

A photograph of a large, multi-story stone castle with a prominent cylindrical tower. The castle is built on a grassy hillside. In the foreground, there are out-of-focus autumn leaves in shades of orange and yellow. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text 'CLASS OF 1964 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION' is overlaid on the right side of the image in white serif font.

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY



50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION







# Brandeis University

Frederick M. Lawrence  
President  
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May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1964,

I look forward to welcoming you back to Brandeis for your upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend - a milestone event for you and for your *alma mater*. Whether you are returning for the first time since your Commencement or have visited us often over the years, I am delighted to count you among the members of our family who will gather on campus in June.

I extend my deep gratitude to the committee members who have worked so diligently in planning the weekend; they have made a special effort to make the event both memorable and richly rewarding. Feldberg Lounge in the Hassenfeld Conference Center has been designated the Class of 1964's special hospitality suite throughout the weekend, and will provide a space to relax and catch up with classmates. On Friday, reconnect with friends during the Welcome Back Reception and Dinner - where I will offer my personal welcome. Saturday provides more opportunities for you to engage with fellow Brandeisians during the Ralph Norman Barbecue, class discussions, and a special dinner planned for members of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class.

Much has changed at this special institution since you first set foot on our grounds more than five decades ago. While the landmark Castle remains, the campus has grown in remarkable ways since 1960. The curriculum has undergone numerous enhancements, the student body and faculty have grown and diversified, and Brandeis has taken its place among the world's finest research universities. The values that brought each of you to Brandeis, however, have remained constant: our commitment to academic excellence and social justice, dedication to open inquiry and civil debate, and the shared desire motivating us to make a positive difference in the world - all these qualities are as prevalent today as when you were a freshman. Indeed, the Class of 1964 has made an impact on the University's culture in the spirit of *tikkun olam*; you are role models for students of the present and future, and you have helped to define your *alma mater*.

It will be a pleasure to spend time with you during Reunion Weekend. Welcome home!

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Lawrence

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# Class of 1964 Timeline



1961

## World News

- East Germany erects the Berlin Wall between East and West Berlin to halt flood of refugees
- Beginning of Checkpoint Charlie standoff between US and Soviet tanks
- The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) started
- 40 Dead Sea Scrolls are found in Palestine
- World's population reaches 4 billion

## US News

- John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President of the United States
- Peace Corps officially established on March 1st
- First US astronaut, Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard, Jr., rockets 116.5 miles up in 302-mile trip
- "Freedom Riders" test the United States Supreme Court decision *Boynton v. Virginia* by riding racially integrated interstate buses into the South.
- President Kennedy pledged extra aid to South Vietnam

## Economy

- Average income per year: \$5,315
- Unemployment: 5.5%
- Average cost of a new car: \$2,850
- Eggs per dozen: 30 cents

## Movies

- The Parent Trap
- 101 Dalmatians
- Breakfast at Tiffany's
- West Side Story

## TV Shows

- Wagon Train
- Bonanza
- Andy Griffith
- Candid Camera
- Mr. Ed the talking horse
- The Twilight Zone

## Books

- Joseph Heller – *Catch 22*
- Henry Miller - *Tropic of Cancer*
- Lewis Mumford - *The City in History*
- J. D. Salinger - *Franny and Zooey*

## Died this Year

- Ty Cobb
- Carl Jung
- Chico Marx
- Ernest Hemingway
- Gary Cooper
- Grandma Moses

1961

## Pop Culture

- The Pony becomes a popular dance
- Johnson & Johnson introduces Tylenol
- The YoYo becomes the newest craze and is the largest selling toy
- Ray Kroc buys out the McDonald brothers and takes control of the hamburger chain
- First in-flight movie shown on TWA
- Squibb, Co. produces the first electric toothbrush

## Inventions

- Laser is invented by Theodore Harold Maiman
- IBM introduces the Selectric Typewriter
- Optical disc was invented by David Paul Gregg
- First powdered non-dairy creamer introduced by Nestle
- Valium

## Toys

- Astronaut Robot (price: \$3.79)
- Play House (price: \$12.99)
- Barbie's friend, Ken, is introduced



# Class of 1964 Timeline



1962

## World News

- Cuban Missile Crisis: USSR to build missile bases in Cuba; Kennedy orders Cuban blockade to prevent Soviet missile deployment
- The United Nations General Assembly passes a resolution condemning South Africa's racist apartheid policies and calls for all UN member states to cease military and economic relations with the nation
- Telstar relays the first live trans-Atlantic television signal

## US News

- John Glenn becomes first American to orbit the Earth
- Oral Polio Vaccine developed by Albert Sabin given to millions of children to combat Polio
- United States Supreme Court rules that officially sponsored prayer in public schools is unconstitutional
- The First Wal-Mart discount store is opened by Sam Walton in Bentonville Arkansas

## Economy

- Average cost of new house: \$12,500
- Average monthly rent: \$110 per month
- Minimum hourly wage: \$1.25
- Medium family income \$6,000 per year
- Color TV set: \$400
- Fast food hamburger: 20 cents
- Doctor's office visit: \$5

## Books

- Robert Frost - *In the Clearing*
- Günter Grass - *The Tin Drum*
- Ken Kesey - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- Richard Yates - *Eleven Kinds of Loneliness*

## Died this year

- Eleanor Roosevelt
- William Faulkner
- Marilyn Monroe
- Niels Bohr
- Ernie Kovacs

## Movies

- Spartacus
- Lawrence of Arabia
- To Kill a Mockingbird

1962

## Pop Culture

- Johnny Carson takes over hosting duties of *The Tonight Show*
- Beatles turned down by Decca Records
- Andy Warhol's famous painting of the Campbell Soup can is exhibited
- Beverly Hillbillies and The Dick Van Dyke show premiere on TV
- Polaroid introduces color film prints which develop in 60 seconds
- The "Mashed Potato" and the "Watusi" dances hit the scene

## Inventions

- Compact audio-cassette
- Computer video game: Spacewar
- Fiber-tip pen

## Toys

- Etch-A-Sketch (price: \$2.94)



# Class of 1964 Timeline



1963

## US News

- Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary known as "The Rock" closes
- President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22nd in Dallas, Texas
- "March on Washington," civil rights rally held in Washington, D.C.; Martin Luther King delivers "I Have a Dream" speech
- US car maker, Studebaker, goes out of business and ends production
- First US state lottery in New Hampshire

## World News

- Washington-to-Moscow "hot line" communications link opens, designed to reduce risk of accidental war
- France and West Germany sign treaty of cooperation ending four centuries of conflict
- Berlin Wall opens for 1 day passes

## Economy

- Pay phone (local call): 10 cents
- Loaf of bread: 22 cents
- Bedroom air conditioner: \$149.95
- Hershey bar: 5 cents
- Popular science magazine: 35 cents per issue

## Movies

- Cleopatra
- The Longest Day
- Lawrence of Arabia
- To Kill a Mockingbird

## TV Shows

- Coronation Street
- The Flintstones
- Petticoat Junction
- The Avengers
- The Dick Van Dyke Show

## Books

- Betty Friedan - *The Feminine Mystique*
- Sylvia Plath - *The Bell Jar*
- John Rechy - *City of Night*
- John Updike - *The Centaur*
- Kurt Vonnegut - *Cat's Cradle*

## Died this year

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy (11/22/1963)
- Robert Frost
- Rogers Hornsby
- Aldous Huxley
- Patsy Cline

1963

## Pop Culture

- The first episode of the BBC television series Doctor Who is broadcast
- Viewers tuned into NBC witness Jack Ruby shoot Lee Harvey Oswald on camera
- The Rolling Stones emerge as the anti-Beatles, with an aggressive, blues-derived style
- *The French Chef* with Julia Child debuts on educational television
- The first prototype Learjet takes off
- Zip codes implemented in US

## Inventions

- The touchtone telephone is invented
- Designers at Kenner Products develop the Easy Bake Oven
- The computer mouse prototype is created by Douglas Engelbart

## Toys

- Musical TV Phonograph (price: \$3.99)
- Troll Dolls (price: \$1.44 each)



# Class of 1964 Timeline



1964

## World News

- Nelson Mandela and seven others sentenced on June 12th to life imprisonment in South Africa
- The British and French governments announce commitment to build a tunnel under the English Channel
- Summer Olympics are held in Tokyo, Japan (South Africa barred due to Apartheid Policies)
- Winter Olympic Games are held in Innsbruck, Austria

## US News

- Boston Strangler Albert DeSalvo is captured
- US Surgeon General reports smoking may lead to lung cancer
- President Johnson signs bill enacting Medicare
- First Ford Mustang is made
- The powerful 9.2 magnitude earthquake strikes South Central Alaska

## Economy

- Average cost of new house: \$13,050
- Gas per gallon: 30 cents
- Loaf of bread: 21 cents
- United States postage stamp: 5 cents
- Ticket to the movies: \$1.25
- Life Magazine: 35 cents per issue

## Books

- Donald Barthelme - *Come Back, Dr. Caligari*
- John Hawkes - *Second Skin*
- Ernest Hemingway - *A Moveable Feast*
- Hubert Selby - *Last Exit to Brooklyn*
- Ronald Dahl - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

## Movies

- It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
- The Unsinkable Molly Brown
- My Fair Lady
- Mary Poppins

## Died this year

- Herbert Clark Hoover
- Douglas MacArthur
- Harpo Marx
- Gracie Allen

1964

## Pop Culture

- *Peyton Place*, The first prime-time soap opera premieres on ABC.
- Color television makes its way into U.S. homes.
- The Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*
- Sidney Poitier becomes the first black actor to win "Best Actor" Oscar
- Elizabeth Taylor marries Richard Burton for the first time
- Hasbro launches G.I. Joe, an action figure for boys

## Inventions

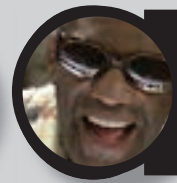
- Sony introduces the first VCR home video recorder
- Permanent press fabric
- Acrylic paint

## Toys

- Bobsled (price: \$31.97)
- Game of Scrabble (price: \$2.59)



# Billboard



**Top 10**

## Top 10 1961

Artist/Track

- Bert Karpfert**, "Wonderland by Night"
- The Shirelles**, "Will You Love Me Tomorrow"
- The Marcells**, "Blue Moon"
- Ricky Nelson**, "Travelin' Man"
- Pat Boone**, "Moody River"
- Bobby Lewis**, "Tossin' and Turnin'"
- Ray Charles**, "Hit the Road Jack"
- Dion**, "Runaround Sue"
- The Marvelettes**, "Please Mr. Postman"
- The Tokens**, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"

## Top 10 1963

Artist/Track

- The Tornadoes**, "Telstar"
- Steve Lawrence**, "Go Away Little Girl"
- The Four Seasons**, "Walk Like a Man"
- Jimmy Soul**, "If You Wanna Be Happy"
- Lesley Gore**, "It's My Party"
- Jan & Dean**, "Surf City"
- The Angels**, "My Boyfriend's Back"
- Bobby Vinton**, "Blue Velvet"
- Jimmy Gilmer & the Fireballs**, "Sugar Shack"
- Nino Tempo & April Stevens**, "Deep Purple"



## Top 10 1962

Artist/Track

- Chubby Checker**, "The Twist"
- Bruce Channel**, "Hey! Baby"
- Shelley Fabares**, "Johnny Angel"
- Elvis Presley**, "Good Luck Charm"
- Ray Charles**, "I Can't Stop Loving You"
- Neil Sedaka**, "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do"
- Little Eva**, "The Loco-Motion"
- The Four Seasons**, "Sherry"
- Bobby "Boris" Pickett**, "Monster Mash"
- The Four Seasons**, "Big Girls Don't Cry"

## Top 10 1964

Artist/Track

- Bobby Vinton**, "There! I've Said It Again"
- The Beatles**, "I Want To Hold Your Hand"
- Louis Armstrong**, "Hello, Dolly!"
- Mary Wells**, "My Guy"
- The Dixie Cups**, "Chapel Of Love"
- The Beach Boys**, "I Get Around"
- The Four Seasons**, "Rag Doll"
- The Beatles**, "A Hard Day's Night"
- The Animals**, "The House of the Rising Sun"
- Bobby Vinton**, "Mr. Lonely"





### **1964**

- President: **Abram L. Sachar**
- Commencement Speaker: **James Reston** (Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Washington Bureau Chief of The New York Times)
- Tuition: **\$1,250**
- Students enrolled in Fall Term: **1,446**
- Number of Graduates: **446**
- 65% of the class attended graduate school (most in history of Brandeis)

### **Today**

- President: **Frederick M. Lawrence**
- Commencement Speaker: **Geoffrey Canada** (President/CEO of Harlem Children's Zone)
- Tuition: **\$43,980**
- Total Undergraduates: **3,504**
- Countries Represented: **65**
- Clubs & Organizations: **260+**
- Number of majors and minors: **43** and **45**



# the JUSTICE



## Sacks Rejects Council Request; \$25 Night Parking Fee Levied

Dean of Brandeis, L. Milton Sacks has refused a Student Council request for the reduction of the \$25 fee for overnight parking to ten proposed substitutes. As a result, the Council has levied a \$25 night parking fee for all students. A committee of the Council has been appointed to study the overnight parking situation.



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The Council request was based on the report of an ad hoc committee headed by Larry Goodman, '65, Chairman.

**Students' Payroll To Be Prepared Every 2 Weeks**

In an effort to streamline the operation of the Student's Office, the payroll will now be prepared every two weeks.

The report indicated that the present payroll system was inefficient and that the monthly payroll preparation was a major problem. The new system will be implemented in the fall semester and will require the preparation of a payroll every two weeks.

## Cholmondeley Leaves For Green Fields

After seven years as campus mascot, watchdog, and pet, Cholmondeley will be leaving Brandeis this week as he goes out to pasture. Photographer Ralph Norman's pudgy pet foxhound has been a member of the Brandeis community since he was five months old.

In that time he has sat in on various classes in an effort to better his understanding of his surroundings, approved of all the new buildings, and has met many famous personalities, such as former President Truman and Leonard Bernstein. As Ralph says, "Cholmondeley has been on sniffing acquaintance with them all."

## Reston Is Commencement Speaker; Cushing Named Degree Recipient

James Barrett Reston, author and Washington Bureau Chief of The New York Times, will be the chief speaker at the Thirtieth Annual Commencement Exercises, to be held on Sunday, June 11, in UMass Amphitheater. Mr. Reston will also be given an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Mr. Reston will be one of the ten people given honorary degrees at Commencement, according to Mr. Richard Gilman, head of the Office of Public Affairs. Only the names of Richard Coe, Coe, Secretary of Brandeis, and three other individuals have been announced. The names of the others will be announced later this year.

Richard Coe, Coe, Secretary of Brandeis, was born in 1904 and received his B.S. in 1926 from the University of Michigan. He received his M.A. in 1928 and his Ph.D. in 1930 from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Michigan since 1930.

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## Levy Proposes Trimester Plan, Stresses Expansion of University

## Ford Foundation Grants Brandeis \$6 Million for Academic Purposes

## Freshman Segregation Ends Next Year, Group Living to Extend to All Quads

## Seniors Permitted to Take Four Courses

## 65% of Seniors Going to Grad. School; Many Win Scholarships, Fellowships

## 446 Receive Degrees Tomorrow, James Reston to Deliver Address

Four hundred forty-six students, including 317 graduating seniors, will receive degrees tomorrow at Brandeis University's thirtieth Commencement exercises. James Reston, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Washington Bureau Chief of The New York Times will deliver the Commencement Address. Rishon Baler, a chemistry major enrolling at Harvard Medical School next September, will deliver the valedictory address.

## Trustees Reject Medical School; New Expansion Held Infeasible

Members of the class of '64 are going in greater numbers to better graduate schools, and have won more money, than any class in Brandeis' history. A report based on figures for nearly the whole class released by Pierre Gosson, Director of the Office of Career Planning, shows that about 65% of the class is going to graduate school next year, compared with 52% of the class of '63 and 42% of the class of '62 who went directly to graduate school.

Lotteries of some of the seniors of this year's senior class who will attend graduate school next year follow.

## Brandeis to Construct New Science Complex



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# the JUSTICE



November 26, 1963

Brandeis University

There will be no meeting of the JUSTICE editorial board next Tuesday, November 26. The JUSTICE will meet for the first time after the vacation Monday, December 2, to accept copy and evaluate the issue. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## University Reacts with Shock and Grief At the Assassination of John F. Kennedy

### 500 Attend Brief Service In Memoriam

News of President Kennedy's assassination and subsequent death reached an incredulous campus on a quiet Friday afternoon. Classes began, only to be dismissed as students and faculty experienced a growing sense of shock at the enormity of the act.

Silence and grief overwhelmed the University.

At a brief memorial service Friday evening, President Sachar and the three chaplains spoke consolingly to a hushed audience of over five hundred.

All weekend activities were canceled, and subsequently classes on Monday were also canceled.

The Three Chapels each opened at 11:00 a.m. Monday to hold special services, including a High Requiem mass at Bethlehem Chapel.

Television sets were set up in Schwartz, Swig and Mailman Halls all day Monday for broadcasts of the funeral and burial services in Washington, D. C.



Senator John F. Kennedy and Dr. Abraham I. Sachar at Brandeis, January 7, 1960 when Kennedy announced his candidacy.

### Editorials 'All Coherence Gone'

Although John Fitzgerald Kennedy was old enough to be the father of any college student, he was never given that image by this stratum of society. The 44-year-old statesman was considered to be a representative of the new generation, both politically and socially. In effect, he was "one of us," and for this reason the emotion felt is insurmountable. This event seemed to assume the air of a personal tragedy—a death in the family. Everything has become inexplicable: Why did he have to die? Did everyone underestimate his greatness? What will the future be like? Once again the loss proves the value of an assassination in America in our times is truly unbelievable, and this shock was felt across the country and around the world. And the people asked, "I don't believe it. I don't believe it."

We cannot but hope that the political background of the now dead accused assassin will not give rise to repercussions of national panic, which might lead to further world unrest. Peace must be curbed. Intelligence must have control.

In these moments of silence, world reaction has definitely become one of the greatest symbols of our deep sense of loss. What world figures in England, France, Japan, Russia, and West Germany—particularly West Germany, could command such respect in dedicating a public square in his name, they have lighted candles, they have hung out his picture, and they, too, have asked, "Why? What world figure, but John Fitzgerald Kennedy?"

The death of a President, when we all loved it a time not only of public mourning but of personal grief as well, and it is with a sense of personal distance that we must look silence to remember that should not be forgotten. The President's death was one that inspires strange hatreds—hatred for a useless martyrdom; hatred for the utterly insignificant man who caused his death; and hatred finally for the nation, both loved and despised, whose sake this death took place, unasked and undesired. Perhaps there could be less hatred and anger if his death had brought with it some good, something in exchange for the unimaginably high price we have paid.

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### President's Inaugural Asked World of Law

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following selections have been taken from President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961. Kennedy served as President for exactly 2223 days before a sniper ended his life.

"And if a breach of cooperation may push back the day before a new balance of power, but a new world of law, where the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved."

"All this will not be finished in the next 100 days. Nor will it be finished in the first 1000 days, nor in the life of this Administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetimes on this planet. But let us begin."

"In your hands, my fellow citizens, mine, lies the future of our country. Since this country was founded, each generation of Americans has been summoned to give testimony to its national loyalty."

"The greatest of our American heroes who entered the cell to serve surrounded the globe."

"How the trumpet summons us again—but as a call to bear arms, though arms we need—yet not as a call to battle, though embattled we are—yet a call to bear the burden of a long and lonely struggle year in and year out 'rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation'—a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself."

"In the long history of the world only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility. I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other person or any other generation. The torch is being passed to you, America. We have the same confidence that you will light the way and all who serve it—and the light from that fire can truly light the world."

### Foreign Students Echo International Reaction

"The President is dead" was an announcement that meant much to Americans in terms of private grief, but foreign students here echoed the shock felt by the world that an American president had been assassinated.

One of those foreign students said, "In my country if the President should be killed, it would be dismissed as a confirmation that we are not yet ready for self government."

Another said, "In my country, it would simply be just one more phase of a continuous revolution." And the comments went on...

"It's so hard to realize that a President has been assassinated. There's no rioting in the streets. There are no people grabbing for the reins of government, there are no emergency meetings to determine new policy. In short, there is no complex, superstitious that has engulfed this initial event. The fact of this initial event, October 22, 1963, has been struck from the top of the governmental structure and another mental structure has been woven into the position. A personal tragedy has not resulted in a political tragedy. Your government still exists intact. I eagerly remember this drive fact."



Senator John F. Kennedy receives an honorary degree from Dr. Sachar at Brandeis University, October, 1958.



# To the Class of 1964

There is a special poignancy in wishing the Class of 1964 *ave atque vale*, for yours is the college generation born with the New Frontier, whose student years spanned the three years of John Fitzgerald Kennedy's Presidency. You came to Brandeis in the autumn of one of our country's most fervid election campaigns, and your freshman year was starred with President Kennedy's inauguration. You were eyewitnesses to the birth of the Peace Corps, and fearful spectators of the Cuba confrontation—as all of us were. And you, with all other Americans, and with men and women all over the world, grew much older in the single afternoon of November 22, 1963.

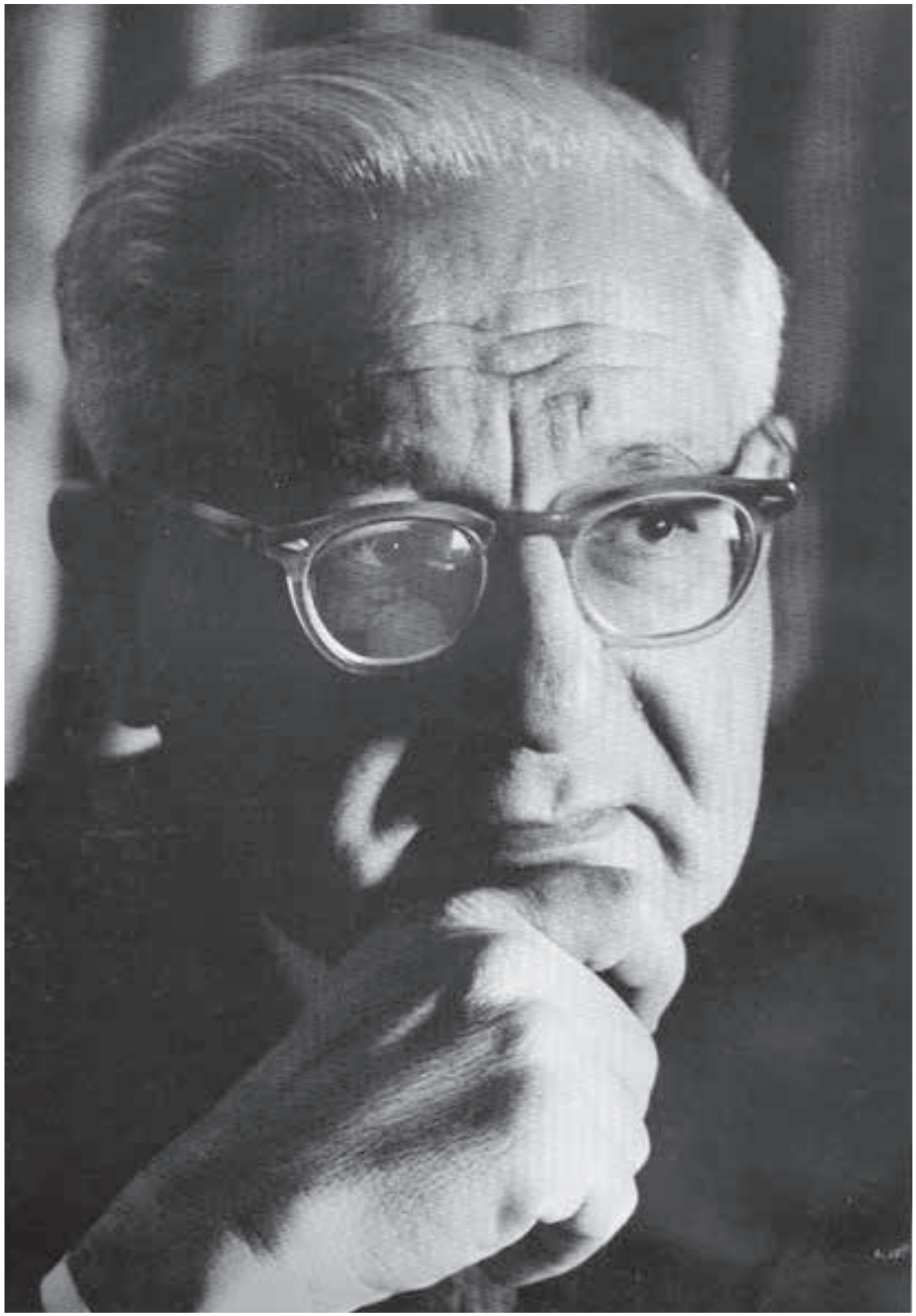
These events will loom large in your memories of your Brandeis years, for they created the climate of this time, the excitement and the burden of stress which are at once the privilege and the penalty of occupying a box seat in the historic drama. National and world events have colored, not only your extracurricular hours, but your very classroom experience and your relationship to the University itself. There have been tensions, and every segment of the academic community has felt them differently, reacting individually and as citizen groups according to assumed responsibilities. But whatever strain we have undergone together, the outcome has consistently shown the tensile strength of every element in University life, and the promise of greater maturity has always been implicit.

Years hence, when so many of the specifics of your education will prove elusive, you will remember the temper of Brandeis between 1960 and 1964. It is my hope that this will be the University's gift to you forever, that constructive dissatisfaction and impatience with mediocrity will be your hallmark, that you will never allow the spirit of the New Frontier to flicker out—not as a political idea, but as a national ideal.

Because it is always *au revoir* to a graduating class, and never good-by, I offer you a thought for the journey before you. It is from Thoreau's chapter "Where I Lived and What I Lived for." There he wrote, "To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning." Keep pace with the sun, and enjoy the long morning of your lives!









# Joel Michael Abrams



## Life since Brandeis ...

I have spent most of my career organizing and managing health and human services having obtained a MSSW in Community Organization and Planning from Columbia University. During these years I held positions in both the private and public sectors. Among numerous professional experiences I helped to launch a new HMO (Tufts Health Plan), established reimbursement policies for community health providers in Massachusetts, provided management consulting services to community health centers around the country, taught a health care course at Boston University and for most of the last 27 years led the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center (Dot House as it is familiarly known) - a large non-profit health and human services organization in Boston - as its President and CEO. I retired from that position in 2012, and am now a Principal (part-time) of VBA Consulting, a successful health care consulting practice begun and headed by my wife Victoria.

My proudest professional accomplishments have been within the context of Dot House. These have included overseeing its growth from a relatively small albeit treasured community institution into a state of the art and technologically advanced facility in which the highest quality primary and specialty care, plus an array of other services are now available to all irrespective of income. At the time I retired, Dot House was operating with an annual budget of over \$23 million, was serving over 20,000 patients and other consumers annually, maintained a healthy balance sheet (with 6 plus months of operating reserves), and was staffed by over 340 employees. Also during those 27 years our organization responded proudly to and served a community that had become ethnically and culturally among the most diverse in Boston. Dot House's reach even went beyond Boston and included projects in East London, South Africa where I was privileged to visit twice.

Still, my biggest joys have been my wife Victoria, my son Jonah my (almost) ninety seven year old and quite independent mother, my brothers and their families, my extended family, my dogs (five presently - including three German Shepherds and two Havanese), my beautiful home in Concord, Massachusetts, my friendships including those made at Brandeis, my travels and other interests including music, technology (and related toys), scuba diving, bicycling, history, etc., all of which I can now enjoy in abundance with my retirement.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

My home environment was one that emphasized tolerance and liberal democratic values. I thought of Brandeis as way to extend this background through its progressive and academic missions above other pursuits. Though Brandeis prepared me for thinking more politically, I regret that I did not take as much advantage of the opportunities it offered. I did however become involved in campus based efforts around southern voter registration strategies. It was mostly after I graduated though that my political awareness grew in response to the 1960's social and anti-war sentiments that had developed around our involvement in Vietnam. The anti-war movement especially gave voice to the growth of that awareness as did our invasion of the Dominican Republic and in many ways led to my interest in community organizing. Being at Columbia in the early 70's helped as well. The 60's and 70's were politically formative years for me at Brandeis and Columbia.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My greatest achievements:

Professionally: Having achieved the honor of serving the City of Boston and the Dorchester community as President and CEO of Dorchester House Multi-Service Center for 26 years, and on my retirement having left it as a highly respected, successful and vital community organization. In this regard I take great pride in having demonstrated, especially to myself, that one can merge his or her progressive social and political values with sound and successful business practices, and thereby contribute to improving the lives of others.

Personally: Having fallen in love with and married Victoria and together with her and my former wife Linda - also an extraordinary woman - having raised our son Jonah, a remarkable person with all the talents and values a proud parent could want.







# Jane Nisselson Assimakopoulos



## Life since Brandeis ...

All and all, I've been lucky to have lived a full, engaged, productive and often exciting life for the past 50 years.

It all started at Brandeis! I met my husband Panayotis Assimakopoulos in 1960 when I was a freshman and he was a senior, studying under the remarkable Wien International Scholarship Program and living in Rosen Hall 411, also the seat of another international marriage between Bernard Rosaz and Lynn Getzler.

Panayotis and I were married in 1965 in Athens, at the height of Greece's post-WWII reconstruction and prosperity. After a brief stint in Trieste we went back to the U.S. for graduate studies.

Our first daughter Anna, at present a Member of Parliament in Greece, was born in NY in 1967, the year a military Junta took control of Greece. After four years as graduate students, first at Rutgers, then at Bryn Mawr where I did graduate studies in French, and the Bartol Research Foundation at Swarthmore, where Panayotis worked while doing his Ph.D., we moved permanently to Greece in 1971.

We lived first in Athens, where Panayotis was a researcher for the Atomic Energy Commission and I ran a Montessori Nursery School. Our second daughter Daphne, today a dancer and choreographer, was born in 1972. Her first word was "tanks" following the Nov. 17, 1973 popular uprising against Greece's unlawful "colonels." When democracy was restored in 1974, Panayotis took a job at the University of Ioannina in the north of Greece. In 1979 he was elected full professor and my children and I joined him in Ioannina, where we settled down and eventually built a house with a vineyard, cherry orchid and vegetable garden, where we lived happily ever after for almost 30 years, until his untimely death in 2007. I still and will always love and miss him.

Throughout our 47 years together we worked hard and played hard. Panayotis was a prolific author and researcher and held many high-level university positions, such as Chairman of the Physics Department, Director of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory and Director of the University Hospital. He also chaired and served as an advisory member and evaluator on scores of European and Greek government committees, such as the National Council for Research and Technology, and the European Economic Community Selection Board for Nuclear Reactor Safety Officers.

I set up and ran my own English-language institute and eventually my own publishing and distribution company, after authoring numerous series of early childhood learning books that sold over 1 million copies. Since 1990 I have been a full-time translator, mostly of Greek literature into English. Several translations have been published by Northwestern University Press and one is forthcoming from Yale University Press. I am now semi-retired and do a lot of translation editing, including the entire oeuvre of Philip Roth into Greek.

Our years of hard work were accompanied by a lot of partying and frequent entertaining during the earlier years, and more relaxing activities in the later years, such as cooking and canning our own produce. We also traveled a lot, both for work and for play. We were invited by Panayotis' friend and high school classmate the former King Constantine of Greece to royal weddings and parties all over Europe, and hosted friends and colleagues constantly at our house.

Today's young people are a lot less fortunate than we were. I hope that when my grandson William, now 10, is ready for college, that the situation in Greece, and in the world, will have improved so that he and his generation have the kind of opportunities we did.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My Brandeis education as a language major, in combination with the Wien International Scholarship Program, changed the course of my life, both personally and professionally. The benefits of this remarkable program were not only for the Wien students, but for all the students at Brandeis. The international atmosphere on campus was a rare learning opportunity for us Americans, too, and the friendships we made there broadened our own horizons, both during and after Brandeis. If everyone in America were lucky enough to have the education we had, and share the values instilled in us at Brandeis, our country would surely be in a position of much higher esteem worldwide than it is at present. At Brandeis the seeds were planted for a lifelong involvement in service to others on every level, from the personal to the communal, to the national and international. If only more people could have the education that we had.





# Charlotte Glazer Baer

## Life since Brandeis ...

The hardest part in writing this profile is finding a picture. Sometime in January, I had a great idea that combines my English major status with my current love of gardens. At Dumbarton Oaks, where I volunteer as a garden docent, the Star Garden has a stunning quote from Chaucer's translation of Boethius; it's rendered in Middle English, which I can still read, thanks to Dr. Levitan.

By now, you notice that my vision did not come to pass – every day since I had the brainstorm, our garden has been covered in snow. Superstitious though I may be, I know I didn't make it happen. However, I must ask you to use your imagination. Let's say it's late April (too late for the deadline) and I am standing in front of a wall of white azaleas, pointing to my favorite segment: "vanishing sweigh." Oh, well ... the best laid plans... (note the second literary reference).

Nothing much has changed since I wrote last. Mike and I have lived in DC over 15 years now; our kids still live in San Francisco and Brooklyn. I am busy at two public gardens, with several books groups, and with lots of theatre-going. Retirement from education consulting means I serve on the board of my favorite family literacy program, now a charter school. Mike is still working in executive search. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary later this summer with a commemorative trip to Oregon where we lived in the 1960s.

Five years ago I said Brandeis taught me to be deeply skeptical. I still agree with that thought. Where is that hope they promised us? Yet, while feeling ineffectual, I keep getting involved in leftist causes anyway – some oldies but goodies like women's rights, a better safety net, adult education and some newer interests like sustainability. And I've learned to care about DC voting rights. Don't we deserve two senators like the rest of you?

Brandeis has had such a profound effect on my perspective and yet I remember more contradictions than I used to. How can I reconcile in loco parentis with hitch hiking; my eagerness to experience urban life with being encased in a suburb; my love-hate relationship with snow? I experienced exhilarating late night talks, delved into layered, ambiguous texts, wrote and re-wrote essays until my eyesight blurred. Yet, no one helped me imagine a professional future. Brandeis certainly gave me the tools to remake my life many times over. But, I wonder if I was encouraged enough to plan. I appreciate that I'll never know all the answers. Maybe that is the true Brandeis legacy.

Contradictions aside, our lasting friendships are an unalloyed pleasure. My freshman roommate, Alice Moss, may have transferred after two years, but we are friends forever. When I moved to Boston Joan and her family were lifesavers. When I moved to DC Judy and Doris got me through the transition. Remember letters? When that's all we had, or all we could afford, we took the time to keep in touch. Ironically now that we have multiple media, it's harder somehow. But our friendships are among my deepest joys.

