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REUNION



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# Brandeis University

Frederick M. Lawrence  
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Dear Members of the Class of 1999,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Whether you are returning for the first time since your Commencement or have visited us often over the years, I am delighted to count you among the members of our family who will gather here in June.

I extend my deep gratitude to the committee that has worked so diligently to plan this celebration; your Reunion is a significant milestone for you and for Brandeis, and we have organized an exciting program of events. From the moment you arrive on Friday through the Farewell Champagne and Jazz Brunch on Sunday, you will be honored guests of your *alma mater*. There will be plenty of time to catch up with your classmates, reminisce about the old days, and acquaint yourself with the Brandeis of today.

We hope that you will take note of the many exciting changes on our ever-evolving campus. The spectacular Carl J. Shapiro Science Center provides the teaching labs, classrooms, and research facilities necessary to attract and retain top science students and faculty. The Ridgewood dorms have been replaced with apartment-style residence halls for juniors and seniors. Our newest building, the Mandel Center for the Humanities, opened only four years ago and reflects the University's enduring commitment to the humanities and social sciences. And finally, a beautiful new Admissions Center allows us to accommodate high school students' steadily-growing interest in Brandeis.

Despite these developments, the values that brought each of you to Brandeis have remained constant. While our grounds might look different, the bedrock principles that underlie the special spirit of our community – a shared commitment to scholarship, teaching, and social justice – live on through our students, faculty, and alumni.

My thanks to the Committee and to our alumni staff for organizing what promises to be a wonderful weekend. Welcome home!

Sincerely,

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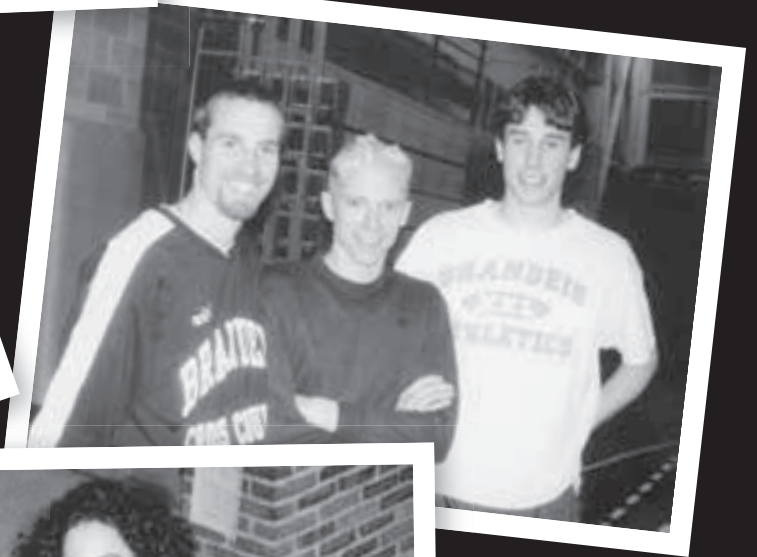
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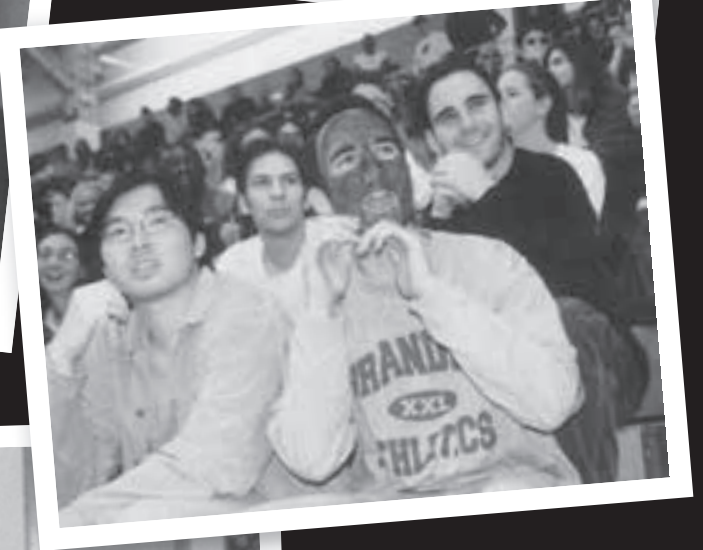
















# CLASS OF 1999 TIMELINE

## News

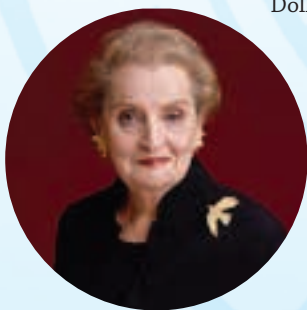
Summer Olympics are held in Atlanta, Georgia

Prince Charles and Princess Diana of Wales get divorced

Clinton approves plan for UN-backed relief mission for 1.2 million Hutu refugees starving in eastern Zaire. Hundreds of thousands return to Rwanda

Clinton appoints Madeleine Albright as first female US Secretary of State

Dolly the sheep becomes the first mammal to be successfully cloned



## Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Braveheart*

Ebay, the online shopping website, is established

MSNBC (24hr news channel) a joint venture between Microsoft and NBC, is launched

Janet Jackson becomes the highest paid musician in history when she signs an \$80-million deal with Virgin Records



## Movies

*Independence Day*

*Twister*

*Jerry Maguire*

*The Rock*

*The Nutty Professor*

*A Time to Kill*

*The English Patient*

*Star Trek: First Contact*

## Economy

Average cost of new house: \$118,200

Average income per year: \$36,300

Average monthly rent: \$554

US postage stamp: 32 cents

Average cost of new car: \$16,300

Loaf of bread: \$1.15

Minimum hourly wage: \$5.15



## Died this Year

Ella Fitzgerald

Spiro Agnew

George Burns

Gene Kelly

Timothy Leary

Marcello Mastroianni

Carl Sagan

Tupac Shakur



# 1996



## News

Diana Princess of Wales is killed in a car crash in Paris. Her funeral is watched by 1.5 billion people around the world

Hong Kong kills all the chickens within its territory (1.25 million) to stop the spread of a potentially deadly Avian Flu

Woolworths closes its remaining discount stores after more than 100 years of trading

Mike Tyson bites Evander Holyfield's ear during a match and is suspended from boxing

Heaven's Gate cult members commit mass suicide in California



## Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *The English Patient*

Microsoft becomes the world's most valuable company valued at \$261 billion

*Mars Pathfinder* lands on the surface of Mars

*The Simpsons* becomes the longest-running prime-time animated series

*Titanic* hits theaters. It is the most expensive film of all time, costing between \$250 and \$300 million to produce and market

Ellen DeGeneres becomes the first openly gay woman to have her own sitcom



## Economy

Average cost of new house: \$124,100

Average income per year: \$37,000

Average monthly rent: \$576.00

Gallon of gas: \$1.22

Average cost of new car: \$16,900

Loaf of bread: \$1.17

Movie ticket: \$4.59



## Movies

*Good Will Hunting*

*The Lost World: Jurassic Park*

*Men in Black*

*Tomorrow Never Dies*

*Air Force One*

*As Good as It Gets*

*Liar Liar*

*My Best Friend's Wedding*

*The Fifth Element*

*The Full Monty*

*The Rainmaker*

## Died this Year

William S. Burroughs

Jacques Cousteau

John Denver

Allen Ginsberg

Mother Theresa

James A. Michener

James Stewart

Gianni Versace

Notorious B.I.G.



# 1997

## News

Winter Olympics are held in Nagano, Japan

President Bill Clinton denies he had "sexual relations" with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, starting the Lewinsky scandal and investigations

President Bill Clinton is impeached for perjury and obstruction of justice

The two oil companies Exxon and Mobil merge to create the world's largest petroleum company



## Pop Culture

*Titanic* becomes the highest-grossing film of all time, raking in more than \$580 million domestically

An estimated 76 million viewers watch the last episode of *Seinfeld*

NBC agrees to pay over \$13 million an episode for the next three years for broadcast rights to the top-rated series *ER*. The total dollar figure, \$850 million, is higher than any price ever paid for a television show

Google is founded

Apple unveils the iMac

J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is released in the US



## Movies

*Armageddon*

*American History X*

*Saving Private Ryan*

*Godzilla*

*There's Something About Mary*

*Shakespeare in Love*

*The Mask of Zorro*

*The Wedding Singer*



## Economy

Average income per year: \$38,100

Average monthly rent: \$619.00

Gallon of gas: \$1.15

Average cost of new car: \$17,200

Loaf of bread: \$1.26

Dozen eggs: 88 cents



## TV Shows

*Law & Order*

*Frasier*

*NYPD Blue*

*The Nanny*

*The X-Files*

*Friends*

*JAG*

*The Drew Carey Show*

*Everybody Loves Raymond*

*Dharma & Greg*

*King of the Hill*

*South Park*

*Simpsons*



## Died this Year

Gene Autry

Sonny Bono

Florence Griffith Joyner

Akira Kurosawa

Octavio Paz

Frank Sinatra

Junior Wells

# 1998

### World News

Nelson Mandela, first black president of South Africa, steps down and is succeeded by Thabo Mbeki

The world awaits the consequences of the Y2K bug, with more drastic millennial theorists warning of Armageddon

The Geneva Convention celebrates its 50th Anniversary

The Euro is established

Brian Jones (UK) and Bertrand Piccard (Switzerland), make the first nonstop, non-refueled around-the-world balloon flight in the *Breitling Orbiter 3*



### US News

Jack Kevorkian is sentenced for the second-degree murder of Thomas Youk (assisted suicide)

Students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, storm Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, killing twelve other students and a teacher, then themselves

Napster makes its debut

US women's soccer team wins the FIFA Women's World Cup champions



### Economy

Average cost of new house: \$131,750

Average income per year: \$40,810

Average monthly rent: \$645.00

Average cost of new car: \$21,050

Gallon of gas: \$1.22

US postage stamp: 33 cents

Loaf of bread: \$1.49

Dozen eggs: 89 cents



### Died this Year

Joe DiMaggio

Clifton Fadiman

Raisa Gorbachev

John F. Kennedy, Jr.

