CLASS OF 1984
30TH
REUNION
May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1984,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 30th 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
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**World News**

Iran releases the 52 Americans held for 444 days after Ronald Reagan succeeds Jimmy Carter as the 40th President of the US, ending the Iran hostage crisis.

The 1981 Brixton Riot occurs; rioters in South London throw petrol bombs, attack police and loot shops.

Israeli aircraft bomb Beirut, destroying multi-story apartment blocks containing the offices of Palestine Liberation Organization associated groups, killing approximately 300 civilians and resulting in worldwide condemnation and a US embargo on the export of aircraft to Israel.

Iran-Contra Scandal: US President Ronald Reagan signs the top secret National Security Decision Directive 17 (NSDD-17), authorizing the CIA to recruit and support contra rebels in Nicaragua.

**US News**

President Ronald Reagan nominates Judge Sandra Day O’Connor, 51, of Arizona, as the first woman on the US Supreme Court.

Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke admits her article entitled “Jimmy’s World” was fabricated and relinquishes her Pulitzer Prize.

President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John Hinckley, Jr.; two police officers and Press Secretary James Brady are also wounded.

**Economy**

Average Cost of a New House: $78,200
Average Income Per Year: $21,050
Average Monthly Rent: $315
Cost of a Gallon of Gas: $1.25
Cost of a First-Class Stamp: $0.15

**Died this Year**

Bill Haley
Joe Louis
Bob Marley
Bobby Sands

**Pop Culture**

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Ordinary People*

The original Model 5150 IBM PC is released in the US at a base price of $1,565.

Lady Diana Spencer marries Charles, Prince of Wales.

MTV goes on the air running around the clock music videos, debuting “Video Killed the Radio Star”.

Simon and Garfunkel reunite for a concert in New York’s Central Park, with approximately half a million people in attendance.

Scientists identify the AIDS virus.

A Minor League Baseball game between the Rochester Red Wings and the Pawtucket Red Sox at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, RI, becomes the longest professional game in history, running 8 hours and 25 minutes and 33 innings.

Artificially produced insulin becomes the world’s first genetically engineered protein to treat the human disease diabetes.

**Movies**

*Raiders of the Lost Ark*
*Superman II*
*Nine to Five*
*Arthur*
*The Cannonball Run*
*For Your Eyes Only*
*On Golden Pond*
*Chariots of Fire*

**TV Shows**

*Cagney & Lacey*
*Simon & Simon*
*The Jeffersons*
*Three’s Company*
*Joanie Loves Chachi*
*Dukes of Hazzard*
*The Love Boat*

**Books**

*Noble House*, James Clavell
*The Hotel New Hampshire*, John Irving
*Cujo*, Stephen King

1981
Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: Chariots of Fire, David Puttnam, producer

Prince William is born at St. Mary’s Hospital in Paddington, West London.

Michael Jackson releases Thriller, which sells more than 25 million copies, becoming the biggest-selling album in history.

Cats debuts and becomes Broadway’s longest-running play.

The Weather Channel airs on cable television for the first time.

Times "Man of The Year" is The Computer.

Cal Ripken, Jr. plays the first of what eventually becomes his record-breaking streak of 2,632 consecutive Major League Baseball games.

Italy beats West Germany 3-1 to win the 1982 FIFA World Cup in Spain.

US News

Doctors perform the first implant of a permanent artificial heart designed by Robert Jarvik.

John W. Hinckley, Jr. is found not guilty by reason of insanity, for the shooting of President Reagan.

The US places an embargo on Libyan oil imports, alleging Libyan support for terrorist groups.

A rally against nuclear weapons draws 750,000 to New York City’s Central Park.

The space shuttle Columbia makes its first mission, deploying two communications satellites.

World News

Argentina invades and occupies the Falkland Islands, which marks the beginning of the Falklands War.

Spain becomes the 16th member of NATO and the first nation to enter the alliance since West Germany’s admission in 1955.

Princess Grace, of Monaco, 52, dies of injuries when her car plunges off a mountain road; her daughter Stephanie, 17, suffers serious injuries.

Israel completes its withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula in accordance with the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty of 1979.

Economy

Average Cost of a New House: $82,200

Average Monthly Rent: $320

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: $0.91

New Car Average Price: $7,983

Cost of a First-Class Stamp: $0.20

Loaf of White Sliced Bread: $0.50

Movies

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

Porky’s

An Officer and a Gentleman

Poltergeist

Annie

Books

Schindler’s List, Thomas Keneally

The Color Purple, Alice Walker

Died this Year

John Belushi

Ingrid Bergman

Grace Kelly

1982
Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Gandhi*, Richard Attenborough, producer

Microsoft Word is first released.

A record 125 million people watch the final episode of *M*A*S*H*.

Cabbage Patch dolls debut in stores and become a huge success.

West German news magazine Stern publishes the "Hitler Diaries", which later turn out to be forgeries.

The migration of the ARPANET to TCP/IP is officially completed, which is considered to be the beginning of the Internet.

Motown celebrates its 25th anniversary with the television special Motown 25, during which Michael Jackson performs "Billie Jean" and introduces the world to the moonwalk.

Sony invents the camcorder.

World News

Lebanon, Israel and the US sign an agreement on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Korean Air Lines Flight 007 is shot down by a Soviet Union Su-15 interceptor near Moneron Island when the commercial aircraft enters Soviet airspace. All 269 on board are killed including US Congressman Larry McDonald.

Britain’s Conservative government, led by Margaret Thatcher, is re-elected by a landslide majority.

The US Embassy in Beirut is bombed, killing 63 people.

Movies

*Star Wars Episode VI: Return of the Jedi*

*Terms of Endearment*

*Flashdance*

*Trading Places*

*WarGames*

*Octopussy*

*Sudden Impact*

*Staying Alive*

*Mr. Mom*

*Risky Business*

Economy

Average Cost of a New House: $82,600

Average Income Per Year: $21,070

Average Monthly Rent: $335

Milk 2% Gallon: $1.35

Books

*Star Wars Return of the Jedi*, James Kahn

*Poland*, James A. Michener

*Pet Sematary*, Stephen King

*The Little Drummer*, John le Carré

*Christine*, Stephen King

Died this Year

Tennessee Williams

Karen Carpenter

Jack Dempsey

1983
Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Terms of Endearment*

*The Cosby Show* debuts on NBC. The sitcom is widely considered the most popular show of the 1980s.

*Band Aid* (assembled by Bob Geldof) records the charity single "Do They Know It's Christmas?" in London to raise money to combat famine in Ethiopia.

Apple Computer places the Macintosh personal computer on sale in the US.

Sony and Philips introduce the first commercial CD players.

Genetic fingerprinting or DNA profiling is developed and used by forensic scientists when obtaining evidence in a crime.

Michael Jackson wins unprecedented acclaim for his *Thriller* album and sales exceed 37 million copies.

Movies

*Miami Vice*

*Murder, She Wrote*

*Night Court*

*Who's the Boss?*

*Highway to Heaven*

*Charles in Charge*

*Hunter*

*Bevery Hills Cop*

*Ghostbusters*

*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*

*Gremlins*

*The Karate Kid*

*Police Academy*

*Footloose*

*Romancing the Stone*

*Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*

*Splash*

Books

*The Hunt for Red October, Tom Clancy*

*Thinner, Stephen King*

*The Talisman, Stephen King*

*The Aquitaine Progression, Robert Ludlum*

*Iacocca: an Autobiography, Lee Iacocca with William Novack*

1984

World News

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by two of her Sikh security guards in New Delhi; anti-Sikh riots break out leaving 10,000 to 20,000 Sikhs dead in Delhi and surrounding areas.


The Summer Olympics are held in Los Angeles, California.

The Winter Olympics are held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The USSR and Soviets boycott the Olympic Games in retaliation for the Western Boycott of 1980.

Iran accuses Iraq of using chemical weapons; the United Nations later condemns their use.

US News

Congress rebukes President Reagan on his use of federal funds for mining Nicaraguan harbors.

AT & T’s 22 owned Bell system companies divest into 8 companies.

President Ronald Reagan is re-elected in a landslide with 59% of the popular vote.

Economy

Average Cost of a New House: $86,730

Average Income Per Year: $21,600

Average Monthly Rent: $350

Movie Ticket: $2.50

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: $1.10

Died this Year

Truman Capote

Marvin Gaye

Jackie Wilson
### Top 10 1981
**Artist/Track**
- **John Lennon**, “(Just Like) Starting Over”
- **Blondie**, “The Tide Is High”
- **Kool & the Gang**, “Celebration”
- **Dolly Parton**, “9 to 5”
- **REO Speedwagon**, “Keep On Loving You”
- **Kim Carnes**, “Bette Davis Eyes”
- **Stars on 45**, “Medley”
- **Rick Springfield**, “Jessie’s Girl”
- **Diana Ross & Lionel Richie**, “Endless Love”
- **Hall & Oates**, “Private Eyes”

### Top 10 1982
**Artist/Track**
- **Olivia Newton-John**, “Physical”
- **The J. Geils Band**, “Centerfold”
- **Joan Jett and the Blackhearts**, “I Love Rock n’ Roll”
- **Survivor**, “Eye of the Tiger”
- **The Steve Miller Band**, “Abracadabra”
- **John Mellencamp**, “Jack & Diane”
- **Men at Work**, “Who Can It Be Now?”
- **Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warnes**, “Up Where We Belong”
- **Lionel Richie**, “Truly”
- **Toni Basil**, “Mickey”

### Top 10 1983
**Artist/Track**
- **Hall & Oates**, “Maneater”
- **Toto**, “Africa”
- **Michael Jackson**, “Billie Jean”
- **Dexys Midnight Runners**, “Come On Eileen”
- **Michael Jackson**, “Beat It”
- **David Bowie**, “Let’s Dance”
- **Irene Cara**, “Flashdance...What a Feeling”
- **The Police**, “Every Breath You Take”
- **Eurythmics**, “Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)”
- **Bonnie Tyler**, “Total Eclipse of the Heart”

### Top 10 1984
**Artist/Track**
- **Paul McCartney feat. Michael Jackson**, “Say Say Say”
- **Culture Club**, “Karma Chameleon”
- **Kenny Loggins**, “Footloose”
- **Phil Collins**, “Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now)”
- **Lionel Richie**, “Hello”
- **Deniece Williams**, “Let’s Hear It for the Boy”
- **Cyndi Lauper**, “Time After Time”
- **Ray Parker, Jr.**, “Ghostbusters”
- **Tina Turner**, “What’s Love Got to Do With It”
- **Madonna**, “Like a Virgin”
1984
- President: Evelyn Handler
- Commencement Speaker: His Eminence, Cardinal Jaime Sin
  (spiritual leaders of the Philippines’ Roman Catholic population)
- Tuition: $5,835
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term: 2,768
- Number of Graduates: 644
- Number of Countries Represented: 59
- 33rd Commencement Exercise

Today
- President: Frederick M. Lawrence
- Commencement Speaker: Geoffrey Canada (President/CEO of Harlem Children’s Zone)
- Tuition: $43,980
- Total Undergraduates: 3,504
- Clubs and Organizations: 260+
- Number of Majors and Minors: 43 and 45
Financial Aid Receives Donation of $1 Million

Brandeis Divests Foreclosure Policy Adopted

By Kalman Renins

In a stunning reversal of its policy, the Handler administration announced that the University has sold all holdings in South Africa and is ending its investments in South Africa. The change was made at the request of student groups that opposed the University's continued investment in South Africa. The Board of Overseers, in a unanimous vote, approved the plan. The move was made in response to student demands and is part of the University's efforts to divest from South Africa.

Stein Serving Pitches on Tuesdays to Over 20 Only

By John Peter Moers

At 5 PM last Tuesday, a pitcher of beer crossed Stein's bar for the first time in nine years. Handler Manual '81, brought the pitcher of Budweiser to Stein's bar on Thursday. "It was hard to tell who was the pitcher," said Stein's bartender. "I told the students it was the pitcher," said Stein's manager, "but they insisted on calling him the pitcher." The pitcher of beer was a hit with Stein's customers, who enjoyed it with their drinks. The pitcher was removed after 20 minutes.

Residence Life Implements Housing Lottery Changes

By Sam Rabin

Elimination of all students from "C"-room of the senior residence house among the students implementing the Office of Residence Life and the University President. In addition, a lottery system will be implemented.

Renfield and Shapiro Chosen for Renovations

By Jeff Stern

10.8 million dollars has been secured for renovations at Renfield and Shapiro. The money will be used to improve the buildings and create new spaces. Two new dorms, a dining hall, and a new recreation center will be constructed. The new dorms will be named after Eliot and Shapiro.

University Accepts 75% of Applicants; Standards Fall

Hiatt Funds to Bolster Career Planning Center
Students Reject Fraternities

By SIEFEL KALTZMANN

After a letter ideological war which began on campus, the Student Senate voted 14-10 to amend the constitution which prohibits fraternities and sororities from becoming charter members of the Student Senate so as to limit that organizations' influence on campus life.

The Student Senate voted to adopt the amendment by a runoff election on March 13. The Senate voted 11-9 to adopt the amendment today, after a number of members of the Student Senate had been appointed by fraternity and dormitory representatives. The amendment extends current provisions that require all members of fraternities and sororities to be members of the Student Senate. It also requires that the Student Senate vote on the appointment of members of all fraternities and sororities to positions in the Student Senate. The amendment will take effect immediately and the Student Senate will hold a runoff election to determine the number of representatives of fraternities and sororities on the Student Senate.

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University Paralyzed By Snow

HANDLER INAUGURATED
Ceremony Draws 2,000 To Symphony Hall

Brandeis May Offer Aid Options to Non-Registrants

News Analysis

By JEFF STERN AND JON VANKIN

University Administrators have said that Brandeis is inclined toward requiring students who want federal aid for the fall semester to demonstrate their eligibility, but the University's president, Professor Alfred W. Blum, said that the University's policy is not yet determined.

"There is a possibility that the University will require students to demonstrate their eligibility for federal aid," Blum said. "However, the University will continue to explore options in order to provide financial aid to students who need it."
Presidential Candidates Speak at Brandeis

Hart: “People never have a true democracy until they are educated enough to participate.”

Cranston: “It is hard to straighten out the economy when we are spending so much on the arms race.”

By MERRY Pirschern
Senator Alan Cranston (D-Cal) speaks about arms reduction last Thursday in Utah Lounge.

“The way to get free is to get busy to have a freeze that would stop everything you stand still while watching some men to go down,” Cranston said at a press conference before his speech.

“Stability and peace will be permanent,” Cranston said in an interview of between 130 and 300. According to Cranston, a president should focus his attention on one or two issues, or he will be lost among the many things a president may say.

“Improving the economy and averting nuclear holocaust would be his issues,” Cranston said.

If the US and the Soviet Union fail to reach an agreement to end the arms race, we “risk extinguishing the ultimate moral disaster of destroying God’s creation,” Cranston said.

The Massachusetts Senator said he would not have saved the people abroad KAI, flash U.S., but the tragedy proves that “the consequences of the UNSE are absolutely irresistible,” and it is essential that leaders work out a way to stop them.

Computers for the Masses

By STEVEN SALTMAN
Tuition, room and board, books and school supplies—they all add up to an impressive price tag. For many students there is an additional cost which is quickly becoming a necessity—microcomputers.

The cost of a quality computer is high: around $1,000 plus for a complete system.

This semester, as part of a three-year, $7 million computer and telecommunication program, Brandeis is installing microcomputers for student use.

The computers are grouped into clusters of “pods” around campus. Each pod will contain approximately 25 computers.

The first pod, containing 28 Apple Macintosh computers and five printers, will be open to the general Brandeis Community on September 19. This pod is located in the Goldfarb Library on the second floor in the Phillips room.

The second pod, opening in October, will be in the Sherman Computer Center. Eventually, over 100 microcomputers will be available for free use by the Brandeis community on campus.

For students who are not familiar with computers, there will be mini-courses offered twice a week in the Goldfarb pod on word processing and general computer use.

During open hours there will be an experienced student assistant available for problems and questions.

