the making, supported by a $500,000 unsolicited grant from the Ford Foundation. It was a thrill to be invited back to Brandeis last fall to give a talk on the book. My daughter, Simha, is 37(!) and a forensic psychiatrist with a little girl, Lucy, age 2 1/2. Simi, her husband, Tim, and Lucy are settling in Vermont where Simi is going to be one of the medical directors at the Brattleboro Retreat. I am currently remarried and blissfully happy. Eric Evans, my husband, took early gradual retirement from Cornell, where he works in IT, and is focusing more on poetry writing, playing various ethnic flutes (shakuhachi, ney, Irish flute), photography. Cazenovia, where we live, is a gem.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

I miss the incredible intellectual excitement and edginess of Brandeis. Hamilton College, where I have taught for more than 30 years, is a terrific school, warm and supportive and inviting. The teaching conditions are wonderful and the students wonderfully bright. I miss, however, Brandeis’s wildly vibrant scholarly community, its intellectual challenge, shared moments of discovery.

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Beverly Rich

Life since Brandeis:
I started at Brandeis with the class of '74, but took my junior year in England and stayed, graduating there. However, I married Martin Kessel (Brandeis '71) and at one of his reunions, encountered a '74 alum also married to a '71 alum, who suggested I come to a '74 reunion. I did, and have enjoyed reconnecting with '74 friends and classmates -- including half my sophomore math class at one reunion! There were only 8 in the class, but I was still pleasantly surprised.

I've stayed mostly in the Boston area since college, except for 2 years in Arkansas working as a low-income legal services lawyer. The best part of our lives has been our son Nathan, now 23 -- included in the photos posted.
We live in Natick, MA now, on the Charles River and close to conservation land.
I'll be at the reunion, and am looking forward to seeing people again!
Life since Brandeis:

Not much has happened since I left Brandeis. I moved all the way down the street, to live closer to Tufts. No longer live in a dorm, but still have really noisy steam heat in my house. Still looking to find myself. Changed my major a few times. Ended up with three graduate degrees. I had a career in social work, did family therapy, ran a child outpatient department and changed my mind; now working in high-tech, multimedia. Worked for the Mass Department of Education and the Computer Museum, now in a hospital system setting, making websites and clinical videos, etc. Worked for a top ten law firm while I was in transition. Don’t have any kids that I know of.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

I learned a lot of life lessons from Brandeis but now that I’m aging I’ve started to forget them all.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

I’d be willing to relive all four years. We should all go back at this age and see what the mass chemical drop-in would be like, Bronstein Day. Cholmondeley’s, seeing if Ike and Tina Turner show up this time. The great original mailroom, crowded, wading through three inches of paper on the floor. The one payphone at the end of the hall, hanging off the wall by wires having been rigged by the downstairs guys so we can make long-distance calls. Sharing a tiny room or a bathroom with a floor of strangers. Our diet from soda and candy machines. The great “How fast were you going?” Mass Pike scene, with our future doctors and scientists, that ended up on TV on “thirtysomething”. What would it have been like with cells, FB, email, twitter, and music collections lighter with iTunes.
Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:

I transferred to Brandeis for my junior year from a public university. I had to adjust to being around people who were intellectually curious and while that was great, I had to learn to be a disciplined thinker. At SUNY New Paltz, you just had to show up. Developing intellectual discipline made grad school (Northeastern MBA) and the work world easy.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

While I have had professional success, my life changed when my son was diagnosed with autism. Learning to confront adversity has been the most satisfying event in my life.

Life since Brandeis:

After a too-long career in corporate America, I became a financial planner in 2010. I am one of two partners in a small financial planning firm in Jamesburg, NJ. After over 30 years as a CPA, I added Certified Financial Planner to my personal portfolio.

I have lived in central New Jersey for the past 28 years. My wife, Diana, and I have a son and a daughter. My son, Matthew, is 25 and has autism. He is in a day program at New Horizons in Autism and lives with us. Our daughter, Andrea, lives in Brooklyn and works as a research assistant in the neuro-science department at Barnard College where she earned a degree in biology.

Andrea was accepted at Brandeis and claims it was her second choice!

Life is good - a career change has been great for my sanity and I hope to retire by my 80th birthday!
Life since Brandeis:
I have five daughters in my blended family. I have spent time doing several jobs but none are as satisfying as writing. I have had my work published in several periodicals including ESSENCE and AMERICAN VISIONS. In addition, I wrote a question-and-answer booklet on African American History for the Quiz Wiz game.

