

# CLASS OF 1981 35<sup>th</sup> REUNION





# Steven M. Abramoff

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**My home base is:**  
Linwood, NJ

# Karen Cutler Alberstone

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## **My home base is:**

Beverly Hills, CA USA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating Brandeis I moved to Los Angeles with my parents. Thereafter, I graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 1985 and practiced product liability defense law for 13 years. In 1996 I married real estate attorney Dale Alberstone and we will celebrate our 20th anniversary this May. In 1998 we had boy/girl twins, Jason and Jordan. They are now graduating from high school in June, 2016. My son, Jason will be attending Washington University in St. Louis and majoring in Business. My daughter, Jordan will be attending Boston University and will major in Communications/filmmaking. I hope they both come back to Los Angeles after college. I am so excited that at least one of my children will be attending college in Boston. I am the busiest and happiest unemployed former attorney I know. I enjoy remodeling my own home, and hope to start flipping properties after remodeling them once the "empty nest" syndrome sinks into my life.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My fondest memories from Brandeis are playing on the Women's tennis team with Heidi Gurian and Beth Feldman. I also loved living in a suite in Pomerantz with my suite mates, Nina Gurewich, Meryl Berger and Reva Gittelson. I loved working at the Stein and going into Cambridge to shop and have Steve's ice cream. I also loved traveling to Martha's Vineyard with my suite mate Nina Gurewich. I lived with Jody Cohen my senior year on Orange Street in Waltham and then lived with Amy Cohen on Alcott Street in Los Angeles several years later. I wish I could attend the reunion but my kids are graduating from high school and their 18th birthday is in June.



*20 years and still going strong!*



*Jordan*



*The dancer, Jordan*





*Jason's Senior Picture*



*The thrill seeker, Jason*



*The family 2009*

# David J. Allon

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## **My home base is:**

Wayne, PA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Spent four years in Boston, four years in NYC (MBA from Columbia) and the last twenty six years around Philadelphia. Most fun was during my 20's, making many friends, heading to the North Shore of Boston, Chatham (Cape Cod) and summers in Fire Island (which always reminded me of the kibbutz's of my native Israel)

My favorite hobbies are travel, tennis, and hiking the National Parks. My weekly tennis game with buddies is my favorite activity.

Married for 25 years to Andrea (met in NYC). We have two great guys: Sam just graduated from UPENN majoring in biochemistry, and Zach finished 10th grade.

The saddest days were the loss of my dear father (2003) and mother (2007).

The happiest days were the many years of partnership and relationship with my wife, spending lots of good time with my sons when they were young. Our favorite activity is planning and then enjoying our two vacations a year, and we've visited some amazing places in the USA and around the world.

Work-life balance has always been important.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My favorite places and memories:

Freshman year in Massell Quad, Usen Hall 1st floor; Fun group of guys: Elkaim, Shuster, Handlin, Sandler, and more.

Freshman year fall and spring dances.

Brooks slide show after weekend movie at Usdan Hall.

First trip ever to Florida during spring break with three Brandeis friends Evan Kaplan, Eric Starbuch and Mike Lyon.

Steve's Ice Cream in Somerville-- The lines and the piano was awesome.

Favorite Professors: Barney Schwalberg, Robert Art, Peter Petri, and Steve Whitfield.



*Zach's Sunday reading*



*Banana Phone*



*Santa Monica Visit*



*Boys in Valley Forge PA*



*Madrid, Spain*



*Lawn Tennis at Germantown Cricket*



# Amy Cohen Anneling

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**My home base is:**  
Slingerlands, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Married Martin. Had 2 beautiful kids, Alexander and Mariele, both smart and curious about life and moving forward in creative ways. Got my PhD in psychology. Working in the field. Enjoy traveling, and anything that puts me in the outdoors- hiking, biking, skiing, picnicking...

Love spending time with family here (been living in the same town as Jody for 15 years and loving that) and abroad (Martin's family are in Sweden and France).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Living in North Quad for 2 years with a great roommate and friends,  
Economics with Barney Schwalberg,  
Rocky Horror Picture Show in Boston,  
Bronstein weekend, Cholmondeley's,  
The Stein on Thursday nights,  
Subs in Waltham





# Seth Arenstein

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**My home base is:**  
Arlington, VA

**Life since Brandeis:**  
Not all that much to tell.

Been in Washington, D.C., since I finished graduate school in foreign affairs and international economics at Johns Hopkins' graduate school here and in Bologna, Italy.

Covered the White House, Pentagon and NASA for 13 years as a journalist. Plenty of stories to tell, although I understand this yearbook is intended to be family friendly, so those will need to wait until reunion.

Have covered the cable television industry and been a TV critic for about 15 years, which has me interacting with Stan Brooks '80 from time to time in Hollywood. Needless to say my twice yearly Hollywood jaunts always are good conversation starters.

In my spare time I play and teach trumpet, serve on arts boards, do volunteer work in the arts and have been studying improv and acting for about six years.

Still single, although no longer as blissfully as I once was. I have no offspring that I know of.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**  
I recall halcyon days behind the mic at WBRS doing a classical music show on Friday mornings. Was sober most of the time, unlike many of the composers being played and most of the listeners I suspect.

In addition, I have fond memories of being in the inaugural Brandeis Jazz Ensemble despite the fact that I couldn't read a note of music. A better trick, of course, was being able to make it through Brandeis' French requirement without knowing the difference between Monet and Manet.

I also remember the intramural sports at Brandeis, and receiving a cheap shot in flag football from a classmate who shall remain nameless that nearly sent my teeth to a residence in Framingham. I blacked out for a few seconds and apparently my first words upon regaining consciousness were, "Who ordered the veal cutlet?"

Days reporting on women's sports for The Brandeis Justice I recall fondly, too. I think I learned more about life during countless locker room interviews I conducted with members of the women's basketball and diving teams than I did from any Brandeis experience. Come to think of it, nothing I've done since has taught me more.

I admired many Brandeis students for their brains, others for their fortitude and still others for their humanity and friendship. I'm happy to say after all these years many of them still speak with me.

The professors I admired included Caldwell Titcomb, Paul Brainard and Michael Fishbane, who, I swear, had sparks flying out of brain when he spoke. That's how smart he was. I also recall being taken with Chancellor Abram Sachar's dignity, kindness, humility and sense of humor. I remember him once saying, "Behind every great man is a disbelieving mother-in-law."

# Heather Ayares

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## **My home base is:**

Newton Centre, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I think I have come to appreciate my time at Brandeis more and more with the passage of time.

Certainly the most important events in my life have been marrying my husband Michael, the birth of my son Sam (21) and the adoption of my daughter Nina (16). It has been a wild and wacky, loud and loving 21 years. When the 22 year old daughter of a Brandeis friend stayed with us several years back she noted "Huh, so you guys don't have that rule about letting one person finish before the other one starts talking..." That kind of sums up our family life.

I have worked for 25 years as a psychotherapist, and continue to really love it. I feel lucky about that.

It has been awesome to stay connected to college friends Hallie, Jeri, and Shelley, to get to know their spouses and kids, and in Hallie's case, to officiate at her wedding! It has been really wonderful to reconnect with Marcy Sandler, to reminisce about our high school and college days, and to get to know her daughters too.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I remember a warm, enthusiastic welcome from freshman roommate Susannah Sagan, who introduced me to Bonnie Raitt, Joyce Chen and Andy Katz (December 16th 1978!). So much more sophisticated than I, yet so kind!

Meeting Hallie on the first day of Brandeis, then being called Hallie by some people for 4 years without correcting them...

Rooming with Shelley, who allowed me to type her papers, fetch her diet cokes, and call her mother for her...good times, Shell, good times! Meeting Jeri (through Hallie) and hoping Shelley would behave so she would decide we were ok to live with...thank God she did!

Taking Steve Whitfield's class Aspects of the American Character....unlike George Bush, Professor Whitfield was never in need of a hand gesture coach...he remains dear to my heart and is now a favorite prof. of my son's at Brandeis.



*Nina's bat mitzvah Ari Finard, Dana and Samantha Reback*



*Jeri, Hallie, Heather, Shelley, or is it...Jeri, Heather, Hallie, Shelley....*



*Summer 2015 at a favorite bay beach on the Cape*



*Nina and Sam 2015...ages 16 and 21*

# Jennie Mintzer Badler

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**My home base is:**  
Forest Hills, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Since Brandeis, I got married (to Jeffrey, class of '79) moved to NY, was a social worker, left social work when my boys were born, and later joined Jeff in the family jewelry business (Maurice Badler.) In 2011, we opened a store on Park Avenue. If you are ever in midtown, come on in and say hello!

Our sons are grown and employed (hooray!) and out on their own.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

So many memories! But the ones that stand out are the great times with my suite-mates from East, and playing on the volleyball team.

Luckily for me, there are some great volleyball leagues in the city, so I still play every week.



*Jennie, Jeff, Brian and Evan with Jeff's brother and his wife*



# James J. Belanger

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## **My home base is:**

Tempe, AZ

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I have been a defense lawyer in Arizona since 1987. My practice is white collar criminal defense and response to government investigations. I also have a practice in professional responsibility, legal ethics and lawyer discipline. I have been in Best Lawyers in America in several categories for several years. That having been said, sometimes I wish I had gone on to become an anthropologist. I have spent more than a few hundred nights backpacking and trekking in the Grand Canyon and throughout Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. I no longer play soccer, but I took up trail running many years ago. I spend a lot of time running single track trails in the desert and mountains around Phoenix. I have a beautiful daughter, a minimalist house, and two big dogs. I mainly now am trying to be competent in the art of having really good balance in my life. I also think it is true to say that I wished I knew then what I know now.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My favorite memories from Brandeis continue to be about the relationships I made when I was there. My teammates from soccer and Coach Coven, the people I lived with, the people I worked with at the Stein, and my fellow anthropology major. Some of them I remain in very close contact with, others not so much, but I do really enjoy seeing some of them posting on Facebook. I miss Waltham Seafood. I also really respect and cherish what I learned from being at Brandeis, both in terms of the education and the experience. Hopefully there is still a small anthropology department and a Big Pink.



*Aging Judges*



*Me and my daughter.*



*Bisbee, Arizona*

# Pamela Siegel Berk

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## **My home base is:**

Ramsey, NJ

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I've found that my life has evolved in stages, one rolling into the next. I have been married to my husband Ken for almost 33 years and we have raised three delightful (and very different) sons together. Not surprisingly, I am most proud of the young men they have become. My oldest is a writer/producer at ESPN, my middle son is a senior product manager at CNBC, and my youngest is a first year law student. Over the years they have lived all over the country-- it is a pleasure having them all living in NYC now! Most importantly they all are interested and involved in the world around them, have strong values and are absolutely the most hilarious people I know (spoken like a proud Jewish mom but that's ok because that's what I am).

Professionally, I worked for Morgan Stanley for 24 years, leaving in 2005 to start on the next stage which would be anything that was more fun than Wall Street (which I guess IS anything). I have been doing a lot of freelance writing, publishing articles now and then, and have been writing a book -- can't lie-- for 11 years. It's going to be great though, I promise! As a hobby, I have become extremely involved in paddle (platform tennis). In addition to playing, I sit on the board for the NJ Women's Platform Tennis League and for the past two years have been the tournament director for the state tournament, one of the largest tournaments in the country and a huge undertaking, but totally a labor of love for me.

I am thoroughly enjoying this stage of life with my husband Ken, hoping that we keep our health and look forward to seeing what comes next together.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I remember Reitman Hall, Barney Schwalberg, Ralph Norman, Thursday's at the Stein, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at the library, the scent of chocolate chip cookies baking at Ford Hall (I THINK it was Ford, not sure but you all remember what I'm speaking of). I remember weekends at the Cape, Morrie Schwartz's co-counseling, Lewis Brooks' slide shows, resurrecting the yearbook (the Archon-- very proud of my involvement with that), Rolling Thunder Review, Dave Brubeck and Robert Klein. I remember my orange car, Sara's white Celica and Michelle's little red car that she discovered needed oil once or twice a decade. Oh, and the occasional parking ticket. I remember lines for registration, lines for getting your phone (had to pay extra for one with touch tone), and lines to get cash in Usdan. I remember "hot subs, cold subs," the Harvard Coop, Dana's "scaling the wet fence" incident, working for the baseball team, and the players coming by later looking for my class notes. I remember Screw Your Roommate, Cindy chewing gum, Taiwan Garden, junior year abroad, Mod 18 and having Marver Bernstein over for dinner. I remember the Iranian hostage crisis, Reagan getting shot and a mild protest during my senior graduation speech. I remember falling in love with my 18th century art class which I took only to fill a requirement. I remember feeling awed by the brightest most intellectual group of people I'd ever met who seemed to have vision and ideas that were beyond me. You still do.

# Lisa Myra Berman

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**My home base is:**  
Richmond, VA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating, I went to graduate school in Baton Rouge, LA for clinical psychology. Mitch Rosenfeld ('82--he was held back) came with me because he said "he had nothing better to do." Louisiana was like going to another country for me: I learned that many of my assumptions about how life is conducted were just that: assumptions. I got my Ph.D. in '88 and Mitch got his MPA in '84 and we got married in '83(I realize that the chronology is backward). We moved to the DC area so I could do my internship at GW Medical School in '86. Mitch got to pick whatever restaurant we went to for years because "I went to Baton Rouge with you!" We moved to Richmond in '92 because we couldn't afford to live and have kids at the same time in NoVa. Our older son, Daniel, is now in Vietnam teaching English on a Fulbright after graduating from UVa. Our younger son, Adam, is a senior in high school. We don't know yet where he'll be in college. I'm rooting for McGill in Montreal.

We live in the suburbs in a cul de sac (sigh). I am in private practice and Mitch is the VP of Operations and Finance (or is it Finance and Operations?) of the Virginia Tourism Corporation. We celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary last August. He had given up his motorcycle for an anniversary present years ago, after he had a crash. For our 30th, we got him a new one.

I find it curious that I have spent my entire adult life in the south, but I tell folks I'm in "latitudinal paralysis." I can't live any further north because it's too cold and I can't live further south because it's too south! Those are the highlights. There have been low-lights, but that would not be nearly as funny!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I don't remember loving many of my classes except FORTRAN programming-- taken in the summer before senior year. If I'd taken it earlier, maybe a different major! I did love going into Boston and Cambridge and just hanging out or walking around, even all by myself. When I think about the drinking and drugging at Brandeis, it seems so tame compared with the degree of substance use that I hear about today from my sons and clients. The professor who had the biggest impact on me was Ray Knight. I did not appreciate it at the time, but he really did and does embody the highest practice of clinical psychology that I have met in the field. I'm glad that I had his example to hold myself in comparison to for my career.

The most prominent feeling I have from Brandeis is not the academics, per se, but rather the other Brandesians who taught me how little I knew about the world or myself. I felt that everyone I met was REALLY, REALLY smart and challenged my thinking on most topics and made me a more aware citizen. (As much as is possible for an 18-21 year old.)All that is to say that I feel very grateful for the time I spent with you all and thank you for everything that you all have contributed to my world. (Notice you all instead of y'all: I have not been successfully acculturated.)



*Girls' Weekend- Columbus Day, 2015 Barb and Karen*





*At Daniel's graduation from UVa, May, 2015*



*Cleopatra, our Siberian*



*Me, Mitch, Daniel and Adam, Chanukah, 2015*



# Sol W. Bernstein

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## **My home base is:**

Montclair, NJ

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I have been a banking lawyer after graduating Duke Law School in 1984. I am a fanatic Duke Blue Devil basketball fan, having attended 4 final fours. I am married to Risa Janoff Bernstein '80. We met while living in NYC years after Brandeis. We are Brandeis parents, Benji '15. Benji is currently volunteering with an Ethiopian community in Israel this year. At Brandeis, he was Director of Concerts for Brandeis Student Events in his senior year, bringing big name music artists such as Kendrick Lamar, Magic and Jessie J to campus. He also had a hip-hop and reggae show on WBRB. We have two other sons, both at Cornell. Ari, a senior is pre-med and heading to medical school in the fall. Coby, a sophomore is in the School of Hotel Administration and active in his fraternity.

I currently work in-house in the legal department of Citibank, in NYC, doing commercial lending. My passions include visiting Israel, Duke basketball, showing visitors around NYC, and scuba diving.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Model UN, including hosting at Ho Ho Ho Chi Min party as Vietnam.

Professor Levitan teaching Shakespeare

Gordon 3rd floor freshman year

Hiatt Institute in Jerusalem

Volleyball champions in North Quad

Brandeis Jazz Ensemble

Stein on Thursday nights

Fire at the Pennsylvania Hotel at National Model UN

Intramural softball and flag football

All-nighters. Brandeis basketball games



*Family at Brandeis niece's wedding*





*Scuba diving*



*Years later at Brandeis*



# Roberta Wahl Bizier

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**My home base is:**  
Acton, MA USA

**Life since Brandeis:**

My roommate Robin Weiner Wall found me my first job at Blue Cross. My future husband Rich was working there also but our paths wouldn't cross for some years. My work study job at the Heller School for Alan Sager plus a cutting-edge Fortran course and an MBA prepared me for a career in healthcare software product management including 5 years on Turner Street down the hill from Brandeis (make a right at Jeanna's sub shop).

Currently I'm taking a break from the corporate world, helping a friend run her business, Periwinkle Glassworks in West Acton. Stop by if you are in the neighborhood. I'm also working on my play based on actual events from freshman year at Brandeis. The play has something for everyone: a little sex, a lot of drugs and a kicking rock and roll score.



*The Biziers 2015*

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Many Brandeis flashbacks this year as our son Matthew studied Economics and toured colleges. Not sure where he will be bound this fall but excited for his journey. I hope Matt will be fortunate to find a professor/advisor as wonderful as Barney Schwalberg and a friend as loyal as Kim Puchall Schwartz. Sorry to miss reunion, A-B high school graduation is the same weekend. Memories: Blizzard of '78, '80 Presidential elections, WBRS, Bronstein weekend, the Paradise, Louis Brooks' slideshows.

**A Peek Into the Near Future**

By ROBERTA WAHL  
*Considering present trends, the Justice might sometime in the near future run an article like this:*

In an effort to reverse declining enrollment and increasing costs, President Marver Bernstein today announced that Brandeis will merge with the Stanley Kaplan Organization. Full terms of the plan were not disclosed, however, Bernstein acknowledged that the facilities of Brandeis will be combined with the staff and curriculum of Kaplan.

Brandeis, which will be renamed Brandeis University Kaplan School (BUKs) to honor Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and Stanley Kaplan, founder of the preparatory course movement, will offer a liberal arts education in a preparatory course framework.

The objective of the move is to increase the number of students attending the University by guaranteeing admission to graduate school. Courses will stress test-taking methods and all finals will be multiple choice. An unidentified member of the Education Policy Committee (EPC), which unanimously endorsed the move, called the approach "innovative and exciting."

The addition of Kaplan instructors will result in dismissals of Brandeis professors; however, a spokesman for the Administration termed the layoffs "minimal to the project's overall impact which we feel will be quite positive." He added that "the University has been moving in this direction for some time."

In order to familiarize prospective students with the changes, information about the University will be sent to applicants in the new format. Below is an excerpt from the admissions brochure:

1) Which of the following majors is *not* offered at BUKs?  
a. Nursing  
b. Accounting  
c. Engineering  
d. Journalism  
e. All of the above

2) Which of the following former Brandeis students was on the FBI's most wanted list in 1970?  
a. Angela Davis  
b. Kathy Powers  
c. Susan Saxe  
d. Abbie Hoffman  
e. All of the Above

3) The motto of BUKs is . . . ?  
a. Quid Pro Quo  
b. Work Liberates  
c. Caveat Emptor  
d. Shalom Aleichim  
e. Truth Even Unto Its Innermost Parts

*Days of Future Passed*

# Fran Blain (Bellach)

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## **My home base is:**

Santa Monica, CA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

*Never put a deadline on your dream; however, if your dream should change, be open to that and see where it leads you...*

The past year has been so exciting--

At the end of February, my client Madelaine Petsch booked a series regular role on the new CW series *Riverdale* based on the Archie comic books. Watch for her, she's going to be a huge star. Another has a 2-year contract role on *Days of Our Lives*. Two of my clients just filmed Woody Allen's latest movie *Café Society* - a Jewish girl from Brandeis' dream come true!

I had hip surgery last March - being bionic at such a young age is an enormous responsibility! In November, my son was a Bar Mitzvah at the beach at sunset at the magical Annenberg Beach House in Santa Monica. I couldn't have been prouder.

After Brandeis, I started off as an actor - went to law school to avoid living on Long Island and commuting into NYC to be a waitress while pursuing an acting career. Bought a few years by going to Cardozo, still taking acting classes and becoming determined as ever to act. I published in the Arts and Entertainment Law Journal and got to scratch "getting published" off my bucket list. After Cardozo, I recurred on a soap, did TV and some plays (including Off-B'wy) while working part time for 6 law firms simultaneously in NYC as an independent contractor attorney.