So, what's next? That's why I want to talk to all of you at the reunion – to wonder, to muse, to speculate. Laughing and singing would be good, too. See you soon.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Other years I've talked about Ray Ginger and Alan Levitan. Today I'm thinking of Marie Syrkin. She taught my freshman humanities class but, more important, I arranged for her to give a talk for Hillel about how it felt in the 1940s when the US refused refuge for Jews from Europe. Even though my father's cousins survived and came to Atlanta, my parents had not talked much to me about their feelings. Ms. Syrkin had the ability to make recent history so real that I remember that one hour talk 53 years later. She was fairly memorable about the Iliad, too. Someone recently said to me that they had no female professors at Brandeis. I did.

Pictures: We were really good at surprise parties.

Pic #1-- my friends gave me an engagement shower, May '64. It's me with the crown. Behind me, Elaine Hershoff Shindel, Doris Yaffe Shiffman, Judy Robbins Groner, Barb Falcon ('65), Joan Federman Priver.

Pic#2 Atlanta airport. Mike seeing me off to Brandeis. Probably Sept. 63? Note how dressed up I am and that there is no security. I'm not saying a word about my waist line.

Pic #3 Fairly recent: husband Michael, daughter Naomi, me.

Pic #4: Filmmaker son, Daniel, on his 44th birthday.







# Harvey M. Baumann, MD

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## Life since Brandeis ...

I finally learned that luck is what it's all about. I was lucky to win a full scholarship to Brandeis, lucky to meet the love of my life there, lucky to get into medical school after graduating and to practice medicine in the way I chose to with exactly the mix of patients and cases that I wanted, lucky to be relatively healthy for a geezer and to be able to travel where and when I want to. Also, I still have a full head of hair. I retired at sixty because of an unlucky accident and resulting disability but I have thoroughly enjoyed retirement.

The science I studied at Brandeis is long out of date but the art, music and theater courses stayed with me. And the critical thinking skills I learned there were essential as a physician. I am seriously involved with art. Now that I am retired I have enough time to solidify my collection, lots of old African pieces and many 20th century works on paper. Long live liberal arts education! I spend a lot of time with my twenty year old grandson who actually told me he thought I had a really interesting life. Go figure!

By the way, it's a really satisfying pleasure to be able to make a contribution to the school that I feel saved me. I am a member of the Brandeis Arts Council and have established a scholarship at Brandeis. Once again, lucky to be able to do those things.





# Deborah Beck



## Life since Brandeis ...

Since our last reunion I have continued my creative journey in the visual and performing arts. As a painter and printmaker I have been exhibiting in many solo and group shows. These included "Celebrating Nature" at the B + R Gallery, Peekskill, NY (2 person show), "Nautical Paintings by Deborah Beck" at Ocean House, Croton-on-Hudson, NY (solo show), "The Teaching Artists of Westchester" at the Arts Westchester Gallery, White Plains, NY and the "Landscape" (plein air) show at the Howland Cultural Center, Beacon, NY. Upcoming exhibits include solo shows at the Hendrick Hudson Gallery, Montrose, NY in 2014 and 2015. In 2013 my work was published in Germany in the book "Jewish Women in Visual Arts," a series developed by 95 year old Hedwig Brenner, who lives in Haifa, Israel. Since publication she has made book presentations in Berlin in the Bauhaus Archive Museum and in the Inselgalerie, and another planned for April 2014 in Vienna. I am a member of a number of art organizations, including National Association of Women Artists (NAWA), Women in the Arts Foundation (WIA), Katonah Museum Artists' Association (KMAA), Peekskill Arts Alliance (PAA) and Arts Westchester (as a teaching artist). In January 2014 I began teaching painting and collage at the new Blue Door Art School in Yonkers, NY which I am finding very rewarding. In the last few years I have taught in several art residences/workshops such as in the Marie de Hostos Society School, Yonkers, NY, and in the Chautauqua Institute School of Art, Chautauqua, NY.

In the theatre arts I have been continuing my acting, singing, and dancing. I was recently elected to the board of the UFT Players in NYC and have acted in several of their plays in the last few years. I also acted in the productions of "Cats" (Exotica) and "Annie" (Sophie, Annette) at the Paramount Theatre by Antonia Arts, in Peekskill, NY. I am part of a newly developing group "Seniors on the Move," a traveling troupe which will perform in varying venues, such as senior homes, cafes, restaurants, etc.

I am enjoying my life in Peekskill, NY with my husband Bill Olson, 3 dogs Maxie, Jadles, and Misty and cat Susu. (Sadly our beloved dog Jag and cat Binkles died several years ago and we miss them terribly). We still spend time in our country house in upstate East Worcester, NY. I still have the "travel bug" and have made some fascinating trips in the last few years, including going to Bali with my husband, and to Galapagos and Machu Picchu with my friend Florence Klunge (a Swiss Wien student at Brandeis, where we met).

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

The arts: visual, theatre, dance, singing - after retiring from teaching for the New York City Board of Education (art, drug prevention counseling) for many years in 1994, I have had more time to pursue these passions. These include painting, printmaking (many exhibits, as indicated in my bio), acting, ballet, jazz dance, singing and teaching art (although officially retired from teaching full time, I still enjoy teaching art in residences/workshops on a part time basis).

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I got a first class education at Brandeis and became more politically aware - in a progressive humanist direction (surprise!). I had inspiring teachers which helped me to find my calling as an artist. I made some wonderful friends (Jane Nisselson Assimoukopolis, Florence Klunge, Pat Barbannel) who are my friends to this day. Before Brandeis I had never travelled but after getting to know a more well travelled/international crowd (friends, Wiens), after graduating I became hooked on such experiences.

## Photo Captions:

- In "Cats" as Exotica
- Husband Bill Olson and I river-rafting in Bali
- With paintings inspired by Mohegan Island, Maine at the Howland Cultural Center, Beacon, NY (Exhibit: "Landscape")
- In "Annie" as Annette







# Larry Behrens



## Life since Brandeis ...

Fast forward from Brandeis graduation, through Columbia Film School, followed by a four-year stint in the Air Force, then a Ph.D. program in English at UCLA, prelude to a bi-coastal academic career at U.C., Irvine, The American University in Washington, D.C, and U.C., Santa Barbara, after which (2004), I retired from teaching. I've co-authored—and continue to update—several successful writing textbooks, in a professional collaboration that's lasted longer than Gilbert and Sullivan, Astaire and Rogers, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, and (so far) the Coen brothers. I met my wife Bonnie—who hails from eastern Oregon—six months after graduating Brandeis, when she was a student at the Columbia School of Social Work; we've been married now almost 49 years. Our son, Michael practices law in Los Angeles; our daughter-in-law Amy, is a law librarian at UCLA; and we have two granddaughters, Keiko (11) and Charlotte (8), who provide technical assistance on my various electronic devices. Since 1985 we've resided in the seaside city of Ventura, CA.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

(1) An Irish professor of Spanish literature named Duffy spent several weeks on Cervantes' *Don Quixote*. On the final day of discussion, he read to the class the last few intensely moving paragraphs of the book, about the death of Don Quixote. We all had our heads buried in our books. The next sound we heard was the soft closing of the door; we looked up to see that Prof. Duffy had gone. In other words, nothing--nothing--that he or anyone else said could properly follow that moment.

(2) A nationally known professor of *history*, who shall remain unnamed, was seen sitting at the library conducting his research as usual in the hours immediately following JFK's assassination.

(3) Psychology professor Abraham Maslow standing in line in the library, speed reading a book he intended to check out. By the time he reached the head of the line, he had finished the book.





# Michael Bender

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

After leaving NYC in 1970, I have been in the private practice of gastroenterology since 1975. As evidenced by the fact that I'm still in full-time practice, I still love my work, and have no retirement plans. I'm a clinical professor at UCSF, and have been doing clinical attending and teaching as volunteer faculty at SF General hospital since 1975.

My wife is an RN who works part-time in Packard Children's neonatal ICU at Stanford/ My son Alex graduated UCLA Law school last year, and is working at the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco.

I remember the Brandeis years fondly, and wish all my classmates good health and many more fulfilling years.

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# Liz Klein Benjamin



## Life since Brandeis ...

Although I majored in English, I should have majored in music. I have worked with children all my life; first as a children's librarian, then a kindergarten teacher, then a Unitarian Universalist minister of religious education, then a Music Together teacher for babies, preschool children, and their grown-ups. I have loved all this teaching/leading/singing. I am retired but still very involved in my church. I love choral singing, contra dancing and calling contra dances, taking piano lessons and writing songs, being out in the woods, and reading good novels. I have lived in Canada since 1987 and am, happily, a dual citizen. I have two wonderful children. Matthew is a theater lighting designer. Sarah is a nanny. I have four exceptional grandchildren and one new great-grandchild.

I hope that by the time of our reunion I will be living in Vermont, to be near my brother who has Parkinson's. Therefore, if you want to get in touch with me, please use the gmail address.

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

I am quite different from when I graduated. I was very shy then, could hardly speak to anyone who wasn't a close friend, was very unsure of myself. Through teaching, I began to speak with people about things I was passionate about, such as how to be an excellent math teacher for young children. As I grew into my ministry, I became able to own my own strength and power, to know that I had something valuable to communicate, that I made sense in the world, and that I could create change through my voice and work. I have a lot more self-respect now. And, in the past few years, I have become a composer, which is very rewarding.

I was brought up to be a nice girl, and I am still nice. I listen well, pay good attention to others, and try to be helpful. The difference now is that I know I can make a difference and, most of the time, I don't put myself down.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

My fondest Brandeis memories have to do with the outdoors. I loved watching the red-winged blackbirds fly over the swamp outside the library windows. I loved walking around the campus after an ice-storm, marvelling at the sparkling world. I loved the day it finally rained after a long drought, and my friends and I ran outside and danced in the rain. After another rain, I loved building a dam ( mud and sticks) in the ditch beside a road near the library. I loved rolling down the hill near the statue of Justice Brandeis.

This list makes me realize that I was not ready to be at a university when I went to Brandeis.





# Charles H. Bennett



## Life since Brandeis ...

Professionally I started off as a chemist, but became interested in the relation between physics and information in grad school. I have had a lot of fun studying things like Maxwell's Demon and reversible computing, and chipping away at big mysteries like how thermodynamic disequilibrium helps generate and stabilize complexity, and how the kind of we-know-it-when-we-see-it complexity all around in nature should even be mathematically defined. Stephen Wiesner (Brandeis '66) got me interested in the then brand-new field of quantum information theory, leading to work in quantum cryptography, entanglement theory, and a kind of entanglement-assisted communication fancifully called quantum teleportation. More recently I've studied how quantum laws lead to the emergence of our everyday classical world, within which overtly quantum behavior paradoxically is so inconspicuous that it remained unnoticed until the 20th century. I feel that these laws, like the roundness of the earth, are a fundamental but non-obvious aspect of our universe that everyone should understand the essence of, and can if it's properly explained. The reward is a more coherent understanding of everyday matters like the origins of randomness, the imperfect predictability of the future, and how even some aspects of the past, such as the fate of Jimmy Hoffa, can over time become nearly as indefinite as the future. Lately I have become interested in the black hole information problem and cosmology. I contribute to the Quantum Pontiff website for aficionados of quantum information and related fields, and read and improve Wikipedia just about every day.

Socially awkward and opinionated during my undergraduate years, I learned a few lessons during my 20's and 30's, and have been rewarded (perhaps undeservedly) by a rich family life, including my wife of nearly 25 years, three grown children, and seven endlessly fascinating grandchildren. In my spare time I still do photography and music as in my undergraduate days, arranging my late father's musical compositions, many in the octatonic or diminished scale of alternating whole and half steps, and serving on the board of a family music school my parents and their siblings started in 1950. My favorite physical activity is rowing around on the Croton Reservoir in a small rowboat. I have a large memory for jokes, and maintain some half-serious websites "The Institute of Holistic Computer Wellness", "Minuteman Pizza -- delivered by ICBM", and "The Mineralarians," which advocates supplying all one's nutritional needs (amino acids, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals) with synthetic chemicals made from rocks, air and water, rather than by killing and eating our fellow animal and vegetable passengers on spaceship earth.

Favorite sayings include: "Quantum information is like the information in a dream. When you try to describe a dream, you forget the dream and remember only what you said about it.", "Anyone who doesn't love their stepchildren doesn't deserve to have them", and "You say you're a thoughtful person, but when was the last time you changed your mind?"

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

My chemistry professor Myron Rosenblum, who reluctantly retired not so long ago. I worked in his lab several summers when I was an undergraduate, synthesizing a few compounds, such as 1,2 bis (para anisyl) ferrocene, and its 1,3, and 1,1' isomers, that had never existed before, and which may be so useless that they've never been made since. When I separated these isomers by fractional crystallization (one of them, as I recall, formed pale orange needles, while another formed dark red-orange blocks) he nicknamed me "Louis Pasteur", and around 4 decades later, when he retired, he gave me a little bottle of the 1,2 compound as a souvenir.





# Mats Bergström

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After law school, I worked as a junior judge for some years, then went back to the university. I met my wife, a psychologist, in '69 when we were both working for a foreign aid lobbying group. I have been a law professor, specializing in administrative law, at a new state university, that grew from 3,000 to 25,000 students during my time. We have three boys, in computers, politics and banking respectively.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

I have been active in the local literary, musical and art gallery societies - in strictly administrative capacities.





# Peter A. Berkowsky



## Life since Brandeis ...

For the most part, I enjoyed my career (both civilian and 30-year AF affiliation). But we're retired now, and love that even more. I do seasonal part-time work in Manhattan as a minor league datacast stringer for the media arm of Major League Baseball, and I teach ESL at the local library. On the 4th of July, I deliver my town's public reading of the Declaration of Independence. And on the first Sunday in November, I organize the International Minyan for NYC Marathoners (which I initiated in 1983), the oldest religious service at any sporting event in the world.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

When we were students, carrying II-S deferments in our wallets, there was speculation that the draft might soon be abolished. But then came Cuba, Berlin and Vietnam. Many of my 3rd year law school classmates panicked, quickly got married, had children, got jobs as biology teachers -- anything for further deferment. I wanted to serve my country, just as my brothers had (albeit in peacetime), so I signed up early that year for AF OTS. That put me 4 years behind the power curve, but I've never regretted it. I even stayed on another 27 years in the Reserve, earning a second retirement.

I'm proud to have been involved in the Soviet Jewry movement, the most successful human rights campaign in modern history. Our efforts in liberating 3 million Jews from tyranny led directly to the collapse of the Iron Curtain, the freeing of millions of other enslaved peoples, and the end of the Cold War that had shaped our world for two generations.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

[Combining several Qs in this A] I was proud to be part of what Abe Sachar called becoming "a host at last" -- a pan-sectarian American university under Jewish auspices. In at almost the ground floor, we knew the founders, the original campus, the personalities -- even Ralph Norman and Cholmondeley. Brandeis literally came of age in our years; we were the "bar mitzvah class." The founding of Brandeis will forever be joined at birth with the founding of the modern State of Israel. If I had it to do all over again, I would have gone on the Hiatt Program to Israel in our junior year.

I deeply regret the administration's refusal to allow us even token representation at the graduation ceremony this year -- a tradition at many other schools that was granted to our first eleven 50th reunion classes.

Favorite profs: Nahum Glatzer (NEJS), Kenneth Levy (Music), Heinz "Harry" Lubasz (History).

**Photo 1:** Dolores (Finder), my wife of 33 years, is an alumna of Flatbush Yeshiva, B'klyn College, Boston Univ grad school, St. John's Law School, and Camp Massad (Poconos). She's also a daughter of Holocaust survivors, which opened up a whole new world to me. Livingston NJ has been our home since 1982.

**Photo 2:** With son Daniel, 30, at the once and future Home of Champions. He's a civil engineer, a graduate of Washington Univ in St Louis, and works at the Sam Schwartz Company, a traffic and transportation management firm in Manhattan. And recently engaged.

**Photo 3:** Jesse, 27, made *aliya* in 2010, a year after graduating from the ILR School at Cornell (where I went to law school). He served in the IDF *tsanchanim's* storied 202 Battalion on the Gaza border during Operation Pillar of Defense. This is at the ceremony in Jerusalem where he received his red beret and jump wings.

**Photo 4:** After 4 years in the Air Force and 5 years working for NY Atty Gen Louis J. Lefkowitz, I spent the next 33 years as a court attorney at the Appellate Division of Supreme Court in Manhattan, mostly as law clerk to 2 of the justices, and the last 8 years as decision editor for the court. In 1991 I invited Simon Wiesenthal, the famed Nazi hunter from Vienna, to visit the court. I knew he loved meeting judges, and after a delightful day of hosting him, I sent this photo in to the Brandeis alumni bulletin. Got a call back from a sweet young thing, asking, "Which one is Simon Wiesenthal [then 82] and which one is Peter [then 49]?" That's when I knew I was getting old.







# Joan Paller Bines

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## Life since Brandeis ...

We have raised four wonderful children whose numbers have grown with the addition of spouses and children of their own. After Brandeis, and a few years following my husband around the world, I went on to get a doctorate in American Diplomatic History, to teach, and then, for the past 30 years, to be the director of the Golden Ball Tavern Museum, in Weston, MA. We have tried our hand at travel, skiing, windsurfing, photography and more.

I recently published *Words They Lived By: Colonial New England Speech, Then and Now*. The book is a weave of history, storytelling, poetry, anecdotes and photography that brings to life the colonial period through the words the colonists used. Author William Martin wrote of my book (says she proudly):

We are what we say... and how we say it. That's the message of this fun and fascinating new book. *Words They Lived By* explores the meaning of certain words and phrases to the Pilgrims and colonial Americans, and how we use them today. You will be surprised and entertained on every page, whether you are a scholar of linguistics, a student of the eighteenth century, or just someone who loves to win the word games in the parlor. Read it once, and you'll find yourself going back to it again and again. -- William Martin, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *Cape Cod*, *Harvard Yard*, and *The Lincoln Letter*.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

As for many of us, Professor Ray Ginger was my mentor and role model. He imparted his love of history and of life in a way that made you feel it was important and worthwhile to tell the story and to work to get it right.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

I have taken up photography over the last number of years, and this hobby has added a wonderful new dimension to my life. Some of the photos can be seen at [joanbines.zenfolio.com](http://joanbines.zenfolio.com)



# Gregory K. Binus, MD



## Life since Brandeis ...

After graduation I was accepted into the Peace Corps and lived and worked for 2 years in a place that was then for me in a country I didn't even know was on the map-- Kandahar, Afghanistan. I taught English, physics, math and (go figure) surveying to high school kids from all over Afghanistan who were living at the residential Cadastral Survey School. It was a 2 year experience that changed my life because it was there I decided to become a physician. However, I had not taken any pre-med courses while at Brandeis (I majored in philosophy), so I returned to Brandeis and took the needed courses in a year and was accepted to Boston University School of Medicine. After graduation I did a year of internal medicine internship and then three years of psychiatry residency. About 6 months post residency Boston University School of Medicine formed an academic affiliation with the VA Hospital in Bedford, MA and I was asked to go there as part of the new affiliation. Except for my small private practice which I still have, I spent virtually my whole career at Bedford where for many years I was Chief of Mental Health and after 1998 Chief of Staff. In July 2012 I retired from the VA having had nearly 40 years of government service. So I still have a private practice in Newton, MA, but there I was after July 2012 thinking "Uh...I'm retired...what the hell do I do now?" Well, I'm still trying to figure that out. In the meantime, I have found it rewarding to pursue some of my life long interests. I am taking courses in Chinese calligraphy painting and have had more time to pursue more regularly my long time training as a martial artist.

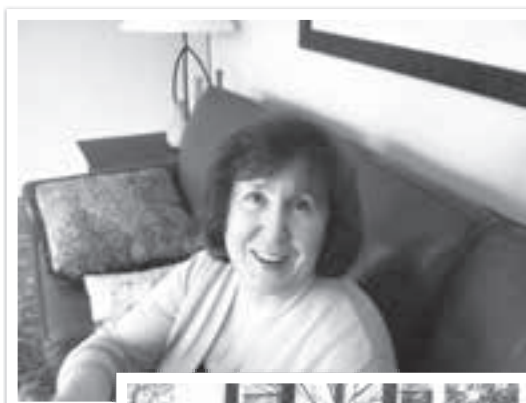
My wife Gale is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist. Together we raised three boys from my prior marriage (Seth, Ari and Yoni) who were with us half time, and a fourth son (Josh) we had together. Our love has carried us together through the kinds of challenges everyone of us I'm sure has faced by this time of life. For example, a devastating event occurred in 2002 when my oldest son Seth who was then an Orthodox rabbi with a congregation in Calgary, Canada died of a brain tumor.

But Gale and I have a very good life even though it is quite different since retirement. Ari is an artist who worked for an old company in the Boston area called Building 19 for 8 years until they declared bankruptcy recently. He is now freelancing. He has published three Jewish children's books, having done the art work for them (that's three more than I've published). You can see his past and current work if you are interested at [www.aribinus.com](http://www.aribinus.com). My son Yoni is now Acting Head of the Amos and Celia Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School. Not something I would have predicted at all! (Yeah--long story). Josh is intensely interested in the Classics and is fluent in French, German, Latin and ancient Greek. Currently in his last year of a Masters program in the Classics at University of Victoria, British Columbia, he is finishing up his thesis. His premise is that Sophocles who himself was a soldier knew about symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and that in his plays of Ajax and Philoctetes, the characters of Ajax and Philoctetes both exhibit signs and symptoms of what we would call modern post-traumatic stress disorder. Sort of a little above me and Gale, but Josh gives us a lot of leeway.

Someone who was at the head of my English Comp class at Brandeis can probably sum up 50 years better than I. It is

a difficult and unfair assignment and I will complain to the professor.

I do remember much time spent with my classmates from '60 to '64 in vigorous discussion trying to decipher the meaning of life. Well, here it is 50 years later and I still don't know. If any of you in the class of '64 have figured it out---please share!







# Victoria E. Bonnell

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I pursued an academic career, with a focus on the study of Russia/Soviet Union. Since 1976, I've been teaching in the sociology department at UC Berkeley. I'm grateful to have spent the past thirty-eight years at UCB--a great public university with stimulating colleagues and inspiring students. In 1971, while conducting dissertation research in Moscow, I met and married my husband, Gregory (Grisha) Freidin. Grisha teaches in the Slavic department and the humanities at Stanford. We have a daughter, Anna Francesca Bonnell-Freidin, who is a graduate student in Classics at Princeton. We also have a son (from Grisha's first marriage), Anton Freidin, and three grandchildren: Misha, Phoebe, and Teddy. They live in England. In 1995, I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and it has gradually impaired my mobility. I am retiring from UCB in June 2014. When we are not in Berkeley, we like to spend time in Paris.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Herbert Marcuse had the greatest influence on me. His brilliance and originality opened up new ways of thinking and led me to focus my efforts on the study of the social and culture evolution of Russia/Soviet Union.

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

My four years at Brandeis changed my life. The introductory courses taught by Edgar Johnson and Frank Manuel shifted my focus from literature to history and politics. Courses I took with distinguished scholars such as Herbert Marcuse and Phillip Rahv led me to seek an academic career.



# Barbara Brodsky

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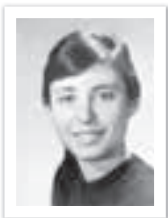
## Life since Brandeis ...

I feel very grateful for the challenging and expansive education I got at Brandeis, which seemed to focus more on process and less on knowing answers. After graduating from Brandeis, I got my Ph.D. in Biophysics at Harvard, and did post-doctoral research at NIH and Oxford. For 35 years, I lived in New Jersey, teaching and doing research at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the Biochemistry Department. My whole research career has focused on one protein: collagen. Three years ago, I moved back to Boston, to be near my daughter and 3 grandsons (10 month old twins and a 4 year old), and other family and friends. I do some research at Tufts, take piano lessons, meditate, do lots of yoga, and love being back in Boston.

I loved my friends at Brandeis and the accepting, free environment. At this reunion time, I still miss my old roommate from freshman and sophomore year, Susan Poole. She left Brandeis and moved to NYC, where she got her degree at NYU. She married, lived in several of the smallest towns in the US, and died in Thetford, VT at the age of 30.







# Joyce Lenox Bromberger

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have been very fortunate since leaving Brandeis. I have been healthy, productive and enjoying the evolution of my many interests over the years. I have two adult sons who are healthy and thriving; the older, Jeffrey lives in New Orleans where he owns two clubs in Marigny, something his mother doesn't quite understand. The younger, Matthew is a computer/microsoft person and will soon be in Madrid. My husband Lucien is retired after many years of running his own business and is "happy as a clam". I have had a checkered life: mother, wife, sister, friend, social worker, PhD student, researcher in women's health, and Professor of Epidemiology. So, what's next? Retirement I guess, but when?

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

It is difficult to remember what I was like 50 years ago. Besides having more gray hair, I think I am also more outspoken, opinionated, and satisfied with the present. I still enjoy and value my friends and family. I like to travel, meet new people, play a little tennis here and there, read mysteries, walk with friends.



# Eve Eisenmann Brooks



## Life since Brandeis ...

We thought our generation could and would change the world. My years at Brandeis reinforced that belief and propelled a career in advocacy and social change. I chose life partners who similarly sought change through their professional careers.

Brandeis was the perfect place for me. Coming from a large Jewish Panamanian/American family, I had lived with competing cultures. Brandeis gave me the opportunity to fit into the mainstream of liberal Jewish life and to test my values and skills as an activist.

As I think back to those four years of study, I remember most the political discussions with my classmates. The civil rights movement inspired and prepared me for a career in social change. But SDS and other more radical philosophies held no charm then, or today.

After Brandeis, I pursued a Master's in Social Work from Columbia, specializing in community organizing and leading to a career working on poverty and children's program advocacy. Over the years I built three change focused organizations and lobbied NY State for investments in children's social and health services. I am proudest of my role in securing passage of NY State's child health insurance plan, expanding coverage to hundreds of thousands of uninsured New Yorkers years before the Federal government passed similar legislation.

Like many women of our generation I had little vision for living on my own and so I married right out of college. My first husband, a young doctor, built a career in reform of health care delivery. I met him at the March on Washington in August of 1963 thanks to an introduction from Brandeis classmate James Levinson. Married in 1964 we had two wonderful children: Brandon Block, now 46, is an educator. He lives in London with wife Rachel and three year old Naomi. Pamela Block Brier, at 44, is the mother of college student Zoe, and high school sophomore Tali. Pam graduated from Brandeis in 1991 and earned a Master's in social work. She is the founding director of the Baltimore Urban Debate League serving 1,000 inner city youth annually.

My first marriage ended in divorce. My second, to Stephen Brooks, attorney and anti-poverty lawyer is now in its 30th year. We met organizing school lunch and breakfast campaigns, eventually securing passage of legislation to require New York's big cities to provide subsidized lunch and breakfasts to low income students.

I retired in 2009. My husband and I live in Washington, DC. Our home is close to museums and theater and daughter Pamela and her family. I am fortunate to have good health. I am truly enjoying living a full life. My family, volunteer work and horseback riding frame my days.

It is disappointing to live so close to the center of power and watch the slow and steady chipping away at the social supports we fought to put in place. On the year of the 50th Brandeis Reunion, we can at least say we gave rise to generations trying as we did to impact their communities for the better.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

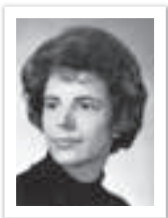
I was most influenced by Abe Maslow. As the leader of humanistic psychology, his theory of the hierarchy of needs and self-actualization inspired me. Further he was particularly kind. I met with him while seeking support for my campus civil rights work. He said I reminded him of his daughter.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

Even as a little child, I loved horses. I took up riding as a young professional in Rochester, New York and bought my first horse. My children, then ages 3 and 5, also learned to ride and joined me on the trails. No matter what is happening, I can always find time to observe the seasons from the back of a mount. I expect to continue to ride as long as I am able.







# Esther Josephson Fischer Brown

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

In the time since I graduated, I have led a varied life. My early experiences were working in a congressional campaign in Westchester County, NY, attending the Democratic convention for Lyndon Johnson, and working at Columbia Teachers College.

When I moved to Chicago, I worked in family welfare, and I married my first husband. We moved to Indianapolis, IN, and I began my 41 year career with the State of Indiana. Primarily I was a supervisor in Quality Control for the Division of Family and Children. I divorced my first husband and later married my husband, Bob. We've been wed 40 years and have a wonderful daughter, Lena. We've lived in New Albany, IN, across from Louisville, KY, for 39 years.

I retired in 2009. My retirement has been great. I love needlework, reading, attending the ballet and concerts. playing bridge, and being part of a book club. Bob and I travel and love to take cruises. We spend time in Chapel Hill, NC where Lena is completing her Ph.D. at UNC.

The classes I took at Brandeis have allowed me to lead a richer and more informed life. They have enabled me to see the world with more complexity and depth. I am grateful to Brandeis.

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# Barbara Hayes Buell



## Life since Brandeis ...

Upon graduation I worked as a laboratory technician at Harvard Medical School while working on the prerequisites for medical school. While doing that, I started a business, Aristographia, doing charts and graphs for scientific presentations and publications. That led to broader work in the field of graphic arts including advertising, book jackets, corporate logos, and so forth. During this time I sought to join the Junior Chamber of Commerce (the Jaycees) for the expected business connections, but was rejected because I am a woman.

Having no real business experience, and although having fun doing this work, I wasn't making money. I closed the business and took a job as Assistant Director of Development at Radcliffe College.

When the Democratic National Convention, held in Chicago in 1968, resulted in the Police rioting, I knew I had to change course and do something more worthwhile. Still thinking I wanted to study medicine, I sought to take one course at a professional school. Radcliffe offered tuition reimbursement for a course directly applicable to the job. Although I only sought to take the one law school course (taxation), when I interviewed at Northeastern University School of Law on the Friday before the school opened (this was a newly founded school), I was invited to apply, was accepted on Monday morning, quit my job at Radcliffe on Monday afternoon, and started classes on Tuesday.

Northeastern's program of cooperative legal education gave me the tools to become a confident (ah youth!) lawyer immediately after passing the Bar Exam. I began as a solo practitioner, had a baby (I'd gotten married first), then formed a partnership and practiced law. In 2009, my partner having retired, I merged the firm into another where I became a named partner.

I practice healthcare law doing mostly litigation (negligence and contract actions) and handling regulatory matters for doctors, nurses, dentists, hospitals, healthcare businesses and for schools, especially charter schools.

In the mid-eighties I got divorced and also pursued and earned a Master's in Public Health, hoping to live abroad at some point and immerse myself in another culture. I then met my second husband, got married, continued to practice law in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and have bought a farmhouse in rural France. (Now there's a culture into which to immerse one's self.)

My son and his wife live in Paris, my stepsons and their wives and children are spread from Newton, Massachusetts to San Jose, California.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

These movements were absolutely pivotal. As a new lawyer I fought for women to be recognized as equals (as commercial pilots, city planners) for gays to be able to keep their children, for interracial couples not to be discriminated against in child custody/visitation, and I sought to be recognized, myself, as equal to a man doing the same job, although in the years I drove a taxi in Boston (before law school), women couldn't drive after 9 p.m. From 1970-1977 I lived in an urban, professional, commune. Today, I support the Unitarian-Universalist Urban Ministry in Boston as a contributor and volunteer. The UUUM has several programs in the inner city to help victims of domestic violence and after-school tutoring and other programs for Middle and High School youngsters.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Eugene Black. He was my advisor. He helped me stay in school when my father had Alzheimer's and my mother couldn't both take care of him and earn enough to support them both. I was over 18 so public benefits for me had terminated and my parents could have used my meager earnings to help pay bills. I did what I could to contribute to the household while staying in school and looking under every rock for an undistributed scholarship for which I might qualify. Black was there for me when I needed words of encouragement, helping me to see "duty" in a different light.







# Madeline Jacobs Burren

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After graduating from Brandeis, I began teaching at a public school in Manhattan. I was assigned to teach a group of 1st graders who had never attended kindergarten. This made my life more challenging, but ultimately more enriching. I became extremely familiar with every student's strengths and weaknesses and was able to truly individualize instruction. The class, as a whole, made great strides.

After several years, I was then assigned to teach a 3rd grade class, and the administration was so impressed with their progress, that I remained their teacher through the 8th grade. Each student and I developed a wonderful rapport. I was able to work with them individually as well as the class as a whole.

I also organized a chorus, enlisting many of the 5th & 6th grade students. My chorus became quite a fixture in my district. As a result of this success, I was offered a position as a voice instructor/choral director at a Performing Arts Junior High School. My new chorus became well known and we performed for businesses on many occasions throughout NYC. We also performed at most school functions in my district. We were even featured on television.

In addition, I first taught math on a 7th & 8th grade level, and then was assigned to teach a challenging 9th grade curriculum. My 9th graders surpassed all other 9th grade students in our district on the Regents Exam.

On a personal note, more importantly, I married a special man who was sensitive, artistic, and curious about life. We experienced many wonderful, impressive and enhancing events together. Our marriage was truly blessed, although we never had any children. Unfortunately, he died in a plane crash while on a business trip. He was one of 72 people who lost their lives. I never remarried, but I do date.

As a retired teacher, I go to meetings in my community and NYC. I also enjoy the theatre, movies, various speakers, dining in restaurants and shopping. I frequently do these activities with friends. When alone, I enjoy reading, watching tv and communicating with family and friends on the telephone. I also push myself to exercise.

In conclusion, I can say that my life although at times challenging, has also been inspiring. I hope that my future will be stimulating and uplifting.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

My fondest Brandeis memory is that of meeting extraordinary students, two of whom are my closest friends. Not only do we reminisce about our 4 years in Waltham, but we've been there for each other throughout these remaining years, sharing both the sorrows and the joys of our existence.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

I consider my teaching career to be my greatest achievement. I worked with students who came from families that were uneducated and frequently poor. Most of the other classes in my school had pupils performing well below grade level. My students however, were able, over time, to achieve well above grade level. They truly advanced under my supervision. Due to this accomplishment, they were given a district accommodation for their excellence and I was commended for my perseverance.





# Miriam Epstein Cahn

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## Life since Brandeis ...

I met and married Jeffrey Cahn within the first year after graduating from Brandeis, and then came Lauren Samantha and Vanesa Shari (the latter, also a Brandeis graduate). I have 3 grandsons - Brian (16), Adam (14), and Jordan (9). What can I say about my daughters and grandsons in a few words except that they are accomplished, beautiful, and I am proud of them. What can I say of my husband of 48 years (who died in 2013) except I will always miss him. He was my brilliant, kind, handsome life partner.

I always loved school and continued my education after Brandeis with Masters' degrees in history and psychology. For several years, worked as a school psychologist and then went to law school at Rutgers, practicing law until I retired. I specialized in plaintiff's employment law. I was also active as a member of the Board and ultimately president of a not-for-profit organization that helps find employment for disabled adults. I now do volunteer work with a hospice. I love to travel and will have just returned from a trip to Southeast Asia when I attend the reunion.

