CLASS OF 1980
35th
REUNION
Valerie Pia Addas (Gross)

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Pacific Palisades, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I went to Paris to study fashion design after winning a scholarship upon graduating from Brandeis. Homesickness and my inferior French accent drove me home to the USA. I was swept up in the fashion industry from buying at Saks to merchandising in the garment district in NYC for four years. A visit to another Brandeis friend in Newport Beach led me to move to California.

My Brandeis beau, Will Addas, and I married and settled into LA life very happily for 25 years. Raising two beautiful girls became the center of my life, while selling real estate in the beach cities.

I miss the East Coast, but have become spoiled with the beach as my backyard, the endless mountains to hike, and snow just a short drive/flight away.....

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Jessica Sterman, Paul Rosengard, Jeffrey Spiegel, Mark Worfel, Brad Mirkin, Danny Stachel, Ron Ebenstein, Steve Halperin ...

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Fine Arts Studio

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Castle

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Having the courage to reinvent oneself as often as needed (changed my major 4 times!).

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
My Ex is from Brandeis. The "godfather" of my girls is from Brandeis (my first boyfriend). My best guy friends are from Brandeis. And, my best girlfriend (who I only met 8 years ago) went to Brandeis at the same time!

Me and my Ex 1980
My girls and I (November 2014)

My older daughter and I at LACMA (Brandeis gathering)

My younger daughter and I in Lake Arrowhead (7/4/2014)
My Life Now:

My home base is:
NEW YORK, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
We are looking forward to celebrating our Vinyl LP anniversary (33 1/3 years) later this year. Larry is a Principal Court Attorney at the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court in Brooklyn. Lisa is Director of Information Technology at NYU School of Law. We still love living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Our daughter, Julia, is a New York City Police Officer.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

My favorite classes and professors were:
Lisa: David Hackett Fischer; Larry: Susan Okin, Christopher Leman

Larry, Lisa & Julia, Prime Meridian, Greenwich, UK, March 2013
Lisa & Larry, NY Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY, 2014
Larry, Lisa & Julia, Liverpool, UK, March 2013
Lisa & Larry, Riverside Park, NY, NY, 2014
My Life Now:

My home base is: New York, NY

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Since Brandeis I have gotten my MBA, embarked on my career (as a municipal bond analyst) and started a family. My family has grounded me and my wife of 27 years and two children make me realize what is important and what is nonsense.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I am in touch with a group of Brandeis friends (although not as often as I would like) and it is always good to catch up with old acquaintances.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
A bastion of intellectual power in a wide variety of fields and a great place to meet life-long friends.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
History - it sharpened my ability to research and write coherent sentences.

My favorite classes and professors were:
History classes with David Hackett Fischer

My favorite spot on campus was:
Mod 20

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
That there are many smart people in this world and there is always more to learn.
Tatyana - a happy camper

The Bergers - summer of 2014
Andrew S. Berman

My Life Now:
My home base is:
Palmetto Bay, FL

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married to Marla (Kreiman) Berman, also '80. We are both lawyers. Our oldest son is a lawyer in Miami. Our daughter is engaged to a lawyer in Brooklyn. Our youngest son is in law school and will be clerking in Miami this summer. Notwithstanding, we don't talk shop much. We enjoy the warm weather in Miami for sports and fun. I play golf, tennis and bike. Marla gets up at the wee hours and runs and runs and runs. She used to run marathons but has cut back to halves.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics. Not at all.

My favorite classes and professors were:
American Studies, Jerry Cohen
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Allentown, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
My wife Vivian Kane ('80) and I are counting the days till retirement! She still does Emergency Medicine in Allentown and I am now a Surgicalist in North Carolina. I travel twice a month for 5 days each. Medicine has changed greatly and NOT for the better and we are both somewhat disillusioned. After 25 years of surgery in private practice it was time for a change and this has given me that opportunity. Our three kids have provided great happiness. Thankfully they are all smart enough not to go into medicine (LOL) but are very successful. Chet is a Phd student in chemistry at MIT (he graduated Brandeis in 2008). Scott is in chemical engineering and is a junior at Schreyer Honor College at Penn State and Danielle is a sophomore civil engineer also at Schreyer Honor College.

With the kids out of the house and finally having a little free time Viv and I are finally starting to do some traveling. I still ski and am trying to keep my golf handicap in single digits! Look forward to seeing everyone at reunion this spring.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biology.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Of course slide shows. Disco music
My Life Now:
My home base is: Charlotte, NC

I plan on attending Reunion: No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I worked as an air pollution auditor for two years subcontracting to the EPA at a place called Research Triangle Institute in NC. Great job for a kid, I saw 30 states in those two years. Then tortured myself at Duke Law School for another three years, clerked for a wonderful judge at the NC Court of Appeals and then became an assistant public defender in Charlotte. I did that for three years until I started getting assigned murders and sex offenses, when I decided I'd had enough. I got a job with a law firm representing injured people in workers' compensation and personal injury and then opened my own office on April 1st, 1991, where I've been ever since.

In 1990, I married the beautiful and vivacious Ellen Goldberg. Coming up on our 25th, we have two great daughters. Mariah is 20 and a sophomore at Univ of SC in Columbia, studying athletic training. (Both daughters have their mother's athleticism, which is a very good thing.) She is also the beatboxer for USC's acapella group. Karinne is 15, a very extroverted high school sophomore who generally bosses us around.

I'm also a self-published children's author. The Goobee da Loon series is offered on Amazon.com. I will not be quitting my day job.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
I regularly check up with many of my classmates through Facebook.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Chemistry/Politics. I can't say it impacted anything I do today.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Cloonan - French. The rest is too hazy.

My favorite spot on campus was:
That room off the cafeteria with the pinball machines.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
That I was probably in the wrong place.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Warmest and fuzziest: A party at our house on South Street after graduation, with siblings and parents around the piano, drinking beer together and singing more loudly than necessary. Dave Kertzner, Tim Byrne, Brian Pickell, Dave Kadison, Dave Neiburg, Mike Snyder (residents all). Andy Moore, Thad Rice and many others stopped by. It was a wonderful way to end it.
Seth and Ellen

Karinne and Mariah a few years ago

At the beach
Risa Janoff Bernstein

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Montclair, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
No, unfortunately. So sad to be missing it!!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Life has been really good these last 35 years. I have been blessed with a wonderful family, 3 beautiful sons, a thriving career in healthcare marketing, close friends, much travel, adventures, fun and good health. I have a niece that graduated Brandeis in 2007 and my oldest son, Benji will graduate Brandeis in May of 2015 (just before this reunion). We are a proud Brandeis family. It takes a milestone like this one to pause, reflect and give thanks for all that has come after those once-in-a-lifetime Brandeis years.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
A highly respected, sustainable, liberal arts educational institution that embraces curiosity, tolerance, diversity, and does NOT compromise on the core values of higher learning.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
American Studies...the multidisciplinary major taught me how to look at the world with a full perspective...now everything influences everything else...that ideas, cultures, communities, history...is integrated and must be viewed holistically.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Group dynamics with Morrie Schwarz and Gordy Fellman, Conspiracy Theory with Jerry Cohen, and all my history courses with Alex Kessar

My favorite spot on campus was:
Chapel Field

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to grow up...live on my own, and function meaningfully in community

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Boz Scaggs
Bruce Springsteen
Pizza at the Boulevard
Thursday nights at the Stein
Anything at Chumleys
Lewis Brook slide shows
The Sandwich Man
The Blizzard and the simultaneous flu epidemic
Probo
And my best friends (some to this day), Donna Levinston Braff, Janet Cohn Perlman, Beverly Cohen Rich, Anne Katz, Lori Oshansky...and so many other wonderful people, too many to name
A recent family photo, taken at my niece Remy's wedding, who also graduated Brandeis in 2007

Sol Bernstein (class of 81) celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this past December

A recent photo of myself and my 3 sons...Benji, 2nd from right, graduates Brandeis in May
Evan Lyle Berson, DMD

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Merion Station, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis, I along with about seven other classmates went on to University of Pennsylvania Dental School in Philadelphia. I met my future wife, Mindy Jacobs who was in dental hygiene school and we married in 1983. Yes we are now married 32 years! We worked in Wilkes Barre and Stamford, Ct before settling in Merion Station. We bought a practice in Bala Cynwyd and have been working together for over 25 years. We have two boys, Noah and Myles who are still in college, both finishing up soon and will enter the business world. Since graduation, we have attended many reunions and love the fact that we can pick up a phone, say we are coming to NYC and we have a mini reunion with Billy Gorin, Rich Rosen, Paul Rosengard, Steve Glassman, Tom Polton, Freddy Miller and many many more. Back in Philadelphia, who knew a Connecticut boy would love the city of Philly. It really is a great city with great food, great people and great places to see. However, I still root for the Sox so don't worry. Mindy and I love hosting our Brandeis friends either here in Philly or down the shore in Atlantic City. We also travel as a family; we ski, and are always looking for the next great place to travel too. However, home is still an important part of our life and at one time, we had four generations under one roof. Add in our Brandeis family and it’s a full house. But don’t hesitate to call...we love visitors! Looking forward to our 35th!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Great education, great long lasting friendships and a strong research community.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Dual Major of BioChem and Biology...helped me become a Dentist today.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Economics with Barney...probably everyone’s favorite. Honors Chem where we got killed...Andy knows what I’m talking about...Organic with Dorn and my BChem advisors.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Gym...lots of hoops...and the Boulevard

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
That friendships were so important and precious. You never forget those days.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
How could you forget Kodachrome and American Pie every time the song plays on the radio. The blizzard of 78 which Boston just relived this year. Watching the marathon out on route 30 on Patriots Day. And I miss Steve's Ice Cream and Lena's subs!

All the Berson's!

32 Years!

In paradise!

Noah and Myles now!
Fran Bloomfield

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Burlington, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After spending my first post-graduation year back in NYC, I returned to Massachusetts and became an official Bostonian by raising two Red Sox fans and becoming a truly fanatical one myself.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Looking forward to seeing many old friends and hoping that I'll be forgiven for any names I can't quite recall. (I'll remember them 6 hours when it will no longer matter.)

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Encouraging open-minded, liberal-thinking, well-educated individuals.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
My favorite classes and professors were:
Ray Knight & MaryAnn Wolfe in Psychology, Barney Schwalberg

My favorite spot on campus was:
Cholmondeley's

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Barney Schwalberg taught us the TANSTAAFL Principle of Economics - There Ain't No Such Thing as a Free Lunch. I can still remember him writing it on the blackboard in the front of the lecture hall.

With my son, Rick

With my daughter, Hope
My Life Now:

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

**I plan on attending Reunion:**
Definitely. I can't wait!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I went to Temple Univ. law school in Philadelphia, and have been practicing law for over 30 years. I am a sole practitioner in Central Jersey, with a very broad based general practice (with an emphasis on family law, real estate and estate planning). I still really enjoy practicing law and having my own practice affords me the flexibility I need to handle the other aspects of my life. The best thing I have done since Brandeis was marry my soul mate and best friend, Ricky Braff, 24 years ago. Ricky is a pediatrician and husband extraordinaire. We have 2 children. Our daughter Carly age 20 is a sophomore at Ramapo College in NJ and a theater major in technical theater and design. Our son Danny, age 18 is an extremely talented teen magician who has been performing professionally for 4 years and will be pursuing a full time magic career when he finishes school this summer. Life has thrown our family some major curve balls. A good portion of my last 10 years has been spent navigating our children's challenges and my mom's dementia. I am fortunate to have been able to share the journey with my wonderful husband Ricky.

I still keep in touch with many of my Brandeis friends including Bernie Faigenbaum, Janet Cohn Perlman, Gary Karlin, Susan Snyder Schachne '81, Jeff Schachne, Risa Janoff Bernstein, Josh Gindin '79, and Michael Sopher.

I am a "magic mom" and attend more magic shows, lectures, meetings and magic conventions than you can imagine. Ricky and I enjoy entertaining, spending time with family and friends, and we make a special effort to keep in touch with friends from all phases of our lives.

My Brandeis classmates

Lasting Memories: Way too many to count
There are tons of people I'd like to reconnect with including:

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Continuing to provide a first rate liberal arts education and continuing to educate the best and the brightest and instilling a sense of social justice and responsibility in the next generation. Also, continuing to increase the value of our diplomas

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics and Urban Studies. Not at all- I thought I might pursue political office one day, but now that is the furthest thing from my mind.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Morrie Schwartz and Gordie Fellman class called Group Process which we affectionately referred to as “Group Sex”,

Donna Levinston Braff
Jerry Cohen American Studies, Peter Woll's American government classes, Gerry Bernstein's Art history, Ralph Thaxton's Chinese Politics. In David Hackett Fisher's history class, we were required to write a family history. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but thanks to Professor Fisher, I am thrilled that I have a complete family history now.

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
Hanging out in the Usdan Student Center and in the Student Senate Office.

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
I developed an appreciation for social justice and social policy. I also learned to think critically about the issues of our time, by listening to vibrant speakers who came to campus, and as a result, developed an intellectual curiosity which has served me well throughout my life.

**List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):**
Student Senate, Alumni Board, Steve’s ice cream in Somerville, midnight junk food runs to Store 24, congressional internships, good times in Grad housing with Janet, Risa, and the gang, organizing campus backgammon tournament, pulling all-nighters, running the Student-Alumni telethon, being an orientation aide for incoming freshman, disco dancing, hanging out at The Stein, organizing many student social events and overall fun times.

*Family vacation in Aruba Aug 2014*

*A night on the town with my honey-2013*

"Magic Mom" in Las Vegas with my men - 2013

*Just me and my kids*
Robin Rosenzweig Broidy

My Life Now:

**My home base is:**
Beverly Hills, CA

**I plan on attending Reunion:**
I wish I could. Too many commitments this month

**Tell us about your life since Brandeis:**
1984 - Interned on two MGM Films - TEACHERS and 2010
Assistant to Agent Bill Block at ICM
1985-87 - Corporate Attorney for Cannon Film Group.
1987-1992 - VP Legal and Business Affairs, Theatrical Film Group, 20th Century Fox;
1992-1995 - Senior VP International Home Video
Nov. 1992 - Married Elliott Broidy, (USC, B.S. Accounting, Arthur Andersen, Glen Bell (founder of Taco Bell), Broidy Capital Management)
1994 - Graduated from UCLA Fully Employed MBA Program
1995-2010 - Had 3 beautiful children - Rachel now 19 is a Freshman at University of Michigan. Lauren now 18 is a Senior at Marlborough School and has been accepted to Claremont McKenna College. Nathaniel 11 is in 5th Grade at Brawerman Elementary School.

During this period, I became active in 2 major things: The creation of the the K-6 Brawerman Elementary School of Wilshire Boulevard Temple. It opened with 10 kids in September 2000 and now has 280 in its Westside campus and another 60 in its Eastside campus which is up to grade 3 and adding a grade a year. Chaired the Task Force for 2 years until creation, was Board Chair for 2 years and then served on the board for another 10.

Serving on the board of Aviva Family and Children's Services for 15 years including being honored at their Gala in 2004, creating of a support group called the Platinum Associates which has raised over $1 million, and being honored at their 100th Anniversary this year.

2010 - 2014: Fulfilled my biggest dream - Making Films! Created Storywise Productions, Inc. which produced a 23 minute award winning short thriller entitled MAYHEM about vigilantes who kill wealthy people in their homes and encounter an unexpected ex-military security person. Created Entertainment Universe, to produce and distribute a full length feature film starring Jesse Williams, Noah Wyle, Ian Ziering.

**My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:**
Still love and in touch with Sarah Fishbein Epstein, Elisa Fishbein Greenbaum, Stan Brooks, Linda Moskowitz Drozdow and Laura Moskowitz Greenstein, Lori Lowenthal Marcus. I love hearing from Lewis Brooks and getting emails from him regarding social media for Brandeis, the Brandeis Magazine etc. I would love to reconnect with Anne, Risa, Beth, and everyone else that I worked with on the shows I directed while I was there.
I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Being a place where both sides of an argument can be heard and respected and neither side tries to shut the other voice down. Especially wish it to be known for its support of Israel - this is the only Jewish Sponsored University in the United States.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I was both a theatre and politics major and both been helpful in my career in the film industry and in helping in my efforts to be influential in politics.

My favorite classes and professors were:
I loved all my theatre classes. Daniel Woll in Politics - Jerry Cohen - American Studies

My favorite spot on campus was: 
Field outside the Chapel

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
That every question asked by every test always turned out to be "Do the ends justify the means?"

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The Song - Kodachrome - Thank you Lewis Brooks.
SNOW - Poor Waltham - Worst year for snow since 1978!!!
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - since I produced and directed it at Brandeis.

This is me now!

The family before a dear friend's wedding
My beautiful daughter - Rachel

My brilliant daughter - Lauren
Lewis Brooks

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Richboro, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
I do. I most definitely do.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology. Still trying to figure that one out.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Only on Thursday's and Carmine Cacciatore

My favorite spot on campus was:
Leon Court

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
4 good years can last a lifetime

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Kodachrome Bohemian Rhapsody American Pie Paradise By The Dashboard Light

Hula Hula, Lena's & Jena's

It's a shelfie.
Eddie's okay.

We finally made it!!
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Swampscott, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Immediately after college I attended dental school at Boston University. I practiced locally for a few years before doing a residency in Prosthodontics at BU. After completion, I continued in practice with Prosthetic Associates in Lynn, MA., where I have continued until today, eventually taking over ownership of the practice. I have also been teaching part-time at BU Dental School since graduation, my principal responsibility being course director of the introductory fixed prosthetics courses, both didactic and preclinical laboratory, now in my 23rd year.

Along the way I was lucky enough to marry Debbie Friedlander. We have been married now for 20+ years. We spend some of our free time traveling, especially to Paris, where we have a small apartment. Besides Paris, we have a bunch of other favorite places throughout Europe, the US, and St. Barths. Along the way, I've also had a lot of fun with iPhoneography.

As a dentist, I of course play too much golf and devote too much energy to wine tasting and collecting. A cliché, sure, but I have fun with it.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
History, which provided a different perspective on the world than that of most of my colleagues - a plus.

My favorite classes and professors were:
History of architecture courses with Gerry Bernstein

My favorite spot on campus was:
Rose Art Museum

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Importance and value of being willing to question the things you think you know.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Punk rock, Fenway Park, the Big Mattress, Chinese take-out
Athens taverna with Debbie

Friend's wedding celebration with Debbie

Lighthouse Point, Marblehead with Debbie
Tsilah (Solomon) Burman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Los Angeles, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Unsure

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
My life since Brandeis has been amazing. Being an L.A. native, I came back home to embark on my career. I married a Brandeis grad who I met at a Brandeis alumni function in L.A. and divorced several years ago. We had two children - Zippy and Jacob. Zippy is now 24 and a graphic designer with a focus on fashion publishing and e-ventures and Jacob, 20, is a sophomore at George Washington University double majoring in Economics and Political Science with a Public Policy focus and minoring in Sustainability. Over six years ago my life changed after I went to a Brandeis alumni event and got help from Roy Nelson Healing, the program talked about at the event. I was able to lose and have maintained a weight loss of over 90 pounds, healed from depression and panic attacks among other issues I had. But more importantly, my whole life changed resulting in many more opportunities opening up for me and a new way to live my life in which I am truly joyful and continually growing.

I got a master's degree in Urban Planning from USC and began work in the public and non-profit sector and then went into the private sector, spending 2.5 years doing feasibility studies for developers and then 15 years working in research and marketing for a firm that invested pension funds in commercial real estate (TCW Realty Advisors/CBRE Investors). Then got the political bug again and ran for City Council in L.A. (but lost), followed by being Executive Director of several non-profits, starting my own consulting firm and then ending up re-joining CBRE Global Investors as the Global RFP Team Leader at the end of September 2014. I am truly grateful for the great education I got and life-long friends I made at Brandeis.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics. I have been involved in politics throughout my career.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Gerry Bernstein, Elliot Feldman, Morton Keller, though all were fabulous!

