

**Brandeis**  
**Class of 1965**  
55<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Yearbook



# Emily Paradise Achtenberg

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

In the last 5 years, I have celebrated the joys of becoming a grandmother to Marty (now almost 5) and Isaac (2 ½), and mourned the sadness of my husband Ben's growing (but fortunately gradual) cognitive decline, after 57 years of marriage. Our pandemic year has likewise been an experience of profound extremes. On the one hand, the great missing of grandchildren, socializing with friends, choral singing, and direct political activism; the loss of Mapache, our beloved 15-year old coon cat; and my own health crisis this past January with emergency abdominal surgery. At the same time, the discovery of new joys and comforts: WFH, webinars from everywhere, and election phone-banking in my pajamas; my new gray hair, endless months to explore new seasons at our house in Wellfleet; our new pandemic kitten Lucha; and a surprising zoom-induced closeness with family, friends, and support groups. Most of all, appreciating the amazing network of friends who were there for us in our moments of health crisis.

Now on the other side of vaccines, I'm a bit apprehensive about the future. Hoping to continue my work in affordable housing and immigration activism while facing new life challenges with some of the resiliency learned this past year.

## Simon Albury MBE

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Five years ago I wrote, "I am sorry to have lost touch with everyone, apart from Nina Felshin, Michael Ratner and (Morrie Schwartz's wife) Charlotte Schwartz. After retiring from 45 years in television, where I became a failed investigative reporter, a quite good producer on some outstanding shows, and had great success with the Campaign for Quality Television, I am now enjoying my greatest achievement – contributing to real progress in the employment and portrayal of Black and Minority Ethnic people in UK broadcasting as Chair of the Campaign for Broadcasting Equality." "

Sadly, Michael Ratner has now died but left us with an inspiring autobiography "Moving The Bar – My Life As A Radical Lawyer". I forgot to mention my good friend Arnie Reisman and my late friend Jon Harris whose daughter Nina Harris, now in her early twenties, founded "Stitch-it-to-the-Patriarchy" and inspires with entrepreneurial political action.

I gave evidence to the House of Lords for the Campaign for Broadcasting Equality, talking about my Brandeis year experience, received an honor from the Prince of Wales for services to broadcasting, but perhaps the greatest honours were to be invited to be a patron of The Palace Of The Dogs which "advocates art to marginalised and under-privileged communities.....that will empower the voiceless." and to be associated with the start of the Black British Theatre Awards. Just one year at Brandeis set me on this path.

I'm happy, my wife Phillida is happy, my son David is happy. I am lucky to have had and to have such a life.



Investiture

## Dennis Baron

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

5 years since the 50th? It seems like it's been 5 years since last week. Since 2015 I've had a Guggenheim Fellowship; retired after 43 years at the Univ. of Illinois; and published "What's your pronoun? Beyond he and she" (Liveright, 2020; updated paperback published in 2021 with bonus book group questions!). Reviewed in the NY Times and on NPR, my study of the history and present state of English gender pronouns is two, two, two things in one: a searing exposé of the power of language to shape society wrapped in a book about a modest part of speech.

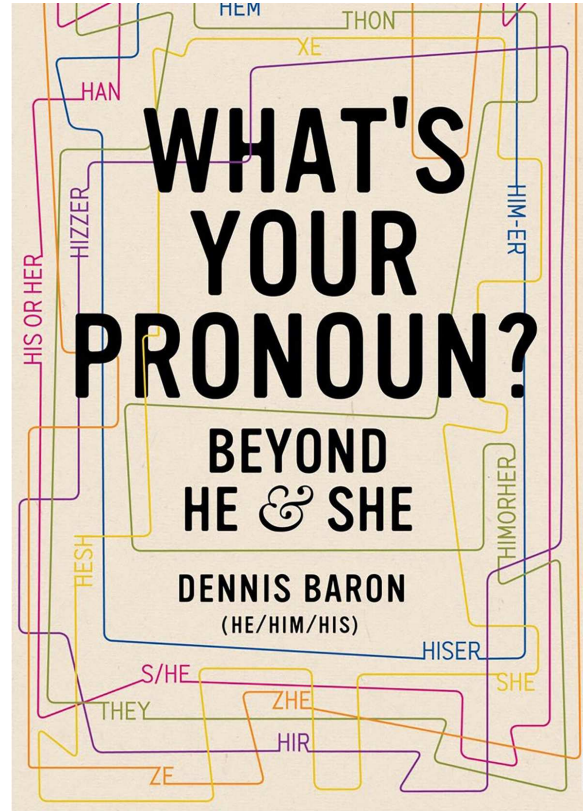
I also published my first law review article, showing that the phrase 'bear arms' (as in the 2nd Amendment) in the founding era referred to military or quasi-military contexts, not individual self defense. It was cited in a 2021 Vermont Supreme Court ruling upholding the state's ban on large-capacity magazines. So yes, academic writing can have real world impact.

Even though my wife Iryce and I are fully vaxxed—we're post-Moderna—travel restrictions mean we're not yet able to visit our far-flung kids whom we haven't seen in over a year (Rachel, BA 'deis 2005, is a librarian in the UK with her neuroscientist husband; and Jonathon, U Chicago BA and Yale poli sci PhD, is on the West Coast working as a data scientist). So Iryce continues to teach British lit (on Zoom, for now) and I'm currently working on two books: "Unprotected Speech," on laws that limit what we can and cannot say or write; and "Shibboleth: Policing language from Babel to the internet," about the long history of language shaming. I know, I need a hobby. Besides writing, that is.

I look forward to reading your stories, and I anticipate with sadness and dread the list of classmates we have lost.



Me, a couple of years ago.



You should read this, maybe

## Anne Bernstein (Hallinan)

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

In the 6 years since our last reunion, much has changed in the world, but little closer to home, which is itself a blessing. I continue to work part time as a psychologist and mediator, seeing clients, doing some clinical and dissertation supervision. All on Zoom. [www.annebernstein.com] As Anne Hallinan, I continue to act, most recently in the Magic Theatre's production—as an audio play due to COVID restrictions—of Caryl Churchill's Escaped Alone. [www.annehallinan.com]. And my husband, Conn Hallinan, continues to write about foreign policy for Foreign Policy in Focus and at <https://dispatchesfromtheedgeblog.wordpress.com>.

What has changed is that we have moved to a smaller house, just a few blocks from our old home, where our son and his family now live, which is working out great for 'aging in place.' There are so many things I miss from pre-pandemic life—indoor time with friends and family, hugging the

grandchildren not in our "pod", live performances both onstage and in the audience, seeing people's faces not on a screen—but I count myself fortunate that I have been able to work from home in comfortable surroundings and that family and close friends have survived this past most awful of years. And that I've found a way to make a small contribution through volunteering to provide psychological support to frontline workers dealing with migrant and wildfire crises. One silver lining is that with in-person visits sharply curtailed, friends far away are as accessible as those in town, so Brandeis connections remain strong. Another is that I've been more physically active than before, as the many things I can't do have made time for longer walks and Zoom Pilates. And, for the last few months, I've been spent many, many days clearing the woods of fire debris and burning the downed brush that surrounds the Santa Cruz mountain cabin, bought for a song almost 50 years ago, that luckily (just barely) survived this summer's fire.

