

Brandeis
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Yearbook



**THE CLASS OF 1961's 60TH REUNION
YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT**

INTRODUCTION

A MONTAGE OF COMMENCEMENT DAY PHOTOS

**HUBERT HUMPHREY'S COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS,
JUNE 11, 1961**

**PRESIDENT SACHAR'S LETTER TO THURGOOD
MARSHALL, JUNE 14, 1961**

ON HUBERT HUMPHREY'S 1961 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

On June 11, 1961, 251 seniors and 51 graduate students received degrees at our commencement ceremony at the Ullman Amphitheater. Among the recipients of honorary degrees that day were Hubert Humphrey, who gave the commencement address, Thurgood Marshall, Frances Perkins, Lord Beveridge, and Harold C. Case, the president of Boston University. There were others, as well, including Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Maurice B. Hexler, executive vice president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. On the previous day, Thurgood Marshall had given the baccalaureate address. Remarkably, many of us in the class of '61 still remember those speeches, if not in detail, then in broad outline. Both speakers linked the mission of Brandeis University to the commencement weekend theme of social welfare. Humphrey's address, "The Four Enemies of Freedom," was, in fact, an echo of FDR's 1941 State of the Union speech. In that "message" (as it was then called) FDR put forward a four-point program of universal human rights: (1) freedom of speech, (2) freedom of worship, (3) freedom from want, and (4) freedom from fear. In an early 60s Cold War context, Humphrey updated those principles, enlisting them in the ideological struggle between contending political systems: American democracy in its most ideal form and communism as it was then perceived in the West. This was essentially what we heard on that sunny day in June, our last as undergraduates at Brandeis.

Human welfare, as Humphrey saw it, demanded not only aid to the suffering, the poor, and the needy, but also the alleviation of social inequities such as bigotry and discrimination. Every citizen, he argued, had an inherent right to education and healthcare. The common good required both job training and economic opportunity. A free society, Humphrey believed, must be just and secure at the same time. In the vocabulary of the late 50s and early 60s, Humphrey's "radical" Progressivism was both global and domestic, a plan for active government abroad as well as at home. The American political system, guided by liberal moral ideals and empowered by the nation's unmatched wealth, would then, or so he predicted, defeat the anti-democratic forces arrayed against it bent on domination and expansion.

"As an orator," Carl Solberg, one of the senator's biographers writes, "Humphrey was the standout platform speaker of his day." "The striking thing about Humphrey's speeches," he adds, "was that they sounded so much better than they read." Solberg also mentions Humphrey's revisions of the drafts of speeches prepared by his staff, changes we can see

in the typescript printed here. It's certain, too – and the Minnesota Historical Society confirms this – that the revisions we see are actually in his hand. Still, lacking a live recording, we have no idea exactly what Humphrey said that day, and it's likely that the text we have was just a starting point. An “incandescent” improviser, Humphrey loved, as Solberg says, to wing it. At any rate, sixty years later, here are the words he began with.

– Stephen Bluestone '61

NOTE: Along with the text of the Humphrey address, we're also including a montage of commencement weekend photos and a letter of thanks to Thurgood Marshall from President Sachar, dated June 14, 1961. A search of Marshall's papers in the Library of Congress and of various Brandeis archival materials did not turn up his speech. Thanks again to the Minnesota Historical Society for permission to publish the Humphrey typescript. Thanks also to Chloe Gerson of the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections for her generosity and expertise. Amanda Genovese, Barbara McCarthy, and Abbey Santos, of the Alumni Office, always patient, helped make this supplement possible.



THE FOUR ENEMIES OF FREEDOM

Commencement Address by

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

Brandeis University -

June 11, 1961

Waltham, Mass.

"THE FOUR ENEMIES OF FREEDOM"

*Brandeis U -
June 11, 1961*

The theme of this commencement--
"Social Welfare"-- is significant
both for a growing nation and a
restless world.

Today, in awarding its first
doctoral degrees in social welfare,
Brandeis University fittingly
emphasizes and honors this basic
American concept.

And ~~our presence here~~ ^{*this Commencement*} rightfully
honors the work and the heritage of
Louis Brandeis, whose life was
dedicated to justice, freedom and
human welfare and dignity.

Your emphasis on social welfare today is needed. *required.*

~~For too long, social welfare programs in the United States have been downgraded and derided by defenders of the status quo.~~

~~Shrugging aside carping and criticism, men and women dedicated to social welfare have continued to improve and to humanize the processes of democratic government.~~

~~The goal of leaders in the social welfare movement has been to assure every American the basic security, dignity and opportunity that is his birthright. We have moved far away~~

from that long, sad epoch of
indifference to basic human needs,
of exploitation of women and
children, of the arrogation to a
privileged few of the fruits of
industry. In housing, in health,
in education -- in all the branches
of social welfare, we move ever
closer to the goal of a Nation
with a just, compassionate and
practical program for the welfare
of every citizen.

In one very real sense, the
United States is and has always
been a welfare society, and we
should be proud of it.

Our Constitution specifies but two mandates to our government-- to provide for the common defense and to promote the general welfare.

and For Americans, welfare ~~has never~~ *must signify*
~~mean~~ *not* only ~~simply~~ aid to the suffer-
ing, the poor and the needy. It
means all of this and more. It
means adjustment of social
inequities. *an all-out attack* It means ~~the elimination~~
~~of~~ bigotry, intolerance and
discrimination. It means not only
charity, but also the privilege for
every citizen ~~for~~ *of* education and
health. It means not merely economic
security, but *Social and* economic opportunity.

~~The welfare state is not a restrictive state. It is an humanitarian state.~~

We ^{have} ~~must~~ demonstrate that a democracy can mobilize its energies for the welfare of its citizens. This is the message we should take to the world. This is the ^{true} voice of America, the spirit of our continuing revolution.

The terse statistics of human need--83 per cent of the world's people underfed; 62 per cent illiterate; 70 per cent sick or poorly housed--these ugly facts must challenge us to be the

The revolutionaries -

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reformers of the twentieth century.

Old tyrannies continue to suppress and to exploit people.

And new tyrannies--masquerading as liberation--plunge people from one misery to another. The old and the new tyrants think not of human welfare but of their own arrogant power. To tyrants, old and new, man is flesh, not spirit and soul.

In vast regions of the world we see the results of the failure to promote human welfare and protect human rights. It is this failure that is the ally of dictatorship and the enemy of freedom.

If freedom is to ⁻⁷⁻ survive — *them*

↳ We must concentrate our resources and our energies in the direction of reform, social progress, the general welfare of the people at home and abroad ~~if freedom is to survive.~~

↳ The real, ~~the basic~~ ^{and}, the vital challenge in the world today is not the dogmatic militancy of a Mao, nor the design and plan of a Khrushchev.

↳ The real challenge is to defeat the ancient adversaries of mankind, the loyal allies and ~~hand maidens~~ of tyranny, the four enemies of freedom--poverty, hunger, disease and ignorance.

These are the conditions which have darkened the lives of untold millions, and still grip vast regions of the earth. On this broad base of misery and despair, tyranny has strutted, marched, conquered and destroyed.

But, this need not be. *It must not be.*

The great zone of misery which circles the earth--including Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia--is being transformed by the knowledge that there can be a better life.

Decision is replacing despair.
Passion for change is replacing passive acceptance of the status quo.

Action is replacing submissiveness to the old conditions, and the old injustices.

It is time for Americans to abandon the travelogue approach to Latin America, Asia and Africa. We must think of Africa as a land of vital people demanding freedom and not as the setting for Hollywood jungle dramas. We must realize that the "quaint charm" of the Orient is a fragile veil covering squalor and starvation. We should know that Latin America is no longer the "land of Mañana"

Could be text

~~characterized by sleepy villages,
but rather a region of ferment in
which a vibrant people expect and
demand change and improvement today.~~

∠ The conditions of poverty, hunger,
disease and ignorance are not new.

and ∠ The challenge to release mankind
from their grip is not new.

∠ But the pressing need for a
sense of urgency is new. The
restless millions of the world are
awake and rising. They are not
willing to wait for slow, evolutionary
change which might, perhaps--
sometime in the distant future--
bring security, dignity and justice

to their children or grandchildren.

Yes A revolutionary wave is sweeping across the world's underdeveloped areas.

↳ This is not a revolution for communism; it is a revolution against the intolerable conditions of the past.

And ↳ The Khrushchevs did not create the conditions of this revolution. But they seek to manipulate it, to channel its force and its millions of participants toward their vision of a communist world.

↳ The peaks of this revolutionary wave--the moments of crisis and violence have come more frequently

in recent months.

It has been all too easy to simplify a complex matter by labeling the revolutionary wave as Communist-inspired, Communist-motivated, Communist-organized.

Such over-simplification has given the Communists credit for victories which they did not earn or deserve. Revolutions have succeeded and corrupt governments have been toppled without Communist direction or intervention.^{and} When we brand^{ALL} uprisings as "Communist," Khrushchev happily sees the restless millions of the world

accept our impetuous and inaccurate
assessment.

~~Yes, the Communists do attempt
to usurp specific revolutions.~~

~~They do sometimes succeed in
capturing popular uprisings.~~

But why should we hand them
free victory after free victory?

We must understand that the
overriding character of the world
struggle is political and social
--that ideas, ^{backed by Action} not arms, will
prevail in a world of nuclear
stalemate.

We must turn away from the
tolerance ^{AND} support of dictators,

and identify ourselves with the new forces of liberation.

∠ We must be more than mere anti-Communists.

∠ We must prove that we are pro people--pro freedom.

∠ If we are content to hide in the storm cellars of anti-Communism, we may indeed survive for a time. But we will emerge to find a world that has fallen away from us, left us alone and friendless in a waste of totalitarianism.

∠ A policy based only on anti-Communism is a castle built on sand.

↳ The cathedrals of freedom are built by positive, creative, and affirmative dedication to the welfare of human beings everywhere.

↳ The cornerstone of world freedom will be laid when we have joined those who revolt against the tyranny of poverty, the slavery of disease, the corruption of ignorance.

↳ An historic change in American policy is now underway, and it is symbolized by the President's aid program for Latin America--the "Alliance for Progress."

↳ We are now determined that our foreign aid will be used as an

incentive for economic, political and social reform. It will be used to develop and strengthen a true alliance for progress.

↳ We are determined that our aid will be used to help the people of other nations to help themselves.

↳ This is the new, democratic dimension to our foreign aid.

↳ We are expressing our true and deep concern for the aspirations of the restless millions of the earth for freedom, ^{and} ~~for dignity~~, ~~for justice~~, for progress.

With the new principle of the "Alliance for Progress," we must

lead a massive cooperative program of economic aid and technical assistance.

and *L* More of our efforts must be channeled through the organization and agencies of the United Nations. *State Dept*

L An expanded Peace Corps must send more skilled Americans to other lands. *Work together*

L Our Food for Peace programs must be increased to use America's agricultural abundance to banish hunger and spur economic progress.

L An American White Fleet of mercy ships, must be designed and launched to speed relief to peoples struck by disaster, and to play a creative

role in training for modern health
and sanitation.

↳ We must help others expand and improve their educational systems, to provide schools and teachers for the battle against ignorance and illiteracy. *Teachers - Not Warriors*

↳ We must revamp and redesign our embassies and missions overseas, stressing the use of social welfare professionals, scientists, agricultural and labor specialists and educators.

↳ Our embassies should reflect American society as it is. *and* We are not just diplomats. We are doers.

We are builders. We are teachers.
We are filled with the love of
learning, with the excitement of
achievement, with the dedication
to human welfare.

and Our overseas missions should
reveal the true American character.

Let us strive to improve and
refine that character. We can no
longer tolerate ^{*our*} slums, inadequate
schools and hospitals, unemployment,
hunger and the twisted lives that
are the result of our failure to
complete the work of social welfare
in America. —

Above all, our own human
relations must catch up with the

*Soc
Justice*

revolutionary epoch in which we live. If ever there was a time when brotherhood was a requirement of our national security, it is

now. *Our foreign Policy a reflection of the domestic scene*

↳ Denial of human rights in the United States represents a social malignancy more dangerous than any physical disease and more threatening to our security than any weapon of mass destruction.

*Politically undesirable
Morally wrong
Security - very dangerous*

↳ To live the life of human dignity, to practice freedom of conscience, to believe in and exemplify human brotherhood-- these are the essential requirements for the expression of freedom. *yes*

These are the requirements of an effective foreign Policy.

It is far better for a nation to have "freedom riders" than secret police. It is far more noble to have spiritual leaders who speak up for the rights of man than to be led by political demagogues ^{offering} ~~willing~~ to trade men ~~for~~ tractors.

The 1960's must and can become the decade of America's mighty effort for the progress and freedom of mankind.

We must internationalize the concept and practice of ~~American~~ social welfare, seeking for others throughout the world the same goals

we seek for our own citizens. — (Pause)

↳ We live in an era of potential catastrophe or potential glory.

The same technology which produces weapons of destruction and death

can--in our time--open the

mysteries and wonders of outer-

space, cleanse the earth of

disease, bring forth from the earth

the food ^{AND} fiber to feed the hungry

and to clothe the naked.

↳ This is a wonderful time in which

to live. ~~This time~~ challenges the

best in us. It calls for doing the

impossible--performing miracles.

↳ Mediocrity must give way to

excellence; timidity to daring;

fear to courage.

We dream of sending a man to the moon in this decade. We know that dream will be fulfilled with sacrifice, a commitment, a plan, and a program. (~~But we shall do it.~~)?

