Brandeis
Class of 1974
45th Reunion
Yearbook
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

45TH REUNION
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Class of 1974 Timeline

**World News**

- Border battles between India and Pakistan erupt into full-scale war when India invades East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in support of the independence movement.
- Major General Idi Amin takes control of Uganda and soon becomes one of the worst and most notorious dictators of modern times.
- The IRA campaign to end British government rule causes rioting in Northern Ireland.
- Switzerland gives women voting rights in state elections.

**US News**

- The 26th Amendment to the US Constitution, formally certified by President Richard Nixon, lowers the voting age from 21 to 18.
- Walt Disney World opens in Florida.
- In an attempt to control inflation President Richard Nixon implements a 90 day freeze on wages and prices and removes the gold/silver backing from the US dollar.
- The New York Times begins to publish sections of the Pentagon Papers starting on June 13th showing the US government had been lying to the American people.
- A ban on radio and television cigarette advertisements goes into effect in the US.

**Pop Culture**

- The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts opens in Washington, D.C. with the premiere of Leonard Bernstein’s MASS.
- The Allman Brothers Band plays their legendary concert at the Fillmore East.
- The landmark television sitcom All In The Family, starring Carroll O’Connor as Archie Bunker, debuts on CBS.
- The Academy Award for Best Picture is Patton.

**Books**

- Wheels, Arthur Hailey
- The Exorcist, William P. Blatty
- The Passions of the Mind, Irving Stone
- The Day of the Jackal, Frederick Forsyth

**Movies**

- Fiddler on the Roof
- The French Connection
- Diamonds Are Forever
- Dirty Harry

**Economy**

- Average Cost of a New House: $25,250
- Average Income Per Year: $10,600
- Cost of a Gallon of Gas: 40 cents
- Cost of a United States Postage Stamp: 8 cents
- Movie Ticket: $1.50

**Inventions**

- Ray Tomlinson invents internet based email.
- The liquid crystal display (LCD) is invented by James Fergason.
- The floppy disk is invented by David Noble with IBM.

**TV Shows**

- Gunsmoke
- Here’s Lucy
- Sanford and Son
- The Mary Tyler Moore Show

**Died this Year**

- Louis Armstrong
- Jim Morrison
- James Cash (J.C.) Penney

**1971**
**Pop Culture**

HBO launches as the first subscription cable service.

The Volkswagen Beetle becomes the most popular car ever sold with over 15 million sold.

Atari kicks off the first generation of video games with the release of PONG, the first game to achieve commercial success.

Women dominate the 1971 Grammy Awards, taking all four top categories. Carole King wins Record, Album and Song of the Year, and Carly Simon wins Best New Artist award.

M*A*S*H premieres on CBS.

The first episode of *The Price Is Right* with host Bob Barker airs on CBS.

**World News**

Bloody Friday: 22 bombs explode in Belfast, Ireland; 9 people are killed and a 130 people are seriously injured.

Anti-British riots take place throughout Ireland. The British Embassy in Dublin is burned to the ground, as are several British-owned businesses.

India and Bangladesh sign a friendship treaty.

**US News**

Five men are apprehended by police in an attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C.’s Watergate complex, which marks the start of the Watergate Scandal.

The Dow Jones closes above 1000 for the first time in history.

The US Supreme Court rules that the death penalty is unconstitutional.

US President Richard Nixon orders the development of a space shuttle program.

The last draft lottery is held, a watershed event in the wind-down of military conscription in the US during the Vietnam War.

At a scientific meeting in Honolulu, Herbert Boyer and Stanley N. Cohen conceive the concept of recombinant DNA, which dramatically changes the field of biological sciences, especially biotechnology.

**Inventions**

The first scientific hand-held calculator is introduced.

The compact disk (CD) is developed by RCA.

The digital watch makes its debut.

**Books**

*Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, Richard Bach

*August 1914*, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

*The Odessa File*, Frederick Forsyth

*The Word*, Irving Wallace

**Movies**

*The Godfather*

*The Poseidon Adventure*

*What’s Up, Doc?*

*Deliverance*

*The Last Picture Show*

*Cabaret*

**TV Shows**

*Hawaii Five-O*

*Adam 12*

*Maudre*

*The Wonderful World of Disney*

**Economy**

Average Cost of a New House: $27,550

Average Monthly Rent: $165

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: 55 cents

Median Household Income: $9,697

1972

**Died this Year**

J. Edgar Hoover

Jackie Robinson

Harry Truman
World News

The US bombing of Cambodia ends, officially halting 12 years of combat activity in Southeast Asia.

The United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Denmark enter the European Economic Community, which later becomes the European Union.

The Yom Kippur War begins. This is the fourth and largest Arab-Israeli conflict. Egyptian and Syrian forces attack Israeli forces in the Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights on Yom Kippur.

Egypt and Israel sign a US sponsored cease-fire accord.

US News

The Sears Tower in Chicago is finished, becoming the world’s tallest building at 1,451 feet.

Roe V. Wade: The US Supreme Court overturns the state bans on abortion.

US President Richard Nixon announces that a peace accord has been reached in Vietnam.

Skylab, the United States’ first space station, is launched.

Economy

Average Cost of a New House: $32,500
Average Income Per Year: $12,900
A Dozen Eggs: 45 cents
Coffee: $1.90 per pound
Bread: 27 cents
Cost of Super Bowl Ad: $88,000

Died this Year

Lyndon B. Johnson
Pablo Picasso
Bruce Lee
J.R.R. Tolkien

Pop Culture

Elvis Presley’s Aloha from Hawaii television special is seen around the world by more than 1 billion viewers.

Federal Express officially begins operations with the launch of 14 small aircraft from Memphis International Airport.

Billy Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a tennis match.

Secretariat wins the Triple Crown.

The Miami Dolphins go undefeated and win the Super Bowl.

Inventions

Ethernet was invented by Bob Metcalfe and David Boggs.

The personal computer was invented by Xerox PARC.

Books

Once Is Not Enough, Jacqueline Susann
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut
Burr, Gore Vidal
The Hollow Hills, Mary Stewart

Movies

The Sting
The Exorcist
American Graffiti
The Way We Were

TV Shows

The Waltons
M*A*S*H
Kojack
The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour

1973
Pop Culture
Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth’s record by hitting his 715th homerun.

*People Weekly* magazine debuts, with Mia Farrow gracing the cover.

For safety reasons, the National Academy of Sciences calls for a temporary ban on some types of genetic engineering research.

Inventions
The Universal Product Code (UPC) is scanned for the first time, to sell a package of Wrigley’s gum at a supermarket in Troy, Ohio.

The MRI scanner is developed in the US.

The Post-It note is invented by Arthur Fry.

Books
*Centennial*, James Michener

*Watership Down*, Richard Adams

*Jaws*, Peter Benchley

*Carrie*, Stephen King

Movies
*Blazing Saddles*

*The Towering Inferno*

*Young Frankenstein*

*Earthquake*

TV Shows
*Chico and the Man*

*The Jeffersons*

*Rhoda*

*Good Times*

Economy
Average Cost of a New House: $34,900

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: 55 cents

Average Cost of a New Car: $3,750

Average Income Per Year: $13,900

Average Monthly Rent: $185

Cost of a First-class Stamp: 8 cents

Died this Year
Bud Abbott
Agnes Moorhead
Charles Lindbergh
Ed Sullivan

1974
### Top 10 1971

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<td>The Hues Corporation, “Rock the Boat”</td>
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<td>Andy Kim, “Rock Me Gently”</td>
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<td>Olivia Newton-John, “I Honestly Love You”</td>
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<td>Carl Douglas, “Kung Fu Fighting”</td>
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1974
- President: Marver H. Bernstein
- Commencement speaker: Saul Bellow (Professor and Chairman of the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago)
- Tuition: $2,900
- Room and board: $1,300
- Total undergraduates: 2,479
- Number of graduating seniors: 531

Today
- President: Ron Liebowitz
- Commencement speaker: Deborah E. Lipstadt, MA’72, PhD’76 (Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University)
- Tuition: $53,260
- Room and board: $15,260
- Total undergraduates: 3,639
- Countries represented: 56
- Number of graduating seniors: 878
Sachar International Center To be Completed by Next Fall

President Fires Dean; Seeks Replacement

Schottland Elected Third University President

Rosenstiel to Rise; Grad Dorms Planned

Admissions Rise in ’71

University Considering Summer School Program

The Justice
Opening of 6 Duplex Apartments Delayed

Most of the new Duplex apartments opened on schedule yesterday. University officials expect the six incomplete apartments to open within the next two weeks, possibly in a few days.

16 of 16 students assigned to the incomplete apartments are being housed temporarily in the Faculty Center or with other students and will receive compensation for their inconvenience. Those who have volunteered to put up the Duplex residents in the interim will not receive compensation. "It pays to have friends," Dean of Student Affairs Robert Scialli said.

Faculty Passes Plan To Revise Gen Ed

The faculty awarded preliminary approval Thursday to the Gen Ed proposal of the Educational Policy Committee by a vote of 55-16-6.

The proposal submitted to the faculty by the EPC recommended the substitution of a distribution requirement for the present general education requirement and that, "Each student will be required to complete two semester courses in each of the schools outside the school of concentration, or alternatively, a student may substitute a "University Course" for one of the two semester courses in any of the other schools. Each school council

Bernstein Favors Student Input Into Major University Decisions

President-elect Maurice Bernstein said Wednesday that he is a "strong advocate of student participation in the governing of the University," and he believes that such participation should be placed at several levels.

Bernstein, who has began a letter writing campaign to the University at every walk, believes faculty, administrators, and staff personnel, and that consultation should have a regular way to communicate with department faculty to study matters as curriculum, teaching, department requirements, and departmental affairs. Students should have "opportunities to influence the outcome" of important academic decisions, he said.

Proposal for Co-ed Housing in Some Suites Next Year Approved

Hiatt Named Board Head

Jack Hiatt was unanimously elected chairman of the Brandeis Board of Trustees last week. Hiatt, current vice-chairman, succeeds Lawrence A. Wien who has served five years and will retire June 30.

Golda Meir at Brandeis

Woman of Renown

Wien Resigns Post Of Trustee Chairman

Maher Named New Dean of Faculty
NEW WIEN SCHOLARS

YILMARD, KAREN
hyde park, mass.

YOUNG, JEFFREY
jericho, n.y.

ZELLERBACH, EART
san francisco, cal.

ZIELONY, MARILYN
london, england

ZINOBEN, JANET
chelms, mass.

ZYSOW, BERNAICE
brookline, mass.

BERMANIS, BETIA
turkey

DEBBIE, ALAZAR
ethiopia

DIANDONE, R. NIKHSSAN
ivory coast

FRANEK, MAURICE
england

FORDA, JOHN RISING
america

HOS, TINH NOOC
vietnam

KATON, CYamat
israel

FRAIDMAN, RICHARD
australia
I unknowingly completed all my coursework in December 1973. With no funds for graduate school, I knew I had to enter the workforce, so I attended a career fair at the Prudential Center in Boston. While checking out the displays, I heard someone yell, "How would you like to be in Europe at this time next year?" Having thoroughly enjoyed my summer in Italy in 1973, I immediately sought out the source. It was an Army recruiter. She explained the Army's Stripes for Skills program which allowed college graduates to enter at an accelerated rank with a guaranteed position. So, a few weeks later, I enlisted in the Army.

After basic training in Alabama (talk about a culture shock - grits, greens, and black-eyed peas?!?!), I became a social work specialist. The Army Community Service Center at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, was my duty station for the next three years. My primary responsibilities involved counseling for "waiting wives" whose spouses were overseas, and directing a therapeutic recreation program for dependent children with special needs. I met my husband there and, ironically, our first child was born with cerebral palsy. While my husband continued with his military career, I left the Army right after she was born, and we welcomed her sister two years later.

