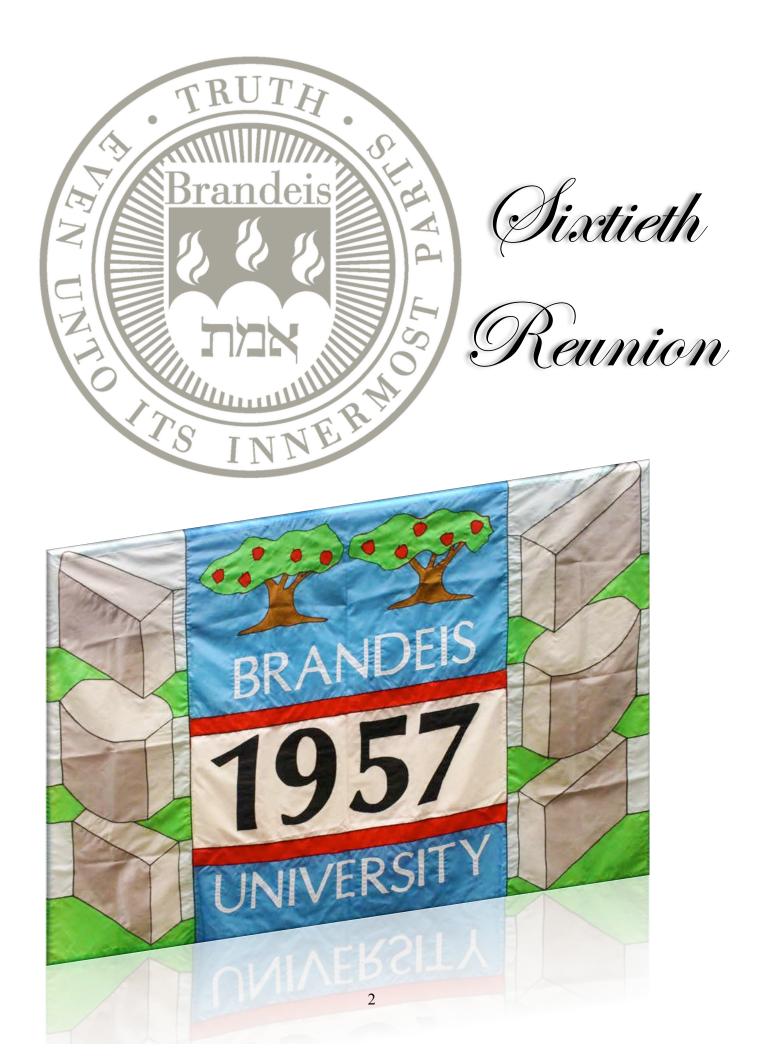
# Brandeis Class of 1957 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion



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May 2017

Dear Classmates,

Here we are...sixty years later. This is a milestone that warrants celebration!

We are hoping to see many of you at our upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, June 9-11. We are eager to see the enlarged but still familiar campus, reconnect with friends and classmates, and reflect on the top-notch education we received at Brandeis. This celebration affords us the chance to come together as a class and rekindle fond memories of our Brandeis experience. Our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee has worked tirelessly to provide an exciting line-up of events, all of which promise to be memorable.

A key component of our program is this class yearbook. We wish to thank everyone who took the time to send in a submission. The pages that follow are filled with stories, life experiences and photos that capture who we are: the well-educated, diverse and creative Class of 1957! We hope this yearbook will entice a few more of us to attend our June Reunion, and we are sure it will evoke memories of our wonderful years at Brandeis.

With very best wishes,

Beverly Sacks Silpe

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60th Reunion Yearbook Coordinators

Special Thanks

On behalf of the Institutional Advancement Division, we would like to thank the members of the Class of 1957 Reunion Committee.

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## **REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

#### Friday, June 9

Reunion Registration 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Campus Bookstore 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hiatt Career Center Office Hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Alumni College 9:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Admissions-led Campus Tour 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Rose Art Museum Hours Noon - 5 p.m.

Trucks and Tunes 6 - 11 p.m.

Shabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 10

Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.

Reunion Registration 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Shabbat Services 8:30 a.m.