Moved to LA in '92, passed the CA bar, worked as an attorney, made more \$ hourly than a server would in a shift and pursued acting. Barry Scheck (OJ fame) helped me get my first legal gigs. Was featured in TIME MAG. Did independent film/theater and trained with the best. When Aidan was born, my desire to act changed. Shortly after, I started managing, helping others get this thing that I love so much. I'm an 'actor's manager' - I totally get it. Having a blast!

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My most memorable moments..... this is really hard to remember, but here goes....

**FAVORITE CLASS:** Film and Fiction, Richard Onorato (R.I.P.)

**FAVORITE LATE NIGHT EATS:** Steve's Ice Cream in Medford

**FAVORITE HILL TO ROLL DOWN:** Next to the Library

**FAVORITE PLACE TO WRITE POETRY:** Wall behind Usen facing the field (is that still there?)

**FAVORITE PLACE TO LIVE:** Castle - sophomore and junior years

**SECOND FAVORITE:** Mod 36, senior year

**FAVORITE ON CAMPUS JOB:** Waitress at THE STEIN (best job on campus - we got tips + pay!)

**FAVORITE DEAN:** Bill Stott

**FAVORITE PROFESSOR (my advisor):** Barney Schwalberg (anyone know how he's doing?)

**FAVORITE WEATHER EVENT:** Blizzard of '78 (I miss snow so much living in LA)

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Still lobster

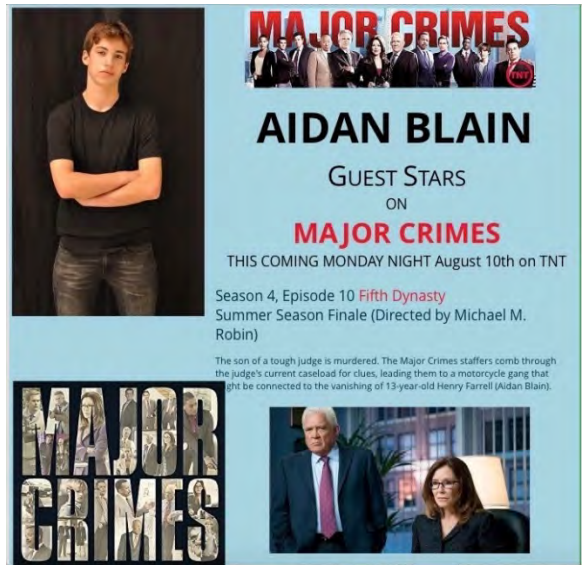
**FAVORITE THING TO DO ON SUNDAY NIGHTS FRESHMAN YEAR (and after):** Read the news on WBRS-FM, during Bobby Haber's radio broadcast

**FAVORITE CONCERT:** Elvis Costello at the Paradise in 1977 -- (Grant Kornberg '80 predicted Elvis would be really successful!)





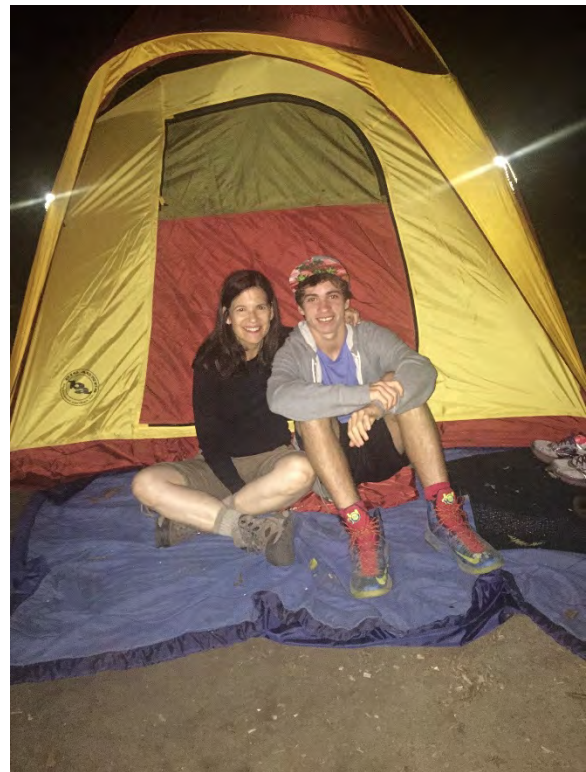
*Me :-)*



*Aidan guest starred on Major Crimes --  
[www.aidanblain.com](http://www.aidanblain.com)*



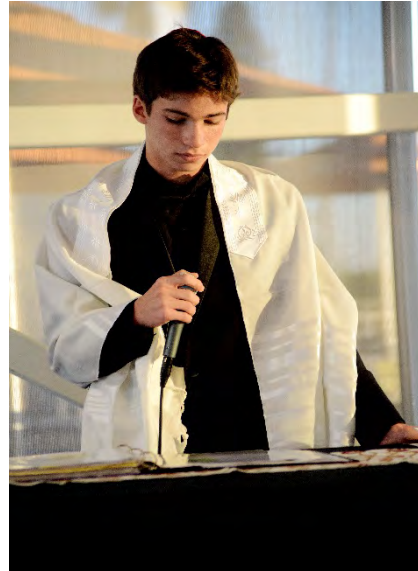
*My son Aidan qualified for the 2015 Jr  
Olympics in the 100m! #proudmama*



*Our 5th annual BIG SUR camping trip!*



*Getting ready for Aidan's Bar Mitzvah,  
November 21, 2015*



*Aidan's Bar Mitzvah at the Annenberg Beach  
House in Santa Monica at sunset!*

# Nancy Lehrman Bloom

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**My home base is:**

Arlington, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I have happily lived in the Boston area since graduation. I got a Master's in Public Health in 1987. My husband Jacob danced into my life that year and we married in 1988 (we met contra dancing). We are the proud parents of Julia, Michael and Shira. The first two have both finished college and Shira is in ninth grade at the Cambridge School of Weston.

I have been a historical tour guide in Lexington, Massachusetts for many years and Jacob and I have been researching and writing and teaching about colonial American dance for some years. Recently, we have spent many hours in Brandeis' Goldfarb library (thank you, Goldfarb librarians) downloading 18th century dance manuals.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have memories of roommates, where I lived all four years, and wonderful history and American Studies classes, along with hanging out with friends and people I met during my Brandeis journey. I remember passing notes and taking breaks during studying for finals at Goldfarb, and living in the Castle and off campus. Good times, good memories!



*Nancy, Julia, Shira, Michael and Jacob Bloom*

# Nancy A. Blum

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**My home base is:**

Northridge, CA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After college graduation, I completed the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Emory University, then moved to Southern California, where I've been living ever since. I live in Los Angeles with my husband and our 18-year-old daughter. Professionally, I have a

psychology private practice with a specialty in conducting neuropsychological evaluations. I also teach psychology classes at California State University, Northridge. My husband works as an electrical engineer. Our daughter, Ariella, graduated last spring from New Community Jewish High School. She currently is a freshman at UCLA and aspires to be a director-screenwriter.



# Steven Ross Brant

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**My home base is:**  
Reisterstown, MD

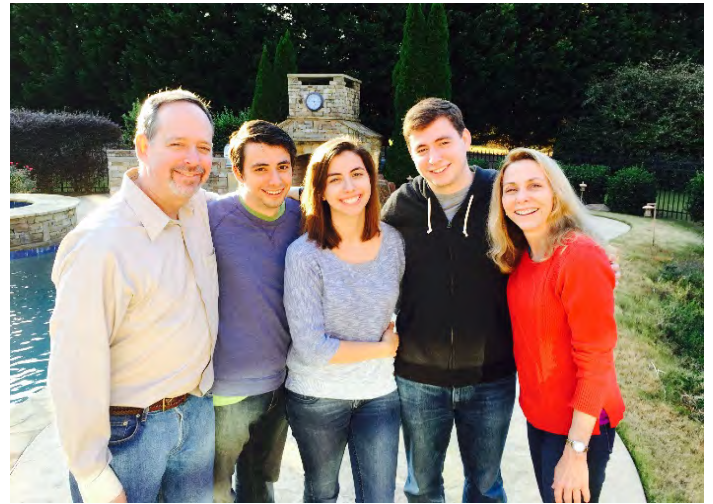
**Life since Brandeis:**

I went to medical school at the University of Florida where I also met my wife, Jan Moritz. I then did an Internal Medicine Residency at IU Medical Center, Indianapolis where eldest son Lewis was born, then I did a Gastroenterology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins, and children Aaron and Ariella were born. Upon fellowship completion in 1992, I joined the faculty at Hopkins and have remained there ever since. My focus is Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), and I have been the Director of the Meyerhoff IBD Center since 2009. I see have a gastroenterology clinic focused on IBD and see patients and perform endoscopies 2 days per week, and the other 3 days I manage a laboratory that focuses on the Genetics of IBD. I have been involved with most of the gene discoveries in IBD, have over 100 publications and have been continually NIH funded since 2001. Jan is a school nurse at the Park School of Baltimore; Lewis is a web designer; Aaron is a medical student at Johns Hopkins and Ariella is graduating from University of Maryland Baltimore County in May and is also a singer-songwriter ([ariellajoy.com](http://ariellajoy.com)), and I have one beautiful granddaughter, Lilac Brant. In my free time, I enjoy sailing my Helms 24 pocket cruiser in the Chesapeake Bay, skiing, and traveling.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Brandeis was life changing in that for my junior and senior years I worked in the laboratory of the late Dr. William P. Jencks, Prof. of Biochemistry, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and world renown for deciphering mechanisms of enzymatic reactions. I owe my research career in large part to Dr. Jencks, having been the beneficiary of his incredible mind for science and mentoring, and had the joy of working with graduate and post-docs in his lab. I also was influenced by English Professor Milton Hindus, and particularly remember taking freshman chemistry with my Deroy dorm classmates, an anthropology class which Alan Rothenberg and I found hilarious yet informative, and an architecture class where I visited Newport RI mansions. I played violin in chamber groups organized by Dr. Robert Koff

and remember being a part of the revived sailing team and nearly drowning in the Charles River during a race. I hung out with friends Jeff Dobinsky (now Yaakov Guy), Stuart Widowski, and Mark Vermette. I also liked going to the Stein, going to Shabbat services and living off campus in my senior year in Waltham.



*With Jan and children, Thanksgiving 2015*



*Ariella, Aaron, Lewis - Aaron's White Coat Ceremony at Hopkins*



*After an overnight sail Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, MD*



*Puerto Rico with my Dad, Dr. Lawrence Brant, passed away 3/1/2016*



*Jan and me, my 56th birthday*



*At Superbowl XLVII, Ravens vs 49ers*

# Jay Bratt

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**My home base is:**  
Bethesda, MD



# Darlene Grant Bruce

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**My home base is:**  
New City, New York

**Life since Brandeis:**

I pursued my dream of becoming an attorney and graduated from Georgetown Law Center. I became a member of the Bar in New York and in the District of Columbia. I am married to Justice Raymond Bruce and we have 2 children, Precious, who is 18 currently living in Senegal and working in their embassy. Our son, Nasiah is 13 and in middle school.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I enjoyed playing on the basketball team and singing with the gospel choir. I enjoyed living in Massell for 2 years as a residential counselor.



*Family portrait at recent induction*



# Dvora Lange Callahan

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**My home base is:**  
West Palm Beach, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

Let's try the last 5 years...still a Certified Financial Planner with Morgan Stanley in West Palm Beach, FL...still mom to Noah age 20 going to Palm Beach State College and Nathan age 19 freshman at Florida State Univ (go 'Noles)...almost fully recovered from my temporary hiatus from the walking world, have successfully substituted a personal trainer for physical therapy, stilettos for my walker...enjoying the Florida sunshine in the winter but missing the air in Boston in the spring and fall...happy to live close to both my parents who are still with it...in touch with my mod-mates since the last reunion which has become an annual treat...trying to stay current with music and not get trapped in the 80's...really truly appreciating life, my friends and my family--not maudlin, just grateful every day.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Who remembers classes? Dance on the roof of Sachar freshman orientation week, Cholmondeley's before it was Chum's, Blizzard of '78 combined with major flu that swept through the dorm, oh-so-politically incorrect movies that would never be shown these days during Usdan Lives, the campus "riot" our junior year, Shantytown, intramural basketball & softball, Ursula the dog who lived in Massell quad, Roberts Station, pinball machines, "Deceit & Treachery" (the short-lived soap opera on WBRS), Thursday nights at The Stein, karate class in the gym, driving around the peripheral road backwards one night, Ford Hall, saucer-ing down the hill behind the library on lunch trays, our very own Senior Disorientation Week (yes Ruth, I still have the t-shirt). Just a bit nostalgic thinking about this but there have been dozens of times during the last 35 years that I look back on my education and realize the four years weren't just fun but I actually learned quite a bit!



*January in Florida*



*NYC 12/2015 with Nathan (left) & Noah (right)*



*View from my office*

# Aline Carriere

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## **My home base is:**

Amesbury, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Since Brandeis I worked at the Boston Children's Museum, went to Boston University Law School, became a lawyer, clerked for the Massachusetts Superior Court, practiced criminal law and civil litigation, had two children - Laura and William :). I also wrote and published short stories. I wrote a novel about pirates that will never get published (this is a good thing). I've been married to my husband, Michael, for over 32 years. I met him the summer after I graduated from Brandeis.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I fondly remember all the people in the Classical and Oriental Studies Dept. I was lucky the English Dept. was in the same building (Raab) so I barely had to move. I remember working at Gerstenzang and listening to everyone talk about their fruit fly experiments when I covered the reserve room. I also fondly recall Prof. Levitan's love of Shakespeare and green tea, and Prof. Martha Morrison's leather pants. I remember learning BASIC in computer class. One time when the G & B fell off the lettering at the entrance to the Goldfarb Library, someone took a T from one of the dorm buildings and tacked it onto the end. It stayed that way for days. I loved going to all the plays at Spingold and visiting the Rose. Shout out to Lisa Alberts who always looked good in braids and to Jessica Primoff who used a gallon of yellow paint to highlight her textbooks and took me to see my first play on Broadway - Grease!



*Michael, William and me at Volcano National Park, HI*

# Bob Carroll

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**My home base is:**  
Teaneck, NJ

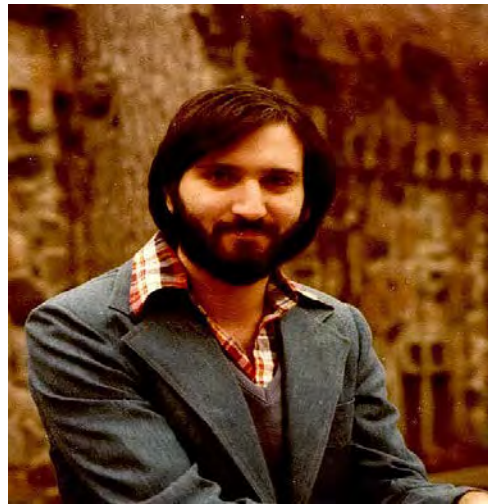
**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation I spent a few years studying in Israel and a few doing graduate work in NEJS at Brandeis. After that I attended rabbinical school at Yeshiva University and was ordained in about 1989. I had been working part-time as a campus chaplain/Hillel Director while also working on my PhD in kabbalah/comparative mysticism at NYU. At a certain point I decided to switch directions and became a corporate IT consultant for Fortune 500 companies, and did that for about 10 years. In 2000 my first marriage ended, and shortly thereafter I also decided to try to find a way to return to non-profit work; I was pretty open as to what sort of position I'd take (even would have considered joining the Peace Corps, if I didn't have a cat!) but eventually found what was very nearly the perfect job for me, as Program Director of Edah, the now-defunct modern orthodox organization. In early 2006 I married Ruthie and we moved to Jerusalem, where I simultaneously served as soldier in an anti-terror unit of the IDF (for five years), and also as Director of Development & Communication of a wonderful Christian/Jewish/Moslem dialog organization (Interfaith Encounter Association), a position which I still hold. These days I spend about 1/4 of my time in the US, usually doing photography road trips in the Southwestern states, shooting ghost towns and landscapes for what will eventually be a book. Still working on my skills though. :) It's been a wild ride... perhaps a little wilder than I would have asked for, but it has led me to a great place with Ruthie and I am really looking forward to the coming years!!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I miss all of it!!! I still remember Waltham, Brookline and Boston with tremendous fondness. Brandeis... wow, where to start? Hillel dinners. Campus activism in all its fractious forms; the awesome and utterly delusional feeling that at age 20 we pretty much had the world figured out. :) Hanging out in our suite in Rosenthal. Driving friends to Boston in my '69 Chevelle. Professors Marvin Fox (sadly

no longer with us) Naomi Schmidt, Reuven Kimelman, William Johnson, and Robert Hahn, who I was lucky enough to see in Jerusalem last year. The Hillel staff, Al Axelrad and Idie Benjamin, both of whom I was so privileged to count as friends. There was a wonderful feeling of discovery, of community, which is so hard to re-create in life after college. And the sense that we could do so much more than we ever thought we were capable of, if only we busted our butts and went without sleep for days at a time. I don't think I could do it again, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything!



*My graduation yearbook picture!*



*What I look like now, hopefully still recognizable to some degree :)*





*Being interviewed for a BCC documentary in Jerusalem!*



*The rest of the family :)*



*Yeah, there have been times when I have really blown it...*



*Hanging out at the Grand Canyon*



# Amy Alkoff Chasin

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**My home base is:**

Livingston, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

I graduated law school in 1984 and after working for a large New Jersey law firm for many years, I opened up my own practice, focusing on transactional real estate matters. I moved on in 2009 when the real estate market slowed down, and got to spend time at home with my two boys. That was great.

I have two sons. Danny is graduating from Tulane University this year, and Matthew is a freshman at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. And a dog named Allie Beth.

My husband Mitch, is a cosmetic surgeon with offices in Livingston and Martinsville, New Jersey.

We are slowly adjusting to empty nesting and will be glad to have Danny back in the New York area, after graduation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion!

# Jonathan Chimene

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**My home base is:**

Brooklyn, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Taught tennis in Germany for a year after graduation and then went back to school. Received MA in American History from the University of Chicago in 1983, and was a PhD candidate from 1983-86, but started a business in late '83 and never finished the dissertation.

MBA - Northwestern University, 1995

Lived in Chicago from 1982-2000. Sold the business and moved to Brooklyn in early 2001 and currently live there with wife Stephanie Mazza, our 7 year old son Joseph, and our two cats, Ruby and Nica.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Being a victim in an armed robbery in our dorm room during our first semester, freshman year, wasn't exactly a highlight, but certainly something which I will always remember. The tennis team heard about it at practice!

The American Studies Department was filled with incredibly inspiring and exceptionally gifted professors, and I was fortunate enough to have stumbled on this half of my double major. Steve Whitfield, Jerry Cohen, the late Bill Goldsmith...it just doesn't get any better than that, and for this I am very thankful. And don't get me started on the History Department, which was also superb. Thank you Brandeis, for an outstanding education and for so many life-long friendships. So many, in fact, that I would never attempt trying to name them here.

# Yehuda Cohen

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**My home base is:**  
Chicago, IL

**Life since Brandeis:**

Wow...life since Brandeis. I've stayed involved with Brandeis with our alumni association and came back to Chicago after rooming with Vic Ney at Michigan Business (YEAH!). Have led an entrepreneurial life after a brief stint in corporate. Our son Joe is a freshmen at Michigan and my wife Ellen works at the University of Chicago. I play tennis weekly and always enjoy hearing from my Brandeis friends.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Regarding hangouts or food in town...Lena's would have to top the list. About 3 years ago I was there and recognized a woman at the counter who was probably 16 when we were freshmen still working there! I think she is finally gone. REITMAN! TENNIS! SAILING! Favorite professors and classes: Kevin Smith, Leon Jick, Barney Schwalberg, Ariella Goldberg.

Parties...now we are talking: USDAN LIVES! Ahhh the memories which are R-rated... BRONSTEIN WEEKEND! Friday Night Movies and other abundant PROBO activities. It is both fortunate and sad that there are only photos (THANK YOU LEWIS) of these times and no video! At least our attorney classmates can still run for the bench!