Our greater responsibility--a more demanding challenge--is to achieve mankind's dream and hope of a better ^{peaceful} world--through sacrifice, commitment, a plan, and ~~a program.~~ ^{and inspired leadership.}

With such standards, our Nation will be known not for the power of our weapons, but for the power of our compassion and the strength of our dedication to human welfare.

Our strength as a nation--your strength as a generation--is not to be measured only by our military force, our industry, our technology.

The real strength of a free society is its people--and their commitment to freedom and social justice.

*To this strength
Boander ~~has~~ goes

June 11, 1961



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Speaking engagement
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

A. L. Sachar

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 14, 1961

Dear Mr. Marshall:

We all felt healed and encouraged to have had you with us at our Tenth Commencement. I could not wish our young people to have left their University on a more affirmative note than the one you represent. I know that they took the message of your Baccalaureate address with them and I am confident that they will keep it among the most precious experiences of their University years. Thank you for taking time from an overwhelmingly demanding schedule to be with us.

I am delighted that you gave us the privilege of welcoming you into our ranks of honorary alumni. I hope that, whenever you can, you will remember your old school ties and pay us a visit.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

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Matt Abrams

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My main takeaway from this exercise is appreciating how fortunate we are to be around to mark 60 years, albeit in my case, still nowhere close to mastering the subjunctive in Spanish.



1961



2021 (identical except no FedEx in 1961,
new hair stylist)

Morris J. Blachman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

How do I relate my 60-year journey since leaving Brandeis? I have changed; Brandeis has changed; the United States has changed; and the world has changed. But, what has not changed are the enduring personal and social challenges of life. And those challenges were laid out at Brandeis in our courses, in our friendships and relations with each other, in our everyday engagements in the arts, sports, politics and in our extracurricular endeavors.

For me, Brandeis was a critical turning point in my life. It set a foundation for later living in a diverse world and it provided an ever-producing fountain of knowledge and understanding from which I still draw and learn. The intellectual pursuits, the readings and especially the interminable discussions along with the near daily challenges from so many of my professors forced me to examine who I was and who I wanted to be. It was difficult and painful, but extraordinarily beneficial. That Brandeis experience solidified my sense of myself and my commitment to Tikun Olam and helped me to develop the Grit that has

been so important to make it through the more challenging times. After four years at Brandeis, I was ready to deal with whatever life issues I faced.

I have spent my entire professional life, in my roles as an academic, an administrator and as a consultant, working to empower people to work together to make a better world for us all. The sixties and seventies were especially challenging. As a participant in the Vietnam War, then as an activist in the anti-war movement, as an academic and also as a community advocate, I saw firsthand the myriad ways government and citizens can slide into corruption and authoritarianism. I vowed that I would never become cynical nor would I ever drop out. I am extremely proud to say that I have honored that pledge and still am actively engaged in building community. Along the way, I have been privileged to mentor dozens of students, colleagues, and members of my community.

I am particularly proud of my wife Penny and my family in all its extensions for the

values that they represent individually and collectively in their daily behavior—respect for others, kindness, honesty, working for Justice, standing up for what is right, providing a hand up for our fellow humans, etc. These values were taught to my four wonderful children and four equally wonderful grandchildren by word and deed.

Along the way, I have found great joy in being with my family and friends. Now, as I am transitioning from full-time work (I retired in the midst of Covid), I look forward to traveling with my wife and spending time with my children, grandchildren, cousins and great friends. I have had the opportunity to travel and live abroad. Now I am eager to see more of the US, up close and personal.

Finally, I hope to reengage with many of you, my classmates of 60 years ago.



Stephen Bluestone

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Since our last reunion, Mary Jo and I continue to live in Park Slope. I'm still writing, and she's kept her NYS RN license active and does senior care and also foot care, one of her specialties. "From Neza York to New York," a bilingual anthology of the poetry of Mexico City and NYC, appeared a little before the 2016 reunion. After that came "The Painted Clock" (2018), a collection whose title poem was an attempt to grapple with the horrors of Treblinka. Mercer University Press, my publisher, was kind enough to nominate it for the National Book Award. More recently, I've been working on a new volume that – using different historical voices – tries to deal with the Age Of Trump. One theme that keeps coming up is how much our current situation has in common with similar moments in other times and places. There's really, I think, only one basic vocabulary for the human predicament, but with many local voices and dialects. In some strange way, it's a comfort to know this.

In other news, in April, 2018, Mary Jo and I

discovered Seville on a home exchange and fell in love with it. In exchange for our modest place in Brooklyn, we were able to enjoy a lovely apartment on a medieval street in the old part of town. The fabulous Holy Week procession went by under our window. We also attended a Seder and, towards the end of our stay, enjoyed the biggest springtime party in Europe, the Seville Fair. In early 2020, tickets in hand, we were all set to go there again, but had to cancel. Luckily it was possible to do that just before all of Spain shut down. Next year – vaccines willing – we hope to be traveling again, for sure.

So, in 2020, instead of exploring distant places, Mary Jo and I got to know almost every tree bed in our zip code. In our masks we walked, you might say, through the seasons. Mary Jo also wrote about a thousand get-out-the-vote postcards in the fall, mostly to Georgia. In some small way, we hope, they made a difference. Sadly, in the course of the lock-down, I had to cancel two Shakespeare classes I'd been teaching, one of them at Hudson Guild, in Chelsea, and the other in our neighborhood. Not

being able to teach Shakespeare again in real time in a real room with real people was, for me, one of many personal losses in 2020, though, in the big picture, hardly important at all. By some luck, we're still here, the US Senate's flipped, the Paris Accords are back on, and the center seems to have held., even if just barely. We're also talking about another Brandeis reunion. In the fall or spring, we might even gather again in person on campus.



Keiren & Stephen @ Healthcare for the Homeless in Baltimore



Eli, Micah, Ben, Stephen, & Seth



Stephen & Mary Jo @ the Tuileries

Sidney Boorstein

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Fortunately feeling well (especially being a 84 year old senior). Beverly 1961 (my wife of 54 years) passed away in 2016. I remarried Caryn Mofenson in August of 2019; Caryn and her husband (who died in 2015) David were good friends for over 35 years; he was great!

My two daughters: Robin (1989) is COO of The Children's Trust in Boston and has two fabulous boys and my other daughter Michelle is The Religion Reporter for the Washington Post: selected as outstanding Religion Reporter in the U.S.A. three times and A Nieman Fellow at Harvard. And she has a great 12 year old boy! Her husband is The Business Editor for A.P.

I am still active with several charities: West End House and The Children's Trust! I take piano lessons weekly; am in 4 different book groups; swim every day; play golf (outside during this pandemic); I am on The Board of Trustees in Hampton Place (Chestnut Hill); and recently zoomed with my intramural teammates: Ron Carner; Marty Zelnick; Steve Reiner; Morris.

Blackman; et al (sorrowfully both Steve Rose and Hal Zinn are no longer alive).

Best,
Sid Boorstein 1962

Sue and Steve Candell

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Looking back, September 1957 became the beginning of the wonderful life that Susan Biberfeld and Stephen Candell have shared with each other and the lifelong friends that we luckily met that first week on the Brandeis campus. Our clan grew those first few weeks from Susan Bibrfeld, Susan Turitz Goldberg, Adrienne Udis Rosenblatt and Ronney Kushel Caplan, to include Stephen Candell, John Dartique and Joel Rosenblatt. As time progressed, Judy Levitt and Michael Schatz became integral parts of our group. The most important impact that Brandeis had on both of us is the lifelong friendships that we have been lucky enough to have formed: The Candells, Caplans, Goldbergs, Rosenblatts and Schatzes. Since leaving Brandeis, through grad school, the army, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and yearly vacations, our families became intertwined. The Candells migrated to Florida for the winters and soon after the Rosenblatts followed. A few years later the Goldbergs moved into the same community as the Candells and just a few years ago, Ronney Caplan Hellinger bought a home across the street from Sue

and Steve, bringing back memories of Hamilton E, third floor. Now we borrow flour and bouillon cubes instead of class notes. Unfortunately life has taken its toll so that now Susan Turitz Goldberg and Joel Rosenblatt are no longer with us, but their memories will always remain an important part of our lives.

Brandeis offered us a fantastic education with world renowned professors, but for the Candells Brandeis's greatest impact is the classmates that we found there.



1958: (top) S. Turitz & J. Dartique; (bottom
L-->R) S. Biberfeld, S. Candell, A. Udis, J.
Rosenblatt



1996: (L-->R) J Goldberg, J & M Schatz, R
Caplan, A & J Rosenblatt, S & S Candell, S
Goldberg



2006: (L-->R) J. & A. Rosenblatt, R. Caplan, S.
& J. Goldberg, J. & M. Schatz, S. & S. Candell



2021: (L-->R) Ronney & Mel Hellinger, Sue &
Steve Candell

Ron Carner

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I truly don't want to be repetitive as my bio has been listed in several previous reunion journals. I'd like to talk about what I've done in the past fifteen years and what I'd like to do going forward.

I left my Law firm in 2006 and devoted lots of my time and efforts working with my Brandeis roommate Walt Klores. We have had lots of fun together. Miss him during this pandemic.

I have been involved with the world's third largest international sporting event, The Maccabiah Games, held in Israel every four years. From 2009 to 2017 I was the president of Maccabi USA and I was extremely proud to learn that the USA delegation of 1,132 team members was about double the size any international sporting event to ever leave the USA.

Going forward is somewhat of an unknown. Health is not the issue, but inability to find another time consuming passion is what presently prevails. I will find it however.

My wife, Talia Carner, is a well known author. During this pandemic she done almost 200 hourlong Zooms, lecturing either about her book or about the topic

the book is based upon.

Family is fine. Four kids, nine grandchildren.

Hope you all stay well. Ron

Shepard Cohen

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

When asked about the “impact” of Brandeis on my life, looking back at my four relatively unremarkable years at wonderful Brandeis, I can view them now as a “launching pad” for both my personal and professional lives.

A few years after graduation, I met my wife of 54 years, Linda Lieberman, Class of 1960, at the wedding of a mutual friend and fellow Brandeis graduate. We continue to find strengths in our love for each other and for our small family (one daughter and one granddaughter).

Professionally, Brandeis prepared me well in several ways for graduate school (Cornell) in health care administration and for a successful career.

When asked about my greatest “achievements,” for 58 years I was fortunate to hold several senior level administrative and consultative positions, mostly in the public sector. Thus in the Brandeis tradition and with Brandeis values, I was able to serve the public interest. For the past 40 years, I focused mainly on graduate medical

education (resident physician training), including 20 years as an Associate Dean at University of Massachusetts Medical School. I have taken great joy and experienced meaningful accomplishments in supporting and contributing to the education and career development of young physicians.

Simultaneously, I had many opportunities to be involved in public health in a variety of capacities and organizations. Today, as a public service (once a Brandeisian, always a Brandeisian), I am chair of the Town of Wellesley Board of Health, an elected body overseeing the local public health department; and wow, do I now know a lot about Covid!

I am living the good life with Linda.....and Brandeis has always been a contributor to that good life.



Miriam/Mimi Mandel Congdon

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Oh, how i wish I had something interesting, exciting, shocking even (oh, yeah!) to add here. But I've said it all before, in the 50th and 55th reunion books. So here is the small stuff that brings me joy and makes up some of my days: Fabulous (mostly) OLLI classes, four sessions a year for the past eleven years. Wild dancing some Sunday mornings. Lots of coastal walks (in season, Maine winters can be very mean) three of the best no more than 20 -30 minutes from my house. African drumming, though I've taken a break from it, due to shoulder issues, but am determined to pick it up again. AND the love of my sort-of blended family: My daughter., and her partner, my almost-son-in-law; and my granddaughter and her partner, my almost grandson-in-law. A bit of bragging: My granddaughter graduated PhiBeta Kappa though virtually in 2020 from Oberlin, and very soon thereafter snagged the job of her dreams here in Portland. My daughter, a therapist, is well-known among professionals in the community and trains other therapists in cutting-edge modalities. Didn't see them much over the winter, when Maine

weather prevailed but now that it's getting warmer AND some of us are vaccinated and the others on their way, well, I can hardly wait!

Stan Davis

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The day I entered Brandeis, I had no idea that you graduated and moved on in life. By the end of my freshman year, I was sure I found my passion -- I would become a Professor. By the end of my first year in graduate school, I knew I could not stand this for another 40 years. My mentor said, "Why don't you try a professional school -- law, medicine, engineering?" I ended up, at 25, on the faculty of the Harvard Business School, where I stayed for 11 years, teaching students and executives mainly my own age.

This led me to the consulting world, complemented with teaching in company seminars and writing 14 business books and essays. I had many stints with CEOs and company Presidents; during one consulting run I worked simultaneously for the CEOs of Bank of America, Chase and Citicorp. These were wonderful and exciting years. Then 9/11 happened.

Watching the second plane hit the tower I instantly knew the world would never be the same in my lifetime, and that my career

was finished. I was known as a 'futurist' then, but after 9/11 everyone only cared about the next few days and weeks. It took me two years to empty the pipeline and move on towards retirement. During my transition I became involved with the Boston Ballet and Opera America. For the past 18 years I've been an active member of the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement (HILR).

On the home front, I married twice. The first time was for ten years, the second half of which was largely engaged in a successful battle for joint custody of our two sons. My second marriage has been going on successfully for four decades. Our blended family includes five children (45-60 years in age) and ten grandchildren (9-26 years).