My first civilian job was working for the VA Department of Social Services as a field social worker. Two years later, upon transferring to Ft. Eustis, Virginia, I accepted a civil service position as Child Development Services Coordinator and managed the base’s preschool and child care center. My daughter needed extensive surgery in 1985, so I left that position and started graduate school first on a part-time basis, then full-time. I received my M.Ed. in guidance & counseling from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg in 1988. We had actually been relocated by the Army to Palatka, Florida, in December of 1987, so completing my thesis was a challenge.

Subsequent state jobs included foster care counselor; vocational rehabilitation specialist; and in 1991, child find specialist for Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System. I will retire from this position on June 30, 2019. Working with preschool children with special needs and their families, to identify delays and assist with accessing appropriate services (public school or other agency programs), has been very rewarding.

My older daughter had twin boys in 2006, my younger one had her son in 2014, and I am thoroughly enjoying being "Nonna." We all reside in the same town, so weekends are often spent together.

Family summer vacation favorites include the mountains of Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and the White Mountains of New Hampshire (Florida summers are TOO HOT). My husband and I also enjoy cruising to the islands of the Caribbean, especially Jamaica, Curacao, Martinique, St. Kitts and St. Johns. (Although my favorite cruise so far was to Alaska). I hope to continue traveling with my husband and family after retirement!
Joanne Arbia Gore

Daughter Carrie and grandsons
Hunter and Jacob

Daughter Sherry, grandson Braxton and
son-in-law Matt
Life at & after Brandeis...

Brandeis provided me with a world class education and three lifelong friends. After graduation, I earned a master’s degree at the University of Pennsylvania, where I met my husband. From 1979 to 1990 I worked at two state agencies, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, followed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services. I then spent more than twenty years in philanthropy working for the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. I loved the work and hope I made a positive contribution to the world.

At this late date, I have finally realized that maybe I should have listened to my father, who desperately wanted me to go to law school.
Life at & after Brandeis...

Life goes on. I considered retiring, but can't think of what I'll do when I retire. So I started the new year by changing jobs. Still writing software, but now back to chemical instrumentation; a return to the sort of things I started with. How long this will last, I don't know.

I am soon to be a grandfather. We'll see if that changes my motivation for retirement.
Bonnie Bloch

Life at & after Brandeis...

**Fondest memory:** all the fun we had

**Brandeis professors:** Hansen (Russian), Oppenheimer (political science), Diamandopoulos (philosophy)

**Next five years:** will be enjoying life and my kids and grandkids

**Life adventures to complete:** hike rim to rim in the Grand Canyon, visit Mongolia and Iceland, roam the USA either in an RV or in a tent.

**Regrets:** I didn't maintain contact with many of my Brandeis friends.

**Best things about living in Omaha for 25 years:** easy living, the College World Series and US Olympic Swim Trials
Life at & after Brandeis...

After 44 years in the newspaper sports writing game, I finally found myself with something in common with the athletes I covered. Like many of them, I became a salary cap victim in December 2018.

For the previous 12 years I'd been a general sports columnist at the Boston Herald, a move I made after 25 years at the Globe as a football, boxing and feature writer. I've also taught for the past 10 years at UMass Lowell in the political science department, and worked as a broadcaster and commentator for a number of national outlets, including HBO Sports.

Last year I collaborated with Upton Bell, son of the legendary NFL Commissioner Bert Bell (he invented the draft, OT and signed the first national NFL TV contract), on our book "Present at the Creation." It did well enough to be coming out in paperback this fall and is also available as an audio book.

These days I spend much of my time working on a documentary film on Super Bowl IV, searching for another book idea and coaching my son's Pee Wee AAA hockey team. The latter is the best use of my time. For those of you who were ever hockey parents, you know that season never ends.

Hard to believe it's been 45 years since I had the honor to sit in the English classes of Philip Rahv, the great literary critic and lecturer. Seems even longer since I was in the lacrosse locker room with Sam Brett, Stevie Tradd and so many others. Those striped socks stunk, but the rest of it was great, especially when Mike Coven, Brandeis' legendary soccer coach, took over. I learned many life lessons from Mike, who remains a friend to this day.

Brandeis was a different world for me from where I grew up. I'm ever thankful for the doors (as well as my mind) that it opened for me.

At the beach with my favorite guy, my son Jack.
Life at & after Brandeis...

Out of the Brandeis chrysalis for 45 years, I'm still managing to metamorphose.

In past decades, I tried out different iterations as though they were suits of clothes: banjo-plunker, Chicago crime reporter, Jewish journalist, competitive chess player, amateur physicist, Zen fool, online counter-missionary debater and, of course, husband and dad. More recently, I've been trying on a succession of new suits as a politician: liberal activist, arts advocate and Thomas Paine fanatic.

No doubt I've missed a few things. It's complicated.

Here's where I am currently: I live in a lovely suburban corner of L.A. called West Hills, where I've been president of the Neighborhood Council for the past several years. This is an elected position in L.A. city government, though I don't get paid for it. I make my money as a ghostwriter for union presidents and also design and edit an array of union-oriented publications.

Along with Elliot Maggin '72, I run a 16,000-member Facebook group called "West Hills, California." I chair two arts nonprofits, collect food and supplies for homeless folks, organize community cleanups and safety forums, lead hikes, etcetera. Last year, I ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the California State Assembly. Still trying on suits!

I'm still a dad -- to Sarah Brin '08, an arts curator, and Nate Brin, an aspiring welder. Alas, I'm no longer a husband since my wife, Janette, passed away six years ago.

Through it all, I continue to be grateful for my liberal arts education at Brandeis University. Without it, I would never have appreciated the context of my place in American and world civilization, nor would I have the mental tools to analyze and comprehend them. And, of course, I continue to cherish the friends I made in those topsy-turvy yet halcyon years.

I look forward to seeing you all in June.
Bill Brouillard

Life at & after Brandeis...

**Life Since Brandeis** - 45 years in the insurance industry in the Greater Boston area; MBA from the Wharton School @ UPenn. Marriage to my wife Jan; two kids: a son, Christopher, and daughter, Elyse; and now four grandkids: Juliana, Charlie, Vivian (after Tom Brady's daughter) and Alana. Retired August 1, 2018, and now spend time between North Andover and our vacation home on Cape Cod.

**Impact of Brandeis** - great educational experience and a good fit for me, with liberal arts undergrad curriculum and size of student body; certainly was a plus for grad school admission and have kept closest personal friendships with Brandeis classmates now approaching 50 years.

**Life Adventures** - have crossed off running a marathon (at age 53); making a hole-in-one (age 64); attending all six Patriots Super Bowl wins (and three painful losses); and have traveled a good deal; still want to revisit Italy, France and Ireland, and go to new places: Alaska, more of Europe.

**Summation** - Brandeis has greatly influenced my life in a number of different ways and is unquestionably one of the best decisions I ever made.
Bernie “Lee” Crawford

Life at & after Brandeis...

Our 45th reunion is a chance to reflect on how our time at Brandeis has been a positive influence in our lives. I'm grateful for the academic experiences we all had, but also for the many lasting memories of people and events from that time. Here are a few of my favorite Brandeis memories:

I got lots of lessons in humility as a freshman. For example, I had a very good high school education, but was bowled over by how smart and articulate my classmates were. Class discussions were almost always insightful, stimulating, intelligent and diverse. I routinely felt humbled.

I found our classmates were also quite accomplished outside the classroom. I remember going over to the gym my second day at school as a freshman to find a basketball game. I'd been a starter on my high school team and thought I was pretty good. I got matched against a quiet guy about my size named John Perry - another freshman just like me. John absolutely ate my lunch and didn't even look like he broke a sweat! A great Brandeis lesson in humility. (You probably recall that John later captained the Brandeis varsity team and led us to the New England championship our senior year. He was a great player.)

I also learned about taking advantage of opportunities. I lived in the Renfield dorm as a freshman and got to be president of the whole quadrangle student association just by showing up for the meeting. That gave me access to a fund of $$ set aside for quadrangle activities.

It was a time of social unrest in the country, and we all recall the 1971 May Day protest in Washington, D.C., over the war. We wanted to attend the event, so we used a bunch of quadrangle funds to buy movie cameras and film. With my roommate, Dave Urbach, and friends Lynn Golden Dolnick, Ed Dolnick and Ron Portelle, we drove down to D.C., went to some parties, and filmed the May Day demonstrations (getting both tear-gassed and arrested in the process). We then limped back to Waltham, edited our footage and added a soundtrack (the Rolling Stones’ "Street Fightin' Man"). We showed the resulting film on a big screen we put up in the middle of the quad. It was tremendous fun and a good lesson in “carpe diem.”

Finally, I learned to appreciate good luck. One of the school's most esteemed professors at the time was Marvin Meyers, who'd authored the definitive history of the presidency of Andrew Jackson. Meyers offered a class called "Jacksonian America" during one semester (equivalent to Tiger Woods offering golf lessons). For some reason, my buddy Dave Urbach and I were the only ones who signed up. To his credit, Meyers told us he'd still have the class even with just the two of us. So for the whole semester, we went to Meyers' office on an afternoon each week, and for three hours talked with the recognized expert in this part of American history about his field of expertise. It was a fantastically lucky break for us.

It would be fun to hear about your Brandeis memories. If your travels ever bring you to Austin, TX, please look me up.
Life at & after Brandeis...

With Simon, my precious one
Dwight Dickerson

Life at & after Brandeis...

45 years...wow! Greetings to my fellow classmates from the San Francisco Bay Area. The sun is shining and I am still breathing; another good day to be alive! I have fond memories of Brandeis, and especially New England autumns and springs. However, I am so not missing New England winters!

So, what have I been up to since leaving the campus with degree in hand 45 years ago? Here's the short version. I went on to law school (Michigan) immediately after graduation and then back to California. I spent a number of years working for Legal Aid, and then running a nonprofit which built affordable housing. I decided to return to academia and I am now responsible for the Paralegal Studies Program at California State University, East Bay. During this time period, I managed to raise a family and have two beautiful daughters. My older daughter is finishing her first year of medical school at the University of Arizona, and my younger daughter is starting grad school at either Columbia or NYU in the fall. Needless to say, retirement is not looming on the horizon or anytime soon.

While there were many, I need to give a shoutout to a few professors: Professor Pauli Murray (who taught me that the law can be a powerful tool in promoting justice); Professor Peter Woll (change is possible); Professor Bill Goldsmith (we all matter and you can make a difference); and Professor David Fischer (academic discipline - there are no short cuts). I feel blessed that I have been given the opportunity to pass these lessons and others along to my kids and students.

My fondest memory will always be my first day. I had never been east and was a first generation college student. It was a beautiful fall day. I came to the campus in a suit and tie, not knowing what to expect. Upon arrival, I immediately discovered that "I wasn't in Kansas anymore." The tie came off and the adventure began!
Hanging out with my "kids" in Manhattan Beach, CA

Just outside of Taos, NM, my home away from home!
Life at & after Brandeis...

Life since Brandeis: Went to law school (NYU), then worked at a large Park Avenue firm for a few years, and then at Arista Records. Since December 1983, I've been at the entertainment & media law firm now known as Grubman Shire Meiselas & Sacks, specializing in music law, and representing artists, record companies, publishers and others. (When I started there, the firm had seven lawyers, it now has forty and is the largest law firm in its field.) I'm kind of semi-retired now, on the exit ramp to full retirement. Still married to Ilene Miller '74, who retired a year ago. Three children, the oldest is married with two children (our grandchildren) and a third on the way (due about the time of our reunion).