*Sept. 2015*



*1979-80 PROBO (Photo Courtesy of L. Brooks Archives) Jim Belanger, Yehuda Cohen, Jessica Hilburn-Holmes, Bill Mandell, Andrew Berman, Kathy Hunter, Dan Berger*



# Robin Frucht Cohn

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**My home base is:**

Potomac, MD

**Life since Brandeis:**

I graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985 and have practiced telecommunications law in a variety of settings--big law firm, in-house, and currently at the Federal Communications Commission. Married for 34 happy years to my best friend, attorney Jerry Cohn, whom I met in algebra class when we were 16. We have two great sons, Adam (Georgetown '10) and Jason (Carleton '13, Northwestern PhD '17-'18?) and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Kiira. Finally getting used to the empty nest; it's just us and two cats in the house. I bake and work out (sometimes at cross purposes) every chance I get.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have so many fond memories of life at Brandeis--finding quiet places to study on campus; 18th century novel, poetry, and 1960's classes; vintage double features at the Harvard Square movie theatre; jelly doughnuts on the weekends; 4:45 pm dinners at the Stein; the bagel man; sub shop at the railroad tracks; Steve's ice cream (clearly many of my memories involve food!); and hanging out and raiding vending machines with Debbie Goldberg Pollak, Jill Jacobs and so many other great people.

# Joan Cullinane

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**My home base is:**  
Anchorage, AK

**Life since Brandeis:**

I've noticed some trends in my life of which my younger Brandeis was unaware. I laugh about death, preferably with others who get the joke. I relish making a fool of myself in front of as many people as I can. I appear to be addicted to the written word as well as to delicious baked goods especially those made with lots of butter and some almond squishy stuff inside. I have had the privilege to hold some extremely entertaining jobs. I currently live in Anchorage, Alaska where I entertain people who are even senior to me with all the tools I learned in clown school as well as some of the ridiculous skills I picked up as a drama therapist. But enough showing off. I studied psychology at Brandeis because I did not know why I thought about death all the time. Now I know and life is good enough for me. I still run, act in local theatre as if my life depended on it, (which it does sometimes.) I adore cold weather. Swimming in the Atlantic Ocean will always be second to heaven for me.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Could not get enough social psychology or of Human Sexual Response's "Jackie Onassis."

Wearing overalls and going to the square dances at Usdan.

That weird turnstile you had to go through to get to the meat department in The Waltham Supermarket

Working late nights at Goldfarb library with the reserve room crew, especially on Hawaiian night or wine and cheese night.

Eating the not so fine food at The Chateau with Martha, Ginny, Laura and all the runners who did not care I was not so fast as long as I didn't quit.

Waiting for the half price "Hot subs, cold subs, bagels" call.

Senior year in The Castle!



*In a PSA for The City of Anchorage*



*This is often how I feel*



*Denis Acabo, queen of chocolate, my sis and I in Pigelle*



*A recent visit to the gym with Ginny & Laura*



*I love what, or Who, you may see while walking*



*The old reserve room gang, you know who you are!*

# Dianne Cutillo

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**My home base is:**  
Adams, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation, I bussed tables until I became director of a North Adams State residence hall. Fun, but I realized I didn't want to pay the dues (living in a dorm for a few years) to remain in student affairs. To my parents' chagrin, I waitressed until landing a reporting job at the North Adams Transcript. I was good enough that I was quickly hired away by a larger competitor. My first husband let his appendix rupture. At his bedside, I became intrigued by the possibility of service as a community hospital public relations officer. I was hired by the first of three hospital/health systems. I found I needed quantitative skills to supplement communication skills; I earned an executive MBA degree (Rensselaer Polytechnic) while working full time.

Hard work, and strong critical thinking and analytical skills from my Brandeis education, earned awards for public relations/marketing work in hospitals and as a cookbook editor and publicist.

In 2015, I gave up gazillion-hours-a-week hospital executive work in favor of work/life balance. I am a writing/editing/marketing/strategy consultant.

Personally, following an early marriage and divorce, a friendship developed through community service and on the golf course turned into a marriage to my best friend and best husband in the universe and becoming stepmom to a wonderful young man raised by his Dad (and me).

I am privileged to serve my home communities, from United Way leadership to Lions Club and service on the board of a Massachusetts college-prep charter public school, a mission dear to me as a first-generation college graduate.

We are blessed to enjoy golf, fine dining and wining, and travel.

A most profound experience: learning how precious life is by caring for a sister-in-law in our home while she is on hospice care.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Fond memories of COSL, The Justice reporting, roommates Maia Lowenschuss Palmer and Adrienne Lindgren Fischer. Loved the Stein and Cholmondeley's. Really valued being TA for Gordie Fellman.

As a first-generation college student, support from Professors Gordie, Morrie Schwartz, and Jerry Cohen and student affairs staff Nancy Stoll, Marcie Schorr Hirsch, Millie Tan Steward, and Lorraine ??? was invaluable.

Especially grateful to counseling center staffer Liza for helping me realize quitting school in my junior year would have hurt me and not helped my family, as I thought.

Still miss the broccoli casserole from the vegetarian selections and Chater omelette Saturday mornings.



*Dianne Cutillo current head shot*





*A favorite photo from travels. Best husband Bernie Pinsonnault and me in Italy.*



*My siblings and me, 1987 and 2015.*



*The Rain Room at LACMA with son Evan, Rebecca, Bernie, and me.*



*Family: Evan's girlfriend Rebecca, Evan, Bernie, Dianne*



*Proud to have achieved NESHCo's first writing award.*

# Penny Rosenthal Davis

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**My home base is:**

Waltham, Massachusetts

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I worked in book publishing, for companies including Dell Publishing, Golden Books, and Tor Books, as Director of Advertising and Promotion. In addition, I received my MBA from New York University. My husband and I lived in Montville, NJ where we raised our son Matthew. We moved to Fort Worth, where my son finished school. He just turned 22, and is graduating from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide)! Gary and I moved to Waltham in last May. I'm looking for a job, but I am enjoying getting reacquainted with Boston.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Great memories of Gilbert & Sullivan Society, freshman year in Deroy, and the terrific friends I made. Favorite professors include professors Grossman, Fisher, Levitan, and Gilmore.



*Gary and Matt at the 2016 national championship game.*

# Steve Deutch

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**My home base is:**  
Orange Village, OH

**Life since Brandeis:**

Since Brandeis, I graduated from Ohio State Med School (1984), married Julie, and completed a Radiology residency at Henry Ford Hospital and an Interventional fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. I have been in private practice in the Cleveland area since 1989.

Julie and I have 2 great kids, Carly and Zach. Carly is a lawyer in Chicago and Zach is a 3rd year at OSU in a MD/MBA program.

We have a wonderful life in the midwest, although boring by east coast standards. We love to travel, play golf and tennis. We own and manage some commercial real estate, and are involved in several Jewish organizations/synagogue.

We definitely are the poster children for the sandwich generation; managing our parents and helping our children get launched.

One of my few regrets, is not staying better connected to my Brandeis friends. I don't really have time for Facebook, so please call or email!!



*Steve, Julie, Carly, and Zach, in Cabo*

# Lisabeth (Fisher) DiLalla

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## **My home base is:**

Carbondale, IL

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, I earned my Ph.D. in developmental psychology at the University of Virginia, where I met my current husband, Dave. We completed post-docs at the Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado, where our first son, Matt, was born. We then moved to Carbondale where we have worked at Southern Illinois University ever since (although at the time I PROMISED that we would not stay here more than 2 years!!) and where our daughter, Shaina, was born. I now am a Professor in the department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, and the department of Psychology. I teach marvelous students and run a research lab investigating social development of young children from a behavior genetics perspective, so I study twins and triplets. If anyone knows of any twins in southern Illinois, let me know! Our son is an engineer for Nissan in Michigan, and our daughter is a special ed. teacher in Nashville, TN.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Most importantly, living in the Castle was a huge HIGHLIGHT of my campus living!! I can't believe it won't last forever... Hot chocolate at Cholmondeley's was superb! I vividly remember my very first snow day freshman year -- I hadn't seen snow in over 10 years -- and eating lunch outside in it with Alan Fink! I always loved the beauty of Brandeis -- the freshman pond, the autumn leaves, the lilacs, the warm smiles!!



# Daniel Elkaim

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**My home base is:**  
White Plains, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

In reverse order: Working part-time after retiring from 30 years of a Wall Street career, trying to keep busy and pay some bills! My son, Adam '17, is a Business major at Brandeis and my daughter Chelsea worked at the Rose one semester after graduating from BU in Art History. This May will mark the end of my 17-year stint on the Brandeis Board of Trustees which has been a privilege and a challenge at the same time. Last year I got involved with the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, which tells the story of immigration into the US via New York City in the form of exhibits recreating actual life of the immigrant families at various times over the past 140 years.

I'm in touch with various classmates, most closely Steven Goldman, who was my roommate for three years at Brandeis.

I look forward to seeing a lot of old friends at reunion.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

For me, being the movie guy for the Programming Board was a big highlight in the days of actual movie reels being spliced together to produce a movie theater experience.



*Gideon Miller and David Ornston during senior week.*



*My son Adam with a friend down in Florida*



*My mom, my brother, Ilan, and I in London*

# Michael D. Eggert

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**My home base is:**  
Newton, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Cambridge apartment to Brookline Condo to Newton Home.  
Law student to associate to of counsel to partner - Pinta & Eggert, LLP on Milk Street in Boston - 25 years and still going.  
Dating to marriage with Carolyn, my amazing and patient wife; to one son, Ben, who is graduating MA Maritime Academy this spring; to two sons, Sam (the tallest Eggert ever at 6'5), who is graduating Newton North High School this spring and will make his decision about what college to go to shortly. I am so proud of my sons and so grateful to my wife for a wonderful family and a sweet home.  
No pets to Rocky, the best dog in the universe.  
Weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Graduations and unfortunately, Funerals.  
Travels to Mexico, Costa Rica, Turks and Caicos, Ireland, Italy, England, France and all around the US.  
Staying in touch with classmates: bowling with Henry Susskind, trips with Gary Silver, Cape Cod with David Heckler, visits from Michael Shuster, Old Orchard Beach with Michael and Juliet Barr, surprise visits from Karen Palmer and Jody Cohen. Visiting with Larry Salas. Lunches with Nancy Kelly.  
Missing the departed: Ron Sandler, Gail Jackler and Patti Fraser. Of course there is more, but it can wait until our 40th reunion.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Remembering the wine and cheese party freshman year and the new friendships that arose from that traumatic, fun event. Looking back on losing my hearing at the South Side Johnny concert in the Gym. My first Grateful Dead concert in the Meadowlands...driving down with Jay Sable...Lew Abrams in charge of our group of friends. Film class with my friends, Dave Heckler, Michael Barr and Howard Wiseman - producing the epic film: The Grateful Dead go to Brandeis. You can see it at my home, it has gone from 16mm to video to DVD. Econ with Barny Schwalberg. History with Steven Schucker. Forgive me if I misspell their names.

Living in Usen, then East, then Grad Housing (a great corner three bedroom apt.) and then Orange Street. Our landlord showing up after a party and through his thick Italian accent telling us that "you don't make the night the day". Taking a trip to Florida with Larry Naishtut to visit Audrey Freund in her native surrounding. The road rally with JP Dessel at my side, Brenda and Audrey in the back (I still have my ribbon). Good times and fading memories.



*2nd Honeymoon in Tortola*



*Road trip with Mike Barr*





*Grateful Dead Concert....what else!*



*Henry's 50th Birthday...Roller Derby!*



*My sons at West End House Camp...a few years ago*



*Woodstock, NY.....more music with friends*

# Jerome (Jerry) Lee Elkind

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**My home base is:**

Dallas, TX

**Life since Brandeis:**

I went from Brandeis to the University of California at Berkeley for my Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry. I then went to Rice University for a post-doctoral fellowship with eventual Nobel Laureate Rick Smalley. From there I went to Texas Instruments, Inc. for the next 21 years, where my roles ranged from technical development to product line management. In 2009, I created a solar-based startup business to develop a process for manufacturing hydrogen economically and renewably.

In 1994 I married Astronaut Mary Ellen Weber, and we currently live in Dallas, TX where we enjoy skydiving and a variety of outdoor activities.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My favorite days at Brandeis were the summers I spent there working in the chemistry lab of Dr. Saul G. Cohen. He was probably the 10<sup>th</sup> professor I asked for a summer job following my freshman year. He clearly took pity on me.

I think I enjoyed those days so much because it was the first time I was allowed to do science somewhat independently. And it was nice not to be taking classes.



# Diane Ferber

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**My home base is:**  
Stamford, CT

**Life since Brandeis:**

Since college, I've had a wonderful, rocky, magical, difficult trip, which I think typical of a 35 year odyssey. Brandeis, as vivid and pivotal a point of time it remains, is still just 4 years, several lifetimes ago. So what can I tell the keepers of my 17-21 year old self?

I have two sons who I like as well as love. They are interesting people who have completely expanded my horizons into science and abstract thinking. One has recently graduated Denison University and the other is at UVM.

I've travelled for business and pleasure, and still love the adventure. I love music, and am lucky to have similarly minded friends and children for whom I'm still a desirable concert companion.

Similar to the 4 majors I had in my 4 years at Brandeis; I am on my second career and planning my third. I've been to business school, and have a master's and 6th year in school psychology. I've run tradeshow for manufacturing, book publishing, and several other industries, and led research departments and strategic planning initiatives. I currently direct a practice of psychologists, special educators, BSBAs, SLPs, and others in providing services and programs individualized for kids that just don't fit the box. And, I'm back in school for a marriage and family therapy degree. In all of my work, I have worked hard to improve the lives of the people I touch.

I've lived in Washington DC, and Connecticut (was married and raised the boys here). Many friends from Brandeis are fully integrated into my current life. There are people who cross your path and walk with you for some length, and those that are there for the entirety. I am very, very lucky for the people around me, and for the confluence of circumstances that put me at Brandeis with them all those years ago.







# Jody Cohen Ference

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**My home base is:**  
Slingerlands, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Finally a full-fledged empty nester, I find myself simultaneously lamenting the passage of time and cautiously celebrating a newfound freedom and sense of adventure. Most of my friends would skip the cautious part, emphatically happy that their kids have moved on to their adult lives (i.e., out of the house!). Embracing my new reality, I hold on to the childhood and young adult years with fondness and tenderness, cherishing their lovely (and rough and tumble) memories, and trying to understand the quantum leap of infancy to adulthood in the blink of an eye. My life since Brandeis has largely revolved around my family. My husband Reed and I recently celebrated our 30th anniversary. We've raised 3 wonderful sons and are extraordinarily blessed. We've lived in Albany for 25 years. Reed is a periodontist (hoping our oldest will join him after dental school!). After Brandeis, I went to Columbia University for my public health degree. Most recently, I was a project director for the Brain Injury Association of NYS, supporting veterans and service members with brain injuries. I became interested in the rehabilitation field, returning to grad school to study occupational therapy, and finishing my master's degree last year. Starting a new career at this life juncture is much more challenging than I ever imagined! Hoping to find a future position in neurorehabilitation, I'm presently working with school-aged children, and as a lifestyle coach for the National Diabetes Prevention Program. For fun, I'm usually on my bicycle or yoga mat, or tending to my collection of jade plants. On my to-do list are hiking the Adirondack high peaks, learning to sail, getting a NYC apartment, and teaching yoga. Trying to be grateful and to remember how unexpectedly fragile life can be.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Living in the castle, Sandwichmen, meal tickets, Bronstein weekend, the view walking down the hill towards Chapel's Field, crazy fun times in North Quad during freshman year, freshman chemistry with Professor Tuttle (my worst grade ever), No Nukes rallies, Cabaret, twin confusion with my sister Amy, being part of inaugural year of Brandeis women's soccer team, Lena's subs,

shuttle bus to Cambridge/Boston, going out to clubs whose names I can't remember, the Stein, the big blizzard....





# Jeri Bloch Finard

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**My home base is:**  
Larchmont, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

I am one of the lucky ones. After Brandeis, I worked for a few years, graduated from Columbia University with an MBA and have spent my career leading businesses in consumer companies. I have led multi-billion dollar businesses and PE-backed smaller companies. I love building brands and teams. I serve on a few boards, both profit and non-profit. I have been happily married to my husband, Joel, for 29 years, with three great kids to show for it. They are mostly "launched" at this point so Joel and I are enjoying more time for travel and seeing friends.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have very fond memories of Brandeis. My favorite class was a Political Theory class I took in my sophomore year where we studied Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Adam Smith, etc. and I have found the theories I read about then relevant for my business career and life in general. Other great memories: volleyball team, working in the science library, interviewing for the Admissions office but, of course, my favorite times were spent with my best buddies, Heather, Hallie, and Shelley as well as with our sidekicks Jonathan, Stuart and the gang from Swig.



*Shelley, Heather, Jeri, Hallie*



*Hallie, Jeri, Shelley, Heather*



*Hanging at the pool-Jeri, Heather, Shelley & Hallie*



*Heather's speech for Jonathan Fox's b'day*





*Family photo*

# Adrienne Fisher

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## **My home base is:**

Brooklyn, NY

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Family: I have been married to Zac Fisher (brother of Joanne Fisher '80) for 25+ years. We have lived in the same Brooklyn house for 22+ years in a lovely neighborhood of old houses with yards, trees and driveways. We have 3 amazing children: Daniel (22 yrs old) is finishing his senior year of Stony Brook U remotely and is working full time as a pilot for Endeavor Airlines (a regional affiliate of Delta). Julia (19 yrs old) is a sophomore at SUNY Potsdam and is studying music, business administration, and piano at the Crane School of Music. Carolyn (19 yrs old) is a sophomore at Bryn Mawr College where she studies Astronomy and Physics. I am also happy to say that four of the six "grand" generation in my kids' lives are still showing us how things are done!

Career: For 16 years, I have been the head of grants management at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (following 11 years at another private foundation). I love my work and the programs we fund and I am lucky to have great colleagues.

Free Time pursuits: What free time? We love places with beaches and porches; favorites: our front porch in Brooklyn (meals and drinks as often as weather allows), Fire Island (when friends let us visit), the Cape (when Joanne lets us visit), and the Caribbean (when we can get there - we went in the fall but the prior trip was in 1992). These days, when I'm not visiting with family and friends or just sitting (on the porch) or "reading" (book open; eyes closed), I am running. Goals for this year: a half-marathon and maybe, just maybe, the NYC marathon. We'll see how the training progresses.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Random memories of time at Brandeis:

Wednesday nights of Freshman Fall semester: Chem lab homework, Chem lecture homework, and Calculus homework were all due on Thursday -- necessitating many group study sessions in the common area of Swig common and many tears.

Swim team with Coach Zotz. During winter break, we drove to Fort Lauderdale to train at the International Swimming Hall of Fame for a week. After 24 straight hours of driving, we stopped in St. Augustine to sleep -- it was about 35 degrees! We all froze. We trained hard and went to the beach; stopped in Disney World on the way back north.

Visiting all my smart friends who took their junior year abroad in London, Paris, Germany, Wales...can't remember why I decided to stay in Waltham for the year.

Working in the Student Affairs Office during the year (papers flying everywhere when the mimeograph went awry while I was copying TODAY flyers) and in the Career Planning Office in the summer (not sure what I did there, just remember that summer was HOT). Canoeing on the Charles; biking all over. Trips to Boston and Faneuil Hall.

Living off campus on South Street senior year in a big rambling house that was trying to fall down. One of us (NOT me) was a great cook. A big party in the backyard followed graduation.

Most important: made some friends for life (you know who you are) and one, Joanne Fisher '80 eventually connected me with her brother, Zac, my husband of almost 26 years. So, thank you Joanne. Thank you, Brandeis.



Fishers 2015



Fishers 2010



Fishers 1996



Julia (left), Carolyn (center), Daniel (right)



Zac and Adrienne 2015

# Susan (Winer) Foner

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**My home base is:**  
Newton, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I went to law school right after Brandeis, and I began my career in a general practice in Boston, before focusing on residential real estate in 1986 during the MA real estate boom. Since 2006, I've had a solo practice in Needham. I began looking for a new challenge about eight years ago, so I went back to school to get my licensure in elementary education. My experiences as an adult learner, and then working part-time for the past six years at a Newton elementary school, have been very rewarding, and I enjoy the balance of practicing law and teaching. I met my husband Marc at a Brookline party in the fall of 1981, the first week we each started grad school, and we've been together ever since. We'll be celebrating our 30th anniversary this November. Marc is an optometrist in private practice in Framingham, and we have two children, Stephanie, 26, a political consultant in Washington, DC, and Alex, 23, who works at Wayfair in Boston in operations/supply chain. They both graduated from the University of Maryland (Go Terps!), and we're very lucky to have such great kids. We also have two West Highland Terrier "kids", Kenzie and Maggie. We're all big sports fans (unfortunately Marc and Stephanie are NY fans, and Alex and I are Boston fans), and enjoy traveling, when possible. Our last major trip was to Barcelona. I'm in touch with Laura Gold, Gene Gurvits, and Edie Shulman, from our class, and I also see other Brandeis grads locally. Laura and I get together every few months, especially to celebrate our birthdays with margaritas (see picture)! Gene was Alex's Newton soccer coach for years, and we've become good friends with Gene and his wife Jennifer. It's hard to believe that we started our Brandeis experience over thirty eight years ago. Sometimes it feels like yesterday.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Some of my best memories are from our freshman year in Deroy. It was a smaller dorm, so we knew each other really well. We used to just hang out in different rooms at night after studying, listening to music and talking. I had never shared a room or been on my own before, so the whole social scene and making new

friends was a scary, but incredible learning experience. I also loved the fall and spring days, just hanging out around Masell Quad and the field behind the dorms. (I guess I really liked just hanging out - I still do) Of course I also remember the Blizzard of '78, when everything was closed down and classes were cancelled for the week. It was interesting to see it through the eyes of my friend, Edie Shulman, because she was from southern CA and had never seen much snow before. I also loved being a part of the softball team, even though we weren't very good. We were a team of mostly petite women, and senior year, we had a double header scrimmage against Harvard, and then the University of Maine. Both teams had twice the number of players we had, and they were all huge (or so it seemed)! Harvard beat us by a lot, and then I think we only made it through a few innings against Maine, before they had to call the mercy rule. I also enjoyed my American Studies classes with Jerry Cohen and Steve Whitfield, but I didn't enjoy the walk up the hill to classes in the cold winter weather. My best overall college experience was my junior year summer and semester study abroad program in Israel, on the Hiatt Program. It was an amazing six months, living in Jerusalem, and taking trips all around the country, and then we traveled through Europe on our way home. As an added bonus, I met one of my current closest friends on the program, who was from another college.