Let's hope we all make it to the 60th, so that we can see one another again.  
Wishing you all peace and good health.



Rosh Hashanah bubble



As Cassandra in "Vanya and Sonia and  
Masha and Spike"



With my trusty chainsaw in the Santa Cruz  
fire zone



# Anita Blau

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Golly, gee, I live a boring life! Except for some health issues, not much has changed since our 50th Reunion.

My older daughter is the CEO of a non-profit organization in Denver that awards scholarships to low income students and then mentors them through college. She has won dozens of awards for her leadership in business and her outstanding community service. My younger daughter, also the recipient of dozens of awards, is an oncologist with a practice near Seattle. In addition, I have three loving and caring grandchildren who make my life complete. Life is good!

# Bill Caspe, Diane Caspe

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Like everyone else we are surviving the pandemic. And while Diane continues to work as a psychotherapist, Bill will retire this year after 52 rewarding years as a physician.



Taken in 2016 in Iceland on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary

# Melanie Rovner Cohen

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

On the occasion of my virtual 55th (really 56th) reunion of our graduation from Brandeis University, what do I write about the last 5 years, since my 50th reunion.

I do remember my graduation on that hot May day in 1965, and the front page of the Boston Globe, the next morning, with an above the fold picture of Honorary Degree Recipient, Composer Richard Rodgers kissing me as I received my diploma.

As a student guide, I had shepherded many prospective students, donors, and dignitaries around the beautiful campus. Now to write about what happened during the last five years since I wrote for the 50th reunion book, is a bit easier. I only need to recall what happened from 2015-2019, as 2020 was a total loss; quarantined, fearful and respectful of Covid-19.

I went nowhere, had only virtual contact with family and friends and the company of good books and a wonderful husband of 50 plus years.

Before last year, after retirement from an extremely satisfying career as a lawyer, I

went to theater, symphony, celebrated milestone events of children and grandchildren and travelled extensively, including a 50th anniversary year trip to South Africa with our children and grandchildren, all 9 of us.

Lucky me!

In the photo below is left to right: Son, Mitchell Cohen (Brandeis Alum); Guide; Art Cohen (Husband); Leah Canel (granddaughter); Daughter Jennifer Canel, (Brandeis Alum); Noah Canel (grandson); Safari hostess; Me behind hostess; Stephanie (daughter -in-law); Ava Cohen (granddaughter); and Jason Canel, son-in-law,( also a Brandeis Alum.)



# Marilyn "Mike" Shuffman Faust

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Just a quick update since our 50th reunion. Time really flies - even faster than normal in the past five (5) years. I was sorry that our reunion did not happen last year. I so enjoyed our 50th.

Yes - I am still working. I am a matrimonial litigator and just plain love it. Yes - I have contemplated retirement dozens and dozens of time, but I guess it is not for me. There is no question that I am technologically impaired so trying cases via SKYPE and now Microsoft TEAMS is not the fun it use to be. Hopefully, we will get back to a new normal soon. In addition to practicing law, I am now a Special Master for the Appellate Division Second Department in New York doing mandatory Mediation on perfected Matrimonial Appeals. I am on the Westchester County Bar Association's Judicial Screening Committee and just stepped down as Co-chair of the County Bar's Grievance Committee.

I have been married now for fifty-four (54) years and met my Husband at a Brandeis debate tournament. He was one of the debate Judges from Harvard Law School. He is still working. He closed his own firm and joined the firm of Gallet, Dryer and Berkey as a partner. We still travel (Covid put a crimp on that for this past year). For our 50th wedding anniversary, we took the entire family (all 15 of us) to South Africa on safari. It was terrific. We all had hoped to go to Iceland this past summer for our 55th anniversary, but then Covid.....We still try to get to our home in the Berkshires as often as possible. It is just beautiful up there all year long and a change of scenery during Covid.

We have three children and seven (7) grandchildren. Two of our Grandchildren are presently in their sophomore year of college and two more going to college next year. My biggest accomplishment - my wonderful very close knit family.

I am looking forward to our virtual reunion.



# Bruce Flegler

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Currently, I am working as the Medical Director of Case Management at Sarasota Memorial Hospital where I practiced Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine and also served a stint as Chief Medical Officer. A "Brandeis Highlight" of the past 5 years included a Boston-Brandeis reunion of multiple suite mates organized by Marty Fassler '65. See the attached photo--not the one with the wedding gown! During the pandemic the group had a zoom follow up reunion which included those who were unable to make the Boston-Waltham gathering. Both were great vehicles for catching up on the last half century, Brandeis memories and the school's influence on our lives.



Suite Mates Boston-Brandeis Reunion 2019



Flegler Family at Daughter's Wedding  
2015

# Laura Foner



Visiting Cuba, 2015, at the Anti-Imperialist Plaza and a plaque for my father.



Visiting Gould, Arkansas in 2019 with son Stevie; the town I lived in and worked with SNCC in 1965.



Summer, 2020 after total ankle replacement surgery



Husband David as we campaigned in western Maine, October, 2020



# Miriam Gilbert

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I haven't contributed to the reunion updates in the past, but let me try a brief notice. I retired from the Department of English at the University of Iowa in 2013, after teaching there for 44 years. And, with the exception of this past year, I spend approximately 4 months a year in my second home, in Stratford-upon-Avon, UK, and am still doing performance-oriented research and writing about Shakespeare.

In 2018, I moved to Oaknoll Retirement Community, in Iowa City, and am grateful for the protective bubble of the last year, including vaccination shots in February.



# Helen Alpert Goldenberg

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Live the retired life in FL at a community which has various apartments, bus service for those who do not drive, name entertainment in the winter in the community's theater, many clubs, pools, tennis, etc. Until Dec. 2020 enjoyed the company of my friend Stephen who died suddenly. Went traveling mainly an annual road trip up north to see family and friends and several US river cruises which we enjoyed very much. Do work on membership for my Hadassah chapter and am active in a group of Retired Public Employees of NY. After Covid restrictions are lifted hope to travel again and resume the dinner and show lifestyle of the past. Come to south FL, life is fun.

# Sid Golub

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

The last 5 years have been busier than expected. In 2016 Judy and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, joined by family and friends. Among the few guests who were at both our wedding and our 50th was Brandeis classmate and fellow Californian Marty Fassler. Happily, a group of my good friends from Brandeis days have stayed in touch via email, zoom, and one wonderful get together in person in Boston.

Our son and his family moved to beautiful Monterey CA so our travels (until the pandemic) included many trips up the California coast. I was supposed to be in "phased" retirement at the University of California Irvine (UCI) but the phasing out part got side-tracked as I took on the Directorship of the UCI Stem Cell Research Center from 2013 to 2017. I then tried to get back to phasing into retirement until the Covid crisis, when I agreed to chair a campus committee to review research proposals to study the coronavirus and the disease. We managed to review more than

130 proposals in just a few weeks and chose the best ones for emergency funding. It was very gratifying work but since I have been back on course for retirement.

I hope everyone got their immunizations by now!

