

Brandeis
Class of 1971
50th Reunion
Yearbook



Deborah Abramson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

We were Brandeis students so long ago, I can't really remember much about my time there. I enjoyed the academic and social life and remember it fondly. I do remember demonstrating against Nixon then and now demonstrating against Trump and white supremacy, so much still needs to change in this country.

Since graduation I've had a satisfying career as an attorney and am now happily retired. I've been married for forty five years and have two grown daughters. My husband and I split our time between an apartment in NYC and a house in Woodstock, NY. We love to travel and hope to do more if/when it is allowed.



Allen Alter

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

We came of age at Brandeis in the "Vietnam era" and I still remember where I was when I learned of my draft lottery number (thankfully high-- #221) ... and other 'firsts' of those four years. I entered thinking. I'd likely be pre-med (both parents. were. MDs),but after my organic chemistry course, that was a non-starter... I majored in history and became a journalist, it's distant memory, but I started "the Brandeis Observer" newspaper, because the Justice was not what I thought a fair. newspaper should be !! And I was the first student representative to the Board of Trustees... only to be honored decades later as an adult with a seat on the same Board. I remain close to a group of guys I got to know at Brandeis and consider them good friends, though years can pass between our meetings. I probably didn't appreciate the learning/analyzing/thinking skills I learned as a Brandeis student... but relish the abilities they have provided.

Having only one son (Adam), his wife and two children bring much joy to my life, as does my (second) wife of ten years, Racine. We enjoy art, music, traveling (when

allowed) and now we are both enjoying retirement, too.

Robbie Baer (Roberta D. Baer)

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Entering Brandeis in the fall of 1967 began 4 turbulent years for me. Spring/summer of 1968 brought the assassinations of MLK and Robert Kennedy, the Democratic Convention in Chicago, the Sanctuary. Then Ford Hall, trips to DC to protest and get tear gassed, the National Student Strike. And the women's movement, which had me question every bit of my socialization, my career goals, and my relationships. Ultimately, in the spring of 1971, deeply confused, I was spat out into the world at the ripe old age of 21.

But those years and experiences at Brandeis taught me to see--and think about--what was going on in our society. It was not so much my classes; there were maybe a half dozen that made a serious impact, but rather the experiences of seeing the world coming apart before my eyes, and thinking through ideas with my friends and teachers. After graduation, I went to see more of the world; I taught elementary school on the Navaho Reservation in Arizona, ESL and GED classes for farmworkers in Colorado, spent

3 years in Guatemala, and many years in Mexico. I learned that it was all worse than what I had seen in my days at Brandeis.

Largely in spite of my graduate school curriculum, I learned to do applied research about social issues--applied medical anthropology, which looks at cultural and structural issues that affect health related behavior. For the past 37 years I have been a Professor in the Anthropology Department of the University of South Florida, in Tampa, FL. I try to help my students understand some of the critical social issues which confront us. I also have them participate in my community-based research; we then use the results to work with community groups to make a difference. Some of the topics I've focused on over the years are: farmworker health/pesticide poisoning, why people don't evacuate for hurricanes, issues for survivors of gunshot wounds, food security/covid problems of Congolese, Syrian, and Cuban refugees, documenting oral histories of a wide range of refugees, and doing trainings for healthcare providers to help them work with diverse patient

populations.

When I think about my 4 years at Brandeis and the state of the world back then, I think about the similarities to our current moment of deep social crisis and unraveling. So this, my partial trip down memory lane, connects my present to my past, to those issues I first discovered at Brandeis, now an unbelievable 50 years ago...

Jonathan Barkan

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The reunion brings back lots of memories of our time together. Most are joyful; others are difficult ones that required decisions and responses.

The Airplane our freshman year blew me away, in particular Jack Casady's bass riffs and the way he moved. Ah...The Chambers Brothers, Kutz at night with Motown on the jukebox, "Hi Charlie" and the band Jonathan as drummer.

Then there was hanging out in North with wonderful new friends.

It was junior year when, as a substitute proctor in Fine Arts, campus security found me. My dad died suddenly and the arc of my life changed. I grieved - the last movement of Bach's First Brandenburg gave me strength - and I found photography. Was I the first of my friends to lose a parent?

Soon after, my interest in communications took shape - basically abandoning Russian but not my friendship with advisor Bob

Szulkin. I spent time in the Castle darkroom, studied under filmmaker Tim Ash who hosted a dinner in Cambridge with a visit to the set of "Love Story" around the corner. I took weekly photo field trips since I had no classes Tuesday afternoons. And it was senior year that I created my first soundtrack and media show.

I was student teaching the first semester when, while chaperoning a party, I was asked about using heroin. That upset me and I responded by combining photography and music into a slide show - honest natural beauty vs. a junkie shooting up at Halibut Point and never looking up. I went on to a degree in Educational Media and my first contract to produce another show. I still regret turning down a doctoral opportunity to explore media and decision-making.

My work continues to define me.

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And I'm still at it...for now. It's been a great ride with lots of ups and downs. Self-employed, with staff and trusted

collaborators, we've designed and produced video and multi-media, all manner of print graphics, books, exhibits, events, and I've led college and graduate courses.

In the early 80s I met the love of my life while shooting and producing a fundraising show for Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on Deer Isle, Maine. We vacation there to this day. Artist and acupuncturist Margaret Ryding and I raised talented and successful Sophie and Ben. Our home is on 50 acres in the Hilltown community of Conway in Western MA. We have an amazing garden, chickens, and firewood aplenty that I harvest and split with a maul. I still have my Arlington Center pre-1750 building with eight commercial tenants and an apartment that we use regularly. So I'm in and out of polite civilized society.

I yearn for better times, new work, grandkids, and time with my beloved bride and our family.



A short video widely distributed and an important piece to share with you.

<https://vimeo.com/192665>



Margaret, Sophie, Ben, and Jon

Sandra Baron

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Sandra ("Sandy") Baron

Class of 1971

Upon leaving Brandeis, I moved to New York City. I was hired by CBS News and found my calling. I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a lawyer; working at CBS, I concluded that I wanted to represent news operations. I took a brief detour into the production of news and public affairs programming after law school, but my career since 1976 has been in the field of media and First Amendment law. First at a law firm, then public television, then NBC heading up a team of lawyers who handled legal matters for its news operations along with content related matters for all of its divisions and subsidiaries. I left NBC and took on the building of a nonprofit media association, the Media Law Resource Center, focusing on the education and organizing of media companies and their lawyers on free press issues and, over time, many other media issues. I ran the MLRC for 21 years, as it grew to include digital platforms and content operations, and international members, joining our more traditional domestic cable, broadcast, print,

wireservice, media association and law firm members. I stepped down from that several years ago and was invited to be a Senior Fellow at Yale Law School's Information Society Project, developing programs for Yale's Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, one of which is a clinical program representing independent documentary filmmakers.

I am married to Greg Diskant, a lawyer, who I met in law school. We have two sons, both of whom live in NYC. One is a federal prosecutor and the other a composer. We have one granddaughter. And we are very fortunate people. I confess I have no "bucket list" other than to travel again. My family, friends, the causes I care about and skill for, continuing to build First Amendment protective programs – all give me great pleasure and satisfaction.

Brandeis opened wide my intellectual interests and aspirations. New York gave me the opportunity for a life and career that has fulfilled and gone beyond my student aspirations.



Stephen Bell, Peggy McDormand, Irma Almirall-Padamsee

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

As we think many from the class of 1971 can testify to, we are not individuals who easily fit inside any box or follow all the rules. And so, three of us who met that first year at Brandeis and whose friendship has evolved over the last 54 years, decided that we really wanted to submit a joint entry to this yearbook. The three of us are rather an usual bunch...one Black male from Boston, one White female from Lynn, one Puerto Rican female from the So. Bronx; all first generation college from "financially disadvantaged" families, all not Jewish, who met that first year at Brandeis on scholarship and are not only close friends after over 54 years, but consider each other family. We had no clue at the time, but Brandeis set the stage for our definitions of self, our goals in life, our responsibilities to others less fortunate than we were, and a world view that is open to the respect and appreciation of difference as challenging but enriching gifts to each other. In short, we have a story to tell that we think is pretty unusual not as an emotional reflection of the past but more importantly as an example of how college life

sometimes brings together strangers who with a little encouragement or sometimes shove realize that what ties them together far outweighs the outer markers of difference. The willingness of Brandeis to pull us together in a context challenging our narrow sense of identity and fostering intellectual inquisitiveness and a thirst for finding the...dare I say it?...truth... might have happened somewhere else, but the three of us don't really think so. We've benefitted in a deep, life defining way. "Stephen's Brandeis Story-the Best Fit" "I can't remember a time when I didn't assume that I would go to college..." "Peggy's Brandeis Story-The family you choose." "I found my chosen family at Brandeis..." "Irma's Brandeis Story- The 120" "120. I lost track long ago on how many times I took out the calculator on my office desk, pulled up a department's section in a courses of study book and figured out what it would take for the student across from me to reach that number. .."

Read the full story from the three of us at:

<https://tinyurl.com/7a7bpzu5>

Steven Berk M.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I have been Dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine for 15 years. My older son is a Brandeis graduate and an administrator for a healthcare start-up in Boston. My younger son is an Assistant Professor in Medicine and Pediatrics at Brown. My wife Shirley and I have been married for 39 years.

Bucket list- establishing a medical school at Brandeis is still calling me.



Dr. Carol Berman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Attending Brandeis was an adventure in personal discovery for me. Although my family identified as Jewish, I had little contact with the Jewish Community as I grew up and chose Brandeis partly to be able to experience what it might be like to be a member of the majority ethnic group. I found it very comfortable and helpful in understanding my own cultural background and identity. But after a couple of years, I yearned for more diversity in my social surroundings. So I'm very glad to learn that Brandeis has become a significantly more diversified demographically while still maintaining its Jewish roots. I'm guessing the experience is even more enriching and self-revealing.

James Bernstein

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My Brandeis years influenced me more than I ever could have imagined. I encountered and engaged with so many wonderful, brilliant, diverse, interesting, exacerbating, crazy, warm and lovable people. My major was art history/studio, but my education was so much more. Each pursuit opened new doors. Intrigued by rehearsals in Sherman Hall, I became a performer in the Brandeis Israeli Dancers troupe (three years). I apprenticed to and became assistant to the Scenic Artist at Spingold Theater. Painting on a production of "Ruddigore", drew me to the Brandeis Gilbert and Sullivan Society. The following year I was acting, singing and dancing in "Trial by Jury" and "HMS Pinafore". There was no student Art organization. I established the Art Club. We sponsored Classic/Art Cinema screenings, Saturday Life Drawing sessions, turned a defunct greenhouse into a ceramic studio, "The Pot Shop", and gained student representation at Art Department Faculty meetings, adding our voice to the planning/curricula of the department.

I was fortunate to be one of the instrumentalists/singers that got together to make Early Music with Joel Cohen. We went into Boston frequently for classical symphony, opera, chamber, piano and vocal concerts. I learned springboard diving, scuba, got to know faculty members and families outside of school, and spent many hours in the library and dorms, commiserating, laughing and crying with classmates! There were so many moments of sharing and bonding!

From Brandeis, I entered the Cooperstown Art Conservation Graduate Program, interning at the Worcester Art Museum. I then joined a regional Conservation/ Training Laboratory in Oberlin, Ohio. I thought I would return to New York or Boston, but a surprise call came, inviting me to Co-Direct the Conservation Laboratory at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. I did not know I would fall in love with California and the progressive art scene there. That was 1975; I never left. After fifteen great years with SFMOMA, I established a free-lance practice in paintings and mixed-media conservation.

My specialty became Modern Art with highly vulnerable construction, materials and surfaces. Compensation, the retouching (inpainting) of damages/alterations, became something I am known for. In early years, I guest lectured at the conservation graduate programs. I then developed and presented over forty MASTERING INPAINTING workshops, hosted by museums and conservation facilities, US and worldwide. I love sharing information, turning colleagues on to new materials and approaches, and helping others to do their best work. I continue to work, consult, instruct and perform conservation treatments. When I do give up practice, I hope to continue consulting and teaching.

I am fortunate to have few regrets how my life has turned out. I have been blessed. The years have been abundant with dear family, friends and colleagues. They made my life one of substance and fulfillment. Thank you, my remarkable Brandeis classmates, for our wonderful 1967 to 1971 Avalon years! I hope you all of have enjoyed rich, productive, healthy, happy lives these many years since graduation.



**Jim Bernstein and Lucy Balter Weinstein,
Brandeis Israeli Folk Dancers, 1970.**



Jim with partner Jeremy Allen. San Francisco, CA. 2020.



Jim conserving a Rothko. San Francisco, CA 2020

Paul Bikoff

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Time flies! Couldn't manage to find an apartment and a teaching job in Cambridge, Mass. after marrying Louise (Arthur) 2 days before our graduation. So after 46 great years in Huntington, Long Island raising 3 great kids and empty nesting, I just packed up and moved full-time to a place nestled in the Berkshire mountains. The back of the property is the New York State/ Mass. border.

Doing a lot of Krishna Das and Shantala chanting. Looking forward to gardening and bike riding in the days ahead. If you're in my neck of the woods (literally!), give a shout-out and maybe a chai tea out on the deck...All the best to ALL of my Classmates...Namaste (with a pinch of ovey!)...Paul - poet, author, yogi, & cancer researcher



EastHampton Library Book Signing



Great Yoga Wall is Moving to the Berkshires



"GORGEous" in Ithaca Last Summer



Planter is Looking Forward to New Mass
Annuals

Donna Joseph Bossin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Dear Fellow Classmates Brandeis 1971, I can't quite believe 50 years have gone by since graduation from Brandeis. Yet looking back, I see I have accomplished many things in those 50 years and I have changed and developed in ways I never would have expected.

How can I sum up 50 years in 500 words? Obviously I can't so here are the high points. After graduation, I worked in Boston for a year as a legal secretary. I then moved to Kent, Ohio, where I completed my MA in English and American Literature and was well on my way to completing my PhD when life got in the way. In the English Department at Kent State I met the love of my life, Gary (now known as Gadi) Bossin. We got married in 1977 and our son Roni was born in February 1978. Gadi's dream was to move to Israel, something I had never considered. But as I started thinking about it, I realized that moving to Israel was in line with the way I was raised and the Jewish education I was given and the worldview I held. So in July 1980, Gadi and I and our 2 year old son moved to Israel. If I said that adjustment to life in Israel was

easy, I'd be lying. In fact, I've often said that had I known what was in store for us I never would have agreed to move. Yet we are still here after 40 years. This is home and I can't imagine living anywhere else, even though I am very concerned about the results of our election tomorrow, the fourth in the past two years.

In 1982 our daughter Rinat was born and in 1986 our daughter Keren was born. When Keren was 2, I began working at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology as a technical writer and editor. In this capacity I was able to use all my skills, both as a language person and as someone very adept at working with all the new technologies. I worked there for 25 years and retired at age 63.

Actually, however, I've never retired because while I was working at the Technion I also took a course to become a professional Hebrew-English translator. Since retirement, I've been working full time as a translator. I translate mainly academic articles in the humanities and social sciences. Translation is probably the only profession in which I can successfully put all my unrelated skills to use and never get

bored.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, my translation business is booming as people seem to have more time on their hands to write. Also I have three grandchildren and they keep me busy as well.

In 1971 I never would have predicted that I would live in Israel, have three children and three grandchildren and run a successful translation business. Life does have its surprises.



Our beautiful country



The Grandchildren



COVID caused my hair to turn white...

Sundar Burra

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My eyes and mind opened up at Brandeis from 1968-71. The anti-war movement had a profound psychological impact upon me. Studying with Karl Popper and Alasdair MacIntyre were key influences in my intellectual life. I joined the Indian bureaucracy for 20 odd years and then worked with an NGO for the next 20 odd years on urban poverty. Now I am a member of a group of retired civil servants trying to save the Indian Constitution from being ravaged by a majoritarian and authoritarian regime. I am married with two sons and live in New Delhi. I often think of Brandeis as the defining influence of my life.

Arthur Caplan

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis had a huge impact on my life. I met my first wife there with whom I had my beloved son Zach, learned to listen hard in class and to my friends and peers, a talent that served me well, came to enjoy sports with teammates and was put on the career path that ultimately led to my work on the ethical challenges of health care and biomedicine. I am still pursuing the ethical insights that I became engaged with at Brandeis--equity, justice, respect for others, the drive to heal while maintaining human dignity. My current position last NYU School of Medicine, where I lead the Division of Medical Ethics has given me a platform for writing, public education, mentoring, teaching and public policy engagement that I thoroughly enjoy. So much so that I keep putting off retirement. I have had the honor of mentoring many wonderful doctors and scholars, of traveling widely and of meeting my wonderful second wife Meg who has given much to her patients and peers. Brandeis in so many ways played a key role in permitting me these opportunities. Plus I made good friends who remain so to this

day. Hard to ask more of a university than that!

Wendy Cohen

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I had a reputation in high school for being a bit of a contrarian. When I was applying to college, my aunt suggested Brandeis. I mentioned it to my guidance counselor, and he said, "That's the school for you." He was right.

I remember our welcome dinner. I still have the dress I wore (no, I can't fit into it). I sat next to Roger Lebow, and that started my adventure with DeRoy II. A hell of a way to start off college life! I loved being in a place that gave us a chance to seek "truth even unto its innermost parts" while also enjoying ourselves. I think we were there at the perfect time, as crazy and intense as it was. I confess I was a bit intimidated being surrounded by so many brilliant, thoughtful, funny people, and it was an experience I will never forget. It's wonderful to see that so many of us have held on to the values we had then, and that we still treasure the relationships we built.

After graduation, I worked in the Brandeis film department for a year. It was a good way to ease out of the academic life. I

eventually came back to NYC, where I have been ever since, except for eight years in Princeton. I was married for 15 years, I have two stepsons, and they have five children between them. I was a restoration intern at the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, then a junior conservator of sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art. In 1983, I changed direction, got a Master's in interactive media from NYU, and worked as a graphical user interface designer until 2001; among other things, I built the interface for a project funded by the Air Force to train hydraulics specialists to fix the F-15. I visited an Air Force base when all the flyboys were coming back from the first Gulf War. Talk about another world! Now I direct executive education for a division of a large Catholic university, which is also another world.

I was lucky enough to go to Paris every year for work. Steve and I have taken some great trips, both internationally and nationally, including taking the train from Chicago to San Francisco. We got a sleeper, just like in "North by Northwest", which was terrific. The pandemic obviously put a halt to that,

along with everything else. Social media has been a savior. I held off retiring and am working part-time from home until this bizarre period is finally over; it diverts me and keeps me sane. I'm grateful we got through it. What a long, strange trip it's been.



THEN: Bronstein Day, 1970. Taken by Rick Punzo's mother. If she only knew ...



NOW: Desperate times call for desperate measures.

Randy Sherman Davis

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

As a young woman from Brooklyn following my brother, Robert Sherman '67 to Brandeis, and entering while still 16 years of age, my four years on campus had a tremendous impact on my life.