I do have some specific fond memories of Brandeis, but what I remember in general is the luxury we had of living in this social/academic bubble for four years, suspended between childhood and the adult world, with few responsibilities and living almost exclusively among others our own age.
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I continue to practice family law in Palm Springs, CA. The town has become hip in recent years. If I ever was hip, I have become unhip. If you don't believe me, ask my twenty-something daughters.

Elaine and I are in our 28th year of marriage. If more people were like us, I'd have to find another way to make a living.

Both of our daughters graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park. Chloe now works in social media marketing at Ticketmaster in Los Angeles. Gwynne recently got engaged (yes, we like the boy a lot), is teaching at a Jewish pre-school in Silver Springs, MD, and will start a master's degree program in museum management at Georgetown in September.

Elaine is planning to retire from teaching (local continuation high school) in a little less than two years. I am thinking about retirement, but haven't figured out what I want to do with the next chapter of my life. For the time being, and at least until she retires, I will continue working.

I'm a co-founder and the current president of our local flying club and am in the process of getting qualified in the A36 Bonanza we recently acquired. G-d willing, I will be signed-off by the instructor by the time you read this. I've wanted to fly this make/model since I got my private pilot's license in 1991. I find flying both engaging and a good release from earthly cares. Occasionally I even get some useful transportation out of the deal.

I look back fondly at my Brandeis years. My current perspective on our alma mater is less positive. Although I'm on the left coast, I've moved to the right politically, whereas Brandeis seems to have swallowed the political correctness thing/extreme liberal thing, hook, line, and sinker. I'd like to see the university pursue balance rather than worship at the altar of diversity, and figure out what it really offers these days. The "only Jewish-sponsored, small, liberal arts research university" seems to have lost its relevance in recent decades. Then again, marketing itself was never our school’s strong point.

If you get to the Coachella Valley, give me a ring.
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Prof. Alan Grossman - taught how to truly read
Prof. Michael Henchman - taught how to think

chemistry

Son Roee ’09 and grandson Adam

Spouse Amy

Grandchildren Noam and Ayala
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Brandeis provided the rightsized environment where we could learn from and interact with bright passionate faculty, as well as our fellow students. Where faculty and administration “went to bat for us.” Where my faculty advisor told me what I didn't want to, but needed to hear: "Don’t apply to graduate schools in clinical psychology; consider law school and be an "advocate for many."

Our (late) president, Marver Bernstein, provided an interesting summer job after graduation, and several introductions that ultimately shaped my post-Brandeis education and career. To this day, I still provide that mentorship and help to others.

Dean Schulkin selected "S" and me as Brandeis Congressional Interns in D.C., where we were present at the Watergate hearings. Later, my brief year with the Waltham Police Department was humbling. It showed me what an organization was like when it was imperative for individuals to work collectively and have each other's backs. This helped orient me for law school.

Brandeis was where we developed lifelong friends through shared values and adventures, and where we explored branching out from our comfort zones. In 1970, our desire for social justice participation in “tikkun olam” (a term I wasn't even aware of then) was heightened by the atrocities and movements of the era we attended (Woodstock; Kent State; Vietnam; Watergate; and the preceding assassinations of MLK and RFK). Brandeis sought students drawn to those lofty values and incorporated them in its syllabus.

Close friends, to this day, turned hobbies, passions and callings into how they made a living. From the Brandeis radio station to professionally mastering many a Grateful Dead recording, "D" still volunteers with a fire and rescue department. "K", who spent his spare time in Spingold and making music, joined the Ringling Brothers circus. Now many years later, "K" volunteers as a children's hospital clown. "A", who lost his own mom to cancer, did cutting edge hematologic research as a gifted physician and professor, yet for years continued to 'moonlight' as a community hospital ER doc, providing the needy with access to care.

"M" an accomplished dissolution lawyer, strives instead to make awful situations less acrimonious and practically resolved. He also co-founded a synagogue, where there was none nearby. "S" leverages his professional success to make pro bono legal services more accessible.

What have I learned since Brandeis?

True success, as Ralph Emerson purportedly said, is: "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
Michael Goldenkranz

With daughter, Sarah

With Jillybean

With son, David, and grandson, Adin
Jane Goldman Ostrowsky

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I have been happily married to Mark Ostrowsky for 38 years and have three wonderful children; David '06, a writer who lives in Natick; Sharon, a teacher who lives in NYC; and Jonathan '13, who's just completed his 2nd year at UCLA School of Law.

Mark and I also have an adorable four-year-old granddaughter, Colby Rose, who lives nearby in Natick.

I have been very busy with a successful career in real estate at Coldwell Banker in Newton Centre (2018 International Diamond Society), team captain of Newton's Women's Spring Tennis Team, trustee of Temple Emanuel in Newton, and numerous ski and beach vacations with my family.

I hope to see many of my fellow Brandeisians at our 45th!
Life since Brandeis: I've had several different career paths in the medical field of infectious diseases and traveled around the world, including to Sierra Leone to help set up adult and pediatric Ebola vaccine clinics. However, as the pictures I've chosen show, my greatest joy is to return home to be with my children and grandchildren.
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As a transfer student at Brandeis, I never really was integrated into campus life, primarily because the University offered transfer students NO student housing. My best friend at school was Joel Linzner, not coincidentally also a transfer student.

I was drawn to Brandeis for the American studies department and quickly formed a bond with the new American studies professor, Steve Whitfield. Steve not only oversaw my senior honors thesis (on populism versus elitism in America), but joined Joel and me and several other friends at a newly opened tennis club in Sudbury where I worked. They would all show up on Thursday nights when I closed the facility and we would play tennis until 1:00 AM. Thankfully, we did not have class on Friday.

I recently saw that Steve had retired from Brandeis, sent him a congratulatory e-mail, and reconnected for lunch when he visited DC.

I particularly enjoyed the small seminars that I took with Max Lerner and John Roche.

I also remember taking one or two English classes with Christie Hefner. I got a kick out of the fact that any book that I liked, she did not, and any book she liked, I hated.

After Brandeis, I moved to Washington, DC, to go to Georgetown University Law Center. My first job was during the summer of 1975 at a small white-collar crime boutique where we represented John Mitchell in the Watergate case. I have worked on many high-profile investigations since then--Koreagate (representing Tongsun Park); Abscam (representing Ozzie Meyers); Iran/Contra (representing Fawn Hall); Drexel Burnham (representing the firm's chief high-yield bond trader); the theft of trade secrets dispute between General Motors and Volkswagen (representing VW); and the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal (representing my law partner, Vernon Jordan).

I am lucky to say that I love what I do--how many lawyers do you know that can say that?

Very shortly after starting law school in 1974, several of my classmates and I started playing basketball on Friday afternoons. Once we graduated, we quickly found a gym and formed the Saturday Morning Basketball Association. I am the commissioner and am proud to say that we are still at it, 45 years later. One of my buddies and I just organized a celebration of the game where we invited everyone we could find who had played over the 45 years to join us at a local venue for BBQ and live music.

Live music has always been a passion of mine. The first concert I ever went to was The Beatles. I even got to meet them backstage that night. I started taking my son to concerts when he was twelve. He is now 24 and we have been to 113 concerts together. Oftentimes, I am the oldest person at the venue by 30 years. My motto is “live music is life.”
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I continued to play soccer in the Boston area, Syracuse, and lastly the Chicago area, as my post-college education and career progressed after Brandeis. A knee injury finally convinced me it was time to quit competitive soccer at about 45 years old.

I married after Brandeis, and my wife and I are proud of our two daughters.

I started out in research neuroscience, changed course and became an ENT physician. As such, I removed tons of tonsils, adenoids, and tumors from throats, basketfuls of wax and assorted foreign bodies from ears, and no small amount of loose change from children’s throats. I am currently working in medical quality and safety and surgical quality improvement for Advocate health system in the Chicago area.

I still miss playing

Barry Harsip ’73, John Fobia ’73 and me at Brandeis’ Athletic Hall of Fame induction for John Fobia

With my family
Steve “Buddy” Greene

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I truly enjoyed my three years at Brandeis (junior year was in Israel). From joining the WBRS radio team early on; to meeting new friends and reconnecting with old friends; from playing the guitar with friends singing along while sitting on the wall; to planning what I thought my life's work would be; I really appreciated my time at the university.

I was lucky, our family home was just a half hour away. So I had the best of both worlds, being with my family and my friends. It was a wonderful time in my life.

Rabbi Kenneth Greene ’69, Steve Greene ’74, Richard Greene ’76
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Forty-five+ years since graduation! A long time! I can still picture myself sitting in the back of my parents' car, driving onto campus for freshman orientation. We unloaded my stuff, they left, I cried for about 10 seconds and the adventure began. It is truly hard to comprehend how almost forty-nine years have passed since that day.

What has happened since 1974? I graduated with a double major in math and psychology and found that got me almost nowhere career-wise. I completed an MBA in marketing research. I met my husband, Irwin, five days after graduating Brandeis and we are still together after 45 years, 40 of them spent married (this June.) A fairly serious accident sidetracked my life in my twenties. As working was difficult due to health issues, in 1982 we moved to the suburbs, and planned to start our family. We have been in Ardsley, in Westchester, NY, ever since. In 1984, Tracy was born. She is now a partner, practicing intellectual property law, in a large firm in Palo Alto, CA. Her sister, Laura, followed in 1987, and she's our city girl. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, and works as a marketing manager for a company that does indoor farming.

I did a lot of volunteering during our girls' early years: class mother; Girl Scout leader; various board positions for numerous organizations; and for the last decade+, the class representative for our alumni magazine. My husband and I have done a fair amount of traveling, and we're big fans of New York theater. I enjoy photography, and can average 4,000 photos on a 10-day vacation. They're my visual diary of our travels, even if afterwards they only live on my computer.

I haven't had a paid job for decades, due to health challenges. However, I find myself leading a busy life and it is rewarding to stay involved with family, friends and Brandeis. My mother and father (90 and 92) live in Florida, and I do not take a single phone conversation, or visit with them, for granted.

The new love of our life is Aurora Brynja (an Icelandic middle name), our first grandchild, born in January, to Tracy and her husband, Jón. While normally we would be unabashedly happy about this, Aurora decided to arrive 12 weeks early, at 28 weeks gestational age. As of this writing (in April) Aurora has spent nine weeks in a NICU and five weeks in intermediate care. Happily, she seems to be doing well, and we're expecting her to be released from the hospital soon. I'm hoping by the reunion, I can talk about our beautiful little granddaughter, who is at home and doing well.

So, to all of you from the class of 1974, it was a pleasure having our lives intersect for those four formative years. I look forward to seeing those of you who will attend our 45th Reunion. I will miss those of you who can't make it. Start planning on attending our 50th! Finally, as our class correspondent, I truly do hope you will all stay in touch. May the bonds we made at Brandeis continue always.
Sharon Hammer Rubin

Hanging out in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Celebrating my 65th with Irwin, Tracy, Laura & son-in-law, Jón

My family, my sister's family and my parents celebrate my mom's 90th
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I served as Chairman, CEO, of Playboy Enterprises for twenty years, making me the longest serving female CEO of a publicly traded company. I left in 2008 and have had a portfolio of activities over the last decade that includes companies I serve on the board of or as an advisor to. This includes not-for-profits like Springboard, which is an accelerator for women tech entrepreneurs and women corporate directors, which works to get more women on corporate boards. I also am involved in political engagement through the support of candidates and as a director of the leading progressive public policy think tank, The Center for American Progress Action.