Carolyn Bessette Kennedy

Stanley Kubrick

George C. Scott

### Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Shakespeare in Love*

About 48.5 million people tune in to Monica Lewinsky's first televised interview

*The Blair Witch Project* emerges as an instant cult classic and becomes the most profitable film of all time, grossing more than \$125 million

*Star Wars Episode I - The Phantom Menace* opens and breaks a string of box office records. The film grosses \$102.7 million in its debut five-day weekend



### Movies

*The Sixth Sense*

*The Matrix*

*The Mummy*

*Notting Hill*

*American Beauty*

*Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*

*American Pie*

*October Sky*

*South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut*



### TV Shows

*Beverly Hills 90210*

*7th Heaven*

*Ally McBeal*

*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

*The Practice*

*Becker*

*Charmed*

*Dawson's Creek*

*Sex and the City*

*That '70s Show*

*The King of Queens*

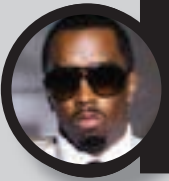
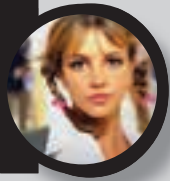
*Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*

*Will & Grace*



# 1999

# Billboard



## Top 10

### Top 10 1996

Artist/Track

- Mariah Carey & Boyz II Men**, "One Sweet Day"
- Celine Dion**, "Because You Loved Me"
- Mariah Carey**, "Always Be My Baby"
- Bone Thugs N Harmony**, "Tha Crossroads"
- Los Del Rio**, "Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix)"
- Tracy Chapman**, "Give Me One Reason"
- Tony Rich Project**, "Nobody Knows"
- Donna Lewis**, "I Love You Always Forever"
- Toni Braxton**, "You're Makin' Me High/Let It Flow"
- Keith Sweat**, "Twisted"

### Top 10 1998

Artist/Track

- Savage Garden**, "Truly Madly Deeply"
- Janet Jackson**, "Together Again"
- Celine Dion**, "My Heart Will Go On"
- Next**, "Too Close"
- Mariah Carey**, "My All"
- Brandy & Monica**, "The Boy Is Mine"
- Aerosmith**, "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing"
- Monica**, "The First Night"
- Barenaked Ladies**, "One Week"
- Shania Twain**, "You're Still The One"

### Top 10 1997

Artist/Track

- Elton John**, "Candle In The Wind 1997"
- Jewel**, Foolish Games/You Were Meant For Me
- Puff Daddy/Faith Evans/112**, "I'll Be Missing You"
- Toni Braxton**, Un-Break My Heart
- Puff Daddy and Ma\$e**, "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down"
- R. Kelly**, "I Believe I Can Fly"
- En Vogue**, "Don't Let Go (Love)"
- Mark Morrison**, "Return Of The Mack"
- LeAnn Rimes**, "How Do I Live"
- Spice Girls**, "Wannabe"

### Top 10 1999

Artist/Track

- R. Kelly & Celine Dion**, "I'm Your Angel"
- Britney Spears**, "...Baby One More Time"
- Monica**, "Angel of Mine"
- TLC**, "No Scrubs"
- Ricky Martin**, "Livin' La Vida Loca"
- Destiny's Child**, "Bills, Bills, Bills"
- Will Smith feat. Dru Hill/Kool Moe Dee**, "Wild Wild West"
- Christina Aguilera**, "Genie in a Bottle"
- Enrique Iglesias**, "Bailamos"
- Mariah Carey feat. Jay-Z**, "Heartbreaker"







### **1999**

- President: **Jehuda Reinharz**
- Commencement Speakers:  
**John Glenn** (*former Ohio senator and retired NASA astronaut*) and  
**Bronislaw Geremek** (*Polish Foreign Minister*)
- Tuition: **\$20,470**
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term:  
**4,405**
- Number of Graduates: **804**

### **Today**

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

# the JUSTICE



## The Dalai Lama visits Brandeis

## Peres Speaks at Commencement



**Shimon Peres**  
 By PAMELA ISAACSON and HARLAN TORLITZKY  
 Former Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres will receive an honorary degree from the University and deliver the keynote address at this year's Commencement, as four other individuals are also scheduled to receive these honors.



**Whoopi Goldberg**  
 Arias Sanchez was granted the honor Nobel Peace Prize Laureate in 1987.  
 After serving a year in office, Arias Sanchez formulated what became known as the Arias Peace Initiative in conjunction with leaders from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Using prize proceeds, Arias Sanchez founded the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress.

## First-year triples still a concern

## BEMCO seeks approval for defibrillator use



By Deborah Eisner  
 Local Business Advisor

BEMCO members seek approval from the Region Four division of the District Emergency Medical Services of Massachussetts to add an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to their life-saving devices.  
 "The defibrillator is becoming the standard of care at the level we are at. The standard of care is what is used in all public locations, and with the defibrillator we will be able to provide that level of care," Colin Swales, PE, chief of operations for BEMCO, said.  
 The AED is a computerized defibrillator that will read the cardiac output of the patient and will determine whether it is a shockable rhythm. "When we get on the scene, there are only two rhythms we need to push. If the patient is in V-fib, ventricular fibrillation, only then will the machine let you shock the patient," Steven Haber, Director of BEMCO, said.

"The machine is very user-friendly," Dickie of Stoughton, Adams Rod Crafts and their Physical Control, the company that manufactures the defibrillator BEMCO will be taking responsibility for machine installation. The company will also be trained to ensure that the machine and its battery are in proper working order, Swales said.  
 The AED also has a quality control function built in, Swales said. "Every time we use it we will go to the hospital and talk to the supervising Paramedic Richard Lyons. He will hook it up to a machine to make sure it worked properly. The machine will review the whole call," Swales said.  
 According to Haber, there have been five BEMCO calls involving cardiac arrest in BEMCO's 12 years, and there have been three accidents during those where BEMCO is not operating. One such example is the recent death of Milton.

CLEAR: Steve Haber "Herald Colin Swales "display on outboard"

Photo courtesy of BEMCO

## Brandeis active on the Charles



## Dining Services selects new name for the C-Store

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### justFeatures

*'We create a better image of Brandeis because of our success. It furthers the image of Brandeis as one of the most intellectual institutions in the country.'*

—Jordan Factor '00, president emeritus of the Debate and Speech Society



**U.S. News Ranks University 28th; Score Improves Over Last Year**

**Norman Rabb, Last of Founding Trustees, Dies**

**Activism: Part of Brandeis' identity**

### justFeatures

# Posse provides support system

► A national program comes to Brandeis for the first time, giving 10 students valuable leadership training as they begin college

By Laura Alban  
Staff Correspondent

Imagine never having to say goodbye to your friends at home before journeying off to college. Ten extraordinary students at Brandeis this fall had this luxury. It was made possible by an organization called The Posse Foundation.

The Posse Foundation is a scholarship program that sends groups of New York City students off to college together.

The foundation was launched nine years ago by Deborah Hsu '81, who was concerned about the problem of inner-city kids who would go away to college and then drop out after a short period of time. These students, many of them first-generation Americans, felt lost and college students, but isolated in their new worlds. Unhappy with their environment, they would quit school, leaving behind their hopes and dreams of any formal education.



Photo: Kim Heston/For Justice

The idea for this program was inspired by one student who said, "If I had my posse with me I never would have dropped out." That said, while designing the blueprint for a program that appropriately named the organization

**SUPPORT SYSTEM:** Brandeis' Posse group meets weekly to discuss issues and problems with each other. The Posse Foundation is a program which awards scholarships to New York City students and sends them off to college together to serve as a built-in support system.

## Anita Hill discusses the law of sexual harassment



**NEW LIMITS:** Professor Anita Hill (WANTS) reflected recently on the legal definitions of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 152B.

## Senate decharts clubs without hazing forms

## Counting Crows and Dog's Eye View Rock Gosman Center



**TOUGH TIMES:** President Clinton faces the most trying point of his career.

### Campus Reactions

## Clinton scandal elicits campus-wide reaction

By Arya Ellenbein  
 ANICE EDITORIAL BOARD

The events leading up to Kenneth Starr's recent report to Congress, culminated by its public release, have not only polarized the nation but have also elicited a unique spectrum of opinion from the Brandeis community.

"I think the report is a blatant attempt to embarrass Clinton and that half of what's in there was unnecessary. On the other hand Clinton has nobody to blame but himself. These attacks against the president are unwarranted since the President's behavior," Peter U. Swartz of WHAD said.

The nature of Starr's report transmits the hope of Clinton's previous conduct and his new conviction the state of impeachment possibilities which plague the White House.

"I think that obviously the Republicans are going to vote to begin impeachment proceedings today," Professor Garrison Nelson (POL) said. According to Nelson, there would be three possible Republican responses to impeachment proceedings: "Response one is let's get rid of him now, push him out the door. Response two is let's push him out the door when we have got Gore on the grounds. That's, Gore is handicapped. There is keep them both around and so embarrass the Democratic Party that they don't see the light of day for another decade. That is the most cynical of the positions," he said.

Despite the focus on the potential for impeachment proceedings, the morality of Starr's terms for impeachment remains questioned by many. "I think the charges are there... I don't think that they constitute an impeachable offense," Professor Peter Weil (POL) said.

"I think that it would hurt the country

more if we impeached him, and we should worry more about our other problems we have and let this go by. Clinton's served out his term, then investigate it back and then bring up charges if necessary," Berke Miller (L) said.

Beyond the specific content of Starr's widely publicized report remains the underlying issue of how appropriate the public dissemination was. "Starr had some pretty high power prosecutors to get the President"... I think Starr has demeaned the Office of the President by publishing these details," Weil said. He added that he felt the specifics of Clinton's personal dealings should have remained confidential.

According to Weil, a new paradigm of Presidential morality and was initiated by the Nixon presidency. "This political matter involves the attempt to criminalize

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# justFeatures

## Macs and PCs battle it out

The battle between MacOS and Windows has raged for years. Where does the Brandeis community's sentiment lie?

By **Shelton Rubin**  
Lafayette Sun

"I'm all about the PC," Hickey admitted to a computer club at Brandeis University. "But MacOS is better."

With the campus wired for Internet, both PC users and Mac users have access to the same resources.

According to Steve Markel, assistant director of educational technology services, there was never a bias toward Mac in the past.

"The Level Two network was not installed in order to give preference to the Mac," Markel said. "It was installed to take advantage of existing equipment in the building, when Level Two is the only type of networking available."

"The University would not have installed the network if it was not for the fact that we were already using the network for both Mac and PC," Markel added.

Professor Tim Hickey (COSI) preferred the PC.