My home is in Livingston, NJ, and I have places at the shore in Long Branch and in Scottsdale from where I am writing now. I of course read incessantly and am very often glued to the computer. My story: To be continued . . . .

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I really began to think and write analytically at Brandeis. How did I manage to read so many books a week? I remember taking verbatim notes in class, sometimes not understanding what I was writing (e.g., Allen Grossman's lectures - my Brandeis daughter shared the same experience). There were so many remarkable and influential professors -- my advisor, Ray Ginger; the young professor, David Fischer, who was incredibly supportive of me, and many others. The world of music and art history opened up for me in ways that have grown over the years. I remember listening to Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Pete Seeger, seeing Eleanor Roosevelt on campus, and practicing on Leonard Bernstein's grand piano. Of equal impact upon me were the lasting friendships I made. The atmosphere was vibrant and creative, and the faculty seemed to care. It was my privilege and pleasure to have had this Brandeis experience.

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

I was pretty sheltered at 17 when I came to Brandeis, an only child. I did however already have a sense of justice and I have always been quick to express my opinions and feelings openly. I hope I have learned to pick my battles. I continue to like a good fight in the interest of equity and right, which is why I enjoyed being a litigator. By the time I came to Brandeis, I was already aware of the inequality of women and was committed to having a career and being able to support myself financially.

I am basically the same person -- but a lot wiser and a lot more cynical. My politics are still in the same place. I am learning to be kinder and probably am more outgoing than I used to be. I am less self-conscious and probably more self-aware.







# Nina Kressner Cobb



## Life since Brandeis ...

It can't be 50 years. The years have sped by. And 71, sometimes that sounds old. Yet I still feel young--unless I'm getting out of a car or struggling to remember the name of that movie, book, or article. It's confusing.

From Brandeis, I went to Berkeley to study history. I was there the first year of the Free Speech Movement. It was exciting, but not a good place for a first year graduate student.

I returned to New York after completing my Master's degree. I think I sensed that if I stayed in California another year, I would not come home again and I wasn't ready for that. The job market was a rude awakening: 1965 was the Dark Ages for a woman seeking a professional job. Again and again, I heard the refrain, "Improve your typing skills or get a Ph. D." I finally found a job as a copyeditor in a small, prestigious publishing house, but the work was tedious so I decided to return to graduate school to get my doctorate and see where that would lead.

In my first few years in New York, Brandeis remained my intellectual and emotional center of gravity. It seemed that everywhere I went I bumped into fellow Brandeisians—ballet, theater, concerts, political rallies—and most of my friends were from Brandeis. At the CUNY Graduate Center, I tried to replicate the exciting intellectual atmosphere I had experienced at Brandeis: I crossed disciplinary and national boundaries, taking courses in a variety of fields and choosing Black Expatriate Writers in Paris after World War II as my dissertation topic, only to discover later that my topic was prematurely interdisciplinary and transnational for the very conventional academic job market. And, of course, I got caught up in the political ferment of the era—protest marches and rallies in New York and Washington, meetings of the Peace and Freedom party. All this gave our generation a sense of political efficacy that is sadly gone.

Along the way, I made new and deep friendships with fellow graduate students in history and met my husband Peter who was getting his Ph. D. in mathematics. We married when we were both 28, which, as I'm sure you all remember, was old back then. It was the best decision of my life. We have a wonderful daughter Laura who is pursuing a doctorate in public health at Johns Hopkins. Her adventurous spirit took us beyond our comfort zone. We visited her when she was in the Peace Corps in Namibia and travelled to other countries in southern Africa just as her stint with the CDC in Vietnam took us to Southeast Asia.

Since 1965, I've lived in New York City, with time out for a year in Cambridge, research in Paris, a short stint in London, and three years in Washington, D.C. We moved to Washington because Peter, then a tax lawyer, took a position on the Congressional Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation. Even in those pre-Gingrich days, the political world was filled with posturing and one-upmanship. Of course, it was heaven compared to today. My time in D.C. was invaluable because I shed my New York provincialism and made wonderful friends who are still in my life.

Professionally, I taught at several colleges, but then worked at nonprofits and foundations, focusing on women's issues, education, the humanities, arts and culture, evaluation and philanthropy. My most rewarding experience came from the 18 years I spent as a Board member and now a volunteer helping build Sanctuary for Families, a remarkable domestic violence agency in NYC.

In retirement, I take Italian, travel, go to museums, theater, opera and am obsessed with food. Many pleasures, but feel the need for focus.

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

In many ways, I have not changed, but my perspective has shifted. I continue to love going to museums, theater, and opera, but I now take great pleasure in the natural world and in physical activity. Food is, and always was, a major focus of my life. But, instead of eating out so much, I look at cookbooks for recipes for the unusual vegetables from our CSA. Travel is a great source of pleasure and enrichment, but it is no longer so Eurocentric. Most important, I have become grateful: grateful for friends, family, opportunities and a sense of well being.





# Jonathan Cohen



## Life since Brandeis ...

After I graduated from Brandeis in 1964, I moved to St. Louis to attend graduate school in mathematics at Washington University. By 1968 I had finished all but my dissertation but I lost my financial support because I hadn't made enough progress on my thesis. Faced with the loss of my student deferment, I took a job as an instructor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis which left me occupationally deferred.

In 1972 I left St. Louis and moved to Cambridge for 20 months where I ended up working with the Indochina Peace Campaign's efforts to pressure Congress to cut off support for the war. When the last US military action ended in August 1973, I started figuring out what I would do with the rest of my life and after flirting with the idea of high school teaching, I decided to return to Washington University to finish my Ph.D. which I did in 1977.

I got a two year post-doc at the University of Georgia in Athens from 1977-1979, followed by a one year visiting job at the University of California, Santa Cruz. While I didn't get much research done at UCSC, I had a great time and got married to Elizabeth Bruce who was a first year graduate student in math. We were married in July 1980 and moved to Knoxville, Tennessee where I got my first tenure track job and Elizabeth started graduate school over again.

In 1983 we bought a house and our first child Ben was born. My tenure case came up in December, 1984 and although the department voted 14-13 in favor, it wasn't strong enough to move to the next level and I had to start looking for another job. I was the runner up for four tenure track jobs in 1986 but nothing permanent was offered so I took a one year visiting position at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. The year in Pittsburgh turned out to be one of the happiest of my life. The department was wonderful to us and our second child David was born in 1987.

I wanted to stay a second year but before I found out I could stay at Carnegie Mellon for a second year, I had taken a tenure track job at DePaul University. We moved to Skokie in August, 1987, and have lived in Winnetka for the last 23 years. My wife Elizabeth finished her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee during our first year in Chicago and she has taught math at a variety of colleges in the Chicago area and is currently a visiting full-time instructor at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Our kids live in Houston where my older son is working on being a writer and my younger son is finishing up graduate school in mathematics at Rice University.

I am still very much involved in sports. I played tennis four years at Brandeis and continued playing for four more years but eventually gave it up in favor of running, a sport I competed in for twenty years. I continue to run to stay in good health. I coached my kid's sports teams for ten years which was one of the great joys of my life and I play pick-up softball on Sundays during the summer.

My field is harmonic analysis where I have worked on a variety of subjects including hearing aids and systems of partial differential equations. It has been alternately frustrating and rewarding but I am glad that I returned to grad school and had a career as a mathematician.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

I went to Montgomery, Alabama, twice in March 1965 to support the voting rights struggle in Selma. I joined the Selma to Montgomery march on its last day.

I went on my first anti-war protest in December 1964 and continued to work to end the war for the next eleven years. I was a member of sds in St. Louis and participated in the Pentagon march in 1967 and the mobilization against the war in 1969 in Washington DC.

I gradually became disillusioned with the left as I felt that those who were still active after 1972 had taken the movement in directions that were different from the original issues that led me to get involved in the first place. At first this simply meant a detachment from politics to concentrate on family and career but eventually it led me to oppose some of what I see as a stifling political correctness that is so prevalent at universities.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

I have a great interest in family, mathematics, sports and politics. That was true even before I came to Brandeis and is still true fifty years later.







# Paulette Cooper-Noble



## Life since Brandeis ...

I became what I always wanted to be -- a writer. I've written 20 books and over 1,000 articles, and won 7 writing awards for my books, articles and a play, aptly named "The Perils of Paulette." (A book is coming out on this/me next year.)

I also became an activist when I decided to take on the group that was the subject of my first book "The Scandal of Scientology." Now, I tend to write about gentler subjects -- for example, I write the pet column for "The Palm Beach Daily News" -- since dogs don't harass you and cats don't sue you, like the Scientologists.

Some of my other writing... hmmm. For many years I was a part-time travel writer and have written some travel and guide books (on shops)... I ghost wrote a book for Margaret Truman ... I wrote a children's book... I wrote the first book on forensic medicine (CSI) for the layman ("The Medical Detectives") but it was ahead of its time and didn't sell well -- although it did win a Special Edgar Allen Poe Award in the fact crime category. If it had been published now, it would have been a best-seller. Alas.

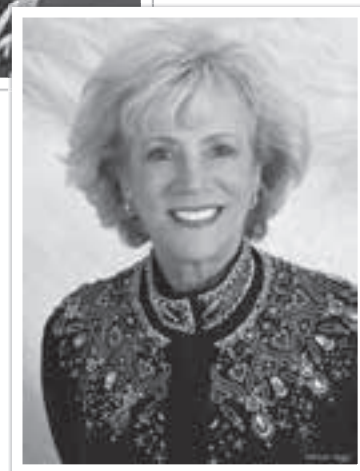
Most importantly in my life, twenty-six years ago I married a wonderful man whom I briefly dated after I left Brandeis. (We were introduced by a Brandesian.) He was a TV executive -- now retired -- and together we live happily ever after in Palm Beach with our two "kids," -- teacup shih-tzus.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Dr. Richard M. Jones who encouraged my creativity.

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

I think I was a bit crazy then but now I'm calm... I was also unhappy a lot then and contented now. Aging may be bad for the body but it can be great for the mind.





# Joan Gould Cornfield

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

Although I've helped many people in many ways over the years, sometimes actually making a difference, my two fabulous children are my greatest contribution to society. I also have three grandchildren who inherited fabulous from their parents.

There's more kind of interesting stuff. Maybe we'll talk at reunion. Or maybe I'll write about it all in a book.  
I loved Brandeis.





# Chuck Cowan



## Life since Brandeis ...

Since Brandeis, I've completed Medical School, a residency in Pediatrics and moved to Seattle which has been my home since finishing my medical training. There have of course been many adventures along the way including a long period of leftist health care activism, starting the community clinic system in Seattle, work for the USPHS and increasing involvement in training of health care providers in association with the University of Washington School of Medicine. About 30 years ago my medical interest shifted from issues related to poverty to those of children with disabilities which has continued as an abiding interest. In the past 20 years that interest has focused on the problem of Autism, a serious and increasingly significant public health issue. I've been proud to contribute to the development of the Seattle Children's Autism Center which is the pre-eminent Autism program in the Pacific Northwest. This past year I've retired from clinical work but remain active in teaching medical students, residents and developmental fellow, doing research and some administrative and advocacy work.

On a personal note, I married my wonderful wife Ronnie 30 years ago. Ronnie is a Pediatrician as well and having our work to share has enriched our relationship as it has had its challenges. We have 2 wonderful grown children, Mara who completed college at Brown and a Masters degree in International Relations at UW. Mara and her fiance, Andy, are getting married this summer. They also live in Seattle where Andy is attending grad school and Mara works on projects related to nuclear proliferation. Our son Danny lives near Chapel Hill, NC where he moved after completing his college degree at Oberlin. Danny is working developing a consumer supported bakery, farming and "figuring out his life" in a supportive alternative community. Our children are different but each in their own way wonderful exciting people working on making the world a better place. We as parents couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments. (Now if only they'd produce some grandkids!!)

My career has been a huge rewarding satisfaction to me but my greatest happiness and reward has come from my family, Ronnie, Mara and Danny. I thank Brandeis for giving me the starting tools to pursue a life of community service, academic inquiry and joy of family.





# Azuka Anthony Dike

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

After leaving Brandeis I taught at four American colleges while living in New York and studying for my Master's and Ph.D. degrees at Columbia and The New School for Social Research respectively. Following the end of the Civil War (Biafra/Nigeria) I visited Nigeria in 1973 to do my doctoral research on the resilience of Igbo culture, using my home town of Awka as a case study. I returned home again in 1975 to teach at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where I served as a professor until my retirement in 1999.

While in New York City I met and married my wife, Jill Weisell in 1970, with whom I have five children, four daughters and a son. They grew up and attended primary and high school in Nigeria before traveling to the US for their college and professional degrees. They are currently pursuing careers as a human rights activist, accountant, public health researcher, lawyer and computer specialist. I also have five grandchildren, with whom my wife and I enjoy summer holidays in the US.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Stanley Diamond, who was a professor at Brandeis who later moved to The New School for Social Research. I met him through my first cousin, Professor Kenneth Dike, who arranged for me to assist Diamond with his research near Jos in northern Nigeria in 1959. Thereafter, Diamond was instrumental in my winning a Wien Scholarship to study at Brandeis. My experience at Brandeis greatly influenced my life by exposing me to new knowledge and opening up opportunities that made it possible for me to realize my life goals. I later studied under Stanley Diamond during my doctoral studies at The New School, where he served as my mentor and influenced my ideas of society.

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

It opened new areas of knowledge and introduced me to varied individuals. It gave me the opportunities for further academic accomplishment and a lifetime of university teaching.

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# Jonathan Director

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I retired October 1, 2013 after lawyering for 46 years, the last 4 of which as general counsel of a big international metals trading company which was a client of my own private practice. Fortunately those last 4 years were the best for all - high level decision making, responsibility and lots of travel in Europe! Jeanne and I have led physically active, fulfilled and stimulating lives, never having enough time to cram it all in. Since retiring, I still feel pressed for time to fit in all the activities we enjoy. We have lived on the Upper West Side of Manhattan forever and have had a country house in the Catskills - a former dairy farm - for 35 years. We ski a lot, both near our country house and in Utah with friends who have a house in Park City. While in NYC, we are constantly at the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall and other music venues. Can't leave out that we are within 8 blocks of the greatest delis in the world; Murrays, Zabars and Barney Greengrass. We have two precious grandchildren - both very young - 4 and 2 - and have put the 4 yr. old in skis this winter for the first time. Only 2.5 hours away by car - fortunate for us. As I have been almost my entire life, I'm devoted to fly fishing. We spend 2-3 weeks every summer in Montana indulging that passion. Luckily, Jeanne shares that interest. We have a special trip planned for this August: One week of salmon fishing in Iceland. So I've been blessed with a wonderful wife and two great grandchildren, a boy and a girl. He is as disgusted with the NY Giants as I am, two Super Bowls not with standing. So far there has been stimulation from many sources, good friends and engaging interests to enjoy. Hopefully this will continue for years to come.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

I. Milton Sachs.

I went to Brandeis intending to become a scientist - chemistry in particular. Chemistry lab in our attic, etc. My chemistry professor in freshman years (name withheld to protect against defamation claim) were boring as hell. In the spring semester I took Politic 26 (as I recall) comparative government with I. Milton Sachs. What a revelation; he was dynamic and engaging and I immediately pivoted into the Politics department, leaving science far behind. I took several courses with Sachs and of course many others with people in the department. Big huge regret: I never told Professor Sachs what a profound influence he had on the course of my life.

## **Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?**

My lifetime hobby/passion has been fly fishing. Trout and salmon can only be found in beautiful places. The devotee develops an intimacy with the immediate environment - not just the fish being pursued - but the flow of the water on your waders, the flies in the water and in the air, the sound of the birds around you. One gets passionate about preserving our environment, the quality of the water in our rivers and streams and all of the other species inhabiting our world. And there is the fishing itself, developing highly refined skills and beautifully crafted equipment. But, oh, the beauty of the surroundings...



# Mark Donowitz, MD



## Life since Brandeis ...

It is quite a shock to be reminded that 50 years has passed since our college graduation. What happens to each of us is determined by choices, the skills and effort we bring to the table and by luck. My family and I have been plain lucky so far. Best decision I made in my life was marrying Jacqueline and this year we will celebrate our 47 anniversary along with Jackie's 70 birthday. Jackie remains advocating for the underserved in education, She is working on a project supported by grants that she and a friend were able to raise to teach Baltimore public school teachers how to teach and to deal with their population of poor and socially challenged children. Jackie has also works with the Maryland foster parent program and has consistently worked to improve the lot of poor children in Baltimore and is as involved now as she was when she was the superintendant of the major school in Maryland for children with learning and emotional disabilities. Our oldest son never left Boston and is a Fidelity Vice-President in the legal department. He and his wife Tina have our three grandchildren, Jacob (12), Ema (10) and Clara (8) and like other grandparents, we feel they are the joy of our lives. Our second son Paul is a human rights lawyer working in Myanmar. His career has been related to the extraction industry and the willingness of the oil companies to disregard the lives and environment of the population in the areas they are developing the removal of oil. He recently married and our

new daughter-in-law is also a human rights lawyer. Where they will settle and for how long is of interest to us and is unknown. My career as an academic gastroenterologist and scientist continues. I have now been at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for 26 years where I am the LeBoff Professor of Medicine and Physiology and Director of the Hopkins Center of Epithelial Disorders, Head of the Basic and Translational Research in the GI Division and Director of the NIDDK Hopkins Digestive Diseases Basic and Translational Research Core Center. I came to Hopkins at Chief of the GI Division, was able to build a major basic and translational research group while starting therapeutic endoscopy and our liver transplantati on program. After a decade in that role, I have been involved primarily in the scientific aspects of gastroenterology. Our group molecularly identified the major transport protein that carries out the majority of sodium absorption in the intestine and kidney, and we have been characterizing the structure-function aspects of its regulation and developing drugs to stimulate it to develop drug treatment for diarrhea, which still kills 800,000 children per year. I have enjoyed forming collaborating groups of scientists to tackle complex areas of research and during my career have been able to obtain NIH funding for three GI Core Centers, two program projects and a collaborative grant to develop human mini-intestines to understand host-pathogen interactions in the intestine. I direct an NIH funded Core Center that services around 50 Hopkins investigators and recently have been using intestinal stem cells which can be grown into mini-intestines to understand GI physiology, pathophysiology of diarrhea and to develop drugs to treat diarrhea. I am having a wonderful time scientifically and watching my young mentees develop their scientific careers and look forward to turning over the running of our Center to them. How long to continue is this intense career is a question Jackie and I are debating but I have scientific questions and goals of drug development I still want to achieve while spending even more time traveling and with the grandchildren.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Attending Brandeis was a wonderful experience for me from a personal and intellectual development perspective. I loved being part of a primarily Jewish environment which has defined many aspects of our life subsequently. Brandeis provided me the opportunity to think critically and scientifically -this led to my life- long and ongoing career as a scientist and physician. The social conscience that permeates Brandeis also became life-long values that my wife and I share and which were passed on to one of ours sons who is a passionate human rights lawyer. Brandeis also provided some of my closest friends.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

The achievement I am most proud of is having a wonderful and close knit family; this achievement should be credited to my wonderful wife but I feel that I had a role as well. Being a physician-scientist at Johns Hopkins has provided meaningful experiences that have led to significant achievements. The patients we care for come from all socioeconomic classes and as physicians we are given the gift of being allowed to enter their lives as well as caring for them. As a physician-scientist I have been able to develop large groups of scientists who have worked together in the areas of my own research which is molecular physiology related to intestinal absorption (I am a gastroenterologist). Our own contributions have been related to identifying and characterizing the major intestinal and renal Na absorptive protein and developing drugs with the knowledge to treat diarrheal diseases, which are still killing a million children/year.







# Stephen J. Farber

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**Life since Brandeis ...**

Fifty years later I remain convinced Brandeis was the right choice.

**Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?**

Love of literature and books.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

Success in life.

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# Elizabeth Freund Fideler

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

The years have been filled with marriage (Paul and I met at Brandeis, where he earned a doctorate in History of Ideas), children (two), teaching elementary and middle school, coaching and playing soccer and keeping fit, some social activism, a doctoral degree (EdD) from Harvard, various senior management positions in nonprofit organizations, grandchildren (five), some travel, friends, gardening, reading, chairing the Board of Trustees of the Framingham Public Library and chairing our “one book, one community” initiative, Framingham Reads Together. Post retirement I have continued doing most of the above plus researching and writing books about older workers staying on the job past conventional retirement age--WOMEN STILL AT WORK (2012) and MEN STILL AT WORK (2014), both published by Rowman & Littlefield.

## **How did the civil rights, women’s rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?**

Brandeis in the 1960s made this otherwise apolitical young person a much more aware and concerned citizen, willing to speak out re civil rights. The feminist movement and the National Organization for Women (NOW) brought me into contact with like-minded people fighting for equal treatment of women in the home and in the job market, pay equity, better images of women in the media, etc. Then I joined with other local activists to protest the Viet Nam War and to get Eugene McCarthy elected. Even today, I still prefer educating the public about the issues to politics.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Professors Johnson and Manuel who taught Western Civ, the freshmen history/humanities survey courses, opened my eyes and mind to significant developments across time, a most valuable form of literacy that has stood me in good stead.







# Lynne Firester



## Life since Brandeis ...

Fifty Years Flown By  
Lynne Firester '64, Feb. 9, 2014

I marvel—have fifty years really gone by? How has that happened? I don't feel all that different. I don't feel all that older—maybe except when I catch a glimpse of myself in a store window and think, oh my gosh, there's my mother. And yet, I have a lifetime of memories and children and grandchildren—and occasional aches and pain—that make it perfectly clear that time, a lot of it, has flown by.

I came to Brandeis part-child part-adult. I left as an adult, with a husband, goals, and a glimpse of what lay out there in the real world. Art and I grew up together, each molding and forming the other—and our children and their children, to some degree. We forged a path through life, establishing careers, building a home, and seeing the world. I don't think I would have changed a thing, even if I could have.

Art and I lived in times that were good, ones that I wish I could save and give to my children and grandchildren. I'm not sure those times will ever return. Art got his doctorate at Princeton, found his first job at what was then RCA, spent his career there doing scientific work that interested and challenged him, as he rose slowly through the ranks. We've lived nearly all our married life—also fifty years—in the same community, one that is both bucolic and yet afforded us the advantages of a university town. In this stable environment, we raised our family.

I was a stay-at-home mom while the children were young, and then I went back for an advanced degree. I slowly established a career, finding work that I enjoyed and found fulfilling. I became a statistician and research director, managing survey research and evaluation for government and hospital clients. Later I worked as an independent consultant in conjunction with a DC-based firm doing research primarily for the National Institutes of Health.

We had our children young, and so there was a long empty-nest period—we loved it—and still do. We've continued our scuba diving and underwater photography all over—Cozumel, Cayman, Barbados, Curacao, Bahamas, Bermuda, St. Martin, Antigua, Dominica, Hawaii, Fiji, Tahiti, Australia, Egypt. We sailed a charter with our good friends throughout the Caribbean—BVI, the Grenadines, St. Vincent, St. Lucia. And we traveled the world, learning how others live, and appreciating how we live—China, Japan, Vietnam, London, Paris, Chile, Peru, Costa Rica, and more.

We've taken our grandchildren traveling with us—the four oldest, two still to go. Last year we took nine-year-old Izzy (our daughter's middle child) to Israel. There, we celebrated the bar mitzvah of 13-year old Benjy (our son's middle child) in Jerusalem, traveled through the country, ending in Eilat. Izzy got to try scuba diving with the dolphins—a first for him, and we visited Petra in Jordan.

We've enriched our lives sharing those of our children and grandchildren. We watched our oldest grandchild, Kalia (17), win Second Place in Plant Science in the INTEL International Science Fair, as well as numerous art and creative writing awards. We've heard Benjy (14) play piano in Lincoln Center, and we've seen younger brother Ari (11) display his first science project. We've constructed catapults and motorized vehicles with brothers Samuel (13) and Izzy (9), and we've applauded little sister, Silvie

(5) in ballet and tap performances.

We now winter in Florida on the south-west gulf coast in the little town of Englewood, and we are building a year-round home here. Art and I feel blessed and only hope that we continue in good health and share love and companionship for many more years. We wish our children and grandchildren—and all of you—the same.

And how did Brandeis play into all of this, I ask myself. It gave us a good start. We got a wonderful education. We got exposure to great minds, ideas, friends. Brandeis fostered and supported growth and independence, and it provided an environment that enriched minds and character. It gave us all that and each other.





# Howard Foster



## Life since Brandeis ...

Life after Brandeis has been kind, if on the prosaic side. From Brandeis I went to Cornell to study industrial and labor relations, to which I had been introduced by Prof. Howard Gitelman in the Economics Department. The original plan was to get a master's degree and become a labor negotiator somewhere, but I found myself hooked on the subject as an intellectual project and decided to stay on at Cornell for a PhD.

My college sweetheart, Laurie, and I got married a week before her graduation from Brandeis in 1966, and we settled in at Ithaca for the next three years. We lived in what is now low-income public housing, but then was low-income private housing. Our son, Rick, was born in 1967. With the help of a couple of fellowships I managed to complete a dissertation and prepare to leave the cloister. Although we wanted to come back to the Boston area, which we still considered home, by far the best job offer came from the business school at the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB). So in 1969, with one kid in tow and another on the way, we shuffled off there.

I figured at the time that this would be the first stop on the academic journey, but UB turned out to be my professional home for the next 38 years. Our daughter, Becky, was born in Buffalo in 1970. Laurie was a stay-at-home mom, and I went through the usual academic drill, teaching and writing, and publishing so as not to perish. I developed a connection with some scholars at the Industrial Research Unit at the Wharton School, and published a couple of books under their auspices.

In addition to teaching and writing, I got the chance to do a little practicing of a part of what I was teaching, namely labor arbitration, which has remained an important part of my life to this day. As my academic life progressed I also found myself more and more involved in "service" work, which led to an interest in the administrative side of things. In 1976 I became an associate dean, and spent most of the next 30 years in the Dean's Office in one capacity or another. In the meantime, as the children were growing up, Laurie went to school for paralegal studies and got a job in a law firm.

I continued teaching, administering, and arbitrating until my retirement from the University in 2007. I've since continued with the arbitration, which I find intellectually stimulating as well as edifying. Deciding issues that greatly affect people's lives is a heady responsibility, and I've learned more about workplaces from resolving disputes growing out of those workplaces than from any other dimension of my work or education.

Life is now slower but still full. We moved to a townhouse with a first-floor bedroom (a nod to the aging process) and other people to worry about maintenance. We have more time to read and travel. We still live in Buffalo and tolerate the winters (the summers are always glorious), watching as more and more of our friends and acquaintances go the snowbird route. I probably volunteer for more boards and projects than I should; they too often seem to wind up like the drudgery parts of work. But citizenship dues have to be paid.

A downside of living in the rustbelt is that children scatter. Most of our friends with adult children usually have to take a plane to visit them, and we're no exception. Ours are in San Francisco and Asheville NC. But we have planted roots in Western New York, and I don't expect to be pulling them up any time soon.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I think of Brandeis as the place that launched me into adulthood. It taught me lots of substantive stuff that represented whole new worlds of inquiry, but more important it made me intellectually curious about any number of things. Many of my classmates may have already developed to that point from their life experiences before coming to Brandeis, but I hadn't, so in terms of value added Brandeis was a hugely successful investment for me. It also made me much more self-reliant than I had ever had to be. When I went off to graduate school, I had spent very little time outside of the Boston area. The Brandeis experience made that a much less daunting undertaking.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

When I came to Brandeis I was largely ignorant of the world of commerce, and of the people who worked in it. I took a course from Prof. Howard Gitelman in the Economics Department on labor history, and then another on contemporary American labor. I later did a senior thesis on strikes. The studying I did with Gitelman sparked an interest that has only grown over the following half-century. He guided me to graduate study at Cornell, and we kept in touch for a while after I graduated, although he left Brandeis shortly after that. What I remember most is his taking us on field trips to things like factories, union meetings, and NLRB hearings, surmising rightly that most people in the class had no idea of what industrial work was like. When I first started teaching in Buffalo, I thought I would emulate Gitelman, but I quickly discovered that most of my students had themselves worked in the local steel mills!





# Holly Herbert Franklin

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I moved to Canada in 1967 and am a very proud Canadian! I have 4 sons and 4 grandchildren and live in a wonderful village about an hour southwest of Toronto. My husband and I are devoted dog lovers, and I owned and operated a boarding kennel for dogs for several years.

I have worked, variously, in publishing as a copy editor and as the editor of a small newspaper and have written 2 unpublished novels to date, with more to come; in social work (received an MSW) as a clinician and manager; in the antiques business; in food services (as a personal chef); and as a financial services representative. I have always followed my interests with respect to employment, and feel fortunate that I have been able to do so. There has been much overlap with respect to vocations and I am still writing, editing, cooking and loving dogs. I am also busy with volunteer work, one of which is the wonderful Elora Festival and Singers. We run a festival of mainly classical music for a few weeks in the summer. Well worth the trip to Canada!

When I travel it is usually to the Boston area to spend time with friends and relatives. My room mate Miriam and I reconnected recently, and are really enjoying the renewed friendship. We will travel together to Waltham for the reunion and meet up with both Rita and Linda, great friends and room mates during our years at Brandeis. Can't wait!

## **How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?**

The civil unrest of the 60's and 70's greatly influenced my decision to remain in Canada, especially after the births of my sons. I felt a huge sense of betrayal by what I still regard as my country toward its citizens, and all that has happened since has only served to reinforce my decision. My emigration to Canada was serendipitous - I moved here to marry - my staying here was not. It was a very tough choice made gradually over a long period of time. I feel fortunate to have chosen to live in Canada.

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

The education I received at Brandeis was the best I have ever had, with no equivocation whatsoever. I went from Brandeis to Boston College where I amassed all my credits for an MA in English and American Literature, then received an MSW from Wilfrid Laurier in Waterloo, Ontario, and have taken many courses over the years in business management, social psychology, etc., at various colleges and universities within my area. And still, Brandeis was the very best. The most important lesson I learned at Brandeis was how much I didn't know, and I have spent the rest of my life attempting to correct that. I'm still working on it!

My most favorite prof at Brandeis was Allen Grossman - his passion for, and knowledge of, English Literature have remained with me all these years.





# Michael Freed



## Life since Brandeis ...

After Brandeis I went to NYU Medical School, became interested in Pediatrics and stayed at NYU-Bellevue for internship and residency. I then moved back to Boston to do a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Hospital. I have stayed for the last 44 years in an academic practice mostly caring for children with congenital heart disease and teaching with just enough research to get by in the Harvard system. We have the largest program for pediatric cardiology in the country, and have been named the #1 program in the US by US News and World Report since they started ranking. I have had numerous opportunities to move on and head other programs but have never found anything that would be better for me than where I am. After a "retirement" party at the Kennedy Library overlooking Boston harbor in 2008 I work part time and now see patients, many of whom I have been following 30+ years two or three days a week. It has been a great choice of profession for me. I have been active in the American College of Cardiology (the professional organization of all 30,000 cardiologists, adult and pediatric) and have been on the Board of Trustees and am now Chairman of the Ethics and Discipline Committee..

In 1968 I was married and had a terrific loving marriage until 2003 when my wife, Marsha, died of ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease). The last 2 years were mind-boggling awful. I have three children, Jennifer, the oldest, (42 and has 3 children (Sophie 10, a Taylor Swift impersonator, who sang a solo at her Temple's Yom Kippur Service (defining kvell for me), Maggie (8), a star on a travelling soccer team, and Eli (5) (named for our classmate) who is one of the most pleasant children alive. Joshua (37) is married to Deena who he met when both were students at Brandeis and has 2 children, Jake (9) a math whiz in 3rd grade who is testing my algebra recollection with his questions, and Mia (7). My youngest Steven (33), in in the Ph.D. Program in Psychology at the New School and is planning on a career in Addiction Medicine

A little more than 5 years ago I met Liz Weiss Geist at a Temple Shalom weekend retreat, After 2 ½ years of dating we got married 10/10/2010 with our grandchildren walking down the aisle before us. Liz has 3 sons about the age of my children and 3 grandchildren. She is from Milwaukee and moved to Boston in 1966 to get her Masters in Counseling at Harvard. She has been a therapist and got a law degree at Northeastern and is now retired. We are living in a townhouse in Brookline a few blocks from Coolidge Corner. We have been very, very, happy recently took a 10 day third anniversary trip to Paris This year we took all children, spouses, and grandchildren (a total of 20) to Grand Cayman February school break. It was great to see the families come together(see picture).

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Very special is the 54 year friendship with 7 other members of our class, Arnie Kanter, Mike Oberman, Mike Lewis, John Levin, Phil Paul, Lennie Ohinsky, and until his death, Eli Segal. Since Brandeis we have vacationed together with children at Disney World, rafted on the Salmon and down the Grand Canyon, relaxed at a spa in Mexico and for the last 18 years in a row spent 4 days together in condos on Grand Cayman (see picture).

I have been to 7 of our weddings, 18 of our children's bar or bat mizvahs, 13 children's weddings and now have, collectively at last count, 33 grandchildren. We have also lost 3, my wife Marsha, Len's wife Maxine, and Eli. Through thick and thin, hard and easy, happy and sad, these friends have made life easier. Brandeis gave me a good education and set me on my career path but most of all it was the cauldron in which these friends were forged. That is the lasting benefit for me.







# Kenneth S. Gage



## Life since Brandeis ...

I greatly enjoyed the liberal arts education Brandeis offered. I majored in Physics. In my senior year I wrote a senior honors thesis with Prof. David Falkoff. I received a Ford Foundation Fellowship to pursue a doctorate in atmospheric sciences in the Department of Geophysical Sciences at the University of Chicago. I completed my doctoral dissertation under the direction of Prof. William H. Reid in 1968.

My first academic position was as an assistant professor in the Graduate Meteorology Program that was part of the Institute for Fluid Dynamics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Maryland in College Park. That provided me with a stimulating interdisciplinary home. While at Maryland, I married Molly Miller who was a 1969 graduate of Middlebury College. After four years I accepted a visiting position at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. I worked on an interdisciplinary project that used radio propagation as a tool for remote sensing of the atmosphere. In 1976 I was encouraged to apply for an opening in the NOAA Environmental Research Laboratories in Boulder, Colorado. I joined a group in the Aeronomy Laboratory that was developing radar tools for remote probing of the atmosphere. This led me to a career change that emphasized the use of Doppler Radar as a tool for studying the structure and dynamics of the atmosphere. The pioneering work that my colleagues and I pursued in the following two decades led to the development of wind profilers as a standard tool for observing the lower atmosphere.

My position in the NOAA laboratories enabled me to use the instruments we developed to pursue research in the atmospheric sciences. My research has been published in over one hundred refereed publications in journals in several disciplines. My research led to participation in many international field campaigns primarily in the tropics. I reported the results of this research in numerous international meetings primarily in Europe, Asia and Australia. In addition I served as editor of the Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmospheres.