My favorite spot on campus was:
The castle. What other university has a castle?

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
To research and learn how to think critically and write well.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Working for the Admissions Office, the Stein, friends, and great memories.
Latest head shot

With great friends

With Zippy and Jacob

Women's holiday event
Joanne H. Camann

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Needham, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I am currently working teaching first grade in a Jewish Day School in the Greater Boston area. I am married and have two children. My daughter will be going off to college next fall, although sadly for me, not to Brandeis. My son is a sophomore in high school. It is hard to sum up my life since Brandeis but here goes: After leaving college, I taught pre-school for a few years and then went to Simmons School of Social Work, earning my degree in clinical social work. I worked as a clinical social worker for a few years at a Jewish social service agency, doing mostly adoptions and foster care. I then returned to teaching part-time, got a Master's Degree in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College and met my husband. For a while when my children were small, I stayed home as a full-time mom. As they got older, I returned to teaching part-time and more recently returned to school yet again-this time also to Brandeis. I enrolled in the DeLet Program at Brandeis, a program for people who want to teach in a Jewish day school and earned my Master's in Teaching Elementary Ed. At first being back at on the Brandeis campus was rather strange. I kept looking for friends from back in the day as I wandered around a changed campus. Looking at the faces of current students was at the same time inspiring, invigorating and enervating-I felt old in some ways but young in others. Overall, I enjoyed being back in an academic atmosphere-it is clear that I still like being a student or at least learning. I feel lucky to have had the chance to go back in time a bit. I love teaching first grade and feel lucky to be doing something that although not well compensated, is a job I love.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Educating people who gone on to contribute to make the world a better place-socially responsible people.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology

My favorite classes and professors were:
French Literature with Professor Cloonan

My favorite spot on campus was:
The pond at the Chapels
Gary "Sundance" Clay

My Life Now:

My home base is: 
Atlanta, GA

I plan on attending Reunion:  
Not Quite Sure

Tell us about your life since Brandeis: 
Since the 'Deis, married with 4 kids: Gary, Jr. completed Medical School last May; Darren is an assistant principal with a master's and two specialist degrees, starting doctoral studies in the fall; Brianna is an Advanced Placement dual-enrolled high school senior well-prepared for college this fall; and Joshua is an honor student, finishing elementary school. Life-long educator, having been everything from a teacher/coach to a Principal.

Upon graduation pursued scholarship in Miami, FL for Master's degree in Clinical Social Work; Earned a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership; currently a ABD in Programs in Education and Technology.

Spent 26 years in South Florida and moved on to Metro Atlanta. Heavily involved in Comedic acting, playwriting, coaching, education, and working with Youth. Active in business via marketing for companies, developing mentoring programs, athletic mentoring camps, and special education tutoring programs. Also, myself (along with both adult sons) are proud members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated!

Greatest pleasure is Family time and watching them succeed and prosper. Most enjoyable accomplishment perhaps, is presenting at an International Educational Leaders conference in Uppsala, Sweden to a standing ovation.

Proud of my Brandeis academic and basketball experience and that great foundation, has positively influenced my legacy of successful children.

A special appreciation to the Transition Year Program (TYP) class of '75-76, where it really began! Although I had the grades and intellect to attend college after high school. TYP gave me the direction that I need.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are: 
Won't list because I had a lot of friends and would leave someone out. But Alberto Kriger '79 has remained my friend and kids pediatrician for the past 18 years.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:  
The integration of cultures and Faith. A great melting pot.

Brandeis Nostalgia: 
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  

My favorite classes and professors were: 
Favorite class was Intro to Psychology, should have majored in it.

My favorite spot on campus was:  
The Gym!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: 
Appreciation of differences and the family values of Jewish culture, which includes education, commitment to country, and investing in children.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Lasting friendships
70's music takes back to Brandeis.
Especially George Benson since I saw him in the Shapiro gym.
The late night call of the Sandwich Man and my introduction to Bagels and Cream Cheese.
Mistakenly going thru Kosher line because the food looked better.
Ellen Glick Conterato

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Wilmette, IL

I plan on attending Reunion:
I am looking forward to the reunion.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I am blessed with a wonderful family-my husband Dean and I have three sons ages 25, 23 and 17. I am not looking forward to being "empty nesters" in another year and a half! Still working as an infectious disease physician part time-all inpatient, which I really enjoy. We love traveling and especially going on family hiking trips, and I treasure time spent with family and friends.

My favorite spot on campus was:

I loved the mods and I hate to admit it, but my favorite spot was probably the Stein!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
I learned how to feel comfortable in my own skin at Brandeis.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Beach Boys, Dan Fogelberg, Jackson Browne, honey almond granola by the ton, blackberry brandy, Hammy in a canoe, Leave It To Beaver (Hammy)...this list is truly endless.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Baltimore, MD

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I earned a Masters in library Science and a Doctorate in Communications Design. I made aliyah and lived in Israel for 12 years. While looking for an apartment to rent, I met a wonderful guy, married him, and had three children. I worked as the librarian at the Jerusalem Cinematheque/Israel Film Archive and then for the Israel Museum Youth Wing where I developed an early literacy program called "Mother Goose on the Loose." (Also did part time work as a "storytime lady" at public libraries and preschools throughout Jerusalem).

Moved to Baltimore, MD in 1998 and brought "Mother Goose on the Loose" (MGOL) with me. I wrote an article about it in a professional library journal and people started calling and asking for trainings. MGOL won awards and I won awards for developing it. MGOL is now offered in many public libraries throughout the US and Canada. I have my own business, Mother Goose on the Loose, LLC. I travel around the country and teach people about the importance of early literacy and train them how to run Mother Goose on the Loose programs.

I've had seven books and numerous articles published, and love what I do. There are also training workshop for MGOL for Jewish preschools (called "Savta Goose on the Loose") and a version for Spanish speakers too.

I love traveling and presenting training workshops, so please check out my website: www.mgol.net and invite me to your community!!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Lloyd Fridkis

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Positive Jewish spirit (I am worried about it right now based on what I see in the news about Aayan Hirsi Ali being invited to speak and then turned down, and also the tweeting incidents).

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology. I also did an independent study on children's programs in public libraries as a way to eradicate racism, sexism and class discrimination and that is also part of what I am still doing today.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Robert Szulkin - Russian Literature, Rosabeth Cantor - Sociology, Gordie Fellman - Independent study, Zick Rubin – psychology

My favorite spot on campus was:
The soft ice-cream machine in Sherman
The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
To pursue studies that were of interest to me

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The smell of burnt grill cheese reminds of the time I tried to make a grill cheese sandwich in the toaster in the cafeteria. I put the cheese on the bread, but when it went through the machine it melted and dripped all over and caused a terrible smell.

George, another frog friend (a friend of the frog in my yearbook picture)

Playing with colored scarves

With one of my daughters

With my husband, Stuart
Janet Domenitz

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Cambridge, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
35 years full of blessings, good/hard work, wonderful family and friends, sadnesses and passages, good health and plenty of laughter.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I’m looking forward to seeing everyone who comes to celebrate '80.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
What its namesake is best known for—commitment to public interest and justice.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
My major was American Studies, and it gave me a grounding for social change work I’ve been doing for 35 years.
Linda Moskowitz Drozdow

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Golden Beach, FL

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I have been married to Gil Drozdow ’79 for 30 years. Our children, Gregory and Jacquelyn are Brandeis graduates, as well. We have been living in Golden Beach, FL for 21 years raising our children. I worked for the shoe company, Prevata for over 25 years and am presently a certified Pilates and Gyrotonic instructor. For the past 15 years I have been performing with our local community theatre company, J-CAT. I also dance with a trio, which includes my twin sister, Laura Greenstein ’80, called the Miami Tap Chicks.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
My suite mates, Risa Janoff, Beverly Cohen, Leslie Seatin Fine, & Lori Oshansky, Robin Rosenzweig, Lewis Brooks

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Theatre Arts and Education-I'm teaching Pilates & Gyrotonic private sessions and exercise classes and I have been performing with the J-CAT theatre in North Miami Beach!

My favorite classes and professors were:
Acting classes with Ted Kasanoff, Danny Gidron, tap with Cheryl McFadden Gates, scenic design with Bob Moody

My favorite spot on campus was:
The theatre.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
New York, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Life in my 20s and 30s was about building my career. My mid 30s, 40s and 50s marriage, growing a family and juggling work. Always friends, travel, educational pursuits and my dogs. The pics show our 2nd (yellow) & 3rd (black) Labrador. Hopefully by the time of reunion we will have a new puppy, another Lab. I cannot imagine life without my canine pals. My other kids - Danielle, goes to college this fall, we don't know where yet but will by reunion-time. She went to LaGuardia HS in NYC, which is the 'ole Fame school, so a thespian she is. Alex is going into HS and is all about sneakers (kicks) and sports, primarily baseball and soccer, tennis and flag football. My husband owns a business in media in NYC and I work with startups or companies moving from one phase of their business to another. I often come in as their head of marketing, strategy, creative director, development director. As long as I am not tethered to an office and can make a difference in the organization and hopefully infuse a non-profit component to their enterprise, I like what I do. My background is in for-profit for many startups on their online/social media biz (Hearst, Citibank, The Wall Street Journal) and also in non-for-profit (ran NYC office for Heifer Int'l & on the board of our local YMCA). My goal always is to bring both sides together creatively, actively and profitably, in the hopes of making our world a better place.

As a family we travel a lot, our passion. I am supposed to be heading to South Africa prior to our reunion, not sure. We love living in NYC, on the 31st floor with views in all directions. We're just used to it but once out of the city to the beach and mountains, love that too. I do yoga, am a potter & still play tennis & ski.

In touring colleges, I wonder where I would go if I did it over again. I loved Brandeis because of a level of intellectual curiosity & dialog, setting a foundation for life. I enjoy going back to reunion to rekindle 'ole friendships.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Janet Domenitz
Stephanie Elkind
Karen Weiss Hirsch
Mark Sack
Aaron Garland
Janet Stein Elam
Rita Goldman
Melissa Rapp
Evan Kraus
Grant Kornberg
The guys from Reitman
My Reunion '15 Committee Pals (Ellen, Lewis, Paul, Billy, Rich)

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Social Justice/Intellectual Pursuit of the Truth

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
American Studies - It allowed me to be indecisive :) Meaning I was able to take many courses outside of my major and connect it to American Studies. It truly was THE interdisciplinary major, a term that was never used in the late 70s and is overused today!

My favorite classes and professors were:
Jerry Cohen, Conspiracy; Gordie Fellman, Social Class, Freedom and Equality; English class on Edgar Allan Poe and Henry James; Dr. Jick on the Holocaust (unforgettable), Women's Studies with Joyce Antler

My favorite spot on campus was:
Driving up the road and seeing the castle, which was in clear view then.
The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
To be curious, pursue answers and solutions and to look outside of the expected "box." It took for me going to business school to understand how to put that into practice, however.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Angela Davis, Annie Hall, Pong, Pac Man, Watching SNL in Boston on couches with the original cast, salad bars, "toasted tuna and cheese, french fries and a coke," Medieval Manner, THE snow storm & Mayor Dukakis in his turtle neck shirts and sweater, Ted Kennedy campaign, Steely Dan. Donovan (Jennifer Juniper), soccer, the Cape, The Last Resort, looking for Janet for hours, pizza & more pizza, Miss Blueberry Pie, Karen's Tilly, Kodachrome, cinder block, waiting for my parent's calls after 11pm...

My 15 seconds of fame, sitting behind Oprah (and the Selma table) in LA at Jan 2015 Critics' Choice

The family in our favorite place - Fire Island 2001 and 2014

The family (Danielle, Alex, Jennifer and Randy) at Alex's Bar Mitzvah, celebrated in NYC

And in Israel in Ein Gedi, December 2013
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
Columbus, OH

I plan on attending Reunion:  
Regrets.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
In six words: kids, family, friends, work, community, home.

But life is not just six words. It is the joy of watching my children grow, listening with two ears and struggling not to interrupt, and trying to not be too much of a helicopter parent. I've got a teacher, a graduating senior at Wesleyan, and a rising junior at Rochester Institute of Technology.

As life goes, so does family. I feel as though I've lost more than my share. My synagogue attendance and prayer skills surged after the loss of my mother, my father-in-law, one of my brothers and my father. Being on time was not my area of expertise, so the few times I was on time was a shock to all.

But families grow too! I have nieces and nephews, been at family weddings, and lots of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. My other brother and I reconnected and I couldn't be happier!

Make new friends and keep the old, some are silver and the other are gold. I have both and wish I could find more time to spend with them. My friends are precious, and I truly wish I could be at the reunion to see everyone. But a Bat-Mitzvah calls.

I have had three jobs since finishing graduate school - the Cleveland Jewish Federation, the Jewish Federation of Columbus, and the Columbus Jewish Foundation. I spend more time than I care to attending funerals and paying condolence calls as a big part of our work is helping people include philanthropy in their wills. I work with a younger crowd, granting funds to non-profits. I wouldn't change my job for the world. Especially since a favorite colleague of mine is Susannah Sagan '81 and I just adore her husband, Andy Katz '80.

With my job, I spend a great deal of time at Jewish community events and programs and greater Columbus events too. I deliver Meals on Wheels twice a month to give back. I call my route, the "But for the grace of G-d). It is nice to bring a smile to someone's door and a hot meal to boot.

Home ownership. If you've got one, you know the headaches that come with it.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:  
Everyone, especially Felice Pifer, Asher Gaffney, Ian Tick, Nancy Sorkin, the Wechslers,

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:  
Outstanding education.

Brandeis Nostalgia:  
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
Near Eastern & Judaic Studies - 110%

My favorite classes and professors were:  
Talmud with Reuven Kimmelman

My favorite spot on campus was:  
Massell Pond
The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Be yourself.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):

My son on prom night - April 2013

My Wesleyan graduate at her high school graduation - May 2010

My teacher at her college graduation - May 2011

My dad and I - May 2008
My Life Now:

My home base is: Milton, MA

I plan on attending Reunion: yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married with three grown children. Run a nonprofit for the poor children in my community in Jamaica. Work part time for a dermatology surgeon.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Newton Centre, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes! I am very much looking forward to it!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Wow! How's that for an open-ended question!

I started working for New England Telephone 1 week after graduation in a management training program, supervising directory assistance operators. (So much for the plans to become a journalist.)

Along the way, I attended Boston University part time to earn an MBA and returned to NJ for a year to participate in a Technology Internship Program sponsored by my company. Thirty-five years later, I've never left the company, but it and the work have changed dramatically. I now work for Verizon, in Product Development on wireless services for enterprise customers.

Big news since our last reunion: I was introduced to my husband--a Brandeis alumnus class of '83--by a mutual friend in 2011 and we were married in Berlin Chapel in August 2012. (I say I'm the poster child for single women everywhere.)

Lance and I live happily in Newton Centre, enjoy occasional travel, theater, sporting events and spending time with family and friends.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Justice alumni Stacey Simon, Josh Ostroff, Steve Scheinberg, Hank Kopel, my former beau Craig Gordon, and many others!

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
An institution that not only offers students an exceptional education but also helps them to develop their confidence and social conscience to make the world a better place. I am proud that social justice is a core value at Brandeis.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
English and American Studies. I learned how to think critically and express myself clearly and succinctly.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Steve Whitfield, directed readings on American Journalism

My favorite spot on campus was:
Reflecting pond near the chapels.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Actually I learned this at a Brandeis reunion--probably our 10th: I always thought that the friends I made at Brandeis, the classes and the extra-curricular activities I chose were the best and only way that I could have experienced college. I found myself at one reunion talking to people I hadn't been particularly close to, but who, I found, were really interesting people, who had had equally rewarding experiences at Brandeis. I came to realize that if I were to return, do it all over again, completely differently, it would *also* be wonderful! It was a bittersweet realization.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Snow! (The Blizzard of '78): This winter I have described to several friends the photo run in the Justice of a student who jumped off the roof of Usen (?) head first into the snow;
Harry Chapin, disco, Neil Diamond;
omelets to order!

Anne Exter and Lance Kawesch, at a Brandeis alumni event at the Rose, 2011

Some of the Brandeis alumni and faculty at our wedding, Brandeis Faculty Club, August 2012
Bernard Faigenbaum

My Life Now:
My home base is:
Wayne, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I am an attorney with my own firm in Ardmore, PA (just outside of Philly), specializing in family law and real estate. I am happily divorced with three teenage children. My son is a freshman at Trinity and my daughters are in 11th and 7th grades. College tours, round 2, are starting up. With college tuitions for 3 rapidly approaching, I will be working for a very long time! I have a place in Sedona, AZ which we have enjoyed for the past 5 years and several Brandeis friends have paid a visit. I hope to relocate to AZ for health and weather reasons at some point in the future so if anyone has AZ connections (especially Tucson), please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our 35th reunion.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Russell Greenfield - who unfortunately cannot make it to our reunion this year.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics and Economics - a good combination and excellent preparation for law school and my legal career.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Modern Architecture with Gerry Bernstein. I live in a classic mid-century modern home as a result of his class!

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Kodachrome - I can't hear that song without thinking of the great Lewis Brooks slide show!
My Life Now:

My home base is:
West Dennis, MA

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduating, I received a MALD from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. Instead of becoming a diplomat, I ended up with a career in banking technology. I worked for Bank of Boston for 13 years, spent a total of about 10 years working for technology vendors in product management, marketing and consulting and then worked as a Research Director at a small research firm in Needham, TowerGroup. In 2013, I started my own consulting business and in 2014, I moved to Cape Cod on a full time basis. I am a two time cancer survivor and volunteer for two cancer-related organizations: FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered and the American Cancer Society.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Latin American Studies. My understanding of the economic and cultural environment in Latin America was very helpful both early in my career when I spent time in Brazil regularly and more recently as I research payments trends in different countries worldwide.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Art History, Latin American Politics, Prehistoric Civilizations of Middle America.
The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to be comfortable in my own skin

This is me now!
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Denver, CO

I plan on attending Reunion:
No

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduating from Brandeis I worked in public television in Boston, Washington DC (PBS) and Denver. Married and had two daughters, moving from Denver to New Jersey then Houston, TX. Worked in both public and private schools in Houston. Moved back to Denver and worked for a small accounting firm for years. Divorced and started working at University of Denver's University College where I've been ever since. Most gratifying part of my life other than my children is the work I do in education.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Randy Duddleson
Christine Nugent

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Inclusivity for all but maintaining its Jewishness.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Theatre Arts. I still stage manager in community theatre in Denver, most recently Don Quixote. I like to support community endeavors.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Theatre classes, Marty Halpern

My favorite spot on campus was:
Rose Art Museum and Cholmondeley's

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Don't take things at face value. Follow your heart but temper it by using your head.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Pink Floyd, Jethro Tull, soggy spaghetti, splendid autumn colors, backgammon
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Syosset, NY

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Following graduation from Brandeis, I attended the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine. After receiving my dental degree, I attended a postgraduate program in periodontics at Temple University. Then I returned back to Long Island and began private practice. I have been in practice in my hometown of Bellmore since 1991. I am past president of the Northeastern Society of Periodontists, and I continue to work closely with the organization. I also run my own study clubs. I also became very involved with my synagogue in Syosset. I was president of the temple from 2008-2010. I continue to serve on the Board of Trustees and numerous committees.

My oldest son, Howard, is a Systems Analyst with the University of Maryland Medical System. My younger son, Daniel, is graduating this May from Northwestern University School of Law. He will begin working in a law firm in Chicago in September. My wife, Anne, and I live in Syosset. We are now "empty nesters" except for our two dachshunds.