Students who are self-motivated or who do not have the time to take one of the mini-courses can use a University-provided cassette tape to learn about the computers.

There are presently no rules on computer use and through the fall, students should be able to sign out copies of word processing programs for use with the computers in the pod.

Students who wish to save data (future use) can purchase a Markelston-compatible diskette from the Computer Store, a discount computer suppliers chain.

A branch of The Computer Store will be opening on campus in October.
Alumni Launch Million-Dollar Fund Raiser

By DEBRA BADALATCO

The Alumni Association has launched a $1 million dollar fund raising drive with a goal of raising $100,000 to support the University's activities. The drive was announced on the first day of this academic year, and has already attracted a number of supporters.

The drive was announced at the first meeting of the Alumni Association at the University. A total of 300 alumni were present, and there were several speakers, including the President, Dr. Robert Jacobson.

According to Jacobson, the Alumni Association is committed to raising the necessary funds to support the University's activities. He emphasized that the alumni are the backbone of the University and that they are the ones who make it possible for the University to provide quality education.

The Alumni Association has already received a $25,000 commitment from a group of alumni who have been active supporters of the University. The group includes a number of successful professionals who have made significant contributions to the University.

To meet the goal, alumni will be provided with opportunities to meet and work with other alumni and to help support the University. According to Jacobson, the Alumni Association will work with the University to ensure that the funds raised are used for the benefit of the University.

Brandels X-C Wins National Championship

Protest Over Divestment Issue Intensifies

Handler Answers Students' Demands

By MARK A. ALTSHUL

Brian Handler, president of Brandels, held an emergency meeting with students and faculty on Monday to discuss the student demands.

The students presented a list of demands that they believe should be met, including increased funding for the arts, more opportunities for students to participate in campus activities, and better access to resources.

Handler said that the university will work to address the students' demands, but he emphasized that the university cannot meet all of the students' demands.

Sachar Supports Students' Cause

By STEVEN ALTMANN

President Sachar has written to the students and faculty of Brandels, expressing his support for the students' demands.

He said that the university values the students' participation and that it is committed to meeting their demands to the extent possible.

Sachar added that the university is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students.
Brandeis Budget Exceeds Seventy-five Million Mark

By MARGALY VACCHETTA

It will not be $75,787,000, as was originally estimated, but $75,917,000. The $75,787,000 mark was the original estimate for the 1964-65 fiscal year. But with the addition of $129,000 for the construction of the new science building and $10,000 for the administration of the University, the final figure comes to $75,917,000, an increase of $130,000.

The $129,000 is spent on the construction of the science building. The University has already purchased a site on Beacon Hill and has also purchased a site in the Back Bay. The science building will be located on the site in the Back Bay.

The added $10,000 for administration is needed to cover the cost of hiring a new vice president for the University. The University has already hired a new vice president, but the cost of hiring a new vice president was not included in the original estimate.

The University's Income: $75,787,000

Fifteen Grand is Goal For Waltham Group's Auction

By ROBERT McCOY

The Waltham Group, a community service organization which was established to raise money for the University, is planning an auction to be held on Saturday, September 20th. The auction will feature a variety of items, including artwork, jewelry, and collectibles. The group hopes to raise $15,000 with the auction.

The auction will be held at the Waltham Community Center on Main Street. The center is located near the university and is easily accessible.

The Waltham Group is a community service organization that was established to raise money for the University. The group has been active in the community for several years and has raised money for a variety of causes.

Cosci Dept. Proposal Passes Initial Test

By JEFFREY STEINER

The faculty and students of the Cosci department are pleased to announce that the proposal for a new department of Cosci was approved by the University's Board of Trustees. The proposal, which was submitted by Professor John Smith, was approved by the Board on September 14th.

The new department will focus on the study of the environment and will offer courses in environmental science, policy, and management. The department will also have a focus on the study of sustainability and will offer courses in sustainable development, renewable energy, and green building.

The faculty and students of the Cosci department are excited about the new department and are looking forward to seeing it become a reality. The department will be housed in the latest building on campus and will be equipped with the latest technology.

Playwright Edward Albee To Spend Week at Univ

By R.L. ADAMS

Hollywood-based playwright Edward Albee has accepted an invitation to spend a week at the University as a visiting artist. Albee is known for his plays, including "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Goat, Or Who Is Saskatchewan?". He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Albee will be in residence from September 18th to September 24th. During his stay, he will give a series of lectures and workshops, as well as participate in a panel discussion with University faculty and students.

Albee's visit is part of the University's annual performing arts series, which brings together nationally recognized artists and intellectuals for a week of lectures, workshops, and performances. The series is designed to provide University students and faculty with a unique opportunity to engage with leading figures in the arts and humanities.
A Message From
President Evelyn E. Handler

You have reached deeply into Brandeis University. From its resources you have taken a broadened vision, and you have begun to realize your full potential. The accomplishments and victories all of you share today are the keys that you will turn in later years to unlock the doors you may think were closed behind you in the early summer of 1984.

Your years at Brandeis were active. Imagination and personal well-being were behind your efforts in the world of ideas, as well as in the world of physical achievement. The Class of 1984 participated widely in student activities and organizations, improved many, and brought new ones into existence. In the academic year 1983-1984, the Brandeis University Cross-Country Team went all the way to the National Championship, and the inter-collegiate athletics program gained new strength. This year, too, the Brandeis community paid tribute to twenty-five years of goodwill created by the Wien International Scholarship Program. In this, your senior year, you helped as I completed my freshman year as Brandeis University’s new president.

Since its inception, this University has been known as an institution of excellence, integrity, invention, and equality. All of you — in your academic and personal lives — have reached past our expectations and have enriched your lives and the life of Brandeis. Your years at Brandeis are indelible. As you gain in years, your recollections will take on new meaning. Your disappointments will begin to emerge as the nascent stages of a strong spirit in the making; the achievements will give you faith in your ability to meet difficulties. In the future, you will find that the Brandeis experience has helped you develop a deeper understanding of yourself. This will accompany you always as you move through life.

I wish you well.
Marcia Book Adirim

Life since Brandeis:

These days I am living in Bloomfield, New Jersey, with my husband, Brad, and our son, Ethan (who will celebrate his bar mitzvah just a week before reunion). We also share our home with our shepherd/beagle mix, Jessie, and our tortoise, Selena. (Ethan says I shouldn’t forget about the goldfish! But I try to.) My work life has always had something to do with words. When I first got out of school I worked fulltime in magazines and then books. After we moved out of NYC, I went back to school and got an MAT in English education. The teaching career got sidetracked by motherhood, but I found my way back to words, chairing the Scholastic Book Fair at Ethan’s school and at our temple. Most of my time now is spent working as a freelance writer and editor for Harlequin Books. I get to spend my days with rugged cowboys, sexy bakers and misunderstood bad boys. Life is good.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Although lots of folks liked to make jokes about it (and it didn’t always smell too good!), I always loved Massell Pond. From the moment I first saw the quad as a seventeen-year-old prospective freshman, I felt that I was home. To this day, the pond, to me, represents Brandeis. I spent so many good hours there, hanging with friends, thinking, studying. I took my yearbook photo there. Years later, I took my then fiance/now husband there. Years after that, we took our son for a visit. It’s a part of me I needed them both to see.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?

In many ways I feel I’m still the same person I was thirty (!) years ago. I still write, I still volunteer for everything, and I’m blessed to have many of the same friends. (I kind of even look the same as I did back then.) I’d like to think I’ve grown up a bit, though. I’ve learned to be persistent and even pushy when necessary. And if anything, I’m even more appreciative of the friends I found at Brandeis. The connection I have with all of you is something that cannot be duplicated.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I went to graduate school and law school, as planned. I then practiced law in downtown Los Angeles through 1994, also pretty much as planned. That’s as far as my plans took me. At the end of 1994, my life took an unexpected turn when I moved to Mexico City. Within a year, I was married to a Mexican lawyer named Ana Maria. Five years later our daughter Deborah Guadalupe was born. In the interim, I became qualified as a Mexican lawyer and developed my own practice, and am pretty much a permanent expatriate at this point.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My family, of course. That and becoming a lawyer in two countries with very different legal systems.

What’s on your bucket list and what’s been crossed off?

Traveling to at least 100 countries and to all 50 U.S. states. I’ve still got a ways to go, although I have managed to visit all 31 of Mexico’s states.
What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My children.
Robert Barsky

Life since Brandeis:

Professor Barsky has been named by the Dutch Royal Academy to the VU Amsterdam Law School, as a Visiting Scholar. Under those auspices he is completing a book on undocumented immigrants in the United States, as well as a new ‘portal’ for his on-line journal AmeriQuests (www.ameriqueasts.org).

This appointment follows his Visiting Position at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Toulouse, where he was researching comparisons between the radical student milieus of Noam Chomsky and Zellig Harris with those in France during the same period (1940s and 50s). He is entering production for his documentary film of the Chomsky/Harris milieus, a follow-up to his trilogy of work on this subject published by MIT Press.
Jeff Bernhardt

Life since Brandeis:
How is it possible that almost 34 years ago I drove with my family from Fair Lawn, New Jersey to begin a new life at Brandeis University. Sitting in the back seat with my younger sister, I was filled with anxiety. How would I make friends? What would I study? How would I do academically? With whom would I eat meals? Did I have enough clean clothing to last me til I could get home again and have my mother do my laundry?

Shapiro, East, Jerusalem, the Mods, Sociology, Education, Waltham Group, Hillel, Debbie Does Dallas (!!!), Oh, college life!

After graduation I spent three more years in Boston, and then I moved to Los Angeles. I have taught, gone to graduate school, become a licensed clinical social worker. I have reinvented myself yet again as a writer. I have written, directed and produced two plays, written dramatic readings which have been performed around the country, and published a book ("On Sacred Ground") as well as other writings.

I continue to learn about life and myself- some things I’d rather not and others that I embrace. Thanks to life and Facebook I have remained connected to many Brandeisians.

Now, on to the next chapter. Perhaps when I turn the page I will discover what lies ahead.
Well, enough about me....

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
I don’t know that I can pick one memory but I have to say that living in the mods was a great experience and a great preparation for life. We shopped together, cooked for each other, had communal meals....It was like living on our own but with a safety net. And who among our six could forget the toilet paper contest-long story!

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Favorite place? Hard to say...Massell Quad had great memories. The Castle was just cool even though I didn’t spend a lot of time there. The chapels and the pond between the chapels were also pretty nice and I spent a bunch of time in that area. And the peripheral road winding around the campus....
Jonathan Bernstein

Life since Brandeis:
I went to Penn Law after graduating from Brandeis. Joined the Boston law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould right out of law school and became a partner at Bingham. After working 22 years at Bingham, I moved to the Boston office of Morgan Lewis and Bockius. Jill Bernstein, my wife of 22 years, passed away in June of 2013 after a long battle with cancer. I currently live in Wellesley, Massachusetts with my two kids, Emily (18 yrs) and Aaron (14 yrs), and our rescue dog (Georgia). Both Jill and I grew up on Cape Cod and I continue to spend a great deal of time there at my home in Cummaquid.
Life since Brandeis:

My wife Eva, our sons Michael (16) and Jeffrey (14) and I live in Westchester County in New York.

I am an attorney concentrating in the area of Customs and International Trade Law. While a generalist in the area, I devote much of my time to transactions under various Free Trade Agreements. A career highlight for me was being invited to be an attorney participant in a USAID mission to Botswana and Lesotho to work with traders, factories and government officials, educating them about opportunities and legal requirements to ship to the United States. My work has also taken me to a number of other interesting places including Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Vietnam and Korea.

When not working, I enjoy running, reading and spending time with family.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite place at Brandeis was The Castle, in which I had the pleasure of residing senior year.
Life since Brandeis:
The 30 years since our graduation seem to have flown by in the blink of an eye, until I think about how much my life has changed in those years.

I have been married to Lewis Brooks ’80 for nearly 29 years. We were married in the summer of 1985 in our version of a destination wedding...all our guests traveled to Brandeis! We were married in the Berlin Chapel and had our wedding celebration in The Faculty Club. We have two children. My son, Eddie, is 23 years old. He graduated last year from Johns Hopkins University and is now a PhD student, studying Geophysics, at Northwestern University in Chicago. My daughter just finished her sophomore year at Brandeis and it warms my heart that she is enjoying Brandeis every bit as much as Lewis and I did.

I have been working for the past 20 years as the Research Director of an online market research company, LiveWire Research. The nature of the work is such that there are a lot of evening and weekend responsibilities, so my colleagues and I all telecommute. This convenience allowed me to be home with my kids when they were growing up, as well as be actively involved in many community volunteer opportunities. I sit on the Board of Directors of an Education Foundation as well as a public education advocacy group. Last year, I decided to run for School Board and became the first Democrat my town has elected in the 150 year history of our school district. I’m pretty proud of that.

I have remained very connected to Brandeis over the past three decades. Aside from co-chairing this reunion, I am the President of the Brandeis Alumni Club of Philadelphia, a member of the Brandeis Alumni Board, our class correspondent for Brandeis Magazine, and a member of the Alumni Admissions Council, where I represent Brandeis at local college fairs and interview high school students who have applied to Brandeis.

Travel has been a huge part of our lives over the past 30 years. In the summer of 1986, still newlyweds, Lewis and I both found ourselves unexpectedly unemployed and collecting severance pay. We took advantage of that opportunity by getting into our car and driving nearly 12,000 miles with the express goal of visiting all 48 continental United States. Lewis secured a tripod mount on our car, so we have pictures of ourselves in front of every state’s “Welcome to...” sign. In the summer of 1988, we vacationed in Alaska, and then in the summer of 2001, we went to Hawaii, finally achieving our goal of visiting all 50 states.

Becoming an empty nester offered unique travel benefits, as I have been able to accompany Lewis on some of his many business trips around the world. In the last two years I have been to Panama, Poland, Turkey and Australia. This coming summer we will enjoy a family trip to Spain with a side trip to Morocco.

Friendships continue to be among the most special legacies of my time at Brandeis. Between Lewis and I, we remain close to so many alums that have shared our celebrations, hard times, and everything in between.
Life since Brandeis:

Married Suzanne Klar ’84 - best decision I ever made. We have two bright, creative, funny boys, David and Aaron, who have both overcome Tourette Syndrome to become happy, successful college students at Skidmore and Temple, respectively. I am proud to call myself their dad.

I am a partner with my brother, Michael, in the ol’ family business, Hobby’s Delicatessen and Restaurant in Newark, NJ (take a look at hobbysdeli.com - it’ll make you hungry). We’ve catered for a President, a Supreme Court Justice, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Captains of Industry and Bruce Levy ’84 (would’ve thought he’d be President by now). Our favorite catering job, however, might have been the call to cater an elephant lunch for 6 - the Ringling Brothers elephants, that is, at the Prudential Center. Elephant-sized Knishes and Matzoh Balls were on the menu. Elephants are noble creatures - and much more polite when they eat than some of my human customers.

I have given up on the Knicks, was up all night in ’94 for the Rangers, but became a die-hard Devils fan when they built a world-class arena one block from Hobby’s. In Lou we trust. Marty’s better. Stop by for drinks and a great pre-game dinner! (Closed Sundays).

I enjoy volunteering, including at my temple, The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome, TSAUSA, and the Newark Regional Business Partnership. In addition, working Hurricane Sandy relief in Hoboken with Suzanne at the PSE&G Comfort Station was an honor and a privilege. Humbling, rewarding and difference-making experiences, all.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

It’s not an achievement, but it’s been a great experience: We at Hobby’s took on a project that we dubbed, “Operation Salami Drop,” which allowed people to make a donation to send salamis to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The very first donation we received was from a Vietnam vet who was against the war, but understood the need to support our troops. A story in the New York Times gave our project some traction, and in May of 2005, our first shipment - 2 tons of salami - made national news, and the donations started pouring in. To date, we’ve shipped 30 tons of salami to our troops.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

As a Politics major, watching the Berlin Wall come down was a surreal, breathtaking, whoever-thought-in-my-lifetime event. I remember being up all night watching the events unfold before my very eyes on CNN, and wondering what Our Boy Who Was Once in Moscow, Steve Walker ’84, was thinking.
Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:
I learned two things at Brandeis - how to write, and how to think critically. That's the sign of a liberal arts education well spent, and I am very grateful.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
That one's easy ... my marriage and my children.