What do you miss most about Brandeis?
I miss the original gospel choir. I miss everything about this organization.
Life since Brandeis:

Following graduation, I attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, where I was ordained in 1979; and also received an MS in Education from the University of Pennsylvania. I have served as Director of Education at Congregation Beth El in Levittown, PA; and at Temple Neve Shalom in Metuchen, NJ; and was just recently honored for twenty years of service as Director of Education and Programming at Beth El Temple in West Hartford, CT. In 1980, I married Cheryl Kelman and we have three beautiful daughters, Miriam, 30, Shira, 27, and Ilana, 23.
Life since Brandeis:
Happily married for 31 years with four sons between the ages of 21-30. No grandchildren yet. Still working as a Pulmonary/Critical Care physician in the great city of Chicago. Currently building a house in northern Israel where I met my wife with plans to semi-retire there.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Dr. Izenberg of the History of Ideas Dept. He exposed me to so many topics in a short time which was wonderful because I was a science major and had a lot of pre-requisites to take.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
The best memories remain the shared experiences with my friends.
Life since Brandeis:
Although I did not graduate from Brandeis, but transferred and graduated from BU, I will always feel like a Brandeis alum. I am a librarian at FIT (MLS Columbia, MA in Art History Hunter College) and studied painting at the Art Students League. We have a 20-year-old son who is studying theater technology. I will always remember my Brandeis years fondly and cherish the friends I made there.

Write your own question and answer it:
Would I recommend Brandeis? YES! I remember they told us at freshman orientation that Brandeis was not about teaching us a career. We could learn that on the job. Jobs will change and we may have many different jobs. Instead they would teach us how to think and that would serve us well wherever we landed. I wish there was less emphasis on careers for this generation, and more belief that college is a place where one has the freedom to experiment and grow.
Life since Brandeis:

Charley and I married the summer we graduated. We moved to NY for a few years and both attended graduate school — Charley attended NYU law and the Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical School and I studied at Columbia for a PhD in Ancient Semitic Studies. We later moved to Chicago to work and raise a family. We have 3 children, 2 sons-in-law, 2 young granddaughters, and a soon to be added daughter-in-law (both our son and his fiancée are Brandeis graduates ‘10’).

I always worked while raising our children. My career path has crossed many disciplines, which has kept things interesting. Over the years I taught Bible and Biblical Hebrew, worked as an educational consultant in Jewish education and became a vice president in a large economics consulting firm. Two years ago, I joined Charley’s trusts and estates law firm (started by Charley in 2006) and have taken over the role of business manager. We would never have been able to work together when he first started the firm but six years into it was a good time for a transition. So 40 years after attending classes together at Brandeis and participating in many intellectually challenging arguments/discussions, we are once again together much of our waking hours sharing the financial and strategic challenges of running a firm and envisioning the future. Many of our friends are winding down and beginning to think about retirement. We are enjoying this stage of our lives and want to keep going for a while longer.
Life since Brandeis:

I continue to have very fond memories of my time at Brandeis. These were reinforced for me when my older son Matt went there as well.

After 11 years of medical school and training in NYC (Columbia-Presbyterian) and one year of training in Boston (Brigham and Women’s Hospital), my wife Gail and I moved to Hartford, CT, in 1987. We raised our family there and have been there ever since. I am at the tail end of a very satisfying career as a vascular surgeon. Although my professional life has had its share of twists and turns (program director of a surgical residency program, private practice), I am currently the chair of Surgery at St. Francis Hospital and continue to practice.

Gail has worked as a school nurse. Our son, Matt was married in October and lives with his wife, Arielle (also a Brandeis grad), in Chicago. After getting an MHA from Cornell, he works in a small boutique health care consulting firm. Our younger son Jordan graduated from the University of Maryland, and is finishing up a master’s degree at Georgetown in Sports Management and Information Technology. He is on the verge of getting engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Rebecca.

Vascular Surgery has been the focus of my working life. When not on call, I have spent a lot of time volunteering in a variety of positions (including the International Board of Directors) with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). I have also been fortunate to have spent many, many great days on the beach with my family in Ogunquit ME; Cape May, NJ; Delray Beach, FL; Hilton Head, SC; and Dana Point, CA. And of course I continue to work diligently on my golf swing.
Pamela Sacks Weil

Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I spent two years as a speech and language teacher in the public schools. In 1976, I married Peter and we moved to San Francisco. There, I became involved in Jewish formal and informal education, as a synagogue school teacher and director of youth activities at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center. Memorable from that period was my role as a member of the team that established the New American absorption program (dubbed “Soviet Emigres”) in the late seventies. I also chaired the Brandeis alumni admissions committee in the SF area, and was able to keep up with some fellow alumni. While living in San Francisco I received a master’s degree in creative arts education. My first son, Jason (deceased) and my second son, Daniel (now 29), were also born in San Francisco.

Although San Francisco was supposed to be a temporary home for us, after a few years, we thought we would never leave. We still have many close friends there and return often. After almost ten years, a job change for my husband brought us back to Newton, where we have been ever since. Eric and Melissa (now 23), were born here and my three children lived and grew up in the same house. They consider that both remarkable and unusual.