Molly and I had our first child, Randall in December 1973 while I was working in the Research Division of Control Data Corporation in Minneapolis. One year later our second child, Blythe was born. We had a third child, Betsy in August 1979. Betsy had Down Syndrome. The challenge of raising a child with Down Syndrome led us to start the Mile High Down Syndrome Association. Betsy developed leukemia when she was two and in 1982 we took her to Minneapolis for a bone marrow transplant. The transplant was unsuccessful and Betsy died in December 1982. The experience of having a child with Down Syndrome led Molly to pursue a Masters degree in early childhood special education. Molly taught for nearly twenty years in public schools in Colorado.

Molly and I decided to retire in 2006. We spent the next two years in Colorado and I was employed part time through the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado. In 2008 we moved to Fitchburg, Wisconsin a close-in suburb of Madison. Our daughter and grandson Roy, 4 are in Madison. Our son and granddaughter Ruby, 6 and grandson Benjamin, 2 are in Minneapolis.

Molly and I spend much of our retirement helping out with our grandchildren. We also put in many hours at the local gym and do volunteer work. Our Labrador retriever also helps us to

keep moving. We both like to travel and have so far participated in seven Road Scholar (Elderhostel) programs. Our last two programs were bicycling in Minnesota last September and in the Everglades this February.





# Ed Gastonguay

## Life since Brandeis ...

I spent 39 years at Fitchburg High School-6 years teaching English and 33 years as a guidance counselor. I also coached cross country and track and field for 30 years. This summer Jeanne Daigle Gastonguay and I will celebrate 50 years of marriage. I made the big move from South Fitchburg to West Fitchburg just down the road from where Jeanne grew up. Jeanne is an aesthetician and works with my daughter who is a hairdresser. I have three children and six grandchildren who live in the neighboring town of Ashburnham. I loved my counseling job at Fitchburg High School and found it very difficult to retire. Presently, I officiate soccer and track to keep busy in the afternoons. During the summer, Jeanne and I spend time at our trailer on Cape Cod. I also golf three mornings a week with seniors at the Winchendon Country Club. Life is good. My grandchildren give me countless precious moments of happiness.

Photo Caption: The MC at the FHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

In the Spring of 1963 I won the Greater Boston 880 yard championship at the Brandeis Track. It was the culmination of years of running and training. The next morning in my mailbox I received a note from President Abram Sachar saying, "I don't know whether to congratulate Chateaugay or Gastonguay." Of course Chateaugay had won the Kentucky derby a few days before. Primarily because of that record breaking performance I was in 1995 inducted into the Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame. My godmother always said my brains were in my feet!

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

I consider my contribution to the development of my three children and six grandchildren my greatest achievement. The process is ongoing and it gives me great happiness to support their passions and goals.







# David O. Glazer

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

It's been a varied journey, with several different careers. (What do I want to be when I grow up? One of these days I ought to make a decision.) Some days I feel my age...others, I could swear I'm still a 60's "flower child." But nothing sent me hurtling back to the halcyon days of youth than the recent 50th anniversaries of the death of JFK (remember that beautiful Friday afternoon on campus?) and the March on Washington/ "I Have a Dream" speech (I was there)...and the passing, just a few weeks ago, of Pete Seeger, whose life, music, politics and spirit defined that time of my life, especially my years at Brandeis.

## **Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?**

I've been in love with the theater for as long as I can remember and I'm grateful for the theater education I received at Brandeis. Although I'm not directing any more (I'm always looking for opportunities), I volunteer usher for all of the nonprofit theater companies in New York--Manhattan Theatre Club, Roundabout, Playwrights Horizons, etc.), so I see a lot of work--some great, some good, some terrible, but usually interesting for one reason or another. I will always remember Dr. Edwin Pettet, Chairman of the Brandeis Drama Department, a man with style and flair that matched his scholarship. My work in theater led me naturally to television, teaching and directing on the college level, and eventually to my current employment as an Event Producer.



David Goldman

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# Frederic Gordon

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After Brandeis I attended U of Chicago for a masters degree in history, worked occasionally managing movie theatres, then taught for 8 years at an “inner city” community college. Eventually I felt ineffective as a teacher and entered U of Connecticut School of Law, graduating in 1978. As a plaintiff’s lawyer and solo practitioner I took satisfaction in helping many. Most fulfilling was service as a public defender in the New Haven Superior Court. Twenty years later I retired to a small farm in Sheffield, Mass, where I did civic duty on the Planning Board and Historical Society. In 2002 I received a masters in videography from Suffolk U and in the next 2 years worked on documentaries about the west coast raw food movement, medical health exchanges between Boulder, CO and Odessa, Ukraine, and happily joined the video crew of the Oregon Country Fair. Returning to the Berkshires, I moved to nearby Great Barrington, a lively town, where I currently teach swimming in a SwimAmerica program at Simons Rock College, and work part-time in public libraries.

The Brandeis experience powerfully affected my awareness of social problems. Along with several other classmates I visited Mississippi in spring 1962, and returned there in subsequent years. We were privileged in Waltham to listen to John Roche, Herbert Marcuse and other incisive speakers. My excellent professors included Ray Ginger, Philip Rahv, Maurice Stein (sociology) and Harry Zohn (German), who encouraged me to spend my junior year abroad in Freiburg, Germany. I regret not taking courses in anthropology, Spanish, or psychology with Abraham Maslow. Alas, I never inclined toward the sciences and to this day feel intimidated by modern technology.

I enjoy many pursuits, including regular swimming, tennis, and walking; landscape and vegetable gardening, and home renovations, and food preparation; also collecting books and reading, particularly in fiction and the humanities, as well as the daily NY Times. Film festivals and opera are high on my list.

Life has been a grand adventure, though not at all what I naively anticipated 50 years ago. I have had ups and downs with marriage and struggled with depression and learning how to eat intelligently. I finally have achieved some comfort in balancing the demands of mind and body. I am grateful for talented therapists along the way. I cherish my relationship with my accomplished wife of 10+ years, Kathie Dean. I am resigned to ongoing issues with dentistry and hearing loss but otherwise seem to experience good health. It troubles me that our generation has done so well in the boom years after WW2 while all around us successive generations are unlikely to participate in similar prosperity.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

I have two fondest Brandeis memories:

First - The friendships I enjoyed with numerous classmates, many of whom will attend this 50th reunion, and a few who sadly cannot be here.

Second - Listening to President Abe Sachar tell the following joke about himself:

Flanked by a couple of large and wealthy trustees, Abe was asked by one of them, “Abe, how does a little fellow like you feel around two big guys like us?” Abe considered this question for a moment and then replied,

“Like a dime in the presence of two nickels!”.





# Martha Karpeles Green

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## Life since Brandeis ...

The past 50 years have seen many changes that I did not anticipate, but, looking back, they probably made life more interesting.

I started out thinking I was going to teach Social Studies forever. Several years later I changed careers and spent most of my working life as a paralegal, concentrating mainly on the area of securities litigation. It was often challenging, sometimes stressful, but always interesting and ultimately satisfying.

I was married twice -- once divorced and once widowed. I have enjoyed sharing the lives of my daughter Barbara (Brown '88) and son Adam (Connecticut College '93) and, more recently, of my two grandchildren, now ages 13 and 7. I've even grown to like the freedom that comes with living alone.

I celebrated my 70th birthday earlier this year. Although health and mobility issues have caused me to slow down, I still try to keep going as much as possible. I continue to have an interest in what's happening in the world and I *must* have my New York Times every morning!

One big disappointment is that I never did the traveling that I had always hoped to do.

I have not been in contact with any classmates for many years, so I hope this gives you an idea of what has happened during that time.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My greatest achievement has nothing to do with awards or titles. I'm proudest of the fact that I managed to raise 2 children and lead a productive life in spite of the various obstacles that arose over time. I turned out to be a lot more adaptable than I had ever thought I would be.







# Ellen Wittenberg Greist



## Life since Brandeis ...

I would like to share what I feel are the best things I've done in the past 50 years, some things I've learned, and some things I regret. From 1965 - '68 I taught 9th Grade English in Maine. The best thing about that is that I'm still in contact with some of my students, and had a great afternoon with one of them and his partner in Maine last Fall. At my farewell party in 1968 the kids asked me to perform the witches' scene from Macbeth. One of my proudest moments. My regret is that I didn't remain an English teacher.

1968 - '71 was spent as a Peace Corps Volunteer in a Family Planning training program in Punjab State, India. Although the program was a disaster, I fell in love with India (though not with the debilitating heat), and learned first-hand the folly and arrogance of trying to transplant our system and norms to other countries whose history and culture we know nothing about. We keep doing that again and again; when will we ever learn? My regret is that I've never had a chance to return to India, though the wish to do so remains.

The best thing I did after returning to the US was to have my three children, two of whom are still alive, and are wonderful human beings. My first son died of leukemia when he was 6 years old; there followed a number of years of incredible difficulty for the whole family, and I believe led to the slow (25 + year) destruction of my marriage. Some of those years were spent as a rather reluctant organic farmer, some as a community health educator, all as a mom.

My regret is that after we lost our son, we did not get family counseling. In 1980 we moved to Connecticut and I found The Compassionate Friends, a support group for bereaved parents. It was one of my saving graces, and as I think back, I realize there were so many things that saved me. There was a six week course in clowning, held in an unoccupied store in a mall that was under construction, where I discovered a love for participatory theater, and was able to sing again. There was Rowe Camp, where I learned to play, and found that I could foster this in others.

The best thing I ever did professionally was to develop a participatory pageant/play, in which up to 200 children, in separate classroom groups, could sing and move, and make a story come alive, without a rehearsal of the group together, so that in the culminating performance the actors were also part of the audience. My regret is that funding for school enrichment programs has dried up; plus I never figured out how to adequately explain what I was doing, and it seemed a bit nutsy until people actually experienced it. So I never figured out how to earn a living.

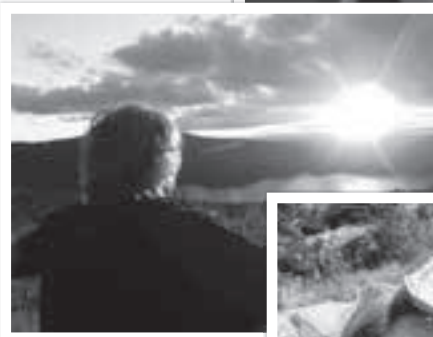
The best thing I've ever done as a volunteer is to write and organize skits for the Unitarian Society where I've been a member for over 30 years, in which people of all ages can get up on stage and be comfortable and happy; no previous experience or theater talent necessary. The best thing I've done as a volunteer *recently* is to have organized a Singalong & Potluck on February 16th honoring the life, music, and legacy of Pete Seeger, who gave me so much inspiration. 120 people showed up, sang, told stories, and shared food. What could be better?

My children save me all the time; they offer emotional support, and seem to actually want to spend time with me. Jesse was in Teach For America, and later lived and taught at mountain

school in Costa Rica for 6 years. He returned with a wife and two sons, is now living 10 minutes from my house, and is Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Society. ( I love being Abuelita.) He led Guantanamo at the Seeger singalong, and played drums. My daughter Arjuna, a singer-songwriter-poet (will any of us ever figure out earning a living?) has a condo in Greenfield, MA unlike any other I've heard of: sustainable, completely solar powered, has a co-op garden, dogs, chickens, and can decorate the outside of her home any way she wants. She and her fiance Trystan plan to marry in September. One of my greatest pleasures is singing with her, and doing Unitarian Universalist music services wherever a congregation will have us. She organized and led a Pete Seeger Tribute Singalong on Feb. 15 in Greenfield.

There are more regrets, like not being able to save my marriage, not having seen enough of this wonderful planet, and not having gone to the 1963 March on Washington. (Though I go to demonstrations now, sometimes as a member of the "Raging Grannies". Any others out there? Maybe we can put on a show - or even a singalong!)

But I have wonderful friends, family, community, and remain hopeful that one day all my Buddhist meditation classes will get me to sit down and be quiet. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the reunion, despite a fear of looking every bit of my 71 years. Whew!





# Judye Groner



## Life since Brandeis ...

Ten years after Brandeis, my husband Bruce Saypol and I were living in metro DC, he a lawyer, and I a newly-minted MSW in Jewish Community Relations. Josh was three, Ben a year old. Then I “tumbled into” the 40-year publishing career that would define my professional life.

That spring we were planning a seder with other young couples. Unable to find a children’s Haggadah that would engage the toddlers, I wrote my own and added pictures from a coloring book. Ticked with my creation, I made copies and sent them round. Friends reported their seders had been great fun. So my soon-to-be business partner Madeline Wikler added original drawings, and we sent My Very Own Haggadah off to many publishers and many rejections. Encouraged to self-publish, we ponied up money to print 5,000 copies which we sold to old roommates, camp buddies, gift shops, and the local Giant Food chain. The following year we printed 10,000 copies and sold out. Sensing a market, we wrote another book and then another and incorporated Kar-Ben Copies (named for Madeline’s daughter Karen and my son Ben), the cottage industry that grew and grew. Soon the word was out, and manuscripts began to arrive. We had become publishers.

At first we did everything ourselves – acquisitions and editing, layout and design, marketing and fulfillment. We learned about color separations and signatures, contracts and royalties, payables and receivables. Each few years brought new challenges as our inventory and customer base grew. We transferred the data from a handwritten ledger to a computer and the books from our two basements to a warehouse. We hit the road, peddling our books at Jewish educators’ and rabbinic conferences and finally the American Booksellers convention.

We took part in the great kosher coffee wars, when Procter and Gamble (Folger’s) decided to take on the Maxwell House Haggadah with a version of ours, to distribute in supermarkets around the country. Soon there were 2 million copies of our little book in print.

When we sold the business to Lerner Publishing Group in 2001, we had a 4000 sq. ft. warehouse, our own fork lift, three computers, an 800 number, Sammy’s Spider’s website, and two terrific part-time employees. Over those 26 years, we had published 150 titles, the creative work of more than 90 authors and illustrators, many of whom have become life-long friends. Madeline and I stayed on for several years as Editorial Directors for the Kar-Ben imprint at Lerner, which had published another 200 books when we retired last December.

Bruce and I divorced, and in 1983 I remarried. Not long after, my husband Oscar Groner retired from Hillel and became director of the UJA Rabbinic Cabinet. I joined the many missions he led to Europe and Israel, and to visit refuseniks in the former USSR. He was Kar-Ben’s greatest fan, and his “rabbinic authority” kept us safe from the God Squad. His sudden death of a brain aneurysm in 2001 left a great void. He was my friend and my muse.

Retirement is still new. I continue to travel, do volunteer work, and visit my grandsons at every possible chance. But with two new knees and a few rods and screws in my neck, I plan to reinvent myself!

Josh studied engineering at Brown and IT at Carnegie Mellon. A business analyst, he lives in New Jersey with his creative wife Dori (Total-Party.com) and my favorite munchkins, Zachary (7) and Dylan (5).

Ben majored in American Culture and Musical Theater at Northwestern. After several years as an actor, he earned a Ph.D. in Theater from UC – Boulder. He lives in Chapel Hill with my grand-dog Tucker and runs Theater Delta, an interactive theater for social change.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Peter and Dagmar Schroeder, the German journalists who wrote Six Million Paper Clips, introduced me to the tiny town of Whitwell, TN, opening my eyes to how teaching the Holocaust can teach tolerance. At a cafe in Ramat Aviv, physicist Joachim Joseph recalled his secret Bar Mitzvah in Bergen-Belsen, where he was given the tiny Torah scroll that Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon took into space, a story retold in Keeping the Promise. Ayelet and Tzvika Shahak, are leaders of the Bereaved Family Forum, Israelis and Palestinians who have lost loved ones to terror. Their daughter Bat-Chen was killed in a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. They graciously shared her journals, letters, poetry, and

artwork, enabling us to publish an English translation of The Bat-Chen Diaries. The privilege of meeting these people has enriched my life, and the opportunity to publish their stories is an achievement of which I am proud.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

Since my junior year abroad in 1962, I return to Israel over and over, searching in vain for the “Jerusalem of my youth,” then a golden city with one traffic light and 36 varieties of eggplant. Recent summers have found me at a 4th floor walk-up in Baka, taking summer classes at Pardes and drinking coffee at a cafe on the Emek with one of our ex-pat authors. But Israel is a second home. Oscar awakened my passion for other travel, and over our years together we visited over 50 countries, opening our eyes to history, literature, geography, and people. Never the accidental tourist, for weeks before a trip I get lost in travel guides, tour books, websites, itineraries, and maps. Planning is part of the magic of discovering new places. And while I still have a bucket list of new places to visit, I look forward to returning to my favorites -- Cape Town, Venice, Christ Church, Dublin, and always Paris -- at midnight.



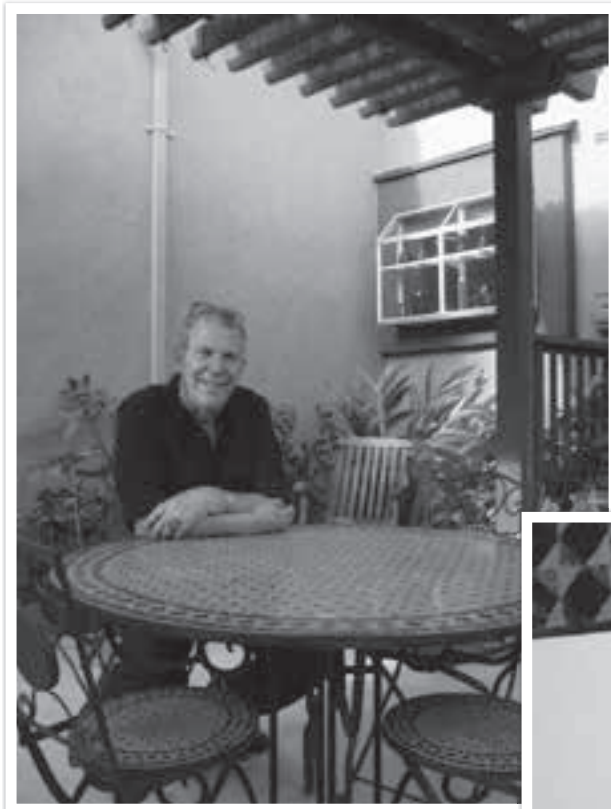
# Larry Gross

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## Life since Brandeis ...

I am an academic lifer. After graduate work at Columbia in social psychology I started teaching at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, where I remained for 35 years. In 2003 I moved to the Annenberg School at USC in Los Angeles, where I am Vice Dean and Director of the School of Communication. Most of my academic work has focussed on media/culture/art and society; a lot of work on the impact of television on social attitudes, and on media and minorities, GLBT folk in particular. I have also been involved in activism, starting at Brandeis and continuing during Vietnam but then in the 70s mostly GLBT activism particularly in relation to the media. I met Scott Tucker in 1975 and we have been together more than 38 years, and married since 2008.



## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

The two Brandeis faculty members I was closest to were Abe Maslow and Leo Bronstein. Abe was my adviser and mentor, and we remained close till his death. I was also very close to Leo Bronstein. Having taken all of his classes, I became his projectionist [as i understood his special way of loading slide trays -- remember them?] and I also drove him back to Cambridge many times and came to know his “godfather.” It was at Leo’s apartment that I met Meyer Schapiro, who persuaded me to choose Columbia over Harvard for grad school, and I was happy to then have the chance to study art history with him, playing hooky from my psychology studies. I was also close to Herbert Marcuse, whose son Michael was in my younger brother’s high school class, and I clearly recall spending the evening of November 22nd, 1963 -- my 21st birthday -- at their house in Newton; a good way to spend a difficult evening.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

I should also mention Nahum Glatzer. I talked my way into his “Job and the Problem of Evil” class as a freshman, and I remained in contact with him after that. I became friends with his daughter Judith [now Judith Wechsler] who was also a student at Brandeis, and saw the Glatzers from time to time after I left Brandeis. I last recall seeing them -- Nahum and his wife Anne -- in Granada, Spain, where we both happened to be staying at the same hotel. Having lived in Jerusalem for the seven years prior to college, there was always a part of me that has been engaged with Jewish culture and ethics, if not religion, and I especially benefitted from Nahum’s deep knowledge of Kafka. Among other Brandeis faculty I have fond memories of Alan Levitan, Allen Grossman, Vic Walter, Kurt Wolff, Frank Manuel. Now that I am a 71-year old professor, I sometimes think about how much younger those teachers were then than I am now. Also striking how “normal” it was to have so few women faculty.





# Nancy Hafkin



## Life since Brandeis ...

My life has been around the world since Brandeis, but now I am back to living within 15 minutes of the old place! After Brandeis, I went to Boston University, did a Ph.D. in History (Africa), started teaching and got tenure at Boston State College (amalgamated in 1977 into the then-new U-Mass Boston). In 1970, I married the serious, handsome, articulate Wien student, Berhanu Abebe, that I sat next to in Ruth Morgenthau's African Politics 602. After we both finished our PhDs in Boston, Emperor Haile Selassie was overthrown in Ethiopia, and it looked like the birth of a new era that Berhanu wanted to be part of. I took sabbatical leave, and we moved together to Ethiopia, which, unfortunately, fell into a terrible period called the Red Terror. I was supposed to teach at the University, but it was too dangerous, and I found a small consultancy at the new program on women and development at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis. That turned into 25 years of full-time and highly rewarding employment at the UN. Berhanu got drafted into government service, and, without his prior knowledge, was appointed Vice-Minister of trade in 1980, a post he served (and he regarded it as a sentence!) in for 11 years. During this time, we had our 2 children, Ribka (now 34 and a doctor of infectious diseases in South Africa) and Michael (now 28, a chef in California and father of 5-year old Dameon). When the Mengistu regime fell, Berhanu and our family managed to leave under the cover of my UN employment. We returned to Boston, but after 2 months I wanted to go back to Ethiopia. Berhanu couldn't because the new regime had jailed all former ministers and vice-ministers. We lived 8000 miles apart until Haile Menkerios (another Wien!) came along and cleared up things with the new government to allow Berhanu to return. Berhanu came back to Ethiopia in time for Ribka's DIY bas mitzvah in Addis. We lived in Ethiopia until 2000, when Berhanu developed kidney failure and there was no dialysis in Ethiopia. We came back to Boston, living in Wayland. Unfortunately, despite Boston's medical facilities, Berhanu passed away in 2003. I still have our house in Ethiopia, and try to visit there every year, but my life is here now. I have been doing consultancy work on information technology and international development, a field I pioneered in at the Economic Commission for Africa. (In 2012 I was inducted into the Internet Society Hall of Fame as a Global Connector, along with Al Gore, Tim Berners-Lee, Vint Cerf). My special interest is in promoting gender awareness in information technology in developing countries.

Pretty soon I think I will actually retire, but I don't seem to be very good at it. I have a lovely partner now, Charles Wolfson, a clinical psychologist; we met online, as most folks seem to do these days. In addition to my work, I love gardening, Ethiopian cooking, travel (last year got to Myanmar, Thailand, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Ethiopia, Uganda and Mexico), visiting my kids and my grandson. I am eager to connect with old Brandeis buddies that I haven't been in contact with.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

Civil rights, women's rights: these became leitmotifs of my life. I started my active engagement in civil rights struggles at Brandeis, when Bill Higgs came to talk about the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. My sister Liz (Brandeis, '67) joined the freedom riders in South Carolina, and I went to work for MFD in Washington, D.C. the summer of 1964. We worked at the Dept of Education, analyzing school desegregation plans and sending back critiques to Mississippi to help those fighting for school integration. Of course, there were demonstrations on the Boston Common and the March on Washington. Women's rights weren't yet on the radar in 1964. I remember my advisor (who shall remain nameless) telling me that as a women history major, after Brandeis I could work at Woolworth's, teach elementary school or "be an educated prostitute." Really! Not enough space here, but both of these became the basis of my career at the United Nations and in retirement.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

This had to be Ruth Schacter Morgenthau. She was the first one to encourage me in anything for after Brandeis. In the previous para, you see what my advisor said. Ruth encouraged me to go to graduate school in African Studies, a field that was just emerging in 1964, and said that it was one that was wide open for women because it was new. This was an exciting time when African countries were winning their independence, and Brandeis had a wonderful group of African students who would go on to become leaders of their countries in the post-independence era. It was in Ruth's course that I met my husband, Berhanu. Ruth continued to encourage me in many ways, visited Berhanu and I in Ethiopia. Sadly, she passed away in the last decade.





# Jonathan Harris



## Life since Brandeis ...

I was an elementary school teacher for 30+ years, mostly on Martha's Vineyard, where I've been living since the early 70's. I enjoy living in the community where I taught; many of my former students are now close friends and some are close friends with my daughter.

I retired seven years ago and now spend my time taking care of hens and goats, growing tomatoes and other vegetables, splitting cord wood, renting living spaces to young farmers, and playing piano (mostly R&R and blues) for elderly people living in the local hospital and for others who take part in a supportive day program.

Nina, my daughter, is 16 and lives in Philly with her mom and step-dad. She spends her summers and most vacations and holidays with me. She follows her intuition, is fearless, is generally immune to peer pressure, and she's developing into an insightful, powerful writer. She loves long boarding, cooking meals with her friends, and working behind the counter in a local store.

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

When I left Brandeis I didn't have the slightest clue how my life would unfold. I went to graduate school the following year so I could escape the draft. After attending landscape architecture school I developed an interest in child development, and I earned a teaching degree from BU. In retrospect I made a good choice; I was a teacher who inspired kids and was much appreciated by my students and their families.

I'm the same person I've always been. When I take stock of myself I see the same being I saw when I was five. My fundamental nature hasn't changed, but my understanding of who I am has deepened and expanded. I appreciate the large number of wonderful people who have inspired my creativity and curiosity and who have encouraged my inner exploration.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

During our freshman year Jonathan Berman, Jonathan Cohen and I created a "club" we called Students for Apathy (SFA). I doubt if anyone else knew it existed, but we did stage a number of guerrilla-style mini events including a gloom rally or two. We even had an SFA cheer.





# Sharon Herson



## Life since Brandeis ...

At age seventy (where I never imagined I'd be), I'm having a good life. I would say "wonderful" but I don't want to be quoting the movie (which I love). I've had careers in college teaching and administration, in the corporate world, and in book publishing. I'm still working as a freelance book editor in my main fields of interest--European and American art history/classical and Egyptian archaeology--though no longer putting in twelve-hour days.

Thirty years married to an artist whose work is sublime and startling, and we're still in love (second marriage for both). Between us, we have three children, all of whom turned out to be kind, generous, and, yes, smart--each in his/her own way. Two grandchildren light up our lives, and although we hope more will come, that's obviously not our call. All the kids live on the West Coast, which has spurred us to travel by car cross country numerous times, making family visits into long vacations at national parks along the way.

After living in the Ohio "wilderness" for a decade (college town, Gambier, Kenyon College, 1973-83), Atlanta for another ten years (1983-93), we moved to rural New Jersey (photo later) to an old farm, where we've been ever since.

Friends and community are important to us. We belong to a small synagogue in a nearby town; and that is how we've met people in this sparsely populated area (Lebanon Township near Glen Gardner, NJ). I've become more observant over the years--as I understand the tradition better--and I've served in every conceivable role in the temple over the past twenty years. (I am now "retired" and emerita on the Board.) We go to NYC from time to time, usually for museum visits. We are more connected with Princeton, for concerts and theater, as well as for my work.

I know the reunion will be rewarding and fun for all who can attend. *Shalom!*

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

In the fall of 1973, I became one of five women on a faculty of 105 at Kenyon College in Ohio. The College had become co-ed only a few years earlier, and the first mixed-gender graduating class was that of 1974. I learned what it means to be a minority person, where you have no power, and you want to accomplish certain things. My year on the faculty earned me the respect I needed to become a successful administrator for the following decade, during which I was (eventually) director of off-campus programs and was able to successfully integrate study abroad and other special programs into the Kenyon curriculum.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

David Berkowitz and Frank Manuel, both historians. Manuel was a terrific lecturer and stimulated my interest in European history, which remains to this day. And Berkowitz, with whom I had several fascinating independent studies, encouraged me to think about graduate school. His course in Renaissance and Reformation Europe incorporated aspects of art history. I eventually did study art history at the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU, and teach it at Kenyon.







# Marcia Katseff Hnatowich



## Life since Brandeis ...

Yikes five decades! Can I remember that far back? I think the first 10 years after Brandeis was a time of searching/exploration (??) I lived and worked in different cities/countries (U.S., France, Switzerland), working as a computer programmer (Treasury Dept., M.I.T., International Labor Office, New York Times) and studying sculpture at Beaux Arts in Paris and Geneva. Finally after 8 years of wandering and wondering I returned to school and received a Masters of Architecture from M.I.T. Thereafter I pursued a more orthodox path, raising a family with my husband (2 absolutely wonderful daughters), trying to practice socially responsible architecture in small firms and the MBTA, and enmeshing myself in political activism (anti-war, anti-nuclear weapons -- in particular the nuclear weapons freeze, and, most recently, climate change). After retiring, I picked up drawing and watercolor, and so in some way returned to my Brandeis roots (where I had studied with Arthur Polonski, Peter Grippe and Mitch Siporin). Although for 3 ½ decades I found small ways to express myself making tons of posters, flyers, kids costumes, birthday goodie bag contents, and even occasionally designing buildings, I now relish the time (although it never seems enough) I have to draw and paint -- an exercise about which I am much less judgmental in my 70's than in my teens.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

While at Brandeis I attended some of the early anti-war protests (e.g. the old arsenal in Watertown), but it was after graduating that I became significantly more involved in peace activism, attending innumerable anti-Vietnam protests, anti-Gulf war, anti-Iraq war.... But my most impassioned and perhaps effective involvement was in the nuclear weapons freeze movement where my husband and I along with our often balking young children tirelessly helped organize Worcester and surrounds to oppose the nuclear weapons policy of the Reagan administration. We organized petition campaigns at churches, freeze voter canvases, a freeze walk, education forums, and peace fairs. There have been countless progressive campaigns that we have supported over the years but more recently we have turned our attention virtually full time to Climate Change, a crisis looming like no other.



# Knut Arne Holtedahl

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## Life since Brandeis ...

My year as a Wien student at Brandeis was a dream. Thanks to all those who received me so well. I looked into very different subjects ranging from biochemistry to sociology of medicine and music, and I wrote papers and started learning to work in an academic setting. I sang with you, debated with you, played soccer with some of you, dated a few of you, was invited home to a few of you. Sadly, Kennedy was murdered and the Tonkin episode became the start of escalation in Viet Nam. What a mistake. My own really lucky number must be to have led a life without any war in my country in my lifetime, apart from my baby year in 1944-45.

I went back to medical school in Norway and have been very satisfied working as a medical doctor. My time has been and will continue for a short while yet to be divided between seeing patients and university teaching and research, based in clinical epidemiology. My main research interest has been early detection of cancer in primary care practice, because the primary care doctor has to understand and take action and guide patients onto the best and appropriate track in the treatment system.

I have three adult children and five grandchildren living not far away. I'll retire more or less from work next month and look forward to spending more time with them, as well as many other activities. In 2008 I was back on Campus for the 50th Wien scholar anniversary, that was a sentimental and strong experience. In 1963 I lived for a month before Brandeis with an American family and have kept in touch with them all this time. In June I will visit my American "mother" in Florida, she turns 90 these days but is still as lucid and as beautiful as ever.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

Well. My second fondest memory is the time I shared with my room-mate and fellow Wien student Alfredo from Venezuela. We went to Music 1 and did "homework" together in the music library, and I was very impressed when he started crying as we listened to the final arias of "Manon". That was a bit away from my cool nordic temperament. He died before I reached visiting him in his country.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Several. My biochemistry teachers taught me basic things in science in a friendly and appropriately demanding way. Levinson, who taught a sociology course about authoritarianism, managed to make this topic fascinating. And Zola, in his wheelchair, who became a very well-known medical sociologist internationally. The Music 1 professor was a great and charming pedagogue, I am ashamed not to recall his name now.



# Linda Zimmerman Hordiner

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

50 years is a lifetime. I remember my first nervous weeks, over 50 years ago, living on the first floor of Deroy. I made new friends. Some are my dearest friends today, more like family than friends. I came to Brandeis to study biology and that interest has never wavered. My professors, my laboratory time and work as a lab assistant only reinforced my love for the subject. My professors were accessible and encouraging, my science education outstanding. I learned organizational and research skills that became part of who I am.

After graduating from Harvard with a M.A.T. I taught biology for 32 years at Herricks High School on the north shore of Nassau County, Long Island. I taught courses as diverse as advanced placement and general biology. In the 1990's I was part of a National Science Foundation funded leadership program at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. I was trained to be my district's human and molecular genetics specialist. During the last 5 years of my career I taught teacher workshops and wrote a genetics curriculum for 5th graders that is still being taught. I still read science magazines and try to stay current with biology research, particularly molecular genetics. I know that my love for learning was reinforced at Brandeis.

My husband, Chuck, and I have been married for almost 47 years, and retired for the past 16 years. Our one son has 5 children. They are the joy of our life! We love to travel to the southwest, especially Santa Fe, and to London. We stay active at home.

I have mixed feelings about reunions, but this 50th reunion is special. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends. I admit that I still have one leg in the 20th Century. I love photography but there is film in my camera! I do not own a 'smart phone'! Sorry for the absence of current photos. I will have some with me at reunion.....just ask!

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

My students not only learned the biology curriculum, but analytic thinking and organizational skills. Many of my students have gone on to pursue careers related to biology. I was a highly respected member of the high school staff and a leader in union and district affairs.

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

My husband and I have been happily married 46 years. We are proud of our son's personal and career achievements. It is our joy to spend time with him, his wife and 5 children.





# Thomas Jefferson Hurwitz

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## Life since Brandeis ...

Dear Classmates,

With all respect to those not with us, warm greetings to you.

So far, I have led a lively and interesting life, and I intend to keep it that way. I still work, ski, party and exercise; though not in that particular order. When you knew me, I was immature. Now I am considered "youthful."

My wife, Donna, and I did plan to attend the reunion.

However, she passed a little more than a year ago, and I am determined to move on with my life. Revisiting the past is not part of that plan.

I do have memories of my college days, most of them are quite pleasant, but not what one might call exactly "inspirational." If I

do think of Brandeis, I think of people - you guys. The thoughts are uniformly nostalgic and pleasant, and I might go so far as to remember a specific incident or interaction, usually followed by a smile.

However, you are not part of my present, and I am very focused on my future. I thought you were an outstanding group of people when I knew you, and I have no reason to believe otherwise now.

Sincere congratulations on your many achievements; sincere sympathy for your losses.

May you continue to prosper and shine.

With love,

Tom



# Renana Robkin Kadden

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## Life since Brandeis ...