What I loved most about Brandeis was the vigorous intellectual debate, and two of my favorite professors were Larry Fuchs and Alan Levitan. I also had the privilege of being in a writing seminar with Adrienne Rich.
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After Brandeis, I went to Stanford and earned my MA in Creative Writing and PhD in English and American Literature, focusing on Yiddish American poetry.

I studied Hebrew at Ulpan Etzion in Jerusalem, then taught English at Wellesley College for four years.

In 1986, I married David Stern, and have taught Yiddish and Jewish literature at the University of Pennsylvania since 1993, where I'm a professor and direct the Jewish Studies Program.

Our daughter Rebecca (a grants officer) and her family (husband Jesse and son Matthew), as well as our son Jonah (an independent film maker), live in Philadelphia. David now teaches at Harvard, so we share the commute between our two homes.


In terms of memories of Brandeis and what I learned there: I remain grateful to my Brandeis professors, especially the late J.V. Cunningham, Allen Grossman, Adrienne Rich (from whom I learned so much about writing and reading and translating poetry), and Emmanuel Goldsmith (who introduced me to Yiddish literature). I remember a wonderful course on classical Greek art, especially the amphoras and vases, although I have forgotten the name of the professor. A team-taught course on "20th Century Physics and its Philosophical Implications" stays with me, as well as an anthropology course on the family, in which I performed sub-par, but which introduced me to texts and concepts that I use today in my own teaching and research.

I have fond memories of Brandeis friends from those wild and crazy years and am lucky to remain in touch with Merle Bachman, Jonathan Imber, and Marvin Pinkert. I also treasure other friends who are in one way or another Brandeis alumnae and who I've gotten to know in various parts of my life long after 1974--Sara Horowitz, Maera Shreiber, Lori Lefkovitz, Betsy Teutsch, Peninah Berdugo...

Jonah, Jesse, Matthew & Rebecca, me & David
January 2019
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After 30+ years in the mortgage business, in Washington, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, I retired in 2017. It was a good career for me, working with lots of dedicated people and helping folks buy or refinance their homes.

After a year of transitioning, my husband and I are ready to do some traveling. We have purchased a small RV and plan on revisiting parts of the country we've already seen, and heading to areas that we've "missed" so far. With family and friends scattered around the U.S., there are reasons to go just about everywhere!

Back here in New Hampshire, we enjoy time at Lake Winnipesaukee most weekends. I've also been a volunteer for the past four years with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. It was a natural outgrowth of my mortgage underwriting experience and has been a good way to fill time during the winter months. Clients are most appreciative, and it helps keep my brain cells active.

As far as what I got out of my Brandeis experience, I think the most valuable thing has been friendships that continue to this day. Though we don't see each other often, we pick up with each other easily and we certainly still enjoy sharing vacations and family celebrations. It gets a little harder each year to remember the old days, so it is great that we are still creating new memories!
After graduation, I went to law school, worked for the Massachusetts court system, the National Labor Relations Board and the Massachusetts State Senate, where I am currently employed. My husband and I raised our family in Bethesda, Maryland, and then moved back to Boston more than ten years ago. We have really enjoyed reconnecting with family and some old Brandeis friends!
After Brandeis, I worked selling steel for a couple years, and then attended Northeastern School of Law. After graduating, I left the Boston area and moved to Milwaukee. I've worked for a small law firm, a mid-size law firm, and now a very large law firm. I spent the first half of my career working on urban sprawl projects, and I've been atoning for those actions in the last half of my career by focusing on economic development transactions and urban infill projects. The work and the results are rewarding, and I plan on continuing for another year or so.

We have three wonderful sons, and we are really lucky because we truly love their wives as our daughters. One of our sons made the brave move of making Aliyah right out of high school, and still lives in Israel. We have the three best grandchildren in the world, perfect in every way. Even the newborn one in Israel that we won't get to pick up very frequently.

We spend time in Hollywood, FL; Elkhart Lake, WI; and of course, with our kids. We love hiking, biking, paddle boarding, and the like. Brandeis did not prepare me for those activities, but it was instrumental in forming me. I think of lessons learned, and people from Brandeis, regularly.
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The computer center was my primary focus as an undergraduate. More than academics, it was a social venue and a career-building venue. I am still in regular contact with several of my friends from Brandeis. (I sorely miss my Brandeis friends that have passed.)

The computer center led me to Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) - my one and only employer. DEC offered me a position traveling through the west and conveniently landing me in Silicon Valley in 1976. Like so many of my peers, Silicon Valley infused me with an eagerness to create companies. I found starting companies from scratch to be both exciting and gratifying. I started down the entrepreneurial path in October 1977.

March 2000 brought my exit from the company I created. The question I faced then was, “What next?” This question is one most of us face now, as we contemplate leaving the work force. I tried several activities: consulting, synagogue boards, investing in plays. (Remember “Tuesdays with Morrie”?!) At the time, some of our classmates were on the Brandeis Alumni Board and they pressed me into service. I found this to be my favorite work-like activity.

Life being what it is, I currently find myself enmeshed in an enterprise my former clients and teammates encouraged me to pursue. It is growing like a weed and I am looking forward to turning this company over in the not-too-distant future. I hope to return to my Brandeis activities again soon thereafter.

Over the years, I was also lucky to have found someone who would marry me. Further, that we had three children - who are all doing well. Even luckier, that one of my kids married young and has provided me with three adorable grandchildren.
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I actually miss the time research was done in "the stacks," and keeping in touch with friends meant going to their dorm room to talk. I remember learning to drive, in my dorm counselor's (Jeff Schwamm) blue Mustang convertible. At Brandeis, I learned how to think creatively, and independently.

I retired in 2005, after a fulfilling career in pediatric critical care and pediatric anesthesiology. Now, I enjoy underwater photography, rock climbing, mountaineering, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and I just bought a SUP (stand up paddleboard).

I've found fulfillment on medical missions around the globe. While traveling across Europe by bicycle, I fell in love with Italy, where I return, often.

Several years ago, I visited Betsy and Danny Pfau, in Martha's Vineyard, and was lucky enough to have spent time with Roger and Fran Sohn. I try to keep in contact with classmates Don Friedman, Rick Silver, Larry Kaplan, Michael Goldenkranz and Mark Gershenson.

Currently, I volunteer, teaching critical thinking to med students, and physiology to undergrads. Both are fulfilling, the later sometimes daunting.

I have a waterfront condo in Dillon, CO, where I now spend most of my time, and you're all invited to stay there, to ride, hike, climb, SUP, ski and snowshoe. Or, just stare at Peak One, drink, or keep up with Colorado's legal pastime. I look forward to seeing all of you in May!
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Last time I wrote for our reunion yearbook it was, "Wow! 40 years since we graduated." Now it's, "Wow! Five years since our last reunion and it seems like yesterday."

A lot has happened since 2014. Life as a retired person has been a joy. Lots of travel (African safaris, lower Danube cruise, Cuba, Israel, Petra, Wadi Rum (where "The Martian" was filmed), as well as annual treks back and forth between Massachusetts and Florida.

The highlight is the birth of our first grandchild to daughter Lauren and her wife, Gabby. Raea Jordan D'angelo-Klein is a joy. Unfortunately, they live in Michigan and we live in Florida and Massachusetts. So we get to see them mostly by video chat.

A couple of years ago we established FL residency, although we still spend five months a year in MA. This change helps our tax situation. But it also allows us to vote in FL. We worked hard for democratic candidates this past year but, alas, the villains still won. (You may or may not agree with my politics, but you have to admit that with the current Republican administration has come a decidedly horrific decline in our country. I make no apology for the complete disdain in which I hold our nation’s leadership.)

Both of our daughters have married and are living great lives. Lauren is a school social worker; her wife, Gabby, a financial advisor for Fidelity. Ariel is the brewmaster at one brewery and the assistant brewmaster at a second brewery, both in Seattle; she teaches brewing and writes a very creative blog on the subject. Her husband, Eric, is a rocket engineer for Blue Origin. (No progeny in the plan yet for them.)

A little blip in the physical activities has been caused by my need for a new hip. We are definitely an aging cohort. I have two things to say about that: “Thank goodness for Medicare” and “We should all continue to age for a long time.”

I credit the Brandeis Gilbert and Sullivan Society with sparking my interest in singing. Not that I'm very good at it. I have a very tolerant voice teacher. When south, my wife, Shelley, and I sing with our community's chorus (of which we are co-presidents). When north, we sing with a chapter of the Threshold Choir. This is a marvelous organization that sings to people on the threshold of death to help comfort them. I will never be good enough to be a bedside singer. But associating with these wonderful people and occasionally singing at a memorial with them is especially uplifting.

I still can't believe it's been almost half a century since we all met as freshmen! I look forward to seeing as many of you as come to the reunion and I do hope it will be many.
Shelley and me at our finest

Gabby, 5-week-old Raea, and Lauren

Eric and Ariel get married
"Waitress," I said.

He nodded again. "Waitresses don't make a lot, so you'll probably live outside of Paris, right?"

I felt a knocking in my heart. I hadn't thought of this. "I guess," I said.

"And you'll have to work an 8-hour day to make your rent," he said. "So... you'll probably write into the night, right? But that doesn't matter if you have no social life, right? Because it's only the writing that matters."

The knocking grew louder. "How much free time do you have now at Brandeis?" he asked. "To write, and whatever else?"

I thought about all those times I sat out on the grass outside North A and wrote, all the times I hitched into Boston with friends, all the times I just did--and loved--my school work. All that freedom. I never left school. I still wrote.

So here it is, a million years later. I became a novelist! (Honest! I'm not lying. Check out carolineleavitt.com.) I was on the New York Times Best Sellers list twice. I've won awards for my novels and for my scripts. I share my life with my writer/editor husband. He is the editor of bestclassicbands.com, as well as the award-winning author of “Got a Revolution!” and “Shell Shocked?” We have an actor son, just 22. And the only thing that is missing is I need a Brandeis tee-shirt.

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I went to Brandeis determined to be a writer. The only trouble was everyone told me no. I managed to get into a writing class with a then very famous professor who had me in tears in the first class, holding up my story with the edge of his fingers and quietly saying to the class, "So let's now discuss this garbage." But I didn't give up. I kept coming to every class, even though he never changed his opinion of my work. It wasn't until two years after I was out of college that I published my first novel, “Meeting Rozzy Halfway,” to great acclaim. I sent him a copy with a note that said, “See? You were wrong.” To my surprise, he wrote back and told me he had been so hard on me because he wanted to toughen me up for what he saw that might be ahead of me. I laughed. I didn't believe him. I kept writing.

I wish I could remember the name of the professor who truly DID change my life. I had decided to drop out of school at the beginning of my sophomore year, to go to Paris and become a writer. Brandeis told me I had to speak to 3 professors in the English department about it before I made a final decision. The first two professors I spoke to just tried to talk me out of it. But the third! All I remember about him is he wore a sweeping cape across campus, and that he once stayed in North B to experience dorm life for himself. He listened to me and instead of immediately dissuading me like the other professors, he said, "Well, then. So how are you going to afford this?"
Me at Brandeis

Our amazing talented actor son,
Max Tamarkin

My partner in crime,
my husband Jeff Tamarkin

Our novels
Since leaving Brandeis I have enjoyed a life filled with family, great friends and interesting work. I was married for 30 years and have three children, Adam (40) works for CVS Health in Rhode Island and is a Brandeis graduate; Amy (37) graduated from Hofstra U, got married in May 2015 and is currently working for Maine Health as an EPIC system specialist; David (35), graduated from U of Hartford, got married in October 2017 and currently works for Mt. Sinai Health Partners in NYC as senior director, plan sponsor channel lead. I am now divorced and still live part of the week in Portland, ME and most of the week in Watertown, MA with my SO, Hillel Korin ’72.