I was a part of the Brandeis Alumni Admissions Committee for many years. It was a pleasure to interview prospective students and recall my days at Brandeis.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Norm Decelles Jr.
Linda Weinman

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Its academics.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biology--I pursued a course of study in dentistry.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Genetics and Developmental Biology; Dr. A. Klein.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Massell Quad
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Brooklyn, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Many friends, a wonderful family and successful legal career and finally finding my beshert......

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Bernie Faigenbaum
Russell Greenfield
Ellen Reddy
Lisa Kitinoja
Sue Dribinsky Laufer
Lewis Brooks

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Its solid liberal arts education and its tremendous scientific research

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I am an attorney and I majored in Politics. What else? LoL!

My favorite classes and professors were:
Talmudic Law with Professor Foxman

My favorite spot on campus was:
Usdan Hall and The Boulevard.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to prioritize; how important good friends are to have and to cherish; and having a value system that reflects your life and you are willing to fight to uphold it

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
1976 Soccer Championship; Russell Greenfield playing his guitar and singing; sharing Hanukah and Christmas; blizzard of '78; working in The Boulevard and USDAN Cafeteria; Brandeis Women's softball team

Bernie Faigenbaum and me at our 30th Brandeis Reunion

I lost my wonderful parents.....
My sister, Allyn Fisher-Ilan, and her daughter (and my niece), Karny Ilan

My two wonderful dogs, Sergeant and Charlie
My Life Now:

**My home base is:**
Los Angeles, CA

**I plan on attending Reunion:**
No

**Tell us about your life since Brandeis:**
I worked in banking from 1980-2000, earning an MBA at Northeastern University in 1986. After my bank was acquired in 2000 and my job was deemed redundant, I went back to school. I earned a Masters in Jewish Education at the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC in Los Angeles in 2005.

Since then, I've directed the Tartak Learning Center on the HUC/LA campus where I help students and alumni find curricular materials for children and adults. For the past 18 months, I'm also the campus Business Manager, serving as a liaison to the National Business Office in Cincinnati. It's the perfect blend of both professional skill-sets.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

**What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?**
NEJS - It led me to my current job and shaped by Jewish identity

**My favorite classes and professors were:**
A Bible class with Nahum Sarna (z’l), and a linguistics class with Ray Jackendoff

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
Pearlman Lounge for Hillel Reform Group services on Friday evenings

**List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):**
I work at HUC with a Rosenthal suitemate, Dvora Weisberg ’81.
Ellen Friedland

My Life Now:

My home base is:
NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I went to Cardozo Law School, and from there worked in the legal world for some years, first clerking for Judge Irving Ben Cooper in the SDNY, then as a consultant to the NJ Bioethics Commission. I took a break for a few years as a mom to three wonderful kids: Janel Molton (born in 1986), Jared Molton (1988) and Gabriel Molton (1990), then transitioned into journalism, founding the post of political correspondent for the NJ Jewish News. Traveling worldwide on relevant stories, I became interested in reporting through documentary form. In 1997 I formed two video companies with a PBS director of photography Curt Fissel, who later became my husband: JEMGLO, a nonprofit through which we create documentaries on global issues often with a Jewish culture angle, and Voices & Visions Productions, through which we produce corporate videos primarily in the private equity space, but also in other industries. We have been growing those two companies since then. Through JEMGLO we have created ten documentaries for PBS, international film festival and other venues, and Voices & Visions now has a long list of medium to large-size international corporate clients. Janel is a marketing director in the fashion/VC industry and is married to Nick Hertz, a scientist currently at Rockefeller in NY; I am the proud grandmother of 15 month old Carmen! Spending time with her is my favorite job in life! Jared and his significant other Lea Spencer are moving to Seattle, where Jared will start a new job at Amazon and Lea will study nurse-midwifery. Gabriel is a cinematographer/editor in Brooklyn, who already has a very impressive resume of productions in the sports and entertainment industries. I am so proud of my family and feel so fortunate to do the work I do with Curt, which constantly has us hopping to different countries around the world, where we have the opportunity to learn, report, and build friendships, deepening our understanding of the world.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Research, academic prowess, arts and culture

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology -- it opened my mind to a broad array of ways of thinking, living and believing, and triggered a lifelong desire to experience those diverse cultures through personal relationships.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Gordy Fellman's "Freud and Marx" (with George Ross).

My favorite spot on campus was:
On top of the NEJS hill, behind the buildings. It was very quiet and I'd sometimes go there to think, meditate and write.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Brandeis opened my mind to people from other cultures around the world, their array of values, and the importance of shedding myself of judgmentalism. Part of that
learning was rooted in my studies, particularly in sociology, and part was through the diversity of friends I made. Among other activities in which I took part, I was very involved in organizing the student movement to divest the university's stock from companies with holdings in then-apartheid S. Africa, through which I met a broad group of international students and where I learned important life lessons about diplomacy and standing up to injustice. Some of these messages still drive the documentaries Curt and I choose to create.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.): Music: Renaissance, Bruce Springsteen Food: Steve's ice cream Philosophy: Martin Buber, Sigmund Freud, Maimonides, Plato, Aristotle, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Karl Marx People: I had a diverse group of friends, many with whom I am still in touch: The folks who lived in "Big Pink" on South Street, my work colleagues at "The Stein", student movement activists, student government members, NEJS students, and others.

My daughter Janel, son-in-law Nico, and precious granddaughter Carmencita

My son Jared and his love Lea

My son Gabriel

Curt and me the Great Ocean Road in Australia last year after finishing a corporate video shoot
My Life Now:
My home base is:
Pittsburgh, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Since graduating, I have moved around a great deal but still managed to stay close to a few Brandeis friends.

I earned an MA in Public Policy Analysis at Penn, and then worked in Milwaukee for the Jewish Federation. I then worked for a number of years at Philadelphia's Central Agency for Jewish Education before following my wife to Michigan and working in Toledo Ohio. We were in Columbus Ohio for 8 years, where I was in charge of Jewish education at the Jewish Federation, and we have been in Pittsburgh for the past 10 years, where I served for 9 years as director of the Agency for Jewish Learning. I am now working as Inclusion Specialist for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and doing other teaching and consulting work. Over the years, highlights of my work included serving as Chair of the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) in 1999, several years as Chair of the national Association of Directors of Central Agencies for Jewish Education and a variety of experiences sponsored by the Mandel Foundation.

I have been married to Lori Abrams for 24 years, and we have an amazing daughter, Naomi, who is 14 and bright, talented and very good natured.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
My dorm mates from freshman year in Swig.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Academic excellence, and being a nurturing place that teaches students to value and respect each other, no matter what their differences.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
History. I still love it for its own sake, and for how it shaped my world view.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Gregory Frieze and David Hackett Fisher, and Helen Codere. If I had taken a course with her at the beginning instead of during senior year, I might have been an anthropology major.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Sherman dining room - being with people.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Making friends with people different than me.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Group outings for dinner - Freshman year I fondly remember our whole dorm going out together, and figuring the check. And omelets made to order on Sunday mornings.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Jerusalem,

I plan on attending Reunion:
unfortunately no

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I returned to Israel after graduation. Left archaeology for the hotel business. During the Intifada I left my job when I married the father of my 4 beautiful children. After 10 years we divorced and several years later I received my real estate license. Today I manage up-scale properties in Jerusalem as well as do rentals and sales. 2 of my sons study at Hebrew University, 1 son just completed his service in the IDF, and my daughter will soon graduate 12th grade. In addition to all the above I have become active in the Brandeis University Alumni Club and we have put on a number of successful events both in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. If you are coming to Israel please do look us up...

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I'm still in touch with several of my Brandeis classmates. We keep abreast of each other's lives via FB or just emailing. Some of them are my most cherished friends.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
My major was Anthropology (and archaeology). Although I left the field many years ago, today I audit course in the archaeology dept. at Hebrew University.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Potomac, MD

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis, I got my Masters in Communications at Boston University and then started working in Advertising. I married Arlen Gelbard, Brandeis class of ’79 in 1981, while we were both in Graduate School at BU - he was getting a JD/MBA - and we moved back to New York and started a family there.

Andrew is now 28 and Cara is 23. I co-owned a children’s bookstore, ONCE UPON A TIME, in Westchester for ten years before we relocated to Potomac, MD in 1998 and my retail business turned into an online baby book business, which still flourishes today as babybookbaskets.com

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:

Brandeis is near and dear to my heart for many reasons. It is where I met Betsy Bober, my best friend and former business partner, as well as our dearest friends David and Leslie Fine, and Mitchell and Cindy Caplan. But most important of all, it is where I found my husband Arlen, the father of my amazing children and the absolute love of my life!!!

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I was an English major, and one of my favorite classes was actually an independent study with Margaret Rey, creator of Curious George. Little did I know then that years later I would leave a career in advertising to join fellow Brandeisian Betsy Bober Polivy (class of ’79) as co-owner of an enchanted children’s bookstore in New Rochelle, NY.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Kfar Saba,

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Most of my adult life I have lived in Israel (with the exception of two years in my hometown of Philadelphia). I got a master's degree in Political Science from Hebrew University. My professional life has included a variety of positions at government ministries and NGOs, while I also have extensive experience as a freelance translator (Hebrew to English). I love to write for pleasure too, whether essays in English or poetry in Hebrew. I was married and divorced, and am grateful to now be in a relationship which is compatible with my expectations from relationships, which I tirelessly sought. I have had rich experiences, meeting many people in my personal and professional life, and no doubt, in some way, my Brandeis education steered my curiosity and interests which led me to these diverse encounters.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I am blessed to be connected with the best of them, even if our true friendship developed later, and had earlier roots. That friendship would be with Naomi Prusky. Similarly, reconnecting with Ethel Schuster (I believe from a class ahead of me) a few years after Brandeis made her a very special lifetime friend.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
I suppose for the adage of "Truth unto its innermost parts."

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
NEJS

My favorite classes and professors were:
Tom Wolf - a course I took in Romantic Poetry

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
I learned over time that my father was right when he assured me that it was not the content matter of my degree that mattered, but the skills acquired by doing the things one needs to do to earn a degree. These skills have served me throughout my life since Brandeis, as my father had suggested.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Dunkin'Donuts
Mindy Fleissig Ginsberg

My Life Now:

My home base is:
West Palm Beach, FL

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Just following school, I worked for a leading impresario, who produced performances by the likes of Luciano Pavarotti, Itzhak Perlman, American Ballet Theater, and other international artists...I continued in the 'arts world' as a Business Manager of the Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach...and then transitioned into the corporate world as a Marketing Director for an upscale shopping and entertainment complex in Coconut Grove. In 1990, I moved to West Palm Beach to work for the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County...and continued in the area of fundraising for several other worthy causes, such as Hadassah, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Yeshiva University (Palm Beach office) and the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science (Palm Beach office). I'm currently the Director of Development for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation, an international bone marrow and blood stem cell registry. I have two amazing sons--an 18 year old (who is a partner of a computer software company...and going to college) and a 16 year old who is a sophomore at Oxbridge Academy.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Sarah Fishbein Epstein, Harlan Halper, Rick Shapiro, Reuben Wechsler and Ellen Levine Wechsler, Sharon Temin Pohl, and others.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Music; Was initially involved in arts administration

My favorite classes and professors were:
Music and Psychology; Professor Robert Koff, Professor Keiler, Professor Olson, Professor Ed Nowacki,

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein during the blizzard of '78!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
My motto in life (at least when I was younger)--
"Work hard/play hard" (LOL!); You can do whatever you set your mind to do...

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Herb Albert's 'Rise'; 'The Thriller' album, Saturday Night Fever, 'Le Freak', Disco music/dancing, The MODS, The Castle, Blizzard of '78, "Na-na, Na-na-the butcher" (Rick and Harlan will remember this), 'The Revolution'--with streaking on campus; fitting 7 people in the library telephone booth and 11 people in a Dodge Dart.
My Life Now:
My home base is:
Demarest, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I attended Columbia Dental School. In my junior year I met the love of my life... Debra. Debra was in hygiene school and then went on to NYU Dental School. We were married in December of 1984 and went to live in Englewood, New Jersey. We had 2 boys there Alex and Max but we shortly out grew the condominium. We eventually settled in Demarest, New Jersey where we had our last child Paige and have been living there ever since. On the professional side, after working in other practices after graduation we eventually would set up a practice together on the Upper West Side in New York City. The practice focuses on Cosmetic, Invisalign and Implant Dentistry. I have been speaking to dentists for over 20 years most recently for Invisalign where I train dentists in the procedure. My children are grown 28, 25 and 22 respectively and all live and work in the New York City area. When not working I enjoy reading, movies, Theatre, working out and skiing.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Gary Greenberg, Phil Koren, Alan Budd

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
An Intellectual powerhouse that is Pro Israel.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Chemistry and Biology - a prerequisite for what I do today

My favorite classes and professors were:
Physics, Art History don't remember the Professors

My favorite spot on campus was:
North Quad campus.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Time management, not to be afraid to approach Professors, how to cook, how to play quarters

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Kodachrome song by Paul Simon, Bohemian Rapsody by Queen, Going to fly Now (Rocky Theme). Lena's, Taiwan Gardens, the Stein, intramural football and basketball
Michael Kahn’s house. Lewis Brooks taking photo of Rich Rosen taking photo

My family 1996

Sonoran desert, Arizona 2014 with kids and significant others

Teaching to Colombia Dental School with my partner and wife Debra
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
Palo Alto, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:  
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
I have been married for 33 years to Burton Goldfield (his brother Dan also graduated from Brandeis in 1980). We have one son, Alec Thunder, who is currently finishing up his MBA degree at UCLA (he graduated from Amherst College in 2009). I have published two novels, When We Get Home (Bantam, 1979) and Looking After Pigeon (Permanent Press, 2009), and tutor high school students in writing. I also do pet therapy work with my greyhound at hospitals, schools, and nursing homes. I feel truly blessed and very happy. And I look forward to hearing from old Brandeis friends.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:  
Shelley Reed, Ellen Friedman, Bill Borenstein, Les Nelken, and many others.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:  
Excellent education and excellent sports.

Brandeis Nostalgia:  
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
English/Writing. I have published two novels, and tutor students in writing/English.

My favorite classes and professors were:  
The writing workshops I took with Frank Bidart, Andre Dubus, and John Irving.

My favorite spot on campus was:  
Sitting out in the sun watching the world go by.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:  
I learned that there were people who took me seriously as a writer, and that I could do the same.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):  
Making pizza, helping deliver bagels to the dorms, listening to Bruce Springsteen, watch Saturday Night Live in people's dorm rooms.
Family

On the beach in Carmel by the Sea

SF Giants-- Burton threw out the first pitch
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Collegeville, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Maybe.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Went to MIT for a master of science in Civil Engineering, focused on environmental groundwater hydrology. Have since worked in the environmental consulting field for a variety of agencies and engineering companies (currently AECOM). Since then have lived in and around DC (8 years), NJ (5 years), and currently Philadelphia area (20 years). Married Karen Leander in September 1993, and had a son, Noah, in December 1994. Noah is in his second year at Brown University. Hobbies have continued to be music and skiing (though the skiing has tapered off the past couple of years!).

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
2nd and 3rd floor Reitman 1976-77; all the musicians I played with.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Physics; kept me in the sciences.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Allen Grossman, Greek literature.
Still pickin’ guitar at a local festival (with Michael Ronstadt on cello)

A thrill to have musical hero Larry Campbell play with me on a song I wrote, at Fur Peace 2014
William Gorin

My Life Now:

My home base is:
New York, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Academic Excellence

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics

My favorite spot on campus was:
Economics building
My Life Now:

My home base is:
NAZARETH, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
POSS.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:

Brandeis Nostalgia:

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.): Every time I hear American Pie or Kodachrome I think of Lewis Brooks.
My Life Now:
My home base is:
Darien, CT

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married to Elizabeth (since 1992) and have three children: Windsor III (21), Shannon (19) and Thomas (17). Live in Darien, CT.

Have been in banking most of my career, since graduating from Harvard Business School in 1984. Currently with US Bank in NYC. Lived in Southeast Asia for more than 6 years, where our two youngest were born.
Hanna Hamburger

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Chicago, IL

I plan on attending Reunion:
I think so.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Went straight to bschool at Cornell after graduating and majored in Marketing. From Cornell, went to work in Brand Mgmt for General Mills, which took me to Minneapolis - learned a ton. Wanting a bigger city (and slightly shorter winter), I left GMI for Quaker (brand management) and moved to Chicago and never left (love the city and still live in Lincoln Park)...

changed jobs through the years (Nielsen, Deloitte Consulting, Archstone Consulting, and now The Hackett Group, where I focus primarily on consumer goods and life sciences industries). Travel a lot for work (mostly domestic but some intl) and love traveling internationally for fun, especially Europe. Along the journey pre-, during and post Brandeis, I am blessed to have met a number of friends that I hold very dear to this day

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I was pre-med and a Sociology major - the premed work got me 2 great internships that have nothing to do with what I do today but helped me get where I am

My favorite classes and professors were:
Criminology (Gila Hayim); Genetics

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Mods.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
It was ok not to to go med school and become a doctor. Despite concerns from family members about what I would do with my life without medicine, I think it all turned out well, after all (and I think they did as well)!

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The Blizzard of '78 in context of all the snow Boston has had this year. Memories of 15 foot snow drifts, daily Dukakis press conferences to close the state, no classes, being at Ridgedale with power and no Asian Flu, "surviving" playing games, eating, drinking, watching TV...Music - Bruce Springsteen, Earth Wind & Fire, Boz Scaggs
Joan Hantman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Los Angeles, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Unfortunately no- I am getting married shortly after!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I decided that I never wanted to shovel snow again and left Boston 7 years ago and moved to LA. I had been working at the Fernald School for 28 years in various positions including Day Program Manager, Assistant Psychologist, Staff Development worker, Case Manager, and Recreation Therapist, while completing my MA in Health Care Administration, a certification in Assistant Occupational Therapy, and an Assoc. in Nursing.
I performed with the Reagle Players for MANY years in productions including Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Hello Dolly, Carousel, Guys and Dolls, Kiss Me Kate, Mame, A little Bit of Ireland, Remembering the 40's... I also toured with the Mandala Folk Dance Ensemble singing and dancing all over the east coast, Hungary, and England, and danced in several Israeli dance and swing/salsa groups. I led the Israeli dance groups at MIT, Harvard, and in Newton, taught Balkan dance, and appeared in several films and TV shows.
In 2008 I moved to LA where I now work as a nurse at Santa Monica UCLA Hospital. I continue to act in TV, film, and internet commercials (look for me in Mike's Hard Lite Lemonade Blind Date), and guest teach Israeli and Balkan dance in southern CA. I'm proud to say that I recently won first place in the US Israeli Dance competition in circle dances! I am also active in salsa, swing and clogging. In my spare time I also sing with a Bulgarian band and with the UCLA Superdevojce Bulgarian choir. With the choir I sang at the last Bulgarian Koprivshtitsa festival and will appear there this summer as well.
If that wasn't enough to keep me busy, I recently got engaged while on safari in Tanzania and will be married this June to Laurence Conn of Los Angeles/Seattle. I adore watching my nieces and nephew grow up and am thrilled to have one in school nearby. I think of the great times at Brandies often and am sorry that I will miss you at the reunion. Hope to see you next time!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
I miss the G&S, Tympanium Euphorium, and Spingold casts, and my roommates, and have reconnected with many via social media.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Turning out great scholars, educators, leaders and performers who can make a positive impact on the world.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I majored in Psych and elementary education which has impacted my entire life.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Acting with Charles Werner Moore, Danny Gidron, Ted Kazanoff, every Psych course, Karate, and elementary ed.
My favorite spot on campus was:
Deroy Pond

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
You can do anything if you study hard and put your mind to it! And that there are an incredible group of people in this world!
Jonathan Harris

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Wilmette, IL

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Worked in DC as a paralegal for Arnold & Porter; Northwestern University Law School '84. Forced into employee benefits law against my will by my first employer--the now defunct Altheimer & Gray. 30 years later still practicing employee benefits law. I was a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman in Chicago until 1997 when I moved in-house at Amoco. Left BP in 2009 when they moved my job out of the county (to Houston). Have been at Kraft and now Mondelez International (Oreo, Cadbury) ever since. Married Lynn Norman (Georgetown, BU law) in 1988. Two incredible daughters--Haley (Wellesley '12) now the Writers' Assistant on the HBO show "The Leftovers" and Emma--a sophomore at Boston College.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Sadly, I have really only been in regular contact with the great Dr. Ken Levin. I had some great times with the Deroy Boys (and women).