The past two years have been difficult health-wise. I'm coping with Parkinson's disease, diabetes, atrial fibrillation, and peripheral neuropathy. My wife had cancer 30 years ago and the effects of her chemo took three decades to resurface as aphasia, a disease making speech increasingly

difficult. The combination of our hearing and speaking challenges make conversation very difficult and require a constant search for ways to adjust. I guess we're each writing our final chapter. It's been a very good life!



Arthur B.C. Drache, CM, QC

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

As several other of my classmates have noted, at our ages not much of note happens. But as of February, 2020 I (a) gave up the practice of law and (b) ceased writing my two newsletter. With the almost simultaneous arrival of Covid-19 I and my wife, Judy, have been mostly housebound. The rules seem much more tough here than in the US. For me it has meant reading books from past decades. But Judy seems to be busier than ever with volunteer work. As a (child)holocaust survivor, she is in demand to present to school grounds but now, via ZOOM and similar techniques rather than in person.

As a political science student at Brandeis, I have remained horror stricken by the political machinations in the US though the end result seems tolerable. We haven't set foot in the US since the 2016 election results given the invective against Canada by your then president but perhaps once travel is allowed, we might drop in.

Only one of my four children is in the area and he comes to visit usually once a week. The other son, who is in Indonesia, writes occasionally. My two daughters send one-

liners on a birthday and anniversaries.

Some of my time revolves around charitable gifting with scholarships set up at the University of Manitoba and the Ottawa University Law school.

Brandeis keeps in touch with me but the contact I most value is from Marty Zelnik who I visited in NYC the last time I came to the US and with whom I still share an interest in golf...as a spectator! I was close to very few classmates from the class of '61 (I had better contacts with '62 and '63) and those who were close, such as Evert Makinen, have since passed away.

I wish all of you the very best but once again (as happened at our graduation) I shall likely be an absentee from the celebrations.



Me and my wife, Judy.



Paris Botanical Gardens, 2019



Australia, 2008

John Duhig

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Within one week after our graduation in June 1961, I was on my very first airplane ride to Pensacola, Florida for pilot training with the USA Navy, starting a flying career, first with the Navy for 5 years and then with TWA for 31 years, retiring on March 1st, 1997.

One year after graduation, I married newly graduated Sybil Schwartz, the top Magna of Brandeis '62, who was the first signee as one of the Junior 5 of Phi Beta Kappa. The Junior 5 is an honor, long established at Harvard University, and then at the newly formed Honor Society at Brandeis.

Sybil and I will celebrate 59 years of wedded bliss this coming June. We have two sons, and one daughter - the youngest. They have given us 6 granddaughters: The oldest graduated UCSD in 2016 and is now engaged. The second graduated Cal State University Fresno in 2017. The next 4 range in age from 19 to 13 and are in college and high school. This family is, by far, my greatest achievement.

Being the son of Registrar Emeritus, Charlie Duhig, got me immediate acceptance into Brandeis, a study curriculum I was ill

prepared to brilliantly accomplish. But accomplish I did, with a semblance of success.

The next 5 years saw me flying for the US Navy out of Norfolk, Virginia, visiting stations in Florida, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Iceland (for 6 months) Rota, Spain, Sigonella, Sicily (for six months), and the Island of Crete.

After 5 years of being gone half the time, Sybil and I were firm in our commitment that my Navy career was over. It was an easy decision, as almost all the airlines were hiring. I got accepted to the eight with whom I applied, settling on Trans World Airlines, now deeply absorbed into American Airlines, with retirement funds basically intact, medical available, which we declined choosing Kaiser instead, and full passes available, which we seldom use. We see no reason to chance standby when heading overseas to begin a cruise.

In Retirement. cruising has been our favorite mode of travel, having been on 10 cruises. We also drove to many National Parks in the US over many years.

Brandeis gave me two valuable benefits.

The first was learning how to study and be

successful in same, something for which I am more than grateful. The second, and by far the most important, was meeting and marrying my best friend, and the added pleasure of knowing all of you.

The Pandemic has been a life changer for us all. We grieve for all who are lost, and for those still suffering so much. We have received the two requisite Pfizer inoculations and will continue taking the proper precautions.

Thanks to all of you who have kept our class active, and very importantly, Bob Lapides, now sadly departed, for the amazing ListServe he established and so courteously maintained. We hope it will long continue.

Congratulations to all of us for reaching this amazing milestone.

John Duhig - Proudly '61



Linda Kessler Fenton

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Harvey and I celebrated (as best we could under the circumstances) our sixty first anniversary in December. We were married during Christmas vacation in my junior year and I commuted from Brockton until graduation. I had taken courses at Bridgewater State to get teaching credits but never formally used them. I have also taken courses in textile and paper conservation. I have worked as a histotechnologist, tour guide, Pilgrim at Plymouth Plantation and museum docent. We have traveled extensively and were caught in Zanzibar at the start of the pandemic, our original flight home cancelled with an 8 hour time difference between us and our travel agent. Life has been fairly dull since then. I have spent time working on my Un Finished Objects in my hobby of embroidery. Have decided that there are valid reasons why most of them are unfinished. My book group and garden club meet on zoom while all other clubs and volunteer activities have ceased. Have not seen my older daughter who lives in Concord CA for a year. Hope we will be able to travel soon.

Elaine Frank

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

John and I are so fortunate to be together still, sometimes to excess due to covid,(JOKE) and in the company of our dogs, Wally and Annie. During Covid I became acquainted with the class of '61 listserv, created and stimulatingly hosted by Bob Lapedes until his death early in 2021, and have enjoyed 'catching up' with a group of classmates I hadn't known well in the olden days, referred to then as Brandeis "golden era". The listserv unleashed memories of the short but oh so meaningful 4 years on campus; especially at a time when some memories are getting lost under the pile of accumulated trivia in the life of 81 year olds.

Personally, we are enjoying our home, village, children and 4 grandchildren, ages 15 to 19, counting ourselves lucky to visit with them, masked and distanced. In semi-retirement we Zoom, do Israeli dancing, weather permitting. I belong to 3 book groups-- Shakespeare, Friends of Homer and lady's club. John plays clarinet, gardens and works on memoir about his father, author & ghost writer, Gerold Frank.

We now have both vaccines in our arms and are planning a May bike trip to S Car, possibly a 'bucket list' event given the virus. In June our family is hoping to get together at a beach on the Jersey shore, virus and vaccines permitting.



John and Elaine with Wm. Johnson painting we loaned to the Florence SC museum (long story).



folk dance trip to Albania 2017



the whole Mishpocha- Thanksgiving before
Covid

John Frank, MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

See Elaine's text about us since the last reunion.



John and oldest grandson -- farmhouse music

Fran Perlman Freedman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Marking and celebrating our 60th Reunion invites reflection about our shared past at Brandeis and the years since. In doing so, I am inspired by some words of a song from "Company", by the 91-year old Stephen Sondheim: "You're sorry-grateful...you'll always be what you always were".

Sondheim meant this to apply to relationships, but I think it describes the ambiguities and ambivalences in all of life as well. So, no litany of regrets here, but rather a litany of some of the things for which I am grateful, in addition to my excellent foundational Brandeis education, the decades of close connections with the School and the Brandeis friends I cherish:

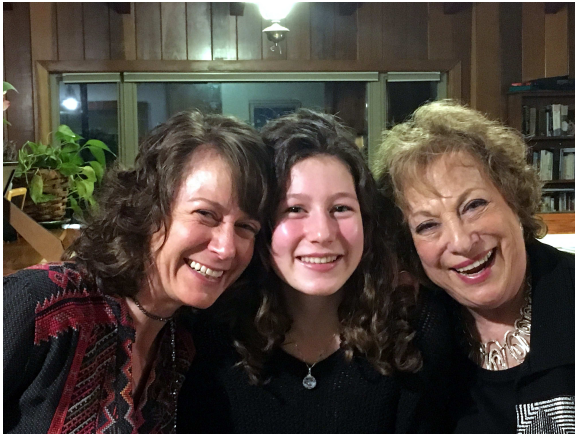
- My amazing marriage of 56 years to Sanford, '58, the love of my life all of my life, from my teen years to older age, until his passing in 2016;
- My two kids, Paul (55) and Ellen (53) who have brought me nothing but joy, fun, caring, support, fabulous experiences and unconditional love; their terrific spouses and their five kids, my grands (ages 13 to 27), who have added excitement to my life, spilled the tea with me and made me as

woke as they possibly could, under the circumstances;

- My Brandeis "sisters" and lifetime best friends, Micky Josephs and Evelyn Botkin, with whom, over the decades we've raised our kids, spent holidays, traveled, vacationed, kvelled and complained, and always supported each other through triumphs and tragedies...and continue to do so;
- An exciting, productive and fulfilling career trajectory beginning with my years in publishing and then at the Washington Heights Y through the NYC Department for the Aging, Lighthouse International and finally, as Deputy Commissioner of the City's Department of Consumer Affairs;
- Strong ties to Columbia University School of Social Work where I received my masters degree in social work, taught as an adjunct professor, served as Alumni Association president, was awarded the Alumni Medal, served as chair of the University's Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee and continue to be active on an advisory group to the Dean;
- Myriad volunteer opportunities to help make a difference in the community,

including more than a decade on the Board of the Riverdale Mental Health Center; founding, with Sanford and others, a new congregation; establishing several social work-focused organizations; and currently serving on the Board of VISIONS, providing vision rehabilitation services for people who are blind or partially sighted and

- BEING ALIVE AND VACCINATED!!



My daughter Ellen, my granddaughter Willa,
and me, May 2018

Heather Holiber Gerson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

A year full of nostalgia for good times missed. Currently living in the Bel Air foothills of Santa Monica Mountains. New memories created walking in the magnificent landscape. Winter is Spring here in an upside down world. Reliving elementary school virtually with two young grandkids.

Congratulations to those of '61 who have made it to this milestone. The poets, artists, writers among you have probably had a productive year; the volunteers and world travelers not so. Brandeis prepared us to be lifelong learners; did not anticipate Zoom, streaming series, Webinars, Podcasts, but we carry on, stumbling some but coping. Soon, we hope, Laissez rouler les Bons Temps.

Arthur Glasgow

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis I attended NYU School of Medicine where I thought my education better prepared me than many of my medical school classmates for the the world I was facing. This was true when I was a surgical resident, a NIGMS trainee, and a young assistant professor of surgery.

When I was a fourth year medical student I married Marian Katzen whom I met at Brandeis. This June, G_D willing, we will have been married 57 years. Those have been blessed years. We have three wonderful children, two sons and a daughter, and their equally wonderful spouses. Between them they have given us four wonderful (what else would you expect) granddaughters and four equally wonderful grandsons. One of the grandsons got married last summer and another grandson is hopefully close to doing the same thing.

In 2011 Marian and I retired on my 70th birthday. I loved practicing surgery, particularly the last ten years when my oldest son and I had a gratifying bariatric

(weight loss) surgical practice. Marian was a highly regarded Interior Designer and we both wanted to retire at the peak of our game. We did.

We are still living in the same house in Newton Center close to Crystal Lake which we bought and renovated in 1972. It is now 150 years old and still very livable and cozy despite being a large victorian. Our backyard is small but beautifully surrounded by trees so it seems like a hidden garden. It is a perfect location for my twenty or so bonsai tree some of which are forty years old. Since retiring I have taken over the landscaping, except for the arborists who care for the big trees, and I love it.

Since retiring I have been volunteering with Newton At Home (NAH) which is part of the Village Movement. It is dedicated to helping senior citizens have as much control over their lives as possible and provide them with valuable social experiences. I started out as a volunteer, soon became a member, then a director, and now I am the co-president.

At about the time I started working with NAH I became active in fighting climate. When Trump became president I helped establish MassReDirection, an organization dedicated to focusing our energies on fighting the deleterious effects he would have on the environment and on climate rather than just bemoaning what had happened. Biden's commitment to ameliorating climate change is gratifying.

Marian and I attend a yoga class 6 days a week. This keeps our bodies and our minds healthy and fluid. We are grateful for all our blessings.



Marian and Arthur in their backyard

Susan Koskoff Glazer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

It seems impossible that this is our 60th graduation year. Looking back, I remember myself as a young girl raised in a small, largely Catholic, conservative town in Connecticut where there were very few Jewish families (less than 10) and even fewer political lefties; my family somewhat notorious for being both. Then off to Brandeis--surprise---full of Jewish political lefties. I loved being part of something that felt new and exciting, taking classes, mastering dorm life, making friends, visiting coffee houses and the old Brattle theatre in Cambridge. I majored in politics--many courses with John Roche who always could surprise, and Larry Fuchs among others. Some of my best Brandeis experiences were out of the classroom. One of the most memorable was singing the Mozart Requiem my freshman year. I still think of the Requiem as "my" piece of music. I also loved working at the Justice with Marty Peretz, learning the production side of newspaper publishing. (I still love reading headlines). I have lived near Brandeis for the past 40+ years, and am amazed at how much the campus has changed. I'm glad I

was there during its founding years. After Brandeis, in the early civil rights years, I worked in New Haven organizing freedom rides through the Northern Student Movement. After trying law school (not for me), I moved to New York for a number of years, working in drug addiction treatment programs. Boston came next, where I ended up in health care administration earning an MBA in the process. I served in a number of senior positions with the Department of Public Health, the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and finally as the Director of the Simmons College Student Health Center. I've been active in community life in Newton for the past 40+ years, done some traveling with my family, love opera and movie going (pre-Covid) and lately have been learning to paint. I am married to retired attorney Neil Glazer, and together we raised three fabulous sons, adding three terrific daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. I can easily say my family has been my greatest achievement and my greatest joy. Currently we live in a condo complex in Newton where totally coincidentally two other members of Brandeis '61 live: Phyllis

Fisher Schwartz , my close neighbor and walking companion, and Norm Jacobs. I talk and visit occasionally with Osna Bard Sens '61, an old Brandeis friend. Looking forward , I'm hoping to stay relatively healthy, hug my children and grandchildren again, maintain my close relationships with extended family and friends, find good books to read, discover new challenges and do some good in the world. I'm sure my Brandeis years gave me a great start.