I have worked in education, sales, marketing and non-profit development. My current position is a senior marketing events specialist for AllWays Health Partners, part of Partners Healthcare, in Somerville, MA.

Pam Sacks Weil and Joan Smith Clemons are still close friends and I try to get together with them often. We all had one of our children get married in 2017-2018 and it was wonderful to celebrate these simchas together.

I have been involved with Lyric Music Theater (a community theater in South Portland, ME) for many years and enjoy performing in shows, as well as producing shows. I am a volunteer usher for Portland Ovations and at the Maine State Music Theater in the summer. I have always been involved in several community organizations and I am currently on the board of the Jewish Community Alliance (JCA) in Portland. However, it has become more challenging finding time for volunteer work as I spend at least four days per week working in MA.

I often meet other Brandeis alumni and enjoy talking about our shared experiences at Brandeis.

My years at Brandeis taught me to be a life-long learner. I find that I am always interested to learn something new and enjoy being challenged to think about issues from many perspectives. The liberal arts courses gave me an opportunity to learn about different ways of thinking and to always ask questions.

I also learned a great deal about different groups of people. Forty-five years ago, Portland, ME did not have a very diverse population, and I enjoyed learning about other cultures from many of the students at Brandeis. Those experiences helped me to want to learn more about various cultures and people.

In the next few years I plan to continue working and enjoying my leisure time. I would like to travel more and hope to find more opportunities to take interesting courses through Senior College and OLLI. My goal is to retire from full-time employment in a few years and begin my next adventure working part-time and/or volunteering for organizations and causes that are important to me.
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My life since Brandeis: After graduating from Northeastern School of Law, I have followed a career of representing individuals and families who are routinely denied access to justice.

I worked as a legal services attorney for 18 years, starting in Kentucky and then landing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where I made my home, married and raised a family. In New Mexico, I continued my legal services career as executive director of a legal aid program and then represented plaintiffs in personal injury, product liability and medical malpractice matters.

In 2007, I was asked to head up the consumer protection division of the attorney general's office, which allowed me to focus not only on litigation, but also consumer protection policy at the state level. Most recently, I served as deputy director of enforcement, policy and strategy at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, D.C. - an exciting opportunity for the final phase of my career.

Now, I am back in New Mexico - where I am exploring semi-retirement and new opportunities to continue giving back to my community while having time for other pursuits. My two daughters have recently moved back to New Mexico to the delight of my husband and myself.

The Brandeis professor who left the biggest impression on me was Pauli Murray. Professor Murray's classes on civil rights led to my profession in the law, civil rights and access to justice. I am forever grateful to her for her extraordinary, and until recently unrecognized, work in the civil rights and women's rights movements, her personal mentorship, and her willingness to share her experiences and knowledge with her students.
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It is hard to summarize 45 years since our Brandeis graduation. Some words of description: family, friends, work, play, learning, singing, knitting, temple, community, Mussar, worry, loss, laughter, tears, joy, meaning, love.

I feel blessed to have a wonderful marriage to Phil Benjamin ’73 for 42 years; two sons; meaningful work as an attorney and mediator; special community with our temple; participation in interfaith activities (including Daughters of Abraham); lifelong learning; and so much more.

A haiku I wrote years ago seems a good summary:

The winged bird of time
memories fly in the mind
a sort of prayer.
Fondest Memory and biggest impact on my life: I transferred into Brandeis as an anthropology student at a time when the campus was transforming from student movements. I immediately made friends with the Wein Scholars from Peru, South Africa, India, Nigeria, and the world. We danced, we talked, and these friends have inspired me with their leadership and accomplishments in medicine, fisheries science and more.

Impact: The most transformative experience was being selected for one of the first Sachar International undergraduate research grants and going to Peru in 1973 with a research plan, a few hundred dollars and a list of relatives of my Peruvian Brandeis friends. That experience formed my loves, values and my career as a community and regional planner and applied anthropologist dedicated to development that builds on identity and culture.

The anthropology faculty was internationally known. Helen Codere, known for her studies of Northwest Native Art, for example, inspired me to travel to northern British Columbia. I later applied her lessons in political and economic anthropology to urban and regional planning practice and doctoral research, which I embarked upon after a planning career. While in academia, I was able to study Quechua, support colleagues in Ecuador to address the governance of natural and indigenous landscapes, and finally to return to Peru to present at the UNESCO World Biosphere Congress and return to a much-transformed Andean city of Huancayo.

I currently work with the federal government on resilience initiatives. In my next phase, I plan to dance, return to New Mexico and Idaho, and re-engage internationally to build culturally grounded regional planning programs with university partners.

Change: In the 1970s, we were not constructively engaged in Latin America, and unfortunately, we are repeating many mistakes. Brandeis challenges us all to think, build bridges, seek justice and find values that cross Judaism, Christianity, Muslim and other faiths. Our daughter exemplifies that combination of critical thinking and values as she develops a career in digital marketing while being devoted to women's leadership, preventing human trafficking, and other social transformations. I am still hoping she will consider a graduate degree with the Heller School. Brandeis is a place where those who would otherwise be on different sides in this world can learn to reason together.
Sandra Lee Pinel

Daughter, Amber Atalaya,
in Cuenca, Ecuador, 2015

Hiking the Mallard Larkins while on the faculty of U Idaho

Field work - Proposed Ramsar site, Southern Ecuador, 2015
Marvin Pinkert

Life at & after Brandeis...

Brandeis seems so impossibly far away. What would I say to the nebbishy little kid whose hobbies were writing bad poetry, bad radio plays and hanging around Usdan passing literature between the Young Americans for Freedom table and the Revolutionary Communist Youth table to see if I could provoke a reaction? Would he believe me if I told him he was going to be a Foreign Service officer, a microcomputer salesman and a university administrator? How surprised would he be if I told him that he managed to mine his childhood passion for museums into a 30+ year career?

And what if I told him that the beautiful young lady (Melanie Terner ’75) he met in his senior year - because his suite mates played field hockey against his door at 2 a.m. forcing him to seek asylum on the extra bed on the floor below - would be his wife of 42 years? And children?

I was certain I was unqualified to ever be a father when I went to Brandeis. Well, now my daughter is 35 and working as a communications specialist for Harvard Graduate School and my son is a 30-year-old software engineer in Ann Arbor (but I'm still not sure I was ever qualified).

How would I explain to my younger self that Consciousness III in “The Greening of America” turned out to be a fad in a lifetime of fads? - That durable change happens slowly, often barely noticeably.

I had transferred to Brandeis after being tear gassed in my freshman dorm at GWU, because I wanted to be where they PLANNED the demonstrations rather than where they executed them. In retrospect, I realize that I also came because of the homemade ice cream in the cafeteria. And while I never ended up planning a demonstration, I still love great ice cream.

I am not sure I would tell my younger self to do anything differently (except worry less). After all, this is the place where he would meet two of the most important people in his life. The first, Brandeis VP David Steinberg, would be a lifelong confidant, boss (twice) and advisor. David's exceptional letters of recommendation helped me get scholarships to Yale and Northwestern, my gig in USIA, and my first job in the museum field at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. The second person is American studies professor Steve Whitfield, whose course on the period 1890 to 1917 was probably the most influential class of my unexpected future.

Next fall I return to my roots with the special exhibit – “Scrap Yard: Innovators of Recycling” - an homage to the people who paved the way for me to be a liberal arts major in college. I think this may be the answer to my father's persistent question - "So what are you going to do with a degree in English from Brandeis?"  Come visit me at the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore and see for yourself.

In the historic Lloyd Street Synagogue at the Jewish Museum of Maryland

Stef, Anna, Becca, Alan, Melanie and me at Becca and Alan's wedding in October
I have been on the faculty of Hamilton College since 1983. I have focused my research on the philosophy of Spinoza, an interest that started at Brandeis with Professor Altmann.

In recent years, I have tried to think through Spinoza's moral psychology from every possible perspective and the latest of these forays has been into the new brain sciences.


I am now working on a new book project, “Spinoza and the Remaking of American Civil Religion: Insights from the Jewish Philosophical Tradition and Affective Neuroscience.”

My only daughter, Simha Ravven, M.D., is now 42 and a forensic psychiatrist on the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine's Department of Law and Psychiatry, as well as chief medical officer of the Brattleboro Retreat Hospital. She has two daughters, Lucy (7) and Yael (3).

My husband, Eric Evans, is devoting his retirement to becoming quite a well-known poet, while also continuing to play the Japanese shakuhachi quite seriously. I have no plans to retire yet and continue to enjoy teaching and research.
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Because I liked school, I got three graduate degrees. I went into social work, provided family therapy in schools and ran a children’s outpatient department (kids and families); then I went into computers. I worked for the Mass. Department of Education, The Computer Museum, and Mass. General Hospital. I produced websites and clinical videos and installed and ran simulated breathing, talking, and cardiac-arresting mannequins for training.

The world of Brandeis in the ’70s - sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll - was a great place to encounter different people, try new things and approaches, explore ideas, and try to fix the world. Apparently, it was the perfect training ground for us to address the insanity, illegality, greed, narcissism, racism, misogyny, economic disparity, chaos, capitalism, and lies unto their innermost parts.

I retired last year and in five years see myself very retired and perhaps in a warmer climate. Maybe I'll write a book as it seems like a rite of passage at 65 or so.

On my bucket list: I flew an airplane and it stayed up. I'm not sure what else needs to be done, but if I find out I will do it.

Kristine Rosenthal, in the sociology department, was my greatest influence at Brandeis. Without mentioning it much, she taught the theories of Karl Marx and of feminism, things I already believed, but had no words, nor context for. At graduation, she asked me if I wanted a job, and gave me a job on the Carnegie grant called “Women Career Options.” I used to answer the phone, "Women and Corruption," but nobody noticed. The idea of it was to give women job options other than nurse, teacher or secretary. It looks like we did a good job since all my women friends who left Brandeis eventually became lawyers, ALL of them except me. They must've been influenced by Louis Brandeis.

Great things at Brandeis were Shapiro the first "co-ed" dorm. It wasn't so much that it was co-ed, it was just that the parents were so liberal that they were willing to sign off on us living there, so we had a lot of fun. I was sorry to see that the castle was decapitated. I don't care that there were rats there. It was the site of Cholmondeley’s and I guess still is, and the perfect location for alcohol and drug-induced Bronstein day fantasies. I also miss the old mail room where in order to get your mail you had to wade through a foot-and-a-half ocean of discarded mail.

Well, I hope we have the energy to fix this world because I don't think the new kids on the block can do it all on their own. I have one positive thing to say about Donald Trump, he radicalized a whole bunch of people overnight. And now that everyone has a camera in their pocket, the revolution will be televised. I'm pretty sure of that.
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Brandeis certainly was the foundation for my professional development, academic interests and my career. I was inspired, particularly, by Claire Golomb to study developmental psychology; by Rabbi Al Axelrad to fight for social justice; and by my advisor Dr. Teruhisa Matsusaka. Each encouraged me and supported me at critical points to do my best and be myself. I am grateful for my close friends from those years!

After Brandeis, I went on to graduate school at Harvard, where I specialized in measurement and evaluation in human development which enabled me to use my background in mathematics and psychology. After several years on the research faculty, I joined a start-up, Work/Family Directions, which was the first company of its kind to focus on work-life and family issues both in the US and globally.

After 35 years, I am transitioning to part-time consulting and spending more time with family, particularly my grandchildren who live in Natick, MA, and Brooklyn, NY.

My husband, Jim Caron, is a child psychologist in Lexington, MA, still working most of the time and nurturing his music avocation. For those of you who remember my son Todd, who was 6 weeks old when I started college, he is an award-winning film editor. My daughter, Alissa, works in global public health and my youngest, Alex, is a professional musician.