# Kiki Gould-Martin

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I am likely to miss this year's reunion as we are living in Germany for two years, from summer 2019 to summer 2021. In the last few years, I have been working on a family history of my mother's father's family: six generations of people named Edward Renouf and their relations. The story starts in Marblehead MA around 1747, moves to Germany in the 1860's, back to the US, then to China in 1901, back to the US, and then to Germany in 1928. Hence the study of German, in order to translate letters, has been handy. As I expressed this interest to my relatives, they passed on letters, photos and stories. I am quite pleased with the result, now in the editing stage, though I doubt it will be of much interest to unrelated people.

This summer, on our return to the States, we will move into Camphill Village, Kimberton PA, an intentional farming community that looks after adult developmentally disabled people. My husband plans to put on concerts, using his

contacts at the Curtis Institute where he studied cello long years ago; I hope to help in the herb garden and with art projects, something quite different and more active than sitting at my desk in a hard lockdown! We will also spend time at our off-grid, straw bale and adobe casita in southwestern New Mexico, and of course visit our children, grandchildren, and friends in the many places we have lived since 1965. I hope to see some of you somewhere, perhaps at our 60th reunion?

# John W. Jaobs, M.D.

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

After graduating from Brandeis, I went to medical school, graduating from The Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1969. A medical internship, a psychiatry residency and a fellowship in Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry working on medical wards followed that. I then worked in academic psychiatry for many years ending with becoming the Director of Psychiatric Residency Training at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY.

Eventually, I went into full-time private practice in Manhattan and after psychoanalytic training, developed an interest in family and systems therapy. I have been fortunate to be trained by two great leaders in the field, Betty Carter and Monica McGoldrick, whom I still work with. At 77 I am still working almost full-time with no plans to retire. I have been teaching psychiatry, family and couples therapy for 45 years. Currently I am an Associate Clinical Professor of Child, Adolescent and

Adult Psychiatry at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine where I teach couples and family therapy to child psychiatry fellows at the NYU Child Study Center. After writing many peer reviewed psychiatric articles, Harper Collins published my book, *All You Need Is Love And Other Lies About Marriage*, in 2004.

I have been happily married to Dr. Vivian Diller, a clinical psychologist for 35 years. We have four children. Seth, 45, from my first marriage, is an executive creative director at Anomaly, an advertising agency in NY. He is married and has two wonderful children. Our daughter, Jordana, 33, is a PhD clinical psychologist working in NYC. Gideon, 31, is an ex-child actor and now a writer who has published in the *Paris Review*, *Playboy* and many other magazines. Gabe, 27, is an app developer (*Fart World*) and a budding cinematographer. Seth went to Oberlin College and my younger three children all graduated from Tuft University. My brother, Jeffrey (Brandeis '67), lives near by and my family and his are lovingly close.

All in all, I feel very blessed in my life, mostly

because I have a wonderful family and great friends. My mother and father lived to 103 and 106 respectively. Vivian and I have a second home near Litchfield, CT where we spend many weekends, much of the summer and have a busy social life. I took up golf at the age of 64 and have become totally obsessed with it. One of my greatest regrets was not learning how to play when I was younger.



The Two Santas. John & Jeffrey Jacobs

I look back very fondly at my years at Brandeis. I met wonderful people there. Bill Caspe was my roommate and is still my best friend. We have lunch with each other regularly. Nancy Drosd (Brandeis '65) is another close friend. I felt intellectually stimulated at Brandeis and, after getting over being accepted off the waiting list, felt I belonged there. I took three sculpture classes, learned how to fence, fell in love multiple times with beautiful Brandeis women, and generally had a grand time, except when I took organic chemistry and French, both of which made me miserable.



I'm in black in the back in black, flanked by Vivian, Gid and Jordana. Seth and wife are far left .

## Joan (Furber) Kalafatas

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

My husband Michael, also class of '65, and I are looking forward to our belated multi-faceted virtual 55th reunion. I have retired from a career in Human Resources specializing in Employee Benefits Management, most recently at EMC Corporation, where I was responsible for the development and communication of the company's benefits program for over 20,000 employees.

I made an easy transition to retirement and am enjoying participating in the Lifelong Learning Program for retired adults at Regis College, (virtually via Zoom since Covid), where I take a variety of interesting courses and serve on the Curriculum Committee. My volunteer work included, before COVID, volunteer ushering at regional theaters in the Greater Boston area, which allowed me to see many wonderful plays, and volunteering at the Wayland library, both of which I hope to resume soon. Also on the service front, I am active with social action at Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland where I

coordinate congregation support services through the Keshet Committee.

Our sons John age 51 and Dan age 46 and their wives are all engaged in interesting careers. We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters-in-law and four delightful grandchildren, who sadly live far away in CA and NC. See Michael's summary and more family photos.



Michael and I at a recent Lenox visit to the Edith Wharton's Estate/Museum.



Our North Carolina family: son John,  
daughter-in-law Karen, granddaughter  
Becca 14.



Our California family: son Dan, daughter-in-  
law Hadley, grandchildren - Avery 16, Drew  
12, Ellie 9



Just me.



# Michael Kalafatas

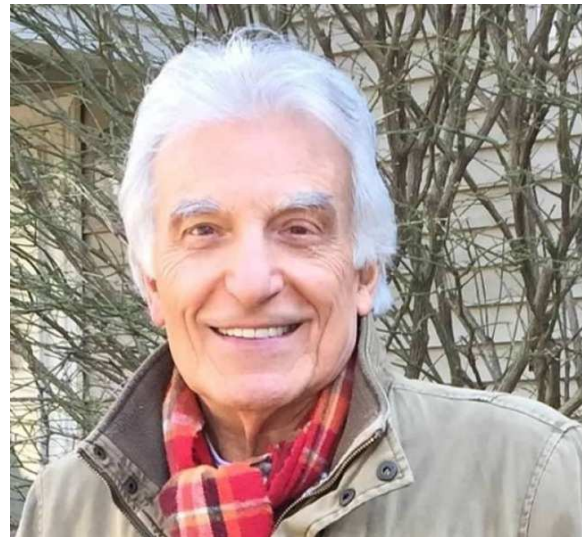
## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Along with ever-whitening hair, I have ever-deepening regard for how everything wonderful in my life came from Brandeis: an intellectual awakening, my beautiful wife Joan of 56 years, the 35-year Admissions career, two of my three books published by Brandeis University Press. Higher education revolutionizes lives, and I had the great honor to serve as Director of Admissions at Brandeis across a quarter century and watch it happen year after year.

I think of brave faculty like Bill Goldsmith of the Politics Department who put his academic career at risk by delaying scholarship to launch the US prototype Upward Bound at Brandeis the summer of '65, funded by the Carnegie Corporation. I was a tutor-counselor in it.

Recently I reconnected with Roy DeBerry, a student in that program. As a teen Roy had been a courageous young African American civil rights worker in his hometown of Holly Springs, Mississippi, during the deadliest

period of the civil rights struggle. Roy went on to earn three degrees at Brandeis, including a PhD, and serve as Executive Vice President of Jackson State University in Mississippi. Roy is co-author, with Aviva Futorian '59, of a new book, "Voices from the Mississippi Hill Country: The Benton County Civil Rights Movement." Check it out!



Just me.



My Brandeis '65 wife Joan.



Our North Carolina family; son John,  
daughter-in-law Karen, granddaughter  
Becca 14.



Our California family; son Dan, daughter-in-  
law Hadley, grandchildren - Drew 12, Avery  
16, Ellie 9.