After working part time in Jewish education for several years, I became the Director of Education at Temple Beth David in Westwood, where I have remained for 17 years. I have had many opportunities to visit the Brandeis campus in my professional life, and have met many colleagues and friends who are also alumni. In this way, Brandeis has remained part of my life. These are the facts, but they don’t really tell the story of the forty-year journey that began at Brandeis and continued along some expected, but also some totally unpredictable paths. As I contemplate my retirement, I am ready for the next phase of my life.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

Who wouldn’t want to relive the entire adventure that was Brandeis? A lot of it blurs together in my memory, or lack of one, at this point. But four years of self-indulgent living with friends, learning from phenomenal mentors, and having very little responsibility...what’s wrong with that? Too bad we didn’t appreciate it at the time!
Life since Brandeis:

Life is good! I recently retired from my human resources work, and am exploring what will be next. Travel, drawing and painting, and volunteer work are on the near horizon.
Betsy Sarason Pfau

Life since Brandeis:

I married Dan Pfau ’73 a month after graduation and moved to the Boston area. I looked for a teaching job, but wound up working in his field of computers, eventually selling software, becoming a top sales rep in the Northeast. Dan went to grad school and became a management consultant. He was with Andersen Consulting at the time of the IPO when they became Accenture.

I had our first son, David, when I was 32, stayed home 18 months; our second son, Jeffrey was born 4 years later. Then I was home for good, as we couldn’t both travel and care for the children. I began volunteering in various capacities, and Jeffrey consumed lots of time. Through the years he had various diagnoses beginning with ADHD, then Asperger’s syndrome, then mood disorder, so caring for him was paramount.

My volunteer activities included 6 years on the Alumni Board at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, and many capacities at Brandeis. Though my main focus is the Rose Art Museum, which I joined 24 years ago and became a Board member 16 years ago, I also served a term on the Alumni Board, life member of the Brandeis National Committee (formerly Women’s Committee) and a term on their National Board, 2 arts council committees and 7 years on the current Arts Council. And of course, all the Reunion work I’ve done for my class and Dan’s for the past 25 years, as well as being the original Class Correspondent. For the past 11 years I have sung with the Newton Community Chorus. For 10 years I have also volunteered at the huge annual art sale to benefit the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

My boys are now 28 and 24, respectively. David majored in Physics at Stanford and is (hopefully) in the final stage of his PhD in theoretical neuroscience at Columbia. With lots of support, Jeffrey finally blossomed. He graduated from Brown with a degree in Computer Science and works for Apple in Cupertino, CA as a software developer.

Dan retired 12 years ago. We have a house on Martha’s Vineyard and we spend 4 or 5 months there where he likes to golf and I work out and we spend time with friends. We are movie crazy and have started attending some film festivals. We do some travel, try to see our kids a few times a year and I stay in touch with a broad collection of people dating back to my neighbors from Detroit in 1952. The arts remain central to my life, seeing and participating, though I never acted in a play after leaving Brandeis.
Life since Brandeis:

Recruited from Brandeis by IBM, I began my career in Waltham, MA. In less than a year I transferred back home to the Midwest (Chicago), where I met my husband, Melvin. We married in 1977; fast-forward four years, we had one son, fast forward again six years we had fraternal triplets (two boys and a girl). The years that followed found us owners of a Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership in Warrensburg, MO, that we ultimately sold in 2005. I probably should mention that during that time I became a high school math teacher: major career change! A lot more work for a lot less money.

Our children are all college grads now and are all employed (thank God!) So on to the next phase--which is downsizing housewise and travel, hopefully.
Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I received both law and MBA degrees and practiced law in the New York area until 2007. I married Myna German ’73 in 1985 and have two children. Our older son, Henry ’10, is currently working in Washington, DC; our younger son, Teddy, graduates from Princeton this month.

In 2007 we moved to Dover, Delaware where Myna is a professor of Mass Communication at Delaware State University.

Small town life is radically different from New York but we’re enjoying the change.

I’m still very close to my Brandeis friends Marc Berger and Barry Bellovin, both from our class of ’74 as well as Stanley Roth, Mark Fidelman and Gary Tepper, all of the class of ’75. It seems like we’ve spent a lifetime together, and we have. All in all, a wonderful thing.
Life since Brandeis:

It has been an interesting journey. I have traveled around the world, worked with many companies large and small. But, by far, the most important part of my life is my family. Watching my daughter being Bat Mitzvahed has been the highlight of my life.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Barney Schwalberg. He got me my start towards a business career. He did chide me for inventing the upwardly sloping demand curve. But, I was actually right. It does exist. That is what good marketing is all about.

What adventure at Brandeis would you most like to relive?

I loved working at WBRS as News Director, then General Manager. I even got to interview Abby Hoffman - though failed to edit out all the expletives. Sorry, Bob Brot!
Life since Brandeis:

Professionally: After 30 years at The Philadelphia Inquirer, I wisely took a buyout in 2009. (Translation: I caught one of the last lifeboats off the Titanic.) Through serendipity and sheer force of will, I reinvented myself as an academic. I teach Critical Writing at The University of Pennsylvania, where I am full-time faculty. Going from the moribund world of newspapers to the exciting atmosphere of an Ivy League campus has been life changing. I was trained to write, but I was born to teach.

Personally: I have been married for 23 years to photographer Penny Jeannechild. Together, we have three grown children.

We live on the Main Line with two extraordinary dogs. Joey, a Zen-like sheepdog, trusts all humans and can be had for a cookie. Rudy, a terrier, is a psychotic bark machine.