Our gang; my 80th birthday party

Jeff Golland

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Last year was a bad one: Trumpism, a once-in-a century (and ongoing) pandemic, and the police killing of George Floyd. We who begin a ninth decade of life have learned to cope, while still trying to live well. Marcia and I are most grateful that the four kids in our blended family are safe, well, and happily married, and we are thrilled that the number of our grandchildren has risen from eight to nine. The “producers” have declared themselves done, and our hope for baby Hannah is that we might enjoy her at least until she’s established solid memories of us. During that year, our eldest, Zach, 28, became a doctoral student in clinical psychology, our relationship now enriched by collegueship. He’ll be married in August, making grandparenthood a realistic prospect.

My sons have each published two books. David was promoted to full professor at his public university in Chicago’s south suburbs. A labor and civil rights historian, he is also president of the faculty senate. His wife Lana directs the performing arts center at his institution. Richard (Brandeis ’96) is a fifth-grade teacher in the DC public

school system, and has set his sights on principalship. His writing is in the science-fantasy genre. His wife Lei is a pediatric nurse. Each of my sons has a daughter and a son, the kids naturally bilingual (Russian and Mandarin the respective alternate language), though the baby - now sleeping through the night - isn’t articulate just yet.

I’ve not written the book I’d promised ten years ago, but I still write professional articles and invited book reviews. I am clinical professor in the psychiatry department at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and remain active in the practice of psychoanalytic psychotherapy. My work with patients creates intense focus and an emotional intimacy that engages me completely for each 50-minute hour. I am lucky to have this work, especially in these times.

My morning run became a jog, and by fractions a walk; I call it speedwalking, though observers might differ. I continue to participate in community projects, and to experience my Brandeis affiliation as central to all I do. I’m happy to be a member of our reunion committee, and

look forward eagerly to an in-person return to the Waltham campus.



Still a Redhead, though my Grandkids
Disagree

Michael Saul Golub, M.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Following Brandeis I went to Tufts Medical School. I almost flunked out in Anatomy but won a Biochemistry award (based on my C+ in Organic Chemistry at Brandeis). I did an internship at Hartford Hospital and entered the Public Health Service for 2 years. One of those years was in the Los Angeles area and the other in Atlanta. I was in Atlanta when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. I marched with Bobby Kennedy following that event. Having experienced California, I returned to train in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. I then began a 30 year career in the VA at the Sepulveda, CA facility. In 1994 the main building there was severely damaged by an earthquake. Eventually, a new outpatient building (used in filming Gray's Anatomy) replaced the inpatient services (now at the Los Angeles facility). For a few years I served as Chief of Medicine and a sub-chair of the UCLA Department of Medicine. Eventually, the operations were all melded with the Los Angeles VA. During my career at the VA I had a VA funded research program and ran a UCLA sponsored

Internal Medicine Training Program. I also met my wife (a nurse practitioner in a clinic I supervised), got married and raised 2 kids. In retirement we have traveled a great deal, from Antarctica to Iceland and touching all the continents.

Looking back at my experience at Brandeis, I now appreciate the value of the broad education I received. The Humanity Survey courses were impossible for me. I could not read all those books and could not appreciate the instructor's statements about the beauty of Dante's words in the original Italian. Yet the value of the exposure to the book of Job, hearing Marcuse talk, the memory of Bronstein's lectures (the redness of the red) and trying to keep Mozart and Beethoven symphonies separated might have been as important to me as my grounding in Biology.

Of course, the experience of college is much more than the courses. I came to Brandeis as a pretty self-conscious and timid kid. I learned from my friends that everyone's view of the world was not uniform. I was shocked to learn that some people did not have much respect for their parents. I grew a little, appreciated the

intelligence and humor of my classmates and slept through many morning classes. Sophomore year in the old Smith Hall (destroyed the following year) almost did me in. I spent a lot of time in the lounge just hanging out.

I did better academically the following 2 years (living in the new North Quad dorms). I vividly remember the small lounge concert given by a young folk singer named Joan Baez and the large concert in the dining hall by Pete Singer.

60 years later, it is all a blur! Best wishes to the Class of '61!



2017, Jill (daughter in law), Brennan (now 6),
Caryn, me, Judy, Dan

George I. Grayson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Medical School, Internal Medicine specialty, Pulmonary Disease subspecialty with particular interest and expertise in tuberculosis.

One daughter of first marriage, which lasted 7 years; two daughters of current marriage (47 years and counting).

Career officer in USPHS until it closed in 1981, then private practice in Virginia Beach VA. Closed office just short of my 70th birthday - as I had promised - but kept up city/county TB clinic (paid) and Free Clinic (volunteer) until we moved across country in the summer of 2016. Fully retired now and enjoying the Southern California weather

Arthur E. Green

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I like to say that we got the best middle European education available anywhere in North America. All my significant teachers - Glatzer, Altmann, Marcuse, Gurwitch - were German-educated Jews. I have spent much of my life being a link between them and new generations of very American Jews. After a long academic career, I founded the Hebrew College Rabbinical School in 2003; I still serve as rector. My 20+ books, written and edited, are all related to my lifelong project of creating/articulating a Jewish mystical theology and spiritual path for contemporary seekers. I now spend much time in Israel, where I have many students and readers.

Elaine F. Greene

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The main life lesson learned specifically at Brandeis is "Find and study with the best teachers ."

Special memories:

- Developing photographs working in Ralph Norman's darkroom for three years.
- Warm-hearted conversations with special people in our class and elsewhere on and off campus.
- Being in classes led by Frank Manuel helping us to value an array of 18th Century philosophers , Dr. Bronstein guiding us from looking to seeing , and other outstanding professors
- Enjoying the Class of 1961 listserv, especially Bob Lapidus and appreciating people coming forth to continue the listserv.

Impact of Brandeis : The sense of a wonderful liberal arts education

Bucket List: Visited quite a few countries in the world, enjoyed and helped some people by being in independent practice as a psychologist for over 40 years and being active in Genesee Valley Psychological Association and in New York State Psychological Association, served on Board

of Alternatives for Battered Women for 18 years, enjoyed ballroom dancing with partner, won medals in racewalking from age 64-73, overcame some limitations and working away at others, miracle of reading novels, gardening for years once with 2000 square foot plot with lots of veggies to freeze and to give away, three years full time work in starting cooperatives, after being unable to afford going to Broadway plays while in graduate school in Manhattan, subscribing to Broadway touring and other theater and dance productions for almost 40 years, being given awards of Outstanding Psychologist in 1988 and Life Achievement Award in 2008 by Genesee Valley Psychology Association, loving family especially being Aunt and Great-aunt..



Robert S. Hammer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis, I received my JD at Columbia Law School. Most of my legal career was with the State of NY, as an assistant attorney general and as a law clerk at the NY Ct of Claims. For 13 years I taught first-year legal writing at Cardozo Law School, as an adjunct. I also served in the Navy Reserve as a judge advocate, retiring as a commander.

In 2004, after I retired from the law and my wife Barbara from school nursing, we moved to Israel. We joined our son Jonathan (Yoni) Hammer-Kossoy and his family who had settled in Jerusalem in 1999. His brother Michael and family came in 2012 and live in Modi'in. Unfortunately, Barbara died unexpectedly in 2014. After many years in "high tech," Yoni is teaching English, writing poetry and pursuing an MA in creative writing at Bar Ilan. His wife Michelle (Meesh), Hammer-Kossoy (Brandeis '91) received a PhD in Talmud from NYU and Orthodox rabbinical ordination from Beit Midrash Har'El in Jerusalem. She teaches Talmud and other subjects at Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

Mike Hammer, PhD, U of Chicago, JD, Lewis & Clark Law School, is a US patent attorney and a partner in a Jerusalem IP firm. His wife, Bat-Ami Frankel, MPH (U of IL at Chicago) is teaching high school English in Modi'in. (Yoni, Mike and Bat-Ami are all Oberlin alumni.)

I am blessed with 5 grandkids: Leora Hammer-Kossoy, 23, served in the Army (Education Corps), is now a student at David Yellen College, pursuing a degree in early childhood education. Her brother Avi, 20, and cousin, Gavi Hammer, 18, are high school grads, currently doing what most of their peers are doing. Shalom Hammer-Kossoy, 17 and Ezra Hammer, 16, are in 11th and 10th grades, respectively.

I keep busy with family, friends and organizational activities, including the Jerusalem Rotary Club. Despite Barbara's passing, life is good and I have much to be grateful for. Shalom from Jerusalem. Bob

NOTE: I am e-mailing a scanned family picture that I was unable to upload through your app.



Family picture, July, 2020. Left to Right,
Back row, Ezra, Gavi, Bat-Ami, Meesh, Avi,
Shalom, Leora

Junichi Ishii

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis I worked for Sumitomo Corporation, an international trading company and was stationed in New York and Houston, Toronto Canada, Madrid and Barcelona Spain, Sydney Australia and Osaka and Tokyo. Japan. Since July 2017 I together with my wife Toshiko moved in Residence Kobe Maiko, an retirement house situated on the seaside of the Inland Sea and we are enjoying watching the ships going and coming and Akashi Suspension Bridge (4 km long) from our room every day. We are still in good health and active.

Michael Jacobs, MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

"My Bucket List:" Finally, with relief, joy and glee, I threw out the ole tin bucket along with the crumpled list. I'm not growing old I thought, but rather accepting "growing into old age."

(1) On my 80 birthday I was attending a ten-day Level 1 retreat taught by Dan Brown Ph.D.

(2) learning about the spiritual practice of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Mahamudra Meditation- it was a life changing experience, giving me the opportunity to start a spiritual path and an opportunity to study how my mind works from the perspective and integration of western psychology, Buddhist wisdom and teachings, and neuroscience studies of the brain. I now continue my meditation practice and see this whole opportunity as a continuation of my studies as a philosophy major at Brandeis, where I experienced an awakening of my intellect, and now 59 later, I search for deeper meaning and "awakened awareness" in this life. WOW, I guess of filled my bucket again!

1. Old Age, Journey into Simplicity, Helen M. Luke

2. Pointingoutway.org

June Colvill Jones

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Tempus fugit! Sixty years seem to have gone by in a flash.

I returned to Buenos Aires in June 1961, after my year as a WISP student at Brandeis, older and wiser and needing a job. I was taken on for one year at a local bilingual high school teaching English Literature, largely on the basis of my educational experience at Brandeis. In the end I stayed there for thirty four years, teaching two generations of students, preparing them for Cambridge International exams. Quoting from G.B.Shaw's 'Pygmalion': "Happy the man who can make his hobby his profession." I was an enthusiastic teacher and loved my job.

My personal life was - and is - a very happy one: My childhood sweetheart and I were married in 1962 and were together for 45 years until he succumbed to illness. We had four children and eight grandchildren. They are my greatest pride and joy. Thanks to large gardens and the temperate climate in Buenos Aires we were not isolated

during the pandemic and continued to meet following social distancing and other restrictions.

Owing to a wide circle of family and friends my husband and I were able to travel to some distant places, among them Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa, and closer to home Bolivia and Chile. We were in the USA when the Twin Towers collapsed, and joined in the grieving and concern as well as wondering whether we would be able to return to our home country when all airplanes were grounded.

Contact with Brandeis continued via friends I made, particularly within the WISP community and my roommate, and then thanks to Robert Lapidés, RIP, who started and kept up the Brandeis 1961 group on e-mail so successfully for ten years until his passing in January 2021. My gratitude to him for this opportunity to learn and share and enjoy life as we grow older together.

My best wishes to all who are participating in this Reunion Yearbook!



June, on the right, approximately six months after returning home from the US



With Husband David and 4 kids.
Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires



Four Kids plus Next Generation's eight
green shoots!

Charles S. Kamen

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Deselcted from the Peace Corps, then
MA (1963), PhD (1970) in sociology from the
University of Chicago, then

Went to Israel in 1967

1. Worked at the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research (Louis Guttman), then
2. Taught sociology at the University of Haifa,
3. Worked on the 1983 Israel Census of Population and Housing at the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, then
4. Taught sociology at the University of Connecticut, then
5. Was director of the 2008 Israel Census of Population and Housing at the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, then
6. Retired to New York City

And while doing all that,
Married Edna, a clinical psychologist, and
Had Tamar, who now consults for skin care companies, and
Had Chanan, who now is the chef-owner of two restaurants in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Tre Piatti; Don Chava), and
Published monographs on Palestinians in Palestine/Israel.

I've never gotten over Brandeis.



On the eve of the pandemic...

Linda Heller Kamm

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis changed the trajectory of my life. It validated my hope that women could join the world of ideas; moreover, it gave me tools to make my way. When Professors Gurevitch, Berkowitz and Manuel usually treated me with the respect I had assumed was reserved for men, it was an awakening to possibilities. Thus validated, I became determined to develop advocacy skills and devote my energies to repairing the world. I haven't quite succeeded but I am still working at it.