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Producing more than lawyers and doctors. (I know I am partially to blame.)

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
American Studies and History

My favorite classes and professors were:
Any class by the wonderful Stephen Whitfield.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Sherman--3 hour dinners

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Discipline

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
"Shower the People" and "Mexico" by James Taylor; hiking to Steve's in Somerville; the Saturday night shuttle to Boston
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
McLean, VT

I plan on attending Reunion:  
No, because my niece is getting married that weekend.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
Since 1980, I've gotten a MA and PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts; have lived in Liberia and Ghana; and have worked or traveled in another 10 African countries. I've worked for the US Government, the World Bank, and a private sector company consulting firm, and have 10 years of experience serving on non-profit boards. My husband and I have been married for almost 29 years, and we have three kids -- the eldest will graduate from college this year, and one of our twins is a sophomore at Brandeis. As empty nesters, we are looking forward to downsizing and moving to a more urban and walkable area -- just like the millennials are doing!

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:  
Intellectual rigor and social justice

Brandeis Nostalgia:  
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
Politics with a focus on international relations -- that's the basis of my career since (international development)

My favorite classes and professors were:  
Often the classes I had to take as electives -- art history, astronomy, and the history of architecture still serve me today, and the professors were fascinating

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:  
It's college -- there is no one thing as I recall, it's about meeting people with different viewpoints/interests/backgrounds/ethnicity etc and learning how to be tolerant/collaborative etc., all while figuring out who we all were (which every young person has to go through).

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):  
Ultimate Frisbee Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
Watertown, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:  
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
My circuitous path from Waltham has taken me all of the way to Watertown, Mass, the adjacent community. Political activism at Brandeis (Clamshell Alliance/anti-nuclear among other issues) led me to work in the energy conservation field, then to an anti-poverty agency, a public housing authority, graduate studies at MIT in urban planning, and then the affordable housing and community development sector, where I have worked for thirty years. At MIT, I met my wife Kathryn Madden who is also an urban planner. We have two daughters, Madelyn (23) and Norah (20), who are in the early stages of blazing their own adult paths. My family has deep connections to Brandeis. My late father worked with Dr. Sachar in the mid-40s in a Midwest office in Chicago to raise funds for the new planned university. And in part of my family miracle, my mother’s escape from Nazi-occupied Prague in 1939 ultimately relied on getting a scholarship to the University of Illinois through a program that then national Hillel director Abram Sachar had organized. Dr. Sachar greeted my mom as she arrived in Champaign, and became a friend for life. I guess you could say that this is how I ended up at Brandeis. And finally, the record-breaking snows of this winter (Jan-Feb) 2015 in Boston brought back memories of the incredible Blizzard of 78, when for those of us lucky enough to escape the flu that spread through campus, was an amazing time to frolic. Looking forward to frolicking with classmates this June!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:  
As they say about the Woodstock Festival, if you remember it, you couldn’t have been there. Looking forward to seeing y’all.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:  
promoting the ideals of Justice Brandeis and a dynamic commitment to social justice across its fields of study.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
Politics, with lots of Sociology added. Direct impact on my professional work.

My favorite classes and professors were:  
Allen Grossman (RIP), Gordie Fellman, George Ross, Jeffrey Abramson, Seyom Brown, Karen Klein, Ruth Morgenthau, and Group Process led by Morrie Schwartz (RIP) was a memorable experience. And Bob Lange is a stand-up guy although I never took his course.

My favorite spot on campus was:  
Cholmondeley’s, Roberts Cottage (gone but not forgotten), and Chapel’s Field for Ultimate Frisbee games.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:  
Explore new things until you find a passion, and always question authority (in the best Socratic sense, of course).
My Life Now:

My home base is: Oakland, CA

I plan on attending Reunion: Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I went to graduate school in musicology for two years, but was not happy at Stony Brook. (Probably I should have gone to U of Chicago!) Moved across country in 1982 to Oakland, CA to be with my then-girlfriend and practice Dan Zan Ryu jujitsu. I worked in health insurance, property insurance, and professional liability insurance to support my jujitsu habit. Eventually, I joined the corporate real estate dept. at Kaiser Permanente after a short stint in dBASE programming.

A crazy re-organization at Kaiser propelled me in 1996 into the career I should have jumped into in 1989 - technical writing. After 18 months of freelancing, I landed a job at Documentum (now EMC Documentum and a shadow of its former self). Worked there, mostly on server documentation, until 2006, when I was lucky enough to land a job at Google.

I spent four years documenting the Google Search Appliance. Now I write data center documentation. I will probably work there until I retire, unless the commute, which is long even with shuttle busses, gets me first.

I'm still practicing jujitsu; I got my shodan in 1991 and nidan in 2001. I am the sensei at Berkeley Dan Zan Ryu. I also have a tiny side career as a classical music reviewer & writer and a blog, Iron Tongue of Midnight, whose readership includes Alex Ross of The New Yorker.

I live in Oakland in a modest but charming Craftsman bungalow, with my partner of more than 20 years, Donna Odierna, who is a public health researcher. We have a cat and a dog, too many books, too many opera recordings, and too many cooking utensils.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Everyone I lived with in the mods my senior year and all of our friends.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Recovering from the bad streak of the last few years. $8 million to Reinharz, really?

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Music, medieval studies. I have a small side career as a music writer and will do more when I retire.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Chorus with Jim Olesen (I should have become a conductor!), Joshua Rifkin, who did a lot to make me the writer I am today.

My favorite spot on campus was:
I spent more time in chilly, damp Slosberg than anywhere else.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
No one specific huge important thing, though "make a copy of your papers before you turn them in" comes to mind. Also, how to examine a music manuscript.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):

The music of Heinrich Schuetz. Stuffed lambs. "More sugar!"

That's me in black pants, tossing one of my students.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Orange, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I have my own law firm and practice union side labor law in California. I am an officer of the California Democratic Party and the Regional Director of the party for Orange County.
I have twin sons Daniel and Gabriel. Daniel graduated with a BA in International Relations from Pitzer/Pomona Colleges and Gabriel graduated with a BA in Peace and Conflicts Study from UC Berkeley. Gabriel is a second year law student at UC Irvine.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Mark Matulef, Karen Hendrixson, Pam Perry.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Its continued legacy of political activism.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics and I am still interested. I ran for Congress.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Gerontology class at Heller School

My favorite spot on campus was:
The pond in front of Anna Renfield Hall. I like watching the freshman jump on the ice.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
You can’t play tennis in the snow and wind.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
I miss taking the train to Steve’s ice cream in Somerville and Mr. Barleys' burgers and salads in Cambridge.

Business head shot.
Gabriel, Florice and Daniel
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Alstead, NH

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Since leaving Brandeis, I received a Masters degree in Education and certification in Orff-Schulwerk. I currently teach elementary general music and chorus in Keene, NH. I am also an adjunct faculty member of the music department at Keene State College. I have two sons, ages sixteen and eighteen.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Woodbury, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Moved back to my home town twice with a short stint in Wellington, FL to try it out.

Wife - 25 years
Boy 22 - Hollywood newbie
Girl 19 - Longhorn (U/Tex)
Boy 12 - King of the castle

I'm still writing for Barron's Online and various financial media outlets. Working from home.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Physics / Economics

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
A well-rounded education will eventually come in handy one day

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):

Slideshow soundtracks. The Mug Club keychain I carry around to this day

The family - Nov 2014
Debra Kattler

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Frederick, MD

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I remember my first job interview after Brandeis was for a residence manager at a half-way house. I didn't say one word at the interview and when the interviewer was done talking, he asked when I could start! Quite a different experience than many college graduates are experiencing today. A couple years later I went to graduate school at Boston College, had many jobs, got married, traveled, moved to California and back to the east coast three different times, had two children, more jobs, more travel, and finally bought a franchise called Plato's Closet. That pretty much catches you up.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Too many to name. My Reitman crew, those who shared the OYP in Israel with me, swim team (divers). I'm happy to say that I have kept in touch with many of my Brandeis friends and hope to connect with more at the reunion.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I was a NEJS major which has informed my life as a Jew. I have not used this major in any professional capacity.

My favorite classes and professors were:
I took a couple of sociology classes my

senior year which led to my graduate work. I especially enjoyed a class with Irv Zola.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Berlin Chapel where I was married. I also have fond memories of the Women's Coalition office in the upstairs corner of Usdan. I don't remember how Joan and I convinced the powers that be to give us that space for our tiny club.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Stand up for what you believe in. I wasn't always able to do it but I saw it modeled in so many ways.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Music: Lou Reed, Jonathon Richman, Willie Alexander and the Boom Boom Band, Traffic, Bob Dylan, Television and of course Kodachrome and the other great music used in Lewis Brooks' productions. Food: Elephant ears Having a daughter in college. Everything I discuss with her about her experiences reminds me of those heady days!
Aerial yoga with my girls

My best work. Sara on the left, Maya on the
My Life Now:

**My home base is:**
Canal Winchester, OH

**I plan on attending Reunion:**
No.

**Tell us about your life since Brandeis:**
I am married to Susannah Sagan ’81. We have two college-aged sons, neither had an interest in Brandeis. I am a professor of political science at Denison University.

**I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:**
An educational experience that leads to graduates who are autonomous thinkers, empathetic people, and fulfilled adults.

**Brandeis Nostalgia:**
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics. I am a political science professor, so I suppose it had an impact.

My favorite classes and professors were:
19th century American literature with Michael Gilmore.

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
Sacher

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
That learning was good.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Tuna subs
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Portland, OR

I plan on attending Reunion:
Sorry - cannot make it.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduating, I spent four years in Juneau, Alaska working as an Economist for the state and volunteering for local public TV as a sports reporter. Life was stimulating and relatively carefree.

By 1986, I was back in Massachusetts getting my master's degree in elementary education. I then taught 6th grade for four years. That great experience led me to Prague for two years where I re-trained former Russian language teachers to be English teachers, immediately after the fall of communism.

Returning to the U.S., I landed in Brattleboro, Vermont (SIT) in 1995, where I got certification to be an ESL teacher, but more importantly, where I met my wife, Jill Johnson of Oregon. We moved to San Francisco in 1996 and I started my company, ProActive English, training non-native English speakers at dot.coms in Silicon Valley. Global and U.S.-based clients brought regular business travel in Asia, Latin America and Europe, along with the ups and downs of the entrepreneur's life.

Two beautiful daughters arrived along the way, Eliana (2001) and Rachel (2004).

We moved to Portlandia, Oregon in 2003, to be nearer to Jill's family. She works as a non-denominational hospice chaplain - difficult but meaningful work. Our girls are busy with gymnastics, music, sports teams and lots of reading. We are active in a Reconstructionist Synagogue and also involved with a UCC Church. I still play full court basketball. Life isn't perfect, but I feel more engaged than ever!

We spent six wonderful months last year living in Guanajuato, Mexico. The girls attended school and I worked remotely and hacked up Spanish under Jill's tutelage - she, a fluent speaker.

As I reconnect with classmates, I am in awe of our diverse accomplishments and only wish I had gotten to know many of you better during Brandeis years.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Rich Rosen - my partner on the radio to call Brandeis Judges basketball games.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Helping bring about peaceful co-existence in the Middle East.
Helping create a more just and compassionate society here at home.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics - I understand better the dynamics of my industry.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
One has to get involved and take chances to make a difference.
My Life Now:
My home base is:
La Pine, OR

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
A fun journey in body (working in 25 countries and counting) and spirit (married for 22 years). Since 1990 I've run my own businesses (international horticultural development consulting firms, custom designer jewelry made with beads from Africa, India and Indonesia). In 2011 I founded a non-profit public charity that educates young hort professionals -- more than 100 have become "postharvest specialists" who work in 27 countries to teach farmers, traders, food processors and marketers how to increase incomes by reducing food losses and waste.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
My roommates Cindy, Ellen, Linda

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Bio-chemistry - a good science background for working with plants/foods
PEF e-learning graduation day 2014
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Woodbridge, CT

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I studied at Oxford (UK) then Penn Law School; practiced with a Boston law firm 3 years; and since 1991 have been a federal prosecutor in Washington, DC; Providence RI; and now New Haven, CT, in the office's National Security unit. In 2003 I married Dawn Weiner (Brown '86); Dawn has a thriving GYN medical practice in New Haven. We have two children, Rebecca (18) and Joseph (9), and a little Yorkie dog. We are active in our local synagogue; and among other things we love traveling, biking, hiking, and the wonderful theater and music scene of greater New Haven. I am in the process of publishing a law review article on genocide prevention, with plans to publish more writing in the future on the subjects of hate indoctrination and counter-terrorism.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Would love to see many such classmates, especially from the senior year mod-apartments "village"; but especially miss my dear and talented friend Tony Sutin '81, whose life was so unfairly cut short while he served as Dean of Appalachia Law School.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Revitalizing its commitment to "truth even unto its innermost parts," by re-opening the campus to true intellectual diversity -- which mission was deeply and publicly diminished when former Pres. Lawrence dis-invited Ayan Hirsi Ali - one of the great women leaders of our time - from giving that year's commencement speech.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics, with a lot of history added in. It furthered my lifelong interest and study of public affairs and history; and ironically, that spirit of continued inquiry has led me to several conclusions about 180 degrees opposite of my undergraduate opinions - much like the Irving Kristols and Norman Podhoretzes of years gone by.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Michael Sandel - Theories of Justice. One of the greatest intellectual feasts of my life.

My favorite spot on campus was:
(1) Going for runs down South Street; (2) Weekend evenings in the Stein; (3) The remote magazine racks of the library, perusing old New Republics and other political journals from decades past.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Learning demands effort and patience, but yields incaulcable rewards and satisfaction.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The feeling that there's so much still to do in life ahead; political debates; and anything from the late 70's - Jackson Browne; Annie Hall; Jimmy Carter (before he turned anti-Israel!); and blizzards that shut down a whole state!
Nancy Korobkin

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Riverside, CT

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Lived along short corridor between NYC to CT.
Started downtown WTC7 in commodities, then midtown w/corporate interiors, freelance floral designer, city love affair, married the guy, one dog, two kids, shifted life to CT, full time parent, more dogs, community volunteer, travel, currently massage therapist, thinking about what’s next.....

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Caroline Lawhorn
Tama Matsuoka

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
research
student engagement with social issues

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology - suggested a world view w/inquiry into our ever changing society

My favorite classes and professors were:
Class- On Death and Dying  Professor- Maurie Stein

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Inquiry and compassion

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Pizza w/salad
Mindy Rosenthal Kremer

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Greenvale, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Because I had such a great time at the last one!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Hills and valleys. Triumphant successes, bitter disappointments. Ecstatic love, excruciating heartbreak. Certainly not the life I "planned" as a naive Brandesian...but one filled with love, meaning, gratitude and life lessons galore.

Some of my greatest blessings: my huge hearted, loving mensch of a son; my realization, mid-career, that I was meant to work in Jewish communal service, with kids, instead of as an attorney, and the courage to begin again, yet AGAIN, to make my dream a reality; strength and resilience.

I'm so excited to see everyone at Reunion and would love to reconnect with friends who aren't able to make it. Please reach out!

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I majored in Psych. My course work was accepted by New York State last summer, enabling me to become licensed as an Early Childhood Director.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Anything with Professor Wingfield

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein, The Boulevard (partly for the video games!) and wherever there was DANCING!!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Be careful about who you trust.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Disco, Saturday Night Fever, pajama parties, Store 24, Taiwan Gardens, Lemberg Day care Center, late night runs to The Magic Pan in Boston, anything from Dark Side of the Moon, Billy Joel

Me and my son
50th birthday surprise party

Happy Purim! Pouring cinnamon on the tall, non-fat latte.

Brunch in NYC
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Sharon, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I went back home to NYC after graduation and spent 4 years working in the non-profit area. I saved enough to roam Europe for a few months. In no rush to go home, I studied Italian in Venice for a while, but ultimately the money ran out and I returned to NY.

With luck and a contact, I ended up in an analyst training program at Moody’s Investors Service and thankfully finally had a career. I left Brandeis with little idea of what to do professionally and have been eternally grateful to the person who helped me get a foot in the door. I met my future (now ex) husband at the job as well.

I followed the future husband to Boston in 1988 and joined Pioneer Investments as a bond analyst. I was very fortunate to find a job that was fun, challenging, exciting, and opened the world to me, but after almost 26 years at the company, it was time for a change and a break from the rushing and pressure. I retired from the company in July 2014.

I have two intelligent and beautiful daughters. Jenna will be finishing her freshman year in engineering at Tufts. Alyssa will most likely be at the University of Edinburg in Scotland in September.

I'm not quite sure what is next. We're supposed to have encore careers but I'm now the stay at home mom I never was. I love having time with my kids before they are gone for good. A health issue a few months ago reinforced the need to take advantage of what we have and savor the moments. Sitting on the couch in the early morning with a cup of coffee, leisurely reading the newspapers, walking the dog, working out with time to spare, seeing friends, having time to explore the world with a new partner -- all activities replacing the working life for the near term. I am extraordinarily fortunate to have the time to slow down. It feels good.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I wonder where my freshman roommate, Grace Chavarria, is today.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics. Much of my work was in emerging markets and politics are key.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Robert Art. Intro to International Relations (I think)

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Importance of friendship.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Songs Lewis Brooks used in slideshows.
Who can listen to Kodachrome without thinking of Brandeis?

My daughters and I on Newbury Street.
Susan Dribinsky Laufer

My Life Now:

My home base is: Princeton, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion: Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
You may wonder why I'm not in your graduation photos (or maybe not). I actually took senior year off to work in Israel as a quality inspector in a chocolate factory. (Really!) I returned to graduate with '81, though, and then moved back to Israel, getting my Master's in chemistry at the Weizmann Institute of Science (my only discovery being that I dislike research). I became an analytical chemist for Teva Pharmaceuticals in Kfar Saba, later taking up technical translating, which allowed me to work from home when my kids were little. When business slowed during the Gulf War (foreign investors being somewhat deterred by all those incoming missiles), I returned to Teva, but the changes took their toll on my marriage to my Israeli high-school sweetheart, and yada, yada, yada... #2, Simon, originally from Romania, is the keeper. For multiple reasons we decided to move the family to the U.S., settling near Princeton, NJ, in 1999. Since then I've worked in pharmaceutical regulatory affairs, currently as Director of Regulatory Intelligence for Eli Lilly, supporting R&D teams developing new oncology drugs. Simon works in pharma too, in validation of automated systems, and goes wherever projects take him - currently, North Carolina. Son Asaf Elani (28) earned a BS in electrical engineering from Northwestern and is an entrepreneur involved in several start-ups. He and wife Gaby, a market research consultant, live in Chicago with Gigi, our adorable grand-dog. Son Yaniv Elani (25) earned a BA in cinema from USC and is an independent filmmaker in L.A. He recently produced his first feature film, the psychological thriller "Manifesto," and is seeking distribution. We all enjoy cinema, music, and photography and love to travel. In fact, as soon as we can retire Simon and I plan to hit the road. A world of destinations and adventures awaits!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are: You know who you are.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for: Quality education, social justice

Brandeis Nostalgia: What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today? Biochemistry and chemistry. Working in the pharmaceutical industry, I use that knowledge every day!