Life since Brandeis:
It's been a great 30 years ... after graduation I went to business school in Chicago, then worked for Seagram in NY and moved to LA in 1996. After Seagram I worked at Universal Studios, Playboy, and now Intuit - almost all that time in finance. My wife Bonnie and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this year. Our son Michael is a junior at USC and our daughter Leah is a high school senior deciding where to go to college next year.
Steve Coan

Life since Brandeis:

30 years has gone by so quickly and I hold fond memories of each of you and of those days on the Brandeis campus. I am living in Stonington, Connecticut with my wife of 21 years, Patti, and our children. Patrick is 19, a freshman at Springfield College, Danielle is 13, and Brendan is 10.

Since 2002 I have worked for Sea Research Foundation, first as Chief Operating Officer and then in 2007 as President and CEO. We operate Mystic Aquarium, Ocean Exploration Center, and JASON Learning. Some of you may recall that I helped to launch JASON Learning in the early 1990’s. It then became a subsidiary of National Geographic Society and Sea Research Foundation acquired it in 2010.

Most of my career has involved working with at-risk youth and on ocean conservation issues. I have been very fortunate to be able to connect these two areas in my work with Sea Research Foundation.

Best wishes to all of my classmates. Thank you for always being an inspiration. I hope to see you at Reunion!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My greatest achievements are my kids!!!
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation I attended Harvard University, receiving my PhD in Art History in 1990. I held a post-doctoral fellowship at Columbia University and then began teaching at Dartmouth College, where I am currently a professor of Art History and the Israel Evans Professor in Oratory and Belles Lettres. I have been back at Brandeis for lectures, and I read Brandeis news and publications with great interest. I am married to Steven Kangas, who received his PhD from Brandeis in 1994, and we have a 13-year old son, Atticus. In the spring term I will be teaching a Dartmouth off-campus program in Rome. I am scheduled to fly back to the US at the time of the reunion festivities. I wish everyone a wonderful, fun-filled time!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis brought me to the United States, provided a host of new educational opportunities, and so completely changed the course of my life!
Life since Brandeis:
Where does one begin after 30 years?
First, and most importantly, I’ll begin with my family. I met Sue, my best friend and love of my life, in graduate school. Hard to believe that she and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary this fall (wow...nearly 25 years since many Brandeisians helped us celebrate in Cleveland). We are the very proud parents of two wonderful young men. Ben will be 22 by the time you are reading this. He lives at home and commutes to Framingham State University, where he is a senior majoring in Criminology. He looks forward to an internship this summer at the Boston Bureau of the Drug Enforcement Agency (many thanks to fellow classmate Jed Nitzberg for helping to open that door for him). His passion is the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. Jeremy is 19 and a freshman at University of Pennsylvania studying Classical Studies and Statistics. When not studying, he is spending lots of time under the spotlight in various theatrical productions on campus. It’s been a wonderful treat bringing up two boys with vastly different interests, who are each defining happiness and success in their own unique ways.

Second, my career. After over 21 years as an external HR consultant specializing in talent issues (leadership development, senior leader coaching, succession management, etc.), I joined one of my clients over 3 1/2 years ago. I am now Vice President of Talent Management for MassMutual Financial Group, based in Springfield, MA. My home is still in the eastern part of the state (Sudbury), so I maintain a small apartment near work where I spend a few nights a week, and manage to work from my ‘real’ home at least one day a week. I guess I’m still living the consultant lifestyle....life on the road. Perhaps Sue and I will soon relocate so we can be together more....we’ll explore and see what we want to do as we consider the ‘empty nest’ years.

Lastly, there are a handful of you (you know who you are!) who have stayed in contact with me. We have shared in the joyful times, and been there for each other during times of need. Whether it be an occasional message through Facebook, a less occasional phone call, or even a bimonthly breakfast meeting at our favorite diner, you are never far from my thoughts. As a matter of fact, I attribute the personal and professional success I have had in life over the past 30 years all the way back to the wonderful four years I shared with all of you in that special place in Waltham we all called home. If it wasn’t for Brandeis, I wouldn’t have made it on to graduate school at Michigan State, where I met Sue and soon began a wonderful marriage, started a terrific family, and a great career. And if it wasn’t for Brandeis, I wouldn’t have been graced with the wonderful friendships I made with many of you.

So, I owe a special thanks to many of you....Thank you! While life has had its up and downs over the last 30 years, I hope that you, like me, have been blessed with many more ups than downs.
It has been thirty years since I left Brandeis, and I still remember the events of 1980 through 1984 as some of my favorites in life. But time marches on and so have I. Think about it, we have been out of college for almost twice as many years as it took to get there!

After Brandeis I went to UCLA School of Law and became a member of the California Bar in 1987. I have worked as an attorney ever since. I made the decision to open my own office last year as “Lauri Croce, Attorney at Law” and have never been happier. I love being my own boss! I practice real estate law and litigation in San Diego, California (really, throughout southern California). My office is in Del Mar which if you know San Diego is a beautiful coastal town near great restaurants and shopping. Most of my best friends are lawyers, but we don’t hold our jobs against each other. I am lucky to have great girlfriends with whom I can talk shop, gossip about movie stars, and share diet tips. My two sisters and one brother live outside California, but we keep in touch by facebook, phone and facetime, in addition to regular visits. I have three nephews and one niece who all love their eccentric auntie Lauri.

I have owned my own home since 1990. I was married from 1987 through 2002. No children - instead, I have been a “crazy cat lady” for as long as I can remember. For the past three years, I have been in a committed relationship with a fellow cat-lover. He is a CPA who works as the controller of a publically traded company. We understand each other’s professions perfectly, and do not compete or begrudge each other the time necessary to do what we have to do. We maintain two separate homes (not surprisingly, I spend an awful lot of time at his!) My Mom lives in my home with me and among other things takes care of my two kitties, Dottie and Josina.

In addition to doting on our respective cats, my boyfriend and I enjoy the theater and shopping and music and books and movies and cooking and drinking and eating! My boyfriend is an excellent cook in the vein of Marcella Hasan and Julia Child. He is an italo-phile who makes a mean bolognese; we quote lines from the Godfather as part of our daily lives; and we belong to two wine clubs. The biggest contribution I have made to my friends and family to date is to impart my love of Major League Baseball. Yes, the Padres are my favorite team, but really I love them all. I am a true fan of good baseball and spend many a spring-summer-fall day glued to my seat, at the ballpark or in the living room, watching the great American pasttime.
Thom Dean

Life since Brandeis:
From Waltham to New York to Dubai
While the past 30 years went by much faster than I can describe, the most important and game changing decision I ever made was moving to Dubai in 2006. The past eight years of building my marketing consulting business in this truly remarkable future city have been the most exciting, stimulating and productive years of my life. I look forward to sharing some of the highlights of this journey with my fellow colleagues and friends at our reunion. I also very much look forward to visiting the Castle, Reitman, The Stein and Usdan to reminisce and get lost in the memories of the four very special years we all shared together. I’m really looking forward to seeing you all.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
My favorite place was Chumley’s in the Castle.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?
My biggest changes in my life since Brandeis all relate to my appreciation and passion for understanding world cultures.
Life since Brandeis:

I have been living with my family in Charlotte, North Carolina for 10 years! I never thought when I went to Brandeis that I would ever live anywhere besides the northeast, but we are really enjoying the weather and the improved lifestyle. I have been working at TIAA-CREF since 1991 but have had different roles since I started. Today I am considered a regional mall expert and have been a panelist at retail industry and finance conferences. This past year has been exciting for my family. My husband Andrew purchased a tutoring franchise, Tutor Doctor, in 2011 and his business is booming! He really loves helping people with their educational needs all over the Charlotte metro area. Our daughter Rachel is a high school senior who will be graduating right around the time of the Brandeis reunion. She is close to choosing the college she will attend in the fall - TBD - and we are waiting on pins and needles for her decision! Going through the college application process has given me a lot to reminisce about recently, and lots of great Brandeis memories have come flooding back to me. Our son Jason is 13, in 8th grade and recently had his bar mitzvah. He will have his middle school graduation in June and then on to high school! Time has really flown, but of course we have all stayed exactly the same!
Eileen Weicher Dershowitz

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation, I went on to Boston University School of Law. I graduated law school in 1987, & was licensed to practice in Massachusetts, New York & DC. I worked in small firms in Boston & Newton, practicing matrimonial law, for 8 years, while acting in community theater as a hobby. I met Steve Dershowitz ’86 through a mutual Brandeis friend after a performance in 1991. He proposed to me at Chapels’ Pond & we were married in 1994. Soon after our son Matt was born, in 1996, we moved back to New York, purchasing our house in Plainview a year later. Our daughter Bari was born in 1999. Our newest addition is our miniature schnauzer puppy, Dobby. For the last thirteen years I have been volunteering in my childrens’ schools. I currently serve as Executive Vice President of the Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School PTA & Treasurer of the POB PTA Council. Steve & I are currently anxiously awaiting Matt’s decision on where he’ll be going to college next fall.

**What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**
Chapels’ Pond, which is why Steve proposed there.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**
My family & the advocacy I’ve participated in on behalf of the children of my school district.
Life since Brandeis:

After marrying my high school sweetheart, Steve, right after graduation, I somehow converted an American Studies degree to a career in accounting. I started working for my dad in his trucking company and due to a twist of fate, became the de-facto controller. I became very involved with computers as well as financial accounting software, so when he sold his business in 1998, I became a value added reseller for an accounting software firm. From there I became a CFO and director of MIS for a nationwide company comprised of 5 vertically integrated companies. I remained there until Steve passed away in 2008. I currently run my own Financial Software Consulting business.

Steve and I have 2 amazing kids; Craig who is an attorney in West Palm Beach, Florida and Brad who is a Junior at The University of Texas in Austin. I currently reside in NJ, where I have been since graduation but am looking to move soon.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

I married in 1984, had 2 wonderful sons in 1987 and 1992 and became a widow in 2008. That pretty much encompasses all of the cycles of life. Hope the next 30 are even better!

How are you different since graduation and how the same?

I think I am pretty much the same at heart, just a little older, a little greyer and a lot more pragmatic.
Karen Kolbor Ersted

Life since Brandeis:

I loved my four years at Brandeis. After graduation, I returned home to California and have lived the last 22 years in the Bay Area. I’ve been happily married to Richard Ersted who I met in 1986 while earning our MBAs at UCLA. We love our current “empty nest.” Our daughter Rachel will graduate this May from UC Berkeley. She was the varsity coxswain for Cal Women’s Crew team, winning three PAC-12 championships, and was named First Team All-American after winning the NCAA Varsity 8+ championship last year. Our son Matt is a freshman at Georgia Tech studying computer science. After a fifteen year career in commercial banking, I spent a number of years as a stay-at-home mom volunteering in our public schools. I recently returned to full-time work and am enjoying my second career as the Credentials and Hiring Analyst for the Palo Alto Unified School District. I have fond memories of Brandeis and proudly hosted four Northern California Freshman send-offs for the Alumni Association. Although I haven’t been able to attend reunions, I’ve enjoyed visiting with my good friends Hilary Markowitz Machlis and David Berkowitz every few years.
Liz Etkin-Kramer

Life since Brandeis:

My husband Peter and I settled in Miami Beach (where he is from). We have two children, Hannah, age 20, who is a sophomore at Emory (despite my nudging toward Brandeis), and Sam, age 17, who is a high school junior at Miami Beach Senior High and rows for Miami Beach Rowing Club. Amazing kids, I'm so lucky. I have been in full time private practice in obstetrics/gynecology since early 1990s, and currently only do gynecology. Also am on faculty at University of Miami, and 3rd year med students on gynecology rotate through my office. Past president Dade County Med Association and involved with advisory board American College Ob/Gyn District XII (Florida)...phew...More interestingly, was the doctor for the March of the Living teen group from Miami for a few years, a program I find I am quite drawn to (maybe since taking Professor Jick's Holocaust course at Brandeis?)...I am still extremely close with my family--my sister, one brother and father who live in Florida, and my other brother who, although based in NY, has flexibility to be in Florida very frequently.... Pete and I fell in love with Telluride Colorado many years ago and go there as much as possible--love the hiking. I am so fortunate to be able to love my work (although a few hours less a week would be nice) and have a great supportive family, close friends I don't see or speak with nearly enough, but they don't hold it against me --thank god for text and email--I am thankful every day... Down time like to....SLEEP!! and do pilates... and read trash novels for mindless escapes...did I mention sleep?

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis allowed me to take chances both socially and academically in a nurturing, safe environment. I was a very young 17 when I started. I made amazing supportive, funny friends there, including my roommate Suzanne whom I still see. I was a history major, but on a dare, I began premed classes junior year. I took the classes to prove to myself (and others) that I could do well in them. Somehow I ended up in medical school, and so on...Had I not gone to Brandeis I doubt I would have felt compelled to try studies outside my comfort zone, and my life would be quite different than it is today.
Edward Evantash

Life since Brandeis:

After 17 years on faculty at Tufts University School of Medicine, I became the Medical Director and Vice President at Hologic - a women's health company that develops surgical, diagnostic, and imaging devices. I live in Dover, MA with my wife Karen who is a perinatologist at the Brigham and Womens Hospital. Our daughter, Sarah, is finishing her sophomore year at Concord Academy. Our son, Noah, will be entering 9th grade. We have been doing a great deal of traveling around the world visiting Europe and Africa. Michael Eisenberg '84 and I are still buddies and we see each other as often as the distance and family needs allow us. At my son's Bar Mitzvah last year, we were together with Michael and his wife Sherry Katz Eisenberg '84, Allen Erenbaum '84, Noah Kroloff '84, Alan Spitzer '84, Jeff Steger '84, and Debra Radlauer '85. It was wonderful to see everyone and their families.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite place will always be Cholmondely’s. Never again have I had the opportunity to sit in a coffee house for hours sipping herbal tea with friends and engaging in conversation that bordered on the absurd.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

A love of learning, reading, critical thinking, and social justice. Not to mention a few life-long friendships with amazing people.
Life since Brandeis:

Following Brandeis, I attended Law School - with some of my favorite Brandeis classmates. I had the distinct pleasure of serving as a judicial clerk to Israel’s Deputy Supreme Court Justice following graduation and then worked for law firms for a few years, first in Tel Aviv and then in Washington, D.C. I found lasting fun in a legal career in the world of academia and academic medicine, first as in-house counsel at George Washington University and, since 1998, as Chief Compliance and Risk Officer at City of Hope - a Cancer Center and Research Institute in Southern California. Though I miss the changing colors of the Fall season, I love the California sunshine and would not trade it for a pair of snow boots. Married to Jonathan Silberman (Class of ’85) in 1991, my greatest joys are our three children, Rebecca (already in college herself), Ari and Jeremy. I have been blessed these past thirty years with a wonderful family, career, friendships and some travels and look forward to dreaming my way through the next 30, should I be so blessed.
Life since Brandeis:
Robert Fleming, MA’87 (Emory), MS, ‘95 (George Mason), was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada; became a U.S. citizen in 2,000 and, now lives in Arlington, Virginia. In 2010, I started a Pet Service that boards dogs, birds, and does aquarium maintenance. In 2010, I retired from 23 years as a computer business analyst where I specialized in residential mortgage finance, receiving the Freddie Mac Chairman’s award, for being a 1993 team member to prove a loan underwriting decision in 4 minutes or less. In 1994, I was a team member to prove an electronic request and report for a residential real estate appraisal. Also, I was a team member of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) data standards for the consumer credit report and the real estate appraisal. Looking forward to retirement, I hope to move close to the Atlantic Ocean in Delaware and pursue leisure activities that I enjoyed as a child: fishing, canoeing, companion to dogs, and exercise.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Usdan midnight movie night: going in my pajamas. Cherry Blossom tree outside of Psychology Department. Losing my virginity.
Lucille Fiona Friedland, M.S.