Politics, passion and social justice....Building on values learned in my home, and spurred on by the politics and passions of the time, the events happening around me outside of the classroom, the anti war demonstrations, John Rollins in Sanctuary, the Ford Hall and Admin building takeovers, were intense and important learning experiences. These experiences became the foundation for my political views and my passion for social justice. For me this translated into a lifetime of work in elementary education. After Brandeis, I taught for ten years, in the Boston Public Schools. From there I went to the Lincoln, MA Public Schools where I taught, served as Curriculum Facilitator, and, finally, principal at Hanscom Primary School which is located on Hanscom Air Force Base. My passion was curriculum that was targeted, thematic, and multicultural with an

emphasis on developing a growth mind set. I am grateful to have had a career in public education that was so rewarding and allowed me to both give, and grow, with the students, teachers and parents I worked with along the way.

Love, family, friends....Most importantly, my sophomore year, I met my soul mate and life-long love, Marshall Davis '69. We fell in love at Cholmondeleys and had a first kiss at the bottom of the steps in East. Marsh and I will celebrate our 50th Anniversary in June, but, to us, the most important celebration is our Meetaversary at Brandeis on September 13th, a day which we celebrate each year. We are a close knit family with our two daughters, Ana and Rosie. Ana and husband, Dave, have given us two wonderful grandchildren Molly, age 12 and William, age 8. Rosie, and husband Brad, are bringing us more joy, and we look forward to welcoming our third grandchild at the end of March. Unlike our daughters, we never did much travel while at Brandeis, so we've been lucky enough to do lots of International and domestic travel, the highlights the year before the Pandemic

included a Safari to Tanzania with Marcie Hirsch '71 and a road trip to Nashville, Memphis, Selma and Montgomery with Claudia Fine'70. Which brings me to the final impact of Brandeis, giving me lifelong friends to share the joys and sorrows that life brings along the way. If the turbulent past four years and the Pandemic year have taught me anything, it is a renewed appreciation of the friends and family that are closest and bring love, joy and happiness to our days as we journey life together.

Thank you Brandeis for all you have given me, from love to friends to a grounding in important values. I look forward to returning to campus next year and seeing classmates to celebrate together.



Marshall and I in Czech Republic



Our family

Barbara A. Dortch-Okara

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

In 2012, I retired from the Massachusetts Superior Court after 28 years on the bench. Starting in 1998, I served a five-year term as Chief Justice for Administration and Management of the Trial Court. Retaining my status as a Superior Court judge, I was responsible for providing policy direction and operational support to the seven trial court departments.

After my retirement from the bench, I became a full-time law professor at New England Law Boston until retiring again in 2018. My greatest pleasure from teaching was coaching the law school's mock trial team. During the same period, I served as Chair of the State Ethics Commission. I have been blessed with many wonderful and fulfilling experiences in my personal and professional life. What was perhaps my most challenging role was also the position of my most significant accomplishment. When I was Chief Justice, the court system suffered one of its deepest funding crises. The budget deficit resulted in tremendous political pressure, finger-pointing, and strife. Nevertheless,

the Trial Court weathered the storm with few layoffs and with the additional strength of updated personnel practices, more professional foreign language interpreter services, and advancements in its information technology project.

My family life has been a source of great comfort and joy. I am married to Dr. Ebi Daniel Okara, a psychologist who is still engaged in private practice. Our son, Preye Daniel, is 27 years old. Because my mother took care of my son when he was young, I did not have the stress of childcare worries that many mothers have. Also, as a judge, I had ample personal and vacation time to spend with my son. My husband and I were fortunate to take him on trips to judicial conferences where judges like Justice Sandra Day O'Connor could pinch his cheeks.

Since retiring from all gainful employment, I have been free to explore several volunteer opportunities. The most significant is my role on the Brandeis Board of Trustees. During the past two years I have served on the Nominating and Governance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Academy Committees. I now chair the Academy

Committee and serve on the Executive Committee of the Board. My work on the Brandeis Board finally gives me a chance to give back to Brandeis some measure of a return of its investment in me. I also co-chair a Northeastern University School of Law initiative called Confronting Racial Injustice which is developing a series of webinar panel presentations focused on the present-day impacts of slavery in Massachusetts.



Mother's Day Brunch



Anniversary Trip To Copacabana Beach



Rosa Parks and Me

Anita Dymant

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Two institutions have had the greatest impact on my life: Brandeis, and the US Attorney's Office. At Brandeis I started to become an adult. Years later, after I had graduated from law school, had several unfulfilling legal jobs, married and divorced, and moved across the country, becoming a federal prosecutor shaped my life up to now. I learned to try cases, made the closest friends I would ever have except for my time at Brandeis, and met my husband. I was a prosecutor in Los Angeles (where I still live) for 11 years, during which time I remarried, had two children (both of whom were in utero for several federal criminal trials), and tried dozens of cases. I only left the Office after being appointed as a state court Judge. That became the longest stretch of my legal career — 27 years, 20 of them full time handling criminal, civil, and appeal cases. The remaining 7 years, after retiring, I sat as an assigned Judge, filling in for absent colleagues. I fully retired from the bench in 2018, so that I could become politically involved ahead of the 2020 election.

My non-work life has involved extensive

travel, both international and domestic.

The latter is due largely to having children who don't live in LA - a son, his wife and baby boy, living in Seattle, and a daughter and her fiancé, in New York. I've served on nonprofit boards, joined a women's PAC, taken classes, and enjoyed previously nonexistent leisure time.

I have so many fond memories of my time at Brandeis. Seeing Mike Nichols speak after *The Graduate* came out. Warmth Wednesday. Traying behind the library after a winter snowfall. How magical campus looked in the fall. Being served wine in a paper cup for my Italian final. Listening to music at Cholmondelys. The mouse in my Castle room senior year, and the RA's cat that brought it to ground.

I had hoped to be able to return to campus this spring for our 50th, but hopefully we can be back there next year. Fifty first just doesn't have the same ring to it.

Barry Elkin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Approximately 18,250 days ago we graduated. I have filled many of those days doing what I wanted to do: academically, helping to raise and be in a family, playing whatever sports my body allowed me to do at the time, attending countless concerts both here and abroad and making many friends along the way.

Brandeis was more than an academic whistlestop. It was a launching pad for my psychological studies and a place where I could continue to explore the political and social justice involvements that began in the shtetl of my youth (Washington Heights of Manhattan).

Many of the friendships that I continue to love and enjoy began at Brandeis, including both of my boys' godfathers. To use the vernacular of that time, Brandeis was far more karass than grandfalloon (Thank you Kurt V.)

With life comes joy and grief. I've had a lot of each and I still feel optimistic.

Other than for 4 years of grad school, I've spent my post Brandeis years in either Cambridge or Lexington. Though still working as a full time psychotherapist, we're

living for these 3 months in California. I get to hear of my sons playing music quite frequently and I continue to be the family chef. One of my (billions of brain cells ago) memories was cooking pasta and meatballs for all of Ridgewood. I've been cooking for large groups of people ever since. I feel very connected to many folks in my small yet ever expanding world. I admit to being proud of my Brandeis connections. It was, I think, both easier and more difficult to have a Brandeis cathexis because of the times when we were there. On the one hand there was not a school spirit, per se. On the other hand, for me, getting close to like minded folks during certain political events (Ford Hall, giving sanctuary to our AWOL serviceman, building takeovers and, of course, the student strike, led to connections based on wanting to make the world better. A great sense of community emanated from those events as well as the conversations that ensued with faculty and classmates. Also, Earth Day, Bronstein Day and some of the concerts and other arts provided a great canvas for consciousness explorations. I made an amazing pivot during covid: every Saturday am I zoom

with my 2 closest Brandeis friends- Barbara and Wendy. Another isle of sane connection. This has been a life well lived....so far. And as Dylan sang, "Me, I'm still on the road heading for another joint". Until we meet again, Love. Barry



then



now

Seth Ersner-Hershfield

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My wife Robin (Class of 1972) and I were married at Brandeis and went on to earn our PhD's in psychology at Rutgers University in 1978. We had a psychology practice in Newton, NJ, for 40 years. Our friend, Cleve Gilmore, wrote that he found his love, his career and good friends at Brandeis. I couldn't say it better. Drs. Morant and Whitfield inspired my love for psychology, Dr. Onorato, my love for the written word, and Dr. Frederickson, my terror of statistics. The historical context of our time at Brandeis made it probably the most interesting time to be in college. I feel incredibly lucky to have taken classes with great professors, and to have met Robin and our wonderful friends and their wives: Cleve and Linda, Steve and Nancy, Artie and Meg, Fred and Keiko. We moved from NJ to California this June during catastrophies of biblical proportions - global pandemic, urban riots, fires, earthquakes, and shortages of toilet paper - to be 3000 miles closer to our son Hal, daughter-in-law Jen, granddaughter Hayes and grandson Smith. It's been worth the drive.

Daniel Maverick Falkoff

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Single, still working.

After a long semi-glorious career in electrical engineering, I work in surgery. (I'd retire if I had a better idea of what to do with my time.)

I have 3 adult kids, and now also 1 1/2 grandchildren.



Marjorie Feldman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Mother, wife, grandmother

Painter, Gardner, swimmer

Student of Hebrew letters, devoted
daughter and sister

Foodie, winery owner, farmer

Lover of nature, loyal friend



Spring break on the Oregon coast



Celebrating 71 great years



My painting of George Floyd

Howard Fingert, MD, FACP

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I came to Brandeis with hopes to expand my mindfulness & experiences to learn from, and contribute to larger communities. The motto “truth unto its innermost parts” and the faculty’s deep love of scholarship, humanity, quality of thought – all continue to inspire and challenge. As a combined NEJS-premed major, I had wonderful experience learning from Nahum Glatzer, Alexander Altmann, Al Axelrod, guest faculty Harvey Cox, Rabbis Zalman Schachter and David Hartman– to name a few. As a physician and cancer specialist, I continue my career working on new approaches to treat and prevent cancer and other diseases in children and adults. Building on my training at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Dana Farber and Mass General Hospital, I was privileged to establish programs to deliver ‘decentralized’ cancer care and to enable participation in clinical research protocols for home-bound patients. Over recent decades, I joined the biopharmaceutical industry working at Pfizer, Takeda and other small and large companies. Moreover, I was privileged to have roles supporting public-private

partnerships, and I received appointment on the FDA Oncology Drugs Advisory Committee and NCI National Cancer Advisory Board. At present, I continue consulting work for multi-national biotech companies to optimize clinical development programs, coupled with teaching as guest faculty at MIT Business School about optimizing quality, regulatory sciences; meaningful product development; partnerships with NCI and other sources. In many ways, those learnings from Brandeis days gave me many insights about quality, scholarship and “truth unto its innermost parts”. In my current role as a consultant, I am privileged to continue work on opportunities to be mindful of, and contribute to the condition of individual patients and larger communities. Via LinkedIn, I welcome hearing from other Brandeis grads who have similar interests.

Steven Friedell

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I have been living in Philadelphia and teaching law at Rutgers University in Camden, NJ since 1977. I have written on Admiralty law but my real love has been Jewish law. One highlight was a 10-day trip with Jewish law scholars, mostly Israelis, in Poland. The actual conference was in the former study hall of a large yeshiva in Lublin. An article that developed out of a paper I gave at the conference can be found at

<http://www.myjli.com/dilemma/index.php/author/stevenfriedell/> My paper involved a claim for damages that arose out of the Venetian inquisition in the late 16th century. The claim was addressed in two rabbinic responsa, one of which was written by the Maharam of Lublin. By comparing the responsa to the official inquisition records, I was able to identify the people involved and clarify and correct other details in the responsa. For a video made by Chabad that is based on my paper, see <http://www.myjli.com/dilemma/index.php/2017/02/10/forced-to-flee/>

An earlier article compared aspects of

Jewish law to a critique of American law based on Carol Gilligan's theory of feminism. A copy can be found at: <http://www.repository.law.indiana.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1452&context=ilj>

Lately I have been analyzing the ways in which Israel's secular courts use Jewish law. The most recent article in this vein is: https://www.academia.edu/40042315/Jewish_Law_in_Israel_Hope_and_Renewal

My wife Ellen Silberstein Friedell ('70) served for several years as a lawyer for different federal agencies in Washington DC. We met there when I worked at a law firm. After moving to Philadelphia, she worked in the law department of Rohm and Haas Company. She now serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and counselor. She also chairs two non-profit boards of wonderful organizations, the Public Interest Law Center and the Settlement Music School. She encouraged me to pursue my interest in singing, and for the past few years I have been studying voice at Settlement. Here's a short aria from 2019 <https://youtu.be/lqA3gsaMXb0>

We have two wonderful children. Deborah is a contributing editor at the London Review of Books, Lrb.co.uk. David teaches philosophy at Union College.

<https://www.union.edu/philosophy/faculty-staff/david-friedell>

Brandeis helped define my interests, fostered a love of learning and the pursuit of truth. I loved the beauty of the campus and the surrounding area, especially in the fall. I was lucky to know so many outstanding teachers and fellow students.

Nancy (Naidus) Gilbert

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I left Brandeis with the goal of making a career in education. Professor Jerry Cohen deserves a good deal of credit for that. I earned an MA in teaching from Wesleyan, then taught for four years. It turned out that it's hard to be 22 years old and have any sort of authority over 18-year-old high school seniors! (I later learned that working with second-grade Brownies was more up my alley.) The school and I parted ways, but education was still my passion. So I went into educational publishing and have been there ever since. I work on social studies materials for K-12 students and have seen many changes over the years. For one, of course, physical textbooks are no longer the main source of content for students. Also, students' experience with online games and apps raises their expectations for learning in school. Where teachers used to think students would sit still and take in whatever was offered, we now know that isn't the best way to learn. I actually knew that already from my years at Brandeis. When I asked my own questions, I was much more likely to pursue the answer and hold on to the learning.

Along the way, I got married, moved to New Jersey and had two beautiful daughters, who make me so proud. One lives in Washington DC and is Executive Vice President of Public Citizen. The other, through enormous persistence, first made a career in New York art galleries and now in digital account management. My husband and I are expecting our first grandchild, a girl, this June.

Two years ago, my husband and I downsized and now live in an apartment in Hackensack, NJ. What a huge job—to review your life in pictures and “stuff,” all of which needs to be reflected upon before, mostly, being discarded. Not having lived in an apartment for more than 50 years, it was a bit of a transition. But I am relishing the freedom.

I love to explore. Sometimes that means going to a new museum exhibit or hiking in a newly discovered park or woods. Other times I get curious about a landmark I've seen for years while passing by, but never stopped to really look at. And sometimes, it means just Googling an idea I heard about

and want to learn more. It has also meant traveling. I've traveled on my own to the Rockies, the Pacific Northwest, and South Korea, and with my family to a few European locales, to Quebec, and to Israel. There are definitely other places on the wish list. I'm looking forward to retiring at the end of this year. It will leave time for more exploring, for volunteering, and finally taking all the classes I wish I had known enough to take in college.

I had really hoped we could have an in-person reunion this year. With a few exceptions, I haven't seen anyone from school since our 40th. Well, we've all learned how to make the best of Zoom, and we will do it again this June. Then we can look forward to our 60th!

Grover "Cleve" Gilmore

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I found my love, my career, and great friends at Brandeis.

In the summer after the first year, I started working as a research assistant for Dr. Ricardo Morant, the Chair of the Psychology Department. He was a wonderful mentor who shared his enthusiasm for psychological research with me. He was quite busy and consequently permitted me to work with a good deal of independence. I found myself doing research on topics that a few months before had bewildered me in a course. A course that I did poorly in. Conducting perception experiments, reading papers, debriefing the participants on their experience, and having long conversations with Dr. Morant was a transformative experience. I entered the second year with a good understanding of the scientific process. I could see how that process influenced the instruction of every professor. I now understood how they were structuring their lectures, and I could follow the logic of their arguments. My performance as a student greatly improved. As important, I developed a deep interest in psychological research. While working with

Dr. Morant, I also assisted Dr. Sidney Stecher whose rigorous psychophysical research methods helped shape my own approach to conducting research.

My key life moment was meeting Linda DeNorscia, who also worked in the Psychology Department. She has been my best friend ever since. We were married after graduation in Bethlehem Chapel at Brandeis. We have two children and five grandchildren and are fortunate that they reside near us. Sharing more than 50 years with Linda has been wonderful. In life, there are ups and downs and sideways moments. Experiencing them with a trusted life partner makes everything better.

We moved to Baltimore in 1971, where I attended The Johns Hopkins University, earning the MA and PhD in psychology under the supervision of Dr. Howard Egeth. In 1975, we moved to Cleveland, where I joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University. I moved through the academic ranks and served in a number of academic leadership roles. I strove to be a good mentor to my students, following the model of my own mentors. For the last 20 years, I have been the Dean of the Jack, Joseph and

Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. My research has focused on the perceptual and cognitive processes of older adults, especially people diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. It has been a fulfilling career.

I treasure the Brandeis friends with whom I have been able to stay in contact. It is wonderful to chat with friends whom one has not seen in a long time and still have a comfortable, meaningful conversation.

What brought us together 50+ years ago is still there connecting us. To friends with whom I lost contact, I look forward to our reconnection.

Gary Glaser

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Coming of age at Brandeis was an amazing experience. Being at Brandeis during the turbulent years of '67 - '71, I felt an intense part of the upheaval caused by the Viet Nam War and the burning issue of systemic racism. That led me, together with my then classmate Billy Keyserling, to form a campus organization called Peace Through Political Action in 1968, which was our vehicle to organize college students throughout the greater Boston area to work for peace candidates running for local, state and national office. I grew up outside of Washington, D.C., and my father was an attorney with the US Dept. of Labor, so politics was in my blood from a young age. That said, coming out of high school being a lawyer was not the future I pictured for myself: I wanted to be a Broadway actor or a successful rock or pop musician. Being a soc major I was able to take as many music and theatre/acting classes as I wanted. Although I ultimately went to law school I never lost my fervent dedication to the ideals which Brandeis had instilled in me. And my acting and music classes – and acting in plays in Spingold (albeit only in bit

parts on mainstage, but with more opportunities in the smaller theatres) – made me commit to myself that someday I would combine my love for the theatre and music with my legal career. But enough of that: one of the best parts of Brandeis was the people who went there, and my closest friend to this day is still one of my freshman year dorm-mates, Jackson Koffman, and my close friend and apartment-mate for two years, Jon Barkan is still a very close friend despite the fact that we may not talk for months on end. In any event, I ultimately graduated from law school after taking a couple of years off to “self-actualize” and work on my music. Then, after working for a few years in Boston as an attorney in the Regional Office of the NLRB, I moved to NYC and joined a small 10-person law firm. More importantly, I also met my wonderful wife-to-be, Lorraine and together we have two wonderful children, Samantha who with our son-in-law, Craig has given us two incredible 3 ¾ year old grandsons and our son Evan and his wonderful wife, Wendy. Years and several NYC law firm moves later, I was blessed by being able to live out my dream: I was invited to join the Board of

the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA) and became its pro bono labor counsel. That led to another incredible pro bono opportunity in/around 2005: through VLA, I learned that the League of Off-Broadway Theatres and Producers (the League) needed pro bono counsel to represent it in connection with its upcoming negotiations with one of the theatre unions. I jumped at the chance which led, in turn, to my being the first non-theatre person to be awarded a Lortel Award in 2011 for "Contribution to Off-Broadway," and to being invited to join the League's Board as well. Thank you, Brandeis.