My favorite classes and professors were: Anthropology of Human Food Production (Prof. Robert Hunt) and Inorganic Chemistry (Prof. Bruce Foxman)

My favorite spot on campus was: Cholmondeley's

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: My education is for me. By the time the test date arrives, I've learned what I've learned; the grade doesn't matter.
List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Pizza and lambrusco; chocolate chip muffins and hot apple cider with cinnamon; blizzards; the colors of fall; the Boston skyline; the Mass. Turnpike

Me, Apr. 2013

Family, Nov. 2014

Me, a year before Brandeis

Me & Simon, Feb. 2015, aboard Rock Legends Cruise

Me, Apr. 2013
Kenneth Levin

My Life Now:

My home base is:
West bloomfield, MI

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Attended University of Michigan Medical School 1980-84, resident in Internal Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, 1984-87, resident in Radiation Oncology, 1987-91. Moved back to Detroit area in 1991 and have worked at William Beaumont Hospital, Wayne State University/Karmanos Cancer Institute, and since 2006 have served as Director of Radiation Oncology, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, West Bloomfield, Michigan. I married Kimberly Frankel (who is one day younger than me) in 1997, and am the proud father of Emily, age 17, who will be entering her senior year at Groves High School in Beverly Hills, MI and Daniel, age 15, who will be entering his junior year at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills, MI

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Being a place with a good social conscience, respectful and tolerant of all, willing to take a chance on and supporting students who have faced hardships and opening up doors for them, with graduates who are committed to doing good in the world.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biochemistry; gave me a good foundation in science and a sense of confidence entering medical school that I could compete with other students.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Dickens and Dostoevsky, Dennis; American Architecture and Painting, Bernstein; Physical Biochemistry, Miller, Survey of Art History.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Louis Brandeis statue

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
The importance developing a sense of self and of understanding concepts as opposed to regurgitating facts (which worked in high school but not in college).

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Any mention of Boston, snowstorms, trains, cafeterias, (remember the blizzard of ’78?), Nightline, art museums, travel to cities where Brandeis friends were from or live now.
Glenn Levine

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Needham, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married my Brandeis sweetheart, Alisa (Zimbalist) Levine, (81). 34 years as a financial advisor and Alisa has been a Jewish educator for most of the past 33 years. Our daughter Rozalyn (Levine) rodwin, (09) married in 2014 to her Brandeis sweetheart Benjamin Rodwin (09), both doing their medical residencies at Yale medical. Our son Avi Zimbalist Levine living and working as a recruiting consultant in NYC.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
General chemistry

My favorite classes and professors were:
Physics, Professor Pendleton, statistics, intro to Music

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
The Science Library is a very good place to study on a Saturday night.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Disco music, every blizzard, Mike Dukakis, the Talking Heads, Mash reruns

Rozzie's wedding
Graduation

Cancun 2015
Philip S. Levine

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Monte Sereno, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
20 + Years in Marketing Management in the Semiconductor Industry - Including Intel, Fairchild, Zilog and Singapore Technologies.
Changed careers in 2008 and became an Enrolled Agent doing personal and corporate taxation which complements Susan's consulting and accounting practice. I remain active in our local Synagogue, 2 Chamber of Commerce's and several Enrolled Agent Groups. We love to travel to Southeast Asia as my Wife was born in Malaysia as well as Europe. Basically we're your average Jewish Chinese Family that lives in the Silicon Valley!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Amy Bernstein ('79), Susan Posner, Stanley Brooks ('79) Renee Swartz ('79), Richard Jennings ('79),Paul Ackerman ('79),Evan Mandel ('79)David Stark

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
The motto - Truth to its innermost parts - just not what may be politically correct in the current environment!

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
English and General Science (Doubled)

My favorite classes and professors were:
Alan Grossman (English) Prof Irving Epstein (Chemistry)

My favorite spot on campus was:
Usen Castle Coffee House and the Stein!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
The importance of a broad based Liberal Arts Education with the ability to question your assumptions!

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Being able to legally drink beer at 18 and remembering Bob Dylan and Joan Baez when they sang on Campus in 1975/1976. Most importantly all the great dorm mates we had in my Freshman Year in 1975 (I took a semester off....)

Me
Family at Sarah’s 2013 Tulane Graduation
Gary Loren

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Princeton Junction, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Absolutely!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Since graduation, I went on to become an anesthesiologist/pain management physician. I married my Brandeis sweetheart, Marlene ('82) on November 6, 1983. We have two daughters. Rebecca graduated from Brandeis in 2010. She is married and lives in Georgia. Jessica will be getting married in October. She graduated from Rutgers School of Pharmacy in May 2014.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I was a biology major and it definitely impacted my decision to become a doctor.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
My wife.
My Life Now:

My home base is: Danbury, CT

I plan on attending Reunion:
May be able to attend Friday night only.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I went from Brandeis to Columbia University to pursue my love of science and research, earning my PhD in biochemistry and then working in the biotechnology field. John and I met at Columbia while he was in medical school and we married in 1986. Our son, Evan, is a junior at Brown University and our daughter, Fiona, is a freshman at Vassar College.

I had actually come to Brandeis thinking that I might major in music and as I watched my children become amazing musicians, I was inspired to blow the dust off my flute and take a few lessons. I now play flute/piccolo in our local orchestra and I am learning to play the piano. In my "spare" time, I have spent the past year training my rather large and lonely dog (both of us miss the kids) to be a therapy dog. We are becoming regulars at hospice and a nursing home and soon will participate in the Paws To Read program for children at our library.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Lewis Brooks, Jean and Bill Theurkauf plus the rest of my Mod, Richard Rosen, Bruce Parad, Dale Blank, assorted room- and suite-mates, too many others to list so I'm very thankful for all the Facebook reunions on line.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Academic excellence plus an environment where there is an opportunity for everyone to achieve their goals.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biochemistry. Loved doing research and encouraging future scientists by mentoring and judging Intel science competitions.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Biochemistry with Drs. Abeles and Jencks, Art history classes, music classes

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Don't be afraid to challenge yourself.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Lewis Brooks slide shows, Talking Heads, Dire Straits, Bruce Springsteen, trips to Boston or Cambridge almost every weekend, Steve's Ice Cream.
My Life Now:

My home base is: Longwood, FL

I plan on attending Reunion: ?

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduation, I worked at Massachusetts General Hospital implementing a computerized medical record in the Ambulatory Care division and in the Social Work Department. The database was used for direct patient care and research. Twelve years later, tired of cold bleak winter days, I left my winter wardrobe behind and headed to sunny Longwood, Florida. It took a bit to adjust to the slower southern lifestyle but that was a small price to pay for great year round weather. Until 1998, I worked as a study coordinator for a company doing clinical trials and found it gratifying to see some of the drugs we tested gain FDA approval.

On St. Patrick's Day in 1996, I married Jeff Mandel and 19 years later feel very blessed to share my life with this wonderful man. Jeff is managing partner of the Orlando office of a national firm specializing in Labor and Employment Law. We have a son, Jacob, who is 17. He never ceases to amaze us with his ability to excel in school, play Varsity and summer baseball, and do the things teenagers do- with only 24 hrs in a day. Currently a junior, Jacob is looking at smaller-sized colleges as far north as DC (he is truly a Florida guy=not a fan of the cold.) I love spending time with my guys and so the prospect of being empty nesters is filled with mixed emotion. Another favorite thing is playing tennis. Five years ago, I picked up a racquet for the first time and I am now addicted. I co-captain a women's doubles team, play at least 3x/wk and am involved in the league.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are: Melinda Levitt, Wendy Philips, Grant Kornberg, Phil Stillman,

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for: Keeping its commitment to its motto "Truth even unto its innermost parts."

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today? Psychology.

My favorite classes and professors were: Abnormal Psych, Sociology, Morrie and Gordy.

My favorite spot on campus was: The Stein.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: Every day is a new opportunity.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
1. The weather map on TV (thanks, Melinda) 2. backgammon 3. Boz Scaggs
Family trip to Yosemite 2013
Karen Margolis

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Framingham, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Hope to get to some of it.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Life since Brandeis has been pretty good to me. After Brandeis, I received a Masters in City Planning from MIT. I worked as a City Planner in Framingham for almost 18 years, for the Planning Department, then the Planning Board. After that, I landed 8 years with Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE) where I worked on the development of Shillman House, a new affordable senior housing community in Framingham with 150 apartments.

Have I mentioned that I live in Framingham? My husband Victor and I have been happily married almost 23 years, and have three wonderful kids, two on college, and one still in high school.

These days, I'm working part time for the Town of Sudbury as a Housing Specialist. Most of what I do is housing resales and lotteries of affordable housing for Sudbury and various Towns and developers in the metro west region. I enjoy the work.

But my passion lies in connections and working with older adults. I was the primary caregiver for an aging cousin, until recently. I've been working on a Masters in Gerontology at UMass Boston in their Management of Aging Services track. I see myself moving in that direction in the future, helping people to explore how they may best age in place or in the community. I'll finish my degree next spring.

It's hard to believe it’s been 35 years since graduation from Brandeis. So far, it's been a good ride.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Pablo, Eddie, Judi, Lois, Linda, Cesar, Lenny and others.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Energizing its students to do good in the world.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics

My favorite classes and professors were:
Yale Bruanstein, Ann Carter

My favorite spot on campus was:
Brandeis Statue, Usen Castle
First trip to Israel in November

Me and my family.

Reunion with Linda

Me and Victor
Ruth Liebesman Martiniuk

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Fair Lawn, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I have been practicing law since 1986, mostly in the federal courts of New York and New Jersey. I still play guitar and sing in pubs and at benefits. I love music. I was with Ted Martiniuk from 9/9/96 until his death on January 26, 2014. We were married on April 29, 2005. We were unable to have children, but I have a step-daughter, Tara, who is widowed with one son. I am in the process of adopting her. I purchased a house on March 6. Life moves on.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Roger Herzog, Alice Siegel, Ruth Wylen, Steve Ellman, Julia Reiss, Linda Greenberg and the rest of the Reitman gang.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Extraordinary academics and good sports. And an awesome sports facility.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics and Environmental studies. I guess it has had some impact on my decision to practice criminal defense.

My favorite classes and professors were:
"The Representation of Experience," Prof. Grossman

My favorite spot on campus was:
Usdan, and the rocks behind the administration building, which are no longer there.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
1970s music

At the MLB party for Fenway Park's 100 year anniversary

With my husband, step-daughter and grandson
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Bethesda, MD

I plan on attending Reunion:
The jury is still out, but I am trying to arrange it.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
It is hard to believe graduation was 35 years ago - twice as many years as my age when I first stood in the shadow of Usdan and the Castle.

Dolores and I will be married 15 years. She says it has taken me that long to buy her the ring she wanted. We settled into her family home across from Navy Medical/Walter Reed. We took care of her nonagenrian father. (It should be No-No-genarian, because he was Sicilian.) Dolores is a therapist like my Dad was, and an artist like my Mom is. We have three dogs and cats. They all sleep on me.

We have three children - Sam, Lydia, and Nora - all 10. When asked, I like to say we have one of each. They must be getting it together, because I don't yell at them as much as I used to. They are public school kids like us. Because of them I am training to become a licensed parent educator. We are booking their b'nai mitzvah: a three-fer.

This year, I will be 15 years as a Federal government employee in HUD's Office of General Counsel - currently as a civil rights attorney. I am also a proud Union steward and recently won my first (and only) arbitration. I was accepted into HUD's Emerging Leaders Program which, in my case, I call the Latent Leaders Program. I work with seven incredibly cool people from around the country on a project team. I've survived the government shut-down, furloughs, and evacuation on 9/11.

On my bucket list, I was on the Hyattsville City Council and was the citizen planning committee chair. I've been to 44 states and 7 foreign countries. I rafted the Snake River. I've seen about 100 beautiful sunrises over Assateague Island, been published in social science and law journals, and helped HUD resell about 500 homes as affordable housing in NYC following a scandal that inspired the "HUD" episode on "The Sopranos". And, finally, finally, I get to play guitar and sing a bit in a local rock band.

My best friends from Brandeis are still best friends, and I made new Class of '80 friends last Reunion.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Florice Hoffman, Roberta Korus, Deborah Cummis.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Liberal arts and social welfare education.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics. It helps me keep up with Robert Reich's Facebook posts, but I am largely recovered from economics.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Literature with Allen Grossman. Stats with Peter Petry.
My favorite spot on campus was: Economics building/chancellor's office.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: Self-reliance.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Cafeteria food. Birch trees. The greatest music ever: Horslips, Michael Jackson, Cindy (now Cidny) Bullens, Motels, Earth Wind & Fire, Springsteen, ELO. Campus chapels.

According to friends, I am a PTA rock star.

With my daughter Lydia at Girls (or Nuns) on the Run.

My wife, Dolores, and son, Sam. His Hebrew middle name is Jedi.

With my daughter, Nora, at Williamsburg, VA - a go-to place.
My Life Now:

My home base is: Arlington, MA

I plan on attending Reunion: Maybe a social event.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I lived in Waltham for several years after I graduated and then moved to Arlington, MA, where I've been ever since. In 2009, after a long career in high tech marketing, I decided to try my hand at writing novels for children. I'm on my third manuscript, still unpublished, but feeling hopeful. I have a supportive, smart, funny, talented husband, and a daughter with the same attributes who is now a freshman at Oberlin. I maintain a personal op-ed blog, Everywhere I Go, at www.judymintz.com.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Susan Dribinsky Laufer, Wendy Kalen ‘B. Deborah Cohen

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology. I'm still passionately observing people.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Rosabeth Kanter (sociology) and a East Asian studies class.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The lawn outside the classes at the top of the hill.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
I wasn't ready for college.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Boston's first album, Russo's farm stand, Waltham.

Me and my girl
My girl and my guy

Me and my girl and my guy
Andrea Aronson Morgan

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Tiburon, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married, raised two children and funding for museums.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
The success of the Rose Art Museum.

Brandeis Nostalgia:

What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Fine Arts.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Nancy Scott, Joan Nissman.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Rose Art Museum.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Empathy.
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
Mooresstown, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:  
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
I am a medical oncologist. I worked for several years in academic medicine in the Philadelphia area, but I am now working in industry. I have been at Bristol-Myers Squibb for about a year as a medical director in Global Clinical Research in the nivolumab (Opdivo) program. My husband, Ken Sheil, used to work for NFL films (where he won 10 Emmys!) and has been working on his own film, Friends of Ken, for a number of years.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:  
Joany Jackman  
Bess Abramowitz Koenigsberg

Brandeis Nostalgia:  
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
American Studies--this was a nice break from all the pre-med science classes. It has kept me well-balanced, and I was able to pursue my interests in non-science areas.

My favorite classes and professors were:  
All of Stephen Whitfield's classes were challenging, fun and interesting. My AmStud classes were a good break from all the required pre-Med science classes.

My favorite spot on campus was:  
During junior year, we lived on the top floor of the Castle. Going up and down 5 flights of stairs wasn't always fun, but the view was great.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:  
Be yourself.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):  
Disco-didn't like it then, still don't like it now. The blizzard of '78, when we were stuck on campus since no one was allowed to drive for a week. (I am writing this now, on the first day of spring--watching the latest snowfall accumulate.)

Faith and Ken in Cape May, NJ
Faith and Ken in Cape May-2 years later
My Life Now:
My home base is: Natick, MA

I plan on attending Reunion: Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis: Advertising media planning and research, then public health advocacy, then local elected public service and now advocacy for transportation investment and innovation with a statewide coalition in Massachusetts. Our coalition (Transportation for Massachusetts) works for sustainable, affordable and healthy transportation choices to serve every community and a strong economy.

I live in Natick, just west of Boston. My wife Jeanne is an artist and works for a public school district in community engagement. Our son Jonah (Phd 2013) is a math instructor at UW in Seattle.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are: Welcome to get in touch! I have several tight friends from my college days and enjoy those relationships.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for: High academic achievement and progressive values

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today? English. Very little. I should have majored in history or politics. But I value the ability to communicate and express ideas foremost and encourage that in young people.

My favorite classes and professors were: Roy Grow, political science, who went to Carleton College and with whom I reconnected a few years ago. Roy died recently and left behind countless people he influenced and inspired.

My favorite spot on campus was: Massell Quad, because no one else will say it.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: Not to rush into a major until I sampled the humanities and sciences. Oh well.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Philadelphia, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I attended Georgetown University Law Center and graduated law school in 1983. After returning to Pennsylvania and taking the bar exam, I married Meryl Smith. Meryl worked for a year after Brandeis graduation and then attended Hofstra University where she received a Masters degree in Counseling. After clerking for a judge and spending 3 years in private practice, I became a Solicitor with the City of Philadelphia Law Department, where I have been for the past 27 years. Meryl worked for private agencies before she began working for the City. She will retire from the City within 2 years. I plan to retire in about 3 years. Shortly before I began working for the City, my oldest daughter Lori was born. Four years later, our younger daughter Haley was born. Lori attended Goucher College in Towson, MD. She spent her junior year spring semester studying abroad in Australia. There she met James Drew, who became her boyfriend, and he later attended Goucher during her final semester, doing his version of study abroad. After she graduated 5 years ago, she went back to Australia with him, where she worked for 3 years. During that time, they became engaged. They moved back to the states, now live in Alexandria, VA, and were married a year ago. Haley attended Towson University also in Towson, MD (only 2 colleges in the city, and both kids attended one of the schools). She graduated last year, and now attends Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, working on her Masters Degree in Social Work.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics - got me interested in Law as a career.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Gordon Hall and Usdan Student Center.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to fall in love and stay in love with Meryl.
Janet Cohn Perlman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
San Diego, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not this time

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis, I lived in downtown Chicago for two years and then obtained my MBA from the University of Wisconsin. My family had been spending time in La Jolla, CA for years and I moved to San Diego in 1984. I began a career in marketing and sales working first for companies dealing with syndicated real estate investment properties. During this time I met my wonderful husband, John, who also grew up in the Chicago area. We are blessed with two sons, David (23) who graduated from UCLA last June and Ben (21) who is at Washington University, St. Louis. I continued working in pharmaceutical sales and then in medical equipment sales. More recently, I work part-time for a skin care company. We love living in beautiful San Diego and enjoy many of the outdoor activities.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Bev Cohen, Lori Oshansky

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
American Studies, Urban Studies

My favorite classes and professors were:
Jerry Cohen, David Hacket Fisher, Gerry Bernstein, Morrie Schwartz, Gordie Fellman

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Going to Cambridge and Boston on the weekends, waiting in line at Steve's ice cream, late nights & Chinese food deliveries, Heritage House in Waltham, The Stein, summer internship in Boston and trips to the Cape, fun times in grad housing with Donna, Risa, Bev, Anne and Lori

Our family

David's UCLA Graduation
Visiting Ben at Wash U
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Cambridge, MA

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Staring from the most recent developments,
I founded and run the Boston Book Festival,
which has grown to become New England's
largest public literary event. We are starting
a festival for children as well in June of this
year, called Hubbub.

I married not long after college and had two
daughters. Lana is 27 and Sonia is 25. They
are launched into exciting careers and lives.
Sonia is getting married at the end of the
summer.

My first marriage ended about 12 years ago
and I have remarried. Life is good.

My Brandeis classmates who created a
lasting memory and with whom I’d like to
reconnect are:
Tamara Frisch

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Humanities and peace making.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it
impact what you are doing today?
Politics. In the end, it didn’t have a huge
impact.

My favorite classes and professors were:
European history, Stephen Schuker,
American Lit, Gilmore

List a few things that remind you of your
Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people,
etc.):
Amie, Pure Prairie League. Played
frequently by my freshman roommate, Amy.
Boz Scaggs, Harbor Lights

My girls
My Life Now:

**My home base is:**
Russellville, AR

**Tell us about your life since Brandeis:**
After working for a year in Boston, I moved to Durham, NC, and earned my M.A. and Ph.D. in English literature at Duke University. I married and divorced after finishing my degrees and found several visiting professorships before landing a permanent position at Arkansas Tech University, which is a medium-sized liberal arts school in central Arkansas -- one of the last places I thought I would end up in! In my 21 years here, I've sidelined in amateur archeology, helped the local animal shelter, worked with the Master Naturalist program, and become a rabid gardener, with the help of my three cats. Although I have a close relationship with a retired engineer, I have not remarried, but enjoy the freedom to travel here and abroad, hike the nearby trails and experiment in my garden.