# Gerald Kargman

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Not much, really, alas. I hope to change that before the next 5 year report is due. Actuarially, I'm already dead, I'm told, but I don't intend to let that stop me.

We did take a few wonderful family trips, one of which I'll highlight because I'm including a pic from it - me at 16K feet on my way up the Cotapaxi volcano in Ecuador, where we spent two marvelous weeks acquainting our son and me with my wife's roots. A second pic I'm throwing in is of me after completing a 5K/10K double at the Empire Games. My 2nd place finishes in both events qualified me for the National Senior Games in Albuquerque (June 2019), again a 5K/10K double, and a fantastic week of experiencing NM history and culture. Continue to read a lot across all genres and to spend too much time with too much of the excellent fare available through the telly these days.

Improbably, I still have all my original issue knees, hips, and shoulders (hair and teeth,

not so much), but I did have an interesting set of medical issues (it's PC for us oldsters to talk about this stuff, right?), more than a half dozen, which seemed to pile on most improbably, one after the other, over the better part of last year. The most singular was how I contracted covid-19. Emergency open surgery for an obstructed bowel on Feb 24, 2020, had me, with a still oozing 10" stapled incision from giggle to zatch, in a bed at Lawrence Hospital, Bronxville, NY on Feb 27 when a patient, all tubed up, and accompanied by his family and medical staff in PPE, was wheeled into my room. Turned out to be "Patient Zero," although not yet diagnosed at that point. I, who had been discharged on Friday, Feb 28, got a call Monday to go into quarantine. I still have "long haul" symptoms, the most frustrating of which is continuing, although mild, impairment in breathing and low O2 saturation. Been training through it nonetheless, with hopes still to run a Boston Marathon qualifying time in a September marathon. Steep hill to climb, figuratively and literally. We'll see.

My wife, Maria, 11 years my junior, has

been retired now for almost two years, but she's taken on part-time psychiatric social work at a Bronx clinic. She goes stir crazy if in the house for protracted periods, unlike me. Much of our time, and certainly psychic energy, is taken up with our son Charley, who continues to do well - UChicago, New York Urban Fellow (placement: NYPD's Bureau of Collaborative Policing, so he can claim having been an NYPD cop, sort of), AJWS (American Jewish World Services; alas, didn't meet "a nice Jewish girl"), University of Michigan MPP, and currently a Fellow in the Kennedy School's Government Performance Lab, working with the city of Tulsa to reform their Procurement and Contracting. Yes, I'm kvelling, but only because it's a parent's job. I hope my next report, should I live so long, will include the beaming announcement of grandparenthood, but first there's the small matter of Charley finding, or being found by, a woman.



Only 4000 feet to the summit



A Boy and his Pet Dragon (SUNY Cortland NY)

# Ellis Landau

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Life since our 50th Reunion remains very good. I remain healthy and active. My wife, Yvette, and I stay pretty busy: she is a general contractor building large casino hotels and I work on for-profit and non-profit boards. We continue to enjoy living in Las Vegas and spending time with family and friends. We also enjoy travel, looking forward to getting back "on the road" post pandemic.

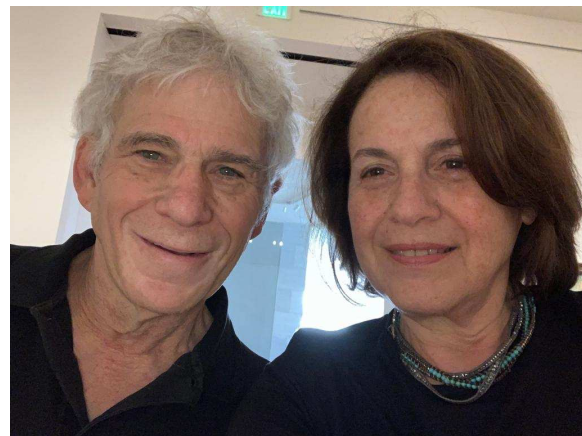
I try to stay connected to Brandeis as much as possible, now more through Webinars. My four years there were an important part of my life, and I remain grateful for the education, both classroom and extra-curricular, as well as the social development while i was there.

# Bob Lerman

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

My 50th reunion entry captured my appreciation of Brandeis for stimulating my intellectual side, giving me the opportunity to participate and excel in wrestling, and setting me on a path to a rewarding career and rich life. Since our 50th, I have continued to contribute to the effort to expand the role of apprenticeship training in the US through research, evaluation, action, and policy initiatives. At Urban Institute, I have built a team that has undertaken several projects, including building competency-based occupational frameworks for apprenticeship, evaluating grants under the American Apprenticeship Initiative, and stimulating apprenticeships for youth and for individuals in tech occupations. It has been gratifying to see my decades-long research and advocacy for apprenticeship bear fruit. As Presidents, Congress, states, and employers have finally begun to embrace apprenticeship expansion, I am happy to play an active part in the effort and see no reason to retire. While the Covid pandemic

only mildly limited my work on apprenticeship, it imposed a personal cost by preventing us from visiting our daughter Alona, his husband Gilli, and 5 year-old Asher in Jerusalem. Seeing friends and family on Zoom is only an imperfect substitute. Meanwhile, my wife Ariella and I are trying to stay positive and keep physically and mentally strong. The guides asks about achievements. My proudest achievement has been raising two wonderful daughters. At the professional level, my greatest achievement is playing a central role in the reinvigoration of American apprenticeship.



Ariella and Me

## Marilyn (Siskin) Merker

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I've hesitated to include my update since I have experienced a lot of "down" times over the past four years. There have been some "ups" like a beautiful new granddaughter but I have hardly had the opportunity to be with her during this COVID year.

The most trying of my challenges began in January, 2017 when I retired. By the end of that month I was moving, with my husband, to downsize our apartment in Manhattan. Within less than 2 months of the move, my husband of 46 years died suddenly. It was a devastating loss and was followed by nearly three years of legal, financial and business issues. By January of 2020, I had decided to move again. More downsizing. I also, sold a weekend home, on eastern LI, for which I had a closing date of March 30th.

As I prepared for a tag sale and the donation (to local charities) of whatever did not sell, COVID began to cause fear. Within less than 2 weeks from the closing date, the tag sale was cancelled and the charities all

closed down. I was left with a house that was move-in ready for the purchasers. Not the plan for either of us. I walked away from that experience completely drained, not knowing that the pandemic would last so long and that everyone I knew would leave the city or hunker down in their homes. I think the isolation and loneliness of this COVID year has been exacerbated by having to get through it without my life partner. I'm sure that those who have experienced the loss of a loved one can understand.

Well, I am usually a positive individual and now have to say that, at least, I am here to tell this tale. I have been vaccinated. Having lived through a lot of stress these past few years, I am hoping for better times as COVID gets tackled. I congratulate all my classmates who have made it through their rough times and this awful pandemic. I wish everyone good health and happiness for the years we have ahead.