A few years after Brandeis, I attended Boston College Law School but, on graduation, was unable to find a legal job in Boston. I gravitated to Washington, D.C., primarily because the federal government did hire women attorneys. I spent the next 30 years there.

Ultimately, my government lawyering led to appointments as General Counsel of the House Committee on the Budget and later as General Counsel of Transportation. I feel very fortunate that my work contributed to the well-being of large numbers of people. I played a role in regulations providing

access to transportation for the disabled (which I appreciate even more as I age) and I was instrumental in elevating the role of women in the Coast Guard. Fuel economy, automobile and pipeline safety, and encouraging competition in the transportation sector were also on my agenda.

In 1980, I joined nation's second oldest law firm as its first female partner. It wasn't ready so after a few years, I left for commercial real estate development. Over time, I also served as Counsel to the Women's Legal Defense Fund for Reproductive Rights; Chair of Friends of the Earth, U.S.; VP of American Jewish World Service; Co-President of Americans for Peace Now; and President of the Jewish Center for the Hamptons. Along the way, I married twice, and raised two excellent and accomplished children, Lisa and Oliver.

I have traveled extensively. I now spend winters in Miami Beach, despite having sworn never to look back when I left there for college. I summer in Amagansett, NY, where I am focused obsessively on my

garden. Brandeis has always been part of my life. I was a founding board member of the Hadassah Brandeis Institute. Later I helped establish the Our Generation Speaks program which brings Israeli and Palestinian young adults to Brandeis for a summer to learn entrepreneurship while living and working together. Many go on to found startups. I enjoy mentoring the program's young people as well as the recipients of a Brandeis social action award I established at the time our 50th reunion. I am proud to have recently joined the Brandeis Board of Trustees.

I have no bucket list. I have had and continue to have a full and interesting life sustained in no small measure by lifelong connections and skills developed at Brandeis.



Lucy Nathan Kashangaki

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I am so blessed to have lived for 80 years, 50 of them in East Africa. Somehow I feel as if I'm writing about someone else when I think of that attractive, idealistic 20-year-old who graduated 60 years ago, worked in New York, met and married a Tanganyikan graduate student, had a baby, moved to Nairobi, had 6 more children, and taught elementary school for 35 years.

Yet all of that and much more must have formed the old lady writing this today! Some things never changed. I've always been a keen reader and loved languages. I've inherited my mother's sardonic humour and appreciation of other cultures but not her gregarious personality.

My time at Brandeis introduced me to German, Spanish and Italian and expanded my knowledge of French. I have pursued these studies, obtaining a Sorbonne diploma in Commercial French translation and winning a Goethe Institute scholarship to study in Germany for 2 months. I added Russian and the essential Swahili to the list.

My acquaintance with two West African exchange students resulted in an invitation to a party at their lodgings in the Bronx, where I met the other African lodger, my future husband Joseph, who was pursuing a Masters in Math at nearby Fordham U.

Over the years we experienced historic and occasionally traumatic events in Nairobi, beginning with Kenya's independence celebrations in December 1963, a few months after our arrival. On August 1, 1982 there was a coup attempt by junior Air Force officers. It was put down but not before widespread looting, and the curfew lasted several weeks. On August 7, 1998 the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar were bombed by Islamist terrorists. Horrific pandemonium, destruction and suffering occurred and our peaceful lives were shattered. In 2008 post-election violence caused fear and instability in Kenya as tribal animosities erupted. The UN eventually helped broker a peace agreement.

There were several floods and periodic severe droughts. We had to cope with power rationing, water shortages and all

too common power outages.

On the whole, though, Nairobi was an ideal place to live and raise a family. Live-in servants made it possible for me to teach full time. We always had a lovely garden and the wonderful climate, partly due to the mile-high altitude, meant enjoying outdoor activities all year round. Schools were excellent and prepared our children well for American universities.

Interactions with Joe's extended family and later two sets of African in-laws gave me a deep understanding and appreciation of local traditions. I even made an effort to learn Joe's difficult language, with limited success!

My 6 granddaughters and 5 grandsons are divided between Kenya and the US. Three of them are right here in Princeton -- my daughter's young children. My hope of having a great-grandchild was finally realized when my great-grandson Adrian was born in Nairobi on December 14th. What more could I possibly ask for?



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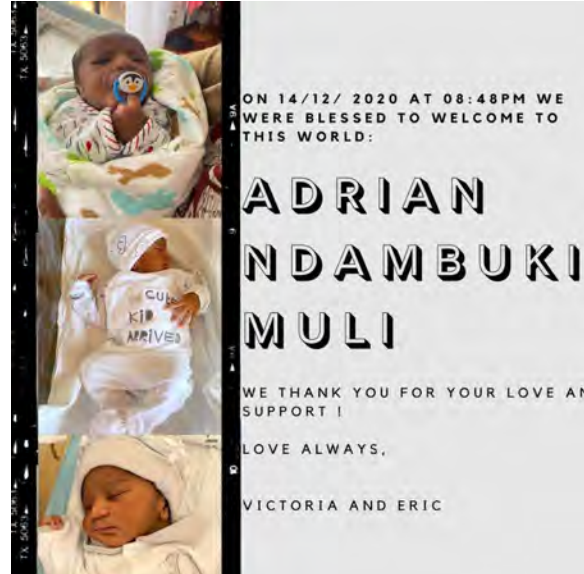
Lucy Nathan Kashangaki



My East Coast family



My Nairobi family



The fourth generation!

Leslie Neiman Kingsley

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I have so many fond memories of Brandeis that make me happy, even now. In summary, there were the people I met and liked -- often interesting, and from many different parts of the country and of the world. Some were delightful classmates I befriended; even finding a love or two. Of course, there were the impressive professors and the amazing quality of learning and thinking that went on in class, in study groups and generally in campus life. In addition, I enjoyed other realms of campus life: University activities, including sports, my cheerleading, concerts, lectures, and parties.

Brandeis had an incredible influence on me. It provided a unique ambience of humanitarian values, social justice thought, and learning to appreciate the role of history in our lives. Then there was the exciting political activism of that time, into which we all were welcomed. I learned the meaning of having different world views.

Over time, I was able to more fully value having a fine Brandeis liberal arts

education, with some ability to discern, analyze and do more complex thinking -- applying these skills to my life, work, family, and other relationships.

Following Brandeis, I loved my graduate work in Social Anthropology/Sociology at NYU. I had the wonderful opportunity to move overseas, with Moss and our young family, to both Brazil and Mexico, and to different parts of the U.S. Plus, Chris and I have traveled many times to the U.K., visiting our daughter Aliza and her family in London. We also got to know some other European countries (Italy remains a favorite.).

I feel very fulfilled and grateful to have achieved, to still be alive and active, and to be enjoying life. I worked long, first teaching and then in a career in Human Resources Management for over 30 years.

I am very aware of all the loss in our lives at this stage. I feel fortunate to have a wonderful husband, Chris Kingsley, with family and friends around me. Chris and I are now living in Shrewsbury, MA near our

younger daughter Karen and her family (in Westborough), and are looking forward to life after COVID 19.

We are very proud of our terrific grandkids:
Jake – just 23, recent grad from Johns Hopkins University, grew up in London
Hannah – 20, student at Brown University, grew up in London
Sophie – 19, Freshman at U. of MASS, Amherst
Madeleine –17, here in High School



Judy Schatz, Leslie Kingsley, Baila Miller, and Sharon Alexander Kleitman



Leslie and Chris, on vacation in Florida



Leslie and Chris and our two daughters:
Aliza and Karen, and their families

Walter Klores

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis: My most important human connections. My best friend Ron Carner. Our 60 years of adventures span Waltham to Andros Island, Tanzania, Fire Island, the Chattooga river, Gauley River, Vail, Aigues Morte. Also Tel Aviv, Buenos Aires, Vienna, Berlin through Maccabi endeavors. I married two Brandeis alumnae: Sandra Silk ('62) until 1981. Emily White ('69) whom I met through Outward Bound in 1986, together ever since.

Looking Back: In my 50's I wrote a book "Lifetrends, the Future of Baby Boomers and Other Aging Americans," a series of forecasts grounded in demography. At the time we recommended that printed matter be in at least 12 point type. I'm writing this in 16 point. I was moved by a book titled "Younger Next Year" which promised the physicality of your 50's up into your 80's. The Rx: Exercise 6 days a week and don't eat crap. It essentially said to view exercise as a second job. The concept probably helps me keep my cancer experience at the far edge of my consciousness.

The Upshot: In my 50's I ran the NYC marathon, biked 100 miles from NYC to Montauk, and kayaked round-trip across the Long Island Sound for brunch with Morty and Judy Sloan. I don't run anymore. But I'm still hiking, biking and skiing, albeit slower. In yoga, Tree Pose now requires both feet to be touching the ground. I used to be about 6" tall. Now more like 5'10." A day of exertion brings more leg cramps, muscle soreness. My reading glasses have crept up to 3.5. I make little noises when I stand up or sit down. But in my 60's and beyond I've skydived from 15,000 feet and climbed several 14,000' peaks (best way of getting high). I've hiked the Milford track in New Zealand, rappelled into the Waitomo cave, swam with dolphins, and hiked the Pyrenees. Patagonia, Alaska, Iceland. My daughters and others have been spirited fellow travelers in Croatia, Acadia, Provence and Costa Brava, port wine sampling via kayak in Portugal.

A Few Other Things of Which I'm Proud: Being a Dad and husband. President of an ad agency. Trustee of Outward Bound. VP of Brandeis Alumni Association. Founder of

a market research firm. On the board of Maccabi USA. Partnering with Ron at Consolidated Asset Funding. Delivering for Meals on Wheels. Unofficial pickle ball coordinator in the mountain top towns of northern Catskills.

Some Life Lessons: The fallacy of inappropriate expectations - Find some good on everyone - You never have enough money so learn to be comfortable with whatever you have - Travel lightly thru life and don't be possessed by your possessions - If you believe you can, you can - Laugh every day - If you're a great listener, others will think you are very smart - Listen to your body then give it a push - Difficult situations can resolve in their own time so have patience - Stay curious. It always takes longer than you think.



My family



420' down in an Icelandic volcano. Me, my wife Emily White (Brandeis '69) and a friend

Raphael K. Levine, M.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

It seems like yesterday that I wrote something for our 30th reunion in 1991. Then, we spoke about individual accomplishments and aspirations. A little different now - as we look on the periphery, accentuating pride in the development of our children and grandchildren. Letha and I have had our share of Nachas as well as deep sadness and despair. Our youngest child (of 5), Batya Bayla, left this world in February, 2015, suddenly, leaving all those she had touched utterly shocked and depressed! She was full of life, adventurous, energetic and opinionated - unforgettable in so many ways. Her absence leaves a major void in the lives of many contacts from all over (U.S., Canada, South America,,Europe,Southeast Asia,, China, Japan, Africa, and Malaysia). Her husband of 3 years, Eli Weiner, has remained in close touch with us with memories of experiences that they (and we) shared. Our b'chor, Zalman, rabbinically ordained at Yeshiva U., and medically trained in Boston,, has practiced Reproductive Endocrinology (infertility) for over 20 years. He and his

wife, Gila, bestowed upon us the titles of grandparents and great grandparents. Our daughter, Shoshana Schechter, brings us pride as a Torah scholar - a sought after speaker for schools, shuls, and organizations. Shoshana is a Dean of Jewish Studies at Stern college and her husband, Yitzy, has pioneered and developed a major mental health center in Rockland County,N.Y. Our daughter, Chavie Knapp,has had a challenged life as a victim of a bus bombing in Israel in 1995 in which she lost her roommate, Alisa Flatow.She is now the mother of 5, including 2 girls (10 and 12) who are involved in the entertainment world as Broadway actresses and TV personalities, and a 17 yr. old daughter, a serious gymnast who represented the United States in the Maccabiah games last year. Chavie's husband, Rabbi Steve Knapp, is the Principal of the Hillel Day School in Deal, N.J. Our son, Yehoshua, is practicing cardiac electrophysiology in Memphis. He and his wife, Danielle, have been southerners for about 5 years after spending about 10 years in Boston during the course of their medical education and training (each of

them). Their 4 children are individuals, each in his or her own way, and keep us on our toes whenever we have a chance to be together (not easy over the past year). We are so looking forward to the coming Bar Mitzvah of Akiva, their oldest, at the end of May.

I am still practicing Orthopedics in northern N.J. and intend to do so until I "get it right". Over the years, I've enjoyed developing personal relationships with of my patients that have persisted for years.

Brandeis has always been so much a part of me, and would love to continue contact with classmates far and wide.

We, sadly, recently lost our dear friend, Bob Lapides, who was so instrumental in maintaining contact with all of us through his listserve effort. May his memory be a springboard for all of to maintain closeness!
Raph Levine

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Peter Lipsitt

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My life journey has been energized by my family of origin - my parents, now gone, and 4 older brothers, all living. In the aggregate, including their families, we have kept in contact -which, along with other friendships, has been especially sustaining during this time of Covid. The village I spent my youth in played a small part, but, in every way, the ratios were reversed when I entered Brandeis, a majority-minority community, where educational standards were high.

My wife, Lois M. Alex, who died 6 years ago, and I brought up 2 wonderful boys, and there are now 2 grands, who live not too far away. The offspring, taken together with Lois, are my greatest legacy; and my lifetime profession as a visual artist and college teacher, not too far behind.