Because the most Mac OS and Windows "compatibility" was not the same, Hickey explained. "They had some problems, they have to be used in a certain way, Windows is much more user friendly, and you can do a lot of things with it."

"OS is better," Hickey said. "It has a lot of features, it's easy to use, and you can do a lot of things with it."

"When Mac is a single entity, Windows is not, and the lower end of it is a

problem," Hickey said. "Windows is more complex, there is a lot of things that have to be done."

Hickey said he prefers Linux over both the Mac OS and Windows. "Linux is an operating system which you can put on either platform," Hickey explained. "The user interface is a Linux machine that has been running."

"Linux is free, it is simple, the system hardly ever crashes," Hickey said. "It is definitely being worked on. The features are improving."

According to Hickey, it takes more attention to download Linux from the Internet, but it can be done. By going to [www.linux.org](http://www.linux.org).

After Linux, Hickey said he favors the Mac OS over Windows.

He would not be willing to download the operating system. "I like the Windows system," Hickey said. "It is a good system with the capability of the computer network. The PC is a better system."

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"I think PCs will be dominant. (But) I do think you'll always see Macs."

Alex Winner '99

"For undergrads, I like the university policy of having some Macs and some PCs. (However), I would like to see more Linux boxes."

Professor Tim Hickey (COSI)

**BRANDEIS TV PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE**

Tonight at 10 p.m.: Brandeis Talks Back - Shout Outs. At 10:30 p.m.: Micah's Movie Marathon.

Wednesday at 10 p.m.: Special Edition: Gays of MOD 5.

Thursday at 10 p.m.: First Annual Brandeis Film Festival.

10:30 p.m.: Celebrity Death Match, Episode 1.

Next Wednesday at 10 p.m.: The Second Episode of MOD 5.

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## Campus UNet implemented

By Arya Elberlein  
JAMES ELBERLEIN ILLUSTRATION

The first phase of the University's UNet is a reconstruction of the campus computer network. It is almost complete, according to Bill Kuznetsov, Associate Director for Data Communications and Information Systems. "All system rooms have been reroled and tested and only a few dollar contracts remain," he adds.

The new campus network (UNet) consists of 15 megabit Ethernet connections, which replaced the previous 10-Mbps network, a new fiber optic backbone and the addition of 15 new servers, according to Acting Chief Information Officer Jack A. Berenshtein.

The project required between 90,000 and 95,000 man hours during the summer and included the installation of 5,000 new data and workstations, an estimated \$20 million of additional

and 200 new workstations.

A new email system was installed, with two new e-mail servers designed for high availability. Under the new system, a computer may be down, it will function as a mail relay, rather than the prior configuration, multiple connections which were parallel employed. The new servers also replaced the UNet system, which enables students to keep their e-mail on a central server.

A proxy server was also installed to authenticate for students living off campus by allowing them to connect to the library on the newly expanded library website (see related article p.8)

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### UNet Highlights

- ▶ Ethernet connections have replaced the previous LocalTalk connections in all residence halls.
- ▶ A new and expanded e-mail system was installed.
- ▶ Each student has been assigned a permanent personal telephone number and their mailbox.
- ▶ A proxy server was installed to authenticate off-campus students to access many University web resources.



Photo: Suzanne O'Leary for Justice

## Aramark serves Brandeis

▶ Newly-renovated campus cafeterias open today under the Aramark's management.

By Arya Elberlein  
JAMES ELBERLEIN ILLUSTRATION

The Brandeis dining halls, renovated and operated by Aramark, open for fall semester today.

Aramark's new four-year contract with the University started on July 1 and the renovation of the cafeteria will begin five days later. Every dining service employee was hired by Aramark and the company has installed a new three-year agreement with Local 49.

"Because of the limited time, we weren't able to renovate both Sherman and Union so we focused on Union this semester," Jensen said. He added that Aramark plans to renovate Sherman Dining Hall next semester.

Aramark's capital investment in Brandeis is about \$1.2 million, according to Executive

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Peter Penneb. "We are now very close to sign-off. We will be talking with Aramark and the Student Advisory Committee in terms of renovating Sherman, which will be done in the coming year," he said. Jensen also noted another change made to each of the dining facilities was the expansion of the dining room during the summer months.

### Sherman Dining Hall

Although largely unannounced, several significant changes were made by the managers. The management team took it upon themselves to do renovations and improve Sherman themselves," Jensen said. A "Cafeteria Shop" system was created, where different food will be served each day as part of Aramark's "Fun Food" concept of food presentation.

### Union Cafe

The central day-cafe food bar was moved in order to create more of a food court atmosphere, according to Jensen. "Track lighting is installed on the stations to brighten up the place,"

Jensen said. Individual stations such as "Galaxy Wraps," "The Ella Pizzeria" and "Shrimp" were created to serve a wide variety of food. From delicious-toasty sandwiches to Mexican food,

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## University outsources Health Services

By Deborah Eisner  
JAMES ELBERLEIN ILLUSTRATION

The University outsourced its Health Services operations to CareGroup and completed a modified, Challenging initiative program during the summer.

The new Health Center will be open between 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. on Monday through Friday, and 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on the weekends. During off-hours,

a telephone triage nurse with on-call physician backup will be available by consultation. This system of care will replace the 24-hour on-duty nurse previously available

under Health Services. Primary services will also be provided at Waltham, Davenport, and Newbury locations.

Additionally, the inpatient laboratory, which contained beds for surgical care, was closed due to the lack of student use, according to Dean of Student Affairs and Credit Approval, safety of six beds used the inpatient ward during the past year, he said.

Other additions to the Health Center include the creation of two consultation rooms, according to Kathleen G. O'Neil, executive director

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## Students welcome class of '02

By Sarah Chandler  
JAMES ELBERLEIN ILLUSTRATION



Photo: Suzanne O'Leary for Justice  
MOVING IN: First-year ADE Group leader Stacy Anderson '02 helps a new student locate their dormitory room.

Orientation volunteers and Resident Advisors welcomed the class of 2002 as they arrived on campus this past week.

"All of our volunteers were college seniors themselves," Orientation Coordinator Lee McLean '98 said. "So it was a great way to help bring back to the community," he added.

The International Students and Study Abroad Office and the International Student Office (ISO) welcomed the international students on Friday.

"The goal of our program was to help orient the international students to the

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# Brandeis University

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Minds That Matter

This year's Commencement marks the close of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of Brandeis University. As you leave Brandeis, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the meaning of your years at the University and your place in our *alma mater's* future.

Your Brandeis education has broadened and deepened your outlook. It has illuminated the power of thought, strengthened your abilities for critical and analytical thinking, and sharpened your ability to reason. These are precious gifts, for the world needs broadly and liberally educated women and men to help solve the problems that face us as individuals, as communities, as nations, and as a global society.

This book contains images of your years at Brandeis. Some of the most important images, however, are not those seen through the lens of a camera. They are the ones that reside in your memory. The personal relationships with classmates and with faculty, both inside and outside the classroom, have shaped and changed you in ways that may become evident to you only years from now.

Over time, your memories and your personal relationships with classmates will change. Some will deepen; others will fade. But, as you take your place as an alumnus or alumna of Brandeis, you will be welcomed into a community of new friends across this country and around the world. Brandeis alumni have distinguished themselves in all fields and in all walks of life in this country and abroad. Brandeis's more than 28,000 alumni stretch from Waltham to San Diego, from Montreal to Buenos Aires, from Tokyo to Tel Aviv.

I know that in the years ahead the career, professional, and personal accomplishments of the members of the Class of 1999 will bring honor and pride to our *alma mater*. I extend to each of you my very best wishes and heartiest congratulations for every future success. I hope that each of you will maintain your ties with *alma mater* and help in the important work of ensuring Brandeis's excellence for future generations of alumni colleagues.



Sincerely,

Jehuda Reinharz Ph.D. '72



# Chris Ballesteros

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

Chris is currently a Managing Member and the CFO of A Gentlecare Medical Services, a Home Health Agency located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

While at Brandeis, Chris worked for the Brandeis University Escort Safety Services and became one of its Head Coordinators up until he graduated.





# Annie Berman

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## Life since Brandeis...

Living and working in NYC as an independent filmmaker and MFA candidate at Hunter College. My films and installations have screened and shown in festivals, galleries, and universities. My feature film, *The Faithful* ([www.the-faithful.com](http://www.the-faithful.com)), is due

out this summer. Somewhere along the way, there was a year in Argentina, and a much longer stretch in Cambridge, MA where *Lorem Ipsum Books*, a bookstore I helped to co-found, still resides. @Annie\_Berman





# Andrea (Haus) Bernstein

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

I moved back to Wisconsin where I received my Masters in Social Work at UW, Madison. I married my husband Avi, whom I met working as a counselor at summer camp. We now have an eight year-old named Jake, and a five year-old named Sasha.

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

Thanks to unlimited long-distance phone calls, I'm in close touch with Reena Blum Glick, whose amazing friendship I am most thankful for from my time at Brandeis!



# Brenda Bokenyi

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

Since leaving Brandeis I have lived and taught in Illinois, back to Massachusetts, New York and now Oregon. I earned my Masters in Early Childhood Education from Lesley University. I currently teach first grade in a Spanish Immersion program in Portland, Oregon. I have run two marathons and continue to run half marathons. I have traveled to Costa Rica and Mexico. My hope is to travel to other countries in the coming years. I love to work in my garden and play with my black lab.

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

Cross country, track and student events.

## **The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:**

I continue to communicate with Erica Harth. Since my freshman year she influenced me in questioning beliefs and pushing myself to do more in life.





Beth M. Cohen

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# Stephen D. Costa

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## Life since Brandeis...

After a few years away from Brandeis, I returned to oversee the student club finances, and to get my M.S. in Finance. In my spare time, I travel, play golf, go hiking, write, design board games, and occasionally do stand-up comedy. I currently reside on the North Shore with my fiancé, attorney Renay Smallcomb.

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

Gravity Magazine



# Iris Oren Cox

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## Life since Brandeis...