Life since Brandeis:

Story: Monkey Played Outside my Room in African Resort

In South Africa, I awoke one morning to find one foot from my resort room window a monkey swinging its body along the roof edge by grabbing onto it. That day I then went on another amazing safari in a van with only open air for giant windows. We tourists saw elephants and zebras living in herds, monkeys and gorillas gathering in their own societies, giraffes hitting each other with their necks, and too fast to see a lioness crossing a dirt road and bringing back for its family a feast of another animal the same size by its neck.

Since I graduated from Brandeis, I have been fortunate to have travelled the world, gained many important insights, furthered my top-notch college education, applied my experiences to my work, and worked on many world-class projects. All this aligns with my life’s purpose to help bring prosperity, wellbeing, and health for all.

I travelled to 18 countries, Spain, 6 months in England, Italy, and I toured much of Western Europe; Mexico (twice); South African safari, villages, cities, suburbs; most states in the U.S.A.; also on the continent of America many Native American pueblos. I found:

1) I witnessed the symbiotic nature among diverse species, which correlates to my perspective of symbiosis in human society. For me, it relates to collaboration and helping one another in social economic dynamics.

2) Each place has its own unique artistic culture, even though I noticed there are similar threads from one culture to the next no matter how close or far apart they may be.

3) Women have been the basis for preservation movements for historic buildings and towns throughout U.S.A.

4) Most of the world is built around communities. People can walk or take convenient public transit to what they need.

5) I noticed U.S. citizens possess a great many more things just for the sake of having them. In contrast, in other societies people only own what is purposeful and useful.

In 1996, I established my own company that still exists today as Friedland Marketing: www.FriedlandMarketing.com. I have experienced great opportunities consulting with companies such as United Way, small businesses like Underwood and Rosenblum, Inc. civil engineers and land surveyors, plus high-tech, public health campaigns, cultural groups, nonprofits, and Native American projects. I have also served as Co-Director for two terms for the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Independents’ Roundtable in Silicon Valley. For Hewlett-Packard (HP)/Agilent Technologies during the world’s largest corporate split, I helped to establish through worldwide employee communications a new department in Agilent within the Finance Division that I also helped to move through organizational change.

During my career I won various regional to international awards, which included a Commendation from my former employer the City of San Jose. There I developed 13 community relations programs, many of them attracting government delegations from across the USA, the Federal Government, and abroad. I performed as senior judge for a former international competition for media and marketers.

Also in 1996, I earned a Master’s of Science degree with honors in Mass Communications, with a focus in Public Relations. In 2013, I graduated with honors with a bookkeeping certificate from the accounting department of a community college. It expands my ability to manage business finances. Finance rounds out my business and nonprofit knowledge, as I have organizational development and grant writing backgrounds, greatly enriching my capacity.

I would be remiss to leave this without thanking my snuggly, affectionate, kind, considerate animal companion Bessy, who has on occasion “acted like a monkey.”

What’s on your bucket list and what’s been crossed off?

My primary goal on my bucket list at this point focuses on researching and writing my book on marketing, where I am pulling from my lifetime of experience and education. The purpose is to bring forth information that will serve to illuminate a brighter path for others. I am also in the process of uncovering a facility to which I can donate my handcrafted Torah Dollhouse (www.FriedlandAntiques.com). It is a unique artifact handmade over the course of many years, which beautifully demonstrates the Jewish lifestyle.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?

Like when I was a Brandeis student, I still smile and say “hello” to everyone. However, I now find myself happily settled in the state of New Mexico with all its majesty. We refer to the state as “The Land of Enchantment” and indeed this is true. I love my home and I revel in all the beautiful amenities. I enjoy the holistic mindset of the community that allows me to eat delicious and organic foods. I enjoy connections, fun with friends/family/relatives, sightseeing, and exercising. Here I belong to many wonderful groups from Southwest Writers to the Southwest Center for Jewish Renewal.
Life since Brandeis:
   What button do I press to go back to 1980 and do Brandeis over again?

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
   Dancing with friends at the many, many great parties around campus: Reitman, Massell, Usdan, East, and The Castle.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:
   Abe Sachar told our freshman class "don’t pick classes, pick professors." That was good advice for my Brandeis years, and great advice for life.
Life since Brandeis:
After a few years of “finding myself,” I went to law school at UC Berkeley and then worked for an appellate bankruptcy judge for close to nine years. I quit to spend more time with my children. I started writing a novel the day after I left my job, because I’ve always loved reading and writing and I needed an excuse to avoid cooking and cleaning. I’ve been writing young adult novels and humorous children’s books ever since. I have 19 books traditionally published, with four more coming out in 2014 and 2015. My website is DebraLGreen.com.
My husband and I met while clerking for bankruptcy judges (very romantic!) in San Diego and stayed in San Diego for 13 years. We’ve been living in Orange County, CA for the past eleven years. We have three mediocre children. Kidding. They’re great, of course. Except the middle one. Kidding again. Our daughter is in college and we have two teenage boys at home. We also have a homely but sweet dog named Edna.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Ford Hall.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
I really enjoyed living on the East Coast (except for the weather!), having challenging classes and close relationships with professors, and making good friends.
Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I worked in management consulting for several years focusing on pharmaceutical company research & development strategy, married my college sweetheart - Debra Hassenfeld -- and got my MBA. I founded, and eventually sold, two companies – one a software development firm, the other a medical publishing company that was acquired by Thomson Reuters.

Ten years ago I joined the faculty of an economic policy research group at the Center for the Study of Drug Development at Tufts University Medical School. I now direct the sponsored research program at the Center and am an associate professor. I guest lecture at Brandeis and MIT. Ten years ago I also founded a non-profit --- www.ciscrp.org -- that helps patients and their families learn about and gain access to experimental medical treatments. In my spare time, I invest in various start-up and small businesses, serve on private company, foundation and government boards.

Debra and I live in Sharon, MA. We have three children and a curly-coated retriever named Ketcher. We are major outdoor enthusiasts and we particularly enjoy hiking, cycling, snowshoeing and kayaking. We spend our summers as residents in Bar Harbor, Maine and Acadia National Park.

My oldest daughter - Ellyn - graduated from Brandeis last year as a Theater and Business major. She is now working in the Boston area. My son David is a Junior at Brandeis, majoring in mathematics and economics. My youngest daughter Julia is a Junior in high school and is starting the college search process.
Susan Hills Goldman
Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
I can’t think of just one. I loved everything about it, best 4 years of my life!

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Sitting outside the library on sunny Spring days.
Life since Brandeis:

I have pursued my calling as a Jewish Educator since leaving Brandeis, serving as a synagogue educator. I run our religious school and coordinate all of our adult learning. I especially love teaching adult classes. I have also served as a cantorial soloist, and occasionally fill that role in my current congregation. I find great fulfillment and joy in my work.

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Life since Brandeis:

Life has been good...yes, I’ve had the usual ups and downs, as I’m sure we’ve all had. Overall, I’d say I’ve been very lucky.

I’ve been married to the same man (Paul) since 1990. We have 3 terrific kids: Jeff, 20, just finished his Sophomore year at Mount Ida College in Newton, MA where he’s studying Graphic Design (‘all leads welcome!), and Eric and Carrie (twins), 16, just finished their Sophomore year in High School -- and getting ready for the excitement of Junior year, SATs, college exploration, etc.

As a family, we love to ski, travel, do all kinds of water sports, camp, and eat!

When I’m not running around with the kids, I’m biking, scrapbooking, reading, experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen, and enjoying the precious free time. Oh, and I may sneak in a trip to the mall!

Feels like only yesterday that we were at Brandeis -- can’t believe it’s 30 years!

To all my friends and fellow ’84ers...it’s great to see you at 30. May we all be together for our 50th reunion! Until then, may you be healthy, happy, and may your lives be full and rewarding.

Much love, Lori

How are you different since graduation and how the same?

In a lot of ways, I’m the same as when I graduated. I’m still the eternal optimist, and always view the glass as half full.

Though my experiences have given me a healthy dose of pragmatism, I’m still a dreamer and love the idea of doing things that are different and not necessarily what people expect me to do.

I did, and still do have, a deep appreciation for the opportunities that Brandeis offered, for the knowledge I gained, and for the way it helped me learn to think in different ways.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

One of my favorite places at Brandeis was the Student Service Bureau. I began working there during the first week of our freshman year, and stayed on until we graduated. Because of it’s central location (next to the mailroom and near the cafeteria), I felt connected to everyone at the school. I also felt like SSB provided students with what they needed to connect to the “normalcy” of the outside world -- from their newspaper subscriptions and dry cleaning, to travel arrangements and cakes and champagne on their birthday. Wonder if it still exists?
Suzanne Griffel

Life since Brandeis:

I was ordained as a rabbi at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1990 and have lived in Chicago ever since. My first job was at the Newberger Hillel Center at the University of Chicago, where I served as Associate Director and then, following the sudden death of the Director, as Interim Director. I then served for six years as the rabbi of Congregation Or Chadash, a synagogue with special outreach to the LGBT community, before completing a residency in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and finding my calling as a chaplain; for the last 9 1/2 years I have worked for Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter as one of several rabbis in a Jewish “overlay” to an independent non-profit hospice program.

I met my husband, Saul Weiner, while I was working at Hillel and he was doing his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Chicago; we have been married since 1996 and have a daughter, Karen, who is finishing her sophomore year at Northside College Preparatory High School. It’s hard to believe we’ve been out of college for 30 years! I look forward to hearing what my classmates are up to.

Photo Captions:
-My husband, Saul Weiner, and myself in Norway during our summer vacation in August of 2013
-My husband and our daughter, Karen Weiner, during our recent winter vacation in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Michael Hafter

Life since Brandeis:
Still at the same job since sophomore year, developing practice management software for Siemens, who bought Shared Medical in 2001. Been with my only wife since 1988, we married in ’90. We have 2 daughters, 1 a newly minted graduate of Kenyon College and the other a rising senior at Lower Merion High, here on Philly’s Main Line.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
The Goon Squad, especially when we won the football title senior year

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Cholmondeley’s
Life since Brandeis:

I live in Aspen full-time with my husband and 9-year old son. I started a mortgage brokerage business in 2009 after years of activities ranging from investment banking, private equity, venture capital, investment advisory and running the international part of a music internet business. I also got my M.B.A. from the Anderson School at U.C.L.A. in 1988.

We enjoy the active lifestyle in Aspen including skiing, hiking and biking and take advantage of the rich cultural and intellectual stimulation opportunities through the Aspen Institute and the various art and music organizations.
Barry Hantman

Life since Brandeis:
Married with one child. Explorer and adventurer having visited over 60 countries. Senior Manager at Raytheon Company. Moderator, Planning Board Chairman, and Cable TV Committee Chairman for the Town of Danville, NH. Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America. Chairman of the Daniel Webster Council Jewish Committee on Scouting.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
My fondest memory is going out for Chinese food almost every night (#11 at Hula Hula Chinese Restaurant on Main St.) Seriously, my fondest memories are the course I took about ancient Egypt, playing in a band (Avatar), and the friends I met. I also remember all of the parking tickets I got from campus police (and who can forget the “Who Shot Officer Dean” event).

What’s on your bucket list and what’s been crossed off?
1. Bull Fighting - Done
2. African Safari including visits to the Mt. Gorillas & Chimpanzee - Done (7 times)
3. Visit Easter Island, the Amazon, the Pyramids of Egypt, & the Terra Cotta Warriers of Xian - Done
4. Find my Ancestors homes in Belarus & Poland - Done
5. Visit all 7 Continents - Visited 6 to date
6. Visit Ankor Wat, Madagascar, & Potala Palace in Tibet - Still to do
Life since Brandeis:
I am married to Justin Hornstein ’80, and we have three kids, Devora, Liba, and Eitan. Devora is getting married in July, Liba is currently in Israel, and Eitan is in high school. We live in Highland Park, NJ, and are both working in software - I do user interface design, currently for telecommunications software. I sing in a local Jewish choir, and participate in a number of Jewish activities. Plus book club, tai chi and aquacise!

What’s on your bucket list and what’s been crossed off?
I recently visited the Grand Canyon for the first time, and would love to travel to other national parks in the US. I would love to see more of the world, especially Europe.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
My favorite times were sitting at the Hillel Friday night dinner and Seudah Shlishit singing with my friends. All of my favorite memories are about time spent with people, and most involve something musical as well!
Heidi Smith Hyde

Life since Brandeis:
After receiving my Master’s degree in Education, I served for five years as Assistant to the Dean of Freshmen at Northeastern University. Following the birth of our first son, I left Northeastern to become a full-time mother. Eventually, I returned to work part-time as a religious school teacher and, later, a Jewish Family Educator. For the past eleven years I have served as the Director of Education of Temple Sinai, a reform congregation in the Coolidge Corner area of Brookline. Several years ago, I was honored with the Bureau of Jewish Education’s “Keter Torah Award,” which recognizes Jewish educators in the Boston area.
I am the author of five children’s books (Kar-Ben Publishing). Mendel’s Accordion was the recipient of the 2007 Sugarman Award for best Jewish children’s book, while Feivel’s Flying Horses was the 2010 finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. In 2012, Emanuel and the Hanukkah Rescue appeared in the New York Times book review section. Martin accompanies me on all my book tours... what an adventure!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
Martin and I derive the greatest joy from our two wonderful sons, Andrew, age 24, and Steven, age 22. Andrew, a 2012 graduate of Brandeis, is currently a student at Harvard Graduate School of Education, specializing in educational technology. Steven will be graduating from Cornell University this spring, and will be pursuing a career in business. Martin and I recently celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary. We love living in the same town in which we grew up.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Participating in the Gilbert & Sullivan Society was without a doubt one of the highlights of my Brandeis experience. I loved attending dances in Levin Ballroom, and hanging out at Cholmondeley’s with my friends. If truth be told, however, I spent most of my time in the basement of Goldfarb Library, writing English essays. My social life definitely picked up when I began dating Martin during my senior year. He rescued me from the library, and for that I am exceedingly grateful.
Martin Hyde

Life since Brandeis:

Heidi and I still live in the neighborhood we grew up in, Chestnut Hill/South Brookline, MA. It’s a good thing because I have a terrible sense of direction and would get lost if I lived anywhere else.

We live vicariously through our two sons, Andrew, age 24, and Steven, age 21. It was great watching Andrew and Steve as they attended the same grade school and high school which Heidi and I did.

Andrew also attended Brandeis (class of ’12) and lived in the same Mod I did, Mod 32.

Steve is a senior at Cornell and will be graduating this May. Now that I will be done paying for college, I will start working for myself.

Heidi and I are getting ready to be empty nesters. Andrew lives in Allston while attending Grad School at Harvard. Steve has reassured me he does not plan on moving home after college.

When I am not working, I like to work out, do a little boxing and try to go fishing.

Heidi and I have actually started to go on vacations and travel without the boys.

Looking forward to seeing and reconnecting with friends at the reunion.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

The life lesson that I learned at Brandeis is that you can do anything you want with a liberal arts degree!! Who knew that a degree in Politics would help me with my career as a technology professional in the Financial Services industry. Being able to think creatively and express my thoughts through written and verbal communication.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

The Stein on Thursday nights. One of the most underrated campus pubs ever!

Living in Mod 32 Senior year. Good times with great friends.
Life since Brandeis:
Life has been full since leaving Brandeis. Graduate school led to being a private practice psychologist specializing in perinatal mental health. This has included lots of teaching and writing. A highlight was being a writer and contributor for several editions of Our Bodies Ourselves, a book I first learned about through a sociology class at Brandeis where Irving Zola was one of the speakers. Travels to Europe and Southeast Asia have been fabulous. And life with my partner has been a gift. We live by the ocean and enjoy the peacefulness of nature every day, appreciating the changing tides, kayaking and rowing and being grateful for health, community and family.
Michele L. Jacobson

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, I went to NYU School of Law, where I received my J.D. in 1987. I married Andrew Burstiner ’85 in 1988, and we have two children, Dan (21) and Rachel (19). I am a partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, a national law firm, where I am also a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. I also serve as a Chair of the firm’s Women Litigators Affinity Group, and work on mentoring initiatives at the firm. We live in Holmdel, New Jersey. Andrew is a pediatrician in a neighboring town, Hazlet.