# Joan Michelson

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

A year into various forms of lockdown in London, it's a leap to think back through the past five. The journeys of this year have been within my house, where I live alone. They have been inward and intense. But the autumn before covid arrived, I returned from a writing residency in New York State, the autumn before that, a residency in Wyoming, and the winter before Wyoming, I won an international fellowship to the Bangalore region of India. There in a isolated village for classical Indian dance, on the edge of drylands, I was given a live in studio as one of eight writers representing eight different countries. I had never imagined going to India and it has to rank as one of the more surprising experiences of my life. I finished editing a collection of poems, while I was there, 'Landing Stage', published in 2017 by Sentinel Publishers, London, UK. I also worked on 'The Family Kitchen' published in 2018 by the Finishing Line Press, Kentucky. These followed a poetry pamphlet, 'Bloomvale Home' treating residents in an Assisted Living Home, 2016,

Original Plus Books, Wales.

The little landslide of book publication was the fruition of many years of work. Added to the drylands of southeast India, the desert mountain region of northeast Wyoming, and this covid enclosure revealing an expanse of memories previously unrecognised, the interval has been of moment.

Further, in 2016, after reconnecting at our 50th reunion, invited to the Tucson, AZ Book Festival as a finalist in the poetry competition, en route I spent a week with Kiki Gould in her New Mexico retreat.

Now as then, days present themselves one at a time. I work obsessively birthing writing projects. more than I'll be able to complete. And I keep in touch with my daughter who texts or phones daily now that I am a senior classified under covid age groups. From time to time I stop to wonder where from here.



Brandeis and its community remain as a presence. I hope to join our class for our sixtieth reunion.

Greetings to all. With high hopes for the years to come.

Joan Michelson



## Steve Mora

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Well, life goes on which is good. I am healthy as are my wife Nancy and my two sons, Josh and Max. I am still an active trial lawyer. The heart of my practice these days is on behalf of plaintiffs suing evil businesses. I love it and don't know what I would do without it. I am still active in politics and worked many hours this year in the presidential election in Wisconsin and we won. I am still an avid golfer and it fills many months of pleasure and was really important this terrible year. My wife continues her career as a very successful executive recruiter. My son Josh is an executive with a university but his actual field is in the area of modern sports and entertainment and online sports in which he is a leading American expert. He has two wonderful teen age daughters who live in Buffalo with their mother and so I don't see them as often as I'd like. My son Max is a writer and makes ends meet as a restaurant manager. This year has not been good for the restaurant business.

I am still active in Brandeis matters including this reunion. Brandeis was the crossroads of my life. I made my best life long friends there. It set my philosophy, my thinking about the world, and determined my future. I have tried to raise my children with the love for education, history, learning and humanity that I learned at Brandeis. I have no idea how much different and less full my life would have been without Brandeis.

# Allan Pilloff

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Linda and I became grandparents for the first time in July 2019 when grandson Levi was born. We haven't been with him since January 2020. We have been able to meet online and see him run around their Brooklyn apartment and say moo and meow and call us Bubbie and Zaide. Linda and I are both fully vaccinated and are hoping for a visit this summer.

Otherwise, it's been a mean cruel season these past few years. We have avoided the corona virus. I have attached a selfie to show that I am still here and I have not gone to the barber shop. I thought we would have time in retirement to travel and do other things, but life intervened. It was gradual in coming, but I am now a caregiver with some outside help.

Daughter Michelle (Brandeis 2006) was the first person to recognize Michael Rossbash in public. He is the Brandeis professor awarded the Nobel Prize in biology. She was sitting next to him in a Broadway theater within a week of the announcement, recognized him, confirmed

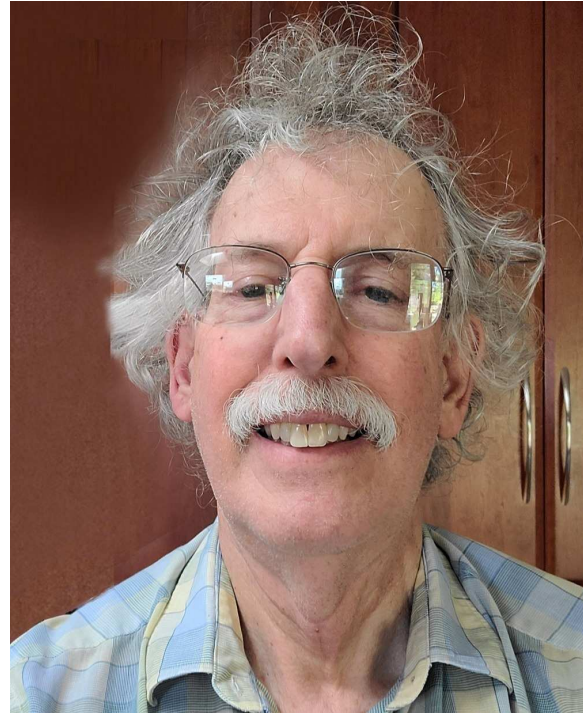
it with her phone, and started a conversation. He is our age, and I was hoping to meet him at the reunion that wasn't.

Thanks to Julian Millstein the "old boys at Ridgewood 28" were able to have a video meet this January. It is good meeting up with old friends especially in hard times. Freshman year was the best; best times, best friends. I was reared in a small town in Ohio, and my housemates were on a different level of awareness than I. I learned a lot that year, and some of it was even from classes. David Berkowitz brought folk music. I still listen to the last hour of the "Midnight Special", a Saturday night Chicago folk music program started by Mike Nichols when he was at U of C. I did meet up with Nina Judd in Boulder last February at one of those rites that no one wants to attend. I have been working on 2 major projects; the family genealogy and scanning old slides. The former is mostly completed but never done. The photo work is a huge job, and I hope I am able to complete it. I see less restriction coming soon, right Tony? I am hoping to do some catch and release smallmouth bass fishing this spring.

Years ago I had considered driving my 1965 Corvair to a Brandeis reunion, but I am less inclined to do that as we have both aged, me faster than the car.

The alumni magazine does not give all the news we need to know. Since the last reunion 2 highly accomplished Brandeis scientists have died: Silvan Schweber, physics and history of science, and Maurice Sussman, biology. They were both giants in my book.

Let's hope we will all be well and able to meet again in 2025 unless the university makes earlier make-up plans (to spur donations).



Covid (non) haircut



Large Chicago sheepshead May 2019

## Anne Cohen Richards, Ed.D.

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

In the past five years, my husband and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. A local magazine, West Georgia Woman, carried a story about it (see enclosed photo).

I have remained active in several organizations: editing and updating an annual political directory for the League of Women Voters in our county; serving as Secretary for the Responsible Sexuality Committee on the campus of the University of West Georgia, a group I've been a part of since its founding in 1986. Despite my retirement from full-time teaching, I have maintained membership and involvement in the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). I am the newsletter editor for the GA Conference of the AAUP, and a member of the Executive Committee of the University of West Georgia chapter of the AAUP. There seems to be no end to the injustices and governance issues that this group needs to be vigilant about and address in higher education.

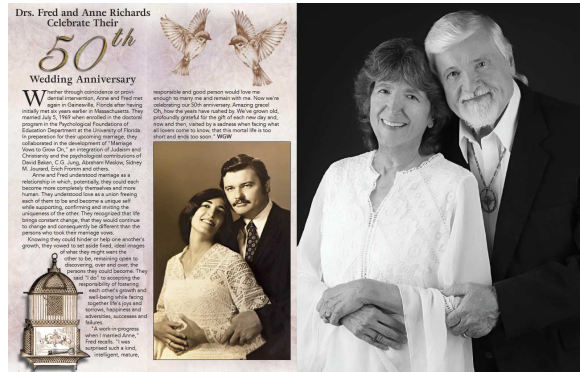
I've also been involved in retiree organizations - as Vice President of the Association of Retired Faculty & Staff at the University of West Georgia, as an alternate member of the University System of Georgia Retiree Council (USGRC), and as secretary for the Georgia Association of Higher Education Retiree Organizations (GA-HERO - affiliated with AROHE). Each of these organizations advocates for the best interests of retirees and seeks to provide persons with information that can help them continue to live productively and meaningfully.