Benjamin and I were married in July 1999, right after graduation, so we are also about to celebrate a personal 15-year anniversary, in addition to this 15-year anniversary of our graduation. We now have five children, ranging in age from our 12 1/2-year-old son Avi, who is studying for his bar mitzvah and will be entering seventh grade in the fall, to our 4-year-old daughter, Naami. In between are Sammy (age 11, entering sixth grade), Rafi (age 8, entering third grade), and Tamar (age 6, entering first grade). Benjamin is extremely busy in the Canadian natural resources sector. He earned his MBA a number of years ago and is management of two small companies and an entrepreneur. I earned my J.D. in 2002 and a M.S. (Biochemistry) in 2003, and went into patent law for a few years. We moved to Israel in 2004, where I worked at a Tel Aviv firm. We relocated back to Portland, Oregon in 2007. Now I work flexible part-time hours with Benjamin and his employees in my capacity as in-house legal counsel, which is a wonderful way to balance my full-time job of being a mom of five. My non-mommy job is always interesting, ranging from complex contracts to employment law to copyright to securities law and regulations. It is good to do something that you enjoy.

It's so hard to believe that 15 years have passed so quickly since our time ended at Brandeis. Benjamin and I wish all of our fellow graduates all the best of luck and happiness for many more years to come!



## What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite spot on the Brandeis campus was Cholmondeley's. (Did I spell it right?) After Benjamin and I started dating during freshman year, going to Chumley's for a scoop of Ben and Jerry's would be a go-to part of an evening date for us. They always had great entertainment and a good atmosphere there, and it usually wasn't very busy when we went.

## What is on your bucket list and what has been crossed off already?

My bucket list includes a lot of travel. I would love to see New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, China, Japan, and Antarctica, among others, and to photograph them. Photography is a great hobby of mine. I have already been blessed enough to travel to several countries, including Israel, England, Netherlands, Germany, France, and Cyprus. There is so much more to see and do!



# Mindy Dapin

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## Life since Brandeis...

After graduation I attended Tufts University and earned a Masters in School Psychology. I moved to Chicago to complete my internship and worked several years in the suburban schools as a School Psychologist and then as a College Advisor at a

community college. While living in Chicago I met my husband, Matt Dapin, who I married in July 2006. We have two children, Josh born April 2009 and Lily born August 2011. Recently we bought a house and moved to the Northern suburbs of Chicago. I am currently staying at home raising my amazing kids, enjoying life and looking forward to what lies ahead.





# Hazel Lema Delong

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## Life since Brandeis...

In my senior year I took a neuroscience class and that is where I learned that my great interest was in how the brain and eyes work together and decided that I wanted to be an Optometrist. There were a few pre-rec classes that I needed which I decided to take at UMASS Amherst for the next two years, and then was off to Optometry school in Puerto Rico. I

met my husband while in school and moved to Calgary, Alberta once I graduated and took my exams. I work in a small group practice that is part of a larger company and still love what I do. I also run a small martial arts program which is a lot of fun and keeps me busy, and enjoy gardening, camping, traveling, spending time with my dog, and as always crafting and sewing.







# Janna Dorfman

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## Life since Brandeis...

After an 8 year stint back in the midwest, I returned to the Boston area in 2008 with my husband, Jay. We now live in Newton, and welcomed our son, Ezra Sidney, on February 14, 2014.

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

I spent so much time in the Campus Life office during my years at Brandeis! From Family Weekend, to Orientation, to Senior Week, my time in the Leadership Office shaped who I am as a person and a professional today. I loved all the people I met, and have great memories of all the programs we put together!





# Anita M. Engh

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

Professional: Earned Ph.D. in Biophysics from Stanford University in 2006; worked as a postdoctoral fellow at University of Chicago and Northwestern University; currently working as a medical writer for a medical communications company.

Personal: Married Dan Kraut in 2004; have 2 children, Zachary (age 6) and Tessa (age 1).



# Gary Feit

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

Happy 15th reunion to all of my fellow class of 1999 alums! I wish someone had told me 15 years ago that I'd need to submit this update so I would have tried to be more productive!

In all seriousness, I have spent the past 15 years living in and around the New York City area. I was in Manhattan on the Upper East Side for a number of years and am currently in Hoboken, NJ. I have worked at JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) for the past 14 years, most recently as Director of External Communications. As of this writing, I will soon be looking for new career opportunities. I have also been doing consulting with an online strategy and communications firm called Revunami. Additionally, I recently served as editor of a successful book by a renowned diabetes patient-advocate (*Diabetes Do's & How-To's*, look for it on Amazon!).

I earned my master's degree from NYU in public relations and corporate communications in 2009, receiving my program's "most distinguished student" award while working full time at JDRF. I completed the New York City Marathon in 2006, as well as a 105-mile charity bike ride in Death Valley a couple of years earlier. I continue to enjoy running (have recently done some fun mud runs), sports (watching and playing), attempting to manage my fantasy football and baseball teams, cooking and eating spicy

foods, and spending quality time with my DVR.

Unless something drastic has changed in the few months between me writing this and its publication, I am still single, but I am lucky to have numerous enduring friendships from my time at Brandeis that I know will continue for many years to come!

## **Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

My fondest Brandeis memory is all the terrific friends I made that I still carry with me to this day!

## **Your funniest memory of living in the dorms:**

My funniest dorm memory is probably hiding a pet rabbit in our Ziv suite all of junior and senior year. I'm not sure how we got away with it! (Can I safely say this now without getting in trouble???)



# Deena Zhelezov Freed

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## Life since Brandeis...

After leaving Brandeis I married my college sweetheart, Josh Freed '98. We had about 25 people in attendance from Brandeis, from both our years as well as my sister, cousin and his father and uncle & friends! It was quite amazing. I've been working at the same company, Casewise, since leaving Brandeis 15 years ago and have worked through various roles in Professional Services. We now have two wonderful children, Jake and Mia, and they love coming to reunion with us. Can't wait to see our classmates at reunion!

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

At this point, as cheesy as it sounds, I can't imagine where I would be without Brandeis. It's the place where I made my best friends and where I met my husband and father of my children. It is the place where friendships were made and skills were learned. It is the time I remember with great fondness.

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

The Update (student newspaper), Community Service Day core committee.





# Dan Galvin

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## Life since Brandeis...

Well I'm the proud daddy of 4 wonderful little kids -- Eliza (6), Noah (4), and Hannah and Sadie (twins, 1.5) and lucky to be married to Katie.

After Brandeis I went to graduate school at Yale, where I met Katie and got a Ph.D. in Political Science. I've been a professor of political science at Northwestern University ever since. We love living in the Chicago area, but miss our friends and family back east.

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

Played in the band Steel Carter--lots of great memories playing at Chumleys and the Stein with Adam Schertzer, Dave Portnoy, and others...

Also worked on The Brandeis Free Press (formerly Steal This Paper).

## Your funniest memory of living in the dorms:

Pretty much every minute of living with Jeff Hellman, which I was lucky enough to do for all four years at Brandeis. (And then one more year in Somerville and two more in New Haven.)

Also had a damn good time living with Dave L, Dave P, Liz E, Shelly, et. al. in Ziv 130 for two years. Too many funny memories to list.





# Daniel Garie

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## Life since Brandeis...

Mr. Daniel Garie is the executive managing partner for Law & Forensics, a consulting firm that works with clients across industries on software, cyber security, e-discovery, and digital forensic issues. In addition, Mr. Garie is also General Counsel at Pulse Advisory, a venture development firm based out of New York where he is responsible for overseeing legal operations for Pulse 20+ start ups around the world.

In addition, Daniel Garie contributes regularly to Law360, The Daily Journal, and The Huffington Post, and his work has appeared in The American Lawyer Corporate Counsel, Law Technology News, New York Law Journal, Seattle Law Journal, and the Oxford Journal of Law and Information. His writing has been featured by Thomson Reuters. He is the author of several books including "Software and the Law" published by Thomson Reuters in 2013. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law & Cyber Warfare and on the Editorial Board of the Beijing Law Review.

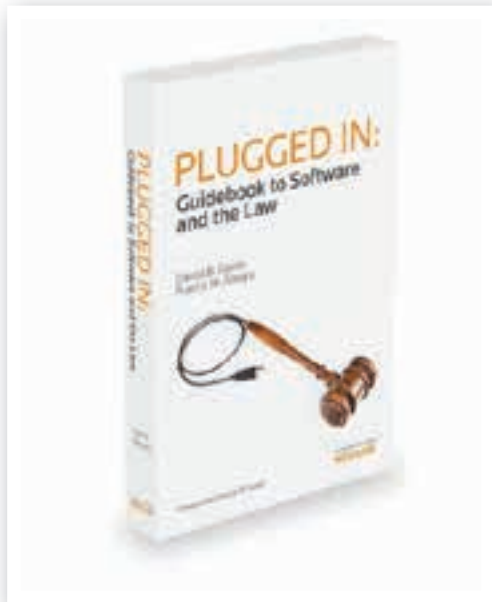
Mr. Garie is a member of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) Panel of Distinguished Neutrals; a Neutral on the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre; Chair of the Forensic and E-Discovery Panel at

Alternative Resolution Centers; and an Arbitrator with the London Court of International Arbitration neutrals. In addition, Daniel is also Special Counsel to Zeichner Ellman & Krause working in the information security and e-discovery practices and a Strategic Partner with Quorum Ventures. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Garie was a serial entrepreneur and built and sold several successful startups.

Most importantly Daniel is a father to an amazing daughter and married an amazing woman. He splits his time between Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York City. Please feel free to email him at [daniel@pulseadvisory.com](mailto:daniel@pulseadvisory.com) to catch-up or share an interesting idea.

## Your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest Brandeis memory is graduating.





# Sarah Geisler Glass

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

After leaving Brandeis with a degree in Neuroscience I received a Masters Degree in Clinical Neuropsychology at Purdue University. I then became interested in neuropharmacology and worked at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis studying migraine headache. In 2004 I moved back to Boston and started working at the pharmaceutical company Novartis and assisted setting

up their in-vivo behavioral pharmacology lab. After working there for four years, I started working at the biotech company Biogen Idec, specializing in behavioral neuropharmacology. I have now been at Biogen for 6 years and enjoy my work a great deal. Outside of the work arena, I have been happily married to my husband, a nurse practitioner at Dana Farber, for nine years. We have a 6 year old son and twin 4 year old girls.



# Reena Blum Glick

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## Life since Brandeis...

I am living in White Plains, New York with my husband and three children. I am in private practice in Hartsdale, New York, specializing in eating disorder treatment.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

It broadened my awareness of social inequality and helped inspire me to pursue a career in helping others. Plus, I met my very best friend, Andrea Haus Bernstein, who has been my lifeline and constant support through every twist and turn of life.