*Laura Gold and Susan Foner*





*Susan and Stephanie in Spain*

# Debbie (Lapin) Freire

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**My home base is:**  
Berkeley Heights, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

After living in Boston and New York City for a few years post-graduation, I moved to New Jersey for work and family. My husband, Cesar, and I have been married for almost 27 years. We have two children, Dan, who studied business and environmental studies and is working locally, and Antonia, who is finishing her degree in marketing and health and wellness at GW in DC. They are both passionate about health and fitness -- lately focused on Crossfit -- which is a positive influence on me! As a family, travel has been a high priority and we have taken many memorable trips together. I enjoyed a rewarding and interesting 28-year career at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. It spanned numerous roles, starting in Marketing and concluding in the Latin America and Canada Region, responsible for Oncology Patient Advocacy, Health Policy and Communications. I logged many miles traveling around the region and meeting passionate, dedicated advocates fighting for better access to healthcare. Recently, I retired in order to have more flexibility and time to spend with family and friends. Priorities are fitness, travel, tennis, and cooking, as well as tackling the pending projects at home. Cesar and I are taking some extended trips, including a recent visit to Andalucia, Spain and a road trip to Key West. I have been doing Crossfit for the past year and just completed my first competition! We are now considering options for the future -- how we will spend our time and where we want our retirement home. It is exciting!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

The blizzard of '78 which happened on my 18th birthday!  
My wonderful roommate for 3 years -- Sara Mod 18 and all of our fun activities  
Sociology professors and courses  
Year of study abroad in Madrid and Haifa  
Late night outings for ice cream  
Still staying in touch and sharing memories with alumni



*Family at home*



*Debbie and Cesar in Spain*



*Family in Dominican Republic*



*Dan and Antonia*



*Dan and Antonia*



*Brandeis girls*



# Laura Beth Friedman

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**My home base is:**  
New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

After receiving my MBA from the University of Chicago in 1985, I entered the world of finance. I began working for institutional investment management and investment banks primarily as a risk manager and derivatives strategist for institutional and high net worth clients. After 25 years (and achieving 50 years of age), including both wonderful years and those that were far less fun, working with lots of great people, and becoming an Managing Director at 2 institutions, I decided it was time for a change. Having received Certified Financial Planner credentials years earlier, I decided to put them to work as an independent financial planner. I launched Twin Bridges Advisors in 2010 and now work with individuals ranging from graduating students to those with considerable means. I am not associated with any investment institutions which allows me to be fully objective in helping people through the complexities of their financial lives. I also work with some non-profit institutions focused on financial literacy.

I married wrong initially, but absolutely got it right the 2nd time around, 14 years ago. My Husband, Barry Gertz, a physician scientist in drug development, and I love our life in New York's upper west side and our life in upstate New York equally. I inherited two beautiful daughters, Jessie and Marlo, who both now live in San Francisco. By the time the reunion rolls around, they will both be married. My nieces and nephews are the other great joys in my life. I know it has been a great surprise to my best Brandeis buddies that there is nothing I enjoy more in life than heading deep into the wilderness for a remote backpacking trip with Barry, as we will do in Colorado for 12 days this summer.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Lots of great memories and highlights from Brandeis, but the most important are the life - long friends, Karen, Heidi, Donna, Stuart and Drew.



*In the Sawtooth Range 2008*



*Atop Half Dome 2011*



*Jessie's Wedding in 2014*





*Graduation weekend with my family 1981*



*At Tanglewood, Summer of 1980*



*Heidi and Donna and the Blizzard of 1978*

# Adam Frieman

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**My home base is:**

New Rochelle, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Happily married 29 years to my bride, Janie.  
Two wonderful kids. Have my health. All else is  
a minor footnote :-)

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Nothing can compare to letting my mod mates,  
Mike Koren, Jamie Weiss, and Dan Schlager try  
to cook.



# Deborah Gallant

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## **My home base is:**

New York, NY

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation, I worked in the radio business (hanging out at WBRS, it seemed logical at the time), then back to New York City and Columbia University for my MBA. Then the Internet thing started happening in the early 90's and I had a great run, working at startups, wrote a book, etc.

Along the way got married to Jonathan Lieber (a Wall Street guy) and had my daughter Amy (currently a sophomore at Vassar) in 1996.

In 2002 we moved to California where I started working as a business coach with my own practice [www.boldbusinessworks.com](http://www.boldbusinessworks.com) and I've been doing that since...with moves to Baltimore and now back to the Upper West Side.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Steve Whitfield & Jerry Cohen in the American Studies department.

Arlo Guthrie concert.

Annie Golden and The Shirts concert.

Many hours at WBRS.



*With husband and daughter on recent vacation*

# Barbara Shenker Gardner

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**My home base is:**  
Delray Beach, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating Brandeis, I went to medical school at NYU, and became a pediatrician. I married my medical school sweetheart, Mark Gardner, and we have two wonderful sons, Adam and Noah. We live and work in Delray Beach, Florida. We also spend a great deal of time in Napa, California, in a historic home we purchased in 2012. I'm sorry I will miss the reunion, but I hope it's wonderful, and I wish everyone well. It was great looking through the reunion yearbook- lots of fond memories!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Brandeis was a wonderful place to attend college- so nurturing, with so many amazing opportunities - both academic and social.



*My family!*



# Paul Garmon

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## **My home base is:**

Lexington, MA United States

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Quite traditional : started work right after graduation with a major company in my field (WANG Laboratories), courtesy of some help from Brandeis alum Andrew Weiss, stayed a few years and moved to a succession of smaller companies (one of which, Avid Technology, grew to about 1,500 people).

Met my lovely wife, Diane, a teacher, originally from the Chicago area, traded up through a couple of houses while raising two great children: Dan, 25, now in NYC who is a musician & teacher, and Joanna, 19, who is in college studying art.

Have visited a few places around the world, including Iceland (nature, still very much at work, a language that's formidable, wonderful people, and a beautiful northern light that makes many photos seem surreal).

I spend what little free time I have with photography (you can never learn enough) and recreational cycling -- mainly on bikeways and roads (and I always wear a helmet!).

These days, I work on developing tools for video & film postproduction, the results of which can [sometimes] be seen in episodic TV productions or on the big screen. Have a handful of U.S.



*Renfield residents 1977*

Patents for some of that work.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Mostly, I remember the enthusiasm and activism of my fellow students. [A few of us once researched (in the library, using microfilm of old Justice newspapers) the occupation of several campus buildings during the late 1960s.] I always had interesting roommates or suitemates, who typically got me involved in random activities, including painting theatre sets at Spingold or tagging along to whatever interesting activity was happening that week.

I remember that I loved almost every class and professor I had the chance to experience (and do remember that Dave W. had to elbow me every now and then to keep me awake through Barney Schwalberg's excellent early morning economics class). Freshman Writing Seminar resulted in one useful thing, which was that I had to write a paper about sitting in a cafe in Harvard Square, and I still visit Cafe Pamplona every few months (and sometimes sit and write something if I am by myself).

Graduated from a fledgling, but great Computer Science program (which has only improved to this day).

Still live in the area and visit Waltham (and the Brandeis campus) from time to time. Much has changed with both.



*Massell Quad pond in recent times*



*Justice Brandeis presiding on the hill*



*Rose Art Museum perseveres*



*Spingold and stairs from lower parking*



*Graduated (2012)*



# Laura B. Gold

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**My home base is:**  
Reading, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I was an Assistant District Attorney for 13 years but the need for child care sent me in another direction. I now have a solo practice specializing in special education law including, bullying/harassment, discipline, and juvenile court matters.

I have been married for 18 years and have a 16 year old son. Life is good!

I remain close friends with Edie Shulman and Sue Foner.



*Sue Foner and Laura Gold*



*My Family*



*Edie Shulman and Laura Gold*



# Amiet Goldman (Kahn)

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**My home base is:**  
Morris Plains, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

Since our 30th reunion, I have been busy raising two teenagers with my husband Colin, changing career roles and enjoying some special family milestones. My children, Eric and Sara, each celebrated becoming a Bar and Bat Mitzvah. They were very meaningful times for our whole family. Eric, who will turn 17 in a few months, is an Eagle Scout, exhibits his nature photography, plays two instruments - tenor sax and bassoon, and is an avid water and snow skier. Sara, who is 14, amazes us with her writing talents, is working on her Girl Scout Silver award, plays the alto saxophone in a jazz band, enjoys being on cross country and basketball teams plus loves to ski, like her brother. They are both honors students and we are very proud of their many accomplishments.

Two years ago, my career in information technology took a turn from external customer marketing to more internally based web project management for an IBM business unit focused on competitive research. It's enabled me to broaden my skills while helping global colleagues determine how to build the best solutions to win against our key competitors. I do this from the comfort of my home giving me the flexibility to be available for my family. At times it has also meant putting in longer hours but I am trying to learn to keep a better work-life balance. I never planned to have a career in IT when I got my MBA in marketing from NYU, but it has been a very fulfilling and fun adventure over more than thirty years.

Colin too is hitting his 35th reunion from MIT. He is now a distinguished member of the technical staff in the CTO office of Nokia, recently authoring a chapter in a new Bell labs book. We will celebrate our 18th anniversary in August. He is an amazing partner and we are blessed with a wonderful family.



*Sara and Eric Kahn*



*Eric, Sara, Amiet and Colin at the Grand Canyon*



*Sara Kahn's Bat Mitzvah*



*Amiet, Colin, Sara and Eric Kahn*



*Colin, Eric, Amiet and Sara walking across the Brooklyn Bridge*

# Michael R. Goldman

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**My home base is:**  
Valley Glen, CA USA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After working in radio and then as a sports and news editor and writer for various newspapers, I settled in as an entertainment journalist covering the art, science, and people behind motion pictures, television, and other media.

I worked at "Daily Variety" as an editor, served as Senior Editor at the award-winning film journal, "Millimeter," and now author books, magazine articles, newsletters, and do podcasts, among other things, as a freelance journalist in Hollywood.

I'm a "New York Times" Best-Selling Author for "John Wayne" The Genuine Article", authored "Clint Eastwood: Master Filmmaker at Work," "Reality Ends Here: 80 Years of USC Cinematic Arts," and most recently, co-authored a filmmaking textbook for first-year film students called "Filmmaking in Action." In total, I've written six books, co-authored one, and edited another.

I am also a regular contributor to "American Cinematographer" and "CineMontage" magazines, do monthly podcasts with filmmakers at the "Studio Daily" Website, pen the monthly "SMPTE Newswatch" technical newsletter, routinely interview many of the world's leading filmmakers, and lots of other fun stuff.

But most importantly, I'm now married, believe it or not, going on 17 years to my muse, Bari Berger Goldman, and have two awesome teenage boys--Jake, 15, and Nathan, 13, and

freshly Bar Mitzvah-ed! Oh, and I still have all my hair, so that's good, too.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Professor Whitfield, American Studies, for making it clear that I did, in fact, know how to write, and encouraging me to pursue my love of writing, which, eventually, I did.

Hanging out and working at WBRs, and all my old radio pals, and just many of my old friends and roommates, a healthy number of whom I'm still in touch with, I'm happy to say.

Staying up all night in our Mods apartment election night 1980 bemoaning Reagan's election after attending Barney Frank's victory party, about the only good news for liberals that night, and recording on cassette our bizarre, all-night conversation. That tape still sits in a box in my garage, somewhere. Too bad I don't have a cassette player to play it on.



*Michael Goldman. See--I told you, I still have my hair!*



# David Greeley

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**My home base is:**  
Bethesda, MD

**Life since Brandeis:**

I graduated from Brandeis and headed almost the next day to Burkina Faso West Africa, which changed my life. I am now married to a Burkinabe; we have two children age 12 and 14, and most of my career has been working with international non-profit development organizations focusing on improving health outcomes, particularly in Africa.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I enjoyed starting the Brandeis Bridge Club and being a jazz DJ at WBRS. I loved playing packman in Usdan. And yes, I enjoyed some of my classes and teachers too!



*Greeley family enjoying vacation in Belize in 2013*

# Elisa (Fishbein) Greenbaum

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## **My home base is:**

Westhampton Beach, New York

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating from Brandeis, I earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. During Wharton's orientation, I was seated next to Clint Greenbaum, and as Clint says "we've been sitting next to each other ever since". Clint grew up in Kansas, and his mom raised money for Brandeis. I was the first Brandesian Clint ever met. Since they needed Jewish housewives in Kansas to raise money for the school, he assumed Brandeis was a school for "poor, deprived, Jewish students". We got married in August 1985.

I worked for Citibank for 10 years and then Clint and I started our own business, Uncommon Stock Corp.

We have two wonderful children: our miracle son Jake who is now 26 years old and survived a rare malignant brain tumor diagnosed when he was three months old, and our recent (last month!) Penn graduate Augusta, who is 21 years old and is a fashion journalist in New York City. Twenty-two years ago, when Jake was finished with chemotherapy and I was pregnant with Augusta, we moved year-round to the Hamptons. For 17 years I was the off-campus Brandeis Alumna Interviewer for the East End of Long Island.

When our parents passed away, my siblings (Sarah '80, Kalman '87) and I endowed a Brandeis Scholarship, with preference given to students who also had siblings who went to Brandeis.

I ran the Special Ed PTA at Jake's school for 17 years, am an active member of the Hampton Synagogue, and am a founding board member of our Hadassah chapter.

Currently, Clint and I spend most of our time working on two not-for-profits that we cofounded: The Making Headway Foundation ([www.makingheadway.org](http://www.makingheadway.org)) which helps care comfort and cure children currently going

through brain tumors, and Seats of Dreams ([www.seatsofdreams.org](http://www.seatsofdreams.org)) which distributes donated tickets to children and special needs adults who normally wouldn't be able to afford to attend events. All donations welcome!

I won't be at this year's reunion, but I am working on a Mod 2 reunion as I write this.



*Elisa and Clint Greenbaum at the wedding of a Brandesian.*



*Elisa and her daughter Augusta.*



*Elisa's son Jake shoveling snow at their Westhampton Beach house.*



# David Gursky

**My home base is:**  
Great Falls, VA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I'm sure that like many of my classmates, I am most proud of my children (but since I will never be a Jewish Mother, I will spare you the details -- if you are curious, find me on Facebook.)

I've had some very surprising jobs since Brandeis, not the least was as a Consulting Architect with IBM (if anyone had told me I would one day work for IBM, let alone as one of the senior technologists, I'd have (1) laughed in your face and (2) tested you for drugs.

And one of my peers from IBM inspired me to jump off of a bridge. In New Zealand.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3Zrvr5JVBU>

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Suitemate Gus Fortin atop the Castle on Halloween playing the bagpipes!



*While I did not jump off of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, we did go atop it.*



*Then (Chicago, 2001)*



*Myself, SWMBO, my children and my step-children. Nov 2013*



*Now (1/3) My older son, Fall 2015*



*Now (2/3) My daughter, Fall 2015*



*Now (3/3). My younger son, Dec 2015, in  
Jerusalem -- my first trip to Israel*

# Jay Handlin

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## **My home base is:**

Kailua, HI

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Family. I met Laura in NY in 1989, married her on June 9, 1991, with our ketubah witnessed by Yehuda Cohen and Neil Kritz. All these years later, here we still are. Just days after reunion, we plan to celebrate our 25th anniversary in our beloved Paris. Suffice to say, it has not been quiet, or dull. Much of the excitement has come from Rachel, born November 16, 1995. Rachel has Down syndrome. So what. She's spent her entire life fully included with typical peers, graduated from high school with a full academic diploma, and is an incredibly talented, internationally exhibited fine art photographer. By the time you read this, she'll have finished her freshman year in the BFA - Photography & Media program at the prestigious California Institute of the Arts, or CalArts. She has also been hugged by the President. And she's just getting started.

Career. My path hasn't been exactly linear. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1985 and clerking for a federal judge, I spent nearly a decade doing Big Law business litigation in NYC. Then, in 1996, we moved to CA, where I spent 7 fascinating years at Disney. After a few years back in private practice in L.A., we moved to Hawaii, where I've lived and litigated for 9 years. Now, although we intend to keep the HI home, I'm returning to my roots, relocating for a partnership with a firm doing high-profile, high-stakes litigation in New York.

Moving. NY, MA, CT, NY, CA, HI, NY. I didn't plan that.

Writing. After Brandeis, I took a year off to write my first novel. Unpublished. So what. I've never stopped. Published two (pseudonymous) novels in '06 & '07. Curious? Ply me with drinks at reunion. Just delivered a new manuscript to my agent. If anything develops, trust me, you'll hear about it.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

The Usen gang from freshman year, many of whom I've reconnected with thanks to social media.

The blizzard of '78. With Ronnie Sandler, both of us chest-deep in snow, plowing a path to the front door of Goldfarb Library, just because. With Ronnie again, blasting Springsteen and The Who into Massell Quad to celebrate the end of freshman year, and debating whether the studio or live version of "Tommy" was better. The spontaneous gathering in Usdan courtyard to celebrate the Camp David peace accords. Respectively, the mad, irreverent, theatrical, and understated brilliance of English professors Allen Grossman, Michael Gilmore, Alan Levitan, and Philip Fisher.

Anti-apartheid protests. The Stein, pre-Prohibition: great bands and quarter beer nights; "Dream On," "Moondance," and "Mack the Knife" on the jukebox; Evel Knievel pinball, Space Invaders, and Galaga; and did I mention the quarter beers?

Having the time to read great books, and actually getting credit for it.

The Brandeis Israeli Dance Group, before it had a fancy name.

The perfect Friday night ritual: wonderful harmonies at services in Berlin Chapel, then to Lena's or Pizza Express with Yehuda for pizza and tuna grinders, and finally "Dallas" at Yehuda's, toasted with peppermint schnapps. My nights at Cholmondeley's.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Being the guy in the Women's Studies program. John Bush Jones's musical theater class.

Iran hostage Bill Keough's triumphant homecoming to Waltham.

Scenes from a Kosher Italian restaurant with my senior year suitemates.

Staying up until 3 a.m. before Commencement to help Neil Kritz finish his senior thesis.





*A rare picture of all three of us - at Buzz's Lanikai.*



*Rachel with her work on exhibition in NY, October 2015.*



*The women in my life: Laura and Rachel.*



*Me and my girl.*



*Rachel at CalArts, orientation week, September 2015.*

# Gregg and Lisa Handorff

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**My home base is:**

New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

live in NYC

two kids

no car

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

favorite professors - Francis X. Coughlin, Alan Grossman, Paul Georges, Paul Brown, Ludovico Borgo

favorite things - Swig as freshman dorm, Cholmondeley's, WBRS at 2 am, openings at the Rose, hanging out in the art studios, dinners at Waltham seafood

# Matt Hills

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**My home base is:**  
Newton Centre, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Lisa (Berman '82) and I have four children: Jessica (26), Meredith (23), Ben (21) and Amanda (19). I've lived in Boston since graduation and we've lived in Newton since 1992. I've worked at a private equity firm for the past 20 years, and Lisa has a consulting practice with her business partner. I'm in my third year as chair of the Newton School Committee (School Board) and enjoy that a lot!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Playing hearts all night with Glen Shear, Marc Schneider and Bruce Zamost!



*Lisa, Matt, Jessica, Meredith, Ben and Amanda  
in Israel a few years ago*



*Lisa and Matt in Quebec City*



# Lucy Spencer Hornstein

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**My home base is:**  
Collegeville, PA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Moved to Philadelphia for medical school at Medical College of Pennsylvania, with Brandeis classmate Ken Hornstein ('81). Married in 1982, graduated in 1985. At this time, both of those institutions are defunct. MCP became Drexel in 2002, coincidentally the same year Bill Metzker became my husband.