**My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:**
Ruth Goldberg
Nancy Gottlieb
Gideon Mark
Leslie Ostrow
Mark Weinstein

**I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:**
Its atmosphere of intense and exciting intellectual and artistic stimulation

**Brandeis Nostalgia:**
*What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?*
English major -- I continued in that field

**My favorite classes and professors were:**
Karen Klein, Michael Gilmore

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
The Castle (especially Cholmondeley's)

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
To experiment with life
Tori Humphrey Price

My Life Now:
My home base is: Ann Arbor, MI

I plan on attending Reunion:
I am sorry but I cannot make it.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
In case you don't know who I am, do you remember during your senior year, two women who sold flowers every Friday at the Student Union? One was tall and beautiful (that was Debbie Zylberberg). I was the shorter one:-)
After graduating I got a MLS at Simmons and became a corporate librarian at the Boston Consulting Group. I married in 1983. We had a son, Ben, in 1986 and then moved to Ann Arbor Michigan in 1988. Our daughter Kit was born in 1990.
For 20 years I was a school and community volunteer. In 2009 my husband announced that we were getting divorced! Needless to say that upended my life! But everything turned out great because I met Ray Kelley, a wonderful man, whom I married last summer.
Ray and I love to travel. He is a tech sales manager and he moon lights as a Professional Tennis Umpire. When I am in Ann Arbor, I work in the Standardized Patient Program at the medical school and I run my own college application consulting business.
I visit my mother once a month in Meredith New Hampshire where I now own, with my siblings, our family lake house (which has been in our family since 1944) on twelve acres of land on Lake Winnipesaukee.
On a sad note: about a year and a half ago, my 27 year old son, Ben took his life. He had struggled with depression for a decade. Needless to say, I am a strong advocate for mental health reform and research. If you would like to know more about him please go to www.thefloatinglibrary.com.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
I would love to find my freshman roommate Loren! A couple years ago I connected with Lewis Brooks (because his sister found me on Facebook). I have seen my college love, Greg Winter, once (incredibly his parents have a summer home in Meredith about 3 miles from mine) I hope he is well. And of course, Debbie Zylberberg Porter (I haven't seen her for many years but we chat via email).

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Continuing being an institution nationally known for cutting edge research, being a vibrant college campus and being proud of its Jewish heritage. I do not want Brandeis known for trying to sell donated art work in the Rose Museum.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
My major was history. Because I had the opportunity to do very interesting projects and primary research, I was easily transitioned into a corporate research librarian. Even though I no longer work in this field my love of history in general is constantly with me.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Hands down, I loved my history classes as well as my two favorite professors, John Demos and David Hacket Fisher. I found Prof Demos about 8 years ago. He is retired but he remembered me (I use to babysit for him and I worked for him the summer we
About five years ago, my book group read a book written by a history professor at Brandeis. It turned out her son went to school with my nephews. I contacted her, told her I liked her book and then commented that I have fond memories of Prof Fisher. Twenty minutes after I sent the email, Prof Fisher emailed me! Not only did he remember me, but he had been quoting a paper I wrote for his class in 1978!!!! WOW

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
The library. Second floor. Sitting on the floor in the history section where copies of historical diaries were kept.

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
How to be in a minority. I am WASPY as all get out and I went to a college that was Jewish. I learned so much about this wonderful religion. I learned about Israel. Some boys would not date me because I wasn't Jewish and I could not eat on the Kosher side of the cafeteria. I learned a very very important lesson which more people should know. It is OK to be different (indeed one should celebrate it). I had never been in the position of "being different" and I think my experience at Brandeis helped shape the woman that I am now. And, then of course the quality of my education was superior. And, I learned to run my first business (selling flowers).

**List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):**
I remember listening to the jazz band (they were sophomores and I only remember one kid's name in the band, Gil) playing Bird Man very early in our freshman year. I loved all the holidays (especially the ones in the early fall....) I remember going to a dance our Junior year on the roof of a building and dancing (with Greg) to Under the Moonlight.

*My children Ben and Kit about a year before Ben died*

*Ray and me at the Seattle Science Museum*

*Ray and I saying our vows (I stood on a stool:-)*

*Fly Fishing*
My Life Now:

My home base is: Boca Raton, FL

I plan on attending Reunion: I will not.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Shereen Randazza currently resides in Boca Raton, FL and is a prominent real estate broker specializing in the Boca Raton area country clubs including Woodfield Country Club where she lives. Shereen has been a top ranking residential real estate broker for 16 years and has consistently received achievement awards for her exceptional performance. She has been happily married to Joseph Randazza for 16 years.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
BA in Psychology: patience & understanding of human nature to effect successful transactions & ongoing relationships; subsequent MS - Ergonomics; MBA - Marketing: developing effective marketing materials & strategies.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Orange, OH

I plan on attending Reunion:
No

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married to Susan Rapkin for 26 years. We have 3 children, ages 23, 21, and 14. We've in Cleveland for the past 30 years. I'm the Chief of anesthesiology at a suburban Cleveland hospital. When not working, I'm trying to be on the golf course (which is not always easy given the weather in Cleveland.)

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
History. Very little impact unless it helped me get into medical school.
Melissa Rapp

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Berkeley, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I moved to San Francisco in 1982 with my then boyfriend and later husband Jeff. I attended Stanford to earn a PhD in sociology but left after a couple of years. I subsequently got a masters in psychology and became licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist. I currently have a private practice in Berkeley.

We moved to Berkeley in 1987. I have two children: Emily, who's 24, and Sam, who's 16. Jeff died in 2009 of colon cancer, and I have been single since then.

I love living in northern California, where I have many wonderful friends, family members, and colleagues. If you're ever out this way, I'd love to hear from you.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
the quality of the education it provides

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology. This field is where I became sensitized to race and class differences, and my values and work around diversity stem from this time.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Marx and Freud, Gordie Fellman; Gila Hayim.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The bubble window outside Usdan on a sunny day.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The song Shanty, by Jonathan Edwards; No Woman, No Cry, by Bob Marley
The subs that got delivered to the dorms - I can't remember what they were called.

With my kids and a dolphin in Mexico, 2014

In my backyard, 2012
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Brookline, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and became a painter. I'm represented by the Danese/Corey Gallery in NY. I'm happily married to the man I met in England on my junior year abroad. We settled in the Boston area and raised two kids. Along with my husband, some of my closest friends are people I met during my Brandeis years. It's an understatement to say I feel lucky.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Ellen Freeman, Susan Ludwig, Beth Kraus, Ilana Schlager, Nancy Wiener

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology. Having an understanding of psychology plays an important part in creating dramatic, involving art.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Art History with Joan Nissman.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Our mod.
Ellen Freeman, Shelley Reed, Leon Sher, Susan Ludwig, Nancy Wiener, Lenny Maimon

Beth Sher and Susan Ludwig
Steven Roseman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Englewood, CO

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Academic excellence.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics.
Rich Rosen

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Scarsdale, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
My Brandeis experience well exceeded my expectations, at least based on the first two tests I took; the swim test, and calculus exam (on which I got a 5......out of 100)! That experience forged a belief in keeping expectations low and the need to work harder than everyone else who possessed greater aptitude than myself. I married my college sweetheart, Cheryl Erlich ('81) in 1983, at which we had 27 members of the Brandeis family, including my best man, Steve Glassman. Ours is truly a Brandeis family, as attested to by 15 family alum (and counting), starting with Cheryl's older siblings, Fred ('75) and Rhonda ('78). We have three kids, Ilana (28), Adam (26....a Brandeis grad!), and Daniel (25), and have lived in Scarsdale, NY for the past 24 years. After getting an MBA from NYU, I have worked at Bear Stearns, J&W Seligman, and now Columbia Management, all without ever having a job interview (I probably wouldn't have gotten hired if I did)! Professionally, I have been fortunate enough to have had a good bit of success as an equity portfolio manager. My musical tastes haven't changed much since Brandeis, still preferring '60's music, though weekend mornings on Cape Cod, on which we have made a second home, we are reliably serenaded by Frank Sinatra. Incidentally, most days I wake up on the Cape tend to be my happiest! My taste in sports hasn't changed in four decades, continuing to root for losing NY teams, including the Islanders (I am a season ticket holder in spite of their not having won since shortly after graduation!), Mets, and Jets. I added Northwestern to this list, where two of my kids went to college, though they too are more lovable than successful. I don't have a bucket list, per se, but don't feel like I have missed out on much. We even have a boxer dog!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
My closest friends at Brandeis were Steve Schiffman, Steve Glassman, and Nancy Tobkes. I have spent (not enough) time with Evan Berson, Bill Gorin, Fred Miller, Tom Polton and Dan Berger. Every year Tom, Fred, Windsor Hall and I play golf and have dinner. The golf is horrible but the company is off the charts. A group of us celebrated our 50th birthdays in NJ, including Tom, Evan, Danny, Windsor, Ira Weinstein, Gary Barker and Andy Schneider. Just fantastic! Asher Gaffney, Alison Bermack, and Paul Rosengard I see irregularly, but not nearly enough. I see Jill Blumencranz only when the two of us are in temple at the same time (sadly, not often). This reunion gives me the opportunity to reconnect with Dan "Sweet Lebo" Lebowitz, Mike Awkward (hopefully), and many others that I sincerely hope will make the pilgrimage back. Facebook friending is nice, but nothing beast old friends in the flesh!
Brandeis Nostalgia:

My favorite spot on campus was: The radio broadcast booth with Dave Kertzer!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
I have developed a number of close friends over the course of my life, but the closest thing to family in my life is the friends I made while at Brandeis.

At home on Cape Cod with Cheryl.....Ahhhh!

Adam, Ilana, Daniel (and Shay)

Nov 5, 1983.....Chestnut Hill, MA

Our family today
Paul F. Rosengard

My Life Now:

My home base is:
New York, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
A brief stint in law school followed by a rewarding early career in college textbook publishing, then motion picture finance, then reunited with Brandeis classmate Jeff Spiegel as I joined his family tie business. I worked alongside Jeff for 18 years and helped build this business from $15 to $500 Million. A great ride. In 2005, I jumped from men's accessories to collection sportswear, becoming Group President of Perry Ellis International. Four years later, I joined global sourcing giant Li & Fung as president of their US Menswear division. Today, I remain in the fashion business as a small business owner, re-launching Boston Traders - a casual outdoor lifestyle brand.

Along the way, I have remained connected to the education industry and Brandeis in particular. I serve on several Boards, including Parsons, FIT, National Father's Day/Mother's Day Council, and as Chairman of the YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund. I frequently speak at colleges, occasionally teach a semester class, and ten years ago endowed a scholarship at IBS - the then relatively new Brandeis graduate business school.

Most importantly, I am the proud father of three children and a large dog. Jillian (29) graduated with honors from Harvard and Mt. Sinai medical school, and recently appointed Chief Resident in Neurology. Ellen (26) graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan, got her Masters at Sotheby's Art Auction House, and now works in an art gallery in Chelsea. Joey (21) is a junior in the business school at the University of Wisconsin and hopes to enter the real estate finance industry upon graduation. It warms my heart that my three children, who all grew up behind enemy lines, are loyal Boston sports fans!

Now, I live on Manhattan's upper west side with Shelby - my 140 lb Landseer Newfoundland. Shelby is a rescue dog I picked up last year in Methuen, Mass, coincidentally where I was born. He drools a lot, so he wears a Red Sox & Patriots bandana under his chin!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I remain connected to most of my close Brandeis friends. But would enjoy raising a glass at reunion with: Glen Darnell, Mindy Rosenthal, Jessica Sterman, Dan Stachel, Rich Rosen, Billy Gorin, Steve Glassman, Steve Shiffman, and of course Evan Berson (who I don't get to see nearly enough).

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Nobel Laureates

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics. Creates the impression that I am smart.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Jacob (Jerry) Cohen's "Conspiracy" course was my favorite. Also enjoyed Intro to
Economics with Barney Schwalberg and several Econ classes with Larry Pulley and Randy Filer.

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
The Stein

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
The difference between a first draft and a final copy. In High School, first drafts were good enough.

**List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):**
- Disco
- Fenway Franks
- Afros
- Bongs
- Intramural Sports
- The search for sex

Walking #1 daughter down the aisle

So long as I have hair, I don’t care what color it is

My Pride & Joy

Shelby in my Boston Traders' showroom
Jennifer Roskies

My Life Now:
My home base is:
Jerusalem, Israel,

I plan on attending Reunion:
No, unfortunately.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Well, if life at Brandeis was a picture postcard of endless potential and possibility, life since then has proven to be far from that 1980's brochure. The blessings: friends, family, a wonderful son and daughter, both happily married, the privilege of raising them and living in Jerusalem -- and restored health. The bumps: managing to leave a bad marriage but not finding a good one, having to shelve a doctorate in the wake of aggressive medical treatments, no prospect of ever getting to Italy or to Ireland, being nowhere close to figuring it all out. It looked so tantalizingly close to clear back then, didn't it? Yet we're still kicking and here to tell the tale.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
'78: Renee Heyman, Jim O'Neil.
'80: Andy Moore, Elisa New, Lisa Kulp, Shelly Roth, Laura Duhan, Carmi Neiger, Steven Scheinberg.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
For NOT rescinding honorary doctorates from heroically worthy would-be laureates.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Richard Hanson, Alexander Lipson, Nahum Sarna, Marvin Fox, Willilam Johnson, Ben Ravid, Reuven Kimelman, Michael Fishbane.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Castle rooftop, and the trees on the walk from Goldfarb to Sherman/The Stein.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
...too internalized to recall in one sentence.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
NEJS, Russian, philosophy, studio arts
Me, 2015

With my kids L to R: Ben and his wife Michal, Aviva, me and her husband, Guy.

Have a great time!
Ellen Freeman Roth

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Weston, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
You want 300 words?

HAPPINESS
Family: Wonderful husband Steven (I gave
him skiing and kale; he gave me NYC and
Stephen Sondheim), fabulous kids Josh,
Maddie, finished college, now both in
Manhattan working and pursuing their
dreams; my big brother and his family
2 dogs because I always wanted dogs. Dog
slobber builds immunities, yes?
Friends: Rich in friends. Freshman
roommate still my bestie...thank you,
Brandeis Housing Office.

CAREER
Grad school, career in marketing
communications, then freelance journalism
(www.ellenfreemanroth.com ...and now I
write too rarely), and now, robust business
as a college essay writing coach. (When I
decided I should expand my network, I
hadn't thought that meant mostly 17-year
olds).

HEALTH
I have it! Fortunate. More than a decade
cancer-free after early-stage breast cancer.

LOVES
All of the above
Cycling: Thousands of miles on the road
annually, stacks of cycling clothes (but no
Brandeis Cycling jersey!)
Cycling and fundraising for the Pan-Mass.

Challenge to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer
Institute
Travel, to places I'd thought were beyond
my reach
Swimming in the ocean with pods of
dolphins
Cheese (strange but true)
Chocolate, dark (less strange)
Reading/my book groups
Good theater
Aaron Sorkin television shows
Photography, recently
The Perfect Essay
My husband's astonishing memory
Laughing
"Someone in a Tree" by Stephen Sondheim
Amarula
Did I mention cycling?

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
Home: New Hampshire to Brandeis to
Boston to Manhattan to New Jersey to
Weston, MA, a stone's throw from Brandeis

MORE BRANDEIS
It's still giving to me, and I'm trying to
repay.
--My family was a host family for an
international student who became and
remains part of our family.
--I serve on Brandeis Creative Arts Council,
through which I'm consistently astonished at
the talent and resources in the Brandeis
community.
Whenever I engage with Brandeis, I am
enriched.
Happiness.
My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I have remained close with my dearest Brandeis friends. I’ve reconnected with other Brandeis friends, often wondering why we didn’t spend more time together then or over the years.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Superb liberal arts education; tolerance and dialogue; creativity; faculty.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
English and Am. Literature. I regret not having dug more deeply into it.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Social Psych (Zick Rubin), Mass. Communication, Am. Art & Architecture; D. H. Lawrence & Virginia Woolf (Onorato); the 60s (Gerry Cohen)

My favorite spot on campus was:
Anyplace with my friends.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Be aware of and engage in the world. That hit home again recently when I learned in So. Africa from a former political prisoner on Robben Island that pressure to divest in So. Africa to end apartheid made a difference.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Steve's ice cream, Howard Johnson Corn Toasties, "The Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys," which I often played on my radio show, Simon & Garfunkel, Rocky Horror Picture Show

Cycling on the Blue Ridge Parkway

The family on an adventure

Not quite our Scheffres dorm room--Shelley Reed and her husband Peter Rhodes, me and husband Steven
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Providence, RI

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I've been happily living in the vibrant city of Providence, Rhode Island, with my two sons for the past few years, after almost two decades of country living in southeastern Massachusetts. My work at Brown University with major gift donors is fascinating and rewarding. In addition to my day job, I'm on the board of directors at Rhode Island Public Radio and am a member of the new Providence mayor's finance committee. My older son, Spencer, will be a junior at Brown next year (lucky me -- my college kid's dorm is just five minutes away!) and my younger son, Jeremy, is 17 and in the throes of the college search. Can the empty nest really be just a year and a half away? Looking forward to re-connecting with my fellow Brandeis alums!

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
English Language and Literature - my first career was in book publishing as an editor and literary agent

My favorite spot on campus was:
Cholmondeley's
My Life Now:

My home base is: Jericho, NY

I plan on attending Reunion: Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I have had a wonderful 35 years since graduating from Brandeis. My husband Alan and I have lived in Jericho, NY since 1991. I have been married for 29 years and have two sons. I am a proud Brandeis parent as my older son, Jason graduated in 2012. He is now in law school. My younger son, Charles graduated from my other alma mater, University of Pennsylvania and is working in New York City. I enjoy spending family time with them in Manhattan on weekends. Last year I rejoined the workforce and I now work in the medical field.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are: I have been fortunate enough over the years to stay in touch with many of my close Brandeis friends.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for: Creating an environment that is passionate about social justice and seeking "truth, even unto its innermost parts."

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today? Psychology.

My favorite classes and professors were: Jerry Cohen, Gerry Bernstein, Ricardo Morant

My favorite spot on campus was: Top of the Castle.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: Brandeis taught me how to critically analyze and think. My education actually prepared me to succeed in the working world (although I didn't realize it at the time).

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Kodachrome, American Pie, pizza at the Boulevard, Steve's Ice Cream, 33 Dunster Street, Grendel's Den, Loggins and Messina and Earth, Wind and Fire.