We've had the opportunity to travel to some interesting parts of the world for work and pleasure and to visit our kids living in Asia, Europe and Latin America. We enjoy spending time at our place in the Berkshires - an old farmhouse that we have been renovating over the years. We would love to hear from classmates who find themselves in western MA!

Our years at Brandeis were during a tumultuous time: a generation gap, racial clashes in Boston, a contentious war and crises in Israel. There are obvious comparisons to current realities. Nevertheless, for me, those were hopeful years, where we felt that we could bring people together, make meaningful changes and right some past wrongs.

Indeed, my professors and the history of Brandeis' founding supported those values and encouraged activism on the social and humanitarian issues of our time. I hope that we will again find the courage and commitment to address our current challenges.
Amy Richman

Jim, me, and the three kids

Grandchildren, Amelia, 2, Kiri, 6 months, and their parents

At our daughter's wedding
Life at & after Brandeis...

After earning my B.A. in politics, I went on to Brown University for an M.A. in political science and a Ph.D. in American civilization. In 1982, I joined the political science department at Northeastern University, which is where I have been ever since, moving through the ranks until becoming a Distinguished Professor in 2001. My teaching and research areas include health and social welfare policy and public policy analysis.

My wife, Eileen Tracy, MSW, and I have raised three children--boy-girl twins and a younger son. After I finished at Brown, we settled long-term outside Providence, RI. The location was a good one both for Eileen's position as an ESL teacher in Fall River and for my commuter train ride to the Northeastern campus.

I felt a rush of excitement upon arriving on campus as a freshman in 1970. Although I did not know another soul on campus, it was uplifting to be part of this community of top students from all parts of the country, even as we found ourselves cloistered in cinder-block dorm rooms, jostling for space in a small campus mail facility, and waiting impatiently for the opening of a proper student center. Making friends didn't take long. Often on Saturdays, a group of us would head to the Coop in Harvard Square to add to our record album collections. Wellesley Hills House of Pizza was a favorite spot for late-night study breaks. In the first-floor hallway of Reitman, we positioned a table-top hockey game for fierce contests that helped relieve boredom or stress.

Some friendships from this period lasted not just through four years of college, but well beyond. As it happens, I recently received a "catch-up" email from Peter Connolly, a fellow Reitman veteran, who has remained close over the decades.

All of the Brandeis politics professors were excellent. No course in the undergrad major disappointed. Undoubtedly, this has something to do with why I turned away from law school and set my sights instead on becoming a professor. The quality of instruction in the classes I had with Roy Macridis, Robert Art, and Ruth Morgenthau stands out in my mind even now. Professor Morgenthau, who also directed my honors thesis on American foreign policy toward the Congo, was very supportive and helped to build my confidence as a young scholar.

Sometime during these next five years, I'll be wrapping up my academic journey. Looking back on a teaching career that has spanned three decades plus, it is interesting to reflect on the waxing and waning of political sentiments across different cohorts of students. However, I can't remember a period when the passions on campus ran stronger than they do right now, unless it was our own with all the controversies of the anti-war, civil rights, and women's liberation movements swirling around us.

Now "the times they are a-changin'" once again. I look forward to seeing what the future will bring for my children, my students, and this country!
Since leaving Brandeis, I went to medical school and have been a practicing pulmonary and critical care physician in private practice in Chicago since 1984. While traveling in Israel in 1975, I met my future wife and we have four sons, one of whom is married, one soon to be married and two still single. Three live in Chicago and one is in Portland, Oregon.

My wife and I plan to retire in the next few years to our home in Beit HaShita, which is the kibbutz in Northern Israel (30 min south of Tiberius) where we met in 1975.

I have always looked back on my four years at Brandeis as the most intellectually stimulating years of my life and I lean on my rounded education there on a daily basis.

My chemistry professors, and “History of Ideas” professor (Dr. Izenberg), remain my favorites. Although, Dr. Grossman’s course (I still remember his initial lecture on the Iliad), and my Shakespeare course, remain high on the list as well.

I loved my years in Boston and still remain a Celtics and Patriots fan (except when they play the Bulls or Bears, of course). I miss the freedom we all had during those days even though we didn’t know it. I’ve been lucky with good health, good friends and the opportunity to travel some and enjoy my family. I hope many of my former classmates have as well.

The world seemed simpler then, but we seem to be going through another tumultuous period not much different than the Watergate time during our college years. Some things change and others don’t.

It is clearly apparent to me that my education at Brandeis has been at the foundation of my success and it’s even more important today that institutions remain vigorous in their responsibility to continue their roles as educators.

I look forward in my retirement years to re-explore many of those ideas I was first exposed to while at Brandeis.

My best to all of you.
Life at & after Brandeis...

After graduating early in '73, I spent four years in the (then-thriving, now extinct) affinity charter travel business, first in Boston and then in D.C., while attending law school at Georgetown. Then I had a series of one-year jobs in California (teaching fellow at Stanford Law School, clerking in San Francisco at the district court and 9th Circuit), followed by a return to D.C. with my then-girlfriend now-wife, Andrea Peterson, for Supreme Court clerkships (William Brennan for me, Byron White for her). This was followed by a return to S.F., where I’ve been practicing public interest/public policy law (labor and employment, environmental, appellate) at the same law firm (Altshuler Berzon LLP) since Nov. '81. Andrea was a law professor at Berkeley Law until she retired a few years ago.

We have three children whom we're delighted to have living close by: Emily (25), a public school teacher (Transitional Kindergarten) in Oakland; Eric (29), a sustainable-energy analyst and consultant; and Peter (34), an engineer/designer/business-and-leadership coach. No weddings or grandchildren yet, but plenty of great conversations, travel, and adventures with them and their friends and partners.

I've continued with soccer over the years, playing (semi) competitively until 40, then coaching, and still refereeing - although I've given up on the U-19 and competitive U-16 games in the past few years. Living in Berkeley and working in San Francisco has been a perfect fit and a comfortable mid-point between my hometown of Sharon, MA, and Andrea's hometown of Kailua, HI. My parents sold the family home in Sharon two years ago after having lived there almost 70 years, and now live full-time in their South Florida condo where we (and my Philadelphia brother and New Hampshire sister) visit several times a year.

Lots of time for reading, piano, live music, and walks despite a work life that's often too busy, especially in these darker times. Many of my recent workplace cases have focused on strategies for strengthening the legal protections available to low-wage and immigrant workers, while my environmental work has mostly centered on using public nuisance law to hold oil and gas companies responsible for the harms to public infrastructure caused by global warming (more at www.altber.com).

Fortunately, I've had the good fortune of being able to practice with exceptionally talented and committed colleagues who have willingly accommodated my ever-evolving interests, so I've been able to stay fresh and energized even when pushing back against the political headwinds. And Berkeley is, well, Berkeley, which adds another dimension to the story.
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I think of my time at Brandeis as when I first got to study a subject I loved, and still do --philosophy-- and where I had my first experience of falling in love.

I found a private redoubt in the Protestant chapel, the simplest and I think most beautiful of the three, where I liked sometimes just to sit and read. The Protestant chaplain at the time, Victor Ford, became a good friend.

The professor who made the deepest impression on me was William Johnson, who taught the history of ideas. Much later in life, we reconnected, when he coordinated lectures at the Century Club in New York City.

As Jewishness and Judaism emerged for me much later as important focuses of life, I think back still more fondly on Brandeis and am happy to have it as part of my life picture.

Now, in retirement, I teach adult ed. classes in philosophy and religion at NYU, referring back to philosophers and theologians I first encountered at Brandeis.

My partner of 25 years, Paul Glassman, and I officially married when it became legal in NY state, and we've been living the past twenty years in Washington Heights in NYC.
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I have recently retired after a very fulfilling 34 year career as a vascular surgeon, surgical educator and hospital executive. My wife, Gail, and I live in Delray Beach, Florida, after spending our adult lives raising our two sons in the suburbs of Hartford, Connecticut.

Brandeis was an incredible experience. For me it was all about the opportunity for growth, gaining confidence and being significantly inspired by my friends, classmates and teachers.
After graduating, I began my career in education as a speech and language specialist in the Revere Public Schools. Two years later, I met and married Peter Weil. We newlyweds drove to San Francisco for a job opportunity and stayed for nearly ten years. During that time I received a master’s degree in creative arts education and worked as the Youth Director at the San Francisco JCC.

In 1985 another career move brought us back to Newton with our one-year-old son. The house we bought is the one we still live in and where we raised our three (now adult) children. We have maintained close ties with our many friends in San Francisco and, since retirement, have become bi-coastal as we now own a condo in Sausalito where we spend part of the year.

My passion for Jewish education and for Israel really have their roots in my years at Brandeis, although I was not fully aware of this as a student. My journey eventually led me to Temple Beth David in Westwood, where I was the Education Director for seventeen years until my retirement in 2014. These days I do some consulting for the Jewish Community Relations Council. I also volunteer as a tutor in the Boston Public Schools and for the Boston Haifa Connection of CJP, for which I travel frequently to Israel.

I am often on campus and have been amazed at the growth and change in the University. Still, there is something very familiar whenever I am there.

Between my work and volunteering, it is not uncommon to come in contact with Brandeis grads as well as current students and faculty. I enjoy keeping up with the latest developments, but I am happy to have that part of my life behind me.

I feel fortunate that my three children (one married, one engaged) all live in Boston and that we enjoy good health. Ever aware that these gifts can be elusive, I try to enjoy opportunities to travel, to spend time with family and friends, and to give back to the community and to the world at large.
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I am happy to say that it has been a rich, diverse and rewarding 45 years since my Brandeis graduation.

These are some highlights:

~ Graduating from law school and passing the bar!
~ Marrying Jim Duzak in 1980 and becoming step-mom to Margot
~ Owning Gallery Zena on Newbury Street in Boston
~ Holding senior human resources positions with companies in a wide variety of fields (real estate, healthcare, finance)
~ Moving to southern Arizona in 2001 - but not to retire! We wanted to experience living "way out west" while we were still young enough to enjoy it
~ Graduating from Arizona Culinary School and working in a five-star restaurant and as a personal chef
~ Traveling often - cruising to and from Europe, to Alaska, to Central and South America, attending the World Cup in Paris in 1998, and enjoying road trips here in the US
~ Enjoying retirement! Continuing to travel, volunteer in kindergarten, draw, paint, and with any luck, teach myself the concertina!

Because I had to declare a major at Brandeis, I followed my passion and chose art history. I've followed my passions ever since and I continue to have a wonderful journey.

I thank my lucky stars for the gift of good health and for the love and support of my husband, Jim.
I am a frequent responder to our class notes column, and have worked on all reunions since our 15th, so let me bring you up to date on my life since our last reunion. Dan has been retired for about 17 years, which gives us time to travel, but we spend a third of the year at our Martha’s Vineyard home in the heart of the historic district in Edgartown. Once there, it takes a lot to get me off the island.

I continue my workout routine, though injuries have slowed me down a bit. I still sing with the Newton Community Chorus; 15 seasons now. Through thick and thin, I remain on the Board of the Rose Art Museum. We DID NOT sell a single piece of art and the collection continues to grow. I have worked with five different directors; we are now in the midst of a strategic planning process. I am on an interesting committee that looks at emerging artists throughout the year, then selects one to add to the collection. A highlight of the past five years was attending the VIP days before the opening of the 2017 Venice Biennale when the Rose was chosen to host the USA Pavilion, as well as the most glamorous gala I’ve ever seen.