It's hard to believe that I officially retired from teaching 11 years ago! That's not to say that I act like a retired person. (God forbid!) I spend my time volunteering at a children's hospital in Hartford and serving as chairperson of a board of education in a Jewish day high school. Because I was and still am a very passionate teacher, my greatest reward semi-professionally comes from working for a local university in West Hartford, as a supervisor for student teachers in the public schools.

I do have a retired persona however: my husband, Ron, who has partly retired as a psychologist, who works with drug and alcohol abuse, and I love reading aloud to each other and just hanging out. We enjoy theater, movies, and concerts. I've found a new hobby in gardening and have become a student once again, taking courses this semester in an adult ed program at University of Hartford. Ron and I have also loved travelling, to Europe, Mexico, Costa Rica, which I particularly enjoyed, and to Israel many times. We have a son and his family living in Jerusalem. His kids, a girl 16 and a boy, 13, are two of our 5 wonderful grandchildren. Another grandchild, a girl of 5, and her

parents, our son and daughter-law are in Boston. We fortunately get to see them a lot more often, as we do our two grandsons, ages 3 and 5 months in Washington, DC. . They are the kids of our youngest son. Two of my sons became teachers: the one in Israel is a rabbi and an assistant principal and the one in Boston is chairman of the history department in Gann Academy, a high school right here in Waltham. I think my passion for teaching rubbed off on them. My son in DC works as a lobbyist for an international foreign aid consortium. It's been very special watching and coaching my own sons as they have grown to become wonderful men and a special privilege, as I stand on the sidelines, watching my grandchildren grow. As my latest shirt says, "There's nothing like being a savta (grandma in Hebrew)."

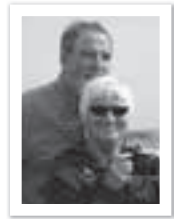
I have great memories of Brandeis, the wonderful friends I made there and the rigorous demands of my major that enabled me to become a pretty good and very demanding English teacher.

I am thrilled to be here at our 50th reunion and am looking forward to many more.



# David Kann

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After I graduated, I went directly into the N.Y.U. M.A. program, which I completed in 1965. Got entirely sick of going to school and landed a job teaching 10th grade in Pasadena, CA. I landed in the Ph.D. program at Occidental College and completed my doctorate in 1971. Since 1969, I've been teaching in the English Department at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

In the winter of 1971, I went to NY for break and met my wife, Lois on a blind date. Of all the wonderful moments I've stumbled into, that was the best of them. 3 months later, we were married. Almost 42 years. I don't know how many can make that claim these days. We have four children: Rachel, an actress and writer, living in L.A.; Jennifer, and ultrasound technician, living in Concord, CA; Ben, involved with start-ups and therefore living in the Bay Area; and Arielle, completing her doctorate in forensic psychology.

Professionally, I've been the Director of Writing at Cal Poly and Department Chair—published some articles, a composition textbook and, as expected, made presentations here and there. After I finished up with administration, I returned to school and earned an MFA in poetry in 2012—my proudest degree. Since then I've been publishing poetry here and there and working on a chapbook and a full-scale book.

As I'm certain other will have written, I'm grateful to Brandeis for instilling a love and respect for knowledge for its own sake—also for preparing me adequately for the fun of the late '60's and early '70's.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Alan Grossman. I realized that once I could understand him I had a chance to become intelligent.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

- My children.
- My successful marriage.
- My MFA.







# Arnie Kanter

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## Life since Brandeis ...

June will mark Carol (Nussbaum Kanter, '65) and my 49th anniversary. We had no idea what the hell we were getting into when we married at age twenty-two, but it's been a wild and wonderful--and incredibly charmed--ride. First in all respects, is our family -- our two great and accomplished daughters and their husbands, and our five off-the-chart grandchildren. None of them live in town, but we bribe them shamelessly in order to get to see them as often as possible. We could easily fill this yearbook and more with immodest bragging and warm feelings about this wonderful group of human beings. Next, we value our terrific group of friends from around the country (and, actually, around the world), many of whom date back to our Brandeis years. Though our Brandeis friends are spread around the country, we have remained in close touch with more than half a dozen of them for more than 50 years, vacationing together, attending 17 bar and bat mitzvahs and an equal number of weddings around the country and counting well over 20 grandchildren in our extended Brandeis family. We cherish these remarkable relationships. The rest is filler, but terrific filler it's been. Carol has had (and continues to have) fulfilling careers as a psychotherapist and poet. I had successful careers as a large law firm partner and then as a management consultant to large law firms and investment banks around the country. I

also taught part-time at Northwestern University School of Law, and have been engaged seriously in photography for some years. Carol has published a book called *And Baby Makes Three* about the emotional adjustment to having a first child, two chapbooks of poetry and well over 60 poems. I have published more than a dozen books, many of them satirical works on law. But our most fulfilling publications are two that we did together, combining Carol's poetry with my photography. The first, *No Secret Where Elephants Walk*, is based on our travels to Africa and the second, *Where the Sacred Dwells, Namaste*, offers impressions of our travels to India, Nepal and Bhutan. (You can see the first 20 pages of each, if you wish, at [www.dualartspress.com](http://www.dualartspress.com).) Recently, we have combined to do two children's books of poetry and photography, which we hope will be published sometime soon. Besides family, friends, work and writing, theater, art and travel have been Carol and my passions. We feel extremely fortunate to have been able to travel widely. Both of us have also been involved in various charitable activities. Brandeis has influenced our lives dramatically, through our marriage, our friends and the values it nourished in us. We are enormously grateful for that influence and look forward to reconnecting with many old friends at the reunion.





# Ellen Lasher Kaplan



## Life since Brandeis ...

After graduation, I headed to New York to work at Harper and Row Publishers to write cover blurbs and organize book displays at conferences -- not the exciting publishing world I expected. I decided getting married would be much more fun. And it was. At the time though I didn't realize I'd be making a 50 year commitment, an anniversary Bob and I happily celebrate next year. We moved to Ithaca where Bob studied for his PhD at Cornell, and I worked in the Agricultural Economics Department co-writing "The Economics of Food Retailing", even less interesting than it sounds. Our next stop was Pittsburgh, a Carnegie-Mellon position for Bob, 2 children, and for me an MA, an MBA and a job at Xerox.

After eighteen years in Pittsburgh we moved to Boston where Bob joined the Harvard Business School faculty. Soon one daughter, Jennifer, was off to Cornell and another daughter, Dina, started Wesleyan. I worked for our consulting company, Strategic Cost Systems and then I collaborated with Bob to help non-profit organizations implement their strategic plans and performance measurement systems.

My work with non-profits, both professionally and as a

volunteer, has been an important and fulfilling part of my life. I am actively involved with Boston Lyric Opera, the Harvard School of Public Health, Technion and, especially, Brandeis as a trustee. All these organizations have inspired and enriched me.

Most important, though, has been the joy of family. Jennifer is a pediatrician in D.C. She and her husband Tom have 2 children, Sophia 6 and Devin 4. Dina is an entrepreneur in technology and lives in New York.

I've experienced so many joyful times, but have also faced serious medical issues with close family members. Confronting my mother's Alzheimer's disease was an especially difficult challenge.

I spend leisure time traveling, playing tennis, biking, sailing, occasional scuba diving and trying to play golf. I learned to play bridge at Brandeis and continue to enjoy the game. I hope that skill will keep my mind alert, though it hasn't helped me find lost keys or remember the names of even close friends. I try to ignore the memory lapses and the aches and pains and focus on the many pleasures that life holds. I can't believe that it's been over fifty years since I moved into DeRoy dorm and met wonderful friends who I still get together with for annual weekend reunions.





# Alan E. Katz

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

50 years in 600 words or less - quite a challenge!

Happily married for 27 years to the love of my life, Laura, and most fortunate to have four wonderful and accomplished children: Danielle, Melissa, Oren (and wife Andrea) and Jessie (and husband Jonathan) and two granddaughters: Alexis and Hailey.

Having practiced law for almost 45 years, specializing in real estate, software licensing and, most recently, art law, I am now transitioning to a greater emphasis on personal pursuits and

discovering my inner creative self. I have taken up painting with acrylics, some representational but mostly abstract, and find it most satisfying. Also enjoy working out, traveling, hiking and tennis, when my knees permit.

Giving back to my community is of great importance to me. I serve on the Board of Trustees of the Music Conservatory of Westchester and on the Real Estate Advisory Committee of The Children's Aid Society.

Looking forward to reconnecting with my friends and classmates at our 50th Reunion!

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# Joyce Coster Kemp

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## Life since Brandeis ...

Fifty years seem impossible to comprehend. Yet many memories are still present and fresh in my mind: moving into DeRoy Hall freshman year and decorating the room with Maddy, trying out for the girls basketball team instead of taking gym, working in the Rose Art Museum, barely finishing my research paper for English Comp and doing poorly on it anyway (the first and only D+ in my life!), working up to a B+ in the general music course and learning SO MUCH (the same can be said for the many other general ed courses like anthropology, psychology, sociology). I could go on and on, but suffice it to say that Brandeis was a good place for me. It gave me life-long friends and laid the foundation for the person I eventually became. I have loved my career in teaching, which took me to Scarsdale, Kentucky, the inner city of Philadelphia, Cape Cod and eventually Phillips Exeter Academy. In addition to my high school math students, I have taught teachers, coached tennis, lived in a dormitory, and done administration. I think I am finally, at age 70, ready to slow down. Teaching part-time the last few years has enabled me to work into retirement gradually, and helped me to see that there are so many things to do, books to read, people to see, and places to visit, that there just isn't enough time for teaching anymore.

I'm grateful for my loving family, husband John of 45 years, son Shane and his wife Meg (who live in Utah), daughter Carolyn

and her wife Jean (who live nearby), and all the adventures we've shared over the years, including living in Japan for three years (1975-8), trying out private school life in 1985, and finding it enriching for all of us, and the many hiking and skiing forays over the years. It was probably lucky that we came to Exeter just as it was becoming a more welcoming place for women and minorities, and it's been a challenge and rewarding experience to have been part of that change. I'm grateful that the rest of the country is changing as well (albeit at a slow pace), and becoming more open to diversity in all its manifestations, so that it is possible and a bit easier for gay children to find happiness, security and support. We still have a ways to go in race relations, gender choices, economic disparities, and what are we going to do about guns?! I guess that sets up a good agenda to work on in retirement.

Reunions are a time to look back, relive some of those wonderful memories, and reconnect and newly connect with people who shared this important experience. But it is also a time to look forward, and I'm eager to hear what my classmates are doing now, as I continue thinking about how to best use the time I have available to keep learning and to contribute something back. Let the Reunion begin!





# Carol Bassuk Koplan, MD



## Life since Brandeis ...

In reflecting over the 50 years since graduation from Brandeis, I appreciate that I have been very fortunate. I grew up in Jamaica, NY with my parents and 3 sisters (including Ellen, my younger sister who graduated with our class). After attending local public schools through 9th grade, I transferred in 10th grade to Hunter College High School which provided an excellent preparation for academics at Brandeis.

I have fond memories of my years at Brandeis: I loved my English and literature classes with the great discussions we had in seminars, sitting outdoors when the weather was nice. Many of my professors were inspiring: Dr Abram Sachar - his perspective on 20th Century American history, Alan Levitan- Shakespeare (also my supervisor), Don Giddon - Psychology, and John P. Roche- 1st Amendment Freedoms. It was during this latter class that John F. Kennedy's assassination was announced; Dr. Roche immediately dismissed the class, after which we sadly departed for an early Thanksgiving vacation. I decided to take pre-med courses, since I liked psychology and hoped to help autistic children whom I worked with during high school.

During Senior year, I enjoyed working on the Yearbook, especially gathering photos and essays depicting our life at Brandeis as parts of different communities: of the Class of '64, of teams, of scholars, and as individuals - relaxing, studying, and being with friends. Among the best experiences at Brandeis were the many friendships I made. Happily, my friendship Marilyn Susman, and Renana Robkin Kadden has lasted through the years, despite geographical distance.

Following graduation from Brandeis and Tufts U. School of Medicine in '68, Jeff Koplan and I were married in 1969. We've had many wonderful years together living in a variety of places, travelling, and raising our children.

Professionally, after completing a pediatric internship and psychiatry residencies, I practiced child/adolescent psychiatry in Trinidad for 2 years, at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, and at the Emory Student Health Service. Thereafter, I worked at the Carter Center Mental Health Program, founded by Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, organizing national symposia on mental health policy. Combining my interest in mental health policy and public health (through knowledge gained by osmosis through my husband's work), I began working at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, as an Adjunct Assistant Professor teaching "Mental Health Policy" and "Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders." I also have been active in Georgia suicide prevention, and on a Committee of psychiatrists that educates psychiatrists and others about prevention, promotion, and social determinants of mental health. I've been very lucky to be able to work part time, allowing me to spend time with my children.

Related to my love for reading has been my membership in "Book Group," where we not only discuss books monthly, but also have been through life's journey together for the last thirty years.

Our family has had the opportunity to do a lot of travelling, some of which was organized around my husband's global health work. It has been wonderful to visit with people living and working in different countries. We have travelled in Europe China/Tibet, Japan, Hong Kong, and lived in Trinidad, 1975-1977, where we became friendly with a family whom we regularly join for Carnival to "play mas" through the streets of Port of Spain.

In retrospect, my primary enjoyment in life is spending time with my husband, family, and friends. I derive lots of pleasure from our children, Adam and Kate, their spouses, and our grandchildren. It is wonderful to watch the younger generation discover the delights of the world.





# Sharon Korson

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have lived in Canada and raised my 3 children here since 1970. As a Canadian I have not been involved in American life or politics and have had no connection with My Brandeis past. I currently live a very quiet life on a 40 acre farm in New Brunswick where we grow vegetables and take care of our forest and land. Our concerns are the environment and how to live a simpler life. My partner, Bernard, was raised in Europe and has a great respect for the land and resources. We live as environmentally responsible as is possible however we do have modern conveniences. We are about 30 miles out of Moncton, New Brunswick which is a small city of about 65,000.

My work life was always in the social services which meant very meager salaries and as such we have not accumulated lots of "stuff" or done a lot of travelling. I think my greatest accomplishments have been raising my 3 children and raising my flowers and vegetables and being stewards of our land.

## **How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?**

All of the above events contributed to my decision to leave the US and make a life in Canada. When students at Kent State were gunned down in 1970 I was pregnant with my daughter and decided I could no longer live in a country or raise a child in a country where they killed college students.

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

Raising three wonderful children and following the career that worked for me--social services--even though it never brought me much money.





# Lucy Kraus

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## Life since Brandeis ...

I left Brandeis in February 1964 but returned in June for graduation. There was a certain warm irony to the fact that the commencement speaker was James Reston, the great columnist for The New York Times, where I would subsequently spend 17 years of my life — first at WQXR-FM as a programmer and scriptwriter, then at the feature syndicate, and finally in the newsroom. During those years I wrote some 25 bylined articles for the paper before decamping to CBS Entertainment, where I was a writer in the press department, traveling around the world to interview and write about actors, directors, and producers who were involved in the many CBS series and motion-pictures-for-television. What a blast!

At Brandeis I majored in music, studying with many of the great composers of the day in a department whose founding was greatly influenced by Leonard Bernstein. I thought about that when I joined the New York Philharmonic in 2001, where I was Senior Publications Editor for 10 years, and where Bernstein remains on the masthead as Laureate Conductor, 1943–1990. At the Phil, I could utilize the wonderful musical training that I received at Brandeis, and which I still use in writing features for Playbill and other publications.

And just for the record, I also worked at ABC News “20/20” as a press representative, and Carnegie Hall as a publicity manager. Each job has had its own very special rewards.

Travel has also been an important part of my life, and I have

traipsed all over the world, either for work or for play. Some particular favorites are Morocco, Malta, and the Dominican Republic for the filming of the CBS miniseries, Christopher Columbus. My music continues in the form of choral singing; I am currently with the Oratorio Society of New York. And just occasionally, I will sit down at my baby grand and play show tunes!

Life since Brandeis has been varied and exciting, challenging and invigorating. And very fulfilling.





# Michael Roger Lefkow



## Life since Brandeis ...

When I arrived at Brandeis, I had never taken a final exam and, surprisingly, did not know how to read very well or quickly. [I had done very well in high school, in case you're interested – how, I'm not so sure.] The reading issue was the most excruciating – remember how many pages were assigned in our freshman year? I took an Evelyn Wood course in speed reading offered on campus, with mixed results. I struggled with my freshman classes because, again surprisingly, I had never had to take notes in a class before. How I made it through four years, I can't be sure, but, like high school, I did fine, graduating with honors and even getting into Harvard Law School.

I was active on campus. I thought I was a poet at one time. I agonized over submitting some of my efforts to the poetry journal. When I did, they were all quickly rejected – one kindly soul told me I should write things I know and have experienced. I remember with embarrassment one of my images of “clouds darkly sweating” – see what I mean? Even given that disappointment, I still write a bit of doggerel now and then.

I was active in civil rights issues, as many of us were. I joined protests here and there in and around Boston and, over the incredibly strenuous objections of my parents (Stevenson liberals both), I went to the March of Washington in August 1963. There were serious fears that the American Nazi Party would try to disrupt the proceedings (George Lincoln Rockwell, its leader, was prevented from demonstrating that day). The Fruit of Islam, from Elijah Muhammed's Black Muslims, hovered over many of us on the March. They were a bit sinister-looking in their black suits and skinny ties, but actually quite gentle with us. I had a camera and used it to move all the way up to the front of the Lincoln Memorial. I was even let up onto the steps (“let him through,” some folks said, “he must be with the press”) and was inside the Memorial next to Lincoln's statue when Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his ‘I have a dream’ speech. Earlier, when Walter Reuther of the Auto Workers spoke, a black man in the Memorial with me said, “I remember when he wouldn't let me in the union.”

Looking out from the top of the steps, I could see close to 300,000 people spread out along the reflecting pool to the Washington Monument. It was awe-inspiring and humbling. After all the speeches were over, many, both black and white, stayed on the steps, dancing and singing. We really believed that we would overcome and not just some day...

I continued my activism for a number of years as an individual and as a member of groups of lawyers, but family and career needs slowly took over. Brandeis and its students and professors worked a bit of magic on my beliefs and ethical backbone. With six children and ten grandchildren (with maybe more coming?), I hope I can pass that onto them in some way.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

I spent a significant amount of time with the Wien Scholars, students from other countries - almost 10% of the enrollment. My roommate, Jason Roussos (since passed on), engendered in me a love of opera. He was (according to him) part of the Greek side of the British royal family and was understandably quite partial to Maria Callas. A fellow student was a devotee of Renata Tebaldi and, oh, the arguments they had! I loved Galli-Curci of the earlier days of recorded opera, but really adored Joan Sutherland. I have carried that love of opera ever since and have been a subscriber to the Lyric in Chicago since 1968.

That connection with other cultures and languages instilled in me a love of other places and a need to travel everywhere. I have been to over 55 countries and have learned polite words in many different languages, though I am not skilled in any other than English (to my chagrin).

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

When my friends from other lands cooked for themselves when I was at Brandeis, did the food I tried give me the inspiration to cook? No. When I was a single father and doing survival cooking for five years, did that inspire me to learn more? No. When I got married again and Julie was away on a trip, why did I spend 21 hours making four bowls of French onion soup (from a Thomas Keller recipe - soooo detailed...)? I found I loved the challenge and could actually enjoy the results (by the way, it was the best French onion soup I've ever had). So, for the last 15 or so years, I have found cooking as a major activity - I think nothing of spending 7-8 hours making a dish we eat in 15 minutes. Now that I've retired, I have even more time to think of complicated stuff to fix - there's so much I haven't tried yet and so many cookbooks to buy!





# Danny Lehrman

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

In addition to a suburb education, most lasting for me since those halcyon days at Brandeis have been the friendships kindled there. Barely a day goes by that I don't have some contact with a classmate. There may have been other schools and friendships as good, but none better. I have had a fortunate and happy life working in the international metal trade and acquiring

my wonderful wife Dana, my beloved son Noah, and over the years four fabulous pussycats. An American civilization major at school, I still love history, and as some may know baseball continues to be a consummate passion. Hope to see you at reunion!





# Linda Goldman Lerner

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

After graduation I attended Columbia School of Social Work. Following my graduation from Columbia, I worked as a group worker and community organizer for several major New York Hospital. In 1972, fed up with social work, I began attending law school in the evening, graduating in 1976, happily, at the top of my class. While in law school I met my husband and we married in 1974.

I began my career as a lawyer at Paul Weiss and eventually became a partner in a mid-size firm. In 1992 I became General Counsel to one of my clients, a securities brokerage firm. Since then I have specialized in broker-dealer regulatory and market structure issues, and am currently a partner at Crowell & Moring, a large, international law firm. I love my work (most days) and take particular pleasure in collaborating, successfully, with the regulators to create new rules that ease regulatory burdens on the industry. It still surprises me some days that I have this particular work focus (certainly not something I ever envisioned doing while at Brandeis). but it is fun and challenging and I am happy.

Our daughter Caren was born in 1980 and our son Joshua in 1982. Caren attended Washington University and Berkeley and is now a white collar litigator, married and mother of a two month old son, Asher Hudson Decter. Josh died, very unexpectedly, of suicide when he was 14. I now facilitate a group for parents of suicides.

I can't figure out what I would do if I were old, so I just act as if I am not. This seems to be working so far. I can't figure out what I would do if I retired, so I don't.

I am very much looking forward to reunion and connecting with all of you.

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

Having a wonderful, sensitive, brilliant daughter and being very instrumental in changing the way the securities markets work so that investors receive best execution of their orders.

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

I am the same passionate, committed person I was as a student. I am just as results oriented, but experience has led to some wisdom about being more successful and achieving those results. I am also more realistic about what is simply not possible.



# Marya Randall Levenson



## Life since Brandeis ...

I have been so fortunate in my work. I have been a community organizer, a ninth grade teacher in the Boston schools, part of a group that founded a BPS magnet school, principal of Newton North High School, and superintendent of the North Colonie (NY) School District. I am now in my thirteen year as a Professor of the Practice in Education and the Harry S. Levitan Director of the Brandeis Education Program.

I have had the privilege of working with colleagues to build the Brandeis teacher education program; this year we have 40 Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) students, an undergraduate teacher ed preparation program, and a major and minor in Education Studies. I love teaching and mentoring these students who are interested in education; they are very engaged and questioning students. In addition, my first book, *Pathways to Teacher Leadership: Emerging Models, Changing Roles*, was recently published by the Harvard Education Press.

My husband, Andy Hawley, and I have five wonderful grandchildren: four in Ohio and one in L.A. We very much enjoy being grandparents but wished that they lived closer. We live in Waltham, MA with our beagle.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

Because of Mississippi Summer in 1964, I volunteered to work in Noel Day's campaign for the Boston School Committee in the fall of 1964. Although he did not make it to the School Committee, I became a community organizer working with Mothers for Adequate Welfare in the Dudley Street Action Center. It was an opportunity for me to learn so much about an urban community different from West Hartford, where I grew up. I was one of several women who later helped create Bread and Roses, a feminist organization, to address issues of identity and inequity facing women and families. I also helped create the Boston Teachers Center in Dorchester, a place where teachers could come together to talk about teaching, our students, the war, and social justice. I learned from these experiences that people working together could address issues and make a difference in our society.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Ray Ginger left a big impression on me. I was very impressed by his deep knowledge of American history, and his ability to engage his students in the exciting conflicts of the time. He was able to transport us and make history come alive through our examination of the "ordinary" people who lived and struggled at that time. When I became a ninth grade history teacher, I wanted to do the same thing for my students.





# Tim Levenson

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

Shortly after graduating from Brandeis I sailed across the ocean to study at the Sorbonne. I hadn't planned to make Paris my home, but after three years at the Sorbonne I married and stayed on until today. I have two adult children. My daughter works as a journalist in New York, my son is a partner in a company based in the « City », the financial center of London. I never tire of Paris though I sometimes miss New York, especially as it was when I lived there during my high school years. My professions : after obtaining a degree from the Sorbonne I taught English, then returned to school to learn simultaneous interpreting. For the last few decades I've earned my living sometimes as a translator but mainly as a conference interpreter, which has given me the opportunity not only to travel throughout Europe but also to experience a variety of environments and gain insight into many aspects of social and economic life. When I recently worked at meetings in Vienna and Berlin I took time out to stroll around those cities, and thought of the contact I had with Brandeis professors who came from a Central Europe that no longer exists. I am grateful for having enjoyed that privilege. In coming years I plan to work less and travel more. I'd like to gather my thoughts, read books that I began and never finished, or others I that I have never opened.

I was glad that I attended the 1994 reunion, where I struck up new friendships and renewed contacts with classmates I hadn't seen since graduation.

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

Brandeis had a formative influence on me. I have in mind especially those professors who had come to America as refugees from Europe. I think that these men and women possessed a unique culture and background, which I view as a precious heritage.

## **How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?**

Those movements did influence my life, I became highly political, to a great degree because of the Vietnam War.





# Bob Levin

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

Adele Levin (Class of 1963) and I have been living together in Berkeley since 1968 -- and have been married since 1971. I practiced law for 42-years, the last 30 of them as a certified specialist, representing the injured in workers' compensation claims. I authored five (non-self) published books, one of which was a novel, one a biographic fiction, and three non-fiction, about underground/alternative cartoonists.

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

I met my wife at Brandeis. She has had more impact on me than any other person, place, or thing. She has led me to thoughts, experiences and emotions I would not have once believed myself capable of. (Why just the other day, walking around the larger of the two outdoor pools at our health club, she explained to me why "The Emigrants" reminded her of "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men," because Sebald and Agee, while coming from totally opposite directions, were arriving at precisely the same place. I mean, where else was I going to hear that?) I continue to marvel at the unlikelihood of our having connected at Brandeis -- not to mention again, more solidly and more durably, after a three year, 3000 mile seperation. Each night, before we sleep, we say to each other, "I feel lucky; I feel blessed; I feel loved."

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

I am still tall -- but bald -- and weigh 30 pounds less, the loss not all coming in hair. I no longer play sports but I do exercise regularly. I still listen to jazz (1950s and '60s) -- and to Bob Dylan. I read, often several books at once. We rarely go to movies or concerts (except Dylan's) or plays. I vote liberal still but have not marched to protest anything for a while. Jack Newfield observed, at the conclusion of his book on Robert Kennedy, that ours was the last generation to believe that things would get better, that we would inevitably overcome. I held that belief in college. I do not hold it now. On the other hand, between 2011 and 2013, a series of cardio-vascular events placed me in dire situations, the overcoming of which led me to realize that, while Nietzsche may have been wrong to assert that what does not kill us makes us stronger, it can certainly deepen us and give us wisdom. That is not a belief I would have had in 1964 either.

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# Jim Levinson

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have spent most of these post-Brandeis years prosecuting felony cases of all types, but all the last decades prosecuting just Murder and Aggravated Murder cases. Bringing a little taste of justice to the maimed and to the survivors of homicide victims was the most satisfying and emotionally rewarding of jobs.

Yes, I'm still married to my high school love and we have two interesting and wonderful, if offbeat, sons; two terrific daughters-in-law and three grandsons who exceed all superlatives.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

I still insist that John Van Doren taught me how to read -- really to read --and that the value of the book came less from its words than from my own answers to the questions the book provoked in me.

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

I am the same. The mirrors are different.

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# Ivan Levison

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

After going to Berkeley for grad school, I taught for three years in Oakland, CA and then in England for three years. After teaching, I became an advertising copywriter and have been on my own freelancing for over thirty years. Married, two kids, two grandkids. Best wishes to all!

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Favorite Brandeis professor was Ira Levitan. A great guy and a real influence on me!







# Michael Stephen Lewis

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After medical school, residency and military service, I have practiced orthopedic surgery in the Chicago area for almost forty years. Professionally, I have been an orthopedic consultant for the Chicago White Sox and team orthopedic surgeon for the Chicago Bulls, at which time I acquired two championship rings. I have been chief of staff at Skokie NorthShore University Healthcare System and have won a best teacher award from Rush Medical School. I still practice orthopedic surgery full time. I am an active tennis player. I recently won the Greater Chicagoland age 70 singles tennis championship and am nationally ranked in my age group.

I am fortunate to be married to Valerie Searle Lewis for almost forty years. We met in England when I was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force. We have two daughters, Melanie and Hadley, a son-in-law, Richie Campas, and two grandsons, Cove and Aero, who are living on Maui.

Additional answer to question 4: Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on me?

Leo Bronstein was a brilliant art historian, who opened the world of art and artists to me. He helped me to understand how artists express emotion through color and form, which inspired my subsequent interest in photography. As a result, I published a book of photographs and quotations, *One World: A View of Seven Continents*. (My books and several apps are available on my website: [michaelslewismd.com](http://michaelslewismd.com). All profits go to the Himalayan Cataract Project.)

Max Lerner, journalist and author of *America as a Civilization*, propounded his liberal political agenda, which included advocating for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. This was the genesis of the subsequent involvement of my wife and me in the movement to free Refuseniks from the Soviet Union.

Picture Caption: Michael Lewis with Aero and Cove Campas, grandchildren who live on Maui, Hawaii.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Abraham Maslow was the professor who left the biggest impression on me. First, he was a mentor. I have a close personal relationship with him, and he convinced me to attend medical school. He pushed me to a higher standard, assuring me that I could make a contribution in the field of psychology. (Even the brilliant Maslow did not have perfect prognosticating ability.) Second, focusing on the concept of self-actualization by studying the emotionally healthiest people in our society was an excellent antidote to the existential angst of an insecure eighteen year-old. In addition, his ideas have continued to capture my imagination for more than fifty years, and I have published a book, *Seeing More Colors*, based on his ideas concerning self-actualization.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

A group of men who lived in my freshman dorm are among my closest friends today. We meet in the Cayman Islands for a reunion every year, and my wife and I are so fortunate to see others in the group throughout the year. Brandeis immeasurably expanded the horizons of a provincial suburban boy from Texas. I took classes in art history, chamber music, philosophy, Spanish, sociology, psychology, literature, history, politics, economics, as well as pre-med classes. Every day my life is enriched by my Brandeis experience.





# Judy Earle Lind



## Life since Brandeis ...

Life since graduation has been wonderful, exciting, challenging, and complicated (in a good way). We moved to Hawaii in 1970, courtesy of the doctor draft during the Vietnam War, and never left. We never made a conscious decision to stay, as that would require dealing with all the family issues (cowards that we are). In fact, Dennis renewed his Connecticut medical license for 20 years!

My experiences at Brandeis shaped me in so many ways, not the least of which was my choice of profession. After graduating from the BU School of Social Work, I worked part time as a school social worker in Stamford Ct. and then at a family services agency in Hartford, while Dennis was completing his training. In Hartford we were part of a social experiment on the part of a progressive auto dealer who bought houses in a marginal area and then rented them to young families to keep it multi-racial. This led to becoming friends with some very exciting and interesting neighbors such as the eventual editor of the Hartford Courant, a member of the school board, artists and musicians etc., which instantly injected us into the politics and issues of the community and was completely in keeping with my Brandeis experience of knowing wonderfully smart, creative and committed people.

Dennis and I have been married 51 years (I think I was the first in our class to get married). Our daughter, Mimi- Brandeis '88, was born in Greenwich and is also a social worker (MSW USC '90). She heads the Mental Health Services at the Venice Family Clinic in LA. It's the largest free clinic in the country, with over 500 volunteer doctors (UCLA). She has a 5 year old son Daniel. Our son, Martin, (UPenn. '92, USC Public Policy GRAD '94) is a project manager in a software company. His wife was formerly head of the Mattell Childrens Foundation for many years and now heads the Office of Strategic Partnerships for the City of LA. They have 2 children, Rachel (10) and Garrett (8). One thing that kept us in Honolulu (other than weather, culture, people, opportunities) is that both children attended Punahou School, President Obama's alma mater. It provides such an incredible education that we felt very lucky to be here.

Most of my career has been devoted to the area of child abuse. I founded 5 statewide Childrens Advocacy Centers (CAC) in Hawaii (ours under the state Judiciary). They are multidisciplinary interview centers that focus primarily on child sex abuse to provide a child centered focus and coordinate the many professionals who typically are involved in these cases. Hawaii pioneered the public/private partnership model involving local Rotary Clubs. I was fortunate to meet (former) Congressman Bud Cramer from Alabama who created the model for the CAC's. Together we founded the National Childrens Alliance and, while I was serving as president, managed to secure federal funding to support these centers nationally. I really enjoyed working with Congress in the days when there was civility, accomplishments and support for children and victims of crime.

In 2005, I left the CAC's to serve as the director of the Kukui Childrens Foundation which owns and operates the Kukui Center. We bought an old building with HUD funds, renovated it extensively (after raising \$2.5 million with over \$1 million in donated in-kind goods and services) and opened for business 5 years ago. This co-locates 10 small social service agencies that collaborate to provide a continuum of services to abused and

vulnerable children and their families. We house programs for homeless families, foster children, immigrants, domestic violence, literacy, legal services etc. It's a great job, which I will continue to do part time, as long as I can. Anyone interested can go to [www.kukuicenter.org](http://www.kukuicenter.org).

Life in Hawaii is good, not a surprise. Great weather provides ample opportunities to try to slow down the aging process through exercise and Dennis and I try to visit a foreign destination annually (although more challenging when you start from here- except Asia!). We both do volunteer work including serving on the hospital ship Mercy in Indonesia following the tsunami in Banda Aceh.

As for keeping my Brandeis connections, when we moved here, I began representing the university at College Fairs and holding receptions for admitted students. I'd like to think that it increased the enrollment of our local kids; Brandeis did start sending Admissions staff to our little part of the world. My best story involves a parent who asked me if they serve Korean food in the cafeteria. Despite my negative response, her son did enroll and later met a transfer student from Hawaii, they married and attended grad school at Harvard together. After many years of doing that, I turned the job over to my daughter's generation of graduates for obvious reasons!

I can't end without thoughts of Myra, my Brandeis roommate. We met in high school on a summer trip to Israel and asked to room together. I still can't believe she's gone. We kept in touch over the years and she helped me with advocating for admission and financial aid for a young Pakistani man who worked as a translator for the BBC but didn't have the usual credentials. What a good person she was and how much she is missed.

I am looking forward to seeing so many of you. Having only come to our 25th reunion, I have lost touch with my Brandeis friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect.

Aloha,  
Judy





# Rita Alstater March



## Life since Brandeis ...

When I graduated Brandeis, I went to Israel to see if I'd like to immigrate. I spent 2 1/2 years in Jerusalem and decided to return to NYC where I worked as a researcher at NYU School of Medicine. I married and moved to L.A. where I first worked as assistant to the Dean of Hebrew Union College. After my divorce I raised my daughter, Dania, as a single parent with the loving support of my parents around the corner. I enjoyed my work as Coordinator of the Medical Education Section of the UCLA School of Medicine Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery for 25 years and am now very happily retired.

Marvin (B'deis '52) and I have been together for 25 years and are now enjoying travelling and being with his grandchildren (mine by proxy!) as much as we can.