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

Without question, it has been my three children, Maya, Kate and Ilan.







# Dan Gold

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

After law school at BU and a few years working at Wilmer Hale we moved to Kim's hometown of Dallas in 2005. We have three wonderful kids - ages 7, 5 and 19 months. I'm a litigation

partner at the law firm of Haynes and Boone, specializing in defending companies and executives in class actions, securities fraud lawsuits, shareholder derivative, fiduciary duty and M&A litigation, and other types of complex litigation matters.





# Erica Lori Goldman

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

After many years working in software and telecommunications in the Boston area, I moved to Los Angeles and now teach Israeli dancing at schools, camps, and workshops around California and the world. I also coordinate an Israel exchange program for high school students in L.A. and Tel Aviv.

I always said that one day I would run a marathon and I did a few of those in 2010. I also knew I'd go skydiving someday, and I've done that twice now. Still to go: I want to see the Northern Lights! And a few more things :)

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

I danced with and directed B'yachad, the Israeli dance troupe!





# Lucy L. Handfield

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

Still alive, still with that guy I met on the Internet sophomore year, still living in the Midwest.

By day I'm in HR; by night I set off fireworks. On the weekends I dye yarn.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/CopperCentaurStudios>

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# Naomi Hoffman

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## **The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:**

Karen Klein, English Department - She helped me become more comfortable with creative writing, exposed me to new sources of poetic inspiration, and encouraged my creativity through drawing. It was really therapeutic to talk to her!

Brian Donahue, Environmental Studies - what an inspiration! Helped me land an internship at Land's Sake Organic Farm in Weston, which took my life in a whole new direction.

Robert Hunt, Anthropology - motivated me to try new adventures outside the world of Pre-med and Biology...thank goodness I listened!

## **What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**

The woods behind Sachar, especially in the winter when giant ice sculptures among the trees would mysteriously appear.

Chumley's Coffeehouse in the Castle.

The autoclave room in the basement of Rosenstiel.

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# Joshua E. Israel

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

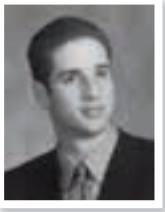
I am senior investigative reporter for ThinkProgress.org at the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Previously, I was a reporter and oversaw money-in-politics reporting at the Center for Public Integrity, was chief researcher for Nick Kotz's acclaimed 2005 book *Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr., and the Laws that Changed America*, and was president of the Virginia Partisans Gay & Lesbian Democratic Club. I am happily partnered and living in Northern VA.

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

Debate, Democrats, Union Judiciary, Tympanium Euphorium, University Chorus, Undergraduate Theatre Collective, and Scuzzlebutt.

## **The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:**

Gov. Ann Richards, who inspired us all to fight for social justice, education, and equality. She brought to Brandeis a heart the size of Texas, a passion for progressive change, and a lifetime of stories that no one else could tell.



# Ron J. Karni

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

I am married with three kids: Jacob 7, Dalia 4, and Shelly 1.

We live in Houston, Texas where I practice Head and Neck  
Oncologic Surgery at University of Texas.

I continue to play soccer.

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# Allison Menovitch Kates

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## Life since Brandeis...

I can't believe it's been 15 years since graduation! After graduating from Brandeis, I went on to grad school at UMass Boston, where I earned a Masters in Education, followed by a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology. I've worked as a preschool and elementary school psychologist since 2002. I got married in 2006 and we moved to Wayland in 2007. My husband Brad and I have two wonderful boys, Spencer (age 6) and Alex (3 months), who definitely keep us busy! In my free time, as rare as it is, I enjoy reading, cooking, and baking. I serve on the board of Jewish Family Service of Metrowest in Framingham, MA and volunteer in my son's school whenever I have the chance.

## Your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memories from Brandeis are all of the friends I made. We may have moved away and lost touch, and then reunited thanks to Facebook, but the memories we made during the years we spent together will be with me always. I'll never forget dinner at 5:00, the countless bus trips to Harvard Square on Saturday evening, bagels at Bagel Depot, ice cream at Lizzy's, shenanigans in Reitman Hall, playing in the snow when Brandeis had a snow day, Senior formal, graduation parties, and weddings...





# Jessica Paige (Lightman) Kibble

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## Life since Brandeis...

Boston -> Manhattan -> Brooklyn -> Denver

In New York City I spent the first years of the new millennium at CBS News covering stories as varied as Hanging Chads, Human Cloning and Stem Cell Research to 9/11, The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, the SE Asian Tsunami and the NYC Blackout. I did this while getting my MBA at Fordham University.

By 2006 I was ready for a change and got to live my Carrie Bradshaw dreams as a glamorous brand manager for L'Oreal. I was the one who named Maybelline nail polishes and came up with all of the terrific colors for lip sticks!

From there, I developed a new brand of skincare and color cosmetics from the ground up, for Amway Corp. The Beautycycle brand launched in 58 countries in 2009 and I got to travel the world!

2009 was also a big year personally as well as professionally - I met my husband, Adam, at an art show in a Soho gallery.

In 2012 - Adam and I moved to Denver, CO for a more laid-back life in his hometown and in June, 2013 Adam and I got married in Groton, MA with a bunch of ('99) Brandeis friends in attendance - Staci Newman, Stacy Basner, Holly Sosnowitz, Rachel (Mizrahi) Morgenthal, Mike Goldfarb and Sara (Kressner) Goldfarb and of course my brother Andy Lightman ('02).

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

I was a member of BUSDT - Brandeis Swimming and Diving. I also sang in acapella group: Starving Artists.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis was one of the best times in my life - it shaped me into the adult I am today and inspired me to live my life to my potential. I have made lasting life-long friendships at Brandeis.





# Courtney Kurlanska

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

I received my PhD in anthropology from SUNY Albany in 2012 and I am currently teaching in the department of Sustainable Development at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. My family and I regularly travel to Nicaragua where I served as a Peace Corps volunteer for three and a half years.

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

Brandeis has opened many doors for me over the years.





# Emily Karpel Kurtz

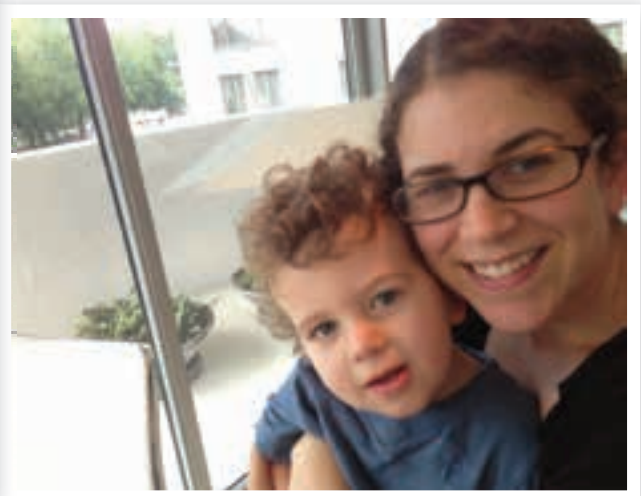
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## Life since Brandeis...

It's been a great five years. I continue to work at a community based not for profit in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, where I have been for nearly 10 years. I am now the Deputy Director of the Housing Department, overseeing new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing units, and the day to day management of over 2000 units of affordable housing. My husband Jason and I put down permanent roots in the

Prospect Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn in 2010 and in 2011 welcomed our second son Zachary, who joined his big brother Nathaniel, now nearly 6 years old. I started distance running in 2012, and this past November completed my first (and maybe only!) marathon at the 2013 NYC Marathon. The race was amazing, due largely in part to seeing my family and some Brandeis friends (Amy Mirsky Guttell '99, Dani Ackerman Liberman '99, and Carolina Hoires '00) along the way!





# Melissa (Kahn) Kurtzman

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## Life since Brandeis...

After graduation, I worked in public relations for a year with Manning, Selvage & Lee. I attended Loyola Law School and after graduating in 2003, I began working at the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in the Corporate Restructuring department, servicing clients such as Delphi and KMart. I was also one of only a handful of associates who practiced Franchise Law at the firm, representing clients such as Krispy Kreme Donuts and the YUM Brands (Taco Bell and KFC). I co-authored a Franchise Law textbook and co-taught a Franchise Law course for two years at Loyola Law School. I got married in 2009 to Eric Kurtzman, moved to Las Vegas and left Skadden to be the Assistant General Counsel at KCC, LLC, where I practiced until 2013. In October 2011, I gave birth to twins, Kiara and Storm.

## The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:

Professor Mary Davis left the biggest impression on me because she was always available to her students, personable and caring and really touched my life with her own life lessons and kindness.

## What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Sounds ridiculous but I loved the library because you could sit and look out the glass windows at the foliage in the fall and the snowy winter wonderland in winter.





# Allison (Kalish) Leichtman

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

I have been teaching High School Social Studies (History and Psychology) for the past 13 years (the last 10 in Norwood, MA). I have been married to my wonderful husband Jason for almost 8 years and have two amazing children. My daughter Taylor is 6, and my son Matthew is 4. We live in Sharon, Massachusetts.

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

B.U.S.D.T. (Swimming and Diving Team)

## **Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

I fondly remember all you can eat at Sherman, Midnight Madness and the library at exam times, the weekend bus into Boston, and hanging out in the halls of Shapiro into the early morning hours. I also remember rolling out of bed in the mods and jumping almost directly into the swimming pool every day senior year. I will never forget all the amazing friends that I made!



# Ellen Lind

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

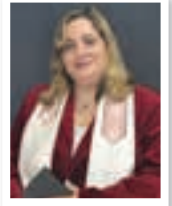
Shortly after graduation, I spent a year with AmeriCorps running a mentor program for inner-city middle school students in San Francisco. After a detour to Scotland, I returned to the U.S. and settled in western Massachusetts, where I met my husband.

I work in publishing as a full-time editor of teacher certification tests for Pearson Education and as a freelance editor of books for major publishers. I'm proud to be putting my Brandeis degree in English and American literature to good use!





# Marci Bellows Lindenman



## Life since Brandeis...

Following graduation from Brandeis, I began my rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. I spent my first year in Jerusalem (as all rabbinical students do) and then completed four more years at the New York City campus of HUC-JIR. My rabbinical thesis examined the psychosocial aspects of the Conversion to Judaism process, and it has greatly impacted my subsequent work. I was ordained as a rabbi in 2004.