Gary Glaser and his better halves!

Rosanne Friedman Goodman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

First, a shout out to my gang of friends who made Brandeis such fun: Barbara, Linda, Sue, Donna, Ira, Norm, and Lynn ('72). Also, a thanks to Grover (Cleve) for making work-study in the psych lab a great time. While I loved all four years at Brandeis, my favorite Brandeis experience was not on campus. In July following our truncated junior year (Kent State), I joined 9 students from Brandeis and 30 students from around the US for six months of study in Israel with Brandeis' Jacob Hiatt Institute. I began to learn to speak Hebrew and had classes in the history, sociology, and politics of Israel. We traveled throughout the country and met famous people like David Ben Gurion and Menachem Begin. Immersing myself in the history of Israel strengthened my ties to Judaism and influenced my career choice. I have spent the last 36 years teaching in synagogues, the first 21 years as a preschool teacher and the last 15 years teaching Hebrew reading and bnai mitzvah to children with special needs. For the last 25 years I have been part of an advanced Hebrew conversation class, speaking Hebrew with a group of friends once a

week. As I near my retirement this May my husband and I hope to continue our travels. We travel often to Israel, have visited most European capital cities, and in the last couple of years checked two places off our bucket list: the Galapagos and three incredible weeks in Australia and New Zealand. The only hard part of traveling is being away from our two sons, their wives, and our four grandchildren.



David Ben-Gurion at Sde Boker



By the Red Sea in Eilat - Linda (class of '72),
Jamie ('72), Lynn ('72) and me

Susan Williams Goodwin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

While Brandeis University taught me to think, it didn't prepare me for a career, so immediately after graduation, I attended Simmons College for a Masters of Library Science. The two schools didn't have much in common, but the combination left me well-prepared for a career as a librarian. Brandeis affected my life in many ways, big and small. When I first attended Brandeis, my father was a Naval Officer, stationed in California. Because I was alone on the east coast, he asked for a transfer to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, an hour north of Boston. That move was the indirect cause of my older sister's first marriage, my younger brother's career, and, most importantly for me, meeting my husband, Dr. Bradford S. Goodwin, Jr., the local veterinarian. By that time, I was the shipyard librarian. We would joke that he knew all the wives in the community and I knew all the husbands.

Four years later, we decided that my husband would leave the practice and rejoin the Army. That ended my library career for a while, as we moved to Honolulu, Washington, D.C., northern

Maryland, and finally, Texas. For the past thirty years, I have been a reference librarian at Lone Star College, a community college in the greater Houston area. This will be my final year; I have decided to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. While there, one of my colleagues and I co-authored five books on library research, the 99 Jumpstarts to Research series.

Brad and I have three children. Brad III is a pilot with American Airlines, Alison is an elementary school teacher specializing in dyslexia, and Adam is a freelance musician playing and composing in Berlin, Germany. None of them went to Brandeis; they all attended Texas public universities.

There are many ways of thinking about any given situation. As a Brandeis student, I learned to be intellectual. As a military daughter and wife, I learned to be pragmatic. It's often hard for me to have strong feelings about an issue because I can see both sides. (Of course, age can do that too.) Abortion? You should have been there when the Supreme Court decided Roe vs. Wade! Gun Control? Don't talk to me about rights; tell me reasons. Sexual harassment? Isn't that a nature vs. nurture

issue? As I go through life, I feel somewhat removed from the urgency. Everything will work out in the end.

In retirement, I hope to see the parts of the world that I haven't yet seen, particularly Alaska, Africa and Australia. I also hope to be an asset to the community in some way, whether it's mentoring children who are having trouble reading, volunteering at a non-profit, or creating something beautiful.



Immediate family 2019



Sue 2021

Joel M Gore MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Joel M. Gore, MD
FACC, FCCP, FAHA, FACP

Joel Gore, fellow of the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, American College of Chest Physicians and American College of Physicians, the Edward Budnitz Professor of Medicine, an endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine since 1992 at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. A tenured Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and with a joint appointment in the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Joel graduated from Brandeis University and University of Calgary Medical School, Alberta, Canada, and did all his post graduate training at U Mass Medical School commencing in 1977. He has spent his entire academic career at U Mass where he had been the Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine for 13 years. He also served as Associate Director, Clinical Faculty Group Practice Plan, for many years, President of the Group Practice 2 after serving as Interim Executive Director.

Joel has authored 438 peer reviewed original articles, along with multiple textbook chapters, editorials and monographs. His major research interests include cardiovascular epidemiology, the treatment of acute coronary syndrome and thrombophilia.

Dr. Joel Gore has received numerous teaching awards and honors including being selected in Best Doctors in America, American Top Doctors, America's Top Physicians, and Boston Magazine Top Doctors.

Barbara Greenwald

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My life's trajectory in family and career can be characterized by a strong emphasis on maintaining a quality work-life balance, while raising two sons and pursuing two active careers. In this regard, my husband and I were both fortunate to be in work environments that facilitated family values. My husband, Harry Sheinfeld, BU'71, NYU Law'74, served as a career employee at the US Department of Labor. Appropriately, DOL was at the cutting edge in providing paternity leave benefits. When we had sick children at home, we each took half days off from work, reflecting both our identity as a couple, and facilitating my desire to not further the stereotype of "Women don't belong in the workplace because family takes too much time away from work."

My career as a female commercial banking officer was always a trailblazing experience. I was a pioneering woman in management in the commercial banking industry, a very male dominated field, as were most fields at the time. I was sandwiched between the generation of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, clearly larger than life and a true trailblazer, 17 years older, and the recently appointed first

female CEO at Citibank, 17 years younger. I began my career as a management trainee at Chemical Bank, NYC in 1973, the first year that women were admitted into the management training program. In the early 1980's when women's banks were coming into existence to provide opportunities for women, I was the Executive Vice President and Senior Lending Officer of the Women's National Bank in Washington, DC, contributing to the turnaround of one of only two women's banks to survive in the country at that time. Living in the DC area, I was also quite adept at lending money to presidential political campaigns, high powered law firms and lawyers, lobbying firms and consultants, non-profit organizations, and government contractors.

Eventually, I served as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Senior Credit Officer for Small Business Lending, overseeing multimillions in small business loans for NationsBank (which had a national footprint and later merged into Bank of America). My territory covered the greater Washington, DC metropolitan region, extending to Baltimore, Md, Annapolis, Md, and

Fredericksburg, Va.

A quote from a Brandeis website states that social justice is the “view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities”. I can certainly apply this basic Brandeis philosophy to my career in banking and business. The prevailing economic and business culture of the country evolved into a mantra of “profits before people”, without adequate allowance for other stakeholders, namely customers and employees. As the banking industry transitioned into an enormous sales machine, leading to the 2008 financial crisis, I was and remain an advocate of the importance and value of customer focus and specifically, of support for communities and customers of diverse backgrounds.

Re: Community Outreach, see photo.



Brandeis Faculty in the Field - May 15, 2011,
Donald B. Katz, Professor of Psychology

Paul Gron

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Public High School in Brooklyn NY did not prepare me academically for Brandeis, and I remember how lost I felt in my first semester of my Freshman year. But I got up to speed and was very impressed by several professors in the History Dept., which was my major. Norman Cantor gave the most spellbinding lectures, and Geoffrey Barraclough, who was a pilot in the RAF during WWII, was authoritative about contemporary (i.e., up to the '60's) world history. But definitely my most powerful and influential experience at Brandeis was being on the Fencing Team, coached by Henry Harutunian, who had recently defected from the Russian Olympic Team. Fencing became a passion for me. He was fierce, exacting and made us (a ragged bunch of guys, none of whom had a history of athletics) work, and we loved and respected him and were New England Champions two (or was it three - help me Jason!) years in a row. From him I learned focus, grace and discipline. In the summer of 1970, I hitchhiked through Europe and had an experience that altered the course of my life, and when I returned for my

senior year, I began to study psychology, began therapy in the Counseling Center with Eugenia Hanfmann, and learned to do TM Meditation. After college, I got into yoga and meditation with the intensity I brought to fencing. Those pursuits have continued through my life. I got my doctorate in psychology at BU, and have been in private practice since 1980. I conceive of my work as trying to reduce unnecessary suffering one person at a time. Married in 1985 to Farah, who graduated Brandeis, Class of 1984. (Please, no "cradle robbing" comments!). Two wonderful daughters, now 30 and 27. The memories that stand out are about the music, the events of those crazy times, hanging out in Chumley's, the music there at night and the meeting friends for lunch during the days. I remember going to a lot of plays in the small theaters of Spingold, put on by the Theater Dept.



Barbara Hanania

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

It's interesting how 4 years of one's life can loom larger, disproportionately so, than lengthier blocks of time. It makes sense, since those were formative years and I was in need of some remedial 'forming'. It's where my uncooked artistic abilities were encouraged, reconfigured, honed, and in some instances, discarded. Political views were shaped. Most impactful were the friendships—learning to find my tribe.

There are snapshots of moments hardwired in—working in the art studios, struggling with a large zinc plate when Frank Stella, who was that year's visiting resident, offered to help. Giving suggestions, physically helping me make prints, and having ongoing conversations about art, as a passion and as a profession.

Editing my film, overnight, in the underground bowels of Spingold. Re-emerging 16 hours later, into the daylight, as hundreds poured out of the big theater, having just listened to Abby Hoffman.

There was having a friend and roommate,

Miriam, who along with being an airy creature from another galaxy, was a born artist. There were no doubts. Nothing would dissuade her—well, maybe eating an entire roasted chicken in one sitting would, but not for long.

There was Craig. For 3 years we'd blissfully sing the songs we loved—Beatles, folk, R & B, whatever—as he played the piano in one of the chapels, or at Slosberg. We flew to LA for a weekend when he won a \$100 music prize. And there was real pride watching him give birth to his musical, 'Four'.

And it was Craig who insisted I stop my whining when I realized I hadn't the temperament or discipline to become the artist I envisioned myself to be. "The class is closed, but go weasel your way into the film course I'm taking—I think you'll like it". I did just that, and a future career unfolded.

And Andy, momentarily adrift during those years because of too many talents. A person can be that. Deciding we should go bowling and showing up in costume — cuffed jeans, white tee shirt with a pack of

camels rolled into it, hair vaselined back, years before 'Grease'. A performance artist who morphed into an ER doc. Go figure.

And there were some friends who sadly floated away—victims of unmoored excess.

So...I graduated early and got a job at WGBH, in the film department, and worked there, as a film editor, for 10 years. After deciding I could no longer be encased in a windowless room, I clawed my way into becoming a freelance cinematographer where no women were allowed. (Thankfully, things have improved, but not enough.) I have traveled and shot all around the world—from Cambodia, to Tibet, to China, India, New Zealand, to Greece, Russia and Africa. Filmed the Yanomami in the Amazon. Even been to Antarctica, and emergency landed in an Indiana wheat field.

For 24 years, my partner has been a scientist—Will—a lovely man. I spend elongated summers, on the down east coast of Maine—5 months in a sweet cottage, 35' from the ocean, discovered over 30 years ago, while on a shoot, of course.



2020



1984 shoot. Pink tent was my camera dept'.

Marcie Schorr Hirsch

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Specialist on work and career issues, management consultant, author, collage artist, wife, mother and friend are among the many roles I have had the good fortune to play since graduating from Brandeis. All have been satisfying, stimulating and core to continually refueling my energy for tackling life's complex challenges as well as its opportunities.

The Brandeis connection has woven itself through my life. From my closest friend whom I met as an undergraduate through the regular discovery that new friends and colleagues have Brandeis in their past, as well, I have had Brandeis in my life in many guises! I've also worked at Brandeis (including conceiving and launching the Hiatt Career Development Center) and consulted to the university on many management and programmatic issues. After graduation, I continued my education at Tufts and Harvard, and settled in the Boston area, where I have permanently resided.

I have experienced the joy (#?!) of entrepreneurship outside of academia twice, the most recent being the launching

of SmarterWisdom.com, a boutique management consulting company leveraging state-of-the-art research from a wide array of disciplines to address organizational and individual work-related challenges. We have had a wonderful reception in the marketplace, and are hard at work helping organizations get the most from their investment in their people and individuals generate the greatest ROI on their efforts to build their careers.

I have delightedly become a grandmother of a 3 and 8 year old, watched as our first born has settled locally (yay!) and pursued a career in education (currently Dean of Faculty at the Cambridge School of Weston) and I have lived vicariously as our son's career in fintech has taken him from New York to London, Singapore, Stockholm, San Francisco and, now, Seattle.

One of my life goals---to visit as many of the world's greatest beaches as possible---has been an on-going pursuit: I've visited most major Caribbean islands, Europe, Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam and more in pursuit of glorious sand and seas. I spend as much of the warm months as possible based in Brewster, MA, overlooking the daily

phenomenon of the tidal flats emerging as a mile-wide beach only to be subsumed hours later under the vastness of the ocean. These places nurture my soul, recharge my curiosity and free my mind to think differently about the world.

I continue to love learning, expanding my understanding of what I don't understand and discovering new information I never knew I needed! Mostly, however, I value the relationships in my life. I thank the universe for the gift of loving, supportive and funny people of all ages, histories and orientations, with whom I have connection and who bring joy, warmth and fulfillment to my daily existence.

Jo-Ann M. Hite

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

When I came to Brandeis as a freshman, I was considering using my love of the French language to pursue my life's career. However, in my sophomore year I learned of a tutoring program sponsored by Dr. Maher. In this program I began tutoring reading to children in Boston. The challenges I encountered eventually led me to change direction. I discovered that I enjoyed teaching children and decided to pursue a career in education.

My career in education has been rewarding, though challenging. I have seen students who were non-readers become good readers. I have worked with students who have returned to let me know of their success in higher education, in business, or in other endeavors. I have worked through the turbulent days of busing. I have seen some of the inequities of the education of children of the public schools. I have seen the school system diversify the teaching staff and recognize the need to reflect the multicultural population of its students. I have retired, but I have continued to volunteer as a reading tutor when asked to do so. In addition, I have been actively

involved in various volunteer opportunities through church connections: the music, prison, and visitation ministries are among them. I also like to make time for travelling, baking, crocheting, and reading. I am refreshing my sewing and knitting skills. This is just a little peek into my world over the years. I am in reasonably good health and of sound mind and am looking forward to the future.

Jackie Diamond Hyman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Classes at Brandeis helped me develop both my craft and the knowledge that has underpinned my work as a journalist and a novelist. I have warm memories of friendships and of outstanding professors. Notably: my advisor, Irving Zola and his insights into medical sociology; my playwriting professor, William Gibson (The Miracle Worker), and my poetry professor, Howard Nemerov. Later, when he won the Pulitzer Prize, I had the privilege of interviewing him for a newspaper. I was also grateful to win a Thomas Watson Fellowship to spend a year in Europe post-graduation, traveling and writing.

The half century since then has brought losses but also great joys, especially marriage and motherhood. I've reported for two newspapers and The Associated Press in Los Angeles, and published more than 100 novels.

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Francine Jacobs

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I recently retired from my faculty position at Tufts University, having spent over 30 years enjoying a rich and satisfying academic career. I am lucky to have made an excellent choice of a husband, and to have children and grandchildren who give me pleasure and make me proud. So far I have remained healthy, active, and curious. All these, gifts of grace.

At the same time, I worry deeply about our country -- what it has become and where it is headed. We knew, during our Brandeis years, that there was much work to be done to turn the United States into a country worthy of its lofty ideals. I couldn't have imagined then that, 50 years on, our political situation would be at least as scary and dangerous. I do my small bits, but I sadly acknowledge that, given my age, this will not be my problem to fix. I often tell my children and grandchildren how sorry I am to be leaving them such a mess.

I don't have particular Brandeis memories to share, can't point to a life-changing teacher or class or experience. I didn't

enter with a career plan, and didn't graduate with one either. But Brandeis challenged me to grow up, to figure out what I valued and who I wanted to be. I haven't completed the task yet, but I have long appreciated that Brandeis nudge that got me going.

Marty Janowitz

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I arrived at Brandeis with many expectations that quickly blew apart. From law school bound orthodox Jew to Bu-Jew meditator and activist potter. Through snowball warriorship, warmth Wednesday, drugs, SDS (building seizures, J. Rollins sanctuary) to mime, yoga and Tibetan Buddhism, finally exiting with a degree in Gordie /Charlie (I think they called it sociology).

The decades since are a 3-tequila story - twists and intertwined threads – social transformation, entrepreneurship, and contemplative self-inquiry. Married 1st to my Brandeis sweetheart Gina (12 years, 1 daughter), and then Susanna (37 years, 2 sons) we moved to Boulder CO (14 years), Halifax, Nova Scotia (30+) and later homes in Ambergris Caye, Belize (scuba) to now central Mexico – Ajijic on Lake Chapala (weather and culture).

Business and spirituality remained connected in surprising, synchronous ways. They included growing or failing at multiple enterprises, likely learning most from the

failures. Successes included founding a credit union and a new kind of university at the intersection of western liberal arts and eastern contemplative learning. Naropa University, born in a summer explosion of 2200+ students (1974) and continuing on the cutting edge of higher education – contemplative, socially and culturally engaged - still a Trustee.

Moving to Canada I shifted careers towards environmental improvement, aligning career and social goals. Completing an MES in Environmental Studies, I guided an environmental non-profit to become the largest in our region, then co-led an environmental science/engineering consultancy to become the Canadian leader (1800 staff) and model of progressive sustainability. After acquisition, my new job was to build a global leader in sustainable performance (22,000+).

My Buddhist practice sees inner learning as a vehicle for spiritually based activism. I continued in environmental, social change and corporate social responsibility initiatives on the local to international levels

and led an international effort within my Buddhist communities to focus on cultivating humane enlightened societies. I was selected a member of Canada's first 'Clean 50' (2011), 'outstanding contributors to clean capitalism'. In 2009 I was ordained an Acharya – a combo Buddhist teacher/minister, that I tried to hold as an interfaith activist, and from which I recently retired. Strangely, in 2014 I attended 2 White House events – on sustainable infrastructure investment and the first ever gathering with Buddhist clergy.

Susanna and I always loved international exploration as a family and recently as far as Tibet and Japan. Approaching 'retirement' I trained as an executive/life 'coach' a new way to bring the braids together. We built a traditional-style casa in a walled courtyard. Mexico is both lovely and complicated – what isn't? Health continues to be good so just vaccinated, we hope for post covid/Trumpocalypse travel, whatever adventures life & surprises afford.