In addition to the above, I am registered as a neutral mediator in the state of Georgia and do occasional mediations at the local Magistrate and Juvenile courts. I also continue to enjoy walking (typically three miles/day) and swimming (three times/week).

During the pandemic, I learned how to set up Zoom meetings, and have participated in MANY of them. The pandemic also provided me with the discretionary time that enabled me to complete an article on

mediator effectiveness that I had begun over 14 years ago. It emphasizes a humanistic perspective that I developed in classes at Brandeis with Abraham Maslow and in subsequent graduate work in a program also aligned with humanistic ideas. Although it has not yet been accepted for publication, I was encouraged by initial feedback received to make several revisions and resubmit it, which I expect to do as this year moves along. My husband and I co-authored a foreword for a published biography (A Curious Mind) about Sidney Jourard, (whom I first learned about in a class with Maslow), and co-wrote a couple of columns for a local newspaper (on the pandemic and efforts of the Georgia legislature to make sweeping changes in state election law).

All in all, it's been a good five years for me and members of my family. None of us got COVID, thankfully. It has been painful, however, to learn of the many debilitating conditions and deaths that have occurred for those who have had a much more up-close-and-personal struggle with this disease.



# Helge Rønning

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

The most important and tragic event in my life in the past years was the passing of my wife, Mette Masst, in 2016. When she passed away at far too early at 60 from glioblastoma she was the Norwegian ambassador to Mozambique, a country where we also had lived for several years altogether three times. Mette working as a diplomat and I doing research on communication and development, and on media in Africa, as well as on the role of communication in democratic transitions. These are questions that I have worked with as a professor and researcher also in other African countries – Zimbabwe, South Africa, Uganda. I have published extensively in these fields

Such issues have also been one of the main foci of my teaching and research together with international cooperation as a professor in the Department of Media and Communication at the University of Oslo. I am now Emeritus Professor in the department and continue to write and

research and being active in international cooperation and in Norwegian public life.

Media and communication is an interdisciplinary field and I have also through the years researched and taught principles of international journalism, television and film studies with a comparative and sociological perspective. Here my experience with the open and interdisciplinary and multicultural environment at Brandeis not least through the Wien programme has been a great inspiration.

In addition to my work at the university I have been active in Norwegian and internordic cultural life and relations. I have been the editor of one of the prestigious cultural reviews in Norway – Samtiden for altogether nine years. I have worked in publishing and as a literary critic, and written books and articles on the development of international publishing. My last publication in this area is a book I published on-line together with my colleague Tore Slaatta in 2020.

<https://www.internationalpublishers.org/state-of-publishing-reports/ambitious-literary-policies-international-perspectives>

In relation to my work as a writer and editor I have been actively engaged in the work to promote and defend authors rights and copyright. I have been the chair of The Norwegian Non-Fiction Authors Organisation and chair of the board of the Norwegian collecting society for reprographic rights Kopinor.

I have served on a number of government appointed committees and commissions. The most important was The Commission for Freedom of Expression (1996 – 1999) which had as its task to analyse freedom of expression as a principle of human and citizens right and propose a new formulation for the Norwegian Constitution in relation to this issue. I am still very engaged in public debates on this issue.

In all my work I carry with me the inspiration from having studied at Brandeis and the experiences of an open and radical intellectual environment so admirably described in Stephen J. Whitfield's book, Learning on the Left.

I have a daughter and two sons and two granddaughters



Mette and myself in 2013 before we left for Mozambique for her posting as Ambassador



# Joel Rubin

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

When I last wrote 6 years ago, I had been retired for a year. My wife Susan has since also retired. We remain in our home of 42 years in Bala Cynwyd, just over 6 miles northwest of Center City Philadelphia. Our fiftieth reunion time found us in Portugal with two other couples. Since then, we have been lucky enough to travel every few months; visiting friends and family in Oregon, Tennessee, Michigan, Virginia and Massachusetts; sampling Bourbons in Louisville; crossing the Canadian border for stays in both Montreal and Ottawa; enjoying quarterly stays in Tel Aviv visiting son Stephen and his family; crossing into Jordan to explore Wadi Rum, Petra and Amman; and experiencing the West Bank cities of Bethlehem and Nablus with a Palestinian guide. We stayed for five days in Helsinki (with time out for a day ferry trip across the Gulf of Finland to see Tallinn, Estonia); caught a week in Paris at our friends' apartment; and managed multiple week stays in Spain.

At 5:00 Saturday morning, February 15th,

2020, Susan and I landed at New York's JFK Airport after a 12-hour flight from Israel. Three weeks later we cancelled all social and cultural reservations and numerous travel plans. Thirteen months later we remain healthy (and now vaccinated). Ready to plan again.

Mollie, our daughter, and her wife Evelyn, remain in Nashville - both are on faculty at Vanderbilt. They have made it to Philadelphia twice for weeklong visits in the past year. We are in touch daily. Our first post-vaccination plan is a road trip to Nashville, just before reunion time.

Tour guide son Stephen and wife Zohar, a high school biology teacher, still live in Holon, about ten kilometers southeast of Tel Aviv. Our grandson Yatir appeared on the scene four-and-a-half years ago, and his sister, Arbel, arrived three years later. Our third grandchild is due mid-June.

Susan and I are eager to see our Israeli family in person again. Yatir still remembers our quarterly visits, but little Arbel, who we visited twice in her first three months, knows us only as stars of the daily FaceTime Gramma and Grampa Show! When Israel is ready to open up, we will

certainly be among the first arrivals. On the home front, the COVID reality has mixed outdoor walks and backyard-get-togethers with friends when the weather cooperated. Zoom, FaceTime and WhatsApp now keep us connected with friends and family, near and far off. Zoom has replaced a monthly in person “Lunch & Learn” focused on “current events through a Jewish lens”, while also providing a platform this past fall for two Brandeis NEJS courses, Jews of the Islamic World and The Hebrew Literature of Golden Age Spain, both taught by Jonathan Decter, Edmond J. Safra Professor of Sephardic Studies, which I thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to an in person 60th reunion in June 2025!



Stephen and Yatir



Zohar and Arbel



Mollie and Evelyn



Joel and Susan

# Steve Schwartz

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

It is now nearly 60 years since we first walked on to the Brandeis campus as freshmen. A lifetime ago, for sure. It is difficult to reflect on the world as it was back then, without comparing it to the complexities and challenges that we must all deal with today.

My life has been one of great satisfaction, and very good luck. I have been married to Carla for nearly 55 years, although we became engaged after knowing each other for only six weeks. My dear friend Al Shar and his then fiancée Cynthia actually introduced us in the winter of 1966. Today we have two sons, their wives and five grandchildren. Despite some health issues, we are in reasonable shape, spend half the year in Florida, and the other half in Connecticut.