My children are well. David finished his PhD in computational neuroscience at Columbia and immediately went to London to work for Google DeepMind, working in the field of deep learning. Several years ago, Jeffrey transitioned to Vicki and seems much happier. She lives in the Bay Area and works for OpenAI on the engineering side of the house as she is a fantastic programmer.

So, much of our travel includes visiting our children. They typically come home once a year. I maintain a large network of family and friends. As I age, they mean everything to me.
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Forty-five years. IMPOSSIBLE! I am especially grateful for the lifelong friends I made during my time at Brandeis - Gary Zellerbach, Michael Kusevitsky Gould, Steve Bober, George Kahn, Joel Fiedler, David Katzen and Barbara “Bobbie” Binder, Richard Waysdorf and Julie Abramson Waysdorf, Gail Lopata Lennon, Shmuel Klatzkin, Tom Rosensweet, and others. What a special time it was and continues to be with these wonderful friends.

My career has been in music, primarily as a bassist and music editor. I have been lucky enough to record and/or perform with such diverse artists as Bob Dylan, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash, Barbra Streisand, Rusty Young, Brian Wilson, Van Dyke Parks, The Temptations, Wendy Waldman, Canned Heat, Lee Dorsey, Carla Thomas, Linda Hopkins, Geoff Muldaur, Jim Kweskin, Barry Manilow, Boxing Gandhis, Jazz Tap Ensemble, Yma Sumac, and many others. Over the years I have also played on numerous jingles and film scores including the recent CNN documentaries, Love Gilda and RBG.


I currently live in Los Angeles with my wife of forty years, pianist and teacher Deborah Sealove. Deborah went to UConn, and spent a lot of time at Brandeis with our friends and practicing piano at Slosberg. She spent so much time there that Professor Koff thought Deborah was a Brandeis student! Our daughter, Eva, was born in 1990 and is engaged to be married this summer.
Greetings from the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

After thirty years at The Philadelphia Inquirer -- including twenty-five as a TV columnist -- I joined UPenn's faculty in the critical writing program. Eleven years later, I have come full circle, freelancing for The Inquirer.

My daughter, Liz, was married in September 2018 in Charleston, SC. There were three mothers-of-the-bride, all of us medicated.

Liz did her post-doc in family therapy at the local VA in Charleston. She is now in private practice there. Having grown up surrounded by neurotic lesbians, she was genetically predestined for the profession.

As for Brandeis memories, I can only remember a few. I remember covering the men's basketball team for The Justice, a first for a woman. (I later became one of the first female sportswriters in the country, at newspapers in Buffalo, New Orleans and Philly).

The name of my favorite professor is long gone, but she taught an extraordinary course in women's lit my senior year. She had the whole class over to her home once, which was pretty much unheard of in those days. She was a force of nature. I had never met anyone like her.
Laurie Slater Albert

Life at & after Brandeis...

I've been in sunny (except this year) Southern California/Malibu since May 1974.

I'm married to Steve Albert from Brookline, MA, so I still feel the Boston connection. He/we have been PRACTICING the business of architecture for over forty years. By now, you'd think we'd have it down, but it's forever challenging. I am trouble-shooter and trouble-maker of the firm -- The Albert Group Architects (www.tagarch.net).

At the risk of being redundant...we have 3 kids: Alexander "Sandy," Marisa "Mimi," and Todd. None wanted to go to Brandeis. Sandy works for a Brandeis alum.

I fondly remember the endless hours spent in Shapiro dining room, looking out at the Massell pond. Not that the food was so great, but I'd love to again be able to walk out of my dorm and into a dining room...a do-over!

For me, Brandeis opened my eyes to the world. I'd never been outside of California and came to campus sight unseen! (No college tours for me.)

Gerry Bernstein's "American Aht & Ahcitectah" class changed how I look at and see the world.

In response to the "prompts," the next 5-10 years should be interesting for us all. How/where do we want to age? We're just fine in our single-level, ocean view home, which still stands, despite the devastating Woolsey fires that destroyed so many homes just a few hundred yards from ours. Perhaps there will come a time when we want to be city mice, and return to urban L.A. environs. "The Fire" certainly woke us up to the importance of enjoying every moment and remembering "people first!"

I treasure our Brandeis years. Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" brought me right back to the '70s. Too bad it didn't get the "best film" award.

We thought Nixon was bad! How can the country be in the political and social turmoil it/we are currently experiencing?

I am thankful for good health, family, Brandeis friends, the Golden State!

"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants."
"Truth even unto its innermost parts."
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My most memorable experience at Brandeis was the training for the inception of SSIS (Student Sexuality Information Service). I learned so much from the co-members about the "me too" movement and the coming of age for LGBT.

I am forever indebted to Brandeis because of the dedication of the premed committee and especially to Dr. Jerome Schiff who helped guide me through the process of applying to medical school. I ended up attending the University of Michigan School of Medicine in Ann Arbor and it was truly an exhilarating and gratifying experience. Following Medical school I did my residency in ophthalmology at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and have remained there ever since.

I have two grown sons. My older son is in his first year of psychiatry residency at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. My younger son currently lives with my ex in a suburb of Philadelphia and tutors math.

The last three years of my life have been both the best of times and the worst of times. Marina and I recently got married after living together for 2-1/2 years. When we first started going out in the fall of 2015 we thought that the world was our oyster and that we would spend the remaining decades of our lives together. Then, in April 2016, we were both diagnosed with cancer and ended up with matching laparoscopic surgical scars. Unfortunately, her cancer is much rarer and more aggressive and she is currently on home hospice. We never took life for granted (even before our diagnoses) and have lived every day since with joy and gusto.
Kevin Strauss

Life at & after Brandeis...

First, let me declare that I am not dead yet.

In 1970, I matriculated with the goal of becoming a M.D. With the clarity of 45 years post-graduation, I’ve learned: Never take organic chemistry with the guy that wrote the textbook.

It's OK to take psychology courses with the guy that wrote the textbook. My most valuable classes were those outside my major. The lesson learned from Ralph Norman was priceless: Nobody is handing us life on a silver platter. Our life is what we make it.

Now, I am living in Wilmington, Delaware (Delaware?). I am very happily married to Barbara Davis. I have two daughters who are way above average. Avi heads the peri-operative medicine service at OHSU. Tamar is a teacher in Brookline, and she completed her first Boston Marathon in April 2018, closely followed by the Chicago Marathon.

Me? I’m lucky to have ended up with a career that beats having a real job. I work in healthcare as the chief financial officer of AIDS Care Group, working with my brother Howell Strauss ’69, treating people living with HIV, AIDS, and opiate addiction disorders.

After 45+ years I decided on a new challenge. I am back to playing clarinet, bass clarinet and saxophone with several concert bands in the area. And yes, I still take lots of pictures.

In conclusion, let me say that life is too short for cheap wine or blended Scotch. But I don't drink any more. Go figure.
David J. Tracy

Life at & after Brandeis...

After graduation I attended Boston College Law School. In 1977 I became an associate in a large Boston firm and then was a partner in a national and regional law firm.

My specialty is commercial real estate and development. My in-laws are large real estate developers and I became part of the management team.

I play golf and have a wine hobby.
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Share your fondest Brandeis memory

Life in the Mods senior year...was it real or a dream? Sitting around our kitchen table under a map of Alaska, we were preparing (in our alternate universe) to go north to work on the pipeline. Hudson Ed (me), Mystic Joe, Three Rivers Tom, and sometimes eating chunks of watermelon off the tip of a sharp knife, Monongahela Bob. Great feasts involving Budweiser, chicken Marlene, Ragu-based spaghetti, and the deceptively sized Mrs. Paul's fish sticks.

And our buddies in the Mod around the corner: Max, always propped up in bed wearing his pajamas and ready for a furious game of table-hockey; and Steve (the Bobe), Noah, and Bobbie...the relief we all felt when the man in the suit with a walky-talky was only the bodyguard for one of our celebrity classmates!

What do you miss most about Brandeis?

As someone with an appreciation for architecture, I struggled to find anything appealing about North Quad, where I spent two happy years. The boring cinder block walls and the unimaginative exterior would have been a disappointment for a public housing project. And the crown jewel of North, Kutz, was a sterile dingy box, saved from total despair only by the generosity of its soft ice cream machine. In contrast, I was fascinated by and drawn to the mysteries of East Quad. Although the rooms were small, there was something hypnotic about the brickwork, the lighting and the flow of its unpredictable labyrinth of halls and suites. Although a second-class citizen compared to Rosenthal in terms of size and finish quality, East held the most attraction for me. And wasn't the quiet and tasteful Swig cafeteria the greatest secret on campus?...until it was discovered and closed.

Update

Five years ago, at our last Brandeis reunion, I had the great pleasure of spending time with two of my dear friends, Howie Leibowitz and Neil Maxwell. Who would have guessed that Max and Howie would not make it to this reunion? I had the honor of writing a brief memorial to Max in the Brandeis magazine, in which I highlighted his larger than life personality. Howie and Max will be in my thoughts throughout this weekend.

Debbie '73 and I are still enjoying our jobs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Merrill Lynch. Since our last reunion, both of our daughters, Laura and Melissa, have gotten married, and we now have a two-year-old grandson, Nathaniel.
Neil Weiner

With Debbie, February 2019

Our grandson, Nathaniel
Life at & after Brandeis...

My favorite professors at Brandeis were Ray Knight (psychology), Gordie Fellman (sociology) and Morrie Schwartz (sociology). They positively influenced my career choices and personal development. I also was strongly affected by friends and anti-war work, especially in 1970 after the Kent State killings. Some of my fondest Brandeis memories were spent with my dog - a Siberian Husky named Rinky who spent days visiting with friends and attending classes.

After graduating from Brandeis, I went to graduate school at the University of Rochester where I studied clinical-community psychology. My first job was as director of research at the Center for Community Studies. Then I was a professor at Yale in the psychology department from 1982 to 1992. I moved to the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where I was NoVo Foundation Endowed Chair in Social and Emotional Learning and UIC Distinguished Professor of Psychology from 1992 to 2018. I retired from UIC in 2018.

Now I am chief knowledge officer for the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL; www.casel.org). CASEL's mission is to help make social and emotional learning an essential part of preschool to high school education. During my professional career, I have focused on one key question: How do schools, families, and communities partner to create positive life opportunities and foster positive strengths and life outcomes for young people?

I have been married for 37 years to Stephanie Wright, a retired clinical psychologist whom I met in graduate school. We have two wonderful children. Elizabeth is a writer in Brooklyn, and Ted works with junior high school students with special needs.

It is hard for me to predict where I will be five years from now. I was diagnosed with locally advanced pancreatic cancer in January 2018. I have traveled back and forth between Wilmette/Chicago, Illinois, where I live and work, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment. So far, I am doing pretty well. But I take things a day at a time. I feel blessed to have a wonderful family and friends, and to do work that I love.

Family, friends, and work are my three present and future priorities.
Life at & after Brandeis...

Half a century ago I learned that one's basic personality doesn't change radically throughout the entire lifespan (dementia or mental illness notwithstanding, I suppose). I'm not sure that I entirely bought into that theory. However, I now see its wisdom. My Brandeis experience just brought the “essence of me” to the fore and informed me that that's OK. “Why” and “what if” were respected, perhaps even required, questions in my sociology coursework and have served me well in my career in the field of rehabilitation/independent living. Brandeis' emphasis on social justice always was and remains compatible with my beliefs. Involvement in various kinds of volunteer activities to improve my community, and the lives of others, has been a consistent part of my life. This too aligns well with Brandeis values.

As a dyed-in-the-wool introvert, I have never craved the limelight. I never sought acclaim or local fame among my classmates, preferring to quietly and reliably contribute my share to whatever project with which I became involved. Throughout my work life I have always led my subordinates and peers by example and endeavored to manage up. I have advocated for the disenfranchised, even if that meant clashing with policy and procedure, earning me verbal reprimands from my superiors. After all, this has been my “truth even unto its innermost parts.”