Susanna and I on a Mexican beach fleeing the virus

Leonard Jason, Ph.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Fondest memories were meeting Abe Maslow, the founder of the Humanistic Psychology movement. Also, having a class with the sociologists profiled in Tuesdays with Morrie (Schwartz). I met a fellow psychologist in that class, who has been a close friend now for over 50 years (Roger Weissberg at U of Il).

I am now entering my 46th year as a Professor of Psychology at DePaul University and the Director of the Center for Community Research. One of my greatest honors is being a former president of the Division of Community Psychology of the American Psychological Association. Over the past decades have edited or written 30 books, and have published over 800 articles and 100 book chapters, and have also received over \$46,500,000 in federal research grants.



Susan Eisenberg Jay

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

In our 40th Reunion Yearbook, I reflected on Brandeis' impact on my life as well as memories. As I look back over the past ten years, I am comforted by the changes. I retired from my full-time position at FIU to a part-time consulting career in organizational development and fundraising. I find great fulfillment in my current work with a medical non-profit, Steps2Walk, that is doing important work fixing the foot and ankle deformities of children and young adults in underdeveloped countries around the world.

It is a comfort that my only child is happy and successful in his radiation oncology practice and academic position at the FIU Medical School, lives and works only 30 minutes from me and is married to a bright, beautiful woman. It is a blessing to be nana to his two delicious daughters – ages four and two -- with whom I am delighted to spend time frequently. My husband, who still works part-time as well, and I are experiencing good health. I walk ten to thirteen thousand steps a day and hope to get back to the gym when it is safe. We

have a wonderful circle of friends who are also in good health. Book clubs, synagogue activities, non-profit board involvement, critical social connections and a sweet cat enhance it all. Blessings indeed.

Brandeis remains a constant among the blessings and changes. Over the years, I have stayed in touch with classmates, served on local and national Brandeis boards, attended Brandeis events in South Florida and Waltham, stayed involved in the Brandeis National Committee, and continue to enjoy that special link when colleagues and acquaintances identify as Brandeis alumni. I have the unique good fortune that my brother-in-law is a Brandeis alumnus on the same Reunion cycle, and continues to serve the University on the BOT, so we enjoy that built-in affiliation.

There is a bucket list of travel destinations to cross off once this pandemic has passed; grandparent milestones to experience; and classes to maintain activity, both mentally and physically. I do find myself reflecting on the randomness of the universe and the years remaining. I know that others at our stage in life are experiencing a similar level of concern about achieving a meaningful

life, fearing the unknown, and contemplating the end. That said, I try to stay present in all I do, and take joy in everything around me.



With my husband Larry



With my son Joseph

Robert Jones

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I currently reside with my wife, Yvonne, in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. We are pleased to report that we have received both shots of the Pfizer vaccine without any adverse reactions. We are both retired. We are empty nesters but we are very involved in local politics and community activities that promote diversity and inclusion. Our neighborhood is an incredible mixture of African American, Cape Verdean, Dominican, Vietnamese, Chinese, Haitian, Central American and White households. We live in a house that we purchased in 1984 that was designed and built by John A. Fox, a renowned Dorchester born architect, who is known as the "father of the stick style" school of American architecture. There are a cluster of Fox homes throughout the neighborhood. I have three daughters: Kimya, Mitzie and Sathima and two grandchildren; Niko and Asa. We are very proud of the educational and life achievements of our children. and we look forward to the joy and wonder that our grandchildren will bring.

I was born and raised in Mississippi during the latter years of segregation, therefore my experience at Brandeis University had a truly pivotal impact on my life. It was there that I encountered students from throughout the US and the world. I interacted with teachers who broadened my understanding of the world for better or worse. I formed friendships and relationships that have lasted for 50 years, far beyond anything that I ever imagined. My years at Brandeis were during a pivotal period in American history and Brandeis was a part of that experience. I was involved in the Ford Hall occupation, founding of the African and Afro American Studies Dept., Transitional Year Program and taught in the the Upward Bound Program. I learned to value the rights of women and other oppressed groups in American society. And, of course I came to understand some of the basics of the Jewish historical experience. (I was a History major at Brandeis and I developed a lifelong addiction to history. And, so I have learned much more about Jewish history over the years.) The Brandeis experience instilled a thirst for knowledge and a desire to learn

that has become the core of my being.

Vivid memories that still endure after 50 years: stealing food trays from the dining hall to use as sleds after a snowstorm, waiting for the "sandwich man" late at night, watching a classmate smoke marijuana for the first time, being overwhelmed with the incoming food trays in the Kutz dining hall kitchen at the height of dinner, awarded the team game ball for my best lacrosse game in a 3:2 Brandeis win, watching the physical grace of Haile Menkerios winning the middle distance race, Richie Havens, getting an "A" on a history paper from Professor Stephen Thernstrom, discussing political objectives and tactics with SDS members..

We love wine, food, and traveling.
Anxiously waiting for covid pandemic to end... next stop Loire Valley.



Robert and Yvonne Jones

Joyce Kamanitz M.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I really try not to have regrets in life. One regret I do have, though, is that I was not ready to savor all of the gifts Brandeis offered me from 1967-1971. I'd love to have some of those times to "do over": I'd take lots of courses I was too unsophisticated to try back then. As I've told my friends, I came to Brandeis from a hick town in Maryland, having never heard of either marijuana or bikini underwear. I had a lot to learn back then, and it wasn't all academic.

Thus, "coming of age" at Brandeis was actually very hard for me. There was SO MUCH happening back then, especially at Brandeis and I wasn't as prepared for the ride as I wished I could have been. When I read about my classmates, I celebrate their fond memories and their subsequent achievements. I do wonder sometimes whether others back then found the times as confusing as I did.

Since Brandeis times, I gathered my courage and completed pharmacy and medical school. I am approaching my 30th

year in my private practice in psychiatry. I'm one of the dinosaurs who still offers psychotherapy in addition to medication management--I guess a liberal arts education sowed the seeds of an appreciation of a people's histories in addition to their biology.

My life has been made joyful by my husband and kids and grandchildren. It also helps to have lots of hobbies: knitting, gardening, playing piano (begun when I was 50!). Having something creative to do is crucial, I think...for me anyway.

It's hard to imagine that we are in our 70's now--though my lower back certainly can believe it. I hope I have some smart thinking to offer my family and my patients, perhaps with a flavoring gained from 50 years ago at Brandeis. And I wish my classmates from 1971 good health and happiness in the future.

Susan Kandel

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I've led many lives since June 1971. Day care center worker, waitress, photographer, program administrator at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. About to retire from Harvard after 21+ years. And very excited about the recent publication of a book of my photographs, At Home: <https://www.stanleybarker.co.uk/collections/frontpage/products/susan-kandel>.



David Kannerstein, Ph.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Coming to Brandeis in 1967 profoundly changed my life immediately. I went from being (as Judy Kaplan, '67 put it, a "red diaper baby" (i.e., the child of a member or former member of the CP) in a pretty conservative New Jersey suburb to being one of many young people fighting against the war in Vietnam and in support of the movements for social justice--the Black Power, Women's Liberation, Gay Liberation, etc. movements. In other words, I felt like I belonged. My fondest memories, in addition to remembering the various protests we had, include walking and jogging around campus, listening to music in our campus nightclub, and hanging out with my various roomies.

Studying at Brandeis definitely gave me more confidence in my intellectual abilities and allowed me to pursue several graduate degrees including a MSW and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, both from Temple University and to practice initially as a clinical social worker and ultimately as a psychologist specializing in the treatment of chronic pain which I found incredibly fascinating. I'm now retired and am loving

my life with my wife of 35 years, Winnie Lanoix. We live in a beautiful suburban neighborhood just outside of Philadelphia, Lafayette Hill, and we hope to be able to resume mixing with family and friends in the area (as well as traveling to see those at a distance) once Covid-19 is under control. Fortunately, we have similar tastes in practically everything, so even with restricted options we are able to enjoy binge watching detective shows, travel programs, and politically oriented programs on our flat-screen TV. In addition to my career in mental health, I also enjoyed for many years a secondary career as a professional musician playing first as guitarist in a bluegrass/country group, and later as keyboardist in a blues/rock band. I also got to do sing some in both groups and to write songs. I retired from that career nearly twenty years ago and do not regret it. (For anyone who wonders why, listen to Jesse Winchester's song, "A Showman's Life." This sums up the downside of a life in performing. Winnie and I were fortunate in being able to travel a lot before the pandemic, and we have been all over the world. As for a bucket list,

I would like to visit the Canadian Rockies and the national parks in the U.S., which we haven't seen yet, but even more to return to places we've been to and loved- especially in France, Italy, the British Isles, and more. When things get a bit safer, we would both like to devote some time in our area contributing to the movement for social justice including combatting systemic racism, restoring our immigration system, and advocating for economic equality.



David and Winnie in New Zealand 2020



Ralph G. Katz

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Who would have imagined my Brandeis experience would lead me to the business world? After a career in computer industry sales and marketing, I became a self-employed management consultant in 1981. My greatest accomplishment is raising my two sons along with my wife.



Ralph Katz, 1969 Brandeis Hiatt Institute in
Jerusalem



Jacki and Ralph Katz with granddaughters,
2020 selfie

Mark Kaufman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Looking back at my Brandeis years, I can't even begin to explain how it shaped my personal, political and vocational future. I entered with the idea that I would become a doctor and left with a totally different plan for my life. My involvement with the Waltham Group moved me to working with young children from two Waltham housing projects and I became involved in community organizing in the two projects. The political turmoil of the '60's and early '70's convinced me that my avenue for societal change was through the education of young children and it shaped my career for the next 37 years. I must admit that my anti-war prejudices from the Vietnam era were adjusted when I spent three years as principal of the middle school on Hanscom Airforce Base. I developed a new appreciation of the challenges faced by military families and their children as parents were shipped to serve in Afghanistan. When I moved from the Boston area to Olympia, WA in 2009 after retiring from K-12 education, I continued to do some educational coaching and consulting, but my focus shifted to an old

love of folk music. I began hosting a house concert series for touring folk musicians that lasted for 10 years until it was stopped by the pandemic. During those years, I also became active in FAR-West, the northwest regional folk music association, as vice president and president of its board. The other source of joy in my life has been my relationship with my wife, Jeanne Harmon, whom I had worked with in Cambridge and rejoined when I moved west and married in 2011. We've shared music, travel and our families including 8 grandchildren, ages 3 -16, who live in Seattle, New York and Zambia. We make two trips to Maui each winter and had other travel plans that were cancelled by the pandemic. So the bucket list still includes lots more travel!



Then



Grandchildren



With my wife, Jeanne, in New Zealand



Now

Phyllis Kayten

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I came to Brandeis armed with my Gibson 12-string guitar and portable record player (the one that opens up like a book) and my Thelonius Monk, James Taylor, Beatles, and Gordon Lightfoot records, and left with a giant Verve jazz collection, along with Cream, The Nice, Pink Floyd, The Band, and Laura Nyro.

I was terrified that first week at Brandeis: That first night, the residence counselor told us to put a trashcan outside if we had a “gentleman” visitor staying over. I panicked – boys sleeping over? Our maid Marion (a maid!?) guarded the door when the boys were in the bathroom.

Cut to junior year: I got married and completed my credit requirements 6 months early, taking a 6-credit rat-lab course at BU in the summer. Tony Laudin was the campus dealer, and a DJ at WBRB. Uh, I have no idea how I met him! We moved in together after spending Bronstein Day 1969 in his car parked outside Chomondeley's where our friends Far Cry played inside. We married exactly one year later, May 17, 1970. Kudos to those who got married that early and stayed married. I

was not ready.

Two years later we were at Stonybrook, both working on PhDs. It was there that I got close to Bunny and Jerry DeMauro. Jerry and I were in the same program and I watched his family grow. We lost Jerry in 2011, shortly after our 40th reunion – I took the train down to NY to see him because he couldn't make it to Waltham.

It wasn't until 1988 that I married again, and in 1990 Carly was born. Steve (Weinstein) and I have lived in Palo Alto since 1992. I have been a Stanford librarian since 2001, but before that was: human factors psychologist; NTSB investigator and then Special Assistant to a NTSB Board Member; Scientific and Technical Advisor to the FAA administrator. I credit Brandeis with giving me my super power: cocktail party conversation. I got offered a free-ride in a PhD program because I had met the department head, who had offered me a job, and when he found that there was a state freeze, offered me admission instead!!

My Fondest memories:

Playing hearts in North C and staying overnight because they locked the girls'

dorm at midnight

Taking over Mailman to give Amnesty to a
AWOL Vietnam soldier, and then leaving
him alone for Winter Break

Jacob Nda – the real Nigerian prince in
North C who ordered his shoes from a
London catalog.

Jefferson Airplane, Maria Muldaur, Elvin
Bishop, Cream concerts at the gym; John
Mayall, The Who, Rahsaan Roland Kirk,
Grateful Dead, the Nice, at the Ark/Boston
Tea Party. We saw The Who perform
Tommy before the record came out;
Charles River Valley Boys and Canned Heat
at Club 47; Newport Jazz Festival 1969:
Johnny Winter, BB King guitar dueling
onstage, Frank Zappa, Ten Years After- the
rockers took over the stage for a day.



Steve Carly and me



Amy Jacobson and me first day at Brandeis
- North Quad



My horse Donnie

Billy Keyserling

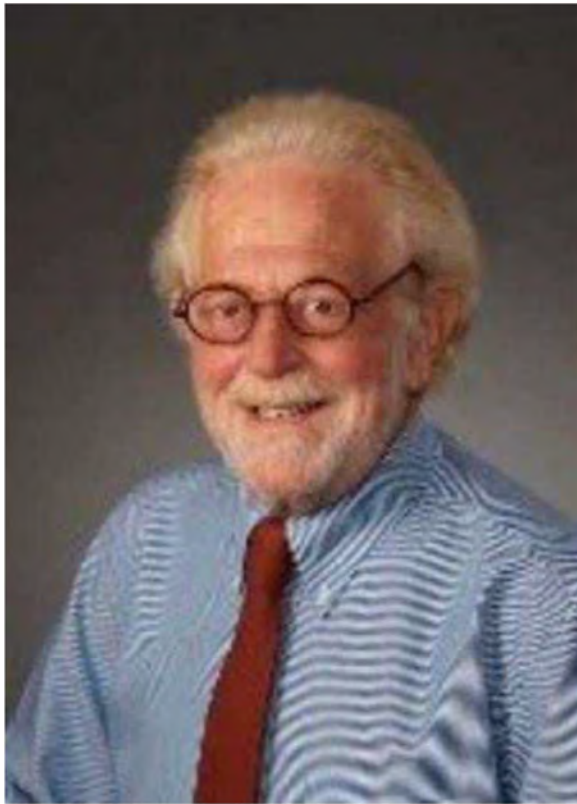
Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I was fortunate to spend my Junior and Senior years at Brandeis thanks to Morris Abram who, after I shared my story, made it possible for me to attend, not withstanding my dyslexia, ADHD and 385 verbal SAT score. I lived off campus and my closest friends were my professors with whom I took all but one course as independent study: Bill Goldsmith, American Studies Department, was likely my best friend though I benefited greatly from my work with Larry Fuchs, Pauli Murray, Max Lerner and Tim Ash.

Since Brandeis I've been engaged in one way or another in the marketing and public affairs world, working in the US House and Senate, directing political and issues management campaigns and initiatives, directing the Washington office of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (with Morris Abram as my chair), partnering to create a public affairs firm before "declaring victory" and returning home to SC where had a successful communications business. Upon being elected to the SC House of Representative (1992- 1996), I

had to close the business and transitioned to real estate development, marketing and sales. Two terms in the SC House was enough so I returned to Beaufort and entered local government, , served on City Council and the past 12 years as Mayor of the best hometown in the world.

With yet a to be completed journey in following my moral compass, I have an unyielding passion for freedom, justice, equality and opportunity, so I formed "The Second Founding of America" a non-profit whose focus is to uncover and teach the hidden stories of the Reconstruction era through an experiential arts-infused model for middle school students who are ready and able, once equipped, to find in the past an informed future for a better world. In kicking off the effort I published "SHARING COMMON GROUND: Promises Unfulfilled but Not Forgotten" a semi autobiographical missive about aligning the compass to ensure a more just future for all. At the beginning of my Mayors service, with an eight year old, we published "The Pink Dolphin" a children's' book with an adult message about diversity and collaboration.




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Jackson (Jack) Koffman

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Coming to Brandeis in September of 1967 changed my life. I had gone through high school as a boarder at Wyoming Seminary. It was a catholic school which had a number of Jewish kids, some who lived in the area and the rest of us living in dorm rooms. There were virtually no discussions of what was happening in the outside world.

When I arrived at Brandeis, and more specifically at DeRoy 2 (which became known as "DeRoy 2 Loves You") I found a smart, interesting and fun group of people. And of course there were drugs, music, etc. Meanwhile, in the outside world everything was happening fast. The War, The Resistance, Black people being beaten by Police, the Pill and many, many other things. And the music, probably the best four years of rock and roll in history! During it all, we got a great education with fantastic professors. I always remember those years as being an amazing, experience.

After going to law school in Syracuse, I had my second great game changer. I came to

work at a law firm in New York City and fell absolutely, positively in love with the city. After growing up in Binghamton and Massachusetts it felt like the most incredible city in the world. I've been here since 1974 and will always be a New Yorker! I've been an attorney for all my years here and it's always been interesting. NYC also brought me the most amazing woman and the love of my life. Lynn and I have been together for 17 years and we finally got married in 2019. It's been a wonderful ride and I'm thankful for every day we have together! We must acknowledge that we are all living in a time of pandemic, and the road to recovery is still uncertain. When 9/11 happened it felt like our city had sustained the worst devastation ever. I watched it implode looking from my bedroom window, and it took a long time for most of us who live here to return to our normal life. But we did return. And we will do so again as long as all of us follow our protocols and give help to each other when necessary.

Finally, Rondela, GG, Paulie, Speeds, Barry, Peter, Kenny, Wendy, Andy (RIP) and

everyone.

Lots of Love, Peace and Best Wishes to you
all,
Jackson



Nina Koocher

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After working for 10 years in education I went to Boston University to study Film. My graduate student film, Keeping The Faith, was influenced by my time at Brandeis and can be viewed on my website, ninakoocherfilms.com Since then I've made a number of short films and two full length documentaries.

My first film, Keeping the Faith, won Best of Category at the San Francisco International Film Festival, the Sumner Redstone Award, and was an award winner at the Sinking Creek Film Festival in Nashville Tennessee.

How Much to Remember chronicles 3 generations of one family as they make a return trip to Poland to explore the legacy of the Holocaust for the survivors and their descendants. It has aired on PBS stations and is used in college classrooms across the country.

Under the Boardwalk: A Ukulele Love Story paints a picture of the biggest ukulele club in the world in Santa Cruz, California. It has screened in libraries and festivals

throughout the world.