Between the two of us, both our daughters graduated Brandeis, Dania Sacks March '93, Keira March Marcus '94, also my two cousins, Allen and Peter Alter, Marvin's nephew, Michael Roffer, and Marvin's cousin, David Greenstein.

So, we have passed the Brandeis torch on and will wait to see what the next generation brings!







# Suzanne Feldman McKellips

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have lived my life in places I never anticipated. Nothing exotic, but different from anything I imagined...Canada for over 40 years, and now a "snowbird" in Sarasota. For over 35 years I had a summer place on a very isolated lake in Quebec which I loved, and the contrast between my life there and my upbringing in Brooklyn never ceased to surprise me.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

I had an economics professor who gave me the chance to pursue a really interesting graduate program, which resulted in an interesting career. It is so long ago now, I can not (to my shame) remember his name, but individual professors do make a big difference

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

I do believe that raising my children to be mature, independent adults, who themselves are very happy with their families, is a wonderful thing. Much is probably luck, so perhaps I should not call this an "achievement", but it is important to me.



# Janis Mendelsohn

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have had a phenomenal career as a general pediatrician at the University of Chicago and am finally contemplating retirement (tough). Meanwhile I continue my travels around the world.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

John Roche taught Politics 1A. He taught me how to think!

## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

Making an art out of medicine

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# Michael S. Meyer

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have been married for 43 years and have two children and four grandchildren. I am retired from practicing law in the area of banking and finance, was a law professor and an arbitrator and mediator. Currently, I do volunteer work in my community.

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# Aaron Miller



## Life since Brandeis ...

Fifty years and counting! It hardly seems imaginable that so many years have flown by since crisp autumn days crept into snowy wintry ones and then blossomed into spring as I managed, somehow, so often to “run into” Ellen at the Brandeis mailroom. The day I met her when she arrived at Brandeis to join the class of '66 transformed my life and marks the beginning of so many wonderful memories of togetherness at Brandeis and beyond. Our courtship was unconventionally long, but the commitment was permanent and wonderful! Life after Brandeis has not been the story that novelists seek, nor one that makes page 6 of the New York Post. Nonetheless, it has been full of joy and rewarding experiences. Ellen earned a PhD in psychology at NYU, followed by post-doctoral training in psychoanalysis at NYU. She has subsequently had a successful career doing psychotherapy, teaching and supervising, at a level that enabled her to be a mother in every sense of the word when our daughters arrived. Now she continues to have a flourishing practice, but one that allows her time to pursue many other interests, including an astonishing evolution to accomplished artist. Meanwhile, I went straight to NYU medical school . ultimately becoming a neurologist. Abandoning a potential career as a bench scientist, I decided my professional talents lay more in delivering patient care, teaching neurology, and conducting clinical research. I spent a large chunk of my career in Brooklyn as the Director of Neurology at Maimonides Medical Center. During that time I became increasingly interested in multiple sclerosis, a disease that gradually transformed my career.. I have been fortunate to achieve a national and international reputation in MS and in 2004 I moved to Mount Sinai in New York to become Medical Director of its MS Center. I have served for many years as Chief Medical Officer (now Senior Medical Advisor) of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and a member of its Board of Directors. I was also elected President of the Consortium of MS Centers and the first president of the MS Section of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). Involvement with the AAN has been a highlight of my professional life. I have served as Co-Chair of its Education Committee, a member of the Board of Directors, and now as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. I am particularly proud of the decade that I recently completed as editor of Continuum, the AAN's highly regarded bimonthly topical review journal.

The most delightful part of life for Ellen and me has been raising two beautiful, compassionate, successful daughters. Alexandra, our older daughter, earned an MD/PhD degree at Yale and is currently a PGY 3 resident in neurology at Cornell/NY Presbyterian Hospital, while planning her wedding this summer. Caroline graduated from the University of Michigan before spending two years in Teach for America. That experience heightened her passion for children and led to her career advocating for children as a Legal Aid Society lawyer, following her graduation from Syracuse University Law School.

We've been so lucky to live, surrounded by wonderful friends, in the greatest city in the world, so rich in diversity, culture, and excitement. Throughout these years, Ellen and I have maintained a passion for travel. Still most memorable was camping across Africa (yes, we were young), but family trips to the Galapagos, China, and Egypt (3 weeks before Arab spring erupted) were other highlights.

So a life, literally owed, with great appreciation and much affection, to Brandeis! We are excited to have the opportunity to see many of you in June.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

Thinking about the questions posed has led me to recall two recently read books. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot is simultaneously a fascinating scientific story of the development and use of the first immortalized human cell line and a chronicle of the highly segregated society that existed in Baltimore and environs (the home of Henrietta Lacks and the venerable Johns Hopkins Hospital where the scientific breakthrough occurred). Having grown up in Baltimore, the depiction resonated with me. Almost immediately upon my arrival at Brandeis, I was greeted with invitations to join EPIC, remember the Woolworth picketers, and engage in other civil rights activities. While I could never label myself a political activist, nonetheless Brandeis ignited in me a keen sense of social (in)justice and helped imbue in me a lifelong spirit of liberalism, tolerance, and fairness.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien, a fictionalized depiction of the lives of our soldiers in Vietnam, rekindled in me a keen sense of the tragedy of that prolonged misadventure. My first real awareness of Vietnam came when my housemate, the late Lew Serbin, received a secretive call when he was hosting a visiting Vietnamese politico. Though I suffered no direct personal consequences of that horrible war, I vividly remember my sadness when a fellow medical resident fled to Canada to avoid military service. I did experience firsthand the pain of some military personnel when, as an unwilling navy doc, I helped reprocess some returning POWs. How could we not be touched by the purposeless loss of so many lives and so many other ruined dreams? Though my specific Brandeis memories may dim, the liberal attitudes, ethical sensibilities, and idealistic desire for social equality that I developed in those 4 incredible years burn incandescently.





# Leonard A. Miller



## Life since Brandeis ...

I spent my junior year in Israel on Hyatt Institute. When I returned, I met Susan Sarill, Class of 1966. We married in 1968 and for the past 38 years have lived in the Washington, DC area. We have three grown children, Jonathan, Rebecca (Brandeis '96) and Zachary, all of who were born in Seattle and now live in California. Both Susan and I still work. Susan is in information technology for US government's Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. I am an attorney and have practiced environmental law in government and private practice since graduating from Harvard Law in 1967. Susan and I will soon celebrate 46 years of happy marriage. While in law school I worked for Ralph Nader, an effort later known as "Nader's Raiders". Soon after law school I entered the US government's air pollution control agency and in 1970 became a charter member of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As first an officer in the US Public Health Service and later as a charter member of the federal Senior Executive Service, I helped build EPA and created some of the structures for today's air and water pollution control programs. EPA sent me to Seattle in 1971 to open EPA's Pacific Northwest regional office. I helped establish federal air and water programs in Region Ten, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, and enforced contested, locally unpopular pollution laws. One of my efforts became part of the Watergate story. Bob Woodward interviewed me for an article that landed on the front page of the Washington Post. We returned to Washington DC in 1976 so I could become national head of EPA's water enforcement and permit programs. I left government around 1981, and started a law firm, with some colleagues. Eight of us built Swidler & Berlin to 350 lawyers. We merged in 2006 to become part of a 1000 lawyer firm. For almost 25 years I helped my firm grow, and our law firm was one of the legal success stories of its time. I led the environmental practice, representing diverse clients such as large manufacturing and chemical companies, public utilities, small new market entrants, Swiss and merchant bankers, and industry groups. My practice became international, with clients in England, Germany, Switzerland, India, China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Israel and more. I have had wonderful adventures, made close friends around the world and worked on projects with prominent former political and military figures. In 2008 I left the law firm to head the Washington DC office of a Wall Street law firm, and then in 2012 joined my present firm (a US-Israeli joint venture law firm). Also, I co-founded and was first president of the EPA Alumni Association, which now has over 1000 former government officials as members. I joined Jewish National Fund, and became involved in water projects in Israel as a Member of the Board of the Parsons Water Fund. I founded and was first president of Water Resources Action Project, Inc., a 501(c) (3) that builds rainwater harvesting systems for schools in underserved Arab and Jewish communities in the Middle East. After age 60, I began hiking the Grand Canyon. I have backpacked down the Grand Canyon and hiked up 8 times, and rafted the rapids on the Colorado River. Susan and I enjoy spending time at Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires, a place to explore healthy living and rejuvenation. I am not sure what our next step will be but we enjoy the journey and expect to continue in a purpose-driven way.





# Mike Oberman



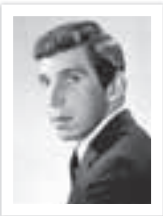
## Life since Brandeis ...

I left Brandeis for the MBA program at Northwestern (in the pre-Kellogg days) and found that my Brandeis education prepared me extremely well to excel there. After Northwestern I worked in our family publishing business for 17 years founding an environmental business magazine in the waste collection and disposal field and, even though we sold it over 30 years ago, it is still being published today. Our claim to fame was that we were the only business oriented entity in those days calling for the formation of the EPA and as a result we were awarded exclusive interviews with Sen. Ed Muskie and the first interview with founding Director William Ruckelshaus after the agency was finally put in place. I then founded Omeda in 1982 which is a software company specializing in SaaS creating comprehensive marketing databases for our clients. We also have an integrated email deployment service deploying well over 2 billion emails

a year and--I'm proud to say--none of it spam. I have been incredibly fortunate to have found my wife of 43 years, Margo and we have four sons, two daughters-in-law, five grand daughters and two grand dogs.....so far. I have served on the Boards of the JCC, Moriah Congregation, Northbrook Hockey and Northbrook Speedskating, Rush Northshore Medical Center and The Ryan Center of the Lyric Opera of Chicago (current member). I am also one of the founders of the Eli Segal Program at Brandeis. I am still very fond of my Brandeis memories with most of my current best friends, including the likes of Arnie Kanter, Len Oshinsky, Mike Lewis, John Levin, Mike Freed, and Phil Paul and their spouses among my inner circle of friends. I probably won't be able to make it to reunion but I'd love to correspond or chat with any of you who might remember me and see what has become of you.







# Peter L. W. Osnos

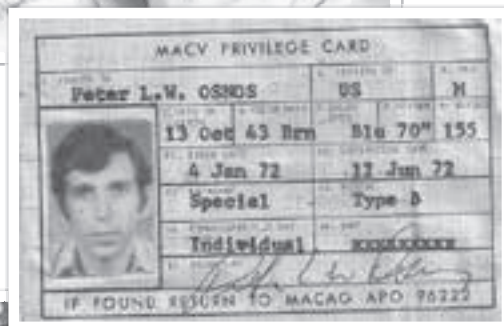


## Life since Brandeis ...

With the benefit of fifty years of hindsight, my Brandeis years provided an exceptional basis for what became my life's work after graduation. The early 1960s were a time of transition for the nation from the post- World War 2 era. The election of John F. Kennedy marked a profound generational change for the country and set in motion decades of political and social upheaval at home and abroad which I witnessed as a reporter, editor and publisher. The Kennedy assassination in our senior year was a defining tragedy and as Daniel Patrick Moynihan said, we would never be young again. In the next few years, the U.S.-Soviet rivalry for international dominance evolved into the Indochina wars, the incipient civil rights movement brought enormous tension and ultimate release from the worst of American racism. In many other ways as well, the country was set on a trajectory of transformation that continues to this day. In retrospect the Brandeis of our time conveyed a sense of what was to come. In the classrooms of John Roche, Ray Ginger, Jerry Cohen and many others, great questions were posed that became central to the period that followed as debates raged over war, the structure of society and economic challenge.

In the winter of 1962, Bill Higgs, a Lasker fellow took a small group of us to Mississippi where he had been a unique figure as a white lawyer who was a civil rights activist. Our meetings there with Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, James Meredith, Gov. Ross Barnett and, amazingly, William Faulkner, made an indelible impression on me because of what we could see was at stake. I think it was on that trip that I became a journalist, not merely for what I could write afterwards but because of the experience of seeing history in a close-up and the thrill of being present. I first read I.F. Stone's Weekly when we returned, but could never have imagined that within three years I would be his assistant. Working for Izzy in 1965-66 was my finishing school, an education in the crafts of reporting and the major issues that were unfolding. In 1970, The Washington Post sent me to Vietnam and in 1974, I went to Moscow. The themes of what we had studied as students were invaluable as the underpinning for covering the war and becoming, as a correspondent, an observer of great power clashes between Moscow and Washington. My reporting years, including stints in Washington and Europe made it possible for me to become Foreign and National editor of the Post. Could I have done all that without Brandeis? On the occasion of our 50th reunion, I'm going to say no, I could not.

My second career, as a book editor and later as a publisher, was, again, with the benefit of reflection based on the cumulative experiences of college activities and the nearly 20 years I spent in journalism. It has been my privilege and great good fortune to work with luminaries, including Presidents Carter, Clinton and the very young Barack Obama. Natan Sharansky and Andrei Sakharov showed me how individuals in the most repressive of circumstances could defy the tyrants and eventually prevail. In 1997, I founded Public Affairs, an independent publisher, and dedicated the company to Stone; my editor at The Washington Post, Benjamin C. Bradlee; and the chairman of Random House, Robert Bernstein who was also the founder of what has become Human Rights Watch. This is my chance to add an institution and its values to that list. It is Brandeis..





# Marcia Rebecca Wilder Oster

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

I have had a great life, no complaints. I became a teacher and also traveled extensively. But the crowning achievement of my life was giving birth to my son David. David had autism but with much work became very high achieving. He has done advocacy work and accomplished much in that field. I too have done advocacy work and received awards for my efforts. I also received a scholarship to a conference in Sacramento.

Due to the state of my health, I have had to retire and now reside in a nursing home, but I keep busy, nonetheless. Life is wonderful!

## **Share your fondest Brandeis memory**

My fondest Brandeis memory is my volunteer work in the Brandeis preschool, particularly with the three year-olds. My work with them helped give me a sense of purpose and added meaning to my life.

## **Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?**

My favorite hobby is writing. I keep a journal and find it most helpful. I also am a "pen pal." I love corresponding with others; to me it's so worthwhile. I also enjoy doing word puzzles. These activities help keep me happily occupied.





# Stuart A. Paris



## Life since Brandeis ...

Following graduation I returned to Israel to study Bible and Archaeology at the Hebrew University and to play basketball for Hapoel Jerusalem in the Israeli National League and the Israeli National team. I returned to America and built a life as a business person, a community leader, a husband, a Dad, a Poppy, a Rabbi and teacher. My athletic life continued with basketball and tournament tennis and in 1989, I was selected to represent the United States Masters basketball at the Maccabee games in Israel and in 1996 I was inducted into the Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame.

I am frequently invited to speak at conferences. Following is my introductory biography: "Stuart A. Paris, CIMA, is the founder and President of Paris International Corporation, an Employee Benefits Consulting Firm, a Principal of Granite Retirement Services, LLC and the creator of The ETF 401(k) Solutions and co-creator of The 401(k) Compliance Solution. Mr. Paris received his BA in politics from Brandeis University and holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) designation from the University of Pennsylvania Aronson Institute of Executive Education at the Wharton School. He has been a Regional Group Manager for The Prudential Insurance Company of America, a General Agent for The Travelers Insurance Company, and is currently a Registered Representative, a Registered Principal and Investment Advisor Representative with National Planning Corporation of America. Mr. Paris has received numerous industry awards including the General Agent of the Year from the Travelers Insurance Company and the prestigious Quality of Life Award for service to company, industry, community and to humankind. He was a nominee for the 2007 Charles Schwab Impact Award and was chosen as one of The 300 Most Influential Advisors in Defined Contribution for 2009, 2010 and 2011 by 401(k) Wire and serves on The President's Advisory Council of NPC. Stuart is married to Enid Kessler. Together, Enid and Stuart have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. They live in Manhasset, New York. Stuart served as an officer of The American Friends of Rambam Medical Center and was honored as Man of the Year. He currently serves as President of All Faiths Seminary International, co-President of The Institute for Personal Religion with Reverend Jon Mundy and the Rabbi of The New Synagogue of Long Island. Enid is an Interfaith Minister and created with Stuart, Interfaith4you.org and advises the Interfaith Community of Long Island." Today I can say, of all the accomplishments of my life, I am most proud the personal, especially my family. On my 70th birthday, the entire family came together to celebrate. The second picture I submitted was taken on that day. "NOT BAD!" My son Jason, an attorney, and my daughter Gail, a special education teacher, both attended Brandeis and my son Michael is now my business partner. Finally, it needs to be said that my Brandeis experience set the tone for my entire life. I learned to think, to feel and to be. I am extraordinarily grateful. & I especially thank my friend and mentor, I Milton Sacks who urged me to accept the opportunity to study abroad in Israel for a semester in our Junior year, to Jacob Hiatt ;for making it financially possible and to Howard Morley Sachar, my teacher in Jerusalem, for helping me open my mind and my soul to the experience which changed my life. I look forward to many more years of good physical and mental health, learning, teaching, family time, travel with my beautiful wife, Enid and more love and & joy. At the end of my journey, I hope it can be said, "Stuart Paris truly made a difference.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

Two basketball stories: In our Freshman year at the end of our first basketball practice, the coach, Rudy Finderson asked me into his office. He said, "I want to run the offense through you and I want you to shoot each time you touch the ball." I responded, "Is this heaven?"

After one home game, my roommate, Eli Segal, announced in the Student Union that our room scored 30 points that day in intercollegiate games. Eli scored 2 for the JV and I scored 28 for the varsity. I really miss Eli.

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

I am more patient, more spiritual, more satisfied and more comfortable with myself.

I am still optimistic, still excited to be alive every day, still seeking knowledge and wisdom, still believe in love and friendship as the essence of a joyful and purposeful life and still believe in the goodness of humankind.

I am bigger, my hair is lighter, I don't run as fast, I don't jump as high, I can't seem to sleep through the night without a visit to the bathroom, and I look back at the past more than I did in 1964.

According to my children, I have gotten smarter. When they were in highschool and college, somehow I must have taken stupid pills. The prescription must have expired when they married and had their own children and now I am even asked for an opinion and heard when I speak, occasionally.







# Philip Paul

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## Life since Brandeis ...

I have been married for 44 years. We have 2 daughters, 1 son, and 4 grandchildren, 2 in NYC and 2 here in Miami. I have been practicing pediatrics for 39 years, long enough to be a “grand-pediatrician” many times over. I enjoy telling young high school athletes when I do preparticipation physicals that I played lacrosse, and wrestled in college. They all wonder how a gray-haired balding person could possibly have done that. Take great pleasure in travelling around the world, (not in one trip) and seeing and photographing some amazing sights. I take great pride in maintaining close relationships with my Brandeis friends, and miss Eli Segal and Rishon Bialer tremendously. I have wonderful memories of Brandeis and cherish those memories. I remember the interview I had in NYC with Benny Friedman, the AD at the time for a football “scholarship”. I think he knew when he interviewed me that Brandeis was about to drop football. When I got the news, literally, reading the NY Times on my way to high school I was shocked and dismayed. As a result, I wasted a good part of my first semester, unsuccessfully rallying for the reinstatement of football. Probably saved my life and ensured success in becoming a physician. I went from academic probation to Dean’s list from freshman to sophomore year and was able to regain my self-confidence. A major factor in this transformation was Dr. Robert Stevenson who flunked me and then gave me a 2nd chance and an A in general chemistry. He then went ahead and wrote my recommendation for my med school applications.

After graduation, I attended George Washington Univ. Med School, withdrew after one semester, went to Bologna Italy for the next year and then returned to GW where I successfully earned my MD degree. Another example of good luck and second chances. I did my internship and residency in Pediatrics, at Montefiore Hosp. in The Bronx near my home so a sort of return to the womb. Next, 2 years in the Army at Ft. McClellan in Anniston Alabama, a very rewarding professional experience. Fortunately, there was no great need for pediatricians in Viet Nam. Married Leslie in 1970 and we just celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary. Then moved to Miami, was Chief Resident in Pediatrics at the Univ. Miami, and started my practice which continues to this day. For the first 5 years I was on staff at the Univ. Miami medical school and directed and taught in the Pediatric ER at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

As my career winds down, I still enjoy my work but am disenchanted with the bureaucracy that medicine has become. I’ve seen the virtual disappearance of measles, mumps, German measles, and chickenpox along with several forms of bacterial meningitis thanks to immunizations. Unfortunately they have been replaced by AIDS, Kawasaki’s disease and autism among others. I clearly remember when dementia was called senility and Alzheimer’s disease barely made it into the index of medical textbooks. I’m in awe of molecular genetic advances and the ability to treat genetic diseases. I remember taking genetics with Dr. Kelner when it was mostly fruit flies and Punnett squares. I also remember the infancy of computers, when the machines took up whole rooms and were mostly cards that had to be programmed manually. Our mindless toys that we were easily addicted to were pinball machines and rotary phones and party lines were commonplace. I could go on and on, (I already have) but you can read more when my book, “Not In A Million Years” is published.

I’m sorry I can’t attend the reunion but would like to send my regards to my classmates and friends. Congratulations on making it this far. It occurs to me now that I am 70 that I may have reached the half-way point. I still have lots to do and am thankful that I’m here to talk about my years since we graduated from Brandeis.



# Sydney Pearlman

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

Since leaving Brandeis I have experienced some of the best things the world has to offer. My husband, Michael, and I have two children, Marc and Elizabeth who have gone onto successes of their own in life and work. Elizabeth is married and we have a delightful granddaughter to share our travels and adventures. During these past 50 years we raised our family, enjoyed our home (for many years in Lexington MA, now Waltham!), and our house in Cape Cod. We have and continue to travel extensively, both overseas and within the United States - for Michael's work,

our pleasure and visiting friends made over the course of the years. Although I left school without a specific career path in mind, I was able to find and enjoy a meaningful career, eventually becoming the Director of Administration for a commercial real estate firm. As a young couple, we joined and became active in our local synagogue. I had the pleasure of serving the community in several leadership roles, including Temple President. The passing on of our core Jewish values and the encouragement of Jewish continuity in our diverse universe engages us now.



# David Phillips



## Life since Brandeis ...

After graduating Brandeis and law school, I clerked with a judge for one year and then spent two years in Seoul, South Korea on a fellowship both teaching law and doing other law and development work. I then practiced law in New York for about 2 1/2 years before returning to teaching, first at Boston University for 12 years and then at Northeastern University since 1985. My primary teaching assignments have been first year Contracts and both Corporations and Secured Transactions as upper class courses. For brief stints, I have been a visiting professor at both the University of Virginia and University of Michigan law schools, and a visiting research professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

When my wife Debbie died at the beginning of 1989, my life turned to raising our three children, then 13, 10, and 6. Today they and my grandchildren are the pride of my life. My daughter Aliza, now 38, completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at the New School in New York, and recently moved with her family to Boston. She has 3 children, Hannah and Naomi, who are 7, and Nathaniel, who was born last July. Aliza's husband, Ira, is a writer. Noah, my son who's 35, is a lawyer with the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington. His wife, Sarah, is Director of Development and Humanitarian Assistance at the White House, and Noah and Sarah have Dalia, who will turn 3 in July. My youngest child, Judith, got married over a year ago to Gene Dolgin; Judith is a lawyer and Gene is a management consultant.

Besides doing work and spending time with family, I've tried to remain active in Jewish life and make fairly frequent trips to Israel where many of my relatives live. In addition to my home in Newton, I have a home on Martha's Vineyard, where I frequently see Jon Harris. The two Brandeis friends with whom I've remained in closest contact are Mark Donowitz, and his wife Jackie, and Larry and Kathy Goldman (Larry graduated the year before we did; Kathy was in our class).

Looking back at my experience at Brandeis, I really do think that those years were probably the most formative of my life. True, like many of you, I might have taken a few different courses or even majored in a different subject, but I was really "blown away" in a positive way by the intellectual atmosphere of the school. This was especially the case for me, having come from a relatively non-competitive high school on the outskirts of Trenton, NJ, where only a small percentage of students went to college. I was amazed by the students in our class at Brandeis, and continue to be amazed by your many accomplishments.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

John Roche, who was my thesis advisor (Legal Status of the Communist Party). I think that I became closest to Roche in part because he seemed less an idealogue than certain other professors in the Politics department and evinced more of a pragmatist attitude towards politics and life. That seemed to suit my own taste of not wanting to be defined at either end of the political spectrum.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

As I mentioned in the longer description, I've spent a fair time in Israel and am constantly concerned about it. I've served at various times as the faculty adviser to both an undergraduate Israel group and a law school group. I'm also a faculty member of something called the Israel Campus Coalition, along with faculty at many other universities. The BDS movement has unfortunately become strong on college campuses, and students are getting a very distorted view of Israel. Israel, with all its problems and flaws, is an amazing country with extraordinary accomplishments in its short history. I pray that a way can be found to have a viable two-state solution so that Israel can get beyond the present depiction of it, however misguided, among some American students, both Jewish and non-Jewish.







# Amy Louise Steinberg Pollack



## Life since Brandeis ...

I left Brandeis in 1964 with a major in Art History and honors in Graphics. My recent works include illustrations for publications of the Stevens Institute of Technology's College of Arts and Letters. In addition to illustrating various publications, I enjoy making soft sculptures, t-shirts designs, quilts and collages.

The Course of Nature, a book I have co-authored with my husband, Robert Pollack, has been used as a reading in the Columbia College core course, Frontiers of Science.

Having to consider Brandeis and the past, I can see it had a large impact upon me. Thank you Brandeis University!

Photo Captions:

-In Vermont with Luna Moth (2013)

-My husband, Bob, and I at the Arts Initiative at Columbia University Art and Science Show (2012)

-One Woman Show in the Mary Lasker Building at Columbia University Medical Center

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I was a graduate of Cooper Union, my husband, of Columbia College, when we attended Brandeis. He was going for a Ph.D. in Biology and I was an undergraduate in Fine Arts. I am grateful for the scholarship from Brandeis and the chance for an education after years in the arts; first at the High School of Music and Art and then Cooper Union. I remember a professor at Cooper Union telling me I could never do it. I did it and made the Dean's List.

As a married student I was in the minority. To supplement my scholarship, I worked in a lab. I was taught how to use a centrifuge to make ribosomes from yeast. This marriage for me of science and art and my marriage to my scientist husband has served us both. I am able to illustrate his lectures at Columbia University and make difficult concepts easier to grasp for those visual thinkers.

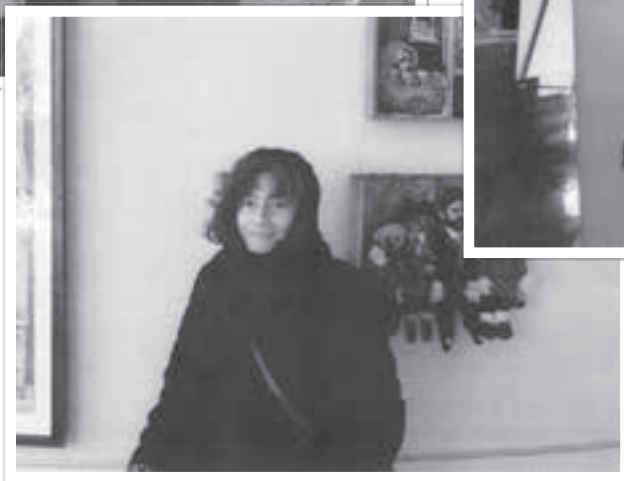
## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

My memories of the past are pretty piecemeal. I didn't live in the dorms, instead a few rooms with my husband and cat in Waltham.

We did have a large car that we bought for \$25. We drove this dark green monster to classes until it refused to ever drive in reverse.

I remember freezing in swimming class and diving into the deep end of the pool. The instructor assured us that we would bob up. It was a hell of a teaching. We were able to ice skate on the campus pond in the winter. It was calm and beautiful.

My honors in Graphics meant a lot to me. The large woodcuts I had worked on were publicly displayed and my visiting family was able to see my art.





# Vicky Postal



## Life since Brandeis ...

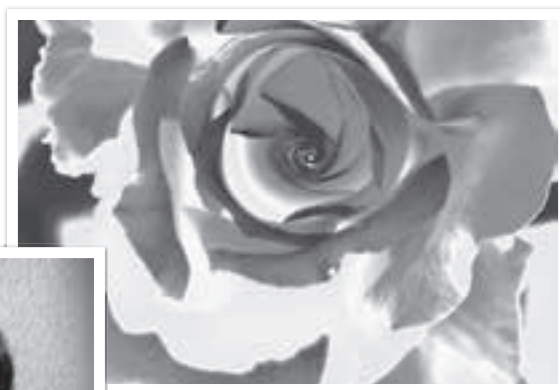
Whirlwind condensation--lived in Massachusetts, California, White Plains, NY, Rome, Italy, and Henderson Nevada currently. Taught elementary school, art, French, became a work at home mom (one daughter, Dana), was a craftsperson for 20 years in spare time, worked with my husband in his accounting practice, and did a lot of singing and taking of photos at every opportunity. Still not retired. Having fun with my barbershop chorus and quartet traveling and competing with them. Whew. That's it.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

It's always been music and photography. I currently am singing with a Regional Champion Sweet Adeline chorus here in Las Vegas, Celebrity City Chorus and also sing Baritone (women's) in a quartet, Tonality. We compete, travel, sing for the public and have a great learning experience while singing 4-part a capella harmonies. I have also sung in classical choruses, including the Byzantine Russian chorus at Harvard, and the Westchester Choral Society in White Plains, New York. Am an avid photographer, lived in Rome, Italy for 6 years so had plenty of fantastic photo ops to keep me busy. I am a word buff, appeared on Wheel of Fortune, Scrabble and \$25,000 Pyramid and managed to win on all three shows. Yay. Find me on FB to play Words with Friends or Hanging with Friends.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

I clearly remember watching the aurora borealis over Hamilton Quad on my 17th birthday. I have never seen the northern lights since then. Lots of other great memories from that period of life before the world came crashing in on us.



# Jeffrey Poster

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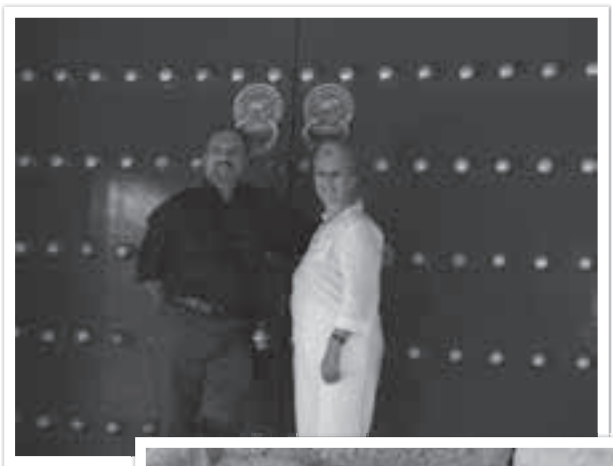


## Life since Brandeis ...

I went into the Naval Reserve immediately after graduation and then got an M.P.A. with a concentration in Health Care Administration from Cornell. I returned to school 10 years later and got a J.D. from Suffolk University in 1981. I practiced law in California from '82 to '95 and then went to Texas as the trailing spouse of my wife Liz (we were married in 1973) who had taken a position as Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington.

In Texas, I changed my practice from litigation to dispute resolution, and mediated and arbitrated both domestically and internationally until 2013; I became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2011. Unfortunately, because of confidentiality rules, I can't write about the details of the many interesting cases I mediated and arbitrated. In 2013, Liz stepped down as dean and I formally retired. We had purchased a home in the Dordogne region of France in November of 2012, and after the usual incomplete renovations, moved into it in June 2013.

We are living in a village of fewer than 2700 people. It is located some 65 miles to the southeast of Bordeaux. There are many Anglophones here, which is helpful as my French is limited and we have been too busy to do much studying. We never imagined retirement would be so much work, with a lot of traveling included of course. We are greatly enjoying our life in France, and anticipate a long and healthy retirement in the midst of vineyards and prune orchards.







# Joan Federman Priver

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## Life since Brandeis ...

Fifty years sounds like such a long time but it went by so fast.

I've been married to Arthur for nearly 48 years. We have 3 daughters, two sons-in-law, and 3 grandsons. They all live nearby which is a pleasure. Our grandsons are growing up so quickly. They are 10, 12, and 15 years old.

After graduation I did research at Tufts Medical Center for 4 years. Then with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education, I entered the education field.

I taught pre-school for 11 years and elementary school for 19 years. Three years ago I retired and now volunteer in 1st grade and tutor an adult in English. I'm enjoying a more relaxed life which includes traveling, reading, baking, photography, and being with family and friends. Life has been very good to me and my family.





# Arnie Reisman



## Life since Brandeis ...

Spent a career in journalism in print, radio and tv. For three years, I ran BOSTON AFTER DARK, the alternative weekly that became the BOSTON PHOENIX. Did documentaries for PBS and ABC. Won Oscar nomination for Best Documentary, HOLLYWOOD ON TRIAL, 1977. Did PBS 20th anniversary film special on the Moon landing and the Apollo Astronauts, THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON, 1989. Last national broadcast was for PBS, THE POWDER & THE GLORY told the story fo the 50-year business rivalry of Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden and how they created the global cosmetics industry. At present this film is being developed as a Broadway musical. Since 1996, I and my wife have been regular panelists on NPR's SAYS YOU!, the weekly comedy quiz show. In April, 2011, we moved full-time to Martha's Vineyard where I now contribute a regular column to the Vineyard Gazette and started a late-in-life career writing plays. When I feel like ranting, I write for the Huffington Post. The rest of the time I am writing plays.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

Thanks to the Brandeis concept of social justice, I have been a dedicated card-carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union. I've spent several years as a board member of the ACLU in Massachusetts and since 2006, I have chaired their annual Bill of Rights fundraising dinner, which attracts an average of 800 people each spring. I strongly believe in the mission of the ACLU. Knowledge through social justice has motivated me through just about all my choices during my career and my actions.

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

In short, I believe I am still the person molded at Brandeis. We do not grow up, we just grow old.





# Barbara Lambert Reynolds



## Life since Brandeis ...

I am privileged to have built a financially comfortable life with a devoted, kind and funny husband of 30 years, 2 natural & 4 step children and 9 grands. Absent any of the major chronic diseases, Charlie and I have had the freedom to travel (56 countries), develop friendships and pursue academic (OLLI), artistic and political interests

Early on, political involvement, first via League of Women Voters and then holding local elective office saved me from the suburban 2 car 2 kid family life that my own Midwest, middle class upbringing inclined me to chose. Following several years as a working single mother and obtaining degrees in Urban and Financial Planning, I joined my new husband in his construction related consultancy. (We didn't want children together or a dog so sharing a business seemed a good idea). Running a small business suits me well because of the range of challenges it presents.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

I was submerged at home with 2 infants and an a-political partner during the height of the Vietnam protests which I missed. I was able to act locally, however, helping develop and obtain funding for a youth health clinic (pregnancy prevention and abortion referral) and aslo community day care center which was 'controversial at the time, creating as it would an opportunity for mother's to 'dump their kids in order to play tennis or go shopping.' I was also the first 'non-establishment' woman to obtain local office.