There are three incredibly cool Hornstein kids running around:

Matt, 29, is an athletic trainer in Phoenixville, PA.

Joanna, also 29 (yes, twins) is married to Caleb Hulse and lives just west of Lancaster where she is a graphic artist.

Ben (Brandeis '11 BS/MS) is in grad school at Baylor College of Medicine for his PhD in Molecular Virology and Microbiology.

None of them have kids, but between us we have 10 cats.

After med school I did a residency in Family Medicine and have been in solo practice since 1989 in Phoenixville PA.

I also got into writing in 2006: a couple of novels (none published yet) and my blog, "Musings of a Dinosaur; Solo Family Practice, I may be going the way of the dinosaur, but I'm not dead yet" at

[DinosaurMusings.wordpress.com](http://DinosaurMusings.wordpress.com).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

The blizzard of '78: trudging through thigh-high snow across Chapels field, just because we could.

Sandwich man: the cadence still rings in my ears. "Sandwich man. Hot subs, cold subs, bagels, soda. Sandwich man." Even though they're now hoagies. Philly, you know.

Hearing Don McLean in Usdan on my 21st birthday.



*Bill and me; Medical Service trip to the Dominican Republic 2013*



*Me and Sarah (Margulies) Cohen ('83) in Jerusalem 2016*



*Twins & Partners: Nicole, Matt, Joanna, Caleb  
3/4/16*



*Ben's Brandeis Graduation, May 2011*



*Ben, Joanna, Matt at Joanna's graduation, May  
2012*

# Jacob Inwald

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## **Life since Brandeis:**

After nearly 25 years as a commercial and entertainment litigator at several large and smaller law firms, the economic meltdown of 2008-2009 and a mid-life crisis gave me the opportunity to reinvent myself as a consumer advocate for low-income New Yorkers. I now direct the foreclosure prevention and predatory lending practice at the country's largest provider of free civil legal services, and my relationship with my work life has been transformed these past seven years. At home, my wife Lynne and I recently celebrated our 25th anniversary, and we are enjoying (or at least I am enjoying) being quasi empty-nesters, with our oldest having graduated college last year and recently moved to his own place, gainfully employed in the field that he studied (pinch me, I am not sure if I am dreaming this), and our youngest having started his freshman year of college.



## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Random and in no particular order:

1. Veal Parm subs from sandwich men
2. Taiwan Garden
3. Carafes of Paul Masson Chablis from the Stein (until they got outlawed by new legal drinking age--nasty, I admit, but a very real memory)
4. Disco nights at the Stein
5. Brandeis delegation at Harvard Model U.N., where we had a reputation as a party school.
6. Blizzard of '78/Shapiro dorm costume party where my roommate (Stu Isaacs) and I took the prize as Felix and Oscar (guess which one I was)







# Stuart Isaacs

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**My home base is:**  
Media, PA

**Life since Brandeis:**

What I have done since graduating in 300 words or less . . . Went to medical school at Yale (1981-1985), followed by an internal medicine residency at Temple University Hospital (1985-1988). I then did a research fellowship at the NIH in molecular virology (1988-1994). During that block of time I spent one year at the Tufts-New England Medical Center doing an infectious diseases fellowship. In 1994, I joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and have been there ever since. At Penn I do basic science research studying poxviruses and as the Associate Dean for Animal Research I am involved in research administration for the medical school. I also spend some time seeing patients at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. I met my wife at Penn when she was completing a fellowship in nephrology. We were married in 1999 and have two wonderful daughters who are now in high school. It is hard for me to believe that I have now lived in Pennsylvania for more years than the years I grew up in New York. While I've remained a die-hard Yankee's fan, I hate to admit that I now root for the Eagles (albeit there has not been much to root about).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have fond memories of so many things from the 4 years spent at Brandeis. Random memories include (in no particular order): 3 year work-study program doing research at Dow Chemical Company in Wayland, MA; Freshman year basement hall in Shapiro (Jay Inwald, Larry Sass, John Connolly, Bob Caputo and a bunch of Juniors who tortured us), Shapiro 2nd floor, George Benson concert in the old gym and an amazing concert by Don McLean in Levin Ballroom; subletting the "baseball house" the summer of '79 (Janet Robinson, John Connolly,

Beth Shenfeld), visits to Carver and Cape Cod; Senior-year Mod 20 (Harlan Grogin, Chuck Rubin, Liz Jaffee (and Fred Brancati), Laura LeBlanc, Terri Corcoran), Professor Gerald Bernstein's Art History lectures; Blizzard of 1978. Gerstenzang Science Library,



*Freshman year room mates ~39 years later  
(Stuart Isaacs & Jay Inwald)*



*My girls (December 2013)*

# Jill E. Jacobs

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**My home base is:**

New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Life has been great since Brandeis. I am a Professor of Radiology at NYU Langone Medical Center where I serve as the Associate Director of Quality and Patient Safety for the department as well as the acting Chief of Cardiac Imaging and Fellowship Director for Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging. I am married to an amazing man who is a veterinarian and have two wonderful stepchildren and a dog. We live in the city and also in the Hudson Valley (near New Paltz), so have the best of both worlds - city and country life! Traveling is a passion, and I look forward to the day I have a lot more time to see the world.



# Andrew L. Jagoda

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**My home base is:**  
Scarsdale, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating from Brandeis, I attended Harvard Law School, where I met my wife, Deborah. We met protesting a PLO spokesman speaking under the portrait of Justice Frankfurter - and it has been an amazing and wonderful 30+ years together. We graduated in 1984 and have practiced in New York City since then, Deborah as labor and employment lawyer and me as real estate lawyer, with a brief sojourn in Washington, DC in the early 1990s where I worked at the Resolution Trust Corporation cleaning up the fallout from the real estate crash. I am currently a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and Deborah is a senior attorney at Winston & Strawn LLP. We have two amazing daughters. Naomi, our older daughter, graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2011 and now works at The Hill in Washington, where she writes about tax and related issues. Prior to The Hill, Naomi wrote about tax issues for The Bond Buyer. Evelyn, our younger daughter, graduated from Columbia University in 2014. Following her graduation, Evelyn attended Cambridge University on a Gates Foundation fellowship, where she earned a master's degree in human evolutionary biology. Evelyn is now a PhD student at Harvard University pursuing her work in human evolutionary biology.

Deborah and I live in Edgemont in Westchester County, New York. We are active in our synagogue, Greenburgh Hebrew Center in Dobbs Ferry, where we have both served as President and continue serving as officers and members of the Board of Trustees. In the late 1990s, I represented clients seeking the return of art stolen from their families by the Nazis. The most memorable moment of my legal career was a ceremony at the Brandenburg Gate, when the German government returned a collection to a family.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My most memorable class was Richard Weckstein's course in Law and Economics. We read Judge Posner's book on this subject, Economic Analysis of Law. I was so fascinated this area that I decided to attend law school, where I met my wife and launched my life.

Some of my classmates at Brandeis have been my friends for nearly 40 years.



*Jagoda Family in Nice, France, August 2014*



*Jagoda Family at the Alhambra, Spain, August 2015*



*Andrew at SCOTUS for swearing in with Brandeis Group*



*Jagoda Family in Jerusalem, May 2011*



*Andrew and Deborah, London, September 2014*



# Elizabeth Etra Jick

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## **My home base is:**

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating, I planned to go to NYU business school and moved to NYC. Ended up deferring after receiving an offer to work as a Public Finance banker for Mabon Nugent on Wall St. After 2 years, I married Dan Jick (Brandeis '79) and moved to Boston, working for a municipal leasing company, MLSI. After 2 years, I worked at Oppenheimer for 16 years and then at Zions Bank for the next 15 years, where I am still employed today. I continue to work in public finance, primarily with non-profit organizations nationwide, and am an active volunteer with local and national non-profits (CJP, Facing History, BCDS, AJC, Gann Academy).

Dan attended HBS after Brandeis and has worked in investments ever since, first with Goldman Sachs and then for Highvista Strategies, which he co-founded. He also volunteers actively with non-profits, is a Trustee at Brandeis and chairs the Board at BIDMC.

We lived for 3.5 years in London from 1989-1993, when Dan was transferred overseas while at Goldman.

Dan and I have 3 children: Jamie, Josh and Jeremy. Jamie and Josh both attended Brandeis. Jeremy graduates from Penn this May. Jamie married Matt Relle last year and will graduate from CBS in May. Josh works at Century Bank and lives nearby in Alston.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Favorite Brandeis memories:

Lifelong friendships made while living in East, the Castle and Mod 2 ("second to none")

Most of my classes, especially history, art

history, Spanish and economics

Supporting the soccer team

Junior year semester abroad in Israel

Lewis Brooks/slide shows

Dancing at the Stein

Best of all--meeting Dan Jick!



*Family Photo from Jamie's wedding*



*Informal Family Photo from 2014*



# Stuart Kolodner

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**My home base is:**

Newton Center, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I'm married with three children, Galya (20), Nadav (14), and Zohar (14). Galya is a freshman at Temple University studying to be a nurse. Zohar and Nadav are freshmen in high school.

I've been working as a computer programmer for the past 35 years. The first 15 of those years were spent in the Boston area working for small software companies. Towards the end of the first 15 year period, I was married to Deborah Simonds. The next 15 years were spent in the Seattle area working at Microsoft and growing a family. The last 5 years have been spent back in the Boston area once again working for even smaller software companies.

This will be my 30th year as a Red Sox season ticket holder. When I arrived at Brandeis I was a huge Phillies fan. The Phillies won their first World Series during our Senior year. After leaving Brandeis, I slowly became a Red Sox fan.

I enjoy skiing. My first two, not so successful, ski experiences were while a student at Brandeis.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I lived all four years in the dorms ... Gordon in North quad, a suite in East, the castle, and a suite in Rosenfeld. I remember spending many hours in the computer center.

# Michael Koren

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**My home base is:**

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

I'm pleased to report that I've checked off more than half the items on my "bucket list" ..... but the list keeps growing!

Although I could never have contemplated my life's vicissitudes since graduating Brandeis, I have travelled along a predictable path of raising a family and professionally combining my interests in medicine and business.

Some unusual accomplishments that I can share in a family friendly publication include having slept in the same bed as Bill and Hillary, playing football in an NFL stadium, and getting my kids and college roommate out my house (almost).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have many fond memories of my Brandeis experience. I feel enormously grateful to have benefitted from a rich exposure to ideas and effective ways of thinking and communicating.... spiced with a healthy dose of shenanigans. I also made wonderful life-long friends.

Brandeis left its mark on me ... and I may have inadvertently returned the favor. Last time I visited my senior year apartment, Mod 24, I noticed a large stain on the ceiling from an unfortunate cooking incident. What's the statute of limitations?

# Martin R. Kupferberg

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**My home base is:**  
New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I worked for National Economic Research Associates. Following that I went to the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business for an MBA. I spent several years in management consulting before leaving to help my father and uncles with the family electronics manufacturing business. I planned to do that for a few years, but it turned out to be a great experience and I have been there ever since.

I spend a lot of my free time working for local not-for-profit organizations. I have been closely involved with the New York Hall of Science, the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, the Queens Public Library, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and recently, Brandeis.

I married my wife, Susan 28 years ago. We travel whenever possible. The travel bug is something we gave to our three children, Sam, Charles and Lauren. Lauren is currently a student at Brandeis, class of 2019! In the last few years as a family we have been to Africa, Costa Rica, Peru, Quebec and the South of France.



*With Susan and the kids Peru 2014*



*Mod 23: Brenda, Dvora, Ruth, Bob, Danny and me*



*With Lauren in the Amazon, 2014*



*With Sam and Charles at 2015 World Series*



# Joyce Rabinowitz Laiter

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**My home base is:**  
Richboro, PA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I lived with one of my best friends, Susan Snyder Schachne. Not only is she my friend but she's also my family as I married her wonderful cousin Allen. Best of both!

I have a degree in Physical Therapy from Emory University but don't practice at the moment. For a long time I specialized in soft tissue therapy.

Currently my time is taken working for Hadassah, traveling and enjoying friends.

Allen and I live in Bucks County, Pa which is just outside Philadelphia. We have 3 beautiful children: Jessica 26, Heather 24 and David 22. Luckily they live close enough to see them frequently.

We stay very, very busy!

# Ruth Landsman

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## **My home base is:**

Newton, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I have remained within the orbit of the Brandeis campus since graduation, living mostly in Newton. After working in high tech for 20 years, I switched careers in 2001 to teach yoga. It has been very rewarding-if not lucrative. I've had some health issues over the last few years that slowed me down a bit but I think/hope they are behind me. I am still with my partner of almost 30 years, Len Krisak. He retired 5 years ago and is now a full time poet with lots of books to his credit. Every year we have a mod reunion with mod mates Dvora, Brenda, Marty, Danny and Bob. Very much looking forward to seeing them and everyone else in June!



*Mod reunion from 2011*

# Karen Schiff Leff

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## **My home base is:**

Atlanta, GA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After earning my MBA from Emory University, I stayed in Atlanta and pursued a career in the software industry as a brand marketing manager for 10 years. I switched gears as I married Steven and raised 3 beautiful daughters, now 24, 21 and 19, who are now well on their way to their own lives. The eldest, Rachel, is pursuing a JD/MPH at Emory with an eye on healthcare regulatory law. Sarah will be graduating from Vanderbilt and is moving on to dental school while Samantha (#3) is enjoying her freshman year at MIT. Who knows where that is going! Just as much as my own family, I've kept in touch with numerous of my Brandeis friends and consider them a part of my life through all these years.

As the years have gone by, I've involved myself in various volunteer pursuits within the community and kids' schools including many active years with the Atlanta chapter (unfortunately now defunct) of the Brandeis National Women's Committee. Now that the nest is a lot quieter and less active, I've begun to work outside the home on a part time basis as an independent technical editor. But Atlanta is a big tennis playing city and I still maintain my weekly tennis playing on a great team. I hope to enjoy a bit more travel as time allows and look forward to what they years ahead will bring.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Pretty much everything from freshman to senior year holds a special memory for me but to name a few:

East Quad, Thursdays at the Stein, NYTimes crossword puzzles at lunch in the Boulevard, Russian politics with Stephen Berg (Abby, are you ready for the final? Nyet yet!), soccer games, late night M\*A\*S\*H viewings, parties at Pink, Chumley's, and more....



*The Leff family: Steven, Sarah, Karen, Rachel, Samantha and Charlie*



# Susan Rosenblum Lipp

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**My home base is:**  
New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

In 1985, I married Mitchell Lipp. We live in Manhattan and have a son and a daughter: Robin (age 27) and Carolyn (age 23).

I started out working as an attorney, but soon realized that I enjoyed writing rather than arguing in court, so I switched to legal publishing. I'm currently editor in chief of a legal journal, Trusts & Estates.

My husband and I are empty nesters and enjoy spending time on weekends exploring different areas of the City. Our favorite spots include the Highline and Bryant Park. We also especially enjoy getting together with our Brandeis crew: Karen and Vic Ney, Lori and Jay Rovins, Beth Kneller, Sharon and Paul Underberg and Laurie Jannelli and Richie Schmidt.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I enjoyed the Friday night movies in Usdan, as well as our pilgrimages to Steve's ice cream in Cambridge (the original!)



*My husband and I in Jamaica*



*Family Hike*

# Helen Levy-Myers

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## **My home base is:**

Reston, VA United States

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Since Brandeis, I have gotten married, had three boys and started two businesses. Two of our children are in college, one at The College of William & Mary studying biology and government and the other one at Brown University studying computer science. My youngest is still in high school and involved with music, video games and sports.

After Brandeis I lived in Cambridge for almost 15 years, was very active in Havurat Shalom and began a career in advertising sales. I married Eric and got pregnant. Soon we moved to the Virginia side of Washington DC where Eric had a job. I started a parenting publication focusing on public elementary schools. After four years, I merged it with another company; a year later sold out to my partners then stayed home for a few years. When I returned to the job market in 2004, I ended up at a company that was slowly losing market share, but still seemed relevant. Their flagship product was the Verizon Yellow Pages. When I left eight years later, I really wanted out of advertising. I thought that everything was coming to your cell phone whether you wanted or not, and wanted to start a business focused on text messaging, the favorite way to communicate for teens.

I started Athena's Workshop, a texting platform for educators. Our newest product, Attendance Solution is designed to address chronic absenteeism using weekly text messages to parents about their child. University research shows that regular communication via text messages, the preferred method of communication for low-income families, can dramatically improve student attendance. I recently have reconnected with old friends, and every time I have thoroughly enjoyed myself. Please contact me if you are in the Washington area. There will be a big inauguration in January, no matter who w

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

One of my favorite teachers at Brandeis was Professor Gilmore. Just last night I told my husband that majoring in English helped me write a skill I use all the time. I could be better at it, but I am better and more comfortable with writing because of it.

I was most active at Brandeis in the Fencing. Although I never really went far with it, I made several good friends and roomed with Debbie Banville and Ellen Shalsko, our senior year. We had one of the Shapiro off-campus dorms next to the gym; and we had some memories about all the relationships between dorm mates. Up to the last day on campus, there were some memorable times there. I recently spent the weekend with Debbie and those days in the dorm are vivid memories for both us still.

Another important activity for me was the Women's Coalition. Our fight with the Programming Board over the Usdan Lives porn film sticks in my memory for a creative way to work for change. We also brought to campus the poet Andrienne Rich, and I remember how important it was to the group that we pay her speaking fee ourselves, rather than in partnership with the English Department. Fortunately, we did have a big crowd for her and she was a great speaker. It is interesting to think about how the beliefs I developed while a member of the Women's Coalition remain with me. My husband recently commented that I have seemed more interested in politics than I have in a long time now that there is a real possibility of a woman running for president. Our lives at Brandeis have definitely influenced the present life we now live. Thank you Brandeis!



*2014 Family Photo*

# Robin Weisman Madden

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**My home base is:**  
Ellicott City, MD

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I went to the University of Maryland to get a Ph.D. in Clinical/Community Psychology. I spent my internship year in Seattle at the Children's Hospital, and fell in love with medicine. So after finishing Brandeis NEVER taking a math or science class, I found myself in the post-bac pre-med program at the University of Pennsylvania- taking all the required sciences and math courses in a 12 month period. That year I mostly lived in the medical library- where I met my husband, Josh who was a first year med student-and studied one table over. I got into George Washington for Med School, he had 2 more years in Philly- so we commuted every weekend! Finally in 1989 we were able to live in the same city again, and we got married. Our first son Eli born in 1992- is now a second year med student at Tufts, and our youngest Zach- born in 1994 is a senior at the University of Southern California- and majored in film production. Josh and I are both pediatricians, he works near Baltimore, I work near D/C- both of us are partners/owners in 3 person groups. Currently I am the president of the medical staff at Holy Cross Hospital, and I love teaching students and residents both in my office and at the hospital. I used to say I worked to be able to travel- now I say I work to put my kids through school... but still carve out time to travel, cook, see friends and eat as many great meals as I can!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Lewis always taking photos!  
Parties in the Castle  
Cooking at the Mods  
Small classes with lots of discussion-  
Thursday nights dancing the night away- and never feeling tired!



*Josh, Zach, Eli and Robin Madden (Weisman)*



*The Madden's in Japan*



# Susan Mathias

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## **My home base is:**

Winter Park, FL

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Life is good!

That summer following graduation I married, Rob Mathias. So like our reunion, we will be celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary this summer as well.

We have had the opportunity to live in some great places throughout the US, including Chicago, San Diego, Boston, San Francisco, and for the past 10 years, Winter Park, FL. We have 3 grown kids, Adam, aged 30, Russell, 28, and Lindsey, 26.

I have worked in the area of outcomes research for my whole career and specialize in quality of life. After directing a large team of consultants for 15+ years, I started my own consulting agency and work directly with pharmaceutical companies. In my spare time, I like to keep active. I enjoy biking, walk 5 miles/day and am learning to play golf. My goal is to be a decent golfer before I retire! I also play mahj jong and bridge. We also have a weekend getaway at the beach, about an hour from our home.

In addition to the travel within the US that I do for work and to visit our kids (living in New York and San Francisco), we also do a lot of international travel - we've been to Greece and Africa this past year and are leaving for Vietnam and Cambodia in February.

We have plenty of empty rooms in our house and would welcome visitors!



*Mathias Family 2015*

# Dana Maiman

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**My home base is:**  
Port Washington, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Life is truly wonderful and I'm always reminded of how fortunate we are. Am married to a Brandeis alum, Don Meyers, hard to believe it's been 30 years!!! Our wonderful daughter Nicole is a first year at NYU Med and loving it! I've been CEO of FCB Health, a global healthcare advertising agency for many years and still am incredibly passionate about what we do. While it's hard to believe I've been married for 3 decades, it's equally difficult to believe it's been over 3 decades since we all started our Brandeis lives.