Meet the Archivist 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Class of 1957 Discussion and Memorabilia Display 10 a.m. – Noon

Campus Bookstore 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Student-led Campus Tour 10:30 a.m.

Ralph Norman Barbecue Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Rose Art Museum Hours Noon – 5 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 2 – 3:30 p.m.

MakerLab: Building a Culture of Innovation the 'Deis Way 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Student-led Campus Tour 2:30 p.m.

Conversation with President Ron Liebowitz 4 – 5 p.m.

Student-led Campus Tour 5:15 p.m.

Mechitza Mincha Service 5:45 p.m.

Havdallah Service Sundown

Class of 1957 Dinner 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, June 11

Reunion Sign Out 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Reunion Memorial Gathering 9 a.m.

Farewell Champagne Brunch 10 a.m. – Noon

Catholic Mass 10 a.m.

Campus Bookstore 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rose Art Museum Hours Noon – 5 p.m.



### Campus Landmarks





The New Chapels



The Library



The Commons and Leonard Bernstein's Piano





The "New" Girls' Dorms – Hamilton A, B, C – in construction









**Robert Berks Brandeis Sculpture - Installation** 

#### WE REMEMBER....





Dr. Leonard Levy Dr. Max Lerner Dr. Bernard Rosenberg







Jenny Bier- House Mother





Dr. Abe Sachar





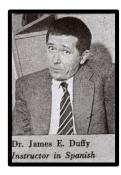


Dr. Abraham H. Maslow Professor of Psychology



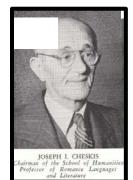
SIMON RAWIDOWICZ Chairman of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Professor of Hebrew Literature and Jewish Philosophy













Professor Larry Fuchs



Leonard Bernstein with Irving Fine



Jenny Bier and the Hamilton Girls (No boys, no noise and strict curfews!)



Prof. Max Lerner with Martha Graham



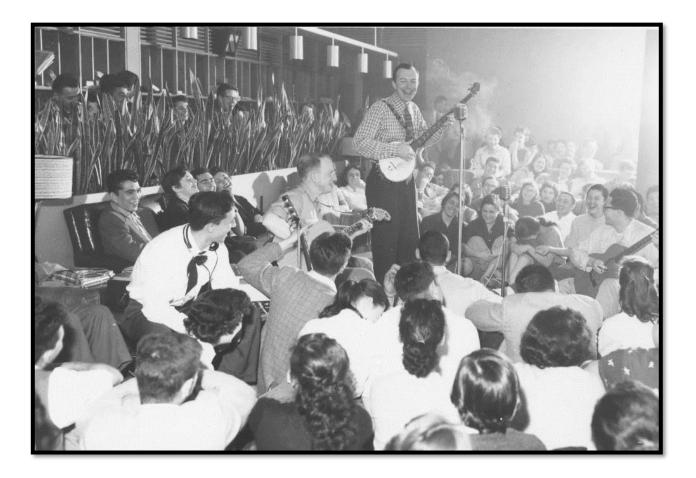
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Professor Herman Epstein