I was proud to serve as both Adult Program Director and then as Assistant Rabbi at Temple Shaaray Tefila in NYC from 2004-2009. I now serve as the Rabbi at Temple B'nai Torah in Wantagh, NY, on Long Island. Now in my fifth year with this congregation, I welcome the opportunity to be part of my congregants' lives, in everything from the bitter to the sweet. I also write a twice-monthly column for the New York Jewish Week entitled, "Reform, Really."

When I'm not "Rabbi-ing," I have been active in the People's Improv Theater in NYC. I completed their 5 levels of study, and I even performed in an indie troupe called, "Secret Crush." I also have a very healthy karaoke addiction. And, once my congregation learned about my theater background, they insisted on casting me as "Mama Rose" in our congregation's production of "GYPSY." You just can't keep me off the stage!

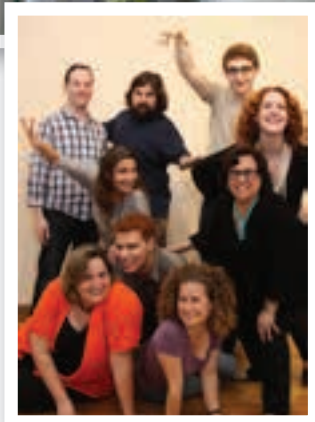
In April, 2013, I had the joy of marrying my soul-mate, Seth Lindenman. We were married in Schaumburg, Illinois, surrounded by family and friends from all areas of our lives, including a number of Brandeis alums. We look forward to building our lives together!

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

I was most active in Boris' Kitchen and Hillel Theatre Group during my years at Brandeis, both on stage and behind the scenes. I also loved teaching at the Lemberg Children's Center.

## What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I never would have become a rabbi if I hadn't attended Brandeis. I entered school with a major in Psychology, and I had the whole career path planned out in my mind. Yet, of course, there was another path meant for me. During my second year, there was a woman rabbi leading High Holy Day services on campus. Even though my mother is a cantor, it had never really occurred to me to become clergy. However, when I saw this woman leading worship at Brandeis, I had an overwhelming sense of destiny wash over me - THIS is what I was supposed to do with my life. From that moment on, it was perfectly clear. I was made to be a rabbi - and everything in my life had led up to it! In that precious moment, all the pieces came together and I finally knew. I have been so grateful ever since.





# Daniel Litvak

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## Life since Brandeis...

While Brandeis was a wonderful experience for me, the life that has followed has been even better. My wife, Andrea, is a brilliant, beautiful woman who I somehow convinced to marry me five years ago. We now have two amazing children together, Benjamin and Julia. Both kids are full of energy, laughter and love. We are incredibly lucky. We really enjoy living in Milton, Massachusetts, surrounded by wonderful friends and neighbors.

I have worked in the energy industry since graduation, first in

natural gas and then in electricity. I work on the pricing team for Constellation Energy. Mostly, I design and maintain the pricing models we use as well as get to build fun tools for our sales team. I really enjoy the work, the people I work with, and being in downtown Boston.

I have been lucky to stay in touch with so many of my friends from Brandeis. I see them as often as I can, and several of them I count among those closest to me. I look forward to many more years of fun with everyone.





# LeeMichael McLean

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## Life since Brandeis...

While I do miss my Brandeis mealplan (oh those delicious waffles!), I wouldn't trade my two favorite accomplishments to go back to college. I was thrilled to marry Bryan Furze in 2009 at

the Boston Public Library with 12 of my favorite Brandeis alumni in attendance. And last August, we were over-joyed to welcome our son, Simon Furze, into the world! I look forward to picking up a tiny 'deis t-shirt for baby Simon during reunion weekend!







# Debra Milgram

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

My children

**What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**

Sherman and the castle

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# David Nurenberg

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## Life since Brandeis...

I've been very blessed these last 15 years. Traveled the world, published some writing, took part in activism, earned my PhD, met a wonderful partner and started a family. I teach at the high school and college level and do my small part to try and make the

world a better place. My days at Brandeis were a seminal part of making me who I am today, and I always remember my friends there fondly, even those whom I've been too scatterbrained to stay in touch with. Please always feel free to reach out and get in touch.





# Allison Make Özkan

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## Life since Brandeis...

I stayed in the Boston area for 7 years after graduation, before moving to Brooklyn in the summer of 2006, where I stayed for 6 years. In February 2012, I bought a house on the Jersey shore to be closer to my family, and it ended up being the best decision I ever made. Not only do I love my house, the location, my neighbors/friends, and being close to my parents, sister/brother-

in-law, and favorite nieces and nephew, I met the love of my life! We were married in an intimate civil ceremony in our backyard last August.

Professionally, I have been in pharmaceutical consulting for 11 years now, currently working as a Senior Project Manager for Flywheel Partners--a company at which I am quite happy and hope to be at for many years to come. Although located in Manhattan, I am able to work mostly from home.



# Shura Dunton Parks

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## Life since Brandeis...

The most important thing in my life is my family. My wonderful husband and four children. We have two children living, Kyle, age 4 and Eli, age 2. We also have a set of twins that we believe we will see again one day. Joshua Ray and Eliza Snow were born too early and only lived a few minutes. They would be six, turning seven this year. Right now my time is spent with my children, teaching them and watching them grow.

## What is on your bucket list and what has been crossed off already?

Paying off my student loans is crossed off my bucket list! Also meeting someone and starting a family is crossed off my bucket list. Things left to do are things like raising my kids, maybe see Europe with them.





# Jeff Pollack

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

Since graduation, I married Allison Rapp, who I met at Brandeis. Our wedding was on March 9, 2003. That same year,

I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Allison and I currently live in Philadelphia where I am a partner in the trial department of Duane Morris.





# Heather J. Rigney



## Life since Brandeis...

Since leaving Brandeis it has been a winding road. I worked for 5 years at a Cambridge biotech firm, helping to develop vaccines against flaviviruses (Dengue, Japanese encephalitis, and the new smallpox vaccine,) then returned to school to get my Masters in Public Health at Tulane, specializing in International health and Disaster Management. Other than a brief field study in sunny Costa Rica, my international dreams never quite got realized, as I became pregnant with my son, David, my final year of grad school. Somewhere along the way I determined that infants and refugee camps don't mix. While in school I began working anti-terrorism for the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and was still there when Hurricane Katrina struck. My job drastically shifted to post storm recovery and mitigation work, where I helped develop the first post-Katrina city census, as well as helping in the design and implementation of the City Assisted Evacuation Plan for special needs patients, transportation dependent individuals, and their pets. While working CAEP, I was recruited by Louisiana SPCA to assist in state-wide evacuation planning for companion animals, and have been with LA/SPCA ever since. While much of my disaster prep work has slowed, I now head the Feral Cat Program for the city, working to educate the public and mediate issues with the city's thousands of street cats. It is one of the largest low cost mass spay/neuter/vaccinate and release programs in the country and has become a personal passion of mine.

When I'm not working my tail (or the tails of the cats I trap) off, I enjoy distance running, reading, fiction writing, cooking and target shooting. I'm currently training for a number of road races, aided by daily practice chasing after my three children, David, Moira and Tamlin. I also stay busy and satisfy my adrenaline-junkie side by volunteering with Louisiana Task Force One, our state's urban search and rescue team. Those of you who knew me in school may be surprised that anyone would dare trust me with scissors, let alone jackhammers and concrete

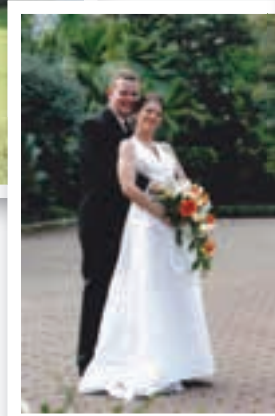
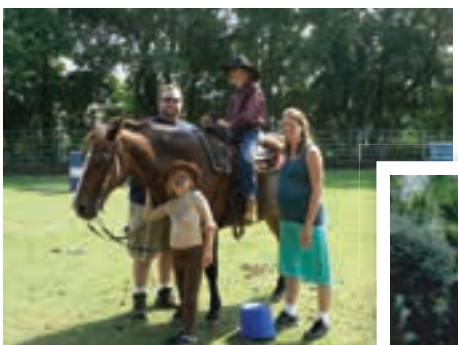
cutting saws, but pleasantly for me, they do! I have had the privilege of training and responding with the best, and I look forward to many more years with LATF1. Life may not have taken me where I expected to go fifteen years ago, but it has not been a dull ride!

## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

I was a theater person, and performed in a number of Hillel Theater productions, but was most likely best known for my acting skills-or is it simply considered controlled insanity?!?-as Janet or Columbia in Rocky Horror Picture Show. I consider it a badge of honor to have convinced some of my more conservative friends to don fishnets and garters and to let me use and abuse them at my fancy (mwahahahaha!) I also was the reigning gal with gun as part of Lawyers, Guns and \$\$, where I got my feet wet paintballing, later to ditch recreational playing for more competitive game playing as part of Team Haze. Above and beyond my dalliances with the stage and my careening over camouflaged bunkers, I was also part of Brandeis Christian Fellowship, the Hiking Club, and Brandeis Women's Rugby (where I drank warm beer from a cleat for the first-and last-time.)

## What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

At Brandeis, I could often be found slurping raspberry mocha concoctions from the coffee kiosk in Usdan, spending endless hours in deep conversation with supervisor John Coelho and fellow co-workers at the science library, building recklessly tall card houses with the same, sky watching from the roofs of various academic and residential dorm buildings (usually after acquiring roof entry illegally, of course!) and on occasion perfecting my charcoal drawings, my barbecue wing eating, and my boyfriend cuddling from those very same vantage points. Off campus, I could be found dancing in slinky black at ManRay, playing pool at Jillians, eating at one of the many delicious Indian or Thai restaurants around town, or chilling at Boston University, where I was cross enrolled through Army ROTC.





# Bobbi (Wax) Ring

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## Life since Brandeis...

After completing Medical School, Radiology Residency, and Fellowship, joined and became partner at Main Street Radiology in Queens New York specializing in Breast Imaging.

Married with 3 children, daughter Levi (5), and sons Hudson (3) and Myer (3 months).



# Mara Robertson

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

Since leaving Brandeis, we've moved to Hawaii, and then to New Zealand, where it looks like we'll stay. We welcomed our little boy Daniel in August 2012, who is very sturdy and very loud. Currently, I'm a stay-at-home mom, enjoying the dubious delights of running around after a toddler with infinite energy.