*2 of our favorite "other" family members*

# Arthur Mallock

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**My home base is:**  
Stoughton, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, in 1986 and have been a practicing veterinarian for the past 30 years in Stoughton Ma, where I co-own an animal hospital.

My wife Tina and I have been married for 23 years. We have 2 sons, David (18) and Ben (15).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

The blizzard of 78! The university was shut down for about a week. No electricity in East quad (I don't recall if other dorms had electricity or not). South Street was impassible by car. I remember walking to town during the aftermath, in order to eat at Church's fried chicken- or was it Arby's?



*Ben's Bar Mitzvah; Arthur, Tina, Ben(13),  
David(16),*



# Robin Malloy

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**My home base is:**  
Harvard, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After living in NYC, New Jersey and western MA, I find it amusing that I am now living in eastern MA and the Boston community is once again a central party of my life. After attending law school, I worked as a real estate attorney at McCarter & English in Newark, in house at Sony Electronics and now at Staples, Inc. in Framingham, MA. In between those jobs, I took off 16 years to raise my lovely children: Paul, a sophomore at Middlebury, Will, a freshman at Davidson and Hannah, soon to be a freshman at Lafayette. That was easily the most challenging and rewarding job of my life. My husband, John, and I are a bit nervous about the empty nest we face in the fall but hopefully we will be able to turn it into an opportunity to travel and get on with the hobbies we enjoy.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Hanging out with friends, working for Jon and Gid, the "Sandwich Men", driving around Usdan one snowy day, the cab ride to Momma's and the many trips thereafter, the prank we played on Steve Geismar, Dolores, the blizzard, living in the Castle and the phone in the hall, General Hospital, figuring out how the milk machines worked for the first time, Russian language class, great friends.



*My family*

# Michelle Lasker Mandelblatt

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## **My home base is:**

Closter, NJ

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation, I spent the next 4 years in medical school like many of my fellow premeds! Since I was a psychology major at Brandeis, I was a little under the radar as a premed but still managed to have a great time. After med school in NJ (Rutgers), I spent the next 15 years in Manhattan! Loved every minute of it! I completed my Pediatric residency/Neonatology fellowship at Mt. Sinai Med Center and spent the next 8 years there as a Neonatology Attending and Assistant Professor. I still managed to have fun during these grueling years, and I traveled all over (shout out to Sara Darnell for our post grad trip to Europe)! During "stage 2" of my life, I got married to Lowell, and we lived in NYC for a while before building a home in the suburbs, returning to our home base in New Jersey. We now have 2 fantastic kids: Danielle (18) and Dylan (16). As of this moment, Dani will be heading to the University of Michigan next year, but I will confirm with everyone at the reunion! As a family, we also love to travel, and we are going on our first family European trip this summer. We own a beach home on Long Beach Island, New Jersey and have spent the last 10 summers making great memories at the beach. For the past 10 years, I have worked at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ as a neonatologist. I am so lucky that I get to work with newborn babies, and I love every minute of my job! I am part time now, so it is perfect! Just not sure how many more years I can continue to wake up in the middle of the night for a premie delivery!

Last but not least, one of the most important parts of my life is my lifelong, never-ending friendship with my Brandeis girls. Along with my great education, they are the true legacy to my Brandeis experience!

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Freshman year spent in Reitman Hall and seeing kids smoke pot for the first time. I was a typical "goodie two shoes" when I entered Brandeis, and I remember the goal of the kids on my floor was to see me take a hit from a bong (names will not be mentioned)!

Sophomore year in the East suites with Fern, Dana, etc.

Dana and Fern selling late night bagels (early entrepreneurs)

Trying to meet all the athletes at Brandeis to spite our parents who thought we would meet nice Jewish boys

Being able to drink legally at 18! (sorry, Dani and Dylan... you will have to wait until you are 21 in college)

Driving to Steve's in Medford for ice cream and mix-ins as a reward for studying late

Grad housing with Sara junior year and being one of the few who didn't get to go abroad because of pre-med :(

MOD 18- best experience EVER with lasting memories and friends! Not many colleges have this great setup of the mods and I loved every minute of it!

Destruction of European Jewry course with Professor Jick - has led to a lifelong obsession with reading about the Holocaust

Group Process with Morrie Schwartz, memorialized in the book, Tuesdays with Morrie- Fern and I still laugh when we try to figure out what that course was about!

Lots and lots of trips to Boston to hang out at Faneuil Hall and Harvard Square

Even more trips to neighboring colleges (MIT, Tufts, BU, Harvard) to try to "experience" a frat party! Pam and I even took a road trip to Brown University to try to crash a frat party! Also road trips to the Cape (Fern, Pam, Mike, Dan)

Work - I was a projectionist for Art History classes (can you imagine, I got paid to flick a switch on a slide projector when the instructor said, "Next slide!" Do they even have those anymore??), then I was a waitress at the Stein



*Dani's Bat Mitzvah 2011*



*Spa weekend - Debbie, Tanya, Pam, Fern, Me, Cindy, Sara, Amy*



*Dylan's Bar Mitzvah 2012*



*Beyonce Concert!*



*Dani and Dylan 2015*



*B-R-A-N-D-E-I-S*



# Laura (Miller) Mann

**My home base is:**  
Milford, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

The last 35 years has certainly gone by quickly, filled with mostly happy times, some sad times, and lots of time at work and raising our daughters. After Brandeis I stayed in the Boston area, attended law school, then worked at a small law firm which led me to opening my own practice nearly 20 years ago, which I still enjoy. Marc and I have been married for 26 years and we have 2 daughters; the younger one graduated from Brandeis in 2015 so I had the chance to revisit and see the many changes on campus since 1981. I still swim a bit (not as much or as fast as when I was at Brandeis) and also enjoy cycling in the summer and snow shoeing/skiing at Loon Mountain in the winter. Other than that, I am probably more boring than when I was in college!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Let's see....January road trips with the swim team to Fort Lauderdale, hanging at Chomedleys Coffeehouse, going to the mods for parties, living off South Street junior year with Margie C, Peter S and Ray D, trying to study with emergency lights in the halls of East during the Blizzard of 78 Freshman year, finding the easiest class I could to fill the science requirement (astronomy) and then struggling to memorize what seemed like hundreds of artists and their paintings in a class from hell to meet the fine arts requirement - still haunts me when I see the paintings at museums!



*A bit of relaxing on vacation*



*Biking in Tuscany, Italy*



*Hub on Wheels, Boston Cycling*



*The fam....all grown up*

# Eric Mattenson

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**My home base is:**  
Skokie, IL

**Life since Brandeis:**

I married my college sweetheart, Pearl Tendler Mattenson '83 (at least she was still at Brandeis when we started dating). We have lived in Boston (Allston, Brighton, Brookline and ultimately Newton), Palo Alto, Stamford, CT, West Orange, NJ and just recently moved to Skokie, IL. We have two boys: Avi, who is about to graduate University of Michigan in April with a degree in Computer Science Engineering and plans to make Aliyah in the fall and Akiva who is majoring in Philosophy at DePaul University here in Chicago. When I left Brandeis, I thought I wanted to be an entrepreneur. I loved the experience and the idea of starting new organizations. As it turned out, my career took a related but different trajectory. I became an intrapreneur, starting up new organizations within large corporations, over and over -- ultimately focused on strategy, operations and performance improvement in service organizations. Since I completed my MBA from Stanford, I have worked for Crimson Travel/Thomas Cook Travel, GE Capital, Quest Diagnostics and am currently at Walgreens. My role at Walgreens is as the enterprise leader for Walgreens Lean Six Sigma within the Change/Transformation Office for the company. When I'm not working, I spend time with the family, pursue Jewish learning and try to get outdoors - hiking, biking, kayaking...

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My time at Brandeis is most marked by the enduring friendships that were formed there and still sustain me. Jewish community at Brandeis made a lasting imprint on me: Kabbalat Shabbat at the Berlin Chapel, singing at Shabbat meals (and late into the night), learning and arguing with my suitemates, being part of a diverse community of serious Jews of all stripes. Establishing the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry with a close circle of collaborators was formative for me. Together, creating this metanoic organization was energizing and it was gratifying to see we could make a real

difference.

Academically, the professors who shaped me most were in NEJS: Fishbane, Sarna and Kimelman, and politics/history/economics/other: Frank Manuel, David Hackett-Fischer, and Barney Schwalberg. And who can forget the Sandwichmen and the Blizzard of '78.



*25th Anniversary Hike in California (Pearl & Eric)*



*The Boys (Avi & Akiva)*



*Some Stillwater Kayaking (Eric)*

# Daniel Medeiros, MD

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**My home base is:**

New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Medical school at Brown. Triple board training at Einstein affiliated hospitals. Currently Director of Child Psychiatry at Mount Sinai St Lukes, thinking of retiring. First date with current husband 7/27/91. Got married the very first week we could in NY, on 7/27/11 - the 20th anniversary of our first date. We will be celebrating 25 years together this July.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Oh, so enjoyed the friends I made there. Thank goodness for Facebook so we can keep in touch since people are scattered everywhere.



# Jeff Menkin

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**My home base is:**

Arlington, VA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Lawyering mostly. First in the NJ Attorney General's office, then private practice, and since 1991 with the Department of Justice in DC. Presently Senior Counsel for National Security with the Office of Immigration Litigation. Also ran 4 marathons, performed (for 20 years) with an improv troupe, built up a wine collection I'll never finish.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Thinking a lot recently about the blizzard of '78, after 20 inches of snow paralyzed the DC area.

# Stuart Miller

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**My home base is:**  
Owings Mills, MD

**Life since Brandeis:**

Life has been very good to me. I did not get into medical school thus did the MS program at Georgetown in Physiology. Still did not get in so took classes and eventually started working in an assistant editorial job for Health and Human Services. Retook organic chemistry and loved it, reapplied to medical school and got in early acceptance! Worked my now more mature butt off and did well at Georgetown. Met my magnificent wife Jackie there and we matched in Detroit.

I enjoyed Orthopaedic residency (turns out I made a pretty good surgeon) there and then went to Baltimore to a Foot and Ankle Fellowship. Two of the best surgeons in the world asked me to join them and here I remain, at Union Memorial Hospital. I love taking care of patients, love teaching residents and fellows, and thoroughly recommend a career in medicine. I have invented a few orthopaedic devices as well as several procedures 'cause I manage to think a little bit out of the box.

Jackie and I were lucky...our genes combined really well. Rachel graduated Wash U in St. Louis and is working in Baltimore in publishing. Emily is graduating Wash U this year and going to U Maryland for medical school. Joshua is deciding on where to go for biomedical engineering and has some great choices.

I am still healthy and active, mainly riding bicycles when able. My son long ago surpassed my soccer skills. I taught all of my kids to fence, courtesy of my Brandeis experience. I never stopped working on philosophy questions and still read avidly. I remain tremendously grateful for my liberal arts education.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

The magic of Brandeis was the people. The wonders of college remain with me forever. I am still amazed by how immature I really was and how I grew up with such gifted people. My friends and I don't talk as much as I wish we could but the connection is always immediate

and deep.

My time in freshman dorm basement with Mike and Norm and Rick and the soccer group...was amazing. The cool girls upstairs were fun and we had a blast. I wish pre-med would not have been so damned demanding. The fun classes were great. SSIS was a fine experience with very cool folks; the Waltham Group taught me some leadership skills. (lead poisoning is still in the news!)

Later, life was best in grad housing with Allan; then with the group of Allan, Mike, Drew, and Laura; as well as Heidi and Donna. (oh, thoughts of Fran) The great road trips to Western Mass remain happy thoughts. The sailing team experience was superb and I morphed that into a part-time teaching career in Annapolis for a couple of years. Part of my heart will always be in Waltham and with my friends whom I so appreciate now.



*My family a couple of years ago...at a wedding.*



*Gotta have some fun family pics*



*Fun at the 2011 Reunion*



*Knew I was a successful Dad when my son did  
the cocoanuts on the way!*



*It's what I do!*



# Barry Moltz

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**My home base is:**  
New Buffalo, MI

**Life since Brandeis:**

I worked at IBM for 10 years. They paid for my MBA at Northwestern. I then started three of my own businesses in the 1990s. I sold the last one in 1999, and since then, I have been a small business motivational speaker, author and Talk Show Radio host. I have two sons, Ethan (23 in NYC) and Daniel (20 at Michigan State). My wife Sara of 25 years is a yoga teacher.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Chumleys, The Stein, Usdan Lives, North Quad, Graduate housing, rooming with Bruce Zamost, Rona Oberman, Margot Steinberg. Having Dan Schlager as my freshman year roommate. Killer frisbee in Reitman Haul. Selling sandwiches in dorms by carrying around a heavy cooler.



*In Chicago by the El*

# Anat Frumkin Napp

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**My home base is:**  
Mount Kisco, NY



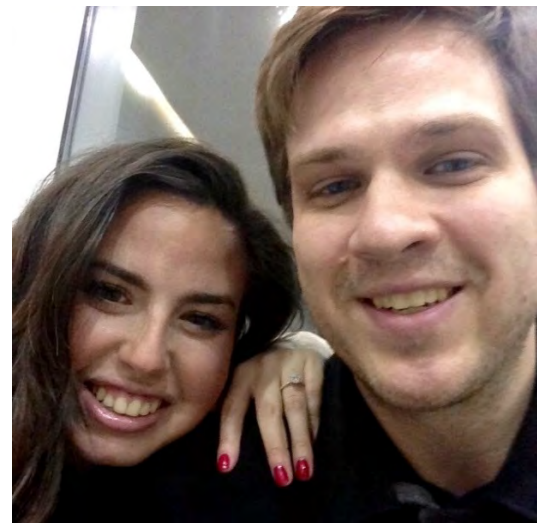
*My husband Marc, & me*



*My family*



*My daughters: Arielle, Alexandra & Sydney*



*Ari & Matt, her fiancé*

# Victor Ney

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**My home base is:**  
Brooklyn, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

As many of you know, I married Karen Binder '82 a couple of years after graduation. We've lived in Brooklyn ever since, and we've got 3 terrific kids: Becca (Brandeis '11), Jeremy (UPenn '14), David (UPenn '17). We've done tons of traveling over the years - much of it camping in the Adirondacks but also to places like China, Israel, Peru, and Patagonia just this past December.

In 2010, I opened a business consulting practice, General Vertex LLC. I offer general business advice in Operations, HR & Treasury Management to individuals, non-profits, and small businesses. It's been a very fulfilling part of my life.

Just last month I was heli-skiing with some Brandeis friends which was challenging and exhilarating beyond words.

Yehuda Cohen and I have kept in very close contact as we got our MBA's together at the UofM in Ann Arbor. It's hard to envision how hard we studied...and just how much poker we regularly played.

A few years back I began sculpting as a hobby - mostly in alabaster - and that's been very enjoyable.

Really looking forward to reconnecting with classmates at our reunion and at all our future reunions, too.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Some of my favorite times were the great themed parties we had in our junior and senior years, Rosenthal South, Suite 16, a 4 person suite. I lived with Willie both years and we threw big, fun, raucous parties. Our maintenance friends in Buildings and Grounds (B&G) had built a bar in the suite for us that added to our fun, day in and day out.



*Belize, December 2014*



*Viedma Glacier, Patagonia, December 2015*



*Huelma Glacier, Patagonia, December 2015*





*Heli-skiing, Canadian Rockies, February 2016*



*Recent sculpture, blue & white alabaster, top 2 pieces rotate independently*



*Yehuda & Vic, Bridgehampton, 2015*

# Karen Palmer

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## **My home base is:**

Arlington, VA United States

## **Life since Brandeis:**

My life since Brandeis has been split between two cities. The first almost 10 years were spent in and around Boston working, studying, exploring, farming (on weekends), and getting married. It was a great vantage point for being close to my home state of Maine and family and friends from Brandeis and before. New England will always be my home, and I continue to look forward to visits there in both winter and summer (including our reunion).

The next 25 years (I can't believe it has really been that long) have been spent in and around Washington, DC, working, writing, exploring, having and raising children, occasionally travelling and making a home with my husband of over 25 years, Phil Twomey. I still work at the same research institute, Resources for the future that brought us to D.C. in the first place. Recently, I took up group guitar lessons and enjoy the distraction. My children, Tom and Josie Twomey, are 16 and 20, respectively, and they are really great and really different people. It continues to be both fun and scary to watch them grow up; they are teaching me so much including how to love to watch high school crew regattas and Virginia Tech football. Occasionally, I get to take some cool trips for work and sometimes Phil joins me. We are looking forward to visiting Norway and southern Spain, new destinations for both of us, this summer.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I remember winter afternoons working in the Probo office talking politics or mourning John Lennon, walking on snow covered paths to Sachar, the blizzard of 1978, trying to study in a cubicle in the science library, Friday night movies in Usdan, listening to music at Cholmondeley's, freezing in the apartment on Harvard Street in Waltham, learning about daily goings on from a slim pink piece of paper, watching Saturday Night Live in Ridgewood, taking weekend trips to the Berkshires, my first motorcycle ride, hanging out in the common area in Cable in the wee hours, eating and drinking at Quincy Market, Mrs. Schneider's all-nighter, the Albino Rhino party, getting our wall painted in Ridgewood, spiked Watermelon on

South Street, Kenmore Square, seeing Bruce live again and again, feeding visiting musicians, stuffing mailboxes, Usdan Lives, Brownstein weekend, Louie D's and being boring.



*Girl's Weekend in NYC with Barbara Cohen Wankoff and Lisa Berman*



*Watching football with my girl*



*Proud parents with the college girl*



*Tom rowing for W&L Crew*



# Moses Pava

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**My home base is:**

Springfield, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I married Vivian Newman in 1983 and we have 3 children Becca (26), Jonah (21), and Micah (18).

I received my PhD from NYU Stern School of Business in 1990 and currently serve as the Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business/Yeshiva University where I have taught business ethics since 1988.

I have authored and edited 16 books on corporate social responsibility, the search for meaning in organizations, and Jewish business ethics.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Zick Rubin (social psychology) and Reuven Kimelman (Jewish Studies)

I could always be found at Sherman Kasher Cafe, the library, or the Stein.



*The Dean...*

# Bruce Pollack

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**My home base is:**

Armonk, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

I am married since 1990 to Susan, and we have three children, Jordan (23), Justin (21), and Rachel (18). I have spent my career in finance, initially 4 years in investment banking followed by private equity, most recently running Centre Partners. We live in Armonk and Sag Harbor NY.



# Debbie Goldberg Pollak

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**My home base is:**  
Woodbridge, CT

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I went to Georgetown Law School, briefly worked at a large firm and then switched into writing for a legal publishing company. At the age of 40, I discovered what I really wanted to do, which is teach. For the past fifteen years, I've worked as an adjunct instructor at a local university, teaching freshman writing and other English classes. I've also helped a friend from the class of '80 write a few plays; one was performed at fringe festivals in NY and DC, and two were performed in New Haven. I met my husband Jeff on a blind date arranged by our mothers (not the most romantic of circumstances, but whatever works). We've been married for 30 years and have three sons, one in college, one in grad school, and one working as an engineer.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

traying down the hill after it snowed; midnight trips to IHOP with Jill Jacobs and Robin Frucht Cohn; Professor Grossman's poetry class; Ms. PacMan; navigating the deserted basement of Gerstenzang in search of the candy machine; Massell Quad; afternoon naps followed by 4:45 dinners at Sherman; Earth Wind & Fire and Genesis; winter break in Miami with Liz Fisher and other Renfield friends; the Bagel Man and the Sandwich Man; Lena's; pineapple chicken at Taiwan Gardens; living in a tiny double in Ridgewood that looked out at a brick wall; signing up for classes simply to fulfill requirements and then loving them (looking at you, Introduction to Opera); "Saturday Night Fever" and "Star Wars;" meeting so many wonderful people.



*freshman year Halloween*



*At our youngest's high school graduation 2015*



*Roommates' reunion in NYC 2009*



*Trip to Ireland 2013*



# Shelley Wall Reback

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**My home base is:**  
Bethesda, MD

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, I attended Stanford Law School, and then worked in California for a law firm in Silicon Valley. I left California to follow my husband to London where he had a Fulbright Fellowship. We returned to jobs in the Washington, DC area. We have lived there now for almost 30 years.

I was the General Counsel for a software company for a decade, and am now Deputy General Counsel for a trade association. Outside of work, I have coached a nationally-ranked high school quiz bowl team for eight years, which, among other claims to fame, has produced two Jeopardy! champions.

We have two daughters, one a recent MIT graduate who is working in Los Angeles, and the other who will graduate this year from Brown University. Coincidentally, my youngest will be graduating with a degree in Linguistics, which is what I majored in at Brandeis. Could that be hereditary?