**Special Visitors** 





Sno - ball



Absorbed in the latest issue of The Justice











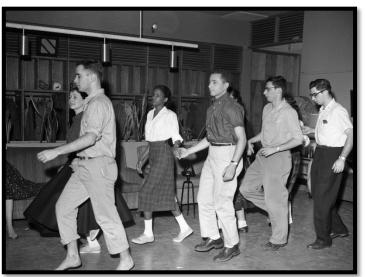












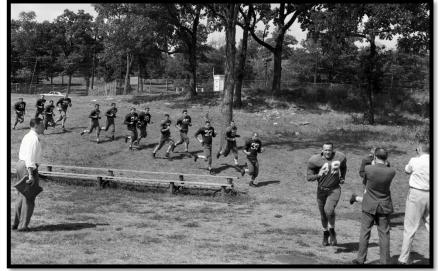


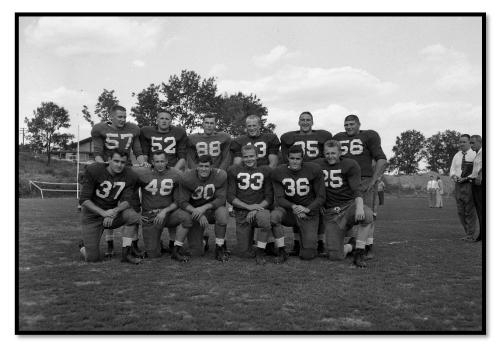


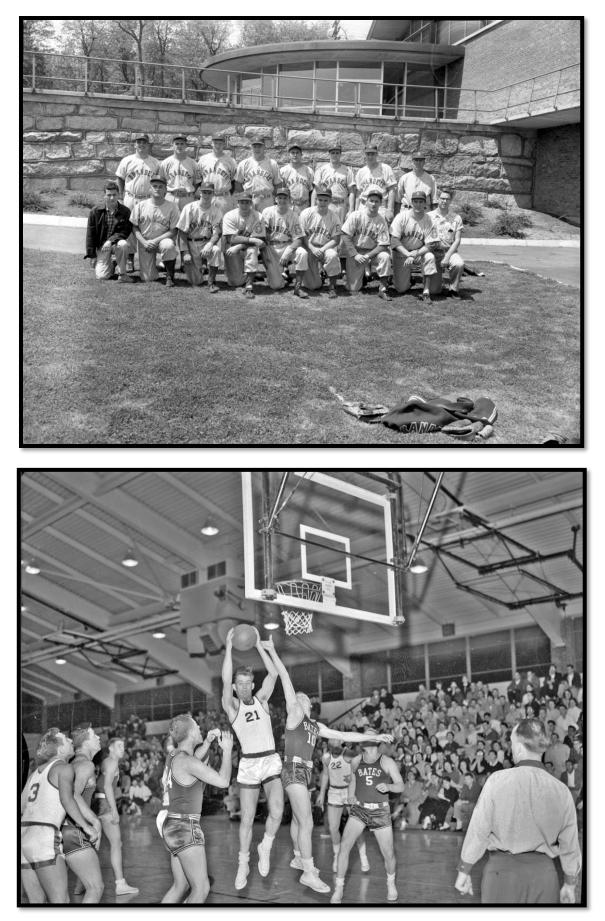


### Ice Skating Scenes





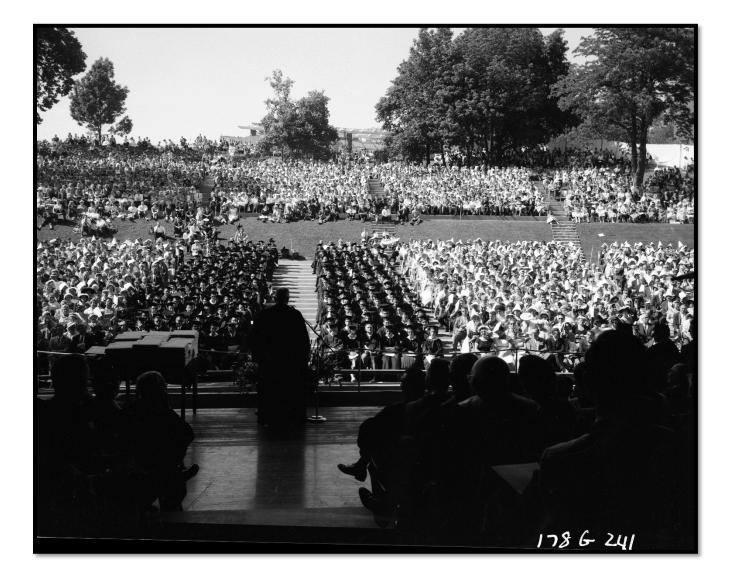












### President Sachar's Message...

I welcome the yearbook hospitality for the opportunity which it offers to evaluate each college generation. In older, well-established schools, a yearbook statement can be a more or less perfunctory greeting. Our university is still so young that the message has not, or certainly should not, become an amenity. My thoughts go back to the first graduates who lived through the frontier days when the very roads were being hewn and the first buildings were being built on heavy mortgage commitments. It was always exciting and sometimes uncomfortable; our first graduating class could cheerfully testify to the thrills and chills of that period. As the physical plant of the university took shape there was no abatement in adventurous zeal, but now it was primarily focused on hammering out the educational philosophy of the school, revising preconceived ideas in the terms of experience. The enlargement of the faculty, the growth of the student body, the addition of many new fields of research and interest, were accompanied by a constant re-examination of the curriculum. Some pet theories went by the board or were modified. We did not develop merely by accretion or multiplication but through dynamic inward change as well. We learned a good deal from our students, not only through our observation of their needs but through the intimate relationship that existed between our student body, our faculty and the administration.