My family today

My family today
Mark Sack

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Orange, OH

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I lived in Israel from 1980-1989 during which time I played in Israel's professional basketball league, served in the Israel Defense Force, earned my Master's Degree in Education from Tel Aviv University, and got married to Aviv, a 'sabra' in a wedding attended by my dear Brandeis friends, Aaron Garland, Jenifer Edson and Janet Dominetz. In 1989 I moved with Aviv and two children, Sagi and Tal back to my hometown, Cleveland, Ohio to be near my aging parents. I began teaching and working with at-risk high school students and attended law school at night. Since 1997 I have been a full time educator and a part-time attorney and currently have an 'Of Counsel' relationship with the firm: Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis. For many summers I led trips of high school and college students to Israel, including one special trip involving a week in Poland exploring Jewish history prior to spending a month in Israel. My co-leader on this trip was our then 23 year old daughter, Tal and it was a very powerful experience for all participants. I have had the honor of representing Israel as a member of its national basketball team at the 1983 World University Games in Canada and in 2001 and 2005 I was a member of the USA Masters Basketball team in the World Maccabiah games in Israel. In Cleveland, I am involved as a lay leader in American Friends of Magen David Adom; Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces; AIPAC & Israel Bonds. Our youngest, Ben, is graduating from HS now and we will 'almost' be empty nesters- 'almost' because our first (and local) grandchild was born in January. I thank G-d every day for blessings and opportunities I have been granted and the loving and good-hearted family that surround me.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Other than the folks I'm still in touch with, my freshmen year East Suite gang.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Producing great politicians and leaders in the field of education and social services

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Sociology, Psychology and education. Using all three every day of my life.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Sociology classes with Gordie Fellman

My favorite spot on campus was:
The old Shapiro Gym

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Critical thinking about current events and 'Tikun Olam'

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Some Gary Wright songs (freshmen year dorm room music);
Chava Alberstein (performed at Brandeis);
wine spritzers (at the Stein)
George Benson songs (performed in the Shapiro gym
Mark & Aviv Sack

Sack Family with Israeli Basketball Icon, Tal Brody and 2014 European Championship Cup

Mark for Israeli National Team with Cleve. Cavaliers coach, David Blatt at 1983 W

Aviv, Ben, Tal Sagi & Mark at Tal's wedding-Israel 2012
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Irvington, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
My wife of 18 years is Angela Mathews. We have a 12 year old son named Javier.
I am a full time Clinical Associate Professor at the Ferkauf Graduate school of Psychology of Yeshiva University. I also have private practices (in psychology) in New York City and Westchester county.
I look back on Brandeis very fondly and still have many close friends from college.
It's all good.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I have maintained relationships with most of them without the need of a reunion.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
A good place to grow up

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology/Education. It is what I do today.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Robert Manners, Irv Zola, Ray Knight, Gordy Fellman

My favorite spot on campus was:
The woods between the Rose Art Museum and Route 128. Also, there was a rock wall by the science center that looked really cool late at night.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to start to grow up.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Fleetwood Mac
Robert Palmer
Boz Scaggs
(I prefer other music like the Grateful Dead, but this was the stuff that blasted out of Massell quad all the time.)
Lydia Zimmerman Saravis

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Oak Park, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Sorry - will not be able to attend!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Life has been busy and time sure has flown...our daughter Marissa is a recent college grad. She is working in the Management office of The Manhattan Theater Club - a theater on Broadway. Our son Evan is a senior in high school and heading to college. The decision of where that will be has not been made yet. My husband Phil is busy with work and his classic car hobby. The past couple years have been busy for me as my parent's health declined and I stepped in to help out. After my father passed away, we became involved in getting my mother resettled. I am enjoying living in California and the outdoor lifestyle. I'm sure reunion weekend will be a lot of fun - unfortunately I will not be there as it coincides with our son's high school graduation. I wish all of my classmates well and hope to see you soon!

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Academics, and for making a better effort to support students who need financial aid that aren't necessarily low income but are from families that aren't able to write a check for $50,000+/year.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology. I think as a major it opens up your perspective on relationships and human interaction. Something we all use every day!

My favorite classes and professors were:
Philosophy with Prof. Johnson, Sociology with Morrie, Psychology with Zick Rubin.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
You need to work hard to be successful - and that applies to any endeavor.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Anytime I hear the song "School's Out for Summer" I remember it blasting in the Quad the last week of school....Springsteen...ELO....Boz Scaggs...Boston!!!
Janis B. Schiff

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Washington, DC

I plan on attending Reunion:
Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the reunion this year.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduating from Brandeis in 1980, I started law school at Suffolk University in Boston. I got married in December of 1980 to Phil Schiff who was attending BU law school. We graduated law school in 1983, moved to Maryland, I clerked for a judge and my husband worked at a law firm. After my clerkship I worked at a series of law firms, specializing in commercial real estate. Since 1998 I have been a partner with Holland & Knight, a large international law firm and I practice in the DC office. After practicing law for a few years my husband is now the CEO of the Tech Council of Maryland. We have one son, Justin, who is 25, graduated from Tulane with a business degree and is now a second year law student at the University of Miami. He lives in Miami with his girlfriend, Sarah, who he has been dating since their first year at Tulane. She is a banker. About 18 months ago, we sold our house in suburban Maryland and moved do downtown DC to a condo at Logan Circle and we love it. We downsized significantly and love city life. We also have a condo in Fort Lauderdale and spend a lot of time there in the winter months. My legal practice focuses on retail development and I love what I do. I have kept in touch with many classmates especially my best friend Ellen Wechsler who I see regularly. Hard to believe she became a grandmother this year. My husband and I like to sail (we have a 47 foot sailboat), travel and bike (we recently did a back roads bike trip through the wine country with 7 other couples). So sorry we will miss the reunion this year.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Laura Klein (freshman roommate).

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
A great liberal arts education, wonderful people and a great way to get a start in life after high school.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics- no real impact on what I do.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Conspiracy in American culture- with Jacob Cohen and History of American Jews with Leon Jick

My favorite spot on campus was:
Castle, chapel field,

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to think critically and how to live independently.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
The songs American Pie and Kodachrome from the Lewis Brooks slide shows, My best friend Ellen Levine Wechsler and her husband Reuben Wechsler, Blizzard of 1978 and old photos being posted on Facebook.
Mara Schiffman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Bryn Mawr, PA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduation there was backpacking in Europe with Carrie Grossman and Nancy Hamburger and then the start of medical school at NYU. Though interesting, med school was arduous and not much fun. Happily, the silver lining was meeting my husband there and becoming engaged shortly before graduation in 1984.

Residencies brought us to Philadelphia; mine in Pediatrics. Careers in private practice settled us in Bryn Mawr, where we raised two sons and have lived for 24 years.

The practice of Pediatrics was a stimulating joy until about 10 years ago when the stress of work and family became unwieldy. Juggling two crazy schedules and those of our two boys was daunting. Nine years ago I left practice to minister to my children, husband, dogs, home and self. Though I regretted the absence of the intellectual challenges and the interpersonal relationships with "my Kids" and their families, I had more energy and time for other pursuits. The right brain development that happened through art in mosaic classes gave me balance and satisfaction. Over 8 ½ years I have become an artist with work in juried mosaic shows. Mostly, my art is made as gifts for family and friends or for my home. Participation in a number of community mosaic projects has been rewarding.

Philanthropy and community service have also been a big part of my post-practice life. For the past several years I have served on the board of a local non-profit art center and have particularly enjoyed working on accessible art programming. Our message is “Art for Everyone.”

Keith and I have been married almost 30 years (June.) Our oldest son, Zachary, 24, (who wouldn't apply to Brandeis because it was “too hilly!”) graduated from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis and is now working in a non-medical profession (finance at Citigroup) in NYC. Jeremy, 21, is in his final semester in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Gary Loren, Billy Gorin, Evan Kraus, Reuben and Ellen Wechsler, Renee and Howard Siegel, Steven Berman and Vivian Kane, Fred Miller, Mike Kahn, Richard Rosen, Lewis Brooks, Laura Moskowitz and Linda Moskowitz Drozdow, Abbe Silverberg Aroshas, Elaine Sachter Newman, Nancy Hamburger Starr, Allison Bermack Rubenfeld, Jennifer Edson....

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Outstanding academics and global impact in diverse fields.
**Brandeis Nostalgia:**
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psychology. Understanding behavior as a reflection of the state of one's mind had important implications and relevance for my practice of Pediatrics. Always having been interested in the mind/body connection, I applied this interest and background to my patients and to my own life.

**My favorite classes and professors were:**
General Physiology with Dr. Andrew Szent-Gyorgi, Animal Physiology with Dr. Eve Marder, Social Psychology, Child Development, Nineteenth Center Novel, Art History.

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
Massell Pond, Spingold Theater, the pool, Cholmondeley's in the Castle.

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
Hard work pays off.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
SNL, Moondance by Van Morrison, Tab, togas, any Gilbert and Sullivan production (especially Gondoliers), disco music, Ultimate Frisbee.
My Life Now:
My home base is:
Parkland, FL

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I am an oncologist in South Florida.
I have a wife, Diane.
I have 3 children
Matt. 25
Scott 22
Paige 18

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biochem now a physician

My favorite classes and professors were:
Chem. Dr. Steele
My Life Now:

My home base is: Livingston, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion: Unlikely but maybe part.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
In June 1980 I married our classmate Leon Sher, and we moved to NJ. (Our marriage ended in 2013, but we had a good run.) I attended New York University School of Law, graduating in May 1983, and clerked on the federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals. In September 1984 I joined one of NJ’s largest law firms, Pitney Hardin Kipp & Szuch (now known as Day Pitney), becoming a partner in 1991. I have been a litigator there for more than 30 years, having witnessed, engineered, and/or survived a lot of changes (good and bad) in the Firm, in the practice, and in the profession as a whole.

Along the way I satisfied my love of teaching in several ways. I created and teach a "boot camp" program to train our new litigators, I taught adjunct courses in two NJ law schools, and I conducted training for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy all over the country, which I still do.

With all that, my greatest joys and successes were not in the law but as a mother of two incredible daughters. Jessica, born in 1986, attended Northwestern, got her MBA at Duke, and is getting married in June to a wonderful man. Julie, born in 1989, also attended Northwestern, lived and worked in Madrid for a year, and works for ESPN in Connecticut in TV production. Their trust and love made it possible for me to succeed at both home and work at a time when "work-life balance" was still a novel concept. They are remarkable women, beloved daughters, and my cherished friends.

Outside of work and family I have been blessed with extraordinary friends and enduring friendships, including those with my cherished Brandeis modmates. I have traveled (though not enough), I sang in an ensemble that raised tens of thousands of dollars to support non-profit work in Israel and around the world, and I have laughed and cried and loved and lost along with everyone else. I have been truly blessed these last 35 years, and I look forward to the as-yet unwritten chapters in my post-Brandeis life.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Lucky me, over the years and with the help of Facebook, I have remained connected to Ellen Freeman Roth, Shelley Reed, Susan Ludwig Rosenberg, Ilana Schlager Maletz, Nancy Weiner, and Maud Carol Markson. I’d like to reconnect with Toni Dollinger, Cynthia Fisher, and a host of others!

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Continuing to offer a first-rate liberal arts education to a diverse student body dedicated to improving the world.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics, which led me study law and become a lawyer, author, and editor.
My favorite classes and professors were:
Every history class taught by Professor Fischer and every American Studies class taught by Professor Jerry Cohen and Professor William Goldsmith.

My favorite spot on campus was:
The iconic Castle, where I lived junior year.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
There are several that are intertwined: how to be independent, how to have and express my own voice, and how much other people - of all ages and backgrounds - can teach us if we remain open to learning and listening.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Taking the green line from Riverside and the train from Roberts Station, listening to music at Cholmondeley's, surviving the blizzard of 1978, snow during Freshman year exams, the skywriter at graduation, holyday services in the Levin Ballroom with Rabbi Al, concerts in the old gym

Julie and Jessica (2013)

Me, 35 years later

My Girls and I (2014)

Shelley, Ellen, Susan, and Beth (2007)
Linda J. Warshaw Shimon

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Israel,

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:

The 35 years since Brandeis have been busy, fulfilling and swift.
I moved to Israel for graduate school in the fall of 1980. I can honestly say, looking back, I do not know what possessed me to do that; however, I know why I stayed.
Despite the years, my Hebrew is still awful, but Israel is a wonderful, interesting and meaningful place to live and raise a family.
My husband Avi and I have been married since 1982 and we have three children:
Daphna (30) has recently completed her PhD in Chemistry, Amir (28) is studying Biology and Boaz (17) is getting ready for his service in the Israeli Defense Forces. We live in Mazkeret Batya, a small and rather boring town located mid-way between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Spare time is spent either reading or watching TV, cooking, with some occasional bird watching and gardening.

I did my M.Sc and Ph.D studies in Structural Chemistry in the years from 1980-1988 at the Weizmann Institute in Israel working on organic crystals. We spent 1989-1993 back in Massachusetts while I worked as a post-doc at Harvard University learning protein crystallography in the Molecular Biology department. Then it was back again to Israel, where we have remained.
I am head of the X-ray Crystallography facilities at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. My days are spent with the beauty of crystals, the symmetry of diffractions and the wonder on new molecular structures. I cannot deny the part that Brandeis has played in making all of this possible.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Chemistry Biochemistry

My favorite classes and professors were:
Bruce Foxman

My favorite spot on campus was:
The library
Laura Spivack Siegel

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Potomac, MD

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure yet, but most likely will not be able to.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After Brandeis I went to Cornell University's Business School and earned my MBA. In 1982 I moved to the DC area and worked as a buyer for Hecht's Department Store (which bought out by Macy's). I have lived in Potomac, Maryland outside of DC ever since. In March of 1985 I got married to Gary Siegel, a Boston College Alum. We didn't meet in the Boston area, even though we were both at school in Boston at the same time. We are celebrated our 30th Anniversary in March of this year. We have three children, who have already finished college - how did that happen? Where did the time go? Our oldest son Steven, is an attorney in DC. He will be getting married in July! Our daughter Danielle, is a special education teacher at a charter school in Chicago. Our youngest son Tyler, also lives in Chicago and is a data statistician for a sports statistics company. I stopped working after Steven was born. I became very involved with the PTA in our schools serving as Vice President, President and Area Coordinator for many years. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of two non-profit organizations. Gary and I enjoy traveling and now that we're empty nesters it's much easier to do.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics (after spending a year and a half as a pre-med student and barely passing first semester of organic chemistry)

My favorite classes and professors were:
Italian was one of my favorites. My econ classes seemed much more relevant to the real world than organic chemistry!

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Some Non-Academic Memories:
Living in Gordon Hall for two years in North Quad, most meals were eaten in Usdan. The steak and cheese sandwiches and pizza at "The Boulevard" were favorites! Thursday night was Disco Night at the Stein which was a popular event! Parties at the Mods were always a good time! Brandeis may not be known as a sports powerhouse, but the Men's Soccer Team were Division 3 National Champions while we students! And who can forget the Blizzard of '78??
Graduation day with Jessica Sterman - one of my freshmen roommates.

Our three children at our "baby" Tyler's graduation from Univ of Michigan with Danielle and Steven.

Laura and Gary in Mykonos – summer of 2014

Family Photo with our very soon to be daughter-in-law! Dani, Bari, Steven, Tyler, Laura and Gary
Renee Rieder Siegel

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Voorhees, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Following Brandeis, I attended Bryn Mawr College’s Graduate School of Social Work. Focusing on women and children’s health, I received my MSS in May 1982. Howard (Siegel) and I married in June 1982. It was a mini-Brandeis reunion, as many of our dear friends were able to join us in Los Angeles for the celebration. We settled in New Jersey, where Howard attended medical school (Rutgers), and I worked in medical social work. In 1987, we welcomed our first child, Daniel (growing up as Danny, but now Dan) and in 1990, Jennifer. I was a full-time stay at home mom until 1994. I returned to work as an early childhood teacher and stayed in this field until retiring 3 years ago. Being an educator was and still is my passion. Working with my students and their parents was a joy. I always considered myself extremely lucky that I was able to find a balance between work and parenting.

In 1999, I found myself smack in the middle of the "sandwich generation". It was one of my toughest years, having to move my parents from LA to NJ due to my father’s advancing Alzheimer’s. It was during that year that I learned we have strength that we never knew existed. One of the benefits of moving my parents was that my kids were able to grow up with grandparents (though ailing) close by. Dan attended Northwestern and now lives in LA, working as a writer/producer. Jen attended Princeton and now lives/works in NJ. Since retiring, I’ve become an active volunteer as a Holocaust educator. I also volunteer as a "book club facilitator" at the skilled nursing facility where my mom now lives. Our weekly readings/discussions/"walks down memory lane" have become a highlight. Howard and I have fully embraced being empty nesters. Though still big time Disney fanatics, we have traveled through the US, Europe, and Canada. We are extremely excited to be returning to Israel this June, after falling in love with the country 3 years ago.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
So many... but I'd have to highlight my freshman/sophomore roommate, Vivian Kane. We still have the type of friendship that seamlessly picks up where it left off, no matter how much time lapses in between our visits.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Psych/Education Certificate Student teaching in Waltham led me to becoming an educator today

My favorite classes and professors were:
Art History - I should have taken more of them

My favorite spot on campus was:
I didn't have a favorite spot. I always thought Brandeis was a very beautiful campus.
The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
At Brandeis I learned how to step out of my comfort zone.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Disco, Steve's ice-cream, purple chairs at Wellesley library, visits into Boston, especially the science museum and Faneuil Hall.

Our family: Renee Howard Dan and Jen

Santa Monica with Viv & Steve Berman

Canadian Rockies

Our kids, Dan and Jen, honoring my mom at Yom Hashoa commemoration 4/14
Michael Snyder

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Portland, ME

I plan on attending Reunion:
Unlikely.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Recently celebrated 30th wedding anniversary with wife Jennifer. Living in Portland Maine. In my 27th year with Bath Iron Works, currently Shipyard Liaison to the Navy Test Team.
3 children, 1 grandchild
Daughter Rebecca, class '08 married Sayad Moudachirou, International Business School Class'07 and gave us Granddaughter Maya for Thanksgiving last year.
Son Scott, NYU Law class '14, currently practicing with Dechert LLP in Los Angeles, California.
Son Josh, Tufts class '14, currently Microscopy Technician with EMSL So. Portland, Maine.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Members of Brandeis Clamshell, '79-'80

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
Educational excellence, advanced research & diversity

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Fine Arts - gave me an eye for creating effective graphic presentations.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Sculpture with Grippe.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Top of the Water Tower.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Everyone has something worthwhile to contribute and all opinions have value.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Pink Floyd, ELP, YES, Fine Art, Seabrook

Jennifer & I @ Rebecca's wedding 2011

Rebecca & Sayad
Maya 2015

Wedding chair dance
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Hingham, MA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1983, completed a general practice residency at NYU and practiced in New York until 1991. At that time, I moved back to Massachusetts with my husband Steve and my older son Zachary. Steve is a Urologist and practices on the south of Boston. I bought a dental practice in Rockland, a suburb of Boston and have been practicing full time ever since. My younger son Alexander was born in 1992.

Both sons attended Duke University. Zach will graduate from the University of Maryland Dental School on May 14th this year. After completing a residency at the Philadelphia VA, he will join me in my dental practice. I am so excited and filled with such joy to be able to practice with my son. Alexander is in his first year of Law School at the University of Virginia and hopes to have a career as a corporate lawyer.

We moved to Hingham 4 years ago and live on the water. Even during the horrible winter we have had this year, it is so peaceful to look out at the ocean and distress. Steve and I love to travel and in my free time I play a lot of tennis, practice Bikram yoga, paddle board and kayak.

I am amazed at how quickly the time has gone since graduating from Brandeis. I haven't missed a reunion yet and hope to attend many more in the future. I look so forward to seeing everyone and reuniting with my fellow Brandeisians.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
It's wonderful academics and sense of community.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biology/Anthropology. Allowed me to pursue my dream of becoming a dentist.
Philip H. Stillman

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Miami Beach, FL

I plan on attending Reunion:
Not sure, but will definitely try to.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
"If you knew me then, you know me now. . ." Not much has changed -- much older and wiser, I guess, less hair, of course, but I think that I have aged pretty well, all things considered. I am a litigation attorney, with a sub-specialty in intellectual property litigation, with my own firm and a national practice.

Although I lived in San Diego for 20 years, I got married five years ago to the perfect woman and we then moved to Miami Beach, where we have lived in South Beach for the last four years. I am in regular contact with some, and on Facebook with many of you.