My daughter, Elizabeth, 28, is a second-year Ph.D. student in Psych at the University of Virginia. She wants to be a therapist, and has promised us family rates.

When Liz was seven, she said that when she grew up, she intended to marry a man. My first reaction was, ‘Dear God, let this be a phase.’ My second reaction: ‘I’ll have to start a support group for Parents of Heterosexuals’.
Anne Shyavitz Foran

Life since Brandeis:

I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area after graduation and have lived here since. I took an MBA and worked in the tech industry as a Marketing Communications Specialist for several years before I started my family. I have a recently married daughter, Peggy, age 34, who lives in Burbank with her husband. She works for a nonprofit in the energy management field after completing her masters at BU several years ago. My husband is an audio engineer manager for a video production company. My son, Patrick, is 26 and lives in San Jose. He is in IT networking. In the early 1990’s I went back to school for a Masters in Counseling Psychology. I now work as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for my county’s Mental Health Department. I plan to retire this year after nearly 15 years there, sell my home of 22 years and move on to the next stage of life. I intend to enjoy every minute of it!

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I see myself traveling and getting back to the hobbies I didn’t have time for these past 20-30 years (singing/theater) as well as adding some new ones (organic gardening).
Albert Silliman

Life since Brandeis:
After our graduation (which I did not attend), I stayed at Brandeis for another two years to complete my master’s degree in Biophysics at the Rosenstiel Center, and then left the US with plans to return to India. Instead, I ended up in Israel where I spent seven years working, studying and living very intensely in Jerusalem. In 1983, I found myself back in Cambridge and have since settled here. I am still working as a software engineer. I got married in 1991, and my wife and I have two sons. We travel a lot, so I would love to hear from my far-flung friends from those wonderful Brandeis years.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
I expect to retire in the next couple of years, but after all these years I am still searching for the path that will combine my various abilities, desires and needs.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Dr. Andrew Szent Gyorgi has always been an inspiration to me and remains so to this day.
Life since Brandeis:

It’s the eve of Daylight Savings, March 2014; I’m almost embarrassed to confess that it was an exquisite 75 degrees today, here in Malibu. I came back to California in 1974 for grad school, and yes, I am grateful and appreciate the ideal climate in Southern California. But I would never trade my time at Brandeis—the friends I made, the classes I took, the experiences I had, and the values I formed. How can so few years have such a significant impact?

I’m beginning to understand the answer to that question, now that my 3 kids have graduated from their respective college and/or universities. My children are becoming the people they are because of their experiences. I guess that’s what life is about!

I will have been married 37 years about 10 days after I complete this entry. My husband, Steve Albert, is from Brookline. He’s an architect and has had his own practice for 35 years. I’ve been working with him for about 7 of those years—not an easy business! The Albert Group Architects does primarily commercial, institutional, and public work and a few really gorgeous homes. Check us out: www.tagarch.net (thealbertgrouparchitects.net).

We have three grown children: Sandy (Alexander), 33, lives in Bushwick (Brooklyn) and is ideally pursuing a career in real estate development. He’s single and looking for the right woman. I hope he meets someone who tells him to move back to California. Our daughter, Mimi (Marisa), 29, moved from Manhattan (UWS/Harlem) to Menlo Park (Palo Alto) with her MPH from Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. She’s the founding Manager of Complex Care for Stanford/Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital—Manager of Complex Care. She’s a marathon runner and looking for the right guy—preferably someone who can keep up with her on many different levels. Todd, 22, is our baby who, by the time you read this, will have graduated from U Penn (English major)—May 19, 2014—40 years to the date from our Class of ’74 graduation. Todd’s a marathoner, tennis player, multi-lingual great kid! Did I mention, “he’s intelligent, creative, clever and entrepreneurial—and looking for a job?” Todd spent junior year Spring semester in Paris, interned with The Tennis Channel at Roland Garros 2013 and then worked at Tennis Channel Santa Monica headquarters in production. He went on Birthright over winter break and finished Penn, just chillin’, studying conversational Hebrew, French films, and films of Woody Allen. Todd’s coming back to L.A. on a 1-way ticket. Anyone hiring? He’s a hard-worker, has impeccable character and would’ve made a great Brandeisian.

Me? I haven’t changed much. I taught art history after grad school, and worked for a corporate art collector in the late 70’s, early ’80’s. I served on the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery for many years. We were active in local, county, and state politics, and hosted fundraising events for almost every Democratic candidate who managed to lose election. I worked my tuchus off for the kids’ school—public (Beverly Hills & Malibu) and private—Harvard-Westlake School. We have been members of Wilshire Boulevard Temple for over 25 years. The building is a National Historic Landmark. We are grateful for the influence the Temple has had on our children. WBT is an amazing center of learning, inspiration and community. Truth be told, our closest friends are mostly people I’ve connected or reconnected with through Brandeis. I’m proud to have served as Brandeis Alumni Club, Southern California President, AAC (Alumni Admissions Council) Southern Calif. Chair and Member-at-Large on Brandeis National Alumni Board. I co-chaired BAMD! Brandeis Alumni Making a Difference—Leadership Weekend (x2). It’s in my capacity as a Brandeis volunteer, that I came to appreciate the University and its leaders—past, present, and future and to realize the untapped and endless potential, yet remaining. By the time you read this, my husband and I, along with 25+ Brandeis alumni, will have “Pilgrimaged to Poland,” led by Professor Antony Polonsky and President Lawrence and his wife, Kathy, who is a fellow Angeleno.