My husband and I are now quite happily retired.

Since my local travels have taken me no further than a town bordering Waltham, I've had the good fortune to avail myself of stimulating courses at Brandeis' Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (BOLLI). I have plenty of Brandeis alumni company there. Further afield, travels have taken me to Israel, Bhutan, much of Europe, Costa Rica and soon to Peru. I'm not done yet!

I now have the alternative that I always craved to my Brandeis studies. Courses with no papers or exams. Time to see lots of films and plays, attend musical events, read, cook, knit and hang out with friends.

One difference is that I've added the great outdoors to the mix: I enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking and just generally being outside. May regular exercise prolong my well-being until I am at least 102! Let's see: that would be my 80th reunion. Care to join me?
While I never became an anthropologist, it was my major at Brandeis, and anthropology has served me well. While working for the big corporation (Sun Microsystems for thirteen years), my anthropological perspective and ability to step back and observe somewhat dispassionately helped me deal with the idiosyncrasies (and sometimes just pure idiocy) of corporate management. It also instilled a great appreciation of different and foreign cultures in me that I still "study" and enjoy through frequent worldwide travel.

But mostly it's about the amazing friends I've made. We have a group of six Brandeisians (and spouses) known as the Zoogs (for reasons I won't explain), that get together every two years in different parts of the USA. Our "private reunion" is an incredibly fun time for all of us and a bi-annual highlight of our lives. I love you Zoogs, friends for life, you know who you are!

I've worked as a professional musician, owner of my own hologram business, high-tech project and website manager, and now am back to playing the guitar after retirement. (Check out garyzellerbach.com)

I'm happily married for 34 years, and my wife Linda just retired after 40 years as a physical therapist. We are so lucky to have two great kids who still live near us in my home town of San Francisco.
In Memoriam

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

Kathy R. Anolick
Keith A. Anwar
Elizabeth Bauman Lundqvist
Nancy J. Berliner
Judith Ellen Bernstein
Susan L. Brown
Dorrit Burlingame
John F. Charter
Samuel J. Cohen
Gary D. Fernandez
Guila Glosser
Nancy Green Wohl
Richard A. Honoroff
Melissa S. Jaffe
Andrew J. Jick
Richard A. Joseph
Louise J. Kolker
Mark S. Kozol
Lois Lynne Krieger
Susan B. Landau
Howard R. Leibowitz
Neil S. Maxwell
Robert D. McGlaston
Todd J. Miller
Andrea W. Monchick
Wendolyn Morrison
Hazel Orenstein
Sakda Prangpatanpon
Jane A. Ring
Rosalind Rivin Chernoff
Lynda F. Roth
Emily R. Segelstein
Bayla Shusman Nochumson
Gwynn Lee Simon
Michael S. Smiley
Naomi Stampfer Brand
Stewart E. Tartell
Paul Vincent
Keith Anwar

~ Remembered by Ed Huling~

Keith was my roommate the first year. My condolences to his family. I’m sorry to hear that he is no longer with us. I appreciate the intense and challenging conversations with him that enriched and expanded my small-town world.
I met Sammy, z"l, early on in my "career" at Brandeis. During sophomore year, Sam, Jack (Gilberg) Gilron and I formed the "Kolaich Arev Trio." We sang three-part harmonies of Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs. We sang on campus and had multiple bookings at various local synagogues around the Greater Boston Area.

When I made it to Israel in 2001, Sam and our mutual friend, Todd Miller, z"l, set up a wonderful dinner and we were joined by Victor Friedman. It was our own little Brandeis reunion. May Sam’s memory always be for a blessing.

~ Remembered by Steve Greene ~

I remember driving to Cleveland to visit with Sam in 1973. We went to the YMCA and swam with his father and other notables at the YMCA.

I saw Sam a couple of years ago in Tel Aviv. It was in conjunction with a project to bring Muslim, Jewish and Christian kids together through art.

~ Remembered by Dan Kazzaz ~
Sam is the first good friend of mine from our class to die since Paul Vincent was killed in an auto crash so many years ago. I did not see Sam all that often because of his move to Israel. But I do remember the many conversations we had at Brandeis, and all of the kind things he did with and for so many people. As gentle as he was with friends, he did not suffer fools gladly. He made his opinion known in very certain terms.

I was fortunate enough to visit with Sam each time I was in Israel, most recently in 2016. Each visit was as though we had not been apart for so many years, picking up right where we left off. Sam was a wonderful person in every way. It is said that when a good person dies it is like a candle going out. You no longer see the flame; but the warmth it created lingers. The warmth that Sam Cohen created will linger for a very long time.
Andy Jick

~ Remembered by Bill Brouillard ~
Well before Andy served as a groomsman at my wedding, we became fast friends upon meeting immediately in freshman year, in part due to our shared passion for basketball. I also discovered that we both were planning to major in politics and found ourselves in many of the same classes. I had always prided myself on my class notes … until I saw his. Meticulous and precise (traits he demonstrated in every facet of his life), it was like having the professor's verbatim lecture. I sat next to Andy for the next four years: in classrooms, at scorer's tables and on road game buses, and will be forever grateful for his help in securing my Brandeis diploma. RIP, my friend.

~ Remembered by Alan Klein ~
I’m devastated. What people tend to forget is that he cut his teeth in broadcasting at Brandeis University. He was the manager and announcer for the Brandeis basketball team from 1970 to 1974. I was on the basketball team and Andy and I became fast friends as freshman. Andy and I were roommates during our sophomore year. I couldn’t have had a better friend or roommate. He will be greatly missed by me, and I’m sure the rest of the Brandeis basketball team from that era. Rest in peace my friend. My condolences to all of his family.

~ Remembered by Betsy Sarason Pfau ~
I loved attending Brandeis basketball games, beginning my sophomore year. I went to every game my schedule would allow, even away games. I lived with several cheerleaders, sat behind them on the bleachers, cheering loudly, particularly for my classmates. Andy was one of the team managers and the voice of the team, announcing all the games. To this day, I can still hear his voice calling out the starters as they took to the floor, "Johnny Perry ... Mike Fahey ... " His
voice rose and fell with the inflection of the syllables in the second name and he drew it out a bit for emphasis.

Of course, he went on to be the PA announcer for the Boston Celtics during their glory years and more recently, the Boston College men's and women's basketball teams. During the Celtics’ glory years, we shared seasons tickets with work friends and I still loved to listen to AJ's voice. It brought back great memories for me.

As the co-chair of so many reunions, I have contacted a wide variety of our classmates through the years. Andy was always on my list, so we kept in touch throughout the years. Five years ago, he startled me with news of his cancer diagnosis, but he was a fighter and had a great attitude. A little over two years ago, a dear childhood friend back home received the same diagnosis. I reached out to Andy for some wisdom. He was happy to offer me good counsel; the best was: “Tell your friend to keep a good attitude.”

At this point, he was six years out and considered cured. He posted on Twitter about how much weight he had lost. He seemed in a good place. The last comment on his yearbook entry from five years ago was: The professor who left the biggest impression was “my father, Professor Leon Jick, who led by example, and always assured me ‘it was okay to be me.’”

He was one of four brothers and loved being with his family. His brother Dan '79, is a trustee of Brandeis. I was at an event with him six days before AJ's passing and asked after his big brother. Dan told me that AJ was fine and looking forward to coming to reunion. What cruel irony.

Andy stayed close to a circle of ten basketball buddies from Brandeis throughout the years. They held an annual August get-together for 33 years. He was the resident photographer and social media maven. He was legendary on Twitter and, to a lesser degree, on Instagram. I could keep up with the crew by following Andy on social media. I won't know what any of them are up to any more. We will be lost without him.
Susan is missed and her memory is cherished by her many friends, both from her Brandeis days and later in her life. She was one of my first friends at Brandeis, and remained a great friend during our four years there and afterwards until she passed away. At Brandeis we played a lot of tennis, went to art house films and sporting events, cooked meals together, played ping pong, enjoyed lots of music and occasional pot parties, and laughed a whole lot. Susan is a big part of my fondest Brandeis memories, and she introduced me to many of my favorite Brandeis friends (including Janice Burgess, Mary Hearn, Nancy Berliner, and Glenn Cuyjet). She was fun, happy, irreverent, and very social.

One thing I particularly admired about Susan was that she actually lived out her dream. From the first time I met her, Susan had a clear vision that she wanted to make movies in Hollywood; and by God, she did it. She produced several terrific films for Disney, including “Cool Running,” “Tiger Town,” and “Young Harry Houdini.” Once, in the late 1990s, when she was working in Hollywood on a film with John Denver, she invited me to a private concert that Denver was performing for about 25 cast and crew members on the set of the movie. It was a splendid event, and heartwarming to see how much all the people associated with the project really gravitated around Susan and appreciated her work.

The last time I saw Susan was in Houston in 2015, when she invited my wife and me to the opening of a gallery exhibit of her photography there. Her work was excellent, but her health was not good at that time. Though her stamina was limited during the afternoon we got to spend with her, Susan still had that same spark of ironic humor mixed with appreciation for the blessings of life she had received. It was good to see that she had kept those qualities of character over all the years - but not surprising, because that's who she was.

Susan was one of the special people who made Brandeis such a terrific place during our time there. I'll remember her always with great fondness and love. If you knew her back then, I'm sure you would agree.
“Max,” as he was known by his friends, was a curious contrast of the physical and sedentary. He was an outstanding athlete, who outclassed all of us at his favorite sport, tennis, as well as flag football, basketball and softball. But most often you would find Max in his dorm room, where his favorite garb any time of day was flannel pajamas and a bathrobe. He was almost always propped up in his bed resting on a corduroy-covered bolster with arms. There he could be found doing his reading for class or quite often watching television. Max would hold court there and could always be engaged in a spirited game of table hockey, where he was unbeatable. Although I considered Max one of my closer friends at Brandeis, and even though I had the pleasure of getting together with him and meeting his family a few times over summer vacations, I realized early on that Max was the center of his own universe. If you wanted to see Max, you had to call him or go over to his place.

Max had some facial similarity to Mick Jagger. He had a great smile and was always making everyone around him laugh with his hilarious manner of self-expression. He had weird and funny names for everyone and everything. You had to be on your toes when you were around him. Max invented the game “Zorch” where he would poke you under your armpit if you were not on guard, and yell out “Zorch”. If you were not paying attention and your armpit was exposed, he would throw a random object at your armpit and yell out something like, “flying TV control ‘Zorch!’”

After college, while I was going to graduate school at MIT, and Max was at BU Law, I went to watch his moot court appearance. It made me proud to see how well Max did! One night when we were hanging out at his place on Beacon Street, we were watching the WGBH telethon where they were auctioning merchandise for donations. Together we got the idea that you might be able
to sell things on TV and actually make money, the concept that years later became the Home Shopping Network. We made plans to call his cousin who was a patent attorney the next morning. In the cold sober light of day, the idea made little sense and we never pursued it. Debbie and I had a great time at our last Brandeis reunion reminiscing with Max and getting to know his lovely wife, Paula. Who could have imagined that we would never see him again?
I, along with my dear friend, Rabbi Howie Rosenbaum, met Todd, z"l, in the first couple of weeks of school. We were close friends throughout our time there. When Howie and I went to Israel for our junior year through American Friends of Hebrew University, Todd came over for a semester on the HIATT program. Under my tribute for Sam Cohen, z"l, I talked about the dinner that Sam and Todd put together for me in 2001. Below are the "Four Musketeers." May Todd’s memory always be for a blessing.