We love to travel and will probably be doing even more of that in the future with our children living in different parts of the country.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My fondest memories from Brandeis revolve around my mod-mates, Heather, Hallie and Jeri. The four of us are still in each other's lives after so many years.



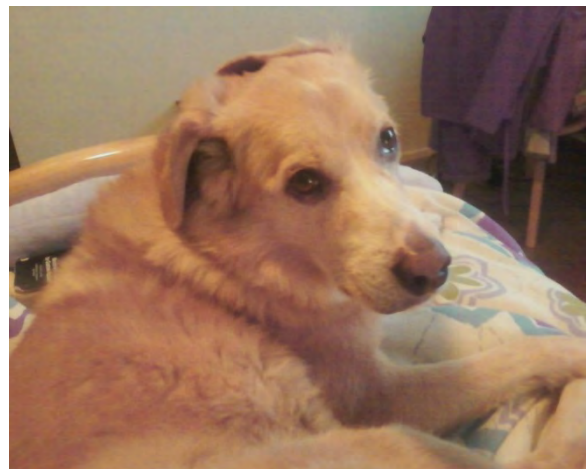
*Samantha Reback on Teen Jeopardy! 2009*



*The Coach and Her Team*



*Family trip to Spain 2014*



*Our wonderful dog, Samson*



Jeri, Shelley, Heather, Hallie or is it Shelley, Jeri, Hallie, Heather or is it ...

*The Mod 1981*



*The Mod 30+ Years Later*

# Amy Weber Rosen

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**My home base is:**  
Lake Worth, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

Love living in Florida and enjoying the outdoors! I love fostering dogs and have been doing this for 19 years. This is a rewarding experience saving lives, but is also very sad because of how many humans abuse their animals. I love the beach, and I love being on and in the water. I raised three children, Philip (33), Hara (30), and Evan (28). My eldest lives in Las Vegas, and if anyone needs hotels anywhere in the world let me know, lol. My daughter is an Endocrinologist in Miami, and Evan is on his way to fame in the art world. Please check out MisterEart.com. I can't believe that so many years have passed...I miss my Brandeis days so much. I would love to hear from anyone from our class so please email or call me. I will try and attend reunion.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Late nights, Dunkin Donuts runs, my great roommate, Lois, and all my friends (boyfriends included)!



*My husband's 60th on Feb. 6, 2016*



*My daughter Hara at the Breakers pre wedding a few years ago*



*My boys and mom*





*My granddaughter Liana*



*Graduation*



*Family*

# Amy Beth Rosenstein

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## **My home base is:**

Lexington, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

I have been able to work in the field that I most enjoy, environmental health, after graduating from Yale School of Public Health in 1989. Prior to that, I worked in DC and worked and lived in Israel. Since 1989, I have been a consultant for government agencies, non-profits, and industry. I now work as an independent consultant, most recently supporting NOAA following the Gulf oil spill.

I am married with 2 children, now ages 15 (in 9th grade) and 21 (junior at UMass business school), who are (of course) wonderful!

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Freshman year Blizzard of '78, walking to downtown Waltham to stay with off-campus friends to avoid getting the flu! Working at "The Stein" making pizzas and drinking beer (when the drinking age was 18). Dr. Attila Klein, a wonderful and thoughtful biology professor, one-of-a-kind, whom I helped with establishing the environmental studies minor at Brandeis. The ultimate frisbee fan club. Grad housing. Russian literature classes.



*Schreibman/Rosenstein kids*

# Larry Salas

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**My home base is:**  
Salem, MA USA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Went back to Curaçao to help run the family bookstores. Returned to the US in 1999. Got married to Kathleen and have a girl, Fiona (10) and a boy, Ben (8). We've lived in wonderful Salem, MA since 2005 where Kathleen is a PT, and I work in the language industry.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Orientation Week Aids before the acronym meant anything other than 'helper'.

- Barney Schwalberg's ECO 2a
- USDAN
- All-nighters
- The irony of Freshman year quiet dorm Cable hall
- The blizzard of '78
- Usen Hall
- Massell Quad
- Sherman Cafeteria
- The Stein
- Mrs. Schneider
- Gerry Bernstein's architecture courses
- Senior year Mods
- The swim test
- ...and so much more!



*Me and my kids*



*USDAN antics*



*Brandeis*



# Jody Haber Salzinger

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**My home base is:**

Coral Gables, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

I earned an M.A. in Developmental Psychology from TC, Columbia University, the year after I graduated from Brandeis, and I have been in the field of education ever since. Since then, I have been teaching, first in New York, and currently teach English at Ransom Everglades Middle School in Coconut Grove, Florida.

I have a son, Jonathan, who is in banking, and a daughter, Julie, who is attending Harvard.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My favorite professors were in the Sociology Department...Professor Stein and Professor Sirianni. I loved living in the mod with Lori, Terry, Barry, Lori, and Keith!

# Linda Rosen Sandberg

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**My home base is:**  
Ashburn, VA

**Life since Brandeis:**

Since Brandeis, I received my Masters in Physical Therapy from Stanford University. I moved to Chicago where I met my husband of 30 years, Michael. We relocated to Northern Virginia where we raised our two kids, Laura and Danny. Laura graduated from Georgetown and after her wedding this summer, begins her MPH at Dartmouth. Danny is a sophomore at the University of Michigan. I regularly substitute teach at a public elementary school French Immersion Program. I am still in close contact with several Brandesians and can attest to the saying that you meet life-long friends in college.



*Danny and Laura*

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I remember hanging out with friends at the Fantastic Food Factory somewhere on the T line in Boston and eating amazing mix-in ice cream! I also remember No Name, a cheap seafood restaurant at one of the Boston Piers. I heard it's still around. And, lastly, I'll never forget drawing number 1 in the student housing lottery! I picked a single in Reitman!



*Michael and Linda*

# Albert Sandler

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**My home base is:**  
Hampstead, NH

**Life since Brandeis:**

Graduated from U Penn Dental in 1985, where I met my wife of 28 years, Sarah. After a general practice residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, we settled in 1989 in Hampstead, NH. I can't believe I have been practicing dentistry for 31 years! I have a wonderful busy practice that I opened in 1994 in Methuen, MA with now 9 fabulous staff members. Sarah recently became the dental director for NH Health and Human Services.

Our 3 daughters could not make us any prouder! Erin (26) is finishing up her doctorate in clinical psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Alyson (24) is a 2nd year law student at the University of Virginia, and Jessica (20) is a sophomore at the University of San Francisco majoring in English/journalism.

I have enjoyed being the chazan, a president, and a founding member of Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, NH for almost 25 years. Thank Adonai, I still have the health to enjoy waterskiing, swimming, kayaking, and biking around the beautiful lake we live on, serving on the Board of Directors of Big Island Pond Corporation and president of Friends of Big Island Pond, a 501(c)(3).

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Midnight runs to Dragon Chef.  
Trying to play a softball off the Chapel wall like it was the Green Monster at Fenway.  
Starting a street hockey league.  
Performing in the Gilbert and Sullivan plays in Spingold.  
Pizza in Usdan as an alternative to the cafeterias.  
Robin Lane and The Chartbusters, Human Sexual Response performed on Thursday nights in the Stein.



# Debbie Rodman Sandler

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**My home base is:**  
Huntingdon Valley, PA

**Life since Brandeis:**

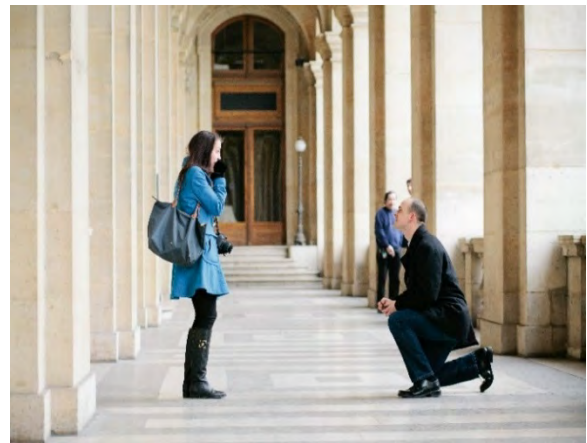
I went straight to law school at Penn and have been in Philadelphia ever since. Apparently I crave stability over adventure - Married since 1986, same law firm since 1989, same house since 1996.

I am now verging on true empty-nester status. My first born daughter Rachel is married (and working in the same office building as me), while my younger daughter Kelsey is one year away from her degree in history and secondary ed. We have had a succession of canine family members over the years as well, assuring that we do not stray too far from home for too long.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Academic highlights: "Studying" abroad in London with BESGL; American Studies Professor Whitfield as my thesis advisor; Taking Economics pass/fail. Lowlights: taking calculus freshman year with all the pre-meds; that art history class Julie Aronson warned me would not be a gut.

I fondly recall Mod 36's cat, Felix; that night my modmates took the mirror off the bathroom wall; the Blizzard of '78, "Hot Subs, Cold Subs" (which is something you NEVER hear in Philly); and Marjorie Flacks introducing me to the NYT Sunday crossword puzzle, starting a lifelong (so far) addiction.



*Jordan proposing to Rachel*



*Rachel and Kelsey in Morocco*



*my gang*

# Scott G. Schiller

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**My home base is:**  
Riverdale, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

Married to Carole D Bowman '82 since 1982...2 boys...the youngest just graduated from Cornell and the oldest is married...spent over 20 years in business...retired then became an educator for the past nearly 20 years...we love to travel and have several residences here and abroad that keep us active and busy...

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Best thing...meeting my wife



*Family in NY*



*Family at Lake George, Sagamore, Bolton landing, NY Thanksgiving 2016*



*Hawaii...1 of our favorite places to relax*



# Dan Schlager

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**My home base is:**  
Jacksonville, FL USA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, I went to Medical School in Washington D.C, and did my Emergency Medicine residency in Arizona. I practiced Emergency Medicine in the San Francisco Bay Area for 25 years. I raised three great kids and 3 good dogs during that time. I have recently taken a job as a Medical Director of a Phase 1 research facility in Florida testing new medicines and therapies. I have done a lot of travel and international medicine, and have worked with National Geographic in Africa, Central and South America, Asia, and various spots around the world. I continue to volunteer as a physician for one or two expeditions per year. I also started a GPS Wireless company which developed personal safety devices. We were granted over 20 International and US Patents and licensed and sold the company to a consortium of telecommunication companies. Not really interested in retiring, but rather finding new ways of living a meaningful life.



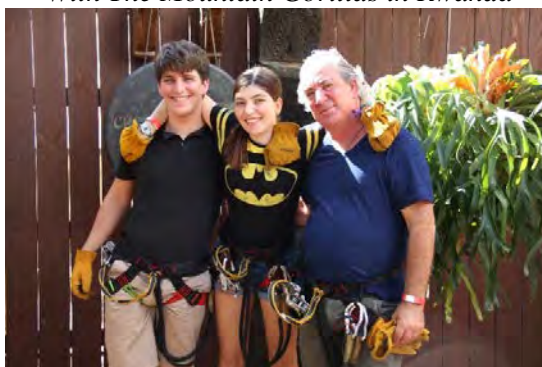
*Juggling on an elephant in Thailand*



*The good old days at Brandeis*



*With The Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda*



*Ziplining with my kids*



*My other son and 3 wolves*



# Lee Schlesinger

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**My home base is:**  
Austin, TX

**Life since Brandeis:**

Hello friends, acquaintances, and people I somehow never met in four years of slacking off. It sure would be nice to see you again, but in the meanwhile, if you find me on social media, say hi.

1981 - Is there life after college? Turns out the answer is yes.

1986 - Bought a house in Waltham. Went back to Shapiro to do my laundry a couple of times.

1990 - Moved to Long Island for a job. Thought I'd run into Brandeis friends left and right. Only ran into one in 14 months.

1992 - Married cute little red-haired shiksa. Settled down in Natick, where I grew up. Reproduced twice. Worked as an editor for several publications that covered computers.

Helped out on several community theatre productions.

2004 - Moved to Sarasota, Florida. Edited websites and worked on my tan. Began foster-parenting, accidentally adopted one of our placements. Lost my religion.

2014 - Took a job in Austin, Texas - motto: "Keep Austin weird." Trying to fit in by staying weird.

Current score: One wife, three kids (ages 22, 19, and 10), one dog, one cat, one house, one job.

Bottom line: Have not changed the world, but have been mostly happy.

# Eileen Merker Schneider

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**My home base is:**

Hillsdale, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

Hi all,

Marc Schneider and I were married in 1982. I did my first year of social work grad school in Chicago where Marc was attending Business School and then finished up at Hunter in NYC. Since then I have been in a private psychotherapy practice as a clinical social worker specializing in working with children and adolescents. We have two great kids, Michael, age 28, and Robin, age 24, who for some reason, are living in DC! We live the quiet life in Bergen County, NJ with our 11 year old dog and are almost the oldest family on our block now. We enjoy traveling and visited the Grand Canyon for the first time ever last summer. Many more places are on the list! We love getting together with fellow Brandeisians who have become lifelong friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Scheffres 3rd floor!

Reitman 1st floor!

The Castle and Mod 1

Jerry Cohen, Gordon Fellman, Gila Hayim,

Peter Conrad, Morrie Schwartz, Shulamit

Reinharz, Dr. Wingfield were some great

professors.

The huge blizzard freshman year.

Taiwan Garden, 33 Dunster Street, Grendel's

Den, shopping at the COOP at Harvard.

That's about all the memory can dredge up.

Making amazing friends....

# Marc D. Schneider

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## **My home base is:**

Hillsdale, NJ

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Life has been really great since Brandeis, I might even say during Brandeis, as I met Eileen Merker on the first day of freshman orientation. We started dating senior year and got engaged the summer we graduated. I then went off to University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (now Booth), while Eileen stayed in Boston. We were married in August of 1982 and drove out to Chicago to start our lives together living in married student housing. After graduating in June of 1983, we drove back to the east coast - Palisades Park, NJ to be exact - and I started my first job as a Senior Financial Analyst at CBS while Eileen transferred to Hunter College to complete her MSW degree. Fast forward to today, we have been married for almost 34 years, live in Hillsdale, NJ and experienced the thrills and chills of raising 2 kids (and 1 dog). Michael is 28 and a Managing Director at Bully Pulpit Interactive, a communications, marketing, and advertising agency. Robin, 24, is currently back at school getting her master's degree in Special Education after teaching at a private school in Vienna.....Virginia for 2 years. For now they are both living in Washington, DC which means we try to get down to visit them often. Eileen has her own successful therapy practice, and I have been the CFO & COO at Beanstalk, one of the world's largest brand extension and licensing agencies. While we continue to see some of our fellow graduates (and Lewis Brooks, of course) on a somewhat regular basis, I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

- Vic's cinder block
- 33 Dunster Street
- Steve's Ice Cream (and the ice cream eating contest there with Vic Ney)
- Roommate locking Alan Berman out of his dorm room on a regular basis
- Our House
- Professor Barney Schwalberg
- Lewis Brooks slide shows
- Thursday nights at the Stein



# Jeffrey Seth Selzer

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**My home base is:**  
Wilton Manors, FL

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduation I attended the University of Florida School of Law in Gainesville, Florida. I entered private law practice in Fort Lauderdale after graduating and still enjoy my estate and trust practice. I met my husband, Ray Fennon, 26 years ago and we legally married in Los Angeles on 08/08/08. We enjoy world travel, our dogs, investing in real estate and keeping fit. I love keeping up with Brandeis friends on Facebook, and am thankful for those I still consider family although we don't see each other much! Very much missing 2 Brandeis friends we lost... Ed Vozzella ('81) and David Silverstein ('82). So glad to have reconnected with so many others. I will not be able to attend, but remember you all fondly.



# Judy Dickert Shapiro

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**My home base is:**  
Columbus, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

Wow...It's hard to believe 35 years have passed since graduation. My life has taken many roads since then. Shortly after graduation I moved from NY to Cherry Hill, NJ where I lived for 30 years; my current home is Columbus, NJ. Professionally, I have held a variety of positions, all in some way related to sales and marketing. However, I am most proud of my two amazing daughters. Sara, age 28, is a CPA and a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, working in an advisory role for corporate treasury clients. Sharon, age 25, is the Content Marketing Manager of a cloud services firm. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with old classmates and friends during Reunion 2016!



*With my daughters*



*With my daughters*



# Glen Shear

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**My home base is:**  
Ra'anana, Israel

**Life since Brandeis:**

4 dynamic red-headed daughters, aged 12-24  
Marina, wonderful wife of 25 years  
Residing in Israel for last 16 years  
Co-President of Brandeis Alumni Club of Israel  
Never-boring business career => currently CFO  
of a Massachusetts-based start up/medical  
marijuana  
Numerous mid-life crises, including Ironman  
triathlete, and Pop-artist ([www.glenshear.com](http://www.glenshear.com))



*Glen & Marina Shear*



*Jessica before Art Exhibit*



*Shear family at Jacqueline's Air Force  
Induction*



*Brandeis Alumni Office*



*Shear family at Jessica's Bat Mitzvah*



*Brandeis 10-Year Reunion*



# Robert G. Smilg

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## **My home base is:**

Newton, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

It has been quite a roller coaster for me since Brandeis. I have worked at two very interesting firms- Putnam for financial services and John Hancock for Life Insurance and annuities. We merged with Manulife of Canada in 2004 and are a US subsidiary.

In the past I have traveled a great deal on my vacation for pleasure traversing USA, Canada and many countries in Europe.

Parents' health problems as well as my own have caused me to curtail my time off and travel. My father was in a nursing home from 2001 until his passing in 2009- I took care of many of his needs with assistance from my mother. I am also a prostate cancer survivor. Currently I am taking care of my 98 year old mother at home who had a stroke in 2012 and is doing ok for her age but has depression and anxiety due to her circumstances. She has a full time aide with her during the day while I am at work, but I have little free time for my own self. I am grateful to be able to be given the opportunity to care for her at home after all the sacrifices she made for me. I never expected it to be so rewarding or so complex and difficult and nothing at any University level has taught me how to proceed as I have had to do it all on my own.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

- best time: Freshman year in Deroy where I met some of the best people in my Brandeis Life
- Blizzard of '78
  - Great classes and professors:
  - Grossman
  - Michael Gilmore- Lit
  - Ray Knight- Psych
  - Michael Fishbane
  - Ann Carter - Eco

Going to Rocky Horror picture show several times during the 4 years

Graduation

Ms. Schneiders all-nighter

Fun in reserve room with the library folks and other work study students under leadership of Howard Tinberg

# Sandra Leve Stein

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## **My home base is:**

Pittsford, NY

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Rich and I are still (happily!) married and the proud parents of two adult children, Aliza and Evan. They are both currently working in NYC, and we are grateful to have them relatively close and in a place that enables us to get our big city "fix." We love upstate New York, but our Chicago days were good ones, and we miss that city pulse on occasion. After 15 years of working in the addictions field, I returned to school for a degree in education. I am currently working as a high school learning specialist in my hometown and couldn't be more satisfied. My teaching years have just flown! While we have discussed retirement and a change of pace, Rich and I are still content to do what we do. No complaints here!



*Sandy and Rich Stein*



*Rich, Aliza, Sandy and Evan Stein*

# Margot Steinberg

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**My home base is:**  
New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I moved back to Montreal and continued acting at night and working in marketing during the day. In 1985, I got my MBA at Harvard Business School, moved to NYC and worked in advertising for 4 years. Feeling unfulfilled, I decided to go back to acting and moved to London to attend LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.) That led to a wonderful 11 year stint in London, where I had my own theatre company, and worked in many theatre, film and television projects. I moved to Manhattan in 2001 and have been here since. My husband Stan Harrison, who is a professional musician, and I have two daughters, Chloe who is 15, and Sasha 13, who just celebrated her bat mitzvah. I continue to act, mostly in theatre and television, (appearing in Law & Order, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt etc.) and also do a lot of voice-over work for television and radio.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My favorite memories are driving around Waltham and the Brandeis campus with Rona Oberman in her yellow Honda, singing and playing guitar together in our grad housing apartment, performing at Cholmondeley's with Rona, and acting in Cabaret at The Spingold Theater with David Crane directing.



*Family photo*



*Visit to Sundance*



# Janice Hartoch Taylor

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**My home base is:**

Santa Barbara, California

**Life since Brandeis:**

Life continues to be a beautiful adventure! My relationships haven't been traditional - in terms of first being widowed and then later deciding my second husband and I are better as good friends - but my life is full with wonderful family, friends, travel, and creative pursuits. I love my role with the University of California, Santa Barbara (as Senior Director of Development, Foundation Relations) and enjoy both the natural and cultural offerings of this region of the country. Come visit!