Andrew and I are embarking on our new lives as “empty nesters,” with both Dan and Rachel away at college (George Washington and Babson). We are looking forward to Dan’s graduation this Spring!
Evan A. Jenness

Life since Brandeis:
I’ve been loving life in Los Angeles as an attorney, spouse and mommy of three miniature dogs. And, enjoying world travel when I have time. Brandeis was a great launch!
Jaya Kader

**Life since Brandeis:**
Looking back on 30 years, the one lesson I have learned is that life is not so much about the destination but about the journey. I have been blessed with a wonderful family, four children ages 26 to 11, and the privilege of having a profession I love.
You can visit my website at kzarchitecture.com

**What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**
First and foremost, my four beautiful children. They are the greatest source of joy in my life and each of them inspire me every day. Second, I greatly enjoy the work at my architectural studio. It is fulfilling to be able to make a difference in people’s lives through the power of good design.

**What impact did Brandeis have on your life?**
As a freshman, I took an architectural history class with professor Gerald Bernstein. The subject and his passion inspired me to pursue a career in architecture. He however, advised me on the virtues of a liberal arts education prior to engaging in any professional pursuits. I am grateful that I followed the advice of my mentor. After Brandeis, I went on to pursue a Master of architecture, but most importantly, my love of learning has remained with me to this day. I hope that it will continue to enhance my journey.
Marcel Kahan

Life since Brandeis:
I can’t believe it has been 30 years.
After Brandeis, I hung out 4 more years in the Boston area, going to law school at Harvard and getting a management degree from the Sloan School at MIT. Then I headed down to New York, where I have been living since.
After a short stint as an associate in the corporate department at Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin and Frankel, I started teaching corporate law at the NYU School of Law. And I have stayed there since, with short interruptions as visiting professor at Harvard, Columbia, and the Hebrew University.
Shortly after I started teaching at NYU, I met Andrea. We dated, got married, and had three terrific kids, Tamara (18), Ariella (16) and Talia (10). We live on the upper east side of Manhattan and Andrea is working as a lawyer for the City of New York.
I feel lucky to have a wonderful family and a fantastic job and I often think back to the great time I had at Brandeis.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Late night jaunts to Boston.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
The couches in the library.
Life since Brandeis:
I have no doubt that my life since Brandeis has been similar to that of my former classmates – a rollercoaster ride. I’m happy to report that there have been more ups than downs, more good thrills than bad, and I’m grateful to have dear friends and family to enjoy the ride with me.

I have been married to Harvey Kaish ’82, for 27 years. For the last 20 years, we have lived in West Windsor, NJ, which is the town east of Princeton. We have 3 boys: Michael is 22 and graduating from Northwestern University, Jeremy is 18 and graduating from high school (as I type this, we are awaiting college decisions) and Harrison is 14 and graduating from middle school. Ample supplies of Kleenex have been secured for the emotional graduation month of June!

While I enjoyed my 6+ year stint as an Employee Benefits Manager for an advertising agency in NYC, I made the decision to be a stay-at-home mom when Michael was born. Those early years of motherhood in suburban New Jersey were often exhausting and sometimes lonely, but I managed to get my rhythm and I have never looked back. I like to think of myself as the COO of the Kaish family. In that role, I have gained a lot of experience in multi-tasking, nursing, cheerleading, psychology, anger management, refereeing!, music, sports, Legos, Harry Potter and more. My house is loud and in constant motion…..and I wouldn’t have it any other way!

Through the years, I had a few part-time jobs that gave me a little spending money and kept me out of trouble! ;) I enjoyed those “distractions” and was happy to find jobs that kept me busy when the kids were in school and home when they were home. The majority of my time, though, was spent volunteering in my kids’ schools – in the classroom, for the PTA, wherever help was needed. After 15 years of steady, dedicated involvement in our schools, I decided to volunteer in a more impactful way and ran for school board in 2012. Campaigning was a lot of work but it all paid off because I was elected to a 3-year term with 75% of the vote! For the most part, life on the school board is interesting, challenging and rewarding, though fairly stressful at times. I like to believe that my involvement is making a positive difference in our school district and I feel good about what I am doing. Much to my kids’ chagrin, I have not been able to push through a “no homework” policy.

I am disappointed that I won’t be able to come to Brandeis in June. Jeremy’s Senior Prom > Reunion. I look forward to reading the Reunion Yearbook and seeing photos on Facebook. Have fun! Since time seems to fly by pretty fast…..before long, it will be our 35th Reunion and I’ll definitely see you then!!
Life since Brandeis:

30 years after graduation, I’m starting the college search process, again. This time it’s for my daughter, who is a junior in high school. We are just at the very beginning, receiving about 10 pieces of mail or email a day from a wide range of schools. It’s an exciting and scary time, but also a bit nostalgic!

My son, who is 10, thinks that having a sister who will soon be in college is the coolest thing, right after the Red Sox winning the World Series, the Olympics, and going to a Celtics game.

My husband and I are still settled in our home in Massachusetts, in the suburbs west of Boston. With all of the snow we’ve had this winter, I’m dreaming of moving to a warmer climate.

I’ve found that my personal interests have been replaced by my kids interests as they have grown, but we’ve managed to keep one to share as a family. We’ve travelled to Paris and the Burgundy region of France the past two summers. It’s been a great experience for all of us with a bit of history, great food and wine, charming people and beautiful sights.

Looking forward to catching up with classmates this spring!
Life since Brandeis:
Obtained a Ph.D in Chemistry from the University of Illinois. Worked for Dow Chemical in Freeport Texas. Currently a Research Fellow at Stepan Company in Northfield Illinois. Married, one daughter, and living in Libertyville Illinois.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
Recipient of the "Hero of Chemistry Award" from the American Chemical Society
Lamia Karim lives in Eugene, OR amidst the Pacific rainforest. Apart from teaching anthropology, she enjoys the Shakespeare theatre in Ashland, traveling, painting, and her two dogs, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi and a Peke. She would love to connect with old friends from Brandeis.

Life since Brandeis:
Ireen Katz

Life since Brandeis:
Since I left Brandeis, I received a Master’s degree from Lesley College and a Certificate of Advanced Study from Hofstra University. I worked as an elementary school teacher and an assistant principal, and I have been a principal for the last 18 years. While I was teaching, I got married to my husband George, bought a house on Long Island and gave birth to two beautiful daughters, Joanna and Shauna, who are now in their early 20’s. We currently have 3 dogs—Emma, Lulu and Sadie. Although I don’t see them as often as I would like, some of my dearest friends are my Class of ’84 Brandeis friends. I love you Carin, Michele, Heidi and Howard! Mod Gods forever!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My greatest achievements have been graduating from prestigious Brandeis University, teaching elementary school, being a principal, and being a daughter, sister, wife and mother. I have truly loved each and every role and consider them my greatest accomplishments.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
I was voted Homecoming Queen even though most students didn’t even know who I was because I was completing my student teaching experience off campus. I credit my friends, Carin & Michele who worked on the Justice newspaper and got our friends Chris & Frank to design an advertising campaign that ran in the Justice. “Vote Ireen for Queen, it rhymes!” To this day, they call me the Queen!
Dennis M. Kelleher

Life since Brandeis:
Post-Brandeis Summary. Professional: Practiced law at Skadden, Arps, where I was promoted to partner twice and resigned twice; 7+ years in 3 senior staff positions in the US Senate; last 3+ years as head of nonprofit Better Markets, which promotes the public interest in the financial markets, with lots of Democratic party politics, elections and civic nonprofit activities throughout. Personal: I lived in the Boston area until moving to the DC area 10 years ago, where I live with my wife Stacy, who is a manager with Philips Healthcare. Our 2 boys are out of college; our 2 girls are in college; and, our 2 border collies are not going to college. All that, plus sports (including lots of golf) and travel, keeps us pretty busy.

Details: After Harvard Law School, I practiced law at the law firm of Skadden, Arps as a litigator focusing on securities, financial markets and corporate conduct in the US and Europe. At the same time, I was a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of Rules Committee for the Massachusetts Democratic Party and active in various state, local, national campaigns, plus a range of nonprofit charitable activities mostly focused on women and children in need and the institutionalized and community based mentally challenged.

Shortly after I was promoted to partner the first time, I resigned from Skadden, Arps and moved to Washington DC to become Senator Ted Kennedy’s Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel on the Senate Labor and Human Services Committee. I later returned to Skadden, Arps for several years before resigning again to take another senior staff position in the Senate, this time as Legislative Director and leadership advisor to Sen. Barbara Mikulski and then, for 5 years, as Chief Counsel and Senior Leadership Advisor to Chairman of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, Sen. Byron Dorgan. Throughout I had a broad portfolio of domestic and international policy matters, which also resulted in traveling to some interesting places like Iraq, Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and elsewhere.

My recent Senate service spanned the 109th, 110th and 111th Congresses, the last, which had to deal with the worst financial crash since 1929 and the worst economy since the Great Depression of the 1930s, is viewed as the most productive since President Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society in 1965-1966.

In late 2010, just a few months after the President signed the historic financial reform law in response to the 2008 financial crash, I left the Senate to lead a new nonprofit called Better Markets (www.bettermarkets.com). It is a nonpartisan, independent organization that promotes the public interest in the capital and commodity markets, primarily in the US, but also in Europe and elsewhere. It has 12 staff in DC, 2 in Brussels and 1 in London. It has been profiled in the New York Times (“Facing Down the Bankers”), on the PBS show Need to Know (“Braking the Banks”) and featured in Frontline’s award winning inside story of the financial crisis (“Money, Power and Wall Street”).

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
My fondest Brandeis memories are the people: from David Gould in admissions who took a big gamble admitting an older, mediocre student who was just getting out of the Air Force, to Barbara Tornow in financial aid who enabled me to attend, to the professors who opened my mind beyond my imagination: Allen Grossman (whose book “Against Our Vanishing” sits on my desk to this day), Philip Fischer, Gerry Bernstein, Stephen Whitfield, Geoff Harpham, Bob Art, Gene Black, Saul Touster, Mike Gilmore, Richard Burt; and too many classmates to list.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:
Thorough research, rigorous thinking, clear articulation, compelling arguments, question authority, speak truth to power, remember the voiceless and powerless, get engaged and stay engaged, and do what is right even if it is not popular.
Suzanne M. Klar

Life since Brandeis:

I am married to our old mascot Marc Brummer (also Class of 84). We have two sons - one graduating from Skidmore College as a Theater Major/English minor in May of 14 (casting directors, feel free to call) and one who just completed his Sophomore year at Temple University, majoring in film. We just adopted a Cockapoo to take care of in case our boys move out after school. We live in Livingston, NJ - come visit us.

I am a litigation and bankruptcy lawyer for PSE&G, the utility in NJ. I regrettably never went into the dead flower business with Andy Morrison, but we did work on one legal matter together. Pei-Pei has three kids and I only have two, but somehow I have aged while she still looks 25. When we can get to Maryland we visit Niranjan. I couldnt believe he had never told his sons how we climbed the Castle or how he had hypothermia after we all swam in Waldon Pond in February. I sent my kids for a visit to China two summers ago and James Teh met them at their hotel to say hello. Writing this in March, I am looking forward to an early reunion in Baltimore with my sophomore year cottage mates - Niranjan Pandey, Bruce Patton, Pei-Pei Mao, Kerry daCosta, Ed Hanley, Brandon (now Yusuf) Toropov. I am trying to convince Marc to don his old robe and wig for the reunion - see you there - Ill be the one next to the Judge!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I find it interesting that the classes that have had the most impact on my life are the classes I took to fulfill the liberal arts requirements, rather than my Economics major - History of American Photography, Into Your Ocean World, America Musical Theater, Astronomy and Sex and Sensuality in Pre-revolutionary European Literature.

In all honesty, the biggest impact Brandeis had on my life has been the husband and friends I met there that are so important to me. The minute I hear Pei-Pei’s voice on the phone, I feel like laughing. Friends from Brandeis are more like family than people I have met since those days (well, Marc IS family, so that makes sense, but other people too). Bruce and Leslie (Antin) Levy live nearby and it is pretty amazing that we have been friends for soooo many years.
Gregory P. Klein

Life since Brandeis:

Brandeis ’84, Boston University School of Law ’87. Followed one girl from Boston down to Connecticut then married some other one. Twenty five years private practice representing real people with real problems ... personal injury, worker’s compensation, criminal defense, divorce. Also serve seven years/last two as chair, of a non-profit youth service agency, Danbury Youth Services, LLC. Feels good to help people and to make a difference.

Our son was born in 2003, Louis Benjamin Klein (yes, first name inspired in part from our alma mater!). As all parents know, every child is a miracle and a blessing, takes over your life in wonderful ways. I’ve been everything from diaper changer to soccer coach and scout leader. As of this writing, Lou plays basketball for his 5th grade travel team and we’re loving every minute.

Don’t forget the dog, two year old mutt (some people call it a golden doodle but I ain’t so sure that’s a real breed). He’s actually a bad dog.

Thanks to Brandeis Univesity, and to all of you, for setting high goals and standards, and in that way helping to set me up in this life. It’s been good. Or at least, good enough.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Senior week when I finally realized all these girls actually wanted to have sex too!

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

In the gym, playing basketball with the guys.
Daniel Kohn

Life since Brandeis:

Life has been great. After graduation, I went to Harvard Law School (and was lucky enough to remain roommates with Michael Horowitz for 3 more years). I moved back home to Chicago after law school and I’ve been a practicing attorney ever since (as fun as that can be). I married Sharon Kohn (same last name!) in 1990 and we have two terrific daughters, Eliana (16) and Samara (13). I’m lucky to have them all. I’ve tried to stay involved in theatre and chorus since school, but now I get to spend most of my time watching my daughters perform (way more fun).

I can’t wait to see everyone at reunion. My 4 years at Brandeis were truly amazing ones (hopefully for all of you too); I made my best lifelong friends, had wonderful professors, and great opportunities, and looking back, really learned who I was.

All in all no complaints - its been a great ride so far.
Noah Kroloff

Life since Brandeis:
I have been involved in the business of healthcare for most of my career—as a management consultant at McKinsey, as a marketing executive at i-STAT Corp., and as a venture capital investor at NGN Capital. I received my MBA at MIT.

My wife Claudia and I live on the upper west side of Manhattan with our 3 kids, age 6, 5 and 1. Yes, I have a 1 year old! As one of our classmates (initials E.E.) reacted when he first heard, “are you nuts?” Not nuts, just happy. Yes, I only got started with marriage and kids fairly recently—better late than never, and my wife was worth the wait!

Hope to see you in NYC, on the ski slopes, or just send me a note!

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Fondest memories are living with close friends Edward, Jeff, Hilary, Allen and Stacey in the Mods. We held an actual “art show”, we had Prof Schwalberg to dinner, we ran the visiting chef program (a rouse to get freshman to cook for us), we survived the blackmail photos following a wild night in Cambridge and we survived a dinner where the food was actually recalled.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:
At Brandeis I learned that hard work is required for success and it actually pays off.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduating Brandeis Rebecca lived in Los Angeles for a few years then in 1988 settled in Seattle with her partner (now spouse) of 28 years. She’s had a number of pets (canine, porcine, feline) and no kids. Her favorite pastimes include international cultural tourism, recreational road bicycling, and independent or foreign films. She is an active volunteer in several Seattle organizations and finds constant delight in friendships with quite a few of her neighbors.

A few years ago Rebecca chose a career change from computer science to nonprofit management. Below is her bio, and LinkedIn profile is at www.linkedin/in/RebeccaLaszlo/.

Rebecca Laszlo is an independent consultant serving the nonprofit sector in the Seattle / Puget Sound region, with particular focus upon organizations working to end homelessness and alleviate extreme poverty. In the past year she served as interim program manager for the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, organizational sustainability consultant to FUSION Federal Way, and facilitator to King County Department of Housing and Community Development consortium decision-making.