Professors Peter Grippe, in the Art Department, and psych Professor Richard Jones had a large impact for me, as did singing in the chorus under Dir. Alfred Nash Patterson, where we performed music of faculty member Irving Fine and Bach's B minor Mass, for instance.

During recent times I am grateful, partly through our class Listserv, to have become reacquainted with Bob Lapides, Robert Moulthrop, Carol Snyder Halberstadt, Steve Bluestone, Martin Zelnik and roommate Ed Feldstein. The tragic death of Bob Lapides, recently, is a great loss for our class community. He kept us stimulated and goaded us with many subjects and interactive discussions.

I feel I have lots of life left, continuing with my work and travel, as I did in a solo adventure to Japan, just before Covid.

Mostly, I wish to deepen friendships and love of family, as well to gain self-knowledge through contemplation, while also remaining as active as possible after our long recent confinement.



Peter & Lois



Alex, Fiona, Maggi, & Nico

Bruce B. Litwer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After Columbia Law School, my first job was with a boutique law firm specializing in Securities Law. The most interesting thing that happened to me while at that firm was to meet and spend time with Timothy Leary, the LSD guru. We represented him on an appeal to the US Supreme Court for his conviction for the illegal importation of a controlled substance, marijuana. The conviction was reversed 8-0.

In 1967 I joined Lums Inc, a fast food chain. In 1968 my first wife and I left NYC for Miami, where the skies were bluer and the working hours shorter. At the law firm, I rarely left the office before 9:00 PM. At Lums, I almost never stayed after 5:15 PM. As Corporate General Counsel, my most memorable assignment was to help negotiate, during nine consecutive winter weekends in San Juan, a collective bargaining agreement with our restaurant employees there. I also handled our NYSE listing and oversaw the sale of our restaurant division to the former Governor of Kentucky.

In June, 1969, just before I was divorced, though in no way related thereto, I was involved in the acquisition of Caesar's Palace, the Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, which afforded me the opportunity to make at least six trips a year to the hotel. I'd leave my office on Friday afternoons and arrive in time for dinner and a show. After meetings on Mondays, I'd return to Miami on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. I have many stories I could tell about the scene there, but, as you know, what happens in LV stays in LV. Notwithstanding that I was a Brandeis graduate and educated by a faculty leaning mightily to the left, I also received a corporate officer's license. That saved me a lot of money because you cannot gamble in a casino for which you hold a license.

In 1971 I became general counsel to the Sadkin Organization, the prime developer of Lauderhill, a city west of Fort Lauderdale. While with Sadkin, I learned condominium and community development law and met, married, and was divorced from my second wife, Sherry. Shortly afterwards I met my third wife, Vicki. Before we married, Vicki told me I had used up all my divorces and

could only get out of our relationship by dying. Happily, after more than 35 years, we're still very much in love. In 2007, after I retired, we took a 9-week road trip from Miami to California and back to Miami. We loved it and have taken several road trips since.

Mostly we enjoy cruises. In the last 13 years, we've accumulated almost 400 cruise days with Oceania and have visited every continent except Antarctica. Vicki's daughter Wendy and her twins live 12 minutes from us, and, in mid-February, two weeks after our second vaccine dose, we took the twins to lunch and hugged them for the first time in 11 months. It was delicious, and I don't mean the lunch. I know all grandparents think their grandchildren are adorable, but ours really are. If you don't believe me, ask Vicki.



Wendy, Bruce, & Vicki



Andrew, Bruce, Vicki, & Ayaela

Marc Lubin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Life lessons: the enduring quality of those years, friendships, self awareness, professional commitments. The role of commitment to all that I have done . . . and colleagues.

After Brandeis I felt a sense of a 2nd liberation from the pressures to conform with liberal political directions; I pursued a deepening interest in clinical psychology and educational administration and teaching. Brandeis gave me a model for starting a new School of Professional Psychology in Chicago in 1976. I had a chance to hire our first faculty and to emphasize the high quality of teaching and deep commitment to students that I found at Brandeis, in building a new clinical program.

I have most valued the inspiring teaching at Brandeis . . . That for me was the beginning and end of what I set out to create when I helped to develop the first Post Grad Professional School of Psychology in Chicago. In these following years, I have retired from teaching and pursued writing

about education. Focus on self observation in the psychotherapist.

I have loved all that I have done based on the Brandeis value of inspirational teaching. My sons have pursued careers in entertainment through film, production, and management. My wife and I are deeply proud of what they have both achieved personally and professionally. They are wonderful individuals with one son each, and we are blessed having them nearby here in LA.

Finally, I think of Brandeis with warmth and affection, and regret there will not be a physical reunion this year. With a sense of gratitude, I count Brandeis as one of my best life experiences, with very fond feelings for my classmates. Hope to see you on Zoom and maybe talk if that makes sense for some.

Devra Cohen Marcus

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I am grateful to Brandeis for having helped me to learn how to think and exposing me to a wide variety of disciplines and for increasing my political awareness, I am a much better doctor for having gone to school there.

Life has been difficult but good to me. I have three remarkable children, seven grandchildren and two others by marriage, and practiced medicine the way I wanted to. And since having retired I am studying and making art which is a great joy to me. That and a wonderful log cabin in Maine which inspires my work and many wonderful friends.

Richard K. Mazow

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Life is good. My wife, Ellen, and my children and grandchildren have all survived this pandemic and I have no complaints. Yes, there have been issues that have arisen since leaving Brandeis but looking back over the past 60 years since graduation, I'm sure the issues that I've encountered are nothing compared to those of many of my classmates.

I've been practicing law for over 50 years as a sole practitioner, somewhat like the old fashioned doctor who made house calls. My practice, which until recently, was in Charlestown, MA was comprised of mostly what one refers to these days as "essential workers." Along with my law practice, I owned an insurance agency so many of my clients would insure their homes with me after I had represented them in their purchase of that house, prepare their taxes, prepare their estate plan and eventually probate their estate. My clients were firefighters, police, teamsters, longshoremen, teachers, street cleaners, etc. the people who need representation the same as upper management.

Being in sole practice, I only had to account for my hours to my clients, so I could take as much time as I wanted to spend with my children and now with my grandchildren. When I wasn't at the office, I was a Cub Scout leader and coached Little League. I started that when my son was 8 and continued until he was 21. Both my children attended Hillel Academy in which I became actively involved and eventually became President. I was a President's Councilor at Brandeis having served as President of the Boston Chapter Alumni Association.

For the past thirty (30) years, I've been very happily married to Ellen and we have four children and eight grandchildren. During those years we have travelled all over Europe including Eastern Europe and several times to Israel. We are both firm believers in taking trips with our children and grandchildren (I tell them I'm spending their money, not mine) mostly within a few hours driving distance from Boston, but the greatest trip was last year to celebrate my 80th birthday. We, mostly Ellen, planned that trip a year in advance because we have

grandchildren in college and some in camp. Last November, over Thanksgiving we took 17 children and grandchildren to an all inclusive resort outside of Cancun and it was fantastic. Thankfully it was pre-pandemic because it would not have happened this year.

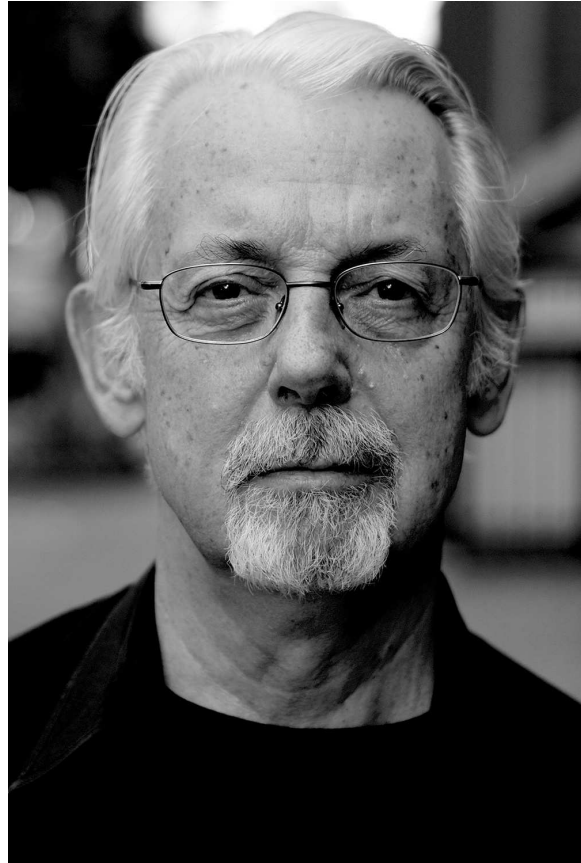
So yes, life is good and I have no complaints.

Robert Moulthrop

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Life Lessons: Tolerance, Empathy.

Memories: Acquaintance with classmate Bob Lapides that over the last decade gre into one of the most important friendships of my life. Impact: Made me into a politically aware person. Since March 2020, I've been working with the young theatre company PocketBear Productions on a series of web-based audio and video short plays and monologues. OnGoing takes brief, absurdist looks at our current situation. TableTalks uses restaurants (remember them?) as the anchor for exploring character and relationships. The Alameda Series is a forum for the theatrical presentation of short stories; the first, "Barzini To the Rescue" is still available on my web site.



Dorothy Shubow Nelson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Hope that you all and your families and loved ones are doing ok during these challenging times and that you will continue to live long and healthy lives. I will bring you up to date with the book of poetry I have been reading "So Spoke Penelope," by Tino Villanueva, a celebrated Chicano poet from Texas and Boston. I was preparing to recommend that Villanueva be invited to read from this collection in Gloucester, by the ocean, where he could continue to imagine Penelope's pain and longing while waiting for Odysseus to return.

Ifeyani Menkiti's introduction to these poems lights up the mind like fireworks. He does not tread sheepishly on the ground he has cleared for our understanding. Most readers will marvel at Tino's accomplishments – writing in Penelope's voice and beautifully representing her pain and anguish even though he is a male poet. Menkiti is a deep reader who goes to great lengths to convey the extraordinary portent of these poems. He has an ax to grind. He puts forth what he thinks is most needed in

contemporary poetry: how poetry of this kind can serve humanity overall in this severely disjointed time.

I'm inspired by Villanueva's accomplishment to continue my own work on my experiences in Northern West Virginia, where I worked with older coal miners suffering from black lung disease. I spent time with their families and saw at first hand the class divisions in this country and the continued deprivations of many people in West Virginia. Images have been created that distort and misrepresent their value as human beings. I hope my book of poems will tell a different story.

I have contributed a number of personal narratives about my family, my life and work over the years to our reunion publications. The 2016 reunion book includes some of my many experiences. Since leaving my position on the faculty of the English Department of UMass/Boston I have been involved with the Gloucester Writers Center on many levels including leading a Veterans Writing Workshop. In 2017 I edited and compiled the anthology,

The Inner Voice and the Outer World, Writings by Veterans and Their Families. It was published by the Gloucester Writers Center. For more information about a recent video book launch by a Viet Nam Veteran who was part of our group, search on Google for Gloucester Writers Center, Francis Sullivan's A Long Triage: Welcome to the War. My introduction and response to this book precedes Francis Sullivan's reading from an excerpt and a discussion of his recovery from the effects of severe post traumatic stress.

Like a patient spider, I have thrown out a gossamer thread with these words. You're welcome to latch on. My cell phone is 1-617-939-7841. Email address: dorothyelsa@yahoo.com. Stay well and stay strong, With much affection, Dorothy.



Frederic Ohringer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Those were the days, my friends



Those were the days, friends

Sue Finesilver Packel

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My adult life began at Brandeis in the Fall of 1957. I left behind an overprotective home and began to grow up. Freshman year was marred by Flu Vacation. In my junior year, I met my husband at a dorm mixer. I became a librarian in my 40's. Len taught at Villanova Law School for about 35 years. It was a wonderful job for him and an excellent life for our family. Everyone was welcoming and very inclusive. About 1/3 of the faculty at this Augustinian law school was Jewish.

The past five years have been filled with many losses. Close friends are gone and life has changed.

Sadly, Len is now in the early stages of Alzheimer's Disease. His demeanor remains pleasant, but his memory is very poor. It's not easy to watch someone you love deteriorate. We do have help, but our lives have certainly changed. COVID-19 hasn't helped,

We enjoyed traveling. Thanks to our younger son's junior year abroad, we fell in love with Italy. We took adult education courses at the local high school for many years. We became friends with some lovely

people, especially the teacher with whom we remain close. For about seven years, we spent one winter month in Marina Del Rey, California. One highlight was visiting with John and Sybil Duhig. We saw most of Western Europe and some of the East, most notably Prague and Budapest, and St.Petersburg.. We spent a few wonderful months in Haifa, Israel in 1996. Len was teaching a Villanova program at the Haifa Law School. Quite an exciting time. Loved living in another country, if only for a semester. We've been back twice since then. I believe my traveling days are over, but I would like to have seen Berlin and Sydney.

We've had a good life for many years. I am thankful for those.

I am so happy that Brandeis and I chose each other all those years ago.



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January 1960

Doreen Rappaport

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

In these turbulent and discouraging last few years, I was constantly reminded how lucky and privileged I have been all my life.

Brandeis was part of that luck and privilege. I had hesitated coming to Brandeis, as I had gone to Performing Arts, a truly multicultural high school Manhattan, and I feared there wouldn't be that kind of diversity at Brandeis, and I was right. But I never envisioned the superior education I would get, an education, an approach to learning and thinking that has guided me through my life. That education did prepare me for life. I never envisioned the kind of emotional connection I would make to people.