Oh dear, I just saw that we were supposed to answer specific questions:

Hmmm.....VALUE SYSTEM cemented at Brandeis; FAVS: Massell Quad/Pond, Chapel Field on lunch trays, Professors Gerry Bernstein, Bobby Koff, Pauli Murray, Milton Sachs, ROOM MATES: Sally Shulman, Diane Gass. LIFE LESSONS: Don’t follow advisor’s advice to go back to Delano, CA and get married—didn’t belong at Brandeis!

Be your own person! Truth, Even Unto Its Innermost Parts.
Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Professor Goldsmith, as he always personally engaged me. Furthermore, he always respected other’s opinions. He made you want to obtain more knowledge.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I attended the University of Michigan School of Medicine. Ann Arbor was a wonderful place academically and socially. I then did an internship in Long Island, and did my ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. I joined an existing practice and continue to practice there. It is in the “other” West Chester, which is one hour west of Philadelphia. I live in King of Prussia (5 minutes from “the Mall”), and am finalizing my divorce. I have two sons aged 20 and 23. The younger is still in college, and the older is teaching in the Philadelphia public school system. I love living in the Philadelphia area, but visit childhood friends in NYC, and take advantage of the cultural offerings of NYC whenever possible. It is a mere two hours (the way I drive).

As far as Brandeis connections, I have run into Alan Tepper and Joel Fiedler over the years in Philadelphia. I did attend the 5th year reunion, and interestingly ended up talking with classmates I had not known very well as an undergrad. It seemed like people were still trying to figure out where they wanted to go with their lives.

Even though I am almost done with my 60th year, I feel like I am finally getting a lot closer to discovering what life is all about, and what I want the last chapter of my life to look like. I have a bucket list (who doesn’t? LOL), and have started to check off some items (like doing my own radio interview show). As my good friend from childhood reminds me, one is never too old to learn life lessons, especially when it comes to relationships.
Life since Brandeis:
I have been fortunate to have a fulfilling career in surgery dealing with trauma, oncology, academics, and most recently health informatics. My wife, Connie (UMass '70, and married 37 years) and I are proud parents of two adult children and two granddaughters. I wish the best for a safe and happy future to all our classmates.
Life since Brandeis:

I am finally using the marvelous education in art history I received at Brandeis, after years spent in studio art and website design.
Life since Brandeis:

Barbara Brickman ’73 and I were married in 1974, and will celebrate our 40th anniversary this year. Following Brandeis, we both graduated law school and I practiced for eight years as a partner at a law firm in Dallas. I spent the next 25 years in investment banking, while Barbara focused on raising our three sons and doing charitable work primarily in the Jewish community. All three of our sons graduated from UPenn, and all received MBA’s (two at Wharton and one at Duke.) Two are married and one is engaged. The oldest is with Merrill Lynch, the middle one is working for Gallo Wines, and the youngest runs his own global macro hedge fund. We are the proud grandparents of four granddaughters, with a grandson on the way. I retired from investment banking as a Vice-Chairman of Merrill Lynch in 2010, and became President and CEO of Glazer’s Distributors, one of the largest private companies in the U.S. We are a distributor of spirits, wine and malt products and currently operate in fifteen states, Canada and the Virgin Islands. I am very much enjoying my new career and have never worked harder. I am on a number of boards of directors including The Men’s Wearhouse, Alon USA Energy Partners, Ace Cash Express, The Dallas Symphony, The Dallas Citizens Council and Amegy Bank. Barbara is on the board of The Jewish Federation of Dallas and numerous other Jewish organizations.

We always enjoy hearing from classmates. Barbara and I are co-chairing the AIPAC national event this November, which is in Dallas, and hope that some Brandeians will be attending. We hope to make it to the reunion, but are up in the air because of a wedding we have to attend that Sunday night in Florida.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Professor Robert Szulkin was truly a mentor to me. While I never took a course with him, he was the Dean of Students when I was the Treasurer of the Student Government. We worked closely together, and he took an active interest in my post-Brandeis career. Professor Szulkin went out of his way to encourage me, and was very active in writing recommendations for me, and in my being accepted to Harvard Law School, his university alma mater. We stayed in contact for many years following Brandeis, and he was a true gentleman and scholar.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memory is meeting Barbara Brickman on Valentine’s Day my freshman year. We began dating immediately and will celebrate our 40th anniversary this year. Our meeting totally changed our 40th anniversary this year. Our meeting totally changed my life and I have Brandeis to thank for our sons, granddaughters, and 40 years of a very happy marriage.
Kevin H. Strauss

Life since Brandeis:
Life is too short for cheap wine or blended Scotch.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
While I certainly appreciated classes with Art Wingfield, Gerry Bernstein, and Nahum Glatzer, the greatest learning experience was four years as a denizen of Ford Hall, working with Ralph Norman and the myriad of Damon Runyon characters who would come and go on a regular basis. There was no more well grounded a person on that campus than Ralph. You certainly knew it when esteemed members of the faculty came to him for guidance, most typically in the form of a hit "upside the head".