With greater personal freedom in later years, I actively protest the possibility of an Iraq war in DC and NYC, and helped develop the local anti Iraq war movement here in Chicago.

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

My Brandeis roommate, Beverly Wall who died 20 years ago unfortunately, got me interested in exercising which I have done ever since graduating. No jock but in consistently okay shape which has served me well but does take a fair amount of one's time every week.

I have always pursued a craft hobby, ceramics immediately after graduating and now hot glass. I have a 'room of my own' in the Fine Arts Building in downtown Chicago. It is both a challenging and meditative experience.







Arthur Rosenfield

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# Andrea Saiet

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After living and teaching on Chicago's North Shore for over thirty years, I retired and moved to southern California. It is hard to be too introspective here when sunshine continually beckons you outside, so suffice to say that it has been a happy move. Life is filled with family - most especially grandchildren, friends, flowers, music, books, theatre, and lots of little travels.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis has always been important in my life. Although I transferred there and only spent two years on campus, it was truly one of my best decisions. I still value its intellectual challenge, the friendships, and the social conscience it awakened. It was also the place where I was married.





# John Saxe-Fernandez

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After a first marriage and teaching engagements at Hofstra University and California State University I came to live in Mexico accepting a professorship at UNAM, where I met my partner Teresa, now my wife for over 30 years. We Both teach at UNAM and engage in publishing articles and books and intensive teaching and research. We live near the woods of a national park called "Desierto de los leones" where we have raised a family: Our son Juan Sebastián just turned 21 years old, and our daughter Zulay who is going to turn 20 years old in July. From my first marriage I have a 45 year old son, Emiliano and two grandsons. For a description of my work you can go to my blog: [www.jsaxef.blogspot.com](http://www.jsaxef.blogspot.com)

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Brandeis is a place where I have some of my deepest and fondest remembrances. Indeed Herbert Marcuse's performances as teacher, author and social actor stands in first line for his ethical postures regarding the war in Vietnam and characterizing 20th century's mass society and dangers of general war. Morrie Schwartz and Arthur Vidich stand as an equally permanent presence. With Vidich I became engaged in writing an editorial work at the Journal of Politics Culture and Society in New York and in Mexico. Thanks to Morrie Stein I went to work at the department of sociology and anthropology at Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I have recorded Brandeis and Lawrence Wien's International Fellowship Program impact which have been life-changing experiences, in several of my books and in a special piece "Marcuse: Recuerdos y vivencias" published on August 5, 2004 at "La Jornada" (a national newspaper where I write a column).







# Roberta Breslof Shafter

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## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

1. That I managed to raise two children who I would really want to know even if they weren't related to me.

2. That I found a profession (social work, psychotherapy, psychoanalysis) that has never ceased to engage me with new things to learn, teach, and research--and almost never has felt like "work".

3. That I finally was awarded my PhD, at an age when I was entitled to receive Social Security. I did it while running both a child mental health program and a private practice--and with the help of forty-plus years of technological advances and life experience, it was a hell of a lot easier than anything I ever did at Brandeis.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I would have to say that there isn't a part of my current self that *doesn't* have its roots in the unique experience of being at Brandeis in the early sixties--a time and place where we valued the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and earnestly believed that the world was going to keep changing for the better. An ability to think critically (which seems to be the first thing almost all of us mention), a cynicism towards orthodoxies of all kinds, a need to go beyond the obvious, an ability to appreciate the arts in many forms and manifestations--and, in the interest of full disclosure, a lifelong affinity for crafts accessories and ethnic jewelry.





# George Sher



## Life since Brandeis ...

When I left Brandeis, I enrolled in the philosophy graduate program at Columbia with the aim of finding out whether I had what it takes to be a professional philosopher. To my pleasant surprise, I found out that I did, so that's what I became and am. I've taught the subject since 1966, for eight years at Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey, for seventeen years at the University of Vermont, and since 1991 at Rice University in Houston as Herbert S. Autrey Professor. I like teaching and love writing. I wrote articles until the mid-eighties and then switched mostly to books. Those tend to take me about five years each, and the latest, entitled *Equality for Inegalitarians*, will be published by Cambridge in August. I'll spare you the rest of the vita.

In 1972 I married Emily Fox Gordon, also a writer, and we've been together ever since. I hope at least some readers of this report have read at least some of her books (*Mockingbird Years*, *Are You Happy?*, *It Will Come to Me*, *Book of Days*). We both enjoy living in Houston, which manages to be both an underappreciated cosmopolitan city and a friendly comfortable low-density place. We have one daughter, Sally, now thirty-one, and one granddaughter, Emma, who is five: they live in upstate New York and we visit them regularly.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

Two good memories:

1. the wonderful music at the coffee house and in the Cambridge/Boston area--in retrospect, a parade of folkie all-stars and all-stars-to-be.
2. two years of off-campus living with fun housemates whom I won't embarrass by naming them.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Philip Rahv taught me that I wasn't cut out for the study of English. The well-earned D he gave me on a paper steered me away from what would have been a disastrously wrong career path. Herbert Marcuse taught the first philosophy course I took, as a first semester freshman, and nearly managed to kill my budding interest in the subject. David Sacks, my second-semester teacher, restored that interest; his acid sensibility was the perfect antidote to Marcuse's ponderous self-importance. Fred Sommers gave me a model of what original philosophical work looks like when I was a junior and senior. Other faculty members who made a lasting impression are John (?) Matthews of the theater arts department, the play doctor (that is, someone who fixes up defective scripts, not someone who plays at being a doctor); I. Milton Sacks, fun to listen to; Murray Sachs, a nice man; and Joe Murphy, the perpetually overworked politics/philosophy instructor who seemed to teach about a hundred courses a year.





# Doris Yaffe Shiffman



## Life since Brandeis ...

Brandeis has always had a strong influence in my life. I entered our class from Malden, Massachusetts, a child of immigrant parents who sent two daughters there. After visiting my sister at Brandeis, I knew that that was where I would go to college. At Brandeis, after enjoying the welcoming hurricane, I became immersed in learning to think about the world in new ways as I listened to debates on Eichmann and Castro, to Professor Hinkley's prediction of what was to come in Vietnam, and to my floormate from India performing in progressive theater.

Although I began college as an English major, I changed to Political Science so that I could meet the course requirements for the Hiatt program in Israel. Our first course there was at Ulpan Etzion, whose fellow students coming from countries as diverse as Mongolia, South Africa, and Morocco later gave me ideas for my first practice teaching assignment, teaching international high school students in 1965 when no special curriculum for English as a second language students existed, even in Oakland, California. At that time I was a graduate student in education at UC Berkeley, where Brandeis's demonstrations (Who can forget the door-left-opened policy.) made me comfortable with the culture of Berkeley and the Free Speech Movement, which began four weeks after I arrived.

Back in Boston in 1969, after teaching in California and a second extended stay in Israel, I worked as a research assistant at Brandeis while awaiting the birth of my first son. In 1973, I moved to Baltimore, where my husband began his career as a mathematics professor at Johns Hopkins University, and in a few years, now with two children, I went back to school to earn a Master's degree to teach English as a second language.

I then taught at Towson University until I got a dream job of coordinating and teaching in Hopkins' new international TA training program. Although my education at Brandeis had not prepared me for the vocabulary of circuits and linear algebra, I was not afraid to critique my students' teaching practices, having been taught by TAs in introductory biology and physics sections at Brandeis.

I continued at Hopkins for 21 years until my retirement 3 years ago. I have been president of the Maryland Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages association (MDTESOL) and received a lifetime achievement award from that organization upon my retirement.

Retirement has now sent me in a different direction. I have taken workshops on the natural environment as well as a Master Gardener course so that I can volunteer at a nature center and an arboretum in Baltimore and, in the summer, at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.

With my husband, MIT, Class of 1964, I will be shuttling back and forth for our two 50th reunions taking place on the same weekend. Our two sons, one an employment lawyer in Manhattan, and the other, a professor at the Tisch School for the Arts at NYU, have given us 3 delightful grandchildren with a 4th expected, maybe even during the reunion weekend.

I am looking forward to our reunion to spend time with classmates, some of whom have been friends for 50+ years. This coming fall my husband will visit Columbia University for his sabbatical. If you live in or near Manhattan, it would be fun to meet to reminisce, this time maybe about our reunion.

Addendum: the 4th picture on my page is of some of the Hiatt students with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.







# Seung-il Shin



## Life since Brandeis ...

It was a brilliant September day in 1962, when I first arrived at Brandeis as a Wien student and became part of the class of 1964 in our junior year. During my very first semester at Brandeis, I met Susan Sandler '64 at Frank Manuel's European intellectual history class. We married the year after we graduated, and shared a long and happy life together, literally a gift from Brandeis. Therefore we have always felt a special sense of gratitude to our alma mater. It was of course quite rare at that time for an American girl from a small town in Michigan, the heart of the Midwest, to marry a Wien student from a far-away land, Korea. And I am sure it was not part of the original plan when the Wien program was established by Lawrence Wien and President Abram Sachar in 1958.

After Brandeis, Susan went to Harvard to get a doctorate in East Asian languages and history, while I stayed on at Brandeis to enter the graduate program in biochemistry. I then got a postdoctoral position at Leiden University in the Netherlands, and we moved to Europe (This was at the height of the Vietnam War, and we both wanted to be far away from the guilt-generating scene). After Leiden, I went to work briefly at the National Institute for Medical Research in London, before finally joining the newly-opened Basel Institute for Immunology in Switzerland. Europe was an idyllic place for us, beautiful and peaceful, far from the turbulent atmosphere of America in those years.

In late 1972, we returned to the US because I accepted a faculty position at the genetics department of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Susan completed her Ph.D. thesis on medieval Korean history, and began her teaching career at Long Island University.

I left academia in 1984 to start a US-Korea biotech company, where one major project was to develop an affordable hepatitis B vaccine for the global market. This move from the academia to industry proved to be just the first of many career changes for me. In 1992, I became a senior UN officer and led a program to establish the International Vaccine Institute under the sponsorship of UNDP. The Institute eventually located in Korea following an international competition, and I moved to Seoul to direct it for 5 years. I retired from the UN, and joined an international team in San Francisco working on AIDS vaccine development. My last assignment was organizing a new biotech company in Korea to manufacture genetically engineered biological medicines.

After living in many places on three different continents, Susan and I finally settled down "permanently" in 1998 in Greenbrae, a small town in Marin County just north of San Francisco. We quickly fell in love with northern California, with its sunny weather, abundant open spaces and the wild and beautiful Pacific coast. But, after a tough battle with ovarian cancer, Susan passed away in 2009. Two of Susan's life-long passions were fighting for social justice and supporting nature conservation. These were of course imprints of our shared Brandeis experiences.

After Susan passed away, I retired from formal positions and moved back to Seoul, my childhood home town. My son and his family still live in Marin County, giving me reasons for frequent visits to California.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I cannot imagine what my life would have been like if I had not gone to Brandeis. Brandeis education opened the whole intellectual world to me -- through the courses I took in history of ideas, German literature, music history, and, above all, the sciences. From Brandeis I acquired the foundation for my later career as a professional scientist. But more than any of these things, at Brandeis I met a classmate, Susan Sandler, whom I would marry and share a long happy life together.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

Brandeis experience made me acutely aware of the larger issues of civil rights and social justice within the context of US history, which was outside my own earlier education and culture tradition as I came to Brandeis as a foreign student.

The Vietnam War, which I considered was wrong and unjust on the part of the US, was to me a cause of profound disappointment for the US foreign policy, and my new wife, Susan Sandler '64, and I decided to seek our first jobs outside the US.





# Elaine Hershoff Shindel

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## **Share your fondest Brandeis memory**

Making lasting friendships.

Participating in the Hiatt Institute Program in Israel.

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

Different- I became Shomer Shabbos, which continues to enrich my life.

Same- Hopefully, I've kept a sense of humor.

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# Stephen E. Slaner

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## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

As a member of SDS since 1960, I knew that some kind of change was in the works. By the time I graduated from Brandeis, the civil rights movement was part of my life: I had demonstrated, spoken to my Congressman, and gone on the 1963 March on Washington (with Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech). Little did I know that the antiwar movement would pick up steam and become the dominant movement of the '60s. Another Brandeis graduate, Abbie Hoffman, anticipated the convergence of the political radicals and the hippies. I didn't exactly fit in with the hippies, but I admired some aspects of the counterculture and its utopian ideals. The problem with America, as I saw it, was that we were stuck with an outmoded political and economic system at a time when ecology and rationality converged to say "enough!" In fact, I still like the slogan of the French students in 1968: "Soyez realiste, demandez l'impossible."

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

For sure, Herbert Marcuse, with whom I had the great privilege of studying. I took his classes in Greek Political Thought, Marxism, and the Warfare State, and wrote an Honors Thesis on the radical wing of the French Enlightenment. As a reasonably bright student from New York City, I thought I knew a lot, but studying with Marcuse made me realize how much I *didn't* know. I remember arguing with him in class (which most students were reluctant to do, maybe because of his Germanic manner) about American foreign policy, and a year later Vietnam made me realize that he had been right all along. More importantly, his philosophical perspective helped me integrate Marx and Freud into my own *weltanschauung* and influenced my subsequent college teaching. I will be forever indebted to him. I must also acknowledge the intellectual brilliance and dynamism of Frank Manuel, whose teaching was a model of passion, integrity, and scholarship.







# Linda Gotthelf Stroms



## Life since Brandeis ...

Brandeis gave me a wonderful foundation. I went on to complete my Master's Degree at City University of New York, taught high school, then taught at a community college. For the past twenty years, I have been teaching English at SUNY Orange in Middletown, New York, as well as coordinating the adjuncts and running the college's writing center. This year, I will finally retire.

I have a 44 year old son, Jonathan, a lecturer at Morgan State University in Baltimore--teaching English, carrying on the liberal arts tradition.

I have had a good life--married twice--presently to a wonderful man, with whom I plan to spend more time, now that I am retiring!

I have good memories of my years at Brandeis, having made some good friends there! I had some wonderful teachers who taught me how to read critically. I still remember the structure of a symphony (my music class) and how presidents move toward the center (my western civilization class). John Van Doren taught me how to read poetry. And how could I forget Philip Rahv, who taught 19th century American Literature--a Russian with a Bachelor's degree! What a great teacher--although I remember getting to class early so I could sit in the front of the room to hear the lecture, because Professor Rahv spoke softly! Finally, I think Brandeis gave me a world view--a concern for social justice-- that has stayed with me well all of these years.

One memory: the closed door march: to close the dormitory doors when we had "visitors." I remember walking behind the students who actually carried a door! Ah, the sixties!

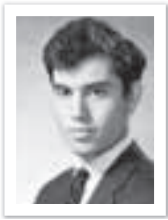
## How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

I am older and wiser than I was then, and a bit less shy. Classroom teaching has done that for me. In important ways, I have not changed--I still love the classroom (will take a course in retirement if I can), love traveling and meeting new people. I have a strong belief in social justice, which came from my family, but also from my years at Brandeis--my professors, my friends, the cultural activities (Pete Seeger and Joan Baez!), and, of course, the 60's and 70's!!

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My greatest achievements: The generations of students I have taught to read, write, and think! Also, my son, and my happy marriage!





# Murray Suid

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

Brandeis must have reinforced my love of work. I continue to be employed 50 years after graduation. Currently, my day job is editing MobileMovieMaking, an online magazine devoted to shooting video using smartphones and tablets. My night job is writing screenplays. I've had one script produced and several optioned. I also write books, most recently Words of a Feather. My current book project is Engineering Your Life, a self-help guide, which I probably need more than the average person.

In the 1980s, I taught writing at the college level. Although my formal teaching days are gone, I am much involved in the education of my three grandkids who live next door and who are being homeschooled. My effort in this regard has led me back to many topics I explored at Brandeis, including calculus and Plato.

The most significant development in my post-Brandeis life is my marriage, which began April 1, 1967, and which has steadily improved.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Richard Jones, a psychology professor, was my greatest influence. He taught me how to think creatively, and he motivated me to become a teacher.

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

I haven't changed much, but I am more confident.

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# Edward Sukenick

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## **What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?**

Hopefully growing up rather than merely older; acquiring an ability to examine someone, or something, outside my own biases; accepting, sometimes painfully, my limits and strengths as a husband, father and professional; having been convinced what I would wind up doing in life was what I disliked the least, only to discover work that I love and find so fulfilling; I hope to never retire from doing it - practising psychoanalytic psychotherapy. I have been further blessed a with very happy marriage. I have acquired through my professional experience an abundance of knowledge. Two examples are: the truth shall set you free - but first it's going to piss you off and for every complex problem there is a simple answer - and it is always wrong.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

All who instilled in me the realization I had the capacity to think and the confidence to figure out where to pursue it.





# Marilyn Epstein Susman

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## Life since Brandeis ...

Life has been good, though not without challenges. My work has been and continues to be exciting and satisfying. I taught counseling psychology, first at the University of Florida, then for 35 years, at Loyola University Chicago. I taught masters and doctoral students and did research on the Inner Experiences of Therapists and on Couple Resilience across Cultures. I was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Malaysia ('97) and in Cyprus ('03). In 2013, I was a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Indonesia. My international work has been a highlight of my career. It was the impetus for my developing a not for profit, Crossing the Border, where a professional team developed and implemented projects in education and mental health. I currently have a private practice of psychology, do supervision of graduate students and continue to collaborate with colleagues in Malaysia, Cyprus and Indonesia to train mental health professionals. I am married to Gary Auerbach, who is an attorney in Chicago. I have a son (Andrew Susman) and a step daughter (Lisa Anne Auerbach). Both are a delight. They each march to their own drummer as 'only children' often do. Andrew has developed a new media business and Lisa is an artist (Her work is currently in the Whitney Biennial). My original family is still in Boston. My 96 year old mother still lives in the house in Medford, where I grew up. She is remarkable, going to the "square" by taxi more days than not, for lunch and to "do errands". Gary and I have a home in Carbondale, Colorado, near Aspen, and love to be outdoors, skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. We are fortunate to be in cities, both winter and summer, with extraordinary cultural opportunities. We love to go to the opera, to symphony, to art museums and galleries and theater.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Abraham Maslow had a major impact on my life. For those of you who were in his classes, you may remember that we all had to keep a journal. At one of our individual sessions, Maslow said, casually, "I think you might benefit from therapy". I took his advice and began a journey of self discovery that took a "few years". It was his focus on positive psychology (as it is called today) that impacted my choice of counseling psychology as a specialty. My teaching, practice and research all benefit from his ideas-- what he called "self actualization" and what is now termed "flourishing". His emphasis on authenticity has influenced me both personally and professionally.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

Reflecting back to my time at Brandeis, I have many fond memories: my classes; working in the Public Affairs office and meeting many visiting professors; my volunteer work at McClain Hospital, which was a prelude to my work in the area of mental health; but mostly my friendships, which continue to be very meaningful. Living in Chicago, I have been fortunate to continue to connect with many in our class through birthday parties, at first held every 5 years, now every year. I also remain close to Renana Robkin Kadden and Carol Bassuk Koplan. Our monthly conference calls are nurturing. I look forward to rekindling many more of my old friendships at the reunion.





# Bob (Hock G) Tjoa

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After grad school at Harvard, I taught at the University of Malaya for 8 years then went to UCLA to get an MBA. I worked at Chase Bank then joined a client and endured various buyouts and acquisitions before retiring. We stayed in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada; our two daughters have left the nest, and Alexis and I keep occupied with various volunteer activities. She does genealogy and historical archives while I have turned to community theater and writing (Amazon page under Hock Guan Tjoa, occasional blogger at [hockgtjoa.blogspot.com](http://hockgtjoa.blogspot.com)). Still in occasional touch with classmates including my senior year roommate Ira.





# Stephen Ugelow

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## Life since Brandeis ...

Marya and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary this year. We both retired from careers in Emergency Medicine(Steve)/ Clinical Pharmacist (Marya) in 2002. We continue to live in Hawaii but travel a great deal: fishing in Alaska, skiing in Utah, family visits to Pittsfield MA. Last year we toured Ireland, this year Sicily- looking for Ulysses.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My 30 year career in emergency medicine.

## Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?

Biology Professor Philip St. John. He was my senior research advisor and we did research on *Trypanosoma cruzi* - the agent of Chagas disease. On the other side of the equation was Humanities Professor Alan Levitan whose dynamic classroom sparked my interest in classic literature.







# Stephanie Leavitt Ventura



## Life since Brandeis ...

Just before graduation, I was extremely fortunate to be offered a full fellowship by The Population Council for study at Penn. I gratefully accepted it. This led me into population studies where I have been my entire professional life, plus I met my future husband Jack Ventura at the Wharton Library at Penn! During my years at Brandeis, I always felt completely inadequate and in over my head. But luckily for me, one opportunity led to another, and I feel now that my Brandeis experience was the essential foundation. My political and social views until then were largely shaped by my conservative, small-town New England background, although over the last couple of decades or so, I appreciate more than ever that my Mom quietly instilled progressive ideals in me and my siblings. The staid, traditional upbringing got mixed with the progressive, always “challenge authority” message from my Shapiro Hall dorm mates and other classmates, and pushed me to think about everything in altogether new ways. My husband Jack contributed immensely over the years to these changes.

After our oldest son was born I was extensively involved in programs for children with developmental disabilities (Danny is profoundly retarded), and for many years I edited a newsletter for the Association for Retarded Citizens. We have another son, Jerry, who lives in the San Francisco area and our daughter Marcia teaches fifth grade in Seattle. Marcia and her partner Wendy Hueners married in 2010 and Wendy gave birth in June 2012 to an amazingly adorable baby boy Atticus. We have been traveling to Seattle at least every two months since Atty was born. He is a real joy and we love the time we are together, though we are not as fond of the plane trips!

In the decades since graduating from Brandeis, I've had a

wonderful career as a demographer (a field that was relatively new back in the 1960s), and have done a lot of research and writing on reproductive health issues including teen pregnancy, nonmarital births, delayed childbearing, and Hispanic fertility. In August 2013 I retired as chief of the Reproductive Statistics Branch (RSB) at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in the Washington DC area. My career at NCHS extended 48 years; it's amazing to think that I stayed with the same organization from graduate school forward. As chief of RSB I headed up a program collecting and analyzing national fertility data from birth certificates and the National Survey of Family Growth...I could never have predicted this 50 years ago! I am now back at NCHS on a part-time basis, working on some long-running research projects.

My husband Jack retired after 45 years as an economist with the Department of Transportation, starting out at what used to be known as the Interstate Commerce Commission. Coincidentally, Jack has his 50th reunion from Columbia coming up, about two weeks before our Brandeis reunion. Now that we are both retired (more or less), we're hoping to do more traveling in the years ahead (in addition to Seattle). We've had some great trips, mostly exploring Jack's “roots,” including traveling on a B'nai B'rith mission to Cuba where we visited his family's last residence which later became the Turkish embassy and then the Guatemalan embassy, the Sephardic synagogue his parents worked so hard to build, and other places. We also traveled to Spain, Turkey, and Israel to retrace the excursions of Jack's family and other Sephardic Jews. We're hoping to do more exploring soon. I am thrilled to be attending this reunion and look forward to catching up.





# Susan Joan Russian Waldman



## Life since Brandeis ...

Highlights of my life since graduation in 1964 must include marrying Ned in September, 1965; adopting our son, Jason, in October, 1969; and moving into our home in Randolph, NJ in November, 1969.

My first job after graduation, as a buyer-trainee for Petrie Stores in Manhattan's Garment District, was short-lived. I was fired for being "too nice." After that I worked two years for New York Life in the Empire State Building. Two years of commuting to New York from Passaic, NJ was enough for me so I went to work for a Shell Oil jobber whose office was in an apartment building across the street from our apartment. Goodbye commute!

After moving to Randolph in 1969, I was a stay-at-home mom until Jason started Kindergarten and then went to work part-time as office manager for an insurance broker in Morristown. I moved into full-time work at the Mennen Company in the Trademarks Department and then as a Bid Specialist in the Special Markets Department. After almost eight years I left Mennen and joined CNA Insurance in their regional office as an Administrative Assistant to the Underwriting Manager. I was "downsized" in October, 1994, and Ned convinced me to retire with him.

In the mid 1980's I joined the National Organization for Women, Morris County Chapter -- my introduction to political activism. Time to make up for drifting through the politics of the 1960's. I held many offices, including President for two separate two-year terms. I was also active in NOW-NJ, serving as Administrative Vice President and as a member of the NOW-NJ Political Action Committee for many years.

Volunteering actually began in the early 1980's, starting with the Spence-Chapin adoption agency. Over the years my volunteer resumé expanded to four pages. I worked for many organizations, often as an officer, including Hadassah; the NJ Coalition for Democracy, organized by People for the American Way; the Black and Latino Action Coalition (Neighborhood House, Morristown); the National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section; the Women's Fund of New Jersey; the Morris County Human Relations Commission; and the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. I counter-picketed local right-to-life organizations in Morristown weekly for over twelve years. I organized voter registration drives and have been a crew member of the Morris County NOW Public Access, Cable TV show from its inception in 1994. My husband and I have been delivering Meals on Wheels since 1995 as part of the Mt. Freedom Jewish Center's Thursday team. From 1993 to the present I have been the elected Democratic Representative from my district. I was selected to be a member of the FBI's first Citizen's Academy in 1999 at their Newark, NJ Headquarters.

I received the "Woman of Principle" award from the Morristown Women's Festival in 2001, the "NOW-NJ Foundation Intrepid Award" in 2006, the "Phenomenal Woman" award from Neighborhood House in 2007, and was one of six women honored at the Morris County Prosecutor's Women's History Month Celebration in 2012.

Along with these activities, I sang with the Masterwork Chorus for twelve years, performed in several local community theaters and have sung with the Morris Choral Society since 2002. I have also been a member of the Morristown Jewish Center High Holiday Choir for 40 years and was honored for my service there in 2012.

I am now a grandmother to Sara, age 12 and Joshua, age 8. Along with my daughter-in-law, Keri, and my son, Jason, they are ultimate highlights of my life. I look forward to many more fulfilling years with my family and my continuing community work.

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

As a child I perfected the ability to tune out everything that was going on around me. I was non-political, even through my college years. Now I keep up with the news and have had numerous letters to the editor published in the Star Ledger and Morristown Daily Record. I actually have fans. Even a little blurb I wrote appeared in the anniversary edition of the New Jersey section of the New York Times. I have been photographed by the Jersey City police while protesting against police brutality at their headquarters, by Kraft security while picketing against GMO foods at their annual stockholders meeting, and I am sure that my signs and I appear in many photo albums from several marches on Washington. I am still the same person that I was, only a lot more aware of what is going on in the world. Sometimes it is overwhelming, and I need to slow down and step back, but the issues are still important and don't appear to be going away any time soon.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

I cannot choose just one memory, so here are some of my favorites. Falling in love over the winter of 1961-62. Making a life-long friend of Elaine Comparone, Class of 1965.

Singing in the chorus, singing in the Chamber Chorus, performing in the Gilbert and Sullivan production three years in row. Do you see a pattern here? Flying to Ann Arbor, Michigan where the Chamber Chorus sang at a modern music festival. When the Chamber Chorus performed at Town Hall in New York City and John Cage came over to me and said, "I hear you have a beautiful voice." David Kann walking in with the Beatles' first album, saying you have to listen to this. Living in the Castle in my senior year.





# Joe Weber



## Life since Brandeis ...

Not a helluva lot to share. That half-century went by in the blink of an eye. The 4 years at Brandeis took longer. Well, perhaps it just seems that way. Might have something to do with all the time I spent on Academic Probation.

Anyway, after managing somehow to eke out a diploma, I headed off to NYC (Columbia) to get a master's in biostatistics. Serendipitously, that then enabled me to serve my country in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps -- instead of crawling through the jungles of Viet Nam. After 2 years of coasting through a medical-research gig at NIH, I took off a year to travel around this funky nation of ours. If I told you what I got into in Los Angeles, I'd hafta kill you.

But here's a hint: The year was 1968, and my adventures out there evidently altered my brain enough to make me believe I needed more silly-ass education. Got another master's, this one in Management from MIT. Then I won the Wife Lottery. Things got way more joyous and groovy after that awesomely lucky event.

Maria and I spent most of our lives in Cambridge and Brookline, with a stint in the Windy City, running the ER and Outpatient Department of Cook County Hospital back in the early 70s. That exciting challenge made every future undertaking feel like a piece of cake. Over lo these many years, I've been messing around in healthcare, trying to make a difference. As you have no doubt noticed, I haven't saved it yet. Haven't made a dent.

Primarily, I've focused on clinical documentation and analytics for improving quality and cost effectiveness. Now also dabbling in the wellness arena. Of all I've learned out there -- keeping in mind that I've surely forgotten the bulk of what was once in my aging brain's memory banks -- my most important advice is that you gotta read this book: *Anticancer: A New Way of Life*, by David Servan-Schreiber. Also, drink lots of Dogfish Head 90 Minute IPA. It's inarguably the best beer on the planet. (Hey, I'm from Brooklyn, the birthplace of hyperbole.) And oh yeah, keep on dancin' till the world ends!

One more exhortation: Move to South Florida, where me and my main squeeze have been hanging out for 7 years. The weather is paradisiacal. And that results in all other key parameters of life coming out much better. Enduring winters in the north is for people that Einstein would term "insane." Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. BTW, the ocean breezes down here make summer considerably more pleasant than you would expect. Summer is actually my favorite season. Go figure.

Happily, I've maintained contact with many of my Brandeis buddies. Unhappily, I hardly ever see these kids anymore. Geographical realities -- and perhaps misrecognition of what are the true priorities in our finite time here on Earth -- attain considerable traction as we age. Bummer! We probably wouldn't even recognize each other anymore. But at least technology enables us to stay in touch in ways not even envisioned back in our bygone Age of Punched Cards and Rotary-Dial Telephones.

In closing, I'd just like to say that I'm not the least bit concerned about how freakin' old I have become. Yeah right.

## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Graduating college.

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

DIFFERENT: Less hair, more wrinkles, increased weight, fewer brain cells, got love.

SAME: I have somehow been able to retain my immature sense of humor.







# Dr. Carol A. Weiss

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

By 1964 Brandeis standards, I was a “late bloomer,” with neither graduate school nor wedding plans upon graduation. After a variety of interesting work experiences, I eventually received a Ph.D. in Human Learning and Development from the University of Pennsylvania, the day before my 48th birthday.

I subsequently served as the founding director of teaching and learning centers at two different universities. In that role, I had a very rewarding career for more than 20 years, helping faculty members enhance their students’ learning. In June of 2013,

having concluded that the teaching and learning center and I were both still in relatively good shape, I retired from Villanova University, eager to begin the next stage of life. (Yes, there is a certain irony in starting my academic career at Jewish Brandeis and ending it at Catholic Villanova.)

What now? Reading, relaxing, tutoring English as a Second Language, traveling, playing the banjo (with more enthusiasm than talent), and spending time with my husband Ray, also a retired academic. I look forward to exploring other activities and opportunities, whatever they may turn out to be.

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# Michael David Weiss



## Life since Brandeis ...

After majoring in math at Brandeis, I went on to earn a Ph.D. in math at Brown. My choice of Brown led to some amusing incidents, because my identical twin brother, Mitchell, had just attended Brown as an undergraduate. Some folks at Brown undoubtedly wondered why “Mitchell” was taking nine years to finish his bachelor’s degree!

From Brown I moved to Wayne State University, where I taught and did research. But I began to realize that being a math professor was too narrow a role for me, and in 1974 I moved to the Washington DC area, working first for a small operations research firm and then joining the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I had become interested in applying mathematics within the field of economics, and the opportunities that ERS provided me were ideal. My work involved research, lecturing inside and outside of ERS, and serving as a consultant on mathematical methods to government and academic economists. To learn more economics, I eventually went back to school, and in 1984, while still on staff at ERS, I received an M.A. in Economics from the University of Maryland at College Park.

I served for many years as the president of the Washington-Baltimore Section of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and have also been a Visiting Lecturer of that Society since 1992. Following my retirement from ERS, I served as Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Maryland University College. I have also been active as an independent consultant and trainer for the mathematical software Mathematica.

My career at ERS applying mathematics to economic problems was highlighted in several publications of the Mathematical Association of America.

I’ve always been an animal lover, and for the past nine years, my life has been enriched by the companionship of my beloved cockapoo, Woofie, who appears with me in the accompanying 2006 photo. It’s amazing how many people you meet when you walk a cute dog!

## Are there lifetime hobbies/interests that characterize your time or are particularly important today?

Since childhood, I’ve had several special loves that have continued throughout my life: classical music (and later also movie scores as well as North Indian classical music); science fiction; mathematics; and, last but not least, dogs!

My interest in music seems to run in the family. For much of the past century, the Russian branch of my family, on my mother’s side, has produced many professional musicians.

I will never forget arriving at one of my Brandeis music classes and hearing Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring exploding from the loudspeakers the instructor had set up. The experience was exhilarating!

A Brandeis classmate once took me to a recital of North Indian classical music at MIT. I loved it! I believe that’s when I first discovered this genre. Fortunately for me, Indian classical music has a fairly active presence in the Washington DC area.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

One summer at Brandeis, the mathematics department selected me to receive a National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship in Mathematics, which I used to study “measure theory,” a subject that provides the foundation for probability theory.

Years later, when I was studying microeconomics, I had a true “Eureka” moment: After much pondering, I discovered that the reason why I could not understand the standard characterization of “risk aversion” was that the standard characterization was incorrect! The mathematical tools I employed to clarify this topic came straight from a graduate probability course I had taught at Wayne State; and, in turn, my ability to teach that course had come directly from the measure theory I had learned that summer at Brandeis. My discovery led to the monograph “Conceptual Foundations of Risk Theory” and contributed greatly to my career.





# Jackie Keller Winokur



## Life since Brandeis ...

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Since graduating from Brandeis, I have had two marriages (my second to Steve for thirty-nine years), earned two Masters' Degrees, had four children and four grandchildren. I have had a busy, active and satisfying professional life. I have also experienced a couple of medical miracles – survival after a broken neck almost twenty-nine years ago, and the thriving of an almost two-year-old grandchild born with half a heart (HLHS) who has had two of three surgeries at Boston Children's Hospital as part of the intervention protocol for this congenital heart condition. She is a beautiful, happy child who teaches the rest of us to smile and enjoy every moment of life. Our children Michael, 49, and his wife Margaret live in suburban Detroit; Tracey, 45, and our grandson Zack, live in Atlanta; Laurie, 44, lives in Plymouth; and Elissa, 41, and her husband Chris and three children, Liz, Addie and Isabelle, also live in Plymouth. Family and work continue to be at the center of my life.