Richard Kopley

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

When I was teaching at Walden School in New York and finishing my dissertation on Edgar Allan Poe, I met a young woman, Amy Golahny, whom I recognized as the girl from the hill—that is, at Brandeis, I had seen her on the hill walking down from North for her studio art classes in Goldman-Schwartz, and later back up, as I walked up from Ridgewood to Olin-Sang for my English classes, and later back down. After I got a job at Illinois State University, I bought a bouquet of roses and proposed—happily, she said “Sure.” We were married in 1982 in Newton while I was living in Normal. With my doctorate from SUNY Buffalo, I obtained a tenure-line job in English at Penn State DuBois, and with her degree from Columbia, Amy secured a tenure-line job in art history from Lycoming College, in Williamsport. When we both received tenure, we moved to State College, a town equidistant from our two jobs. We finally lived in the same house with our two children, Emily and Gabe. Kids are magic, and this was a magical time.

At Penn State DuBois, I enjoyed teaching American Literature and Composition. I

served as Division Head for the English faculty at the seventeen branch campuses. And I continued to read and to write.

At Brandeis I had read

extensively—particularly Dostoyevsky—for the story, the characters, the meaning of life. Over time, I grew to read also for the language, the allusions, and the form. What was common to both reading experiences was intensity—the intensity of the literary work and the intensity of my effort to understand it. I had several amazing moments of discovery—in libraries, at home, in class. And I was able to offer new readings of classics. I eventually wrote and published three scholarly books—one of them on Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel *The Scarlet Letter*; one on Poe’s detective stories; and one on the framed center in a range of works, from Poe to Zadie Smith. I served as president of the Poe Studies Association and the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society (as well as of our synagogue in State College, Congregation Brit Shalom). And I also wrote and published short stories, often with bookish themes, and children’s picture-books, born of my own childhood. In 2014, after a bout with Non-Hodgkin’s

lymphoma, I retired from Penn State DuBois to focus on writing my biography of Poe. In 2019, my wife Amy, now an acclaimed Rembrandt scholar, retired, as well. We moved to her family home in Newton, and we continued our writing. I sometimes wish that Poe would get older faster, but I'm having a good time because he never gets old.

The arc of the past fifty years began with my questioning meaning and ended with my finding meaning everywhere. And in trying to become who I thought I was, I became who I never thought I could be.



Amy's formal portrait of me

David Kronfeld

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

You never know where life will take you.

After graduating from Brandeis with a major in comparative literature, I thought I was destined for a literary career. But after completing a doctorate, I found myself seeking employment at a time when Ph.D.'s were plentiful but jobs were as scarce as a mohel in Madagascar.

By happenstance, I found myself growing interested in financial markets, and I landed a low-level job at a financial newsletter. Shortly thereafter, I was accepted into a business school program aimed at helping Ph.D.'s in the humanities transition their skills to the business world. I ended up at Kekst and Company, a top financial public relations firm in New York, where I rose to the partner level. The work was interesting and fast-paced – and relentless. At age 50, I left to become my own boss and reduce the stress. For the next 18 years, I worked as a corporate communications consultant, specializing in business and financial writing.

A few years ago, I wound down my business and eventually closed up shop. The plan was to finally do some serious traveling with my wife, but after a few lovely trips, the pandemic hit and we've been stuck at home. Oh well.

After retirement, I was encouraged by a friend to edit an unpublished novel I had written when still a young man, about life in the Jewish counterculture, a world in which I was active during my grad student days. It was fun and strangely rewarding to re-immense myself into the headspace of my much younger self, and I published the book in June 2020. You can find more about it at

<https://store.bookbaby.com/book/Tales-of-the-Havurah>.

My wife, Sarah Jacobs, is also a Brandeisian, although nearly 12 years my junior. We met at a wedding (her cousin was my friend); I was already in my early thirties and she was still just a senior in college! On a lark, I called her up a few months after the wedding, when I was in Boston, and we had a great evening. The rest of that year, I

would drive up to Brandeis to see her, but before getting out of the car, I would sit in the parking lot for a few minutes, asking myself, "What the heck am I still doing here?"

But that was 40 years ago. Since then, we've had three wonderful children and a lot of good times. I would do it all again in a heartbeat.



Here I am today.



Left to right: My wife Sarah; my son Sam; my son-in-law Tristan and daughter Dena; and my son Jed.

Deborah Cotton Lipsett

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I started college at Smith, hated it, and dropped out after a semester. I was adrift. My father had gone to seminars at Brandeis, and suggested I consider it. I visited one afternoon and fell in love with the place. And, as luck would have it, I met Roger Lipsett '71, on Day One at Brandeis. I fell in love with him too! We celebrated our 50th anniversary Sept. 6, 2020.

Most of my great Brandeis memories are of other students. A few others that stand out are working in Laurie Levine's and then Attila Klein's labs, being the check-out person in the science library where I basically got paid for talking with my friends, and taking an early American history course from John Demos. A senior seminar with Pauli Murray was amazing as well.

After Brandeis, I went to medical school. I am an infectious diseases physician and Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Boston University. I have spent most of my career involved in AIDS research and infectious disease practice with a few

administrative jobs thrown in over the years. I am also a Deputy Editor at the Annals of Internal Medicine, where I now spend most of my time working with COVID-19 papers. I could never have dreamed my career would be bookended by two pandemics.

Like most of us, family has been my main joy and focus. Roger and I were beyond fortunate to have a son and two daughters. They all live in the Boston area so we get to see our grandchildren all the time, or at least did before COVID-19. It has been a challenging year for our "Essential" children and children-in-law who include an ICU nurse, an emergency doctor, three teachers and a School Committee member. We have had some pretty lively ZOOM sessions regarding the wisdom of school openings! But on the plus side they are all now vaccinated and we are beyond happy to be together again.

In terms of "bucket list" items, 35 years ago, while getting an MPH at Johns Hopkins, I took a course in medical history and loved it. A few years ago Hopkins started a hybrid

remote/onsite MA program in medical history and I am now finished with courses and writing a thesis. I hope to write about many aspects of the AIDS pandemic with this training.

I truly hope we can have an actual reunion in 2022!



Roger Lipsett

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis, I received a Ph.D. in math from MIT and, after teaching for a year, ended up at Digital Equipment Corporation programming an APL interpreter. Four years later, my wife (Deborah Cotton Lipsett, also class of '71) got a job at NIH in Washington, and we moved to Bethesda MD for 8 years, where I worked for Intermetrics Inc. doing language design and compiler development. Our first two children, Andrew and Susan were born there in 1978 and 1980 respectively. We moved back to Boston in 1986, and Katherine was born that November. I stayed with Intermetrics until 1995, when I took a job at Kronos Inc. in the Boston suburbs building time and attendance and scheduling applications. In 2007 I left Kronos to spend time at Brandeis re-learning old math and learning new math, and ended up teaching there for several years in a mix of undergraduate and graduate courses. Since then, I've been happily unemployed, and spend my time learning math that interests me, doing some programming, reading, being outside, and spending time with our (currently)

three grandchildren, Henry age 7, Abigail age 4, and Clara age 2. At least I did enjoy that before COVID put an end to it temporarily. Once things calm down around COVID, we look forward to resuming traveling and spending more time with our family



All of us at our 50th anniversary vacation in Bar Harbor (everyone except Emily, taking the photo)



Our grandkids on the beach in Hull MA

Richard Liskov

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I'm not sure how big an impact my Brandeis years had on the course of my life. If I had studied elsewhere, I still would have become a lawyer, been interested in politics, worked for the government, looked for a nice Jewish girl to marry, had kids to be proud of, and sought a happy retirement--all things which I did.

What would change, obviously, are the friendships that I made, a couple of which have endured, and the memories--weekly weekend trips to Cabots for a hot Mellowcream fudge sundae, being in the conference room at the Newton Marriott where a suitemate working for WBRS asked the then Vice President of the United States (and later convicted felon) who was holding a press conference a pointed question on the Nixon Administration's policies on school desegregation and got a typically hostile response, watching with anger-- a feeling which over the years I came to be ashamed of--as a group of Black dignitaries from Roxbury walked into Bernstein-Marcus to negotiate an end to the Ford Hall takeover, being awed by Professor Levitan's insights about Dante and Shakespeare,

secretly entering the housing office at 11 P.M. one Saturday night in March, 1970 with Stuie Weisberg (who had a key from his Linsey pool reception job that, lo and behold!, unlocked every door on campus) to try to manipulate the upcoming housing lottery --alas, the ruse didn't work, but, thankfully, we were never caught; being in a state of euphoria driving by myself as a sophomore for the first time like a real grown up on Storrow Drive coming back from the Museum of Fine Arts, admiring William F. Buckley's way with words when he spoke on campus, although, of course, detesting what he said, enjoying my Goldfarb periodical room job two nights a week that got me access to all the Playboys the librarians had locked in a file cabinet; taking prospective applicants and their parents on campus tours (and regretting that Hugh and Christie Hefner came for a tour the day I was not working) and those are only some of what I remember.

I am thankful to be blessed with a wonderful wife, Rise Andler Liskov, from Newton, who decided to attend the same Columbia Business School mixer I did in September, 1972, being a Social Work

School student while I was in my second year at Columbia Law, three great sons and a daughter-in-law (all my kids looked at Brandeis and one was accepted somehow without actually applying, but none went). Moved to Scarsdale in 1986 and re-connected with Vicki Free Presser in our Reconstructionist shul. Workwise, in 1980 I was appointed an Assistant Attorney General of NYS and spent nine years representing the State Insurance Department and the Governor in various cases, then served as Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel of the NYS Insurance Dept., became a partner and then Senior Counsel at major law firms, and taught seminars in insurance regulation at Columbia, BU, and Albany law schools. All in all, not bad for a kid from Bridgeport!



With our kids and my siblings, including Judy, Brandeis Class of '61 and Al Class of '59

Ian Lustick

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I came to Brandeis from Watertown, in Northern New York; which is to say, from Chelm. I was a fishing, skiing, Holocaust-obsessed Jew. Brandeis politicized me. Six months at the Jacob Hiatt Institute in Jerusalem, formed lifelong bonds of love, disgust, and fascination with the land and peoples of Israel-Palestine. When I re-entered the stacks of the Brandeis library, after a semester abroad, and started crying with joy at being surrounded by so many books, I knew I would never leave academia.

I married a classmate, Marlene Salon, the month of graduation and headed to Berkeley for a PhD in political science. We were leaders of the Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry at Brandeis and in Berkeley joined the Radical Jewish Union. Within that community I launched "Yaish Breira" (There is an Alternative) an international petition campaign against Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Gaza and for the establishment of a Palestinian state. That was in 1972-73, when there were only a few thousand Israeli settlers beyond Jerusalem. I spent 1973-74 in Israel, the West Bank,

and Gaza and worked loading and unloading food trucks during the Yom Kippur War.

Marlene and I split up in 1976. I started teaching at Dartmouth College, and got deeply into Dylan. After spending a year in the State Department as an analyst on Israel- Palestinian affairs, I married Terri Schechner, a psychologist and a veteran of the Gezer kibbutz. We have two children—one a professor of education and one a strategic accounts manager in high-tech.

In 1991 we moved to the Philadelphia area and I began teaching at the University of Pennsylvania.

My first books were on the Arab minority in Israel, the history of Algeria and Ireland, and Jewish fundamentalism in Israel. In 1993 I published *Unsettled States, Disputed Lands*, a ridiculously detailed book comparing the Palestinian problem in Israeli politics to the Irish and Algerian problems in British and French political history. Subsequently I was named the Bess W. Heyman Chair (pronounced "Haman"). After developing a strong interest in evolution, complexity, and agent-based

modeling, I started a business using computer simulation models to do analysis of foreign policy, intelligence, and national security problems. My 2006 book, *Trapped in the War on Terror*, was based on extensive experience with US government agencies enmeshed in that misbegotten war. My current book, *Paradigm Lost: From Two-State Solution to One-State Reality* (www.paradigmlostbook.com), argues that my long-cherished two-state solution has indeed become unattainable and that continued efforts to pursue it only deepen an apartheid-like system that prefers not to speak its name

I am retiring in July, but will continue writing, speaking, and, occasionally, teaching. I love reading, cooking, playing guitar, chess, skiing, tennis, and cartophilately.

Terri and I are looking forward to escape back to the worlds we inhabited before the plague came upon us.



Lustick family, 2020

David Maeir-Epstein

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My Brandeis highlights include my election to the Student Council, appearances on stage in 4 Gilbert and Sullivan productions including a leading role in Ruttigore, 6 months on Brandeis's Hiatt program in Jerusalem, my arrest in Newton blocking a bus taking draftees to Vietnam as part of the Non-Violent Direct Action League, and my work on a Model Cities research project at the Heller School. My faculty mentors of note included Rabbi Al Axelrod, Gordie Feldman & Leon Jick.

My life has revolved around Jewish communal service, having been recruited to the Jewish Federations' Executive Recruitment Program which funded my MSSA at CWRU and Internship with the Cleveland Jewish Fed and positions in Social Planning and Allocations, Leadership and Resource Development in the Federations of St. Louis, Boston, and Louisville and as the Israel Desk Director for the Joint Distribution Committee.

I have been living in Jerusalem for 40 years working in the nonprofit sector with the

Jerusalem municipality and its Community Councils/Centers and having established IsraelGrants, a leading consulting company specializing in resource development for nonprofits in Israel. Recently, we merged with Atlas Social Investments, an Israeli startup for which I continue to work two days/wk.

I am most proud of my 9 years as the elected representative of Abu Tor and North Talpiot on the Board of the Community Council of Greater Baka and my efforts to create a model of shared community in Jerusalem between the Jewish and Palestinian residents of Abu Tor. The project began in 2014 and has grown to include courses and programs for learning Hebrew and Arabic to enable economic advancement and communal communication; Israeli-Palestinian youth soccer teams which puts us on the same side; a project for marketing local services and small businesses for local consumers producing both needed income and deepening local social and interpersonal ties among Israelis and Palestinians; community art and cultural programs; and

a tri lingual street library. I urge all of you to view the 5 minute video at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0QwQq3nKdM&t=1s&ab_channel=GoodNeighbors.

Another source of pride is my family. Israel TV produced a half hour documentary which gives insights into the Epstein family's involvement in music (The Epstein Family singers appeared in folk festivals and produced a CD

<https://israelseen.com/2008/05/12/music-from-the-jerusalem-based-epstein-family-singers/> My four children all live in Israel.

My son Yoni is a senior manager at Mobileye-Intel involved with the European Union regulations for their autonomous driving systems. My daughter, Raya Even David, works at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev and is active with her Masorati (Conservative) Synagogue in Beersheva of which her husband, Mijael, is the Rabbi. My daughter Rina is very much involved in permaculture and organic farming and my youngest, Avital, is a manager at branch of Footlocker.

Thanks Brandeis



Mountain bike riding is a passion in the Jerusalem Hills and the Negev



A Brandeis Picture. Who are singing and playing with me?

Emily McClung de Tapia

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

In addition to graduating in 1971, I received an MA in 1974 and PhD in 1979, both from Brandeis, in Anthropology. Horacio Tapia received an MA (1970) and PhD (1975) from Brandeis in Mathematics. We moved to Mexico in 1974, and have both pursued academic careers since then. I coordinate a laboratory for the analysis of plant remains recovered from archaeological excavations in addition to research and teaching. No retirement in sight as yet, although the pandemic has given us an idea about what that might be like. Family is the most important element in our life. Life is good, no doubts about it!



Then and now.....

Steven G. Nelson

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

"So here we are 50 years later, and some events and relationships still seem so crystal clear: Deroy 2 was the wackiest place on a very wacky campus in 1967- 68. Indelible friendships were born, nurtured and ultimately discarded -- but they are still very much a part of us to this day. We lived through the crushing events of the Vietnam War, MLK and Bobby being killed in 1968, Kent State, Brandeis building takeovers and the Chicago convention -- all in our most formative years. Those events informed who we are today, and as painful as many of them were, we are who we are -- and hopefully better -- because of them. While many memories are still fresh, I can still feel the total joy we all felt when LBJ announced that he would not stand for re-election, and we all jumped into the Shapiro pond in celebration. I remember too the dread and anguish of the draft lottery drawing as though it was yesterday. Most of us survived Vietnam, but sadly, not all. On a lighter note, I remember being overwhelmed by the MUSIC -- day and night in every room; amazing and crazy concerts like Jefferson Airplane (with a Janice Joplin

walk-on) and Club 47 on weekends (where we were continually within arm's length of legends).

My wife Shirley Sarna and I met soon after Brandeis at NYU Law School, and we both practiced successfully -- she in the public sector and later teaching at John Jay College; and I practiced on Wall Street and in the US Attorney's office. I stopped practicing law in 1983, and since then I've been running a Trust Company providing shareholder services for public companies. Shirley and I produced 2 great sons and now have 2 perfect grandchildren -- aren't they all perfect? We have lived in Manhattan since my Brandeis days, and would never live elsewhere. We have led a charmed existence and are grateful every day. My Brandeis years and education most certainly provided the underpinning of what has been a joy-filled life.

Bucket list items were requested: (I'm excluding family events like weddings, children and grandchildren) Here are 2:
1. When I turned 40, I went to Yankee Fantasy Camp run by my idols Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford. I can't possibly

explain how incredible it was to play baseball for a week with all the old Yankees in the Yankee complex in Florida (Picture attached). My Brandeis varsity baseball skills had certainly waned by then, but who cared?

2. Playing most of the great golf courses in America -- especially Pebble Beach. What a great way to spend time with friends and family, who are, after all, everything!

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!"



Ann Thompson Noorani

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I really want to contribute to this yearbook .
.. but I am at a loss for words! Brandeis
was/is very important to me. I met the love
of my life, the center of my world, my now
long deceased husband at the end of
freshman year. Hence all that is important
to me now are our children and our
grandchildren (whom he never met).

Bruce A Phillips

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I benefited greatly from the professors I had at Brandeis, especially Marshall Sklare, Egon Bittner, and Gordi Fellman who influenced me to become a sociologist. I had no idea what college was about since neither of my parents had finished high school and without the support of so many professors at Brandeis I doubt I would have finished, let alone graduate with distinction. In 1971 I went on to do a PhD in sociology at UCLA, returning to Boston (and Brandeis) to do my dissertation. Teaching at HUC and USC since 1980 (I'm still at it), I try to be the type of professor I had, and I tell my USC students that they are getting a Brandeis education with me. My wife, Toni ('74), got her PhD in epidemiology from UCLA. We live in LA and have four grown sons and now one granddaughter (a girl at last). Most of my closest friends to this day are Brandeisians--including some I didn't even know at Brandeis. I was back on campus in 2012 for two weeks for an Israel studies program. I bored my colleagues to tears telling them what used to be where. I'm looking forward to our eventual in-person reunion.