Life since Brandeis:
Life is too short for cheap wine or blended Scotch.
Melinda Thomas Long

**Life since Brandeis:**

Dana and I have been married for almost 23 years and have a daughter, Emma, who is a junior in college.

I returned to full-time work several years ago after many years working part time.

I have a good life and a loving family.
Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I went straight to law school, and have worked in large law firms since graduation in 1977. I’m married thirty plus years, with two children. Wine and golf are my interests, as well as real estate development.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Attending my graduation and sharing my success with my middle-class parents who sacrificed much for my education. Graduating summa was a nice finishing touch. Having Hugh Hefner sit in front of my parents was cool.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Kurt Wolff, internationally renowned sociologist, and leading theorist in the sociology of knowledge. Gila Hayim, senior honors thesis advisor. Both pushed me to realize my potential and almost caused me to do a Ph.D. instead of law school.
Life since Brandeis:

"Leave me out, if you like; I doubt if anyone will notice."
Stan Wakshlag

**Life since Brandeis:**
Life is good. Come visit me in Miami, especially during the winter time!!!

**Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:**
Making and keeping good friends.

**Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?**
Diamandopoulos. He showed that you could be an intellectual and still have a personality.
Denise (Washington) Lamaute

Life since Brandeis:
My life since leaving Brandeis has been wonderful. I've enjoyed traveling the globe for work and with family and friends. I wish the Class of '74 all the best today and always.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
Enjoying life to the fullest and wishing the same for the Class of '74.

Write your own question and answer it:
For the Class of '74, what's the next technology breakthrough?
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I enrolled in a PhD program in Political Science at MIT. This was my goal almost from my first week at Brandeis, when I started taking classes from professors Macridis, Elliff, and, most significantly, Peter Natchez, who I thought was as close to a rock star as I could ever aspire to become. At MIT, I earned a master’s degree, passed my oral and general exams, and had only to write a thesis to be called “Doctor” (which I think was my main reason for going to graduate school in the first place.) After two years, I left Cambridge with the goal of finding a job that might provide me with an experience that might lead to an interesting thesis topic.

I packed my few belongings in my thirteen-year-old Pontiac Tempest and drove to Chicago. This was the home of my on and, sometimes, off Brandeis girlfriend Debbie Gordon. Debbie was just finishing her last year at Northwestern Law School, and while she didn’t invite me to come out to Chicago, didn’t exactly discourage me either.

To jump ahead a bit, I got interested in some of the things I was doing and decided not to return to MIT. By 1979 I was married to Debbie, and was a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch. And now, almost thirty-five years later, I am happy to report that I am still a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch and still married to Debbie Gordon! We live in the leafy suburban town of Glencoe, Illinois, have two beautiful and accomplished daughters, and (knock wood) are living an amazingly wonderful life!

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Life in the Mods senior year...was it real or a dream? Sitting around our kitchen table under a map of Alaska, we were preparing (in our alternate universe) to go north to work on the pipeline. Hudson Ed (me), Mystic Joe, Three Rivers Tom, and sometimes eating chunks of watermelon off the tip of a sharp knife, Monongahela Bob. Great feasts involving Budweiser, Chicken Marlene, Ragu-based spaghetti, and the deceptively sized Mrs. Paul's fish sticks. And our buddies in the Mod around the corner: Max, always propped up in bed wearing his pajamas and ready for a furious game of table-hockey. And Steve (the Bobe), Noah, and Bobbie...the relief we all felt when the man in the suit with a walky-talky was only the bodyguard for one of our celebrity classmates!

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

As someone with an appreciation for architecture I struggled to find anything appealing about North Quad, where I spent two happy years. The boring cinder block walls and the unimaginative exterior would have been a disappointment for a public housing project. And the crown jewel of North, Kutz, was a sterile dingy box, saved from total despair only by the generosity of its soft ice cream machine. In contrast, I was fascinated and drawn to by the mysteries of East Quad. Although the rooms were small, there was something hypnotic about the brickwork, the lighting and the flow of its unpredictable labyrinth of halls and suites. Although a second class citizen compared to Rosenthal terms of size and finish quality, East held the most attraction for me. And wasn’t the quiet and tasteful Swig Cafeteria the greatest secret on campus?...until it was discovered and closed.
Roger Weissberg

Life since Brandeis:

Roger Weissberg is NoVo Foundation Endowed Chair in Social and Emotional Learning and LAS Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He directs the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Research Group (http://www.uic.edu/labs/selrg/) at UIC. He is also Chief Knowledge Officer of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), an international organization committed to making evidence-based social, emotional, and academic learning an essential part of preschool through high school education (http://www.casel.org). CASEL defined and introduced the field of social and emotional learning in the groundbreaking book "Promoting Social and Emotional Learning: Guidelines for Educators (1997). For the past three decades, Roger has trained scholars and practitioners about innovate ways to design, implement, and evaluate school, family, and community interventions.