# Heidi Gurian Terens

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**My home base is:**  
Scotch Plains, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

Life since Brandeis.....the biggest and best accomplishment in my life since Brandeis is being a mom, to three loving and adventurous kids. My oldest is Natalie (25) has been living in Rome for a year with her boyfriend and will be returning to NYC this summer. With a Master's in Public Health she is working for a NYC health center and, while in Rome, is working for Italy's department of health. My son Tyler (22) is graduating from Hobart College this spring with hopes of a career in sports broadcasting. He is "calling" a ton of games at school, is relentlessly networking in the field, and we think and hope he has what it takes to be successful in a competitive business. Caroline (18) is graduating from high school this spring and is headed to UPenn in the fall. She has so many interests and talents, but her passion is singing, and I have no doubt that she will make her mark at UPenn.

And for me, well, I have been working for IBM for nearly twenty years. As their VP, Corporate Events, I have traveled the globe and met so many special people. My business has taken me to places like Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Morocco, China, Japan as well as throughout Europe. The work certainly keeps me busy. Just to add to the madness we brought a puppy into our home about nine months ago, and this adorable petite golden doodle has brought us much joy.

I do have regrets about not being in touch with my Brandeis friends as much I would have liked. Life seems to go by so quickly... I have been doing my best to slow things down, taking more time to be with friends and enjoying the outdoors on long walks with our dog Ollie.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

My special memories include fun times with the tennis team, my co-workers at SSB and The Stein. And who can forget Lewis' slide shows? And of course my friends and classmates... I hope to see many of you (after way too long) in June.



*With the kids in Florence*



*With Natalie in NYC*



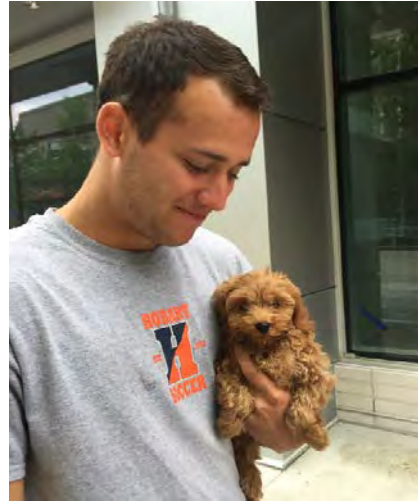
*With Tyler and Caroline in Rome*



*In Sonoma with Natalie and Caroline*



*Amsterdam with Caroline*



*Tyler with Ollie the day we picked Ollie up in Wisconsin*



# Walter R. Thoma

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## **My home base is:**

San Francisco, CA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

Traveled through Europe right after graduation before entering Boston Architectural Center. After a few years in that field, took a position at Lotus Development Corp. while finishing a Master's in Applied Linguistics, focused on computer assisted language learning at UMass/Boston. That led me to teaching ESL, and after 13 years in the Boston area, I decided to make San Francisco my home. Really enjoy the vibrancy of the city, its diversity & dramatic landscape. I have held various positions at the Academy of Art University over the past 20 years (from Academic Coach and Resource Center Assoc. Director to Director of Online Educational Support). I moved to Europe to be closer to family overseas and still worked for AAU online before returning to SF four years later in 2008. Now I'm teaching English in Art/Design classes and in Liberal Arts classes online and enjoy the creative atmosphere where my fine arts degree from Brandeis has come in handy. Though I teach, I feel like a life-long student and there's so much ahead to learn. I'm fortunate to be in the Bay Area where I can bike, hike or go to the beach year-round, yet be on the slopes in just a few hours. It's great to come to the east coast every year to see my extended family. Sometimes I miss the summer heat and beaches on Long Islands-but always glad to be back in fog city.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Favorite classes: fine art classes with sculptor Peter Grippe, Group Process & any other sociology class with Prof. Gordon Fellman and architectural history with Professor Gerald Bernstein.

Living in the Castle Sophomore year was memorable - got to meet many dorm mates & go on outings to Sichuan Gardens. Glad I drew it from the rocks above for a class assignment so I have a souvenir. The themed parties at Usdan were fun too...

Memories of blizzard of '78, traying next to the library and sledding party essentials from whatever was open in town. Unforgettable road trips with XC & track teammates and friends.

# Toni Lenz Tinberg

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**My home base is:**

Pawtucket, RI

**Life since Brandeis:**

In 1982, I married Howard Tinberg, whom many of you may remember as a graduate student/Goldfarb Library evening supervisor.

We have two daughters, Miriam and Leah, who couldn't be more different from each other even though they are very close friends. Miriam was a Middle Eastern studies major at UMass - Amherst. She spent about 4 months in Jordan, then a Fulbright year in Morocco and is (close

to) fluent in Levantine Arabic. Leah is finishing up her last semester at Carnegie Mellon University after which she'll move to LA to start work as an aeronautics engineer for the Jet Propulsion Laboratories. I've worked in human resources in higher education for 30 years and am currently the Director of HR Services at Brown, living back in my old neighborhood in RI. Howard is a professor at Bristol Community College in Fall River, MA.

Those are the facts. Life has actually been full and rich, and very fun since leaving Brandeis.

# Wendy J. Ungar

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**My home base is:**  
Toronto, Canada

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, it was on to McGill University in Montreal (my home town) to complete a Master's degree in Pharmacology and experience first-hand the political heaving of Quebec separatism. I gradually moved west, first to Ottawa, and then to Toronto, where I worked for several rewarding years in private sector health care research. I then went back for more educational torture, completing my doctorate at the University of Toronto, truly one of the great academic institutions, and after some time became (OMG!) an academic myself. These days I conduct health economic research at The Hospital for Sick Children/University of Toronto -- never saw that coming when I was at Brandeis. I'm privileged to lead a fantastic research team and work with brilliant students. But I do my best thinking in my little log cabin in upstate NY where I escape to as often as possible, following the trails of balsam and meadowrue up peaks and down valleys, across streams and... you get the idea. I managed to find the time to produce a textbook (let me know if you have insomnia and I'll send you the Amazon link) and I'm even finishing my first novel, which has been considerably more fun to write. After a number of excellent years training and competing in Masters swimming where I posted several PBs, I finally retired my prescription goggles thanks to a chlorine allergy and now limit my swimming to fresh water lakes. Instead I pedal a bicycle 100 km per week when the roads are not ice-covered. I still hate vacuuming, though. The years have flown by too quickly since graduation...it's lovely to turn one's thoughts backwards and remember....

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Favourite memories in no particular order:

1. After winter dumped 30 inches of snow on us

Freshman year, borrowing a dorm-mate's skis and boots and skiing down the steps of Raab  
2. Hanging out at the Information Desk with Debra G. and contemplating the poetry of "Cholinesterase receptor ion transport in zebrafish."

3. Buying "obstructed view" tickets just to get in to see Bob Dylan at the Boston Gardens sophomore year with Kathy and then concocting a crazy but true story to get backstage and meet him

4. Cruising along the Charles River with Rob F. "Sputz" in his clunker.

5. Junior year Fall semester in Jerusalem at the Jacob Hiatt Institute -- wandering the streets of the Old City with Atzi.

6. Erev Shabbat services at the Berlin chapel; the heavenly harmony of Veshamru.

7. Calling in song requests to WBRS as "The Hair"

8. Visiting the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum for my 17th Century Flemish art course and spending an evening in silent contemplation alone with Rembrandt and Vermeer

9. Junior year spring semester flying home to Montreal to see Bob Dylan at the Theatre St. Denis instead of studying for the MCATs and visiting him backstage (again)

10. Watching the sunrise from the roof of The Castle

11. My Junior year Grad Housing roommate Deb B. bringing home a kosher chicken.

12. Senior year swim team road trip from Boston to Fort Lauderdale and training at the Swimming Hall of Fame where I finally learned how to swim the butterfly properly

13. 1981 NCAA New England Division II Swimming & Diving Championships, where I earned a top 15 ranking by swimming a relay event nobody else wanted to....

14. Skipping Senior year commencement week to go backpacking in Franconia Notch

15. Telling people with pride that I went to Brandeis





*Hanging out at the Great Wall*



*At my cabin with some of my favorite little people*



*On an Adirondack peak near my cabin, 2010*



*On a Work-Study tour in China 2009*



*Celebrating my 29th, um I mean 50th birthday*

# Jody Vorchheimer

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**My home base is:**  
Riverdale, New York

**Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis, I went to law school at Benjamin Cardozo in New York City, graduating in 1985. I practiced litigation for several years and then moved for London to complete an MSc in finance at London School of Economics. I married in 1996 and have two teenagers, Andrew, Tufts '19, and Jamie, a high school freshman in New York. We live in New York with frequent trips to Switzerland where we have family. I currently work in real estate as an investor and attorney. I'm looking forward to the 35th reunion.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Lived in north with my friends, Lisa Biblo and Amy Weinstein.



*With friend in England*



*Kids 2015*



*Andrew and Jamie in Cambridge 2015*

# Barbara Cohen Wankoff

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**My home base is:**  
Hillsdale, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

In 1984, I married David Wankoff. We live in Hillsdale, NJ and have two wonderful children, Eric (26) and Rachel (23). They have both graduated college (although couldn't convince them to attend Brandeis) and living in NY and Philadelphia, respectively, building their careers.

David graduated Law School and after working for a couple of firms, in 1997 launched his own practice in Manhattan concentrating on real estate and business transaction and commercial litigation.

I am the Executive Director, Diversity and Inclusion for KPMG LLP and have been recognized in my field with the prestigious

Work/Life Legacy Award and the Ted Childs Life Work Award. Some of my career highlights include testifying before Congress and meeting with Michelle Obama to help her formulate her platform for working families.

David and I enjoy jogging together and running in our local 5k and 10k races. We try to stay in touch with classmates - although day to day life gets in the way - so we are looking forward to the reunion to reconnect with everyone.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I miss the days where I could just hang out in Usdan with all my friends and trips to Steve's ice cream without worrying about the fat and calories! David misses playing Space Invaders and having a beer with friends at the Stein. Neither of us miss finals!



*Wankoff Family*



# David Wankoff

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**My home base is:**  
Hillsdale, NJ

**Life since Brandeis:**

In 1984 I graduated from law school and married the amazing Barbara Cohen ('81). We live in Hillsdale, New Jersey and have two wonderful children Eric (26) and Rachel (23). They are independent and busily establishing themselves in their careers.

After working for a couple of firms, in 1997, I started my own law practice in Manhattan concentrating on real estate and business transaction and commercial litigation.

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**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

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# Janet Frances Robinson Waters

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**My home base is:**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After graduating, I spent a year as a live-in counselor at a halfway house for young people with psychiatric illness. I then went to medical school at GW where I met my husband, Jon. We were cadaver partners. After residency in NYC, we moved to California where Jon was promptly shipped off to the first gulf war. After our second child was born, I became a stay at home Mom for 8 wonderful years. We have 3 great kids. Sam is 22 and is a bioengineering student at Pitt. Sarah is 20 and is studying history, sociology, and marketing at Duke. Jack is 16 and is a junior in high school. We are about to embark on a college tour. Brandeis is on our list. We currently live in Pittsburgh where Jon is chief of Anesthesia at Magee Women's Hospital, and I am chief of Women's Neurology.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I have such fond memories of long dinners in the cafeteria with Beth Schenfeld, Jay Inwald, Stuart Isaacs, and Dave Ornston. I loved dancing with Eddy Trujillo at the Stein. Oh yes, cheerleading was great. I was the blond with the braces. Looking forward to catching up at the reunion.



*The family at Thanksgiving*

# Dvora E. Weisberg

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**My home base is:**

Los Angeles, CA

**Life since Brandeis:**

I received my MA and Ph.D. in Talmud from the Jewish Theological Seminary. I then taught for several years at the College of William and Mary and the University of Pittsburgh before accepting an appointment at the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. In 2009, I became Director of the Rabbinical School, and in 2011, I was ordained at HUC-JIR as a rabbi. In addition to my teaching and administrative work, I am currently working on a feminist commentary on the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Menahot. My book, Levirate Marriage and the Family in Ancient Judaism was published by UPNE/Brandeis.

I have been married since 1986 to Rabbi Neal Scheindlin. After 13 years as a congregational rabbi, Neal became a day school teacher and is now on the faculty of Milken Community Schools in LA. Our older son, Micah, works in Sacramento in a political consulting firm and is engaged to be married in 2017. Our younger son, Noah, is currently studying at the Conservative Yeshiva and will be back at the University of California in the fall.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

No question that the highlights of my time at Brandeis were the incredible professors and my friends. I am especially grateful for my NEJS professors who prepared me for my graduate work and who have been wonderful colleagues since I received my Ph.D. I also feel lucky to have friends with whom I am still in touch after thirty-five years.



# Robin L. Weiss

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**My home base is:**  
New York, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**  
Life continues to be a montage of memories....spanning decades that were expansive and now dimension-less. Family and friends...travels to over 50 countries...thirty years (and counting) on Wall St...and the joys of art and science in NYC....



*Musical Memories....*



*The Kids!*



*To Infinity and Beyond!*

# Howard S. Wiseman

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## **My home base is:**

Sharon, MA

## **Life since Brandeis:**

The two things that matter: Love and Work.

My life is built around family and friends. Love, honesty, concern, mutual respect, and connection to the emotional and spiritual life of my significant others.

To quote Ray Davies of The Kinks "Everybody's got their problems, I've got mine." I won't trade them however, because they are inextricably connected to the joy and kinship of our lives.

No point in listing the my achievements and accomplishments of our children, the losses, illnesses, disappointments, self-inflicted damages...In spite and because of it, I find my place in this world of my own understanding...I have been most everywhere, done most everything. Found a way to use my brain and creativity to fix some broken things and create a couple of others. Trying to remain attached to an artistic sensibility, and find outlets for these expressions. Home stretch for career and business aspirations and possessed with new energy and sense of urgency about using all the lessons with a sense of mastery, towards a purpose finally understood.

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Henchman's final- How many angels on the head of a pin, made of pure gold

Jochim Meade teaching the Justinian mosaics at Ravenna

Kevin Smith laughing at butchered film splices

Schuker showing you the broken code on how history really functioned

Rust Never Sleeps

Live Music at the Stein

Sleeping fully dressed to save heat on Orange Street

Kenny

Parking at Rabb for three years with a faked decal

Irises growing in the Usen drainage

# Ellen Wolk

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**My home base is:**  
Waltham, MA

**Life since Brandeis:**

After special ed. and counseling careers, I decided to become a chiropractor. Lived in GA for 4 intense years of chiropractic school. Have been practicing since 1993. Love being a part of helping people to heal naturally. I practiced for many years in Waltham, recently moved to Watertown. I was the 1st chiropractor in the state to provide on site chiropractic to employees at 2 companies.

Many years of meditation practice and forming meditation communities.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Traying! The Stein. Kim P. Schwartz. Teresa Corcoran. The Mods! Long, late night talks. My all-time favorite professor who I met up with for lunch a couple of years ago: Peter Conrad. Reading Abnormal Psych case histories for fun! Work/study at Lemberg. Hours and hours at the library--how did I do that?? The Waltham Group. Women's Group.



*Not my fave picture but it's me and friend  
Gertrude Spine*



*Me and my niece, Nessah*



# Bruce Zamost

## My home base is:

Voorhees, NJ

## Life since Brandeis:

SPOUSE: Married Donna Cross in 1999.

KIDS: Madeline (24), Kiki (14) and Zach (11).

RECENT EVENTS: Madeline graduates from Boston University in 2014, Kiki's bat mitzvah in 2015.

CAREER: Graduated from Emory University Law School in 1984, in private practice as a litigator in New Jersey since then.

HOBBY: Featured as a "superstar" in 2015 on a trading card, on display in a pinball/arcade museum in Banning, CA.

## Brandeis highlights and memories:

Favorite Class: Wittgenstein (Professor Henry D. Aiken)

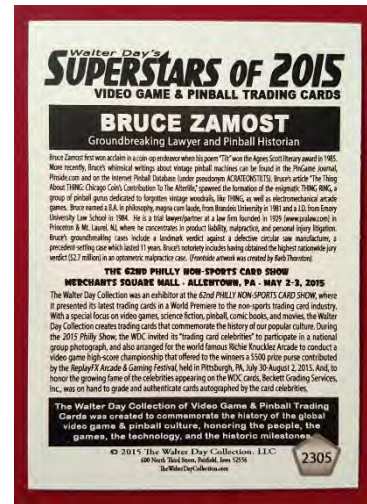
Favorite Professors: William A. Johnson and Henry D. Aiken (both philosophy dept.)

Favorite Boston punk club: Spit

Favorite Activity: Living in Reitman Hall freshman and sophomore years, meeting nearly every on-campus Brandeisian during my student government campaigns, making friends in the process, including roommates Barry Moltz and Jeff Friedman



Trading Card (front)- On display at pinball/arcade museum in CA



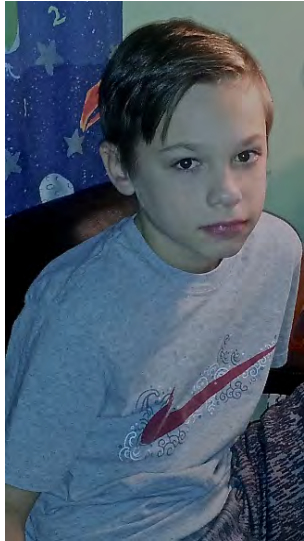
Trading Card (back)- Pinball historian. Was that a Brandeis major?



Donna & Bruce Zamost at Kiki's bat mitzvah party (October 2015)



Kiki Zamost goofing off before changing into her bat mitzvah party dress



*Zach Zamost (November 2015)*



*Madeline Zamost's Boston University graduation (May 2014)*

# Barry Zingman

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**My home base is:**  
Rye Brook, NY

**Life since Brandeis:**

I went to med school at NYU, married the woman of my dreams (Terry Martin '81), had 3 amazing kids, specialized in Infectious Diseases, and have worked at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine since. I'm Medical Director of the Montefiore AIDS Center, Clinical Director of Infectious Diseases at Montefiore, and Professor of Clinical Medicine at Einstein. I'm very involved in public health, improving quality of HIV and infectious diseases care, HIV treatment guidelines, teaching, and research.

**Brandeis highlights and memories:**

Scheffres freshman and sophomore year; the week of the big storm and everyone sick

freshman year; jumping off of the 2nd floor lounge balcony into huge snow drifts; streaking; spontaneous marches and protests; the Mods senior year with Terry, Keith, Lori, Lori and Jodi; biochemistry classes; biochem research at Rosensteil; classics classes and appreciating the bible and other old works as literature; Bronstein weekend and joints being passed out; the Castle; late night runs to Duncan Donuts or Gordon's Liquor (back before the drinking age changed); driving into Boston with friends; the Sci Li; the Boulevard and their delicious, greasy cheeseburgers; nearly failing my pass/fail gut African music course; the basketball team being exciting and good; karate classes; flying lessons; jogging the road around campus; No Nukes concert on Martha's Vineyard;

# Terry Martin Zingman

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## **My home base is:**

Rye Brook, NY

## **Life since Brandeis:**

After Brandeis I worked in Boston as a research lab technician for 2 years. I then went to Yale School of Public Health for a Master's degree and returned to Boston to work at the Mass. Department of Public Health as an epidemiologist. In 1986 I married my college sweetheart, Barry Zingman, and we lived in Boston where he finished his medical training. We then moved to Westchester, NY with our 1 year old daughter Lisa, and bought a house in Rye Brook. We had 2 more children, Michael and Jackie. They are now 25, 23 and 19 years old, the older 2 in graduate school and the youngest at Hamilton College. I stopped working when the kids were young and now spend my time volunteering, exercising, playing tennis and mah jongg!

## **Brandeis highlights and memories:**

I loved living in Scheffres freshman year, where I met my best friends, including my future

husband. Getting to live in the Castle sophomore year was a fun experience, as was East suites and the Mods the last 2 years.

I loved Bronstein weekend and going to Chumly's cafe to listen to music.

Being able to hop into Boston and Harvard Square on the weekends was a highlight of going to Brandeis. I'll always remember getting Scorpion bowls at the Hong Kong restaurant!





# Cindy Cohen Zuckerbrod

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**My home base is:**

Westport, CT

**Life since Brandeis:**

I married Alan Zuckerbrod in 1985, and we are celebrating our 31st wedding anniversary in April of this year. We moved to Westport, CT in 1992 and still live here. We have 3 children: Jason (29), Jonathan (27), and Julie (24). Jason will be getting married in October 2016. I worked for many years as a Commercial Real Estate broker, and then part-time as a retail clothing salesperson. While raising my 3 children I also taught Hebrew School: bar/bat mitzvah lessons as well as contemporary issues from a Jewish perspective in our Hebrew High School. I sat on our Synagogue Board of Trustees for 10 years, and am presently serving on the Board of Trustees of the Westport Library. In 2013 I graduated from the Columbia University School of Social Work with a Master of Science in Social Work. I am presently working with a community organizing group in CT, and I am a court appointed Guardian ad Litem, working with abused and neglected children in Fairfield County, CT. I also make costume jewelry.