Still playing the banjo

Victoria Free Presser

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Many of my fondest Brandeis memories involve WBRS, particularly serving as the station's first woman Program Director, and hosting a weekly Jazz program. I can still recite the station signoff! But there was a lot more that I loved -- courses with Alan Levitan and Gordy Fellman; the concerts (Cream!); conversations with Rabbi Axelrad; Goldfarb Library; living in Rosenthal -- just about everything except the food.

I did not pursue a broadcasting career. I got a Master's in Journalism from Columbia, and then found myself in government and nonprofit public information for the next 45 plus years, retiring this past summer after 18 years as public information officer for the Scarsdale NY public schools. I was a McGovern delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention. and was married to Michel H. Singer ('74) for 17 years and had two sons. I've been married to Barry Presser since 1994. He's a musician! In my so-called spare time, I've also served as president of my synagogue (bet Am Shalom, White Plains); and the national board of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement; and as president of the New

York School Public Relations Association and the executive board of the National School PR Association (I have a high tolerance for meetings). My proudest achievement is that at the tender age of 69 I ran for public office for the first time -- and won. I am now a member of the White Plains Common Council. Loving it. But, back to Brandeis -- I met many of my most cherished friends at Brandeis -- among them a classmate of ours who was very dear to my heart, and whom we lost tragically to Alzheimer's in 2019 -- Susan Gotbetter. I hope others remember her also.



Sworn into office 1/6/20 - White Plains
Common Council

Julia Waldman Rasch

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis: I look back now 50 years ago with great memories. I have one long standing friend from that time, Cathy Haas Riley, but memories of so so many others of you. When I meet people today that have attended Brandeis at some point I feel a strong affiliation as if we were all part of a special club at a special time in history. I actually didn't attend the graduation because I was already off and running on a trajectory that I am still connected with today. I spent the next two years living in Natchez, Mississippi doing voter registration work, particularly connected with the campaigns of Charles Evers, brother of the slain Medger Evers, who ran first for mayor of Fayette, Mississippi and then Jackson Mississippi. I made lifelong connections there in the deep south and have returned a few times to visit but continue social and political work with some of my same colleagues from that time. Eventually I returned to Philadelphia and found my way to a Rudolf Steiner community called Camphil specials schools, a residential community for children with special needs. I lived and worked there, for

no salary of course, (that was the times) and met the man that I married, Stephan and had three children, Lael, Ian and Johanna. We stayed there until 1980 and I moved to another Steiner community in upstate NY where we lived from 1980-1997. The work in this community was caring for adults with disabilities so we lived in a household of 17 people, with my family, 8 adults with special needs and a few other helpers. Yes, hippie glory, farming and gardening, spinning and weaving and caring for one another. In 1993-1994 when the kids were teenagers, the family went to live in India for a year. We took along 2 other teenager friends, and homeschooled the kids and worked as consultants at three schools in different parts of the country that were also working with people with special needs. Thus, began a love affair with India that has not ended and over these last nearly 30 years I have returned to India at least 20 times for work and travel and inner balancing. Once home from India my husband and I were asked to run a care center, for adults that had terminal medical situations. Thus, opened another chapter of my life because after a short time I

began to prepare to go to nursing school so that I could go further with this work. In 1997 I attended nursing school at Binghamton University and got a BSN and then in 1999 went to Downstate Medical Center and became a nurse midwife with a MSN. If you are following the story I went from caring for those at the end of life to those at the beginning and that is the work I continue today. I have lived in many parts of the world as a midwife, teaching and in practice: Texas, St. Croix, Uganda, India, Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Planned Parenthood and now in Massachusetts as a womens health care provider offering free care to undocumented workers.

Nancy Reed

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I wasn't much of a student during college. There were so many other things going on – we were having a revolution, after all! I worked at the Fernald School off and on during college and afterward (mostly so I wouldn't have to go home for the summers). It turned out to be an important touchstone in my life: I met my husband, Sam (he was there doing his alternative service as a CO), and I decided to actually become a student. I took pre-med classes at Harvard and Brandeis for a few years. (Students were so impressed that I was at Brandeis when everything was going on – “What did you do as a student radical?” I was asked several times.) But I sure wish that someone had introduced me to Physics before my mid-20s. It made all the science fiction I'd been reading since I was a kid real! I went to Dartmouth Medical School, where I realized for the first time that I was Jewish and out of my element – everyone there was 6 feet tall, blue-eyed and blond-haired! (This realization despite being married to a WASP.) I loved it up there, though. I stayed there for a pediatrics residency, had my first kid, and

then moved back to Boston while pregnant with twins (sorry I left, though – it was so beautiful up there). I worked at Harvard Community Health Plan for a lot of years but decided to retire when I became pregnant with my fourth kid. (There's no job that is part-time enough to manage 4 kids, in my opinion.) Being a full-time mom for 10 years was terrific but, always being late to the party, I went back into residency, in psychiatry this time, in my 50s. It was fun to learn a new language at that age! (Also, an interesting experience being older than the attending docs). I've had several fascinating positions as a shrink (state hospital, VA hospital, group, and private practice) and now I'm working very part-time, seeing patients from my computer. My kids have turned into really interesting people! My son, a video game designer, has been living with us for a few years while he's getting his shit together; my oldest daughter (a scientist working to develop CAR-T cell therapies for cancer) lives next door with her husband and 2 sons; my middle daughter (a journalist-turned-lawyer) lives 15 minutes away with her husband and daughter; and the youngest (a clinical psych

grad student in Florida studying psychopathy) and her boyfriend have been working from my house thanks to the pandemic (but, sadly for me, she'll be moving to Houston to begin her clinical residency in August). I am the luckiest person alive to have been in an isolation pod for the last year with all of my kids and grandkids! And I've been living with the man I love since February 1971! I would really love to see the Northern Lights before I die, though... just sayin', Sam!)



...and now.



Our wedding 6/21/1975

Ronnie Boxstein Riceberg

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My rebellious behavior at Brandeis was much more a social one. In high school, growing up in a relatively small city and being quite active, I was very visible and had to be “good.” But at Brandeis I felt invisible. If desired, I could choose from a cornucopia of pharmaceuticals, smoke a lot of pot, and engage in sexual experimentation. That was what was going on. I could befriend students from all over the world and from multiple ethnic and economic backgrounds. Without realizing it, I could make lifelong friends/acquaintances, people who “grew up with me” and shared my four years and the culture at the time. Together we experienced assassinations, identity and ethnic pride growing out of prejudice and persecution, self-awareness through interpersonal and chemical experimentation, and the turmoil of questioning a beloved country regarding its involvement in a misrepresented war. I constantly marvel at the education I received at Brandeis in the liberal arts and in psychology. I was awed by brilliant professors who could speak from a notecard for an hour and never falter, who

modeled a way of thinking and analyzing questions that I had never known. What I didn’t realize was how I was also unconsciously absorbing an ethos of ‘truth even unto its innermost parts’. This pursuit and examination of the truth has occupied my life. I am veritably a critical thinker and, as a professional educator who advocated for gifted children, created programming that would both encourage their creativity, and nurture as well as challenge their critical thinking.

I have raised two amazing adults. My daughter, Jessica Riceberg ’98, has been working in the field of oncological research at a Cambridge pharmaceutical company since her graduation from Brandeis. My son, Justin, received his PhD in neuroscience and lives and works in Manhattan doing research with multiple affiliates. They are both bright, inquisitive, sensitive, responsible, productive adults, and wonderful friends and citizens. My frustration with their early education (as well as reflecting on my own) is what drove me to create gifted programming in their school system in Needham, MA, when I was a young mother and educator there. I

remained committed to gifted education throughout my career, culminating as a 3rd grade gifted specialist in Sarasota, Florida. In the course of my teaching career, which spans over 40 years of both public and private educational positions, I estimate I had over 1500 students. Aligned with the concept of “saving one life is saving the world” I would like to think that if I have influenced one mind, I have influenced the world.



One friendship born at Brandeis and blossomed since is with Jackson Koffman.

Matthew Rifkin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I reflect on my years at Brandeis with great satisfaction. It was a time of development; independence and for me, maturity. I met my future wife while at Brandeis (Susan Greenberg) and we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary later this year. We have been blessed with two sons, Adam and Jason. Adam attended Brandeis and graduated 1997 and presently is a director at Guggenheim Partners and also serves as a member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees. Jason graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2000 and also graduated from law school and obtained a Masters in Biomedical Engineering. He presently runs a number of biotech start ups throughout the country.. My children have blessed Susan and me with four phenomenal granddaughters (Adam- Amy and Zoe) (Jason-Sabrina and Colette). I graduated medical school (Albert Einstein in 1974) and spent most of my career in Academic medicine. Brandeis gave me the opportunity to develop an interest in publishing, being the Editor-in-Chief of both our 1971 Yearbook, but also the 1970 Yearbook. In my professional career, I have

authored 12 medical textbooks, a number of which have been placed in the Brandeis library. I am presently still working full-time running a large radiology group in an academically oriented hospital affiliated with Mount Sinai in New York and have an academic appointment (Professor of Radiology) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. I have also served on a number of boards for non profit organizations. I credit my years at Brandeis for many of the opportunities I have been fortunate to be involved in

Alain Rook

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis was transformational for me and clearly opened my eyes to the world around me. I have moved frequently since graduation, from New York, to Ann Arbor where i received my M.D., to Montreal, Canada where i spent four years doing post graduate training at McGill in Internal Medicine and Nephrology and, most importantly, met my wife, Josie, who is currently Associate Vice Provost for Research at Penn organizing the \$1 billion research portfolio. Montreal is now our second home. Then 7 years at the National Institutes of Health studying viruses, including HIV in the laboratory of Anthony Fauci. In 1986 i moved to Penn, did more clinical training in Dermatology and have been on the faculty for 34 years as Director of the Cutaneous Lymphoma Program studying a series of rare, but potentially deadly disorders. it has all been interesting and satisfying, but nothing equaled the time i spent at Brandeis with my fellow Brandeisans. My two daughters attended Penn rather than Brandeis, but we encouraged them to have a choice of where they wanted to live and study. One

daughter is presently Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Penn while the other is completing a doctorate in clinical psychology. I will be her first patient and have already booked a double visit.

Philip Rubin, Ph.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

When I think about Brandeis, I think about people, many of whom remain a part of my life. I was drawn to Brandeis by the intellectual and political ferment of the era, including admiration for recently departed icons like Angela Davis, Abbie Hoffman, and Herbert Marcuse. I arrived in Waltham in 1967 to study biophysics, but was seduced by the cognitive revolution. I became an early student in a new, joint program in psychology and language. Some of the many memorable professors during that era included Maurice Hershenson, Ray Jackendoff, Jay Keyser, Jim Lackner, and Jean van Heijenoort. Fellow students who were part of this experiment, or in related areas, include Robert Remez, Louis Goldstein, Lynne Bernstein, and Betty Tuller. Several of us eventually became affiliated with Haskins Laboratories in New Haven. I started there as a graduate student and eventually became a senior scientist and am now a board member and Chief Executive Officer emeritus.

The most brilliant and amazing person that I met at Brandeis was Joette Katz ('74). We

found each other in 1970 and have been together ever since, marrying in 1973. We have two wonderful children, Dr. Jason Rubin, a pediatrician, married to Zoe Schagrin, and Samantha Katz, a creative director. In February 2017, Jason and Zoe gave us our grand twins, Rex and Shoshana.

Both Joette and I have had interesting careers since graduation. Joette was a public defender in Connecticut, then a judge, then an Associate Justice of the CT Supreme Court for 18+ years, and then the Commissioner of DCF for 8 years. Currently she is a partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP and also teaches at Yale Law School. Most of my early career was spent at Haskins and Yale where my work spanned a number of disciplines, researching the biological bases of speech and language. Eventually, I gravitated towards administration and DC. From 2000-03, I was the Director of the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences at the NSF. From 2006-11, I chaired the National Academies Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences. From 2012-15, I was the

Principal Assistant Director for Science at the White House OSTP, led the neuroscience initiative, and co-chaired the NSTC Committee on Science. I am currently a Professor Adjunct in Surgery at Yale School of Medicine, a Fellow at Yale's Trumbull College, a Trustee at UConn, and President-elect of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

These days I spend much of my time obsessively documenting and cataloging my many collections, including guitars, underground comix and original art, graphic novels, toy robots, pinball machines and ephemera, and many, many books. My family is eager for me to dispose of and/or donate much of this, however I just seem to acquire more. I remain a child. We have also spent a lot of our lives caring for senior rescue dogs. We are very eager to be able to visit our family in Seattle, when the time is right. And then rescue more dogs.



Philip Rubin, Brandeis University, 1970

Lou-Ellen Saidel

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I started without a career plan & an idealized concept of a broad, engaging education, after which I'd find a job doing interesting, important work. I purposely chose an easy major, so I could take whatever great humanities & social science courses I wished—a "liberal arts" major. The Brandeis classes were great, but like many of us, I learned a BA was no longer a ticket for a good job. As a freshman I came to Brandeis alone from Chgo by plane, & was both thrilled & frightened. My roommates were my closest friends, & are still cherished. My best memories are wonderful conversations & time in Cambridge, Boston, the Cape, New England & NY. After Brandeis was a year in Israel, with 6 mos in a kibbutz ulpan, learning Hebrew, for the 1st time. My teacher was passionate, 1 of my best teachers ever. I loved becoming fluent (spoken word), after yrs of joyless Spanish or French. After returning from Israel I discovered I only qualified for waitressing. I didn't want to teach, got accepted by 2 MSW programs, but could not bring myself to go. I wanted to do something concrete. My closest

Brandeis friend made a ridiculous suggestion—nursing!? I'd avoided science courses, so moved home, (rent-free), to Chgo & took science prerequisites. Ultimately I got a 2nd bachelors degree, BSN (nursing) @Columbia Univ in NYC. I loved work w/women, & had a long, fulfilling career, 20+ years as a labor & delivery nurse, & then 20+ years as a lactation consultant. I still provide breastfeeding support to family & friends—no compensation. It's my passion. I have no doubt that my Brandeis educ. made me the clinician I became. I was married & raised 3 sons, but 26 year later, was divorced, initially very tough, in the end the right thing. Each son has a wonderful wife, so I finally have the 3 daughters I always wanted. I have no grandchildren, but I'm thrilled each marriage is happy & hope for grandchildren from the 1 couple who wants them. Once pandemic is over, I hope to get back on the road. August of 2019 an attorney friend & I volunteered a wk in a Texas border town to provide legal counsel to women (w/children) seeking asylum. My role was to TRY interpreting. Chgo Public Schools gave us Spanish in 3rd grade &

took it away by 6th, then HS Sp was horrible, so I took French; then 2 great immersion trips in Guatemala+visits in Colombia, & yrs of Spanish speaking patients, & my Spanish is good, but interpreting these horror stories, was hard. I retired 2 years ago, had been to NYC for theater, & several stays at the beautiful property near Lyons, Colo. where my parents retired. In a gorgeous spot they built a small house, which my younger sister & I are renovating, where I'd like to spend summers. I love USA travel, but wud love to travel again to Europe & India, where my sister, an epidemiologist, living mostly in India, was my guide. Her partner, from Delhi is like a brother-in-law to me, & guide in India. I hope for good health, lots more travel, & time in Colorado

Reid Selden MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After 40 years as a Pediatrician I retired and 1 1/2 years ago moved to Charleston SC to be near my children and grandchildren.

Until Covid we enjoyed going to the beach and walking in the parks and eating in the great restaurants here in Charleston. We still see the grandchildren but at a distance. I am glad not to be missing the New York snowstorms although it was a little here in February-55. I have always enjoyed going to the every 5 year reunions and I do like getting emails through our 1971 email group. My major memories of Brandeis concern playing guitar and singing with friends.

Fern Breslow Seltzer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

While I don't think of myself as a procrastinator, I realize I have delayed putting fingers to keyboard to write what feels a bit like my own obituary. But here goes:

I landed in sunshiny Denver in 1985 and have lived here ever since. I work as a private SAT/ACT coach, which affords me the opportunity to hang out with young people. I trust they don't do the calculation when I tell them the last math class I took was during LBJ's presidency.

After majoring in French, I managed a few trips to France...but let my French lapse through disuse. However, a few years back I was introduced to a group of native French speakers who graciously invited me to their many rendezvous and let me jabber away. It's fascinating to learn what the brain files away just in case it's needed.

I have been married to Andy Heymsfield, an atmospheric physicist, for fifteen years. Pre-covid we managed quite a bit of international traveling. My son Aaron Seltzer '03 lives in San Francisco and works as an archivist at the National Archives.

I feel so fortunate to have attended

Brandeis, both for the personal attention from professors and the friends I made as a student.



Ellen R. Shaffer PhD MPH

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The Finale: Public Health Policy. As the lead health policy aide to U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone, 1991-1994, I learned how national policy works, and met many key figures. I got my PhD in Public Health at Johns Hopkins, while my partner and the man of my dreams, Joe Brenner, got a Masters learning about the global economy. We established the Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health (CPATH), which took us around the U.S. and the world explaining – and publishing – evidence of how trade agreements threaten the public's health, shielding profits for drug and tobacco companies. In 2009 our EQUAL Health Network articulated and mobilized progressive support for the struggling Affordable Care Act. Our Trust Women campaign built towards the 40th Anniversary of Roe v Wade (in 2013) by promoting spirited abortion rights campaigns, online and in person, across lines of race, class, gender, and geography.

I was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2005, so lately spend as much time as possible at ballet and exercise activities for people with

PD. Hundreds of scientific studies confirm that exercise is therapeutic for PD. It should be reimbursed by Medicare and all health insurance plans.

Joe and I got married in 2018, at City Hall in San Francisco. Ronnie Lichtman, one of my Brandeis freshman roommates, was our witness.

I Loved Brandeis! I was exhilarated to enroll at Brandeis in August, 1967. Eager for serious Thought and Life, I was both defiant and intimidated. I loved my time with brilliant professors and students. Writing for "The Justice" became a facet of my identity. I met many close life-long friends. We've all gone on to illustrious careers.

I'm proud that Prof. Anita Hill chose to land there.

Women During those extraordinary and tumultuous years, 1967 and following, we lived and shaped a historic wave toward social and economic justice that may just now be cresting. Politics and the counter-culture: the war in Vietnam; the

assassinations of Pres. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X; the civil rights and women's movements; birth control pills. Music!

I demonstrated – and wrote - at the Democratic convention in Chicago. Back home I sat in at Silliman Hall to support a Vietnam veteran and at Ford Hall to support black students' demands.

But our job as Brandeis students was to secure and advance our income and class position. Boys would aim preferably for law or medicine; maybe careers in math, science or academia. (Business was not yet prestigious, or as lucrative, as now.)

But the path for girls was murkier. A vocal cohort of parents were counting on us to marry one of the above.

- A freshman woman in my dorm was routinely driven to tears by her mother's frantic phone calls, demanding to know why she wasn't yet engaged.