Roger graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Psychology from Brandeis in 1974. He received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Rochester in 1980. He was the Research Director for the Primary Mental Health Project from 1980 to 1982. He was a Professor in the Psychology Department at Yale University between 1982 and 1992 where he collaborated with the New Haven Public School System to establish the Nation’s first preschool to high school, district-wide Social Development Project. Roger received the 2000 American Psychological Association’s Distinguished Contribution Award for Applications of Psychology to Education and Training, and the Society for Community Research and Action 2004 Distinguished Contribution to Theory and Research Award. He also received the 2008 “Daring Dozen” award from the George Lucas Educational Foundation for being one of twelve people who are reshaping the future of education. In 2013, Roger became 1 of 12 new members elected to the National Academy of Education for his contributions to education research and policy.

Roger lives in Wilmette, Illinois. He has been a faculty member at UIC since 1992 and has directed CASEL since 1996. He and his wife, Stephanie Wright (who is a clinical psychologist) have two wonderful children: Elizabeth is a writer who lives in Dali, China, and Ted is a criminal justice major at Roosevelt University and a spoken word poet.
Cindy (Syndy) Wentz

**Life since Brandeis:**

We all no doubt feel that 40 years is an incredibly long time compared to the four years or so each of us spent at Brandeis. Yet those years, and the learning and memories they created, often seem equal in weight to the 40 years, if not in duration.

The short answer about my life in the past four decades is that I’ve spent the majority of it working in the human services (disability) field. Specifically, all of my positions have allowed me to bring my personal values of, and passion for, self-determination and respect for the individual, into what I do professionally. I have been fortunate to be involved in several cutting edge programs, making them grow and become established. Mostly they center around helping people with very major and complex disabilities to avoid nursing homes, or to leave them in favor of a life in their own homes.

My husband of 31 years, Bob, spent his career doing somewhat similar work. We chose not to have children; instead we lavish our attention on our serial one-and-only cats.

My current passion is for travel. The past few years have included trips to several Baltic countries, Ireland, and Iceland as well as many weekends in New Hampshire and Vermont, and annual pilgrimages to Anna Maria Island on the west coast of Florida. I look forward to even more travel when I retire.

As a firm believer in involvement in extra-curriculars, I’ve served on a variety of Boards of Directors of small non-profits. Currently, I am on the Board of a fledgling organization: it’s the Time Trade Circle, a local timebank. Timebanks are alternative economies where individuals trade services and skills all of which are valued equally in timebank hours. My other interests over the years have included involvement in a yoga organization, hiking and cross-country skiing, and now the more sedentary ‘sport’ of knitting. As fulfilling as my career has been, I can’t wait to retire sometime in the next two ears. There is just so much more I want to do! In addition to launching a consulting practice in the areas of disability, and geriatric assessment and services coordination, there are just so many new interests to explore! It will finally be like what I always fantasized at Brandeis – a smorgasbord of educational, cultural, social and physical activities without grades or exams.

**Tell us about the life lessons you learned from Brandeis:**

Was I drawn to Brandeis because I already espoused these values, or did Brandeis impart them to me? It doesn’t really matter. I have a strong sense of what is right and just, and what makes sense regardless of whether it is current policy. I question everything! This can get me on thin ice working for state government, but in the final analysis my viewpoints and suggestions have often ultimately been adopted. And when they are not, I still can feel good that I’ve maintained my principles. I value creative thinking and would like to believe that it’s something I do well; this certainly was encouraged at Brandeis.

Lastly, just as we had the privilege of doing independent study and of ‘trying before we’d buy’ in selecting our courses, I now value finding my own unique path rather than choosing the most popular route.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**

Why do my first thoughts all lead to food?! OK, here goes. Les, the ‘sandwich man’, 11:00 p.m. appearances in North, those Student Union rectangular chewy chocolate chip cookies (especially when one had the munchies), trips to the Wellesley House of Pizza and Cabot’s in my friend Ellen’s VW Bug… My independent study with Dr. Dybwad of the Heller School, my sociology course on ‘The Family’ with Rosabeth Kanter and my three courses with Irving Kenneth Zola.
Richard Wexell

Life since Brandeis:
Following our graduation in 1974, I started law school in the fall and completed school in the spring of 1977. I attended law school at George Washington University, and have remained in the DC area for over 35 years. I met my wife, Lisa, at law school and we raised our two children, Nina and Charlie, in Northern Virginia. I started my law firm in 1981, and have been handling family law cases in Virginia since then. No regrets. I like working with individuals at a difficult time in their lives. Rarely a dull moment. My wife and I enjoy traveling abroad and the DC theatre and music scene. I often think fondly about my time at Brandeis and my classmates. I extend my good wishes to everyone and hope that our paths may cross in the future.