While at Brandeis, I was not an “intellectual,” or political. Perhaps an opportunity missed in the early ‘60’s. I did, however make lifelong friends who remain very dear to me to this day. I am not close to the school today, and probably do not know what it

stands for anymore. However, the memories that I have from those years will live with me forever.



Out with my favorite date!



Our family, summer of 2020, celebrating  
Carla's birthday.



With our grandkids at Misquamicut.

# Michael Louis Seltz

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Brandeis introduced me to a national and international world beyond the Long Island suburb where I grew up. It introduced me to social activism and politics. It started a series of connections that led to several professions (city planning, architectural firm management, and the field of affordable housing). Personally, it gives me great pleasure to see my kids (six including three step kids) and grandkids (twelve) succeed and be happy. I treasure friendship and being able to stay in touch with family and friends including those I met more than a half century ago at Brandeis.

# Albert Shar

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

So much has changed since our 50th reunion in the world that it's hard for me to even think about changes to our lives since then. So much of our lives has been spent in trying to stay safe.

I got my second COVID vaccine (Moderna) on Jan 30, 2021, Cynthia got hers (Pfizer) on Feb 3, 2021.

We're now Florida residents, spending more than 1/2 the year there versus Pennsylvania. The winter is warmer here and my golf game is getting better (still not ready for the senior tour).

Our older son, Jonathan has three children: Noah, a sophomore at Syracuse's Falk School of Sports Management, Jessica, a freshman at the University of Michigan and Emma a freshman in high school. All are experiencing suboptimal experiences.

Our younger son, Daniel, has one child, Brady, a high school freshman.

Our sons are doing well, both luckily can work mostly remotely.

Cynthia and I are sort of officially retired. She's sees an occasional patient and I do the occasional consulting job if someone calls. I write and will sometimes teach at our local university and medical school.

We still have Brandeis friends who we stay in contact with and will see in person when it's safe.

Most important, we've managed to stay healthy.



Highland Beach

# Susan Sherkow

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Susan Sherkow For the Yearbook, class of 1965

I practice child and adult psychiatry and psychoanalysis in NYC. My sub-specialty, autism, has led to publishing a book on the neurobiological and psychoanalytic perspectives on ASD, as well as writing papers for various publications. Ten years ago, I founded a not-for-profit Center that trains professionals as well as supports parents and their ASD children. My husband Charles Murkofsky likewise practices psychiatry and psychoanalysis; both of our sons have internet businesses, although they specialize in making expert analyses of us and each other. Our older son lives in Austin and has two children. Our younger son lives in Chinatown and hopes to match his brother and raise him one.

"Brandeis" conjures up the wonder of retaining a close circle of friends who never lost touch, and for the past ten years, with

the exception of Covid, have met yearly, incorrigibly still poking fun at ourselves, and excoriating our enemies. The wrinkles are ignored, the booze softens the eyesight but not the brain.... Time stops still. There is a picture of three of us hanging out on River Street, senior year, looking very louche, that someone else forwarded to the yearbook collage.

I will never forget the time Franny and I were invited to tea at the Cambridge apartment of Leo Bronstein, and the profound impact on my life of that relationship, and, intellectually, of his concepts of the diagonal line and the "blueness of the blue" in and beyond Japanese art. Besides Bronstein, I had seminars with Manuel, Marcuse, van Doren, Philip Rahv...were we lucky ...and Maslow, my advisor, whom I took to be something of a Schmuck; but, when I see references to "self-actualization," I can't help being a little proud.



# Nancy Sherman

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Hello Classmates,

I hope that you have all been safe and well during these extraordinary times. The last five, now almost six years since our 50th reunion, continued quite as expected, with my post-retirement activities. I did consulting work with families seeking help with the independent school admissions process in NYC, enjoyed seeing my grandchildren (then ages 1 and 5, now 6 and 10), and had lots of opportunities to play flute and piccolo as a regular member of a community orchestra, in opera orchestras and as a woodwind quintet member. I made two wonderful trips to Europe, summers of 2016 and 2018, both times playing flute with a touring concert choir, for performances in London and Berlin, respectively, and then participating in a delightful week of chamber music in a tiny village in the very middle of France. Here especially, I had fun getting a little more fluent in French, a welcome bonus. Also on the 2018 trip, my sister joined me for some tourist fun in Amsterdam and Paris

Of course, all that stopped abruptly just after an early March, 2020 orchestra concert, and life as we knew it came to a halt. To complicate matters, I began treatment for CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) at the very height of the pandemic in NYC, when we were the epicenter. Strange and scary days. I'm doing fine now – in complete remission and feeling very grateful. My hope is that NYC will recuperate from the devastation of COVID, as it has from so many other major challenges in its past. And, of course, that hope extends to our country and to our world that has never shown itself more in need of protection and nurturing by a unified sense of humanity.



in Paris, with my sister Betty



sharing bear stories on Zoom with my  
younger granddaughter, Sadie

## Sandy (Kotzen) Smith & Dennis Smith

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

There have been a lot of changes in the Smiths' lives since our 50th reunion. We sold our house of nearly 40 years in Springfield, NJ, and downsized to a condo in a wonderful over 55 community in Woodland Park, just outside of Montclair, N.J. The community offers many amenities: intellectual, social and physical, and we enjoy many of them ( or did, pre CoVid). We also sold our vacation home of many years in the Berkshires. We still rent in Sarasota, FL for the winter months, and love missing the snow and ice, especially this year! In Florida, we play lots (and lots ) of golf; and pre -CoVid , stay intellectually stimulated by attending lectures on subjects ranging from music to international relations. Now, of course, we've been doing that on zoom, as well as playing bridge.

Our daughters still live in NJ, and our four granddaughters have grown up! Our eldest, Emma, will be graduating from Univ. of Maryland in May. Our 2nd, Macy, is completing her freshman year at University

of Texas at Austin. Stella is a senior in High School and will be attending Washington U in St Louis in the fall. And our youngest, Scarlett, had a zoom bat-mitzvah during this pandemic and will be starting High School in the fall. We are so proud of each of them- each has her own strengths and talents, but all are wonderful kids. We are truly blessed.

Denny continues to practice law on a very part-time basis. I have been totally retired from my long term position as student assistance coordinator in the Chatham, NJ school district for quite some time. We both enjoy walking, reading, playing bridge, and as already mentioned, golfing. We still keep in touch with some of our Brandeis friends — and from time to time meet at a central location for laughs and reminiscences . We look back fondly on our many memories of our years at Brandeis and remain sincerely appreciative of our wonderful education.



Sandy (Kotzen) and Dennis Smith

# Jeffrey Tarter

## **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Jeffrey Tarter

I've spent much of the past five years gradually easing into retirement, a transition that most of my friends of my age are trying to navigate. One of the biggest challenges was downsizing and eventually selling a fairly complicated publishing business, and then holding the hands of new owners (who often insisted on replicating every dumb mistake I'd ever made). My wife and I also spent a shocking amount of time working with a lawyer on a will that hopefully won't get tangled up in years of probate—something that we'd both seen happen with our respective parents. And we've been plugging away at a very long list of fix-it projects on our hundred-year-old house. It's remarkably satisfying to walk through sunny rooms with fresh paint and plaster and carpentry work.