We travel quite a bit, and I am writing this from the Galapagos Islands, where my wife and I are currently scuba diving for two weeks on a chartered yacht! If someone told me that this was how my life would end up, I never would have believed it. Life is good. I wish that Lewis Brooks would put up all of his pictures from our four years and especially Freshman year -- a big regret is that I have only a very few pictures from then and I remember the slide shows as epic! ;)

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to recontact are:
I keep in touch with several classmates, some regularly, but of course, I'll always have a fondness for my Reitman floor mates from Freshman year, especially

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Where I graduated!

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Economics and Psychology. I use one or the other every day!

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
How to enjoy life, and make lifelong friends in the process.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Talking to old friends, of course. Music in particular. When I put on Dark Side of the Moon or Electric Ladyland, it transports me back in time. With the advent of the internet and file-sharing, I now have several excellent recordings of concerts that I had gone to while at Brandeis, which really take me back in time!
Me now.

Dann & Phil Formalwear: My beautiful wife Danna and I living the South Beach life

Our home away from home in the Turks & Caicos!
Marie Porrazzo Sudik

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Alexandria, VA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduation, I moved to Northern Virginia. I worked at the Census Bureau for over 20 years then for the past 14 years I have worked for the Coast Guard at a small base 1.2 miles from my house. I work with a system that tracks buoys and lighthouses - who doesn't love lighthouses - and I get to ride on buoy tenders/cutters! And having a job so close to home is wonderful!

I have 2 kids in college, Angela is a Math Ed major and should be graduating in December. Stephen is a freshman, maybe majoring in Poli Sci or Social Science Ed. My husband, Mark, and I are getting used to the empty nest. We seem to be busy still; PTA meetings and working in concessions stands have been replaced by family visits, college family events/weekends, volunteering at church.

Since I am eligible to retire from the Federal Government, I am thinking about my late life career change and I am leaning toward working in some type of food services. After years of cooking team dinners for football/field hockey/baseball/softball/wrestling, years of helping my in-laws with catering, years of coordinating many dinners at church, years of hosting neighborhood parties, I think I want to move out of my "office" comfort zone and into the kitchen. Wish me luck!

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
I'd love to reconnect with all my coworkers at The Stein. In fact, I'd love a reunion of Stein Employees between 1977-1982!

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Preparing a diverse and engaged student body for their next chapter.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics - which is why I have been in public service for 35 years.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Can't recall..............too long ago!

My favorite spot on campus was:
The Stein.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
I grew up in a blue collar mostly Italian neighborhood in Boston. Brandeis was a significant cultural experience for me, in addition to an educational experience.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Music - I remember working a Thursday disco at the Stein - I heard "Brick House" 4 or 5 times that night.

The blizzard of 78 - when NoVa gets significant snow, I think back to the fun we had that week.
Sports - always loved going to the baseball, lacrosse, basketball, soccer games - and I remember vividly watching the 1980 Hockey Games in Mod 30.

Watching my kids register for classes at college - we had it so easy back then - it was rare we couldn't get into any class we wanted.

 Latest Family Pic at my son's high school graduation

 Family trip to Fenway (my family plus cousins)

 My sister, cousins and I took a trip to Italy to visit our grandparents home town/meet relatives.
Gary Taffet

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Warren, NJ

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Immediately after graduation, my family and I enjoyed a really nice lunch at a restaurant in Waltham. I subsequently attended law school at Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C. I graduated in 1983 without honors. I started my own law firm in 1986 in Newark, New Jersey. I am still a solo practitioner there and specialize in personal injury law. I met my wife, Audrey (Brandeis Class of '82) in The Bahamas in 1989. We had never met at Brandeis. However, she walked by me wearing a Brandeis t-shirt and of course I had to say hello. I think the actual quote was "Yo Brandeis". Audrey and I married in 1991 and after living in West Orange, New Jersey for a few years we moved to Warren, New Jersey in 1995. We have 3 sons. Justin (21), and twins Danny and Spencer (19). All three are currently attending college. Justin is a senior at Tulane University and plans to attend law school in the fall. Danny is a freshman at Ithaca College and Spencer is a freshman at Emory University. Audrey is currently working in marketing for Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills. She is very active in our synagogue and is on the Board of Trustees. I try to play golf at least twice a week (don't tell my clients) during golf season. But I really have to correct that slice! Life has been very good since Brandeis (knock knock) and I attribute much of my good fortune to my days at Brandeis.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Cary Shuman was my best friend at Brandeis. We met the first day of college and formed an immediate bond. We lived right across the hall from each other in Reitman. Cary and I shared a great love of sports. He was a fan of all the Boston teams (Red Sox, Bruins, Patriots) and I was a fan of all the New York teams (Mets, Yankees, Rangers, Islanders, Jets and Giants). It made for a good sports rivalry with our favorite teams playing each other frequently in big games. Cary also had a great sense of humor and made all of us in the dorm laugh.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Providing a quality education that is second to none.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I majored in Philosophy. Not sure it impacts what I am doing today (i.e. car accidents, workers' compensation, fall-downs) but I think it does help me with analytical thinking.

My favorite classes and professors were:
My favorite classes were anything taught by Professor William Johnson. Such a kind man and easy to understand. He brought Philosophy to life for me!
My favorite spot on campus was: The Boulevard. I just loved those pizzas! Was always happy when my number was listed on the board.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: Be respectful and kind to all those you meet. It will serve you well.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):

When I listen to the '70's station of Sirius radio and hear the sounds of The Eagles, Chicago, Jackson Browne, etc., I think back to my days at Brandeis. I recall Sunday mornings in Usdan with The Boston Globe, bagels, eggs, and lots of donuts. Loved those Sunday breakfasts! I think of Mrs. Schneider and her "all-nighter". I think of the serenity of Massell Pond. All in all, I just remember a wonderful period of my life.

Justin, Danny and me at Fiddlers Elbow CC

Parents weekend with Justin at Tulane

Me and 3 sons in Prague

Twins HS Graduation 2014
My Life Now:

My home base is: White Plains, NY

I plan on attending Reunion: Yes!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduating and working a year, I attended Columbia Business School where I met my husband Marc. I spent the following 14 years in High Yield bond sales, primarily at Goldman Sachs. Our son Jon, 27 and a Cornell graduate, and our daughter Alex, 24 and a Syracuse graduate, are both CPAs living in New York. Jamie, 22 and our youngest daughter, is a senior at the University of Rochester, majoring in Business/Marketing. We are excited to have the family all together again. We live in White Plains, having sold our Scarsdale home of 24 years. I continue to do volunteer work as a Vice-Chair of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center and in the Yonkers Public Schools helping students apply to college. I also have a small college counseling business that I started four years ago called Higher Education. Marc is continuing to work as a music teacher in the Briarcliff Manor public schools.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are: Lisa Morgen, who is coming. Naomi Prusky (I hope you are coming) and many others from Scheffres freshman hall.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for: Educating well-rounded diverse students who can think critically but are also prepared for a constantly changing working world.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today? Politics. It gave me the confidence to succeed.

My favorite classes and professors were: Classes on history of American Jews-Marshall Sklar.

My favorite spot on campus was: The Castle.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was: How to think critically and to take chances.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.): Brandeis is where I learned to drink coffee. I remember sitting for hours in Usdan after dinner, drinking numerous cups of coffee, chatting with friends and of course eating tons of soft-serve ice cream.
Barbara circa 1980

Marc and Barbara New Orleans Jan. 2015

Jamie, Jon, Barbara, Marc and Alex at Marc’s 60th birthday
My Life Now:

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

**I plan on attending Reunion:**
No.

**Tell us about your life since Brandeis:**
I earned a JD from Washington University in St Louis in 1983, and worked as an attorney in Massachusetts, California and Rhode Island. I married my husband, Gordon, in 1987 while we were living in Venture, CA. We moved back east in 1989, living and working in Rhode Island before moving back to Massachusetts. I left work in 1998 to raise our two sons.
Clare Tully

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Ellsworth, ME

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Attended Michigan Law School. Practiced labor and employment law, specializing in entertainment industry. Joined NBC in New York. Went to the Galapagos Islands on vacation and met my (now ex) husband Richard Podolsky, an ornithologist. Had my first child, Harry (now 23), sold my apartment in Chelsea (before it was hot) and moved to Tenafly, New Jersey and had two more children (Jack, a junior at Brandeis) and Alice, now age 16. Spent ten great years at NBC doing deals in California, Europe & Asia but longed to spend more time with my kids. Moved to Maine one week before 9/11 to take a year off and never left. Divorced Richard. Took the Maine bar and met Rob Crawford in the elevator shortly after I joined Bernstein Shur in Portland. I thought he was a bike messenger but turned out he was a colleague. We married in 2002 and have 5 children between us. I now am head of HR for The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. We are happy and healthy and my parents and Rob's mother are still alive. Rob is an avid outdoorsman and has introduced me to skiing, cycling, and fly-fishing. We enjoy traveling to Europe and Manhattan is still my favorite island outside of Maine. We both love our work but are looking forward to retiring and spending time traveling, resuming old hobbies and learning new ones, volunteering and visiting our future grandchildren. I have been active in Brandeis alumni activities for the past few decades and met some terrific alums from the 60's and 70's while serving on the Alumni Association Board. I am so pleased that my son Jack is at Brandeis now and am encouraging Alice, now a high school junior, to apply. I feel grateful for my Brandeis education which has served me well in my career and inspired my interest in lifelong learning. It is wonderful returning to campus as an alum and a parent and I have enjoyed serving as a reunion Co-Chair.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics & Sociology with a minor in Women's Studies. Politics was a great major to prepare me for law school and my current job in HR combines both my legal skills and sociology knowledge.

My favorite classes and professors were:
The American Studies classes about ethnicity that I took with Larry Fuchs, who became my mentor and whom I stayed in touch with until his death a few years ago.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Outdoors. I loved walking across campus.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
A world view.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
Blondie, "Annie Hall", the chocolate chip cookies in Usdan, waitressing at The Stein and working in the Sherman Cafeteria dish room.
My sons, Jack & Harry

My daughter Alice

My husband Rob & me

My sisters and I celebrating our father's 90th birthday
Dennis L. Vargo

My Life Now:

My home base is:
San Francisco, CA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Hopefully.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Busy and productive. MD working in pharmaceutical research, currently in small pharma oncology development company on the west coast.

Married to a wonderful woman (Margie nee Taleff) and have two exceptional young adult sons, Alex (PhD student in Math at University of Michigan) and Winston, senior sales consultant with Oracle.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Brian Kaiser; Jessica Holmes; Walter Krochmal; Joe Shay and Linda Rosen (Sandberg now, I think)

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
open-minded, liberal think the arts.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Philosophy, gave me a way of looking at the world.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Art with Prog Georges.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Chumley's.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
Anything is possible.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
People.
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Iowa City, IA

I plan on attending Reunion:
Unfortunately, no.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
After graduation I moved to West Germany for seven years. I worked for a year as an au-pair, living with a German family, cleaning house and caring for 5 boys in Nuremberg. Then I matriculated at the University of Marburg. I studied sociology and politics, and was active in work related to peace, anti-racism, and "third world solidarity". Of lasting importance were the friendships I made with people from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

I moved back to Oakland, California in 1988 to take part in Jessie Jackson's presidential campaign. After that, I continued with various types of activism, as well as becoming a credentialed ESL teacher in the adult education program of the school district. I taught English to adult immigrant students- mostly low-income with only elementary or partial high school backgrounds- for the next 22 years.

Around 1993 I recognized I had "spiritual needs", didn't even know what I meant by that, thus began the spiritual quest. In late 1996 I entered a school, where I still am, in which "the principles of the Ageless Wisdom are presented through esoteric meditation, study and service as a way of life." This became my core support on the spiritual path. I began the arduous yet joyful path of applying what I am learning to myself and to my activity in the world. My activism changed from "fighting against" to "working for", and seeking to stimulate the way of the heart, promote right human relations, and the spread of goodwill.

In 2010 I lost my teaching job due to large budget cuts in adult education in California. After 2 years of being unemployed, I turned to caregiving for a year, attending to a man with Parkinson's and a paraplegic woman. I travelled to Iowa City, Iowa for the autumn of 2013, to check out what the culture of a UNESCO City of Literature might be like. I decided to stay. I gave up my apartment by phone, and here I am in Iowa. I am in the midst of a major life transition. I have never married nor had children.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Shelley Reed, Rick Bell, Janice Cohen, Mike Norton, Carolyn Boettner, Alan Maclin, Carl Barnes, Bill Salton, Brooke Unger, Russell Harris

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
The destiny of the human race is to know ourselves as one global, human family, and to act in accordance with this recognition. We may be closer than we think. Many individuals sense this future right now. The Jews might well be the first people or group to give collective voice to the fact of the "one humanity". I'd like to see Brandeis initiate and launch this inquiry and discourse within American Jewry. In other words, Brandeis University leads the conversation that the immediate destiny of the Jewish people might well be to contribute a vision and ideal of humanity's essential unity and oneness.
Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I majored in English and American Literature. I moved to Iowa City, Iowa because it is one of the major centers of creative writing in the nation. The city is internationally-oriented, identified with the UN, has a strong grassroots culture of writing and other forms of creative expression, and lies in the heartland of America. I am looking at how the ideal of the "global citizen"- a citizen of the world- can be launched from Iowa into the center of our national discourse- through the medium of a grassroots writing movement.

My favorite classes and professors were:

My favorite spot on campus was:
The water tower near North Quad, with its view of a part of Waltham. I came to really love Waltham in my final summer of 1980, and from a follow-up visit in 1992.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
The love of learning can be a pure and sacred thing, and can draw out something deep and beautiful in people. I saw this embodied in my professors and fellow students.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
1. The theater department's production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. This was truly magical.
2. The Electric Light Orchestra
3. The 1980 Winter Olympics from Lake Placid.
4. I stayed alone on a deserted campus for a Yom Kippur weekend. I fasted. I walked down to Sachar and read inside the building for the morning. Then, in the breathtaking autumn sun, giddy with hunger, I walked back across campus, and felt "wow! amazing! This is it."
My Life Now:

My home base is:  
Cleveland Hts., OH

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:  
I got a masters in city planning from Harvard and a law degree. from Boston College  
I have had my own practice for 20 years, working primarily with nonprofits developing housing for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. I have an incredible 15 year old son around whom my world revolves.

Brandeis Nostalgia:  
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?  
American Studies. My classes prepared me to analyze, work with, and adapt public policy - essential skills since I am professionally dependent on governmental agencies.

My favorite classes and professors were:  
classes with Bill Goldsmith, Steve Whitfield, Barney Schwartzberg, and Michael Fishbane

My favorite spot on campus was:  
The library basement

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:  
to think more clearly and analytically and to dream big
My Life Now:

My home base is:
Jerusalem,

I plan on attending Reunion:
No.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Professionally, worked in public sector - local, county, and state governments in Pittsburgh - in economic and community development for about 15 years. Opened private consulting in economic development and financing for infrastructure, real estate, and business development. Moved to Israel in 2003 and consulted in both US and Israel since. Now work at the Jerusalem Institute's Milken Innovation Center on project finance and economic development.

Personally, married Susan Elster in 1982. Three kids, Chana 30, Kayla 27, and Ari 23. All are married or will be very soon (May). Have 3 grand kids. We all live in Israel.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
So, so many. I am too self-conscious to name names, however.

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
...the university that allows young people to engage, commit, and become the change that is needed

...the university that steers clear of vocational skills training

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Politics - I still talk about political economy at the dinner table.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):
1. Playing guitar with my kids (who are all better players (on multiple instruments) than I ever was or am)
2. Being surrounded by much smarter people - I learned not to be afraid of that and have tried to recreate that where ever I am.
My Life Now

My home base is:
Hilton, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Yes.

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
I attended medical school at SUNY Buffalo and completed a Family Medicine Residency at St. Margaret Hospital in Pittsburg. One of my residency buddies joined me in returning to the Rochester area to join a Family Medicine practice founded by my Dad. I entered my 28th year at Hilton Health Care as of 7/1/14. We've weathered many changes over the last few years; including giving up hospital and nursing home practice, using electronic medical records, retirement of my Dad, new partners, etc. It is still challenging and mostly fun. I also do a few shifts precepting residents at the University of Rochester's Family Medicine Residency and 2 evenings a month with U of R medical students at a clinic for uninsured patients.

Mindy (Platzker) and I married in 1982. By 1987 we had moved into our current home. Rachel was born in Pittsburg in 1985, Jacob in Brockport, NY in 1989. Both kids attended Washington College of Law at American University. Rachel is working in the Immigration Law field with Grossman Law in Bethesda. Jacob moved to Cleveland, passed the Ohio bar, and is looking for work in the labor and employment law area. Mindy continues in her own law practice, focusing on environmental litigation and land use. She is busy with her cases, mentoring a new associate, and managing the business end of a law firm.

We enjoy making wine and have completed 11 years or so, with the vintage of the 12th year awaiting bottling. We've enjoyed travel to Europe, the Rockies, and various Caribbean destinations. Recently completed our 3rd annual culture weekend in Toronto (a closer, less crowded version of NYC eh?) We are empty nesters, so getting a dog was a must. Marvin will be 3 on 1/19/15. He's not as smart as Bandit the Border collie, our companion for 15 years, but makes up for it with real affection for people and animals. The bucket list includes scuba, travel to Australia, New Zealand, more of Europe, and many other locations.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I'd like to reconnect are:
Duane Berlin, my sophomore roommate. I think it was Duane who first played Clapton's version of Crossroads for me. If that's not a life changing experience, what is?

I'd like to see Brandeis best known for:
Educating the best students without regard to their ability to pay. (Needs blind admissions)

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
Biology/American Studies. I always liked science, but at Brandeis, I became a scientist. I like to think I am still one today.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Independent study in Biology with Eve Marder; Brandeis alumna and super neuroscientist. She taught me a lot about
combining creative thinking and logic, patience, and enjoying life. Aesthetics with Morris Weitz; he came to class on crutches in the midst of fighting cancer. His illness had seemingly no effect on his passion for the subject matter. Several Am. Stud classes with John Matthews; he made every effort to become the very characters we discussed in class. He revealed one of the most closely held secrets in American culture, "If you want to win the lottery, you must buy a ticket."

**My favorite spot on campus was:**
The concrete lectern outside of the chapels.

**The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:**
1. Science is hard. 2. Be there now.

**List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):**
Museums, especially art museums. Frisbees. The smell of weed. Onion soup gratinee. The opening acaPELLA line from Yes' "The Revealing Science of God"
Mindy Lee (Platzker) Zoghlin

My Life Now:

My home base is:
Hilton, NY

I plan on attending Reunion:
Most definitely!

Tell us about your life since Brandeis:
Married Ben. Had two incredible children (my greatest accomplishments). Started a law firm in 1990 (Bansbach Zoghlin PC). Practicing environmental and land use law (still a LOT of fun). Earned 5th degree black belt (Go-Dan) in Isshin Ryu karate. Amateur home wine maker. Started meditation and yoga practice last year. Have had amazingly wonderful vacations with Benson and sometimes the rest of the family too.

My Brandeis classmates who created a lasting memory and with whom I’d like to reconnect are:
Ellen Lewy Dubie (who’s now much closer in Buffalo, but I don’t see nearly enough). Ruth Assaf (who we visited in France 4 years ago and would like to see more often). Scott Israel, Larry Goldberg, Lisa Barnett, Ruth Liebesman, Joel Gordon, Duane Berlin.

I’d like to see Brandeis best known for:
being a university that provide superlative education in a nurturing and safe environment.

Brandeis Nostalgia:
What was your major and how did it impact what you are doing today?
I majored in Sociology and believe my law practice is a form of applied sociology.

My favorite classes and professors were:
Existential sociology and anything taught by Egon Bittner, Ralph Miliband, Gordie Feldman, Gila Hayim.

My favorite spot on campus was:
Scheffres 101, my freshman dorm. Closely followed by the 3 chapels.

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was:
to be a more open minded and less judgmental. I'm still working on both.

List a few things that remind you of your Brandeis years (e.g. music, food, people, etc.):