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?
If I am lucky, I would like to be in the same place that I am right now. Everyone healthy and feeling blessed about that.
Deborah Winer

Life since Brandeis:

I am married to Brian Garrison and have three children and one grandchild, with another on the way. We met at Brandeis, lived in Miami, FL, where I went to grad school, and then moved to Oregon when Miami got too weird (in a bad way). We love Oregon, the outdoors, and the Portland area (which is weird in a good way). I’m a clinical psychologist. After doing time in community mental health, I realized the kids needed to go to college, too, so I went into private practice. Naturally, with two parents who are Brandeis alums, none of the kids wanted to go there.
Life since Brandeis:

Hello Class of 1974. I’ve had a very blessed life since Mr. Hefner came to our graduation with his white tuxedoed entourage. My daughter, Maggie, just turned 24; and my incredible wife, Patty, and I will be celebrating our 37th anniversary in September of this year. I’ve lived happily in a little town of 3,400, or so, people since 1980.

I remember fine friends who left early: Larry Kaplan, Karl and Amy. I remember Renfield. I remember other faces, but not so many names. Not because I am senile, I just never knew a lot of names. Mostly, I remember time spent with best friend, Rob Healy, who I met the first day. We sat by that water hole in the quad that Renfield was a part of, and shared a common love of Newports. Phil Cedar! I remember you. Richard Levy, you were a good friend. What are you up to? The time spent living with a bunch of guys (was that senior year?), that was a trip. Putting our names on stuff in the fridge. That worked!

Favorite spot was across the tracks at WWW (Waltham Water Works). I still drink skim milk. That’s as kosher as I got. I remember Leonard Cohen coming to perform. That was cool.

Confession: I was a mean kid to my roommate freshman year. I regret that still. He was a serious student and I was a clown. I expect he has done wonderful things. Anyhow, find me on LinkedIn if you want. I wish you all the best.

Thinking back, it is hard to believe that the year before we entered Brandeis, Angela Davis and SDS were what was happening there. Then there was us. “How did it get so late so soon? It’s night before it’s afternoon. December is here before it’s June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?” (Dr. Seuss)
Jeff Young

Life since Brandeis:
I am the proud father of two children, Allie (25) and Jonathan (22), both of whom give me great joy. Allie is headed for a career in psychology, while her brother hopes to make his fortune in the music industry. I have devoted my professional life to public education, starting as an English teacher in Brookline (MA) High School and moving on to earn a doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. I have served as a school superintendent for the past 25 years in several communities in the Boston area—Lynnfield, Lexington, Newton, and now in Cambridge. My mission has been to find the intersection between academic excellence and social justice in working to provide high quality schools and excellent opportunities for ALL students, especially those whose life circumstances have placed them at a disadvantage in American society.

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?
Allen Grossman, whose Humanities class set me off on a study of literature and life.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Moving away from home and living in Shapiro Hall during my freshman year.
Life since Brandeis:

I am working at the Connecticut Legal Rights Project, representing clients who have psychiatric disabilities (housing, right to treatment, right to refuse treatment, some legislative work, discrimination, etc.). I love the work, which is a good thing, since I have a daughter who is a sophomore in high school, and I will never be able to retire. My two older children are married, and my son and daughter-in-law are expecting my first grandchild. (I suppose they would say they are expecting their first child). I still love Cape Cod. I don’t know that I will make it to the reunion this year, but I will be thinking of all of you and the times we had!

Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you?

Not the only one, but Professor Fischer made me write concisely. As a lawyer, it is a struggle to do that, and when I occasionally succeed, I am grateful to him.
I moved to Hollywood a few years after graduation with a number of fellow Brandesians to make our fortune as musicians (I play the guitar). I had my small share of successes, touring the USA, playing on American Bandstand, and recording for Columbia Pictures and Columbia Records. But, like many Hollywood stories, it ended badly (it’s way too long a story to go into here), so I moved back to my hometown of San Francisco in the late ’70s.

I started a hologram art and gift gallery on Haight St. in S.F. in 1979, the first of its kind in the western U.S.. It evolved into the largest hologram distribution and mail order business in the USA during the ’80s.

As the ’90s got underway, the novelty wore off the hologram business and computers were really picking up steam, so I sold my business and went into computers. I had a very successful career at Sun Microsystems for 13 years. I managed the Sun Download Center and was the senior project manager on many huge web projects. By the time I left, our web site handled 90 million downloads a month!

In 2010, Oracle bought Sun and Larry Ellison laid me off along with most of my co-workers. Thank you Larry, I was ready to get out of there!

I am back to playing guitar full time and loving it. I’m a popular guitarist around San Francisco, performing mostly jazz and Latin music, but also rock, funk, and folk. I perform regularly and am also doing a lot of recording with various local artists.

On the personal front, I’ve been happily married for 28 years. We have a 27-year-old daughter who is an education specialist for very young children, and a 22-year-old son who recently graduated college and got his first job at a large advertising agency in S.F.

Life is good -- no complaints!
In Memoriam

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

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