The first 25 years of Rebecca’s career was in high tech database and human resources information technology work, the last 15 years of which were at Microsoft the first nine at Digital Equipment Corp. She’s known for program and staff management, promoting organizational cohesiveness, analytical thinking, and converting visions into achievable strategies.
What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My 2 beautiful children Samantha and Matthew.
Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis I lived a fun, single-in-NYC lifestyle for many years, working first at Estee Lauder cosmetics for five years and then Atlantic Records for the next eleven. I got married in 1997 and we had our first daughter, Katie, in 2000 and our second daughter, Charlotte, in 2003. I am a suburban stay-at-home mom now and I love it. I am in contact with pretty much all of my Brandeis friends, thanks in large part to Facebook, which is great! We all look exactly the same...don’t we? I wish I could ask my twenty-one year old self’s opinion on that. Or then again...maybe not.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite places at Brandeis were the library (not for the studying, but for the socializing) and The Stein on Thursday nights freshman/sophomore years. Again with the socializing. Actually, my favorite places at Brandeis were anywhere my friends were.
Life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I went to Israel for a year and then attended UMASS Amherst and received a Masters and CAGS in family therapy. I am a licensed Mental Health and Substance abuse counselor and have worked for over 25 years. I met my husband in Israel after working for a few years. We lived in Madison Wisconsin for four years while he worked on his doctorate and then moved to Providence, Rhode Island. I have three children, 17, 15 and 12. I now am the director of a behavioral health care clinic. We specialize in opiate replacement therapy.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Brandeis taught me to develop my ideas and helped my confidence as a young adult. It is a huge part of who I am today.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?
I am much more confident.
Life since Brandeis:
I moved back to NYC in 2011 after living in Connecticut for 15 years. I’m engaged to the most wonderful woman in the world (Risa Rosenthal) who grew up across the street from me in Smithtown, NY. We are planning a November wedding.
I work in Compliance Technology at J.P. Morgan where I’ve been for two years after a long career at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Stamford, CT.
I have two sons: Daniel is 22 and is a 2014 Wesleyan graduate where he majored in music. He’s a very talented singer/guitarist/songwriter and he also studied abroad in Ireland.
Mikey is 18 and will be a freshman next year studying Journalism at the Newhouse School of Syracuse University. He recently became an Eagle Scout and was a captain of his high school’s very successful mock trial team.
I’ve been interviewing high school seniors for the past 15 years as a member of the Brandeis Alumni Admissions Council and I’m lucky to have had the opportunity to introduce them to the fantastic experience that is Brandeis.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
One of my most vivid Brandeis memories is driving with Dan Meyers, Stu Engel and Mark Friedman to East Boston in the middle of the night in the dead of winter to Kelly’s Roast Beef because Dan swore that these are the “best sandwiches on the planet.”

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Believe it or not, Ford Hall. One of the few buildings on campus that had genuine “character.” It’s sad that it’s gone now.
Life since Brandeis:

I moved to Washington DC for law school. After law school, practiced patent law for a few years, then decided didn’t like law firm life. Went on to becoming a content development expert in the area of government acquisition and procurement (how the federal government buys things, not acquiring governments).

I have remained in the DC area and am married with 2 kids, a 15 year old daughter and a 10 year old son. Both of them competitively dance, so much of my time is spent in and around the dance studio and at dance competitions.
Dara Manoach

**Life since Brandeis:**
I am a neuroscientist at MGH and Harvard Medical School. My lab uses neuroimaging tools to understand cognitive deficits in neuropsychiatric disorders. I live in Cambridge and have a delightful 9 year old daughter.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**
My fondest memories involve experiences with people who would become lifelong friends, particularly from my freshman floor in Renfield. I also recall how great it felt to dance outdoors to live music at the Bronstein Festival in the spring. The academics and people were wonderful, and I remember Brandeis as a warm, nurturing and progressive place to come of age.
Pei-Pei Mao

Life since Brandeis:
I have three super fabulous daughters. They are fun and sweet and remind me every day how lucky I am and how I will not be remembered for my “cooking skills or my coping skills”. I have a terrific husband who makes me laugh (still). And last but not least, we have the perfect dog, for us, who understands a lot more than he lets on. I spent a few years in San Francisco and for nearly the past 14 years have lived in New York. I have an appreciation for the meaning of a “New York minute” which feels to me to be about 6 seconds and decreasing, and that line from that 80's sunscreen song “leave Northern California before you become too soft and leave New York before you become too hard” resonates every day as I commute in and out of Penn Station. I have been very lucky since leaving Brandeis and feel extremely grateful to Brandeis - the academics, the student life, and the special and endearing friendships made.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Made some very special friendships (Suzanne, Kerry) which no doubt have had a positive impact on my life. Kerry, who edited all my grad school application essays and is the pillar of calm and reason, Suzanne, who has never had a bad day and makes the special moments even more special, is an inspiration. The one thing that I appreciate now that I do not think I appreciated then is the academics at Brandeis. THAT was an education. The professors at Brandeis were outstanding and I am now grateful for some of those challenging classes that really forced me stretch my mental abilities and stamina.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Going to the Little Kitchen on Moody Street at 4 in the morning with the Cottage gang and watching Ed poke holes in the coffee creamer and squeeze the creamer out like milk from a cow. I had never seen that before so it was brilliant and funny. Then to see Ed put the coffee creamers to his eyes like they are bugging out, and to watch Suzanne squeeze them like the creamers they are. A very funny moment. The humor of youth and the sleep deprived.
Life since Brandeis:

My Brandeis bride (Dina Grossman, 1984) and I have enjoyed a wonderful and busy 30 years since graduating from Brandeis together in 1984. We hope the next 30 years together are as much fun.

Following Brandeis, I went on to medical school, residency and fellowship training in the northeast to become a pediatric ophthalmologist. I have been practicing pediatric ophthalmology in a group setting in the Rochester, New York area for the last 20 years. I have also spent a fair amount of my professional time developing and helping to manage a privately owned, free standing, ambulatory surgery center. I can truly say this was a very wise career choice for me because I do enjoy each and every day in my office and in surgery. I work with great people and adore spending time with my little patients.

After Dina received her Ph.D. in molecular biology, she migrated to the field of science education and outreach. She developed and ran a very successful government supported center at the University of Rochester. Five years ago, she spun off her own company in a related field, and this has been great for her.

Dina and I are blessed to have two wonderful children who are passionate about their own interests. They are both intelligent, hardworking individuals who truly care about the welfare of others and for that, we are truly grateful. Our son is a New York University graduate and is a songwriter/music producer who keeps busy between New York and Los Angeles writing pop music. Our daughter is a sophomore psychology major at the University of Rochester. She is a very accomplished equestrian having devoted much of her free time to the sport for the last 11 years. We love having the kids relatively close to home so that we can be a part of their lives.

We have also been pretty busy outside of work over the last three decades. We raised two adorable Bernese Mountain Dogs that were an integral part of our family for many years. I spent a fair amount of time racing sports cars at Watkins Glen International Raceway and then, approximately 12 years ago, gave that up and took up golf. I now play quite often and enjoy many wonderful friendships made on the golf course. Dina took up riding horses about 10 years ago and although she does not ride at our daughter's level, the two of them have great fun riding together each week. Since we are now empty nesters, Dina and I have made a mutual pact to travel more. We have enjoyed trips to Italy and Hawaii in recent years, and have plans to visit Switzerland, France and Spain next.

As for my favorite Brandeis memory, this is an easy one. I married her and could not be happier. Although it may be corny to say she is my soul mate, I know I married the perfect woman with whom I have only become closer over the years.

I hope my Brandeis friends and classmates are doing well. I look forward to reading about all that you have been doing over the past three decades.
Linda E. Maurice

Life since Brandeis:

How to summarize 30 years in 600 words...FAST! I graduated Brandeis, moved back to NY, became an NBC Page, moved to their news department, then left NY to take a job in Israel working as TV news producer for CBC. A year later I left Israel to work in Washington, D.C. as a producer and writer. Then one year later I moved back to Israel to work for a British news agency and also made Aliyah becoming an Israeli citizen. In ’91 I married my wonderful husband and best friend, Charles who is originally from England. Our eldest daughter Meira was born in ’92, son Arik in ’94, daughter Sarina in ’99. I transitioned to working more in advertising and marketing for The Jerusalem Report, We moved to south Florida in 2000. I worked in public relations for our local Jewish Community Center for a few years and also started dappling in freelance print journalism. In 2007 I took a job at a local university, Nova Southeastern, expanding community projects for their adult education, Lifelong Learning Institute. I became the director in 2010. Our eldest daughter Meira is now a tattoo artist, son Arik is studying mechanical/aerospace engineering with a minor in ethnomusicology at the University of Florida Honors College, and our youngest Sarina is a freshman in high school. Charles works as an employee benefits consultant and also is a consultant for a wellness products company. The whole family is into art, music, drama and I am their biggest fan and manager. Find me on Facebook and check out the pictures and videos!! Sorry I can’t make the reunion, but look forward to seeing pictures and hearing stories.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

It may sound cliche, but my greatest achievements are my children, Meira, Arik and Sarina and the fact that Charles and I have a wonderful, together family. In this day and age, I know that it a tremendous accomplishment.

Next on my list - I am very proud that my current work has enabled me to make a difference in the lives of many older, “mature” adults.
Life since Brandeis:

After graduating from Brandeis and attending both Medical and Dental school, Doug completed residencies in both Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic Surgery. Doug currently practices Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery in New York City, where he is the Surgical Director of Park Avenue Plastic Surgery. He also lives in New York City with his wife Jackie and their two children, Liza and David. He has remained an active alumnus of Brandeis. He first served as President of the New York City Alumni Association and then recently served on the President’s Science Advisory Council. This summer, Doug will be co-chairing the annual Golf and Tennis Outing.
I remember my time at Brandeis fondly; am very much looking forward to our reunion this summer.
Life since Brandeis:

I am married to my high school sweetheart, Bonnie, who I married 4 weeks after graduation. We live in Tenafly, NJ and have 3 children, the eldest of whom graduated from Brandeis in 2012. Our daughter is a senior at Emory University, and our youngest son is a sophomore in high school. I am an Ophthalmologist in private practice in Springfield, NJ. We have enjoyed travelling the world with our children; most recently my family joined me on a medical mission to Ecuador.
Life since Brandeis:

The year after graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Julie. We have three sons, ages 26, 23 and 21. I received my J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1987. After some time in property management and commercial real estate, my wife and I started our own graphic design company that has been in business for more than 20 years. I also work part time at the local library doing graphic design for the many community events there.

For the past 17 years, Julie and I have hosted a monthly concert series and been very involved in the acoustic music community on the West Coast. Russ & Julie’s House Concerts has been featured on KCBS Channel 2 News, the Los Angeles Times, Stereophile Magazine, Christian Science Monitor and many other local and regional publications. We also helped to start the western regional chapter of Folk Alliance International and have both served on the Board of Directors in many capacities. We recently received the annual “Folk Legend” Award from the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival.

All three of our boys have gone to college though none have chosen Brandeis. Our eldest attended Univ. of So. California (USC) and then got his master’s at Harvard. Our middle one is a high school English teacher and recently got engaged to a girl he met while attending Calif. State Univ., Northridge. Our youngest is currently a junior at UCLA.

I have kept in touch with only a few people from my time at Brandeis. I only have fond memories of my years there and can’t really believe that it’s been 30 years already! Sorry I can’t be at the reunion. I hope this finds you well.
Life since Brandeis:

I have been lucky enough to share the last 24 years with my wife Ann. Together we have raised three wonderful children, pursued our professional careers and have devoted ourselves personally and philanthropically to strengthen the Jewish community. We have had lots of fun along the way. We’re having even more fun now that we are empty nesters.

We were blessed to celebrate the marriage of our oldest child, Harvey last summer. Thirty years since graduation made me feel old enough. The prospect of being a grandpa has prompted me to start shopping for cardigan sweaters. Our other two children Nathaniel and Devorah are both currently students at Brandeis. If you want nostalgia, come back and do a campus tour with prospective students.

Looking back, so much of my life was influenced by my years at Brandeis. My economics classes with Professors Coiner, Weckstein, etc gave me the tools to pursue a rewarding career in business in the apartment industry. All those demand and supply curves really did come in handy. Most importantly, the framework for viewing the world which those classes provided were probably the best background I could have had for the career that I have chosen. Professor Kimmelman and the rest of the Judaic studies courses definitely inspired me to stay engaged with Jewish texts and more generally with the Jewish community. I have had the honor of serving on the board of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for over twenty years. I don’t know if anyone receives PJ Library books but we’re now sending out over 125,000 Jewish children’s books every month to families across North America to kids six months to eight years old. In addition, the Foundation distributes 200,000 books monthly through it’s sister program in Israel, Sifriyat Pajama. My wife and I were also founders of a Jewish Day High School, the Hebrew High School of New England, which is located in West Hartford and continue to be active on the Board. Finally, while Brandeis and athletics are not always synonymous, the recreational swimming I began three times a week during college has remained a habit or more precisely an addiction that I have stuck with through the years. My swimming times are actually better now than they were back then. Not bad for a potential grandpa!

As Joe Walsh sang two years before our Brandeis careers started, “Life’s been good to me so far.” Just trying to enjoy each day and use each one wisely.
Life since Brandeis:
I finally found a dream job -- teaching French at Middlebury College -- where I was awarded tenure in December 2013. Living in rural Vermont as a single gay man is a bit of a challenge, but I am usually too busy to notice and when I get the chance, Montreal is close enough by.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Working with Professor Danielle Marx-Scouras (now at Ohio State University) on my senior essay.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
My time at Brandeis gave me the confidence to undertake an academic career teaching French.
What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

In 1988, I was ordained as a Rabbi by HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, and in 2013 received a Doctor of Divinity in recognition of 25 years in the Rabbinate. I served as Assistant Rabbi of Temple Beth El, Providence, RI; Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY; Director of Youth Education at Temple David, Monroeville, PA; Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at the Colorado Agency for Jewish Education; and Denver Community Coordinator of Chai Mitzvah. I currently am a Jewish educator in Denver, where I teach Jewish women’s studies and coordinate Israel tours.

My life is filled with the love of my husband, Rabbi Richard S. Rheins, and our three sons, Josh (21), Sam (19), and Jakob (15).
Life since Brandeis:

After college, I moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area, re-connected with my brother’s best friend from high school, who I later married, attended graduate school in clinical psychology and received my Ph.D. I have a private practice in San Francisco, specializing in child and adolescent and family work, with a sub-specialty in therapy with children and families dealing with high-conflict divorce. I also teach and supervise interns learning to be clinicians at an agency in San Francisco. When I am not working, I am having a fantastic time with my husband and my two boys, Zach and Jeremy, ages 18 and 15. I never imagined being a parent of teenaged boys would be so rewarding, but it is. They are great guys and I am a really proud parent, cheering them on as they grow and find their ways in the world. Zach is applying for college in film production— he may be in Boston, NY or here in California as we wait for decisions to come in. We live in a small town about thirty minutes north of San Francisco in Marin County. There is a lot of beautiful open space just minutes from our house. Being able to be in nature and to be close to San Francisco is a good balance for all of us. Here in the Bay Area, from my Brandeis days, I continue to see Neal Schwartz, who lives in San Francisco, spending time wandering the City or Marin and eating delicious food with my family and him and his partner. The last photo submitted is of my kids on Thanksgiving, 2013 at their home in Sonoma, CA.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Swimming at Walden Pond, discovering Boston, the picnic after graduation with the gang—Neal, Jon, Eric, Marianne, Larry, Elissa, Howard, Harlie and Ian— and certainly, the Arcadia Maine camping trip, filled with hiking, lobsters and good friendships. I did feel incredibly supported by the professors in the Sociology department and in the Women’s Studies Department. They really helped me launch my learning and intellectual curiosity about the world around me and relationships between and among people.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

The pond by Massell housing, Ford Hall, the Castle, and Steve’s ice cream in Cambridge.
Wendi Zelkin Rosenstein

Life since Brandeis:
Within months of getting married, my husband and I moved to Hong Kong where I taught law at the University of Hong Kong Law Faculty. After moving back to the US we were blessed with the birth of our identical twin boys in 1995 and are proud to say that they will attend Brandeis this Fall 2014. Our family has been on one big adventure together, living in Minneapolis and Boston, and traveling the world whenever we have the opportunity! At present, I am working on publishing a long awaited recipe book based on my family deli & bakery business, the Lincoln Del.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
I met my lifelong best friends at Brandeis, Dana Casher ’82 and Scott Sokol ’84. I have been lucky also remain in contact with many of the good friends I made at Brandeis, including my first roommate, Joanne Levine ’84. I learned so much about being independent and strong at Brandeis, having moved from St. Louis Park, Minnesota to Boston, I knew no one and for the first time had to truly rely on myself for everything. Brandeis was the very best environment to begin my life journey as an adult.
Susan Roussell

Life since Brandeis:

My life’s work has been raising my two sons (Brad, 17 and Chris, 14). They are complete opposites in every way: physically, personality and attitude. I encourage them to be open to experiencing life as it is presented to them, taking the good experiences in and letting the bad ones go. One loves skateboarding, snowboarding and jumping into our pool from the roof of our pool house...a risk-taker at heart! The other likes soccer, roller-blading and he keeps his feet on the ground at all times. The one thing they have in common is they both love hockey.