# Zahava Rosenbloom

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

After leaving Brandeis, I went on to grad school. First, I earned an MA at UMASS Boston in Historical Archaeology, then went on to the George Washington University, and earned an MA in Museum Studies. I married, and I am now office manager for our family's company, Rosenbloom Pest Control.

## **What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**

My favorite place was the Goldfarb library. I was there so much, it was like home.

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

While attending Brandeis, I learned a lot about people. I learned that there are many paths that people take in life, and that there are many kinds of challenges in life that people face. I learned that while I can meet someone who is very different from me, and who looks at life very differently from the way I do, I can still learn from them, and I can be their friend. I learned to be accepting of other people, and that is something that I live with and teach my children.



# Abrielle Salloway

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

Since leaving Brandeis, I went to graduate school at Boston University School of Social Work and graduated with my MSW. I then began working for McLean Hospital at Franciscan Hospital for Children. This is where I met my husband, Bill, and started the next chapter of my life. We got married in August of 2005 and welcomed our first daughter, Leah in January of 2007. Our family continued to grow in July of 2009, with the birth of our second daughter, Jenna.

## **Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

My fondest memory at Brandeis is meeting my best friend who continues to be a part of my life to this day.





# Maury (Moshe) Schwartz

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

I am married to Aviva (Sklare), Brandeis class of 2000. We celebrated our 10th anniversary last winter. We have three adorable children; Eliezer 8, Liba 5 and Rina 4. I am the Head of School at the Kellman Brown Academy and we live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

## **Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

Sitting in the front of the room at the table next to Senator's Kennedy and Kerry and Patriots owner Bob Kraft at the Brandeis 50th anniversary dinner October 17th 1998, which happened to be my 21st birthday.

Story: I asked Bob Kraft for tickets to the Patriots v. NJ Jets game the following Monday night. Mr. Kraft said to me "you may be president of Hillel and it may be your 21st birthday, but honestly, with an accent like yours from Long Island, you can't have me believing you're a Patriots fan. No deal."

I never got the tickets, but did get a picture with him which is on the wall in my office.

## **Your funniest memory of living in the dorms:**

The ten of us living in Ridgewood sophomore year hosted President Reinharz and his wife Shula for Shabbat dinner in Ridgewood along with Alwina from Student Life. A week after the dinner, we received a notice from Student Life with a warning about alcohol in the dorm as everyone was under age. This was not about the Friday night wine for the kiddush. Most likely, when the group went to wash their hands in the kitchen they noticed the large amount of hard liquor we had stored under the staircase. We cleaned that space up so nicely but apparently didn't account for everything.





# Matthew Segal

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

In the past 15 years, I went to law school, shared an apartment with three different Brandeis classmates, got married, started a family, lived in four different states plus the District of Columbia, and landed right back here in Massachusetts.

I am married to the beautiful and talented Leilani Pascale. We have two children---a seven-year-old boy and a four-year-old girl--with a third on the way this summer.

I am legal director at the ACLU of Massachusetts, where I work for civil rights and civil liberties here in the Commonwealth.



# Selena Shelley

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

After graduation, I moved back to Seattle where I completed my Master's Degree in Applied Behavioral Science and met my husband Michael. We lived there until 2008, when we moved to Boulder, CO.

Five years later, we still call CO our home. We have a three-year-old son and a baby on the way this summer, and both have psychotherapy private practices. I am also a childbirth educator and doula, and train other providers on working with pregnant abuse/trauma survivors.



# Daniel Silberfarb

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## Life since Brandeis...

I miss sleep. Granted, I never slept back at Brandeis either, but that was for different reasons. Now it's more diapers & less video games. Somewhat. Still doing the programming thing.





# Jessica Stillman Silverstein

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**Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

Holocaust Remembrance Week

Sigma Delta Tau



# Jenny Small



## Life since Brandeis...

Josh Small and I married in July 2000. Our daughter Sophie was born in March 2004 and our son Nathan was born in July 2008. They have both been to Brandeis reunions!

After Brandeis, Josh and I first lived in New York City, where Josh attended NYU Medical School and I worked at the Union for Reform Judaism, and also got my M.A. part-time at Teachers College, Columbia University. In 2003 we moved to Ann Arbor, MI, which is where Sophie was born. Josh did his emergency medicine residency there and I got a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Michigan. We moved back to MA in 2007 and Nathan was born here.

We live in Needham, MA now. Josh works at Norwood Hospital and I work at Boston College conducting research for the Roche Center for Catholic Education. My research specialty is the religious and spiritual lives of college students, and I published a book called *Understanding College Students' Spiritual Identities: Different Faiths, Varied Worldviews* through Hampton Press in 2011. I also edited a book coming out later this year through Stylus Press called *Making Meaning: How Student Affairs came to Embrace Spirituality, Faith, Religion, and Life Purpose*. Our kids are in 4th grade and kindergarten in the Needham public schools.

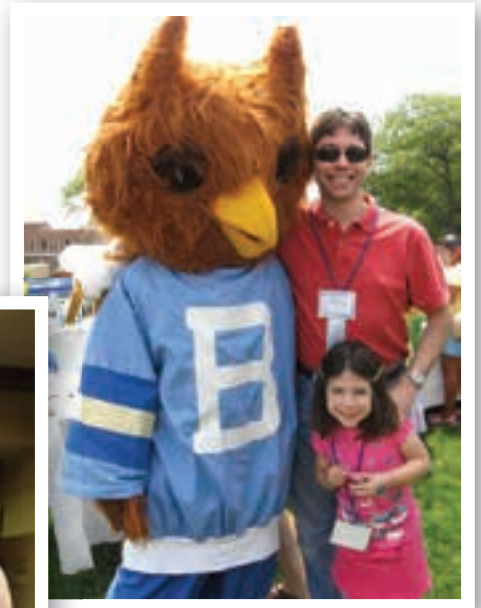
## Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

The two activities that were the most important to me at Brandeis were singing in the all-female capella group In Sync and participating in the Brandeis Reform Chavurah (BaRuCH). I made life-long friends through both of these groups, and they will probably be the things I remember most about Brandeis in the decades to come.

## What is on your bucket list and what has been crossed off already?

One bucket-list item that I'd had since childhood (although I didn't know the term "bucket list" then) was going on a hot air balloon ride. Josh and I finally took one for our 10th wedding anniversary in 2010. It was fantastic. And this past summer I had the chance to try parasailing over Lake George, NY.

There have also been a few meals at particular restaurants that I have recently gotten to experience, after hoping to do so for several years. Lately, my bucket list seems to be filled with travel desires: Alaska, Costa Rica, Iceland, and Kenya, to name just a few!







# Sarah Soslow

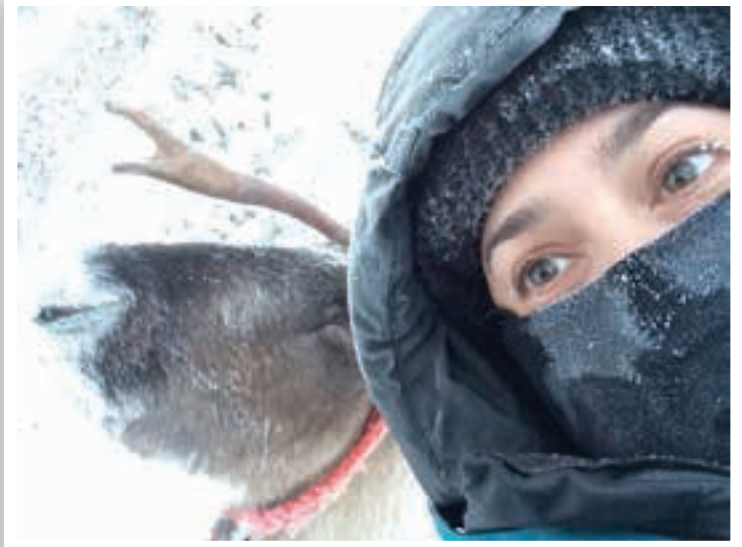
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## Life since Brandeis...

After graduation, Gershom Smith '00 and I moved to Los Angeles, where we lived for three years while he pursued his law degree at USC. After his graduation, we moved to NYC and got

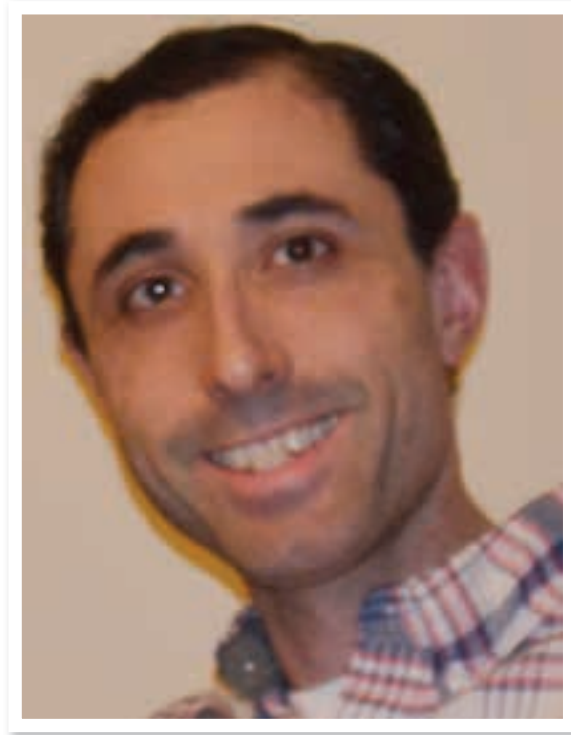
married. I worked for the Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal at UJA-Federation of New York for 8 years, until the birth of our son, Righi, in 2010. I am now, happily, a stay-at-home mom in New Jersey.





Seth Spergel

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# Christos Stergiou

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

I have been married for four years with Marilena and we have a two-year old daughter. It's great to spend time with family, and juggling playing time with our daughter with my entrepreneurial ventures in travel. After completing my MBA, I founded TrueGreece, a luxury travel company that has since become the market leader for upscale vacations to Greece. Most recently, we launched our TrueTurkey, TrueItalia, and TrueSpain brands, and we are finalizing our TrueFrance launch with a vision of becoming a true Mediterranean travel expert. I am now working on another global travel startup of much wider scope, and also run my family's hotel on the island of Patmos, the Petra Hotel & Suites. In short, I love travel, and building companies.