- As the first-born grandchild, my second generation immigrant family treated me 60% of the time as a genius ("She's always reading!") and 40% of the time as a socially backwards girl ("Why doesn't she go on



Joe Brenner, Ellen Shaffer, Ronnie Lichtman,
Joe & Ellen's wedding, SF City Hall, 2018

Fred Siegel

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Since I was a Boston "boy," traveling back to Boston weekly for a bassoon lesson at Symphony Hall and a Work Study job near my home, my weekends were not spent on campus and, upon reflection, I came of age in Ann Arbor during my Ph.D program in classics. (still now 50 years later an ABD.) But my memories of Brandeis are vivid, as my three roommates (Michael Swartz, Steve Litwack and Josh Shapiro, cf. 1971 Yearbook photo) are my closest friends, with whom I communicate regularly. Dave Tabachnik joins our Saturday Zooms as well, such that our memories of Brandeis remain fresh. My advisor, David Wiesen, now deceased all too early in his life, steered me to Michigan and was responsible for changing my life. I support the Wiesen Prize annually and encourage my Latin 10 classmates, Kathy Power, Howard Luxembourg (sp?) and Jane Waxenberg (perhaps Brandeis '70) to help us fund this prize for the best classics graduate each year. I have communicated over time with David's widow and his professor son. My most cherished Brandeis memories include music with the memorable Robert Koff and Gilbert and

Sullivan pit orchestra. (Josh Mostel fell into the pit one year and nearly killed me!) Intramural teams were my greatest fun and my friends mentioned above continue to mock me for being "intramural athlete of the year" one time when I was probably quite undeserving! Mike Swartz and I coached the Women's softball team in the spring of 1970, when the season was cut short by Kent State and the strike. Our 1-0 record lives on in the annals of college sports! (Shortstop, Joyce Kamenetz; pitcher, Deb Wishner) My residence hall staff positions at UM brought me to my rewarding career in higher ed, becoming the director of admissions at BU and GW, associate provost at Delaware and vice provost at Claremont Graduate University. After 45 years in admissions, enrollment management, and student services, I remain active as a consultant and independent college counselor. The joys of my life center around my wife Cyndie and our daughter Emily, whose two degrees from Michigan bring me many smiles. That Cyndie and I live in DC always makes people question why we continue to be Michigan season ticket holders at the Big House!

That Emily lives close by in the District is simply wonderful luck!

I find it hard to talk about bucket lists as my life has been full, fun and free of the most serious of life's problems. My daughter's having a family would be a blessing, but not a requirement of a complete life for us. But hosting my Brandeis "besties" at our Bethany Beach (DE) home would continue to bring them and Brandeis memories into my life. I do look forward to hosting all of them frequently along with the many friends I have made in DC, Newark, Delaware and SoCal. Indeed, I send warm wishes to all the Class of 1971 and look forward to seeing many of you in person in June, 2022.

Connie Kelmenson Silver

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis – 50th Reunion – Notes

After living back in Michigan for 50 years, what stays in my mind about my Brandeis experience?

We lived through historic and turbulent times – after 4 years among activists, I wondered if I was actually naïve and conservative. But I now know that many of my fellow students had no idea of the realities of life. I grew up in the city of Detroit, going to public schools with classmates of many colors and backgrounds, and actually knew much more about real life, and the struggles of everyday people, than most of Brandeis. There is no real change in the world unless people are fed, and children are loved.

Brandeis will always be the ivory tower that I lived in for 4 wonderful years of my youth (although I only lived in the Castle for 1 year). I was exposed to so many ideas, and to Boston, a city very much unlike Detroit, not just because it had real public transportation. The quality of the education I received was incredible –

fabulous professors, innovative classes with small groups of people, and always the opportunity to speak up and share knowledge with people. I can still see myself seated in Usen dining hall, chatting with so many different people – quite a contrast to this past year of eating alone.

I was lucky to have a true liberal arts education, and to go to a college that said, as my parents did, that I could go on to do anything I wanted to. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life, so I stumbled into library school and only emerged 45 years later. Like so many others, I switched careers at one point, working in infant development, before returning to the work I was best at. In public libraries, people need help in so many ways, and I was lucky to spend my last twenty-odd years working in my own community.

After Brandeis, I became more involved in the environment, eventually becoming chairperson of the local chapter of the Sierra Club, but also discovering the joys of being in nature. I've spent time in Michigan's many beautiful areas, but also

enjoy annual trips to Acadia National Park, where I have close family living.

Personally, I have been divorced for many years, but have two sons who are good men, husbands, and fathers. Life is simple, but I have good friends, fulfilling volunteer work, and 3 grandchildren. I am still in touch with only a few people from Brandeis, but those few remind me often of what it was like to be young.



Connie Kelmenson Silver

Jason Sommer

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

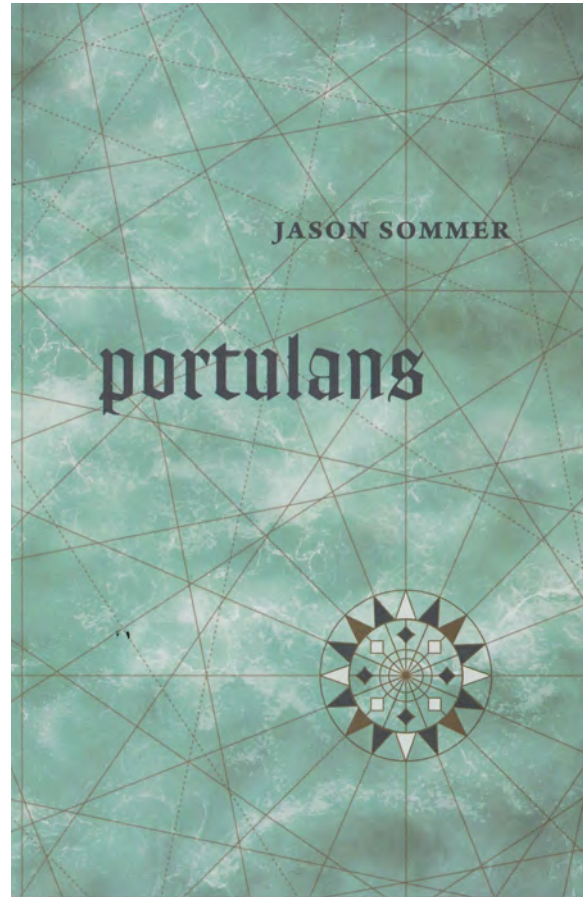
A year of travel (Europe and the Middle East) followed Brandeis, then a stint as a creative writing fellow at Stanford, and subsequently a seven-year residence in Ireland. Bernardine, my first wife, was Irish, and we started our family there. Also, I began the teaching career, at University College Dublin, that only ended a few years ago here in St. Louis. After an omnivorous experience in Ireland—writing comedy in addition to poetry and directing plays—I spent an engrossing two years as director of a residential program for gifted minority students in Andover, Massachusetts and transitioned to full-time college teaching. A teaching post and Ph.D. completion took me to St. Louis, where I taught literature and creative writing for decades. Bernardine and I divorced; she and our three grown children still live nearby. Eventually I began dating Allison Brock on the strict understanding that there would be neither marriage nor children. Married, and with my eight-year-old Gabriel, we live in the city across from Tower Grove Park, where there are Hawks and a fox or two

among other less dramatic wildlife. I suppose I gauge my life in and through my writing and my new website has some of the details, <http://jasonsommer.com>. My fifth book of poems, titled *Portulans*, was published March 2; the most recent point should feel like a high point, no? And I have a prose memoir due out next Spring. Recognition is always welcome—and I have won a few prizes, including a Whiting Foundation fellowship, and have read from my work at the National Holocaust Museum. I want to continue writing and perhaps try more prose. Travel would be nice again, though we have been guiltily happy in the year of semi-sequestration. What I learned at Brandeis, in and out of the classroom, remains with me. Allen Grossman and J.V. Cunningham supplied me with a sort of continuum of poetics. More important, though, some of my closest friendships began there, and in so many ways those four years defined relationship for me. The intensity of experience with people—and ideas—at that time and place remains a kind of touchstone in my life. Whom I am speaking to when writing, my idea of audience,

comes in part from close encounters of the Brandeis kind. I have a sense of listeners, who are not necessarily literary specialists but possess that depth of intelligence coupled with emotional engagement that I first met with at the university.



Jason, Gabriel, Allison



Portulans, University of Chicago Press, 2021

Janis Abrahms Spring, Ph.D., ABPP (Janis Lief)

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After graduating from Brandeis, I went on to get my Ph.D. in clinical psychology at UCONN and trained with Dr. Aaron Beck in the cognitive-behavior treatment of depressions. I got married, had 2 sons, and skipping over the details, got divorced. In 1992, I married Michael Spring. We moved to Westport, CT, where I maintain a private practice, now for 43 years. I wrote 3 books: *After the Affair: Healing the Pain and Rebuilding Trust When a Partner Has Been Unfaithful* (which has sold more than 600,000 copies), *How Can I Forgive You? The Courage to Forgive, The Freedom Not To* (which offers a healthy model for not forgiving when the person who hurts you isn't available to make meaningful amends, as well as a model for how genuine forgiveness can be earned), and *Life with Pop: Lessons on Caring for an Aging Parent*, based on my experience caring for my Dad the last few years of his life. I have two sons: Max and Aaron Abrahms, and 3 grandchildren, who have given me much joy. These days, I spend my free time taking power walks, writing, teaching courses for therapists, talking on the phone to friends

and family, and avoiding cooking.

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Jill Paperno Standish

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I am not a famous graduate of Brandeis. I did not invent anything fabulous or write a fascinating novel or become a leader in industry.

But I did something that few other of my fellow students could lay claim to at that political time. In the late 60s and early 70s I loved Brandeis.

I came as a transfer student from University of Vermont. I postponed my decision about which of five colleges I would attend until the very last day. And I ran into my favorite teacher from high school. Asked which school I was planning to attend, I said it was between another school and Brandeis but I thought that Brandeis was too Jewish.

Please note, the look on my face was not favorable. And Mrs. Abrahams who was the only Jewish teacher in my high school said, "Oh no, Brandeis is a marvelous place. It is exciting and interesting."

So I figured it was destiny and I decided to go to Brandeis. Good decision! Here I found people read for pleasure not just for grades. We talked about books we read and compared them to other books we had read and brought that knowledge into the

classroom. Alan Levitan's class in Shakespeare was fascinating and enthralling. People glued to the scene listening to him read both sides of the characters in a play.

Jay Klein's class in linguistics was electric in learning. It felt like we were building a new science right there in the classroom.

And Neal's class in the sociology of the Black experience was an eye-opener.

And of course there was the politics which was fascinating.

My good friend Susan dragged me on a trip to Washington which was an education in itself.

The fact that Brandeis was a Jewish institution opened up the world to a side of me that I had hidden or wasn't even aware of. It was Tikkun Olam or our responsibility to repair the world which pulled me in. And even today, it guides my actions, particularly around the environment.

So I'm very glad that I had some guidance on the last day to choose Brandeis for my last two years of college. It was luck or maybe something more mysterious which drew me in.



My grandson, Sam

Michael Strassfeld

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My years at Brandeis were formative of my identity. I had grown up in a modern Orthodox home. Brandeis began my journey to an evolving liberal Judaism. I have strong memories of the mobilization against the Vietnam war and Brandeis as the headquarters for the student strike over the invasion of Cambodia. I remember Rabbi Axelrad and the Jewish Activist League. I remember our graduation on the lawn near the chapels and my mother annoyed that the valedictorian couldn't bother to wear a bra.

In the fifty years since, I left Boston for New York. Married and had three children. Divorced and re-married. I was one of the editors of the best-selling Jewish Catalog a contemporary guide to Jewish life. It came out of the Jewish counter-culture that paralleled the larger American counter culture. At the age of 39 I decided to become a rabbi and attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. For 24 years I was a congregational rabbi in Manhattan. Since retiring in 2015, I have been working on a new book entitled Judaism Disrupted.

It is my attempt to re-envision a Judaism for the 21st century. Instead of a Judaism filled with rules and restrictions, dualities and hierarchies, it suggests that Judaism is about helping us live lives of meaning. Here is a brief excerpt from the introduction:

Liberal Judaism is facing a crisis. Religion is increasingly seen as a negative force by many people who have embraced the openness of modernity. Traditional religious assumptions are questioned by science and many Jews wonder about Judaism's relevance. They experience a disconnect between the Judaism of their childhood and their need for meaning and purpose in their lives. While liberal Jewish denominations arose in the 20th century to respond to the challenges of modernity, they are faltering in the 21st century as society has so rapidly changed.

We need more than a tinkering around the edges of Jewish practice and belief. This book is an attempt to re-invent Judaism for the 21st century, and thereby respond to our contemporary concerns. Its goal is to respond to the question: Why bother? Its central idea is that the purpose of Judaism

is to help us live meaningful lives by giving us wisdom and practices that will help us meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities that life offers. It asserts that a Judaism for the 21st century requires a radical break from some of the paradigms and practices of traditional Judaism. At the same time, it locates wisdom in both the rabbinic tradition and Jewish mystical texts, and reimagines these teachings and practices in order to help us respond to our contemporary situation. There are three large goals of this new Judaism: to develop our inner qualities; to become caring people; and to try to make the world a more just place.



Steven H. Swerdlow

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My Brandeis saga began with my interview with Bill Singer, a Brandeis graduate who lived in Chicago. I just contacted him and his nice reply included the fact that "Since I was in the Class of '58 it is good to be around to help you celebrate your 50th reunion." I remember being welcomed to Brandeis with a bus ride to President Sachar's home. I will forever be grateful to Brandeis and to Prof. Michael Henchman, my great first year chemistry teacher who I believe was responsible for my getting into Harvard Medical School. We visited him with our two young children at his home decades ago. Many of the faculty from our times remain firmly embossed in my memory, such as the infamous organic chemistry profs M. Rosenblum and R. Stevenson, M. Gibbs who let me do a senior project in his lab and those who enhanced my knowledge base in modern architecture and modern art, G. Bernstein and C. Belz. To this day I often use modern art images in my lectures. And then there were my friends. I felt very comfortable and contented even if we often sat around and discussed how depressed we all were.

Among all the positives, we do remember the very difficult times in terms of the war in Vietnam, our bus ride to Washington for one of the big protests, and racial injustices. I got asked at a medical school interview, what was it like going to a radical university! After leaving Brandeis, I went to medical school, met my wife in Israel during a summer rotation there, got married and did my general pathology residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, welcomed our first daughter, Debbie, did hematopathology training at Vanderbilt in Nashville where our second daughter, Naomi, was born, did more hematopathology training/research at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London and then started my first job at the University of Cincinnati. In 1992, we moved to Pittsburgh where we have been ever since. We live in a house where Jonathon Sarna's wife's grandparents (I believe) lived and the grandmother was one of Susan Broner's (class of '71) grade school teachers. It is a small world! I have been and remain immersed in academic hematopathology and very involved in lymphoma classification including being the lead editor

for the last 2 WHO classifications of hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasms. More importantly, our daughter Debbie and her husband Scott have a wonderful daughter, Mia Magnolia who is the delight of our lives. I still have my Brandeis yearbooks and the 67/68 "Bulletin" (ie, catalogue) which among other things has the tuition listed of \$1900! At our 25th reunion, in addition to connecting up with friends like R. Zimmer, S. Broner, M. Rifkin, and others, we got to see Ruth Bader Ginsburg get her honorary degree as well as Wynton Marsalis whom we got to talk to. I hope this has conveyed my very warm feelings and gratitude to Brandeis.



Me and Mia



Jenny & myself in 2018 near Lake Louise

Leslie (Keiter) Tannenwald

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis was clearly the turning point in my life. I entered thinking I would become a lawyer and after freshman year I was determined to become a rabbi. My dream came true after a long career path including years as a religious school director, Senior Associate at the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, licensed social worker, and original curriculum developer in Jewish studies for those with learning disabilities.

In 1999 I received my rabbinical s'micha with members of my family, close friends, and my entire class of nurses and doctors who studied pastoral care with me at MGH in attendance.

After several years as a congregational rabbi I created Jewish and Interfaith Life Services performing lifecycle events for both Jews and individuals in interfaith relationships.

I have been cited in many articles, radio and television programs, and currently serve on the rabbi referral list of 18 Doors. I am also a licensed JP.

I have two sons Alan Keiter Tannenwald '05 who practices law and David Lee Tannenwald who is an accomplished writer.

Starr Brockert Teague

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Certainly our many varied experiences as the Class of '71 have had a strong influence on all of our lives. Although those 4 years at Brandeis were not "the happiest years of my life", I am grateful. I am grateful for the friends I made and the way we helped each other through those tumultuous times. I am grateful for the many dedicated caring professors and intellectually challenging classes. I am grateful that when I left Brandeis I was stronger in many ways. 50 years later I am at home in Colorado with my husband of 47 years. Our two grown children and our 3 year old grandson live near by. Even during our most recent tumultuous times, I am grateful....

Anita (Sammartino) Tekle

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Four memorable years of lasting friendships, challenging dialog, eye-opening and life changing experiences. Hard to fathom how time has flown. Having been introduced to Urban Anthropology in a class taught by Prof. David Jacobson, I embarked on a 45-year career in municipal government shortly after graduation, starting with the Boston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs. I was fortunate to early on find and thrive in a career that I loved. Following Boston, I worked for most of the following years in the Town of Concord, first as Assistant Town Manager, and ending as Town Clerk. In between, I served in other communities as Town Administrator, Community Development Coordinator, and HR Consultant. I picked up two Masters (Urban Affairs and an MBA in Public Management) along the way. I've been married to Hagos Tekle for 45 years (a native of Eritrea--lots of opportunity to put my Anthropology to work...thank you Dr. Jacobson)! We have three grown children--Maia (35), Elayna (33), and David (31). David is engaged to Gabriela Arizola (on the right in the family photo), a lovely woman he met

while serving in the Peace Corps. Maia and David live and work in California, and Elayna in New York. We miss seeing them in person, but that will hopefully happen in the near future. We adopted Archie (border collie) during the pandemic, and we have 4 "grand dogs." We've lived in Concord for the past 44 years, and now that we're retired, we are both active in local organizations and causes. I serve on the boards of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle and on the Timothy Wheeler House (an affordable residential facility for independent seniors), and until the pandemic, delivered Meals-on-Wheels. Since retiring in 2017, we've done some traveling, and look forward to resuming that once the pandemic is under control. In my "free time" I quilt, garden, play the piano (not well), and participate in two book clubs. As I age, I find myself reminiscing, but am eager to continue to explore new things and to find ways to make a difference. I thank Brandeis for nurturing those seeds in me.



Tekle Family-Christmas 2019 (last time we were together)



Archie the Border Collie--our "COVID" addition



Anita, Hagos and Elayna--wedding guests 2019

Alan Ticotsky

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

The best thing about Brandeis for me was meeting Jane Sutton ('72) at the beginning of my senior year. My post graduation plans were up in the air, but by the beginning of 1971, we knew we wanted to move ahead in life as a couple. Not surprisingly for those times, marriage was still a few years off.