I began teaching English in the fall of 1964 and taught high school and middle school English in Massachusetts and upstate New York. I earned a Masters in Reading and Language from Boston University and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley College. I spent twelve years in the classroom, five years at home with little ones, one year working for Burdett College, and twenty years as the K-12 English Language Arts and Reading Coordinator of the Plymouth Public Schools.

I especially loved working with classroom teachers – teaching teachers – and I frequently presented at state and regional ELA and social studies conferences. I received a three-year grant in the mid 80's from the MA Cultural Arts Council to introduce middle school students to Shakespeare through theatre. During the last six years of my tenure, I produced and published two creative writing journals annually, one of selected K-12 student poetry and the other of creative writing and art work done by employees of the school system. In 1998 I received an award from the MA Council of Teachers of English "for distinguished contributions to the English Language Arts."

I 'retired' in 2002 to care for my ailing parents. Mom suffered from Parkinson's and Dad from COPD and both had dementia. I was grateful to be able to keep them in their home for the last seven years of their lives. For three of those years I did the care-giving alone, but by 2007 we had a team of six working 24/7. I was thankful for my administrative experience since I was actually managing a small nursing home! This experience provided a frighteningly clear vision of what the future might hold, one that keeps me busy reading, sharing books with my grandchildren, doing crossword puzzles, exercising, and continuing to work professionally – hopefully all antidotes to the ravages of aging.

Since retirement from full time work, I have been an adjunct in the Masters programs at Endicott and Curry Colleges and have done consulting at a number of school systems. I currently teach a graduate course on children's literature with a published artist/illustrator and continue to work part-time for the Plymouth schools as a literacy coach in the middle grades. My husband also works part-time as a franchise consultant. Neither of us can imagine life without work since it so defines who we are. We also share a passion for golf and biking, the Red Sox, being with our grandkids, and visiting with family. Annual weekend retreats for the last twenty-five years with Brandeis friends Ellen, Linda and Shelly have also been special and treasured events.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis was life-altering for it was there that I learned to think critically and learn efficiently, appreciate art and music, develop an enduring commitment to social justice, and make life-long friendships.

## How did the civil rights, women's rights or other social movement or the advent of the Vietnam War influence your life and your choices?

As ELA Coordinator, I was able to share my commitment to social justice. I facilitated staff training in *Facing History and Ourselves*, a program dedicated to exploring racism, prejudice, and antisemitism in order to develop in students the ability to make thoughtful and humane choices. Throughout the 7-12 English program, we included the study of films and literature exploring the roles of victims, victimizers, bystanders and those individuals who made a difference.







# Shelly Wolf



## Life since Brandeis ...

What a difference fifty years make.

Certainly I could never have trained for the career I finally launched in mid life building computer systems. Certainly I could never have anticipated that I would actually have a career in mid life. Way back then, most of us "girls" did not aspire to become the doctor, we married the doctor.

And back when I was a freshman in Usdan Hall, I could never have imagined that I would at age 71 be ecstatically happy and celebrating a twenty-fifth anniversary married to an ex Brit whom I met on a personal ad when I was 46 years old.

So here we are. Three beautiful and accomplished daughters. Grandchildren ranging from five years old to 22. One already graduating from college and one entering kindergarten, and many in between.

And never letting go of my dear Brandeis girlfriends – Jackie, Ellen and Linda and their spouses/friends, whom we meet with every year at lovely venue to spend a special weekend together.

Life is good.





# Philip E. Wolfson, MD

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## **Life since Brandeis ...**

This will be my first time back at Brandeis since we graduated in 1964. During the next years at NYU School of Medicine, my life and view transformed and I never looked back, save to remember with fondness my Brandeis friends, a few of whom I saw over the years. I became a sixties person devoted to the community health, civil rights, anti-war and feminist/men's liberation movements and an alternative psychiatrist with an interest in systems theory, family therapy and the psycho/spiritual development of humans in their various contexts. I lived in communes for a time, married at 24 and had two children. I loved/love being a father. In 1981 I took a year off with my kids and wife Alice, bought a camper wagon in Germany and followed the sun until winter, then living in an apartment in Florence. It was the best year of my life. And, unknowingly, my oldest son Noah was diagnosed with leukemia a year later and died at nearly 17 years of age. It has been the great tragedy of my life and I wrote a book--published in 2011-- entitled Noe--a father/son song of love, life, illness and death. Noe was his nickname, and, also, we lived in Noe Valley in San Francisco, where we had moved in 1977 after 8 years in DC. In the aftermath of Noah's death, Alice and I divorced. My surviving son Eric is 38 and is a film maker/video producer living in Silver Lake, Los Angeles. He is my precious treasure. I have loved my life and career as a people worker/psychiatrist/psychotherapist practicing in the Bay Area. I now live on a hilltop in Marin facing Mt Tam. I write for various magazines, am the Editor for Consciousness Studies with Tikkun magazine, have practiced Buddhism for many years, am an extreme gardener and a cabinetmaker. I have travelled the world and have a new love in my life. I look forward to seeing you at Reunion.

## **Which Brandeis professor left the biggest impression on you and why?**

Six: David Ricks, Alan Grossman, Drs. Cohen and David Sachs (philosophy), Herbert Marcuse, and the little Scot of Chemistry Dr. Stevenson

## **Share your fondest Brandeis memory**

Walking in virgin snow a winter's morn from North to the dorm where my girlfriend lived and having the epiphany that the God with whom I had been conversing all my life was within: the eruption of a magnificent instant agnosticism that liberated me for life.



# Allan Zelman

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## Life since Brandeis ...

After leaving Brandeis I earned a law degree at Columbia Law School and returned to Boston join my father's law firm. Ours was a general practice with an emphasis on litigation. Practicing in a small law firm was challenging because in addition to the legal work we had to generate business and manage the business affairs of the office.

My life's most significant event was meeting Susan Tave in May 1971 on her first day in Boston. She was from New York City, had graduated from Hunter College, and had come to Boston to study community organizations as part of her doctoral thesis at the University of Michigan. After a whirlwind courtship we were engaged eight weeks later and were married on December 26, 1971. We must have done something right because we have been together for more than 42 years and raised three wonderful children: Alisa (Brandeis Class of 1997), who lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Jim, and sons, Sammy and Joey; Rachel, who lives in Chelmsford, MA with her husband, Pete, and sons, Ryan, Nathan, and Andy; and Josh, who lives in Framingham, MA with his wife, Lara; son, Max; and daughter, Dena, who was born on February 7, 2014, and is our first granddaughter after six grandsons!!

Susan's first job after having obtained her doctorate was as an education professor at Emmanuel College. After fourteen years she left academia to become an Assistant Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Education. In 1994 she became Deputy Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and moved to Missouri. I still practiced law but spent much of my time managing the medical and financial affairs of my parents, who were in declining health. At the same time our two youngest children were in high school and needed parenting. My parents died in the fall of 1994 18 days apart. I was exhausted and ready for a career change.

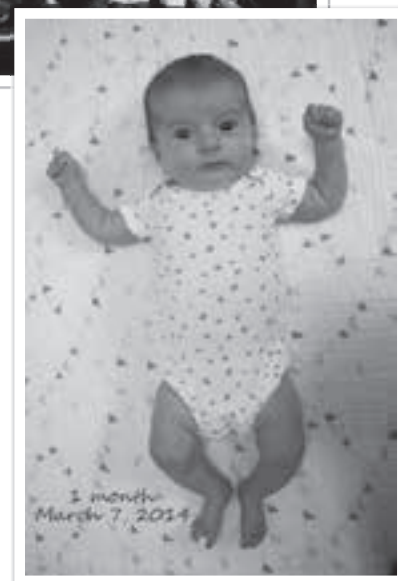
In 1995 I closed the law office, followed Susan, and worked as a policy analyst at the Missouri Department of Social Services in Jefferson City. (Josh came with me and finished high school in Columbia.) Not only was there less pressure in state government than in the law office, but I was happy, and our marriage became much less stressed. In 1999 Susan had the opportunity to become the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Ohio. For the second time I followed her, this time to Columbus, and for the last 15 years have worked as a social program developer for the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services. I hope that the programs that I and my colleagues have developed help our clients on the road to self-sufficiency and family stability and that in some small way I am helping our society. I could retire but like my work and will continue for a few years more.

Though she could also retire Susan continues to work. She left the superintendency after 10 years but returned to the Department of Education last year to direct an innovation fund for Ohio school districts. Our major non-work activity is visiting the grandchildren (and the children, of course). They are so much fun to be with. We are fortunate that we can watch them grow.

Other than family and work my major activity has been Jewish matters. While we lived in Massachusetts I was president of Temple Emunah in Lexington for two years. Despite the saying, "Fooled me once, shame on you; fooled me twice, shame on me" I also was president of Congregation Beth Shalom in Columbia,

MO for two years. And, I am currently a vice-president of Congregation Agudas Achim in Columbus, OH (will I ever learn). I have learned more about Judaism as I have aged and find it fascinating and intellectually rewarding (and, the politics can be fun!).

I am glad to have gone to Brandeis. My only regret is that because I entered as a junior transfer student I did not get to know many of my classmates who moved off campus. I can only add that the 50th Reunion arrived much too quickly!







# Elizabeth Zelvin



## Life since Brandeis ...

A lifelong writer, I celebrated the publication of my first novel, *Death Will Get You Sober* (St. Martin's), on my 64th birthday. My mystery series about a recovering alcoholic with a smart mouth and an ill-concealed heart of gold now consists of three novels, a novella, and four short stories with a fifth slated for publication in an anthology, *Murder New York Style*, from *Sisters in Crime*. My stories have received three nominations for the Agatha Award and one for the Derringer Award for Best Short Story. Four of them have appeared in the prestigious *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*. I usually tell people I'm an old English major who jumped the wall and ran off with genre fiction shortly after graduation. I'm still proud of my two books of poetry (1981 and 1999). And in 2012 I released *Outrageous Older Woman*, an album of the songs I've been writing and performing for the past few decades. My most recent novel is *Voyage of Strangers*, the story of what really happened when Columbus discovered America, through the eyes of a young marrano sailor.

My other career as a psychotherapist began with a master's in social work in 1985. I directed alcohol treatment programs for fifteen years and then started an online therapy practice. I work with clients all over the world and train experienced clinicians in online practice skills. My latest professional publication is a chapter on partners of "individuals with substance use disorders" in the third edition of S.L.A. Straussner's *Clinical Work with Substance-Abusing Clients*. I still call them addicts and alcoholics--I jumped the academic wall a long time ago in that part of my life too.

I've been happily married to my second husband, Brian Daly, for the past 32 years. I have a son, Alexander Zelvin, and two gorgeous granddaughters. Katie is ten, Danica is seven, and they're beautiful, smart, talented, funny, and well behaved. The girls and their parents all assure me they argue and have the occasional meltdown, but never when Grandma is around. Both girls are performance-level hiphop dancers, and Alexander has a job he loves with a fantasy sports site. So doctors, schmooctors. Carnegie Hall, Schmarnegie Hall. It's the 21st century! Katie recently gave me the ultimate accolade by saying I'm the coolest person she knows. So let's hear it for grandparents who enjoyed the Sixties!

I still live in a rent-controlled apartment (not to be confused with an inexpensive apartment) on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and spend summers swimming in the ocean and enjoying the peace and quiet of the country in a little house at the poor end of East Hampton. I stay fit with a brisk daily walk, usually in Central Park, with my Exerstrider walking poles. I'm neither a techie nor a Luddite: I've kept up with some but not all of the new technology. I love my iPad, my iPhone, and my GPS. I blog, I text, I email voluminously, and I binge watch an eclectic bunch of TV series (age appropriate, according to AARP), including *Downton Abbey*, *Nashville*, *True Blood*, British crime shows, and American political dramas.

I don't believe that life is a spectator sport, would rather join a conversation than listen to a talking head, and have absolutely no interest in celebrities. I believe 70 is the new 39. The world is a little worse than it was fifty years ago. (My 102-year-old Aunt Hilda says, "What do you expect? It's a capitalist world.") But it's still a pretty good time and place to be alive.

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## What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My body of work, the difference I've made to the people I've helped, and my granddaughters, not necessarily in that order.

My body of work includes four novels, two books of poetry, more than a dozen published short stories and novellas, and a coedited book about gender and addictions, and my album of original songs, as well as numerous professional articles and book chapters and almost four hundred blog posts that in another era might have been newspaper columns.

People can change (but only if they really want to, like the lightbulb in the how many therapists joke), and I've facilitated that process many times, one person at a time.

My granddaughters are perfect. Some day they may set the world on fire--but only if they want to.

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

When I graduated, I was utterly clueless about life. I had book learning, but I'd grown up sheltered in a liberal intellectual secular Jewish cocoon, and I'm glad life provided me many opportunities to break out of that. I'm still the intense, enthusiastic, passionate, quick-witted (well, after I've had my morning coffee) woman I was meant to be. I'm not shy any more. My opinions about politics and culture and what's important aren't exactly like those of my parents. I'm glad the women's movement changed so much in our society in our lifetime. I have a spiritual life today. In the Seventies, someone asked who or what I ultimately wanted to be, and I said, "A wisewoman and an outrageous older woman." I'd like to think I'm growing into both those roles.





# Peter Zassenhaus Zoll



## Life since Brandeis ...

I have been very fortunate. In two marriages we have raised five lovely children who are either studying or hold meaningful jobs, following their own stars. I have held relatively few jobs, all of them satisfying to both body and soul, and have had the privilege of travelling with them (and on vacation) around the world.

Now that I have retired, I look forward to following my own non-financial stars, keeping classic cars running, exploring my family heritage, and capturing images of the world around me.

Life is good.

## Share your fondest Brandeis memory

For me, Brandeis was not just an education that has served me well, but a time in which I learned how to relax and enjoy the company around me. Best of all were the regular card games -- poker and bridge -- that filled huge amounts of late-night (early-morning?) time with close dorm-mates. In large part, the enjoyment came with sharing lives with Stephen Cohen, of blessed memory. He and his family gave me a lifetime orientation that I follow to this day.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I went into Brandeis not knowing what to expect. Sheltered -- and having spent two years of my high-school life overseas -- I really hadn't got into socio-political movements. Brandeis wouldn't let that be. The thinking activism of the school, and the reasoned approach to the issues of the day left me with a mind-set that I apply regularly: a combination of cynicism and morality.



## ***In Memoriam***

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**... and in enjoying this reunion,  
we also remember our missing classmates ...**

Marilyn Burwen Berger

Rishon M. Bialer

Cora Bierman

Martin D. Boudreau

Francine Nison Brown

Laurence M. Cohan

Stephen T. Cohen

Peter Comay

Heidi Schuhr Erlich

Frances Perry Greenberg

Bennett Harrison

Susan Goldsmith Herman

Carol Clippinger Hershey

Roger Alan Hyman

Charles Kikonyogo

Janet Alice Kobrin

Donald Warner Koch

Myra Hiatt Kraft

Henrika Takiff Kuklick

David A. Levinson

Beverly Wall Lovelace

Thomas O'Callaghan

Allan M. Pepper

Steve Rappaport

Sheldon L. Richman

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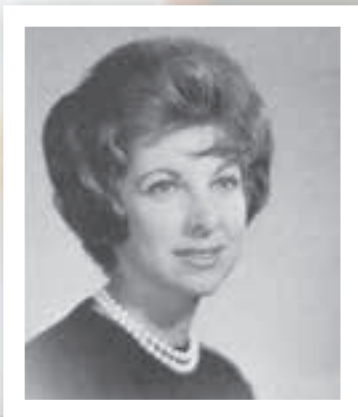
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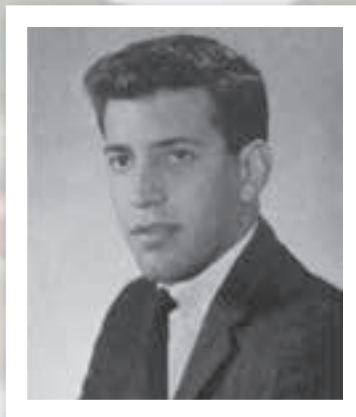


# *In Memoriam*

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*Marilyn Burwen Berger*  
Died: 1/28/2008



*Rishon M. Bialer*  
Died: 8/18/1968



*Cora Bierman*



*Martin D. Boudreau*  
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*Francine Nison Brown*  
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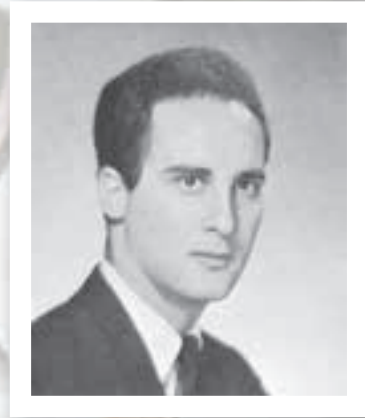
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*Peter Comay*  
Died: October 1973



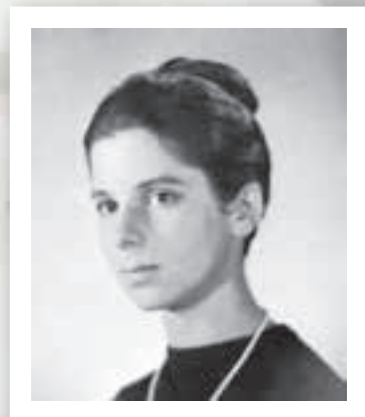
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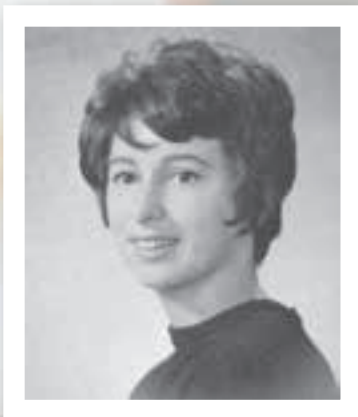
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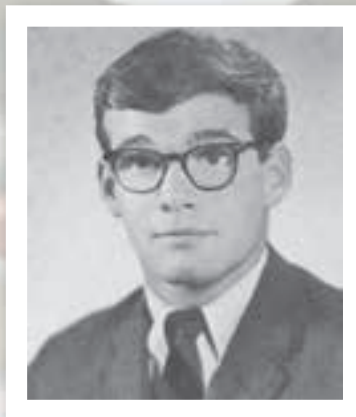
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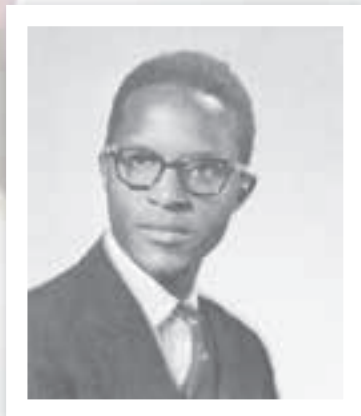
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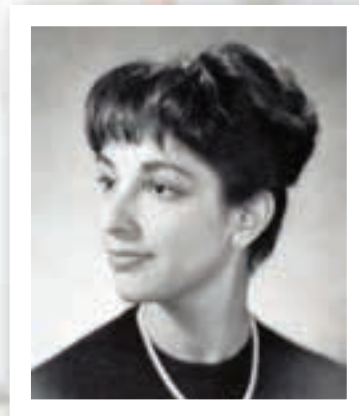
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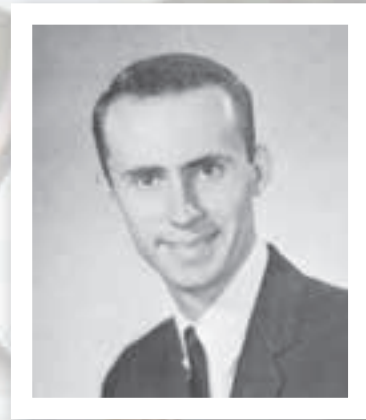


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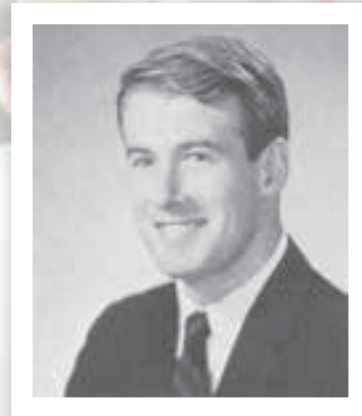
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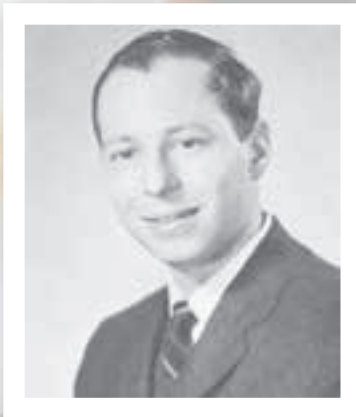
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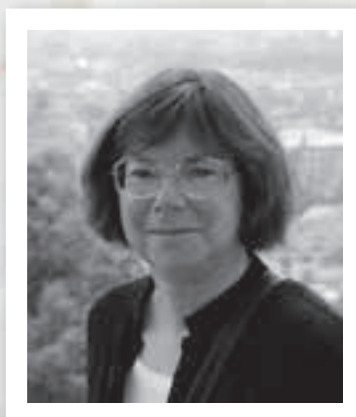
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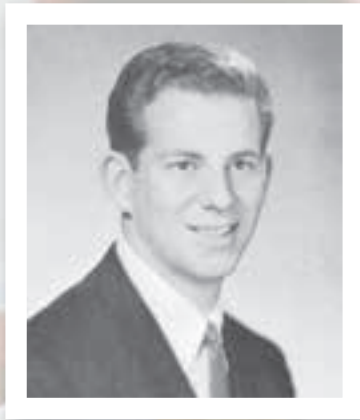
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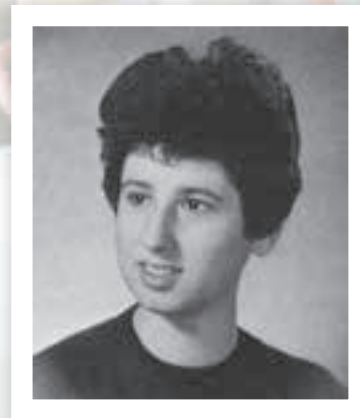
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*Claire G. Smith*  
Died: 5/11/2004



*Susan Spear*  
Died: 1/1/1978



*Gail Dockser Stich*  
Died: 9/25/2011



*David Milton White*  
Died: 9/26/1968



# Special Dedication

## Peter Yochanan Comay

(1939-1973)

**Y**ochanan (Yochi) was born in Capetown, South Africa to a Zionist family who immigrated to Israel in 1946. In 1961, after completing army service in the artillery corp., Yochi came to the States where his father was serving as Israeli ambassador to the United Nations. He graduated from Brandeis with a B.A. Magna cum Laude with Honors in Economics.

Shortly after graduation, we married and moved to Princeton, New Jersey where he earned an M.P.A. at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a Ph.D. in Economics. His areas of interest were labor economics, human capital, demography and economic theory.

In 1969, we moved to Israel with our six-month old daughter where he joined the Technion Faculty of Industrial and Management Engineering as senior lecturer in Economics and Human Capital and also lectured at Haifa University. Our second daughter was born two years later. In 1973, he became head of the Economics Department. Though his promising career was cut short, he published extensively in professional journals. He was also active in university affairs and showed a genuine interest in his students.

Yochi excelled at long-distance running and swimming. In the spring of 1973, he joined



friends in swimming across the Sea of Galilee.

He had a marvelous sense of humor and was an excellent dancer, even studying modern dance during his last year at Brandeis. Yochi was a loving husband and father.

In September, 1973, Yochanan was called to reserve duty and served as an artillery officer on the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War. He died on 24.11.73 at the age of 34. Family and friends established the Yochanan Comay Prize for outstanding students

in Economics at the Technion and Haifa University. Memorial groves were planted in his name on the Carmel and in Jerusalem.

Yochi is survived by his wife, two daughters and five grandchildren. May his memory be blessed.



# Special Dedication

## Susan Goldsmith Herman

(September 2, 1942 – June 24, 2009)

A note from Susan's husband Gary Kofinas:

As you may know, Susan passed away in June 2009 of pancreatic cancer after a short but difficult illness. Susan often spoke of her time at Brandeis with fondness and great appreciation of friends made there and the high quality of her education. I am sure that those who knew her well can say much about Susan and the significant impact she had on the world.

Her legacies include:

- Three amazing kids and six grandkids
- Co-founded Interlocken Center for Experiential Learning, (~1961) later named Windsor Mountain Camp
- Professor of Management at Keene State College and later Professor of Management at University of Alaska Fairbanks
- *Hiring Right*, Sage Press, 1995
- Founding director, The Northern Leadership Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- The Susan J Herman Award for Leadership in Holocaust and Genocide Awareness, established in 2009 at Keene State College, Keene, NH
- The Susan Herman Award for Service, established in 2010 by the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society
- The Susan Herman Leadership Lecture Series at the University of Alaska Fairbanks





# Special Dedication

## Dr. Susan Sandler Shin

(January 25, 1943 – September 7, 2009)

For Susan, Brandeis meant much more than an ordinary university experience. Brandeis literally opened the world to her, she often said. Born in Cleveland and raised in the small town of Oak Park, Michigan, Susan had longed to learn about the bigger world outside, and Brandeis offered the intellectual window for this. After majoring in sociology and history of ideas at Brandeis, where Kurt Wolff was her most important mentor, Susan went on to Harvard, to the East Asian Studies department. Eventually, under Prof. Edward Wagner, she received a Ph.D. in pre-modern Korean history, with a thesis on the land tenure system and social mobility during the middle period of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). She had to learn the Korean language, of course, but she also had to learn Japanese and classical written Chinese in order to read the historical documents. During the years of 1968 to 1972, because of her marriage in 1965 to an itinerant research scientist (a Brandeis classmate and Wien student from Korea), she had to continue her research where her husband's job took them: first in Seoul, Korea, then in Leiden, The Netherlands, then in London and Basel, Switzerland, before settling down in New York City. Luckily, all of these cities had good university libraries containing the esoteric material that her research needed.

After her thesis was completed in 1973, however, children and family intervened. Most of her subsequent professional career was devoted initially to teaching sociology at the Long Island University, and then teaching ESL (English as a second language) at Bergen Community College in NJ, and later at San Francisco City College. To become a better ESL teacher, she went back to graduate school, getting a Master's in ESL at Fairleigh Dickenson University. In the mid-1990's, the family moved to Seoul and for several years Susan taught at Korea University and Yonsei University.



Even while she was raising children and teaching part time, Susan kept two things close to her heart: fighting for social justice and supporting the cause of nature conservation. Her devotion to social justice was an imprint of the Brandeis education. She was an avid hiker all her life, and also enjoyed traveling to new cultures whenever she had time. Many of her best loved memories were related to one or

another trip to a coastal park or nature preserve. Susan endured a tough battle with cancer in the last year of her life. She would have so loved to see her first grandchild, but alas, that wish would not be granted.

As her life partner for nearly 45 years, I am grateful to Susan for sharing her life with me, and for sustaining me through the life's journey together. Also, I am grateful to Brandeis, because Susan and I first met and began our intellectual growth together there as classmates, now more than 50 years ago.

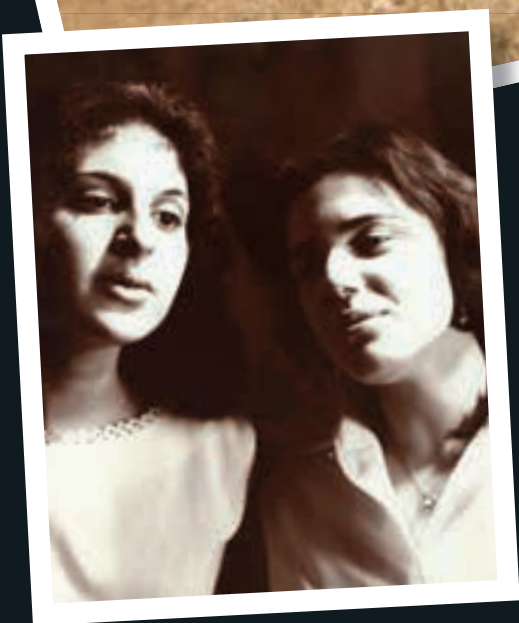
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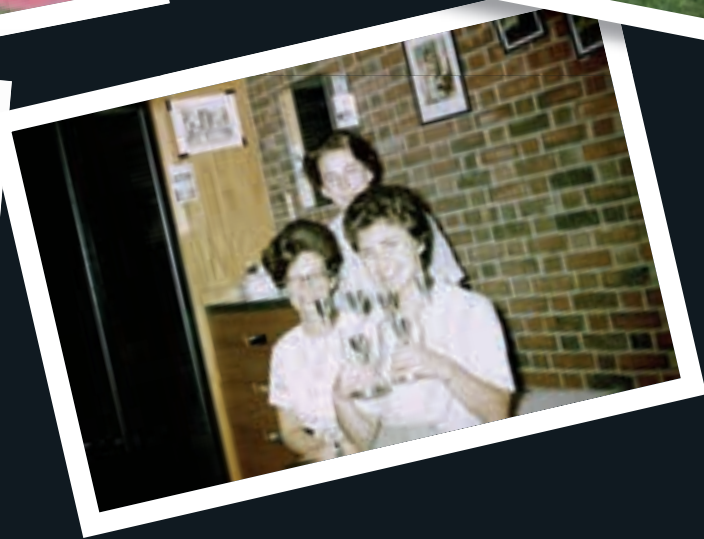








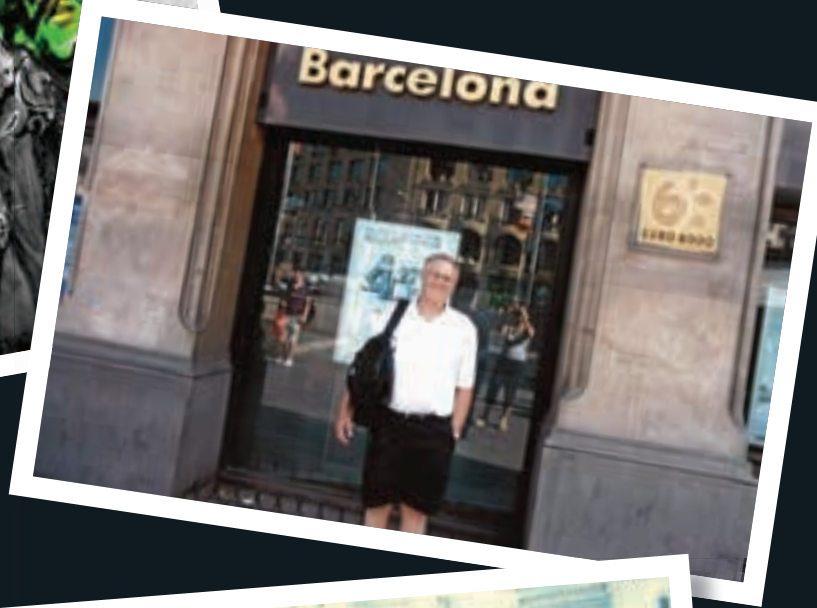


















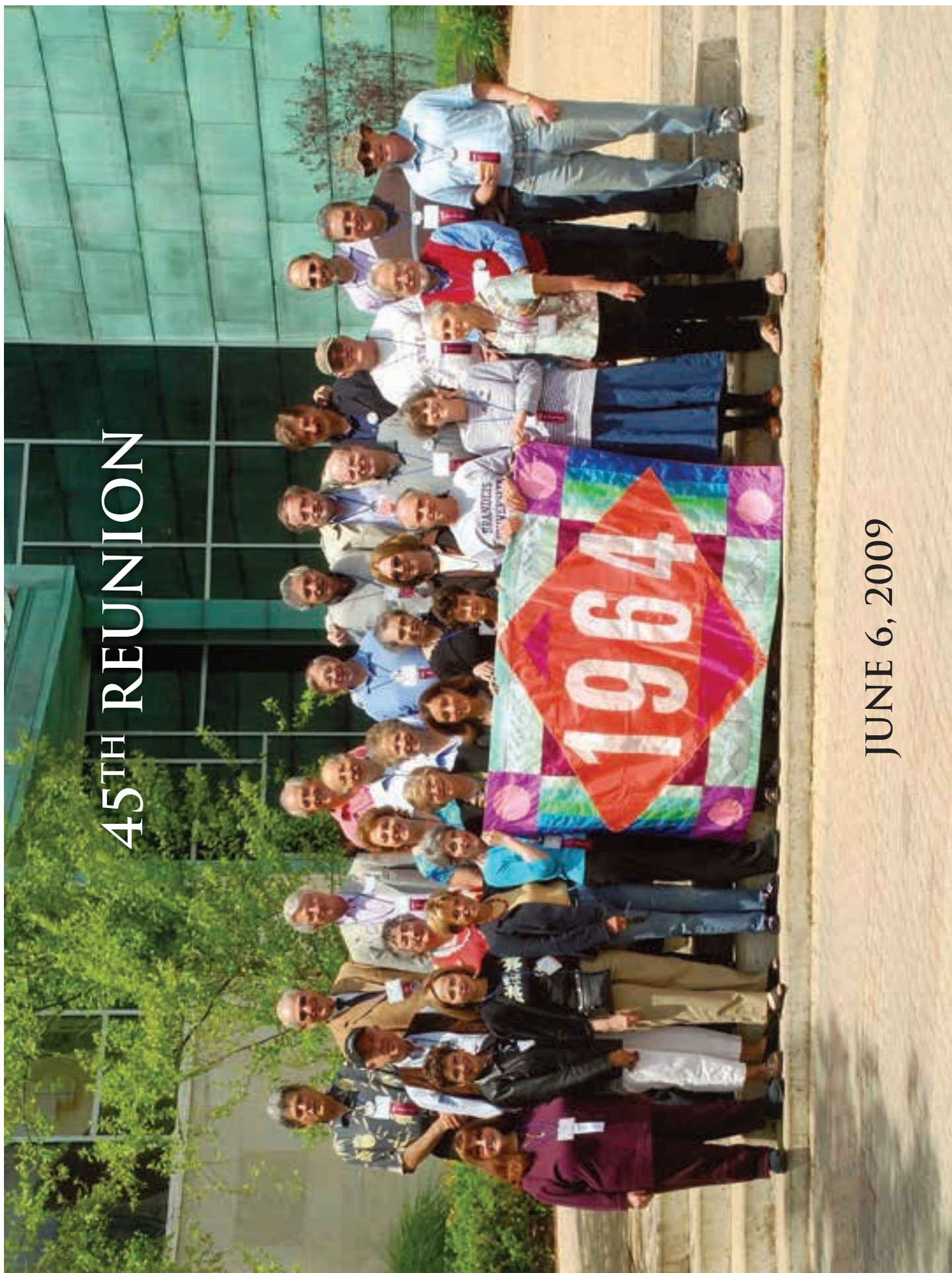








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