I have been employed as Finance Manager by a company that was started by my first boss out of Brandeis...always finding new challenges at this company. I find the balance between my work and home life is enhanced by a work-from-home policy.

Although I was a runner at Brandeis, I can no longer run (bad knees:(). I work out and do yoga to maintain strength and flexibility...I never gained that freshman 15, but what about the middle age 20???: That has got to go!

Want to shout out to all Brandeisan runners, hope that you are well!

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

I had a stroke, right before Tedy Bruschi had his. Hole in the heart, same as he did. (Patent foramen ovale for the MDs!). My only issue from this is I cannot remember dates anymore...I am chronologically challenged!

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

When I was at Brandeis, our cross country and track coach Joli Sandoz left. We were told that the men’s coach, Norm Levine would take over. The men’s program was very successful, and I thought that if we were under one coach, the woman’s program would suffer and always take a back seat. I wrote a letter to Brandeis, and we got a team coach the next year. I learned to question authority.
Brian Saber

Life since Brandeis:

It’s been quite a ride. Huge stint in Chicago, but back East almost as long now. My son, Richard, is 13. He’s by the far the best thing in my life and I’m amazed at what I learn from him every day.

The career has been interesting. Being in the non-profit world has been very rewarding spiritually, though how I fell into fundraising I’ll never know. I’m now considered an expert in the field - especially when it comes to cultivating and soliciting major individual gifts - which means I spend a lot of time teaching others how to do it well. I’m enjoying the coaching, training, presenting, and consulting, and am busy building a web-based company that expands that work.

Philosophically continuing to move further to the left. The inequalities in our society are hideous and our generation has added to that in a big way. Who knew Reagan would be looking so good just about now (well...)

Have had great loves and solid relationships - this is my decade to put those two pieces together for the long haul.

Continue to be so grateful for my time at Brandeis. I was a crappy student and wasted a good deal of my formal education, but Brandeis was the perfect place to nurture my character and develop a sense of the world and my place in it.

The attached pic is 2+ years old but seems to be the last time my son and I were in a photo together!
Life since Brandeis:
I am a partner in a family retail business. I have been married for 25 years. I have three children.
Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I attended Boston College Law School, clerked for 2 years in the Massachusetts Superior Court, moved back to Connecticut to practice law. In 1994, I married, the former Assistant Dean/Director of Intercultural Center of Brandeis, Nathaniel G. Mays. In 2002, we had our first child (daughter) and in 2004 our son. I practiced law, primarily family law for 18 years. In 2011, I was appointed by the Connecticut Governor Malloy as a Family Support Magistrate to hear cases in the Superior Court regarding Custody and Alimony. My duties include establishing, modifying and enforcing family and child support orders. I have always had a passion for protecting children and enjoy these responsibilities very much. Prior to being on the bench, my practice involved matters of divorce, custody and family support. I have always enjoyed representing children and their best interests in either the capacity of an attorney for the minor or as Guardian ad Litem (“GAL”).

I have been married to a wonderful man and father for 19 years and together we strive to do the best we can to raise our two beautiful children, ages 9 and 11. The very challenging education I received at Brandeis has helped mode my life as it is today. I recall my late father so proudly boasting to family and friends that his daughter was a student at Brandeis University and she is going to be a lawyer! He did live to see me graduate Brandeis, Boston College Law School and he proudly witnessed Governor Malloy swearing-in his daughter as a member of the judicial bench.
Life since Brandeis:

Change of name, change of body type, hopefully no change of soul. Formerly Ari, now Dan. 3 kids, including eldest at Brandeis in Renfield on 2nd floor. Essentially, I have ended where I started, the suburbs of San Francisco. In between, I have lived in Durham, London, Hong Kong, and now back in CA. Married to a great partner. My career is in tech as a lawyer, bd person, business founder and now investor. A lot started for me at Brandeis and I am grateful for the experience. Still baseball obsessed as I was then. Running a lot more than I used to!

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Fondest Brandeis memories oddly have a lot to do with 3 things: great classes, people who were wildly funny, and the odd moments where you learn about yourself.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Here it is in a nutshell. Work as hard as you can because that is what you can control. Brandeis left me with the strong impression that if you work hard, there are few limits. Also, never take yourself too seriously. Brandeis had many folks who were very funny and always kept me grounded.
Life since Brandeis:
Since graduating from Brandeis, I have taken the long way around to get to where I am today. Some of you may remember that I changed majors a few times but still graduated a semester early. I had every intention of going to law school that following fall. However, when it was time to go, I decided to defer admission for a year because I hadn’t given myself the chance to think about doing anything else. I began working as a book editor in Connecticut. The following fall, I moved to Manhattan to work for Crown Publishers.

After working as a book editor for almost 5 years, I returned to my original plan and enrolled in Brooklyn Law School (where I met the man of our own “Harry Met Sally” story). After graduating in 1992, I worked with my father in his solo criminal law practice. I then became a legal malpractice attorney for AIG, and then securities class action lawsuit attorney for 2 other insurance companies.

In early 2001, after getting laid off, I traveled with my dog on my “junior year abroad that I had never taken.” I studied Spanish and taught English as a Second Language to attorneys and business executives in Madrid, Spain. Upon returning to NYC in mid-2002 in the aftermath of 9/11, I wanted to serve in a “domestic Peace Corps” of sorts so I became a New York City Teaching Fellow in an inner-city neighborhood in Brooklyn. Three years later, I went back to practicing law in the insurance industry.

My law school sweetheart, Donald Crouch, and I moved in together in 2009, and I became a real estate broker in 2010. Don is a partner of Fine, Olin & Anderman, the law firm he joined shortly after graduating law school. After all that time, I finally realized that the man who had been so supportive of all of my career changes and questions about life was my true love! It was about time that we got married, so we did on September 22, 2013. Both of our immediate families were our wedding party, and a few Brandeisians--Linda Goodman, Linda Schwartz Carmy, Lisa Barkan--celebrated with us.

Since then, I have been growing my real estate business in Brooklyn and beyond the borough. My husband and I live in Park Slope. We are supporters of the Brooklyn Museum, The Jewish Museum, New York Methodist Hospital, Citymeals-on-Wheels and Sean Casey Animal Rescue.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Massell Pond, Rose Art Museum, cemetery near the river by Grad Housing, The Stein
Life since Brandeis:

After graduation I worked in the Brandeis Admissions Office for four years, waiting for my girlfriend (now my wife, Sarah Kroloff Segal) to finish her undergraduate and graduate studies at Brandeis. In 1989 we married and moved to NYC where I went to graduate school at Columbia, a PhD program in Philosophy of Religion. Employment prospects weren’t that great, and the birth of our first child in 1994 really focused my attention on getting a real career. I always had an interest in investing and was writing a column for a new web-site called “the Street.com.” I wrote reviews of investment books for their “Investor’s Bookshelf” column. I then decided to make my avocation my vocation, left academia and worked first at American Express Financial Advisors, and then moved to Fidelity Investments in 1999. Today I work in their Millburn NJ Investor Center where I am a Vice President and Senior Account Executive for Fidelity’s high net worth clients. Sarah and I have two boys: Jonathan, now 19 and a Freshman at Tulane, and Aaron, a Freshman at Montclair High School.

I still see “the guys” from Rosenthal South: David Hildum, Lewin Wright (Captain, USN), and Rick Noel (now in Evergreen, CO).

Fond memories of friends at Brandeis and of my favorite professors: William Johnson, John Smith (I still love Shakespeare thanks to him!).

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I guess the biggest impact is the emphasis on high standards, that there’s no substitute or short-cut to success other than persistence and hard work, whether that’s struggling with a classic text in a humanities class or discussing the important issues of life. Those deep and thoughtful discussions we all had with our roommates, or in the cafeteria, or around campus, all reflect the high standards with which we approached things and, hopefully, I carry that emphasis today.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Any place my Sarah was. And thanks, Mike White, for arranging for me to sit next to her on the bus-ride to DC with the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry.
Life since Brandeis:
The reason I said yes when Brandeis asked if I would work on our 30th reunion...

Even though 30 years have passed since our 1984 graduation, I think often about our years on campus. Even though Jon and I have been married for almost 29 of those 30 years, and even though we’ve spent the bulk of that time raising three spectacular kids, the life lessons from Brandeis still loom large in my mind.

I think about professors like Allen Grossman and Alan Levitan, Robert Koff and the Lydian String Quartet. I think about Cable and the smell of freshly baked cookies. I think about hanging out in Usdan, hot chocolate in Cholmondeley’s, taking the T...

If any classmates visit Chicago, feel free to get in touch!
Here’s the life update:
Jon and I live in Highland Park, not far from where we both grew up. Our youngest, Paul, is finishing his freshman year at the University of Denver. Winter quarter’s weekly skiing was a highlight, as was playing in the conservatory’s symphony orchestra, even though he’s a liberal arts student. Leora will graduate from Washington University in St. Louis shortly before our reunion. She studied anthropology, Spanish, and public health, and spent a semester studying in Madrid. She also performed with a string quartet on campus, and we popped into St. Louis to hear a few cello recitals. Debbie, our oldest, lives in Chicago and works in social media marketing. She and I have played in a few orchestras together, and we love having her back in town.

Jon works as a lawyer at Much Shelist in Chicago, and I work as an editor at the Chicago Botanic Garden. I’m still performing with several orchestras and various chamber groups. I also have a little more time to study now that the kids are out of the house. Especially enjoy studying Talmud and mishna, and literature in Hebrew and English.

We’ve done some wonderful traveling and hope to continue... highlights included a trip to Kenya and Tanzania with the kids, kayaking and hiking in Alaska, being shown around Spain and Israel by our kids while they studied abroad. I also chaperoned the high school orchestra in trips to London; Scandinavia; Peru; Vienna, Prague, and Budapest; and Costa Rica.

Looking forward to the next 30!
Life since Brandeis:

December 8, 1980 – the day John Lennon was shot. As Class of 1984, ours was the last generation of baby boomers, still hungover by the dreamy 1960's. The Beatles and John Lennon were icons. Greater than god. I remember being in the common room of my dorm (name?) probably writing a paper or getting ready for exams, when the announcement of John Lennon’s assassination was reported on the common room TV. He was shot outside his apartment building, the Dakota, 72nd St., NYC, the city which he loved. By December, I was a first semester freshman, and just beginning to get comfortable with Brandeis and all the opportunities ahead. At the dorm, we all felt a sense of horror that such a great man who had given the world powerful music should have been killed by gunshot. We all felt mourning for his wife, Yoko Ono, for his children, and the world at large who would have to deal with such a hateful crime. End of an era.

I met my husband in London, UK, after being awarded the Sachar International Fellowship from Brandeis (1982). The Sachar Fellowship allowed me to study in London during my junior year. After graduation, I completed my JD at Fordham University School of Law and was admitted to the NY Bar in 1988. Soon after, we married, and left the US for Kenya, where we raised our family, a daughter, Maya (born 1990), and a son, Viraj (1994). Kenya is famous for its natural beauty, and here I have been privileged to serve my host country in its protection. My core activity is with The Wildlife Foundation, a conservation non-governmental organisation dedicated to the protection of the open-ecosystem of Nairobi National Park. Our successes are astounding. It is incredible to land in Nairobi, and major international city, and view a huge variety of wildlife; lion, leopard, baboon, eland, kongoni, impala, zebra, giraffe, within a very short distance. In this capacity, I have greatly enjoyed the support of the US Embassy in Nairobi, and have had strong relationships with many US Ambassadors here. I am also involved in local education reform, urban planning, community advocacy; again, using my US status as a platform. These are exciting times for Africa and I am extremely glad to participate.

However, for me, my greatest achievement since graduation is the publication of two books of my poetry, ‘Meditations’ and ‘Makonde’. These books encase writings of spiritual realization that God is everywhere and manifest within each of us. These books also incorporate the art work of several local painters of enormous talent reflecting surrealistic color and design. I am currently working on yet a third book, ‘Mind-A Sacred Place’, as well as a memoir of my family and our history from North Korea to Africa.

Maya is a recent graduate (2013) from Brown University, Providence, RI, where her brother currently attends his freshman year.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis gave me opportunities and opened doors which skyrocketed my life. To this day, my mother can hardly believe what happened to her fourth daughter. Coming from an immigrant family, and now residing overseas, I realize the US carries profound implications for the world. Having had a Brandeis education which embodied our core values intellectually, I am profoundly glad and enriched. I remember well struggling in the library over writing a 5 page paper. The earth is spinning mightily and having a Brandeis foundation I feel empowered to take life’s challenges with confidence.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

That anything can be accomplished if you truly, sincerely try.
Life since Brandeis:
I can’t believe it’s been 30 years since Brandeis -- it has gone by way too fast!!! After I left Brandeis I got my MBA from New York University and I immediately went to work for MTV Networks (now Viacom Media Networks). I stayed there for 17 1/2 years. I did many different things at the company but I was lucky enough to help start up MTV Channels in different parts of the world and spent time in London, Cannes, Tokyo, Seoul, Mexico City and South Africa to name a few places. It was a great time! During that time I got married and I have a fantastic wife -- Jackie -- and two great kids -- Leigh who is 15 and Jordan who is about to turn 13. We just celebrated her Bat Mitzvah last month. Rabbi Michael White, who is also Brandeis Class of 1984, is the Rabbi at our Synagogue and performed the Bar & Bat Mitzvah Services for both of my children…talk about a small world!!! I lived in Manhattan for 18 years and then moved out to Long Island almost 10 years ago. Lewis Krata and Jamie Goldberg are still my closest friends and I also see other former classmates from time-to-time (Jamie even fixed me up with my wife!). My son will be going into 10th Grade next year and I can’t believe I will soon be starting the whole college process with him.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
Easy question -- My two fantastic kids!!!
Life since Brandeis:

After an MBA and 15ish years in marketing research and strategy, I finally found my calling—making capitalism work better for people and planet. I returned to graduate school for a masters of public policy at UC Berkeley and then joined Pacific Community Ventures, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that empowers small businesses whose growth will create jobs and economic opportunities in low income communities. We provide capital and advice to small business owners in underserved neighborhoods, and we are thought leaders in impact investing—harnessing private capital for both financial return and social good. I became our CEO almost 5 years ago. I work my butt off but really love it and believe wholeheartedly in our mission. I live in Oakland, CA with my husband, Jon Shuster, and 14.5 year old son, Zevan Shuster.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?