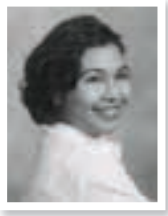
Look me up if you are ever in Greece!

## **What was/were your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?**

The I-House!

## **Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

The creation of Pachanga! Michael Winer, Manuel Costescu, Shai Fuxman, Federico Tandeter and gang came up with the vision, did the first one in the Castle, and given its success moved it to bigger places and subsequent stardom. All about having fun, and not at all about drinking in our times.



# Samara Taher

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

Since graduating from Brandeis, I became a family doctor in an underserved community, I learned Classical Indian Dance, I taught myself Spanish, I became a teacher of medical students, I got a dog, I bought my own place, I paid off my car, I visited Auchswitz-Berkanau, took a trip to Rwanda, saw Jerusalem, Petra, and Tel Aviv, and soon I will get married. Can't wait to see what happens next.

## **Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:**

Adagio Student Dance Troup, B'yachad Israeli Dance Troup, South Asian Student Association cultural shows.

## **The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:**

Professor Johnston in the Classics Department. She thought I was good at languages and encouraged me to learn more of them. Since she used to be a dancer, we shared a lot about our pasts and I really looked to her as my mentor. She was also very honest with me and told me not to over-commit myself--I finally listened to her!



# Kori Wanner



### Life since Brandeis...

Life has been adventurous since leaving Brandeis. I've been lucky enough to travel to and live in many fantastic places, hike many miles, rediscover roller skating to play roller derby, get my Master's, love and be loved, and have satisfying work. What more could anyone ask for in just 15 short years?!

I can't attend this reunion but I hope that life has treated everyone well and I wish you all happiness for the next 15 years, and beyond! If this short, vague yearbook entry makes you think, "oh, yeah, I remember her...," then find me on Facebook and let's catch up!

### Your extracurricular activities while at Brandeis:

SASS and WBRS 100.1 FM

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

My greatest personal achievement is completing the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) in 2002 with my best friend. We decided to do it on a whim and, with almost no experience or training but a lot of luck, we hiked the 2,650 miles from the Mexican border to the Canadian border in 5 months. It is impossible to truly describe the experience in words, but it is a defining moment in my life.

My greatest professional achievement is going back to school in 2008 to get my Master's of Education in Teaching and Learning. For 3 years, I worked full-time at the University of Oregon while attending their teacher training program part-time in the evenings. It was grueling and required a lot of sacrifice from myself and my family, but I graduated with no student debt because of the employee tuition rate. My next achievement will be finding a permanent teaching job!





# Max Weinberg

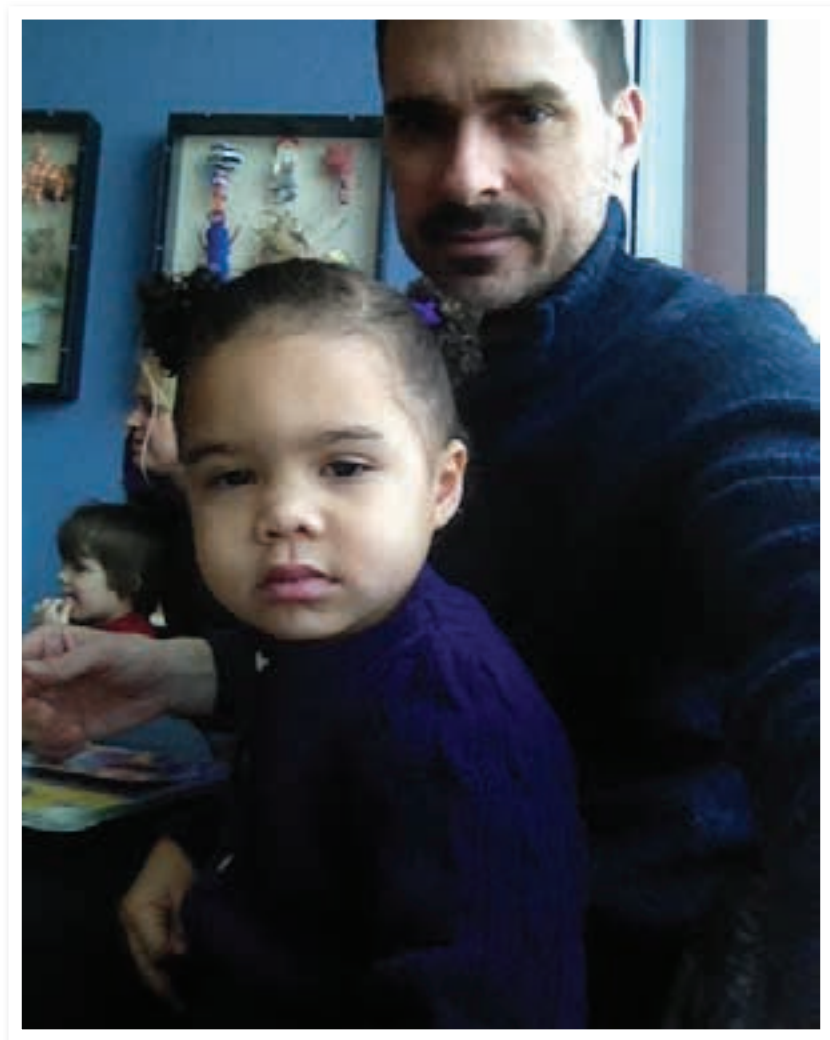
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**Life since Brandeis...**

We live in Chicago with our son, age 8, and daughter, 3.

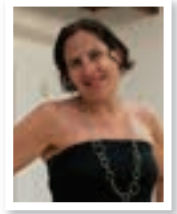
**Your fondest Brandeis memory:**

Meeting two of my closest friends, Dan Stasik and Margarita Kaplow.



# Jessica Yanow

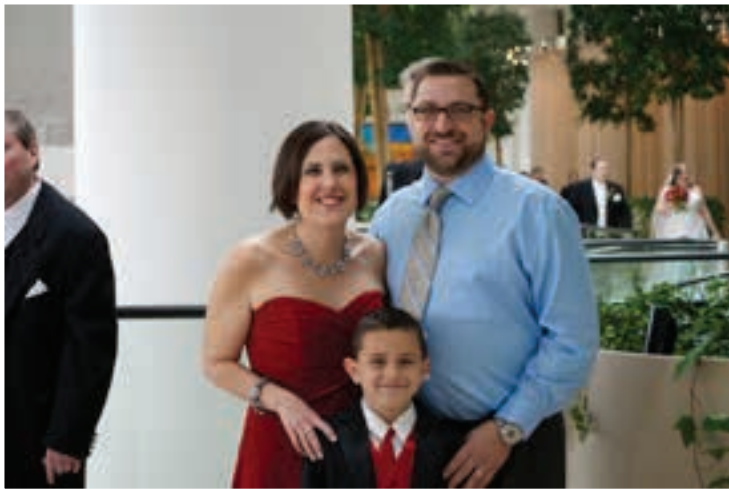
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## Life since Brandeis...

Since leaving Brandeis. I lived in Chicago for a few years, lost over 100 lbs, got married to my high school sweetheart, moved to Arizona, received a Masters Degree in Public Health, and

gave birth to a beautiful boy, Evan, who is now 7 years old. I am now living in Scottsdale and working at a statewide non-profit committed to access to healthcare for all in Arizona.





# Chava Zibman

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

After college, I lived in DC for two years and then headed to Chicago where I earned my PhD in Statistics from The University of Chicago. I am back in the DC area and am now doing health services research at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. I got married last summer and live with my husband in Silver Spring, MD.

## **The Brandeis person who left the biggest impression on you:**

My mom. She's about to retire after over 20 years on staff at Goldfarb Library. Because of her working there, I've had reason to stop by the campus every so often and see how it's changed since my time there.

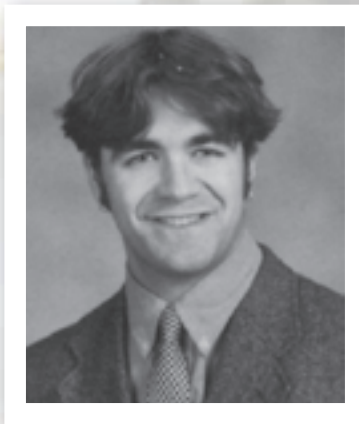




## ***In Memoriam***

**Let us remember our classmate, who is no longer with us,  
but will always be a part of us.**

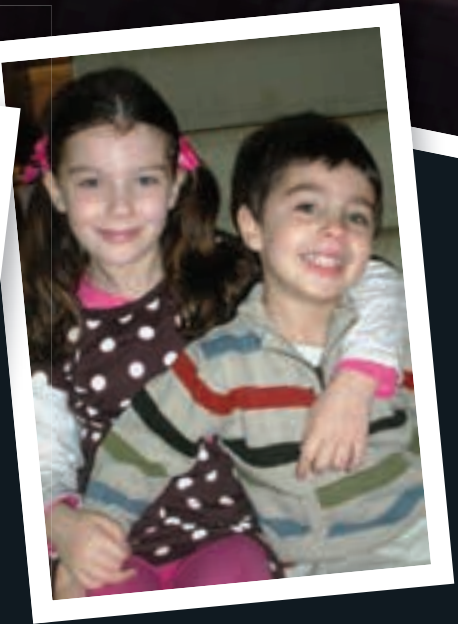
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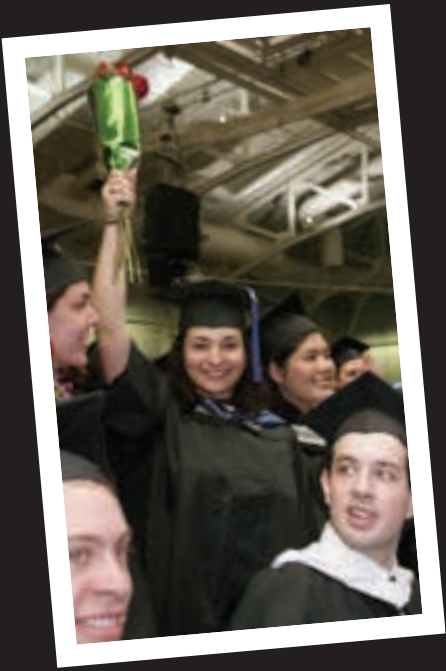
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