I've had fulfilling career writing books for children. All of them have the same theme—empowerment—how people empower themselves and often empower others. I've been steeped in research and learning. I've traveled, met interesting people and learned from them. My world has been wide.

My personal life had its ups and downs,

many more ups and downs, but even the downs were constructive. I'm married now for 21 years to a wonderful man, who brings his own talents and passions to our relationship. Between us, we have eight grandchildren, all of whom are really fine young people. That's lucky. They did have great parents though.

Brandeis gave me a family, too. How extraordinary to know people for over 62 years, people you still love, laugh with, share with, and cherish. What a gift!



Stephen R. Reiner

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Five more years gone by; significant changes and much that is the same.

Physically, I feel great, and blessed with good health; a few ailments but nothing life threatening that I know about.

Changes: I lost my dear Patricia almost three years ago, after 33+ years with my beautiful, wonderful, special girl. An out-of-the-blue disease which she fought bravely for 15 months with great suffering. I miss her immeasurably every day and pray we will be together again in a better world. We vowed to each other to be together forever.

I met Joan, who lost her Harry around the same time I lost Patricia. We were both grieving heavily, and a mutual support relationship has grown into something loving and beautiful and permanent for as long as we are here. We have both found a way to celebrate the life of the other's lost spouse and to help each other to keep alive the joys, blessings and sweet memories of our love for them. And so, blessings for us as we go on with life, as we must, even as the past is always with us. Joan lives in Miami, and these days I spend as much

time as possible there.

I have two new grandchildren, Charley (5) and Leo (3), to go along with Jonathan (16) and Nyemah (10), and they are all close by. In fact, my son Jonathan is living with me in New York City, and both Jonathan and Nyemah are here much of the time. More blessings.

I have become a Vegan. Both health-wise and environmentally, I am convinced this is the best thing to do. I don't miss the old days, and, as I said, I feel great.

Ongoing: I still consult in the nonprofit arena, although finding paying work is not easy, especially as I get older, but my lay activities in this area continue unabated and keep me very busy. I serve in leadership positions on a half dozen boards of disparate organizations, both local and beyond, and do work for a number of others. Most are in the Jewish community. Of course Brandeis is still an important part of my life. I am proud to be its longest serving Trustee, and I also serve as Co-Chair of Brandeis Hillel. All of this brings me satisfaction and fulfillment, and I have no plans to give up any of it.

I look forward to our virtual reunion, and,

even more, to the time when can be
together again on campus. And from our
60th, I have my eye on the 65th and to a
beautiful five years between now and then.

Phyllis Richman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

In 1961, Phyllis Richman applied to graduate school in city planning at Harvard. She received a letter asking how she would balance a career in city planning with her “responsibilities” to her husband and possible future family. Half a century later, she responded.

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I'm sorry it has taken me so long to answer your letter. As you predicted, I have been very busy with graduate school, two marriages, three children, six grandchildren and a successful writing career . (I have yet to encounter any women you described as having “some feeling of waste about the time and effort spent in professional education.”) After Brandeis I took courses while applying for writing jobs. One editor said he couldn't risk “an act of God,” meaning, of course, that I might get pregnant. Five years later, when my first child was born, I took a break from employment just as your first wife was doing full time when we spoke in 1961. You may not remember, but she was the example you used to explain how wives'

education tends to be wasted. The problem, I suspect, was the narrowness of your time frame. Google tells me that your wife earned two master's degrees and a doctorate, and built an impressive resume in research, conference planning and social action. During those child-rearing years of my life, I specialized in multitasking. When I had one child, I could strap him on my back and take him along on errands. With two, I could still manage them as I studied at the playground. With three kids, I was outnumbered. I needed some babysitting, but hiring felt like an extravagance. So I furnished the attic, cobbled together a kitchen in the basement and offered free rent to college students in exchange for babysitting. Freelance writing, I discovered, was remarkably well-suited to raising children. I could write anywhere — in Rock Creek Park while the kids hunted frogs and lizards. If I concentrated on topics such as comparative ice cream shopping and microwave cooking, I could feed and entertain the kids while I gathered material. By the mid-1970s, I'd published a book on Barter and was writing for The Washington Post about food festivals, ethnic markets

and cooking for a family. In 1976, the Post hired me as its restaurant critic. I was the first woman to hold that job at the Post. Even when my career had momentum, though, my encounters with sexism weren't over. I got an assignment to spend two weeks writing about restaurants in China. My husband decided to come along. The school badgered me about abandoning our kids, despite my having arranged for three college students as live-in babysitters. I was urged to cancel my trip. Nobody said a word about my husband going. We both went to China. Our children thrived anyway and grew up to be everything I could have hoped for--as professionals, as citizens, as parents. They miss my career, but I've been busy writing murder mysteries.

Adrienne Udis Rosenblatt

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis has been an integral part of my very being for 60 years. During the past 5 years, my university connections have become a veritable lifeline to the world. My dear husband Joel suddenly and shockingly passed away in 2014. I'll forever miss his presence in my life. As I was diagnosed with Parkinson's and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 70 (a double whammy!) Joel was the glue that held me together. Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand. Holding hands since our first date, the loss of these simple but core intimacies was particularly difficult for me since 52 years of marriage was simply not enough. Moving from Florida to my daughter Julie's home seemed the most practical place to live. Arriving in Beverly as a 74-year-old grieving widow, I burst into tears when friends visited, phoned, or emailed me – even when addressing the necessary “death details” with total strangers. My Brandeis friends provided invaluable support, advice, and comfort, especially with the hard decisions. Having an abundance of time for reflection, I realized how blessed I was to

witness how happy my daughter and son-in-law Eric are in their marriage and the excellent job they've done in raising their children, Matthew and Emily. As a grandmother, I'm exceedingly proud of their character, growth, and development. Their choice of Brandeis made me overjoyed to become a third-generation Brandeis family. Matthew '20 graduated Summa Cum Laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Emily '23, the activist, adores her classes, professors, and friends. Her evolving capacity to articulate her thoughts is quite remarkable.

My progressing Parkinson's and its side effects have greatly restricted my activities, changing my interests from literature to politics. Our class Listserv provides me with stimulating ideas and conversations and MSNBC's rich analysis keeps me apprised of current issues. Sporadic luncheons with friends keep me interacting with others. Occasionally, I attended concerts on campus to hear Matthew play trumpet in the Jazz Band.

My “golden” years have been rusty, to say the least, so I started filling my time with household projects. Running out of such

pursuits, I was eager to compose for my family a memoir expressing my beliefs, who I was, and what I accomplished. My Brandeis experience has woven itself throughout the fabric of my life with threads from the different perspectives of student, alumna, parent, and grandparent. Completing this surprisingly lengthy project before I die is the only thing on my bucket list. The luxury of taking four years to write the bits and pieces of my story made condensing this essay into 500 words quite difficult!

I (and Joel) am grateful for the ways Brandeis has influenced our lives and motivated us to meaningfully contribute to our little piece of the world. I look forward to watching my grandchildren make their own personal impact, thus keeping the Brandeis legacy alive.



Matthew Zieff '20, Adrienne '61, Julie Rosenblatt Zieff '88, Emily Zieff '23, Eric Zieff



Lenny Rosenblatt and husband Kofi Kyeremateng

Constance Simo Rosenblum

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Amazing to look back and with huge gratitude for the crazy bit of luck which landed me at Brandeis in September 1957, unaware that I was a bit of a 'Unicorn' ...i.e. not Jewish & a science scholarship 'girl'. I had actually never applied but was 'invited to consider' coming, after my name must have appeared on some national scholarship lists? & perhaps for diversity? But then I decided to go, swerving at the last minute from living at home and going to Barnard. Those two years at Brandeis became the template for the rest of my life. The excitement of making lifelong friends was framed by access to accomplished professors, in every discipline, from whom I learned one of the few mistakes one can make in life is to live without courage. Dependent 100% on scholarships, and good at memorizing but not thinking, I transferred to Reed College, which didn't use 'grades', gave only open book exams and offered Independent Study options. I continue to be astonished by consciousness and delight in learning how structure can reveal function and visa versa, across all scales and objects of enquiry. If I

had a 'bucket list', the only thing on it, as mentioned in my last Reunion Reflection, would be to have a good dying. Mitigating the isolation of lockdown, I bought 8 large trees, and so can live and home-school myself, as if in a park or Jungle Hut by the [East] River and, from this perch in Brooklyn Heights, can see the sea and the sky when I wake up and go to sleep.



New Skyscraper Ghost Town. Southern tip
Manhattan Island



The tiny Statue of Liberty in the SW distance, shows bright copper verdigris in midday sun.



Art of the sea and the sky can rivet a pandemic stare.



Glimpse of a bit of the Brooklyn Bridge on far right



May 2016 with Doreen Rappaport and Michael Jacobs

Beth Roy (née Rapfogel)

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

4 years in New York working for AFSC
8 years in India - freelance journalist,
produced one son & 1 book
57 years in San Francisco - counseling &
mediation practice; taught Peace and
Conflict Studies at UC Berkeley, published
studies of religious and racial conflict
2 years in Albuquerque - reduced practice,
expanded writing
Married to Mariah
2 grandkids



Arlene Cohn Rubin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Well, you can sure tell I'm aging when I explain 1) I glanced at the deadline for this remembrance and thought it was due March 31 (!! not March 21 and 2) that the essay should cover post-50th reunion topics.

Without hesitation, my greatest achievement is my two children. Sarah and Loren are accomplished in their respective socially responsible fields, happily married, intellectually curious, and, amazingly, very politically active. Their public school education has served them well.

I felt I had fulfilled my bucket list when the Chicago organization of which I had become Executive Director, Project LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts) decided to close its doors. The long chapter of Chicago history filled with rampant vote fraud had drawn to a close due to our dedication. It took newspaper exposes, coalition building, citywide support of independent candidates, legislative reforms, the end of the patronage system, and the hard work of Project LEAP for us to conclude our work was done. After 25 years, we quietly declared victory over vote fraud and closed

our doors. After countless political campaigns, including Harold Washington for mayor, I retired.

I retired to play games--sudoku, bridge, mah jongg, even casino blackjack and, ultimately high limit slots. All very relaxing and also lucrative until Barack Obama's national candidacy. I did phone canvassing of Florida voters and joined my daughter and her wife and, it seemed 1/2 our Hyde Park neighborhood for election day in Gary, Indiana. Ah, the delicious call of another election/another time.

Thanks, Charles Kamen, for recruiting me to picket Woolworths in Newton ro support sit-ins in the south.



Arlene & grandson Max

Mike & Judy Schatz

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The most important impact Brandeis had for us, was Judy and me becoming friends in our sophomore year. We later began to date, and then married 2 months after graduation, 2 weeks before starting medical school. Shortly after finishing medical school, we had our first child, and the second 2 years later, both girls. Our son was born a few months after I started in practice as an Ob-Gyn. 6 grandchildren are now in the family, ages 10 up to 27.

The other most important aspect of being at Brandeis is the life-long friends we have made. At our 25th reunion, 5 couples realized that we needed to see each other on a regular basis. We met every summer, mostly in the Berkshires. Sadly, first a divorce, and then 2 passings diminished our group, Joel Rosenblatt passing 7 years ago and Sue Turitz Goldberg almost 3 years ago. Now the Candells -Sue and Steve- and the Schatzes, plan to continue the tradition, and we will be going back to the Berkshires this summer.

The most important course I took at Brandeis was Levy's Introduction to Western Music. This has led to music

becoming integral to our life. We became subscribers to the BSO in 1973, the same year Seiji Ozawa became musical director. We have outlasted his tenure by many years.

We have travelled to many countries, with Italy being our favorite. We had hoped to go back this summer, but that will not occur, so 2022 will be the target date. We did manage to have 3 major Asian trips, in 2016, 2018, and 2019. The most recent ended in mid-January of 2020. We flew home from Bangkok just as the pandemic was spreading. We will likely do a trip in the USA this summer, perhaps by train, or paddleboat on the Mississippi. As always, a trip to San Diego to see our 3 grandchildre, is in the offing. In 'Before times', we went there every 3 or 4 months. Hopefully that will resume once again.

For the past 11 years, we have been taking courses at Boston University, in their Evergreen program. We have taken many courses in Art History, and this explains our fascination with Italy. We select courses from the regular curriculum, and so we are the oldies in a sea of 20 year olds. In addition to Art, we have taken many

courses across a wide spectrum, and this has greatly enriched our lives. It is our fervent hope to get back to campus in the not too distant future, and see many of our dear classmates. This will be in person, accompanied by hugs and kisses, and not on Zoom.



Charles Scher, MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis has played an important part in my life in guiding me into a career. I came to Brandeis thinking that I would become a chemist and had no desire to become a doctor. Imagine my surprise when an interest test taken in the first week of college showed that my strongest interest was in medicine! I put this in the back of my mind, but I guess it came to haunt me.

While driving along route 128 during the summer after my sophomore year, I had an epiphany; it suddenly occurred to me that I should become a physician. I have energetically pursued that course ever since.

At Brandeis I worked in the chemistry laboratory of Dr. Orrie Friedman attempting to synthesize an agent that would be useful in clinical medicine. The laboratory experience was a valuable one; it was both exciting and frustrating. Dr. Friedman encouraged me to persevere. He was both a mentor and a role model for me during my undergraduate experience and afterwards. It was a pleasure to work with him.