I have definitely learned to keep my mouth shut more of the time!
Life since Brandeis:

When I graduated from Brandeis I was an idealistic art historian heading for graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis, and what I thought would be a career in academia, museum work, or maybe a commercial art gallery. Little did I dream that along the way I would complete an MBA at the Harvard Business School (after indeed working in art galleries in Boston for a number of years), work at two gigantic financial services firms, and become the President of a single family private wealth management office, a position I have held since 2010. In this capacity I provide financial guidance and manage all of the financial affairs for a one family. Also along the way I re-met Marty Gottlieb, who I had dated briefly in 1979, and who has been my husband for 25 years. Marty and I have three children: Walter Henry (17), Zachary Lawrence (15), and Silas Kiefer (9). We live in Hoboken, NJ. At the risk of sounding ‘way too cliche, I will say that my children are the pride and joy of my life. After a BA and an MA in art history did I trade that idealistic love of art for the world of finance? Not at all. Much to my delight and surprise I found that those thousands of images I had looked at and stored in my mind surfaced as I started to design jewelry. It has been a pleasure to recognize art history’s influence in the wearable art pieces that I create. I have been designing jewelry for over ten years now and my small design company is called Jeri Beth’s Jewel Box/JBS Designs. Around the time I graduated from Brandeis I started running as part of a program I used to quit smoking cigarettes. I am proud to say that I have not smoked a cigarette since 1984, and since 2001 I have completed five marathons. I am still an avid (and achy!) runner. Finally, a look at my life since graduating from Brandeis would not be complete without acknowledging the work of Mr. L. Ron Hubbard. Through Dianetics and Scientology I have come to know life and myself. It has been an amazing journey!

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite place at Brandeis was the library! In 1984 when we graduated parts of the library were still almost brand new. I loved sitting in the reading rooms with those enormous plate glass windows, especially in the fall as the season changed. We could watch the full procession of the leaves turning from green to brown throughout the semester. I loved what I was studying and felt so privileged to be there at Brandeis. One of the things I had the hardest time adjusting to when I got to Washington University for graduate school was the comparative lack of magic in the library.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

The most life altering milestone I have experienced since Brandeis is without a doubt becoming a mother (three times). Starting with the miracle of pregnancy and taking the experience all the way up to guiding a teenager through the college application process, nothing has ever been more challenging, or more rewarding. To feel unconditional love for the first time changed what I thought the world was made of. It has been a humbling experience to have to stretch so much to become a good parent. But the results have been exhilarating. I would do it again in a heartbeat.
Life since Brandeis:
Since leaving Brandeis, I have spent the vast majority of my time in the investment arena as a Venture Capitalist (Warburg Pincus), Hedge Fund manager (Halcyon Partners) and now running a multi-family office (Slifka Asset management). I continue to live in New York with my wife, Jan (who is a Certified Yoga Teacher and Nutritionist) my son, Joshua (who is a sophomore at The Churchill School) and our two Wheaten Terriers (Kiki and Lucy). At Slifka Asset Management, my primary activities include: Dynamic Asset Allocation, Hedge Fund Manager analysis, and running a “state of the art” fund of funds, as well as Hedge Fund linked options. I am also extremely active in the art world as a collector, and am involved on the boards or acquisition committees of institutions such as the Whitney, the Guggenheim, the Tate, and White Columns.

How are you different since graduation and how the same?
I am different in that I weigh 20lbs more.
I am the same in that I still have a pursuit of knowledge and pure joy

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
My loving family, and friends
Life since Brandeis:

Since leaving Brandeis, I’ve had fun pursuing multiple career paths, often simultaneously. I first went to Johns Hopkins, and did my PhD in cognitive neuropsychology. After Hopkins, I took a research/academic position at Mass General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, where I worked for a dozen years. During that time, I went on a Fulbright to Israel, went to cantorial school at JTS in New York (a lot of train commuting), and completed a fellowship in clinical neuropsychology. I served as a cantor for a while, then went on to begin several programs at Hebrew College in Boston, including the Cantor-Educator Program and Special Education Program. I was at Hebrew College, all told, for 17 years, as Associate Dean for Academic Support, Dean of the School of Jewish Music and later the first endowed Professor of Jewish Special Education.

Still not having enough titles or initials, I completed board certification in Pediatric Neuropsychology and then completed my rabbinic ordination. Finally (at least for now) I landed at the MetroWest Jewish Day School, where I currently work as Director of Education. I also am a part-time cantor in one community and a part-time rabbi in another. I maintain a small private practice as a pediatric neuropsychologist.

In the early 90s, I met and married Francene Reichel (PhD ‘90), and together we have two amazing sons: Benjamin (13) and Samuel (10). I’ve been very involved in the Jewish choral movement nationally. I served as Assistant Conductor and Vocal Coach of the Zamir Chorale of Boston (where I met my wife), and have several CD soloist credits with them. I’ve had the opportunity to concertize widely, meeting some really amazing performers along the way (Leonard Nimoy was one of the nicest). I mainly perform as a classical singer, although I recently started a jazz group too, which is really cool.

Despite how frenetic my professional life may appear, there’s been a good amount of grounding in it too. I feel myself always moving in an interesting new direction, and am never bored (or maybe I’m always bored; I’m not sure).

I remember my Brandeis years with fondness and a bit of nostalgia.

What life altering milestones have you experienced since Brandeis?

My kids. Sounds trite I know, but they’ve changed my whole perspective and focus.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Live in present time, but also remember yourself; don’t be afraid to consider new opportunities that life may still hold.
Shari Solomon

Life since Brandeis:
I loved physics; I loved acoustics; I loved nutrition but I’m so fulfilled teaching yoga as never as before.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:
Even Dr. Sachar is just a person like me and you.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Running with Janice to catch the train to MIT.
Life since Brandeis:
It’s been a great 30 years since we graduated. I went to Tufts Dental School after graduation and have been practicing in Rhode Island ever since, first down in Newport and currently in Providence. Jim and I have been married for nearly 17 years and we have been on many a great adventure together, rock climbing, hiking and traveling many places in the US, Canada, Central America and the Caribbean both for relaxation and photography.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?
Brandeis was a great influence on me, the learning and camaraderie that I experienced there stood me in good stead as I continued my education and then started my own dental practice.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
I would have to say that my favorite places in Brandeis would have to have been the libraries and Cholmondeley’s. The libraries because I could find anything I needed there, including friends that often knew the answers, and Chumley’s because it was a great place to relax and rewind.
Beth Pearlstein Tofel

**Life since Brandeis:**

Can't believe it's been 30 years! Feels like both yesterday and a lifetime ago. I have 2 awesome kids (young adults, I should say) who are 22 and 19. They are without a doubt the best things that have happened to me since I left Brandeis.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**

I remember the outings to the Stein, Cholmondeley's for ice cream and listening to the piano, and of course my most "interesting" memory is of the computer class I took with Sharon!

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

The friendships that have lasted through the years have had an enormous impact on my life. There is nothing quite as special as a close friend that you spent your four years at college with. The depth of those friendships, with the people that you live with, and spend 24/7 with, for four years, can not be recreated.
Carrie Ungerman
Gloria S. Wald

Life since Brandeis:
I have been married to Michael Wald for almost 20 years and we have a fourteen-year-old daughter named Hannah who is the greatest joy in our lives. She will be entering high school this Fall and is even considering attending Brandeis in several years. She enjoys school, drama, reading, and anything Jewish. She is a teacher aide in a kindergarten/first grade class at our temple and is considering education as a career. During the summers she attends the URJ camp Eisner in the Berkshires and there is nowhere that she prefers to be. I have continued in education ever since leaving Brandeis. I was an early childhood educator for 12 years and earned my master’s degree in education in 1992. I currently am a Developmental Specialist and Intake Specialist at Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services where I work with children between the ages of birth and three who have developmental delays, diagnoses, or risk factors in the home. I have been there for almost 9 years. Additionally I have taught supplemental Jewish education for many years at my previous and current Temples. I am a Pilates instructor and very much enjoy this form of exercise. Sinai Temple in Springfield, MA is my second home. I have taught classes there, been on the Board of Directors, been a long-term secretary for the religious school committee, and am currently the vice-chair of a task force to determine the future of the religious school. In 1999 I self-published a book entitled Moving From “I Think I Can” to “I Know I Can”, an empowerment manual for educators and I have been published in Young Children magazine. In my free time (Is there such a thing at this stage in life?) I enjoy reading, gardening, spending time with my daughter, and binge watching shows on Netflix and Hulu.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
I loved going to Reform services in Perlman Lounge. Services in the round made for a unique experience and the student-created services were very meaningful. The whole Friday night experience of Reform dinner, then services, then the Friday night movie was very memorable.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?
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Herb Weinberg

Life since Brandeis:

I am married with four kids living in Newton, Massachusetts. The kids range from elementary to college and keep us on our toes.

I practice bankruptcy law. Having been a law clerk to a Bankruptcy Judge for two years being exposed to types of bankruptcy, I am a generalist within bankruptcy handling both personal and corporate bankruptcy for both debtors and creditors.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis had an impact on my life in two ways. The first is building a commitment with like minded people to make the world a better place. Being a liberal in the orthodox Jewish community can be quite lonely at times. Second, I learned that there is more than one way for one to have a full commitment to a Jewish life. This has allowed me to understand and work respectfully with people with very different viewpoints from mine in the general Jewish community.
Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis, I moved to Israel where I attended graduate school at Hebrew University, met my wife Natalie and spent a year serving in the Israel Air Force as a technical officer. We had a wonderful time in Israel and certainly had a good number of Brandeis alumni there during those years.

Natalie and I moved back to the Boston area in 1990 where she started her MA and I got a job at Thinking Machines building super computer operating systems. After Thinking Machines folded, I spent the next four years at the Open Software Foundations Research Institute and then spent ten years at EMC building storage arrays. For the last 6 years, I have been at Red Hat where I am a director of software engineering in the kernel file and storage team.

My oldest son, Adam, was born in Jerusalem in 1989, our youngest son, Josh, was born in Cambridge in 1993. Adam lives in Israel now and Josh is in his junior year at Clark University in Worcester.

Career wise, I have been very active in open source software with a lot of work centered in Linux file and storage systems. I serve on the Technical Advisory Board of the Linux Foundation, get to travel frequently to events as a speaker and enjoy helping that community grow.

Natalie and I currently live in Belmont, not too far from Brandeis, with Skeeter, our 13 year old Jack Russell Terrier.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Ford Hall was the center of any COSCI majors days at Brandeis when I was there. A really odd building, hard to wire but quirky enough to be very memorable.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memories of Brandeis are definitely the friends I made both with students and the wonderful faculty. Some of those friends are as close today as they were 30 years ago, despite the considerable physical distance between us.
Michael White

**Life since Brandeis:**

We’ve spent the last 17 years in Roslyn Heights on the north shore of Long Island where I have been the rabbi of the local Reform synagogue. My wife Rebecca now works for UJA-Federation with two portfolios, supporting Israel and working with interfaith families. Our oldest, David, is a junior at Muhlenberg College and our daughter Talia, 17, is a junior at the American Hebrew Academy, a boarding school in Greensboro, NC. All in all, it’s been a good life. I miss Brandeis and especially the wonderful friendships made during those fantastic years.

Everyone should be as lucky to have a college experience as we had. Thankfully my son is loving Muhlenberg and growing and maturing. I hope my daughter will find a college home that embraces her as Brandeis embraced me.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**

The parties we threw in Rosenthal and in Mod 10.

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

Certainly marriage and parenthood. Nothing compares and they amazingly change everything.
Life since Brandeis:
  Hard to believe 30 years has passed...And now my daughter is looking at colleges.
  Hope everyone has achieved their goals.

I look forward to seeing Waltham again...I have heard it has grown. Lots of memorable moments and still in contact with many good friends. Hope its a great weekend and best of luck to all in the future endeavours.
Lois Yurow

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:
Dinner in Mod 31 was probably my favorite time. We cooked real meals a few times a week (some good, some not so much) and thought we were so grown up.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?
Cholmondely’s, of course. Ice cream has always been my favorite food in the world, and I also liked the music.
David Zinn

Life since Brandeis:

Since leaving Brandeis I have taken a similar path to my friends and classmates: work, marriage, children and all the events that surround those lifetime milestones.

I have worked continuously in the technology consulting space, the same industry I started with after graduation. Since our last reunion I left IBM to join KPMG as a partner in their advisory business. It was a hard decision to leave IBM but I missed the partnership I had experienced at Andersen Consulting and PwC. I focus on Enterprise Solutions for Financial Services clients. I consider myself fortunate in that I found a career, partially influenced by my time at Brandeis, that I truly enjoy and that has been personally and professionally rewarding.

Eileen and I celebrated 25 years of marriage last year - another major milestone - and plan at least 25 years more together. Our daughters, Dana and Jessica are each taking the next steps in their respective lives. Dana graduated from University of Maryland in 2013 and is working in Internet sales; she really enjoys it. Jessica is a freshman at Syracuse and having a great time. I think I need to look to grandkids for future Brandeis generations (though my nephew did graduate from Brandeis in 2012 and had a great experience).

To me, the best reminder of my time at Brandeis are my friends who continue to be a key part of my life. David Klyde and Steve Shikiar are my closest friends; we see each other often and our families are extensions of each other having spent many events and vacations together. Some of you may have seen my daughter’s prom pictures and recognized David’s son as her date - who would have thought??? We also see Adam Tattelbaum, David Steiner and Scott Rutchik who didn’t graduate with us but still consider themselves honorary Brandeisians.

Thirty years is quite a long time and its hard to believe that graduation and our time at Brandeis was so long ago. But it is at these reunions where we get to relive those days and replay the memories again and again. Looking forward to our 30th.
Dan Zunitch (Zuni)

**Life since Brandeis:**
Greetings, classmates.

When the class of 1984 first arrived at Brandeis, the University was barely 30 years old. Now it has been 30 years since we graduated and left to "start our lives". So where does that leave us now? Have we “finished our lives”? Hardly. Not a single year has gone by without news of some important milestone or accomplishment by one of our classmates.

I am extremely grateful for my Brandeis education, and especially for the people that I met while I was there. Some of us have remained lifelong friends; others have not been in contact since we packed up our boxes for the last time. Yet every last one of you has had some influence on my life, and I hope I have been able to pay it forward as I have gone along.

We’ve lost some friends along the way, including some in the year leading up to this reunion. My thoughts are with a few special people who have gone before their time. They will be missed, but we have lost them only in the worldly sense. Always we carry with us the impact they had on our lives.

It is a bit imperfect that, for good reasons, reunions or organized according to class year. No class exists in isolation, and I have friends that I miss from class years 1981 all the way through 1987. As I passed through my designated time at Brandeis, I had the privilege of living, loving, working, and playing with many people from those class years. I will be thinking of you as well on this occasion.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Brandeis University Class of 1984. Let’s not call it “the 30 years since we graduated”, let’s call it “the first 30 years”.

**What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**
I will never forget my dorm room, Reitman 106, and our beloved Reitman dorm, where I was lucky enough to live for two years, as a freshman and sophomore. The community that existed in that building was extraordinary. We were a family, and we lived and loved and fought and reconciled like a family.

I also have many happy memories of The Stein, the lacrosse field, and the computer center in Ford Hall. Some weeks it was a toss-up whether I spend more nights sleeping in my bed or with my head on the desk next to the computer keyboard.

**Share your fondest Brandeis memory:**
I could not let this opportunity pass without mentioning one of the most important parts of my Brandeis experience, the Brandeis Lacrosse team. I have never met a more gutsy and determined group of people. From Coach Mike Coven who personally recruited me from high school, to the upperclassmen who took me under their wing when I was a freshman, to the players that came after me and carried on the lacrosse tradition under adverse conditions, you guys are on my team, and I am on yours.
In Memoriam

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

Lisa P. Cohen  
Ralph Conley, Jr.  
Andrew J. Davis  
Rodger E. Hebert  
Brian E. Kovler  
Susan H. Lowe  
Brian P. Regis  
Elizabeth Sinkiewicz Reid  
Jane E. Rubinstein  
Jared E. Swartout  
Amy Leah Tavrow
Brandeis Graduates from Class of 1982 (2) 1984, 1985, and 2013 (2)