No big surprises here—this is the stuff that fills the days for most retirees (unless they waste their time playing golf or watching

daytime TV...). But one transition for me was unexpected: no more deadlines. I'd spent almost all of my working life, from college to retirement, creating and delivering written work on time. Not "a little late" or "partially finished"—the job had to get done for the reader or client when it was promised. Period.

I hadn't realized that meeting deadlines had become so ingrained as a way that I my own productivity, week by week. In a good week, I'd ship several publications to printers or clients; if I didn't ship anything that week, a mental red flag went up. Pavlov's famous dogs would understand perfectly.

Of course, I eventually rid myself of my lifetime of deadline conditioning. (In fact, I almost missed Joan's deadline for this yearbook copy.) But if I keep working on my new-found irresponsibility, there's a good chance I'll blow off the deadline for the next five-year yearbook. I can hardly wait.

## Ben Tseng

### **With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I didn't contribute to the prior reunion yearbook so I am going to do a quick catch up on what has transpired since leaving Brandeis. During the final years at Brandeis, I became more interested in the discoveries in biology and went to graduate school in that field. It turned out that Bob Beller was also to attend at the same department. However, we both decided to further our studies elsewhere and departed to different institutions after one year. After completing my studies at Yale, I went out west to Univ Calif, San Diego for a post-doc and have since stayed in San Diego at various positions. Initially, on the faculty at UCSD and then lured into the nascent biotech industry where I primarily worked in oncology drug discovery and early stage drug development. I retired in late 2009 as funding became very difficult and have been having a great time ever since. Before moving west, I was married, Marilynne, and we have two children, Andrea and Gregory, who unfortunately don't live in southern Cal but are in the

west within long driving distances. We have 3 wonderful grandchildren, one born in Feb of this year so there will be a lot more driving for visits. There aren't words to capture this last year but I feel fortunate that I was retired and didn't have to deal with the challenges of schooling children along with navigating job adjustments. We have now been fully vaccinated so visits with family are scheduled and a gradual return to socializing with friends has started. I hope we all will be returning to a more outward life in the very near future. I have fond memories of Brandeis of all the personalities, the talents, and ideals of social justice. One of the positives that comes out of this pandemic though is that I will be able to attend this year's online reunion. Looking forward to it.

## Florencia Helman Ulate

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Living in Denver last 22 years. Provide medical and legal interpreting services to the Spanish-speaking community of injured workers without whom this country would not prosper nor survive. Their recovery from often devastating injuries is the best reward to my work. Enjoy the reunion. Maybe next time or the time after that.



Younger daughter, Bostonian husband,  
2020 Costa Rica family event.



Older daughter and family . Puerto Vallarta  
2019



# Alice Kogan Weinreb

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I have been lucky to have played flute for more than 40 years in the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, DC. In 2020 the NSO had planned to record the full cycle of Beethoven Symphonies with our spectacular new Music Director, Gianandrea Noseda. Alas, that was not to be because of the pandemic, yet I managed to practice every day and learn as many solo flute pieces as possible. I played a number of virtual performances, and I taught and gave master classes on line. Just last weekend (March 20, 2021) I played my first in-person NSO performance (after a whole year playing only from home) at the Kennedy Center, seated on stage at least ten feet away from my neighbors, with plexiglass shields in-between us--quite an auditory challenge. It was thrilling to be back! I survived the year by walking miles every day, which also helped offset the effects of the lethal political news. With the help of Swiffer and Eufy (the robo vacuum cleaner), I became the balabusta that would have made my in-laws proud. I tried to

make a delicious feast every night for my husband of 54 years, Michael Weinreb (Brandeis, Ph.D. '66) and me. Although the pandemic prevented visits with my two daughters and four grandchildren, we have kept in frequent touch by phone and FaceTime. I also have kept in touch with my dear friend Davida Pekarsky (Brandeis, '65) and my beloved Brandeis roommate, Marilyn Siskin Merker. We still manage to talk for hours.



Alice and Michael Weinreb

# Richard Weisberg

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Richard Weisberg and Cheryl Zackian Weisberg (BA'68) have recently moved to Pittsburgh, where Richard is Visiting Prof of Law at the U of Pitt, retaining his chair in Constitutional Law at Cardozo until September, when he retires there. He writes and lectures, and he serves on the Board of several organizations (in the US and in Muenster, Germany) that further the interdiscipline he helped to create, "Law and Literature". He continues to litigate on behalf of Holocaust survivors or their heirs, and a case he is part of in Chicago was affected, perhaps positively, by a very recent SCOTUS decision (Philipp v Germany/Simon v Hungary), for which he had submitted an amicus brief. Cheryl and Richard live near grandsons Owen and Wes and zoom with their four others (Henry, Jake, Rose, and the newest, Joseph) as often as possible. Finally, to his pleasant surprise, Richard discovered recently that all his "Justice" articles and editorials (along with those of his classmates) from 1963-65 are easily available online since somehow each

full edition of that great campus newspaper was preserved and has now been posted.

# David N. Wexler

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

David N. Wexler ('65), has retired completely from dentistry and is enjoying retirement. He and his wife, Susan F. Holm (B.A. '66 from The College of Wooster, Ph.D. Kansas University '85) have moved into a retirement community, Brewster Place. The address is 1208 SW 29th Terrace, Apt. A-3, Topeka, KS 66611

# Barbara Zoloth

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

I loved my time at Brandeis. Loved living in one of the cottages junior year. I'm so very proud that my niece is also a Brandeis alum! My memory isn't so great these days, but I do remember many concerts on campus. Also lovely times spent by the pond. And my lovely classmates. Climbing the hill wasn't so much fun, especially in the snow or rain! At 77 years old, there's not much left on my bucket list! Wishing the best to all my classmates!



My wife and I.



# Bob Zuckerman

**With a focus towards the last five years, tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Serving as Treasurer and Board Member of Beth Shalom Village during the Pandemic and keeping its residents safe, sane and happy is in the highest Jewish tradition and my greatest achievement during this period.

# *In Memoriam*

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

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Gwendolyn Foley Airasian  
Salomon Behar  
Ralph Berenberg  
Henry Berger  
David Berkowitz  
Peter Billig  
William Burns\*  
Arthur Chiasson  
Lee Dushoff\*  
Frances Taylor Eizenstat  
Katie Spitz Ellis\*  
Joan Feldman  
Susan Resnick Fisher  
Eileen Foley\*  
Janine Freyens  
Leslie Garber\*  
Bennett Harrison  
George Hecht  
Gilbert Hersh\*  
Steven Kaufman  
Betty Freedberg King\*  
Peter Kurtz\*  
Peter Larkin\*  
Anne Goldberg Lipnick  
Janet Akyuz Mattei

William Moody\*  
David Nemiroff  
Susan Newman\*  
Alice Harris Overby  
Emily Langworthy Peck  
Kenneth Pocrass  
Gary Posner\*  
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Arleen Eisen Rosenthal  
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Melvin Segal  
Leslie Shurpin  
Ronald Siegel\*  
Margaret Ahern Siegfried  
Alfredo Silva-Armas  
Mark Simkin\*  
Richard Solomon  
Idahlia Dessauer Stanley  
Joel Maier Stein  
Avrom Weinberg  
John Wheelock  
Judith Collier Zola

\*Denotes classmates who have passed away since our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015