After Brandeis I attended and graduated

from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. I started my post-graduate medical training in Pediatrics at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx and completed it at Boston Children's Hospital followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology there. My pediatric training in New York and Boston was interrupted by four years in the Public Health Service spent doing basic medical research at the National Cancer Institute. Thus, at the completion of all that training I was ready to become Pediatric Hematologist with interest and skill in both clinical medicine and basic medical research.

I met my wife in Philadelphia and we married while I was in medical school and she was a senior at Temple. Reda is a gifted artist in sculpture, painting and ceramics. She is the love of my life! We have two children and five grandchildren, one of whom, Sydney Schur, is a freshman at Brandeis.

I have had a rewarding career in academic medicine at Children's Hospitals in Boston and Philadelphia as well as Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, I have blended

patient care, treating children with cancer and hematologic diseases, with laboratory based medical research. Basic research involved studies of genes that control normal cell growth and cancer cell growth. In addition, I have been honored to participate in the care of children with life-threatening diseases. I have participated in clinical studies which have changed the outlook for children with the most common form of childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, from zero percent survival to greater than 85% cure. I am gratified that I provided both clinical care and emotional support to these children and their families.

The love and pursuit of knowledge and justice are at the heart of the Brandeis experience. The faculty are at the top of their fields and the students are intelligent and eager participants of the knowledge the faculty offer. Being at Brandeis was truly a heady experience!

Valya Kazes Shapiro

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Looking back on my life is an experience I have been intimate with for several years. It was after my husband Robert's death that I felt the need to share my life story with my children and grandchildren. The childhood memories so clear and vivid at this age helped me start the process of writing what has eventually become my memoir: *My Life in Coffee Grounds*.

It is a memoir born of loss and renewal and the gift of time for introspection and reflection for which I am deeply grateful. Brandeis has and continues to be a large part of my life. It is the place where I learned critical thinking. A place where I acquired the knowledge of logical reasoning, identifying biases and challenging errors of interpretation. None of this was familiar to me in the country of my birth, Turkey. While integrating a new sense of freedom I became passionately engaged in community and a devoted citizen of the USA.

After my very close brush with cancer at the age of 34 and subsequent illnesses I learned the importance of taking charge of my health. Daily 6 to 8 mile power walks,

yoga and strength training, meditation and psychotherapy serve as the foundations of keeping my frame standing.

While continuing my career in interior design I find the University a place where I am able to continue expanding intellectually. I have been closely engaged with the Tauber Institute part of the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department and been able to support the publication of scholarly works related to the rise of nationalism, the spread of anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and its aftermath, and contemporary Jewish experience. I have also taken courses – particularly this year – in the Women Gender and Sexuality Studies program - now a department- on which I serve as a board member since it's founding in 2001.

Brandeis has been and will continue to be my home away from home.



Summertime Party

Judith Silverson Sloan

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

More than a year of productive activities –traveling, going to cultural events or singing in chorus – have fallen victim to COVID-19. What kept me sane until the temperature plunged was walking with my neighbor. We covered every street in Sands Point, about 100 miles in total.

I'm also grateful for the Great Courses Company. Their DVDs put us in touch with wonderful professors who shared their knowledge of Da Vinci, Verdi, the Bible and the solar system. Streaming has been a Godsend, too, and I'm ashamed to say that I became addicted to a Turkish soap opera on Netflix: "Black Money Love"... all gazillion episodes.

Sadly, I didn't keep my promise to use this time to de-clutter. Still with me are income tax returns going back 20 years; Steuben crystal ashtrays; a cabinet full of LPs ranging from Aida to Miles David and incomplete sets of my grandmother's china and stemware.

But Spring is in the air, we've had our

vaccinations, and we're already eating dinner out. I stopped tossing out brochures for riverboat cruises and visits to national parks, and I OK'd the credit card charge for the 2021-2022 Met Opera season.

I am grateful. Grateful that my well-being hasn't been threatened by financial worries, grateful that Morty and I are healthy and especially grateful that a six or ten-year-old didn't have to rely on me for virtual learning in math.

COVID quarantining has accounted for one fifth of the time since we last met. Yet it has weighed so heavily that I can scarcely recall what I did for the four years prior.... probably the same things I wrote about in our last two reunion books with one wonderful exception: visiting Uganda on behalf of Innovation Africa (IA) with my daughter in 2017 (see photo). IA is an Israeli sponsored organization that provides water and solar technologies enabling African villagers to drink fresh water, grow fruits and vegetable, equip infirmaries with refrigeration and schools

with electricity. Through IA, our family has transformed three villages into vibrant communities. On this trip, we targeted two more.

I also travelled to Yellowstone Park and the Grand Tetons with Morty (another photo attached) and joined friends on a riverboat to Provence, trying not to let the 105 degree temperatures dampen our spirits.

What next? Maybe another trip to Africa. I do know that I will try and fill my calendar for the days, months and hopefully, years ahead with purposeful activities: spending more time with family, more time with friends (I've missed seeing Walter and Emily Klores, Micky Josephs, Fran Freedman and Phyllis Cohen Gladstone), and sampling a few items on my "bucket list."



My daughter and I in Uganda



Morty and I visiting Yellowstone National Park

Judith Silverson Sloan



Woman of the year for my Hadassah chapter



In Provence

Morton Sloan

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

As a result of quarantining for a year, my kitchen table has become mission control for my business; Judy's IMac is no longer Judy's; and she has assumed all the responsibilities of secretary, bookkeeper, and editor. Privy to all my conversations via speakerphone, she now fancies herself a businesswoman, but to tell the truth, she's earned that right! We have been married 58 years, and we've never enjoyed one another's company as much! During this time, we've also grown closer to our children (who demanded that we quarantine) and cherish the ties that bind us to friends.

I am nostalgic for everything COVID has stolen; opera, the NY Philharmonic, the Yankees, Broadway and the Knicks, but we've found some substitutes streaming Great Courses and participating in virtual seminars.

Tragically, I've lost four dear friends, one of whom was Arthur Bovarnick Class of '58. At this age, it's difficult to make new ones, but we've drawn closer to those we have.

The pre-covid years since last reunion were filled with many pleasurable activities: a trip to Yellowstone National Park; a Chabad trip to Israel; a riverboat to France; a cruise ship to India, Abu Dhabi and Dubai; and another riverboat trip to Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. What I especially enjoyed were two ski trips to Zermatt and the Dolomites in Italy with Arthur Bovarnick and Walt Klores. I also joined Judy at the Verbier Musical festival in Switzerland where her chorus was singing "Carman" to an international audience. Extremely pleasurable was spending Thanksgiving week in a rented villa at St Bart's with children and grandchildren, two months before COVID struck.

I've been the honoree at a NYC Chabad dinner where the featured speaker was Alan Dershowitz and look forward to my company, Morton Williams Supermarkets, being recognized by the NYC Board of Rabbis along with Anthony Fauci, for providing essential services during the Covid crises

As of March, I returned to my office but

remain cautious, even after being vaccinated. Business has become very challenging in Manhattan since a large percentage of residents have relocated either temporarily or permanently to their summer homes or to Florida and elsewhere. Office business has ground to a halt as companies have asked their employees to work at home. Nonetheless, I am confident that eventually the city will recover.



With Walter and Arthur in Zermatt



Judy in Verbier pre performance

Gitte Gram Swensson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Gitte, 82, Wien Special Student 60-61, still in contact with some of the other Wien students and with my very good friend , Roberta, '62, who lives in Cambridge, Mass.

We have visited each other back and forth over the last 50 years. I have two sons, two daughters, one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law and five granddaughters from age 8-20.

My youngest brother, Ivar Gram , lives in Weston , Conn. I have worked as an elementaryschool teacher, been a girlscout member and leader and have established and lead a national organisation for parents of lesbians and gays.

I live in Oslo, Norway. I have a lot of fond memories from my year at Brandeis.



Ca. 1961



2008

Sheila Kurzrock Taub, J.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After 25 years of teaching at the Quinnipiac University School of Law, I retired in 2003.

During my retirement I returned to my lifelong interests in art, music, and literature. My husband and I traveled to Europe annually to connect with my son, who lives in Zurich with his wife and their three children. After my husband died, in 2019, I moved to a retirement community in Hamden, Connecticut. At the height of the pandemic I was fortunate to be in a place where I could make new friends (some of them also Brandeis graduates) and pursue my interests, usually via Zoom. I look forward to seeing fellow members of the class of 1961 on Zoom as well.

Jerome M. Tuck

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The most important thing I learned in my Brandeis years was how to think critically. The best example I can give is that Eugene Black, my history professor, once gave me an assignment to write about the Chartist movement in England. I worked very diligently to come up with a coherent answer to his query about the Movement, and I handed in a very mediocre paper about why the Chartist movement this or that. He handed the paper back to me with a C- grade and wrote across the top of the first page, "Who says such a movement really was a movement at all?" It never had dawned on me that the question he put to me was incorrect from the inception. That kind of thinking is what helped make me into a thinking questioning person.

My fondest memories of Brandeis relate to all the wonderful friends I made during those years. Although I have lost track of many of them over the years, I still look back on them with great fondness and memories of what we did together.

My greatest achievement in life has been to marry the girl of my dreams 53 years ago, and to have raised 3 wonderful, loving, kind,

appreciative children, who have in turn done the same for my 8 delightful grandchildren. The rest of the achievements all relate to work as an attorney, and then later as a real estate developer in Massachusetts. I fully retired 14 years ago and we now live 6 months in Key Biscayne, Florida and 6 months in Boston downtown and at our summer home of 46 years in Hull, MA.

We have travelled extensively until Covid hit, and we hope to resume our peripatetic ways this summer or fall. Our favorite way to travel has always been to go to one or two countries at most and rent a car to drive ourselves everywhere for a month or so. We think it's the best way to meet new people and see new places without them becoming a jumble in the mind later after returning home. Bhutan and Antarctica are what's left in the bucket list, and unfortunately we won't be able to drive in either place!

Judith Liskov Zabin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I feel incredibly fortunate to have had an incredibly full and satisfying life. I have enjoyed and appreciated the blessings of both love and good health. Albert '59 and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary in September. Our three children, Edmond, Serena and Brian have each been married for many years and made us the proud grandparents of 9 grandkids -ranging in age from 24 to 12.

I have spent my professional life as a clinical social worker since receiving my MSW from Simmons School of Social Work in 1963. I practiced as a clinician, supervisor, consultant in Family Service, Aids Action, VNA Home Care, and Hospice settings in Massachusetts. For the past 45 years, I have maintained a private clinical practice that still continues.

My fondest Brandeis memories are twofold.

Firstly, the dear, incredible friendships -a few that remain today and sadly others lost to death.

Next, the incredible professors. I'll never forget Leo Bronstein, Alan Grossman, J.V. Cunningham, Maury Stein, Thalia Howe,

John Roche, Walter Toman, James Klee, Abraham Maslow, {visiting Dutch Psych professor} Adrian Van Dam...

I am grateful that my Brandeis experience has given me a lifelong love of learning and commitment to social justice.



Martin A. Zelnik RA/AIA/Architect

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The lessons learned, the experience gained, the friendships made androstenedione importantly, sustained for 60 plus years are worth more than I can say. Brandeis introduced me to “ co-,education” after having 9 straight years of an all boys prep school . Oh how unprepared I was to have members of the opposite sex in my own humanities for history class.

Brandeis taught me much about my intellectual, social and athletic capabilities. I underestimated my academic capabilities having graduated from a private school where 12 out of 48 classmates went to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, MIT etc. In high school, we had two sections: “ Honors” and “ Others.” I was others. When asked where I applied to college, my classmates had not heard of Brandeis. When my high school college advisor asked me where I want to apply to college, I told him Brandeis. He told me I would probably not get in notwithstanding high SAT scores but quite average grades. They clearly urged the other more reachable colleges that I might get into , none of which truly appealed to me.

Interestingly enough, my interest in attending Brandeis was stimulated when I was a camper waiter at Camp Onibar and Geneva. We had a waiters bunk and a head waiter Jules Bernstein Brandeis '57. Jules held court on many occasions surround by other 14–16 year old camper waiters including my self, Steve Solarz, Ed Feldstein, Garry Grossman, Daryl Deaktor, myself.....all of whom were encourage by Jules to attend Brandeis. Not only was he a great and persuasive raconteur about Brandeis and our applying there, but he exposed us all to issues of social justice, and even more significantly, the ACLU of which I remain a member and supporter to this day.

One huge regret I have about my extra curricular activities at Brandeis was that I should have been

More pro active with respect to activities related to social justice, protest, and on top of the agenda back then: integration! I did not appreciate at the time that fellow students were sitting in at Woolworth's and some even became “ freedom fighter” driving into the Deep South , risking their lives. I chastise myself for not being more

of a political activist on 1961. On the other hand, my extreme activism at Brandeis was to be found on the 5 varsity sports that I participated in over my years at Brandeis. I would not trade for a minute the benefits gained by being bisected by a Bud Collins, a Benny Friedman, a Glenn Howells, a Harry Stone, a Rudy Finderson or to have wonderful teammates like Abby Hoffman, Bernie Ploscowe, Mike London, Steve Reiner, Hal Zinn, Steve Rose, Paul McKinnon, Ron Carnera proud to be a member of two undefeated teams; the soccer team of 1960 and the undefeated Men's Tennis Team of 1959.

My major at Brandeis was applied Fine Arts. My classmates were very talented including Osna Bard, Bob Walsh, Peter Lipsitt-all superstar and super talented in their own right. Lessons learned? Try architecture!!