Toward the end of my senior year, I failed my draft physical and therefore was spared induction into the armed forces. Because Jane had another year at school, I took a position packing orders in a hardware warehouse and spent the winter in a shared house in Hull, MA. When spring came, I began to search for a teaching position and fortunately found a great opportunity. I joined a progressive K-6 independent school in New York's Hudson Valley, teaching, developing curriculum, and serving as treasurer. The experience set me off on a rewarding career in education, eventually moving back to Massachusetts to teach in public school, serve as a mentor and teacher leader, and write several books for educators. I am now retired but continue to write and develop curriculum.

Jane and I married in 1975, just before moving to Lexington, MA. We have a daughter and a son, who have both married and now we have three grandchildren.

Susan L. Townsend

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis, the antiwar movement, and growing up during years of Black activism in the US were the crucible of my political evolution, including the feminism, gay liberation, and increasing awareness of white supremacy and capitalism included through those prisms. I was so very committed during the student strike, and have learned to slow down enough to enjoy life as I go since then.

I graduated Brandeis to live in Charlottesville, VA, where I was in a women's health collective, worked on a communist newspaper, supported organizing efforts at UVA hospital, and was part of the women's liberation movement. I moved to our nation's capital colony in 1975.

Trees, mountains, ocean, and the earth sustain me.

In 2015 I retired after 40 years at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, which included decades of union and other activism. (as Gordie said, I "kept the faith!") For someone who was taught that nothing happened without my taking leadership, it has been wonderful to live in an area where

I have almost daily opportunities to support the leadership of others in organizing and by attending events. We have Takoma Park Mobilization, formed immediately after the 2016 election, through which I do immigrant support. We have also had police murder and mistreatment to mobilize against.

Despite relationships with a couple of the best men on the planet (including one in our class!), women have been most at the center of my life, and I identify as a lesbian, and as an activist witch. I also remain an active co-counselor.

I am in the process of becoming a legal second parent to Jacob, who will be 21 in a few weeks. I have been one of his parents in reality since before his birth. He lives in the apartment in my home, so we have an easier weaning process than many!

My mom and stepdad are 92 and 102, now getting a bit fragile. I am learning elder-care up close and personally. I have lived in their home and mine throughout covid, so I am one of the few people now craving more time at home.

I look forward to reading about all of you!

Lucy Balter Weinstein

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Can't believe it's been 50 years since we left Brandeis! Nearly 53 years ago I met a cute guy with long hair and round gold-rimmed glasses name Mark, walking out of a class sophomore year. We were married by Brandeis' own Rabbi Axelrad the year after graduation. As Mark noted in his contribution here, we both just retired and moved from Huntington, LI to a fantastic community in Bedford MA. Although I really wanted to have a career as a folk dancer, that didn't seem too practical, so I went to med school and became a pediatrician. (I did manage to dance many evenings at the MIT Student Center during those four med school years in Boston.) We actually didn't mind the cold Cleveland winters too much during my pediatrics residency and infectious diseases fellowship at Case-Western Reserve, although having to drive my car up on a sidewalk once during a flood was interesting. The I.D. info certainly has helped me to understand Covid and those vaccines! Our son Adam -Brandeis '2001 - was born in Cleveland. We moved to Long Island in 1980, and I stayed home for a few years to raise Adam and then our

daughter Juliana (whose husband is also a Brandeis grad) while I tried to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. . Fortunately, thanks to an intro from a Brandeis classmate (thanks, Lee L.), I found public health. Free tuition for a Columbia Univ. MPH via the Stony Brook Dept. of Preventive Medicine. Hooray! I then spent many years at the Nassau County (NY) Dept. of Health in charge of such varied programs as an Immunization Action Plan, Early Intervention Program (for children), and bike helmet and child booster seat promotion programs. It was fun immunizing local veterinarians against rabies when there were some animal rabies cases in the county, but not so much fun giving measles shots to teens when there was an outbreak locally. After realizing that I hated local government bureaucracies, I moved to our regional Poison Control Center and worked on injury prevention grants and various other projects for Nassau County. I discovered that I loved teaching, and via my volunteer professorship at Stony Brook, I conducted workshops around NY State for case workers in child protective services, and on various pediatric topics for child

care workers, physicians, and nurses. Later on - and continuing now - I'm involved with pediatric and public health groups in environmental health issues. If you hate noise and pollution from gas leaf blowers as much as I do, get in touch! Through the years, I've kept dancing: first international folk, and then - with Mark - contra and English Country dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbsAqOZ8ZKU> We love to hike, and have been on many trips with dancers that combine those passions. Hope my joints last long enough to be able to do these once the pandemic is over. That is, if the joints aren't worn out playing with our five grandkids who all live locally. Life has been good to us. And it all started at Brandeis!



From the 2019 Philadelphia English Country Dance Ball

Mark Weinstein

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

After graduating medical school and completing a 5 year residency at Case-Western Reserve Hospitals, my wife Lucy and I moved to Huntington, NY, where we lived for 40 years. I worked as a general internist with the same medical group for 40 years, and became chief of medicine at a Northwell hospital as well as managing partner of my medical group. In June, 2020 I retired, and we moved to Huckins Farm in Bedford, Mass.

Lucy (whom I met at Brandeis and to whom I am still happily married) and I are fortunate to have 2 wonderful, accomplished children and 5 grandchildren, ages 3-11, living nearby in Lexington, Mas. Despite Covid, we see our family several times per week and have tried to master the intricacies of remote learning as we work with some of our grandchildren. Our daughter Juliana Cohen has become an internationally known authority in childhood nutrition, and has faculty appointments at Harvard School of Public Health and Merrimack College. Our son Adam is an executive with a medical start-

up company.

We love our new home, which is in a 300 acre conservation area. We are visited daily by turkeys and assorted other wild creatures. There is an extensive network of trails just outside our home, where we walk or cross country ski/snowshoe regularly. We have become very active in our community, serving on various committees and boards, as well helping to maintain the trail system.

We love to travel, hike, and dance, and can't wait to resume all these activities. We have become avid English country dancers (aka English folk dancing) and have hosted dance parties in our home in the past as well as dancing with local groups. We travel to England at least once annually, where we have many dance friends. We have been fortunate to hike and travel all over the world, and look forward to hiking Mt. Rainier this summer.



grandchildren



Madeira



Patagonia

Stuart E Weisberg

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

My life after Brandeis has included almost a decade on Capitol Hill as staff director and chief counsel for the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Employment and Housing, first under Barney Frank and then Tom Lantos. In 1989-90, I directed the panel's investigation and series of 27 hearings, in what came to be known as the "HUD Scandal," revealing widespread abuse at HUD during the Reagan administration. Nominated by President Clinton, I served as chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, an independent federal adjudicatory agency. I also wrote an authorized biography published in 2009, "Barney Frank – The Story of America's Only Left-Handed, Gay, Jewish Congressman" (which was used as a clue on Jeopardy).

Some Brandeis memories:

I remember, soon after my roommate Phil Moinester and I had settled into DeRoy 112, there was a knock on the door. Our first visitor was track coach Norm Levine who stopped by to welcome Phil to

Brandeis. Phil had run track in high school. At one point coach Levine looked at me and asked, "Do you do anything?" Several years later, coach Levine gave me the easiest paid job imaginable. At the first ever Brandeis Invitational Track Meet my job was to sit with a small hand-held velometer to measure the wind speed in case a world record was broken. Needless to say, there were no world records broken that day!

I remember once getting a ride home to Brooklyn for the holidays from Fred Alt. Fred had an old, dilapidated car and feared that if he stopped the car it might not restart. When we approached my house he did slow down for me to get out. Fred became a genetics professor at Harvard Medical School and one of the top cancer researchers in the country.

I remember taking Sherry Forman to see Joe Namath and the Jets play the Patriots at Boston College Stadium, a small 25,000 seat venue that offered up close views of the action on the field. Sherry became a successful editor and publicist of children's books, working with some of the greats like

Tomie dePaola and Eric Carle.

I remember, assuming that the statute of limitations has passed for conspiracy and breaking and entering, being part of a group that staged a Mission Impossible style break-in of the Residence Office. A student who shall remain - Albert Abrams - was supposed to hand in our dorm application for a suite in Rosenthal before the 5 pm deadline but had "forgotten" to do so. We thought we had planned every detail of the break-in to deposit the housing application. However, after entering the Residence Office with the help of a "master key," we realized that no one had brought a flashlight! The break-in had to be done over. It was successful and we got our Rosenthal suite.

I look forward to returning to campus in 2022 for our belated in-person 50th year reunion and to re-experience a fudgeana at Cabots and a tuna sub at Lena's.



Bob Weiser

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Fyi all, I took a leave of absence after Fall '69 term and spent that winter and spring seeing much of the country for the first time. I arrived back at Brandeis just in time to travel to New Haven for MayDay and participate in the National Student Strike, speaking about the 3 strike demands at high schools and colleges in New England. I then worked as a Youth Worker in Somerville, supplemented by work as a cabdriver and cook. My time at school plus my extended 'field work' reinforced my commitment to devote my life to work for social justice, emphasis on the intersection of class, race and gender. Big thanks to Charlie Fisher, Neil Friedman, Gordie Fellman, Calvin Hicks... (and Jane Shull '69) among others.

I then worked for about 16 years in manufacturing jobs for one of the country's largest defense contractors, working with already unionized workers. I chose that type of workplace to see what I could do to organize white working-class men; it turned out that class, race and gender intersected there as well. I also got married, had kids, got divorced and raised the kids with my

second wife, organized parents to support our kids teachers when they went on strike, ran some political campaigns, and made music in a variety of ways. I returned to Brandeis Spring '89, graduated with the Class of '90; second time around credits to Joyce Antler, Don Worster, Paul Gutenberg, and Gordie Fellman again, ghost teaching a senior seminar for GF on '60s student movements intended to have the students plan an event for 20th anniversary of the National Student Strike. They did 2, a state-wide MayDay Student Walkout For Choice, and a commemorative issue of the student magazine, The Watch.

With my family, we had started the Watch City Coffeehouse at First Parish UU in Waltham and I began a radio show at WBRS by that name. When my plans to teach HS history were undermined by a shrinking job market, I tried to turn my music hobby into a business. Fortunately, I found a part-time day job in publishing sales and marketing to support my music habit. Watch City Arts presented 1000+ events, for audiences of several dozen to several thousand in the '90s. I continued to host radio at WBRS, with a hiatus when I worked for a

commercial folk music radio station as Promotion Director and weekend DJ. When I decided to extract myself from the music business in '99, I met my current partner, Deborah, who lured me to Cape Cod in 2000.

I've been enjoying the Cape now for over 20 years, hosting The Old Songs' Home radio show at Community Radio WOMR, serving as Music Director of the Harwich Cranberry Festival, and serving in a variety of positions in the radio station leadership. I am looking forward to getting reacquainted with my 3 kids and my 3 grandsons when the pandemic abates. More about my radio show here: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Old-Songs-Home-radio-show-101104369933286/>



2 grandsons, 10 years ago



Ruth Witztum

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

I find it ironic that 50 years later, our experience at Brandeis has come full circle. Our years there were filled with the turmoil of the war in Viet Nam, culminating with the student strike our senior year. The past 4 years were filled with political strife, culminating with the calamity of the Covid pandemic. I think my years at Brandeis gave me tools to understand and cope with these unfortunate events and has helped me understand the more things change, the more they remain the same. Above all friendship and good memories keep us thriving.

I am fortunate to have spent most of my years since Brandeis with my husband and best friend Michael Friedman. Together we have been able to weather this past year of stress and isolation. Our sanity was preserved by being able to spend last summer sailing on our 36 foot sailboat. Who knew this was therapy!?! We look forward to resuming visits with family and friends, travelling and sailing. We still have many items on our bucket list to accomplish.

Steve Zaslou

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Perhaps the most important aspect of my life at Brandeis was meeting all of my fellow students who were quite varied, ethnically, racially, by state and of course interests. I learned a lot from all of you in classes, on projects, and in late night discussions. The Waltham Group had a big impact, working with low income kids in winter and summer programs and getting to witness first hand the intelligence, commitment, and abilities of fellow executive board members.

After graduating, as an English and American Lit major (not so great for job prospects but it was where my interests lay) I was a construction worker for a while, married a fellow Brandeisian, Kathe Doll '72, in 1976 and then became a tennis pro (having been on the tennis team at Brandeis) which led eventually to becoming the Head Tennis coach at the University of Colorado in Boulder. After computerizing the pro shop at one of the tennis clubs that I ran (we are talking an Apple IIE with floppy drives here), I eventually started a computer company that installed turnkey medical systems to doctor's offices, clinics,

and hospitals. It was bought out by a company on NASDAQ in 1999.

Kathe and I have 2 children and 6 grandchildren now. Our son is a Director at Children's Hospital in Denver and our daughter, after graduating from Princeton, works for Google in Boulder so we are fortunate everyone lives close by. We have also tried to continue the social awareness fostered at Brandeis through the Waltham Group. I have volunteered at the Boulder County Safehouse working with the children there, have been on the board of two non-profit organizations, was arrested by federal marshals with Kathe in a non-violent civil disobedience action as part of the anti-nuclear Rocky Flats Truth Force, and more recently have been Boulder County Foster Family helpers until the pandemic hit. I have found the Brandeis motto, "Truth Even Unto Its Innermost Parts," a useful, unemotional but passionate, lodestar as a personal, professional, and political guide.

As for the question about my bucket list, I'd like to teach the grandkids to play tennis

and be able to play with them at least through their high school careers, continue to ride my bicycle on the plains and the mountains of Colorado, and see an integrated, multi-national, cooperative colony of humans discover alien microbial life on Mars.

Jerry Zerkin

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Brandeis 67-71 perfect time: music, politics, Sox Impossible Dream

Broke school record for 50 yard dash in sneakers first day of gym. Repeated because coach didn't believe it. Won Greater Boston freshman 50. Peak of career.

Music: Cream, midnight arrival; Miles Davis at downtown club. Jazz intro thanks to Larry Schneider

Road trips: Keys/New Orleans: broke down in GA. Kids: "kill the hippies;" roused from Keys park by cop; storm flooded Everglades campsite; thanks to Steve Breeker's brother, scored Fr. Q. apartment by invoking name of Boz, Jamaican mj lord. Long story. Lucky we survived.

Summer 70: cross-Canada, NW coast, then hiking Rockies; returned to Administration bank robbery freak out.

Skipped graduation for 3 month Europe bike trip. Good call!

Sanctuary: invaluable politics/history exposure. Lois Wasserspring's Latin American politics class!

STRIKE: worked in strike center. May 71 DC demonstration; arrested early; spent day in

packed jail cell. Got \$700 damages. Almost mentioned to Rehnquist at conference reception, but discretion prevailed.

Draft: packed dorm room; missed first #, so Jeff Zall was 1 or 365 (ended right)

Draft physical: bus to Navy Yard with dozen Brandeisians, but mostly Waltham kids. I was only one of us without doc letter; had to return to fail. Waltham kids qualified as canon fodder. Reality check on impact of class in America.

Abandoned Politics major for Art History jr. year; UVA grad school. 2 years, but that was enough.

BC Law, then back to VA, Richmond legal aid. Then private practice - employment, civil rights, constitutional cases, 15 capital habeas cases (most clients killed, 2 exonerated) in belly of beast; federal capital trials. Won dismissal in Shenandoah NP double homicide. 2 SCOTUS arguments - lost them both. 2001 joined new Federal Defender Office, focus on capital cases, starting with "20th hijacker" Zaccarias Moussaoui. '14 return to private practice. No death sentences until last trial, in Louisiana. They listen to Pope on abortion but not DP.

Still thrive on resisting gov't abuse of power. Thank you Brandeis!
Career followed arc of Virginia death penalty, beginning practice in 76 when DP resumed, and largely retiring w/ this year's DP abolition. In 45 years, Richmond went from first black mayor demurring on removing Confederate statues to removal of them and changing names by popular demand.



with Julie in Lausanne 2019. Always 90 degrees for us in Switzerland



Daughter Elena, along James River

Richard B. Zimmer, M.D.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

This pandemic year finds my wife and me seeking refuge in our home in Western Massachusetts, continuing our psychoanalytic practices remotely. Though the pandemic has been challenging, we find the lifestyle up here more congenial than we might have imagined, and are still trying to figure out the place it will have in our lives going forward.

I remain, steadfastly, a child of the sixties, though I have settled into conventional middle-class life in many ways. For me, life at Brandeis was the embodiment of the sixties, with all its chaos, political and social upheaval, terror and excitement. We lived through an amazing historical era together - to think that at the time, we thought this was just what it was like to be young! Canvassing for Gene McCarthy, the mind-altering shock of the seizure of Ford Hall, the sense of being at the very center of the sweep of history at the National Student Strike Information Center - these were events that left an indelible mark on the way I see the world. Even today, I find a special sense of commonality when a

patient of our generation comes to see me and I discover their vision of the world has been shaped by so many of the experiences I shared. I feel right at home.

My academic experience at Brandeis led me in unanticipated directions. I began as a mathematics major, but my introductory Psych course with Ina Samuels, and, later, the mental health practicum with Eugenia Hanffman opened my eyes to psychoanalytic theory and gave me the passion to pursue medical school, psychiatric residency, and psychoanalytic training. Though a career as a psychoanalyst, particularly in the current age, comes with its share of frustrations and disappointments, I have never for a moment regretted the choice, and I have had the opportunity to do work that is intellectually exciting and emotionally gratifying, to learn deeply about the human condition, and to share with the people I have been privileged to treat some of the most amazing experiences and understandings. Liberated at this point from some of the stresses of earning a living and trying to advance professionally, I

continue to get satisfaction from my clinical work and find I have more energy to read and to write. In my work with two professional journals, I am pleased to be able to contribute in a meaningful way to the continued intellectual growth of the field and the professional development of my colleagues.

Through this, my wife, Lucy has been soul mate, best friend, and a highly respected colleague all rolled into one. I enjoy a wonderful relation with my stepson Paul, who has become a successful novelist, and his amazing wife Sarah, whose work as a dramaturge and artistic director of a thriving off-Broadway theater keeps me in touch with a love for theater born and nurtured through countless performances at Spingold. Who could be more fortunate?

I send my best wishes to you all.



In Memoriam

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

Richard Abrahams
Samwiri Noel Balagadde-Kiguli
Margaret Bowers Barrett
David Berkowitz
Mark Blumenthal
Jean Parrish Colten
Cathy Yudell Comins
Gerald DeMauro
Alvan Fisher
Barry Freedman
Roger Gillen
James Giuffreda
Paul Goldstein
David Golub
Douglas Granville
David Greene
David Herz
William Johnston
Sharon Kurtz
Charles Lieb
Gary Matzner
Sharon Levine Mirsky
Earl Niles
Carol Steinfeld Nussey
Ingrid Bull Olmsted
Neysa Pritikin
Ellen Ruttenberg Rabin
George Radford
Daniel Ravin
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