Were I to characterize the special quality of the Class of 1957 I would say that it has been marked by a growing sense of corporate responsibility. It has grasped the concept of the school as a community; as much more than an aggregate of individuals. This awareness is school spirit at its best. Rah-rah reunions and raucous jubilees at a football game have not been emphasized at a school like Brandeis; assuredly they cannot be equated with the school spirit which would properly represent the University. It is rather a spirit of responsibility for the totality of the school, a mature desire to understand the many problems of a young and vigorous venture, and an eagerness to share constructively in their solution.

I have been asked by friends in every part of the country why the administration has exercised so much patience when strident criticism has sometimes become overbearing and even irresponsible. My answer has been that we must take our protestations of school spirit seriously. If it is to be worth anything, it cannot be the mechanical response of a docile school population. Uncritical acquiescence or self-satisfaction are as objectionable as irresponsible carping. Questions of policy, various phases of campus life, are bound to arouse debate and division of opinion in an alert student body. The criticism which springs from an affectionate concern for a common enterprise is always precious. The Talmud has a beautiful phrase for it — the "chastisements of love".

The graduation of the Class of 1957 marks, I believe, the coming of age of Brandeis as a social community with its mutual obligations and privileges. This is significant evidence of maturity. Such genuine "school spirit" stems from a legitimate pride in our achievements and from a sense of the still-evolving whole of which every student is a vital part.

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## **Judith Cohen Adams**

### Life since Brandeis...

Living in Manhattan since graduation, I really enjoy the city in all its variety. Joe and I have our mornings with coffee and walks in the park, sometimes winding up at the Cloisters. Our wonderful son, Paul, and our friends, are constants, and new encounters seem to happen unexpectedly, even on the subway. Always lots of reading. And for some years I've been writing short fiction. (Rest easy, Alice Munro!) We get some traveling done. A few years ago we spent a month in Provence. Summers usually find us on the coast of Maine for a week or two. Now, for obvious reasons, I'm gearing up for some well-focused activism. Life never stands still, and why should it?









### **Charles Affron**

#### Life since Brandeis...

For me, the greatest value of Brandeis was the intellectual excitement of the student body. Neither in graduate school, nor in all by years of teaching did I find that high level of discourse and ferment.

Apart from the achievements of 55 years of a wonderful marriage and enormous pride in my two children, the work that went into my writing gave me great satisfaction.

Being 81 is something of a challenge, but living in New York and still enjoying the thrill of the city keeps me going very happily, despite the unyielding sense that much of the world holds values that I no longer recognize.



Granddaughter supering at Pennsylvania Ballet



l.-r. Me, grandson Si, wife Mirella, daughter Beatrice, daughter-in-law Sophie



Son Matthew and poster for show he curated at Lyons museum



### Ina Albert-Secher

#### Life since Brandeis...

Life in Four Acts...

Act 1 - Like any 1950s Jewish daughter, I graduated, married, worked while my husband went through law school. Then we moved to New Jersey suburbs where Josh and Dan were born. I became smitten with Ayn Rand and as a result, worked as a Republican aide in the NJ Legislature while the kids were growing up and almost ran for office, but was saved by...

Act 2 - The Divorce.. It cured me of both Ayn Rand and politics. Now I had to work for a living. That's where my real education at Brandeis saved me. My job with Manny Gilbert in the PR Office on campus prepped me for earning a living. For the next 35 years I was a Public Relations and Communications Administrator at healthcare facilities in New Jersey, Florida and Illinois. When my sons Josh and Dan left home,I moved to Orlando to direct the PR campaign for a new hospital. Epcot was just opening and the town was exploding. For the next five years I was knee-deep in helping build the new health care system in Central Florida.

Act 3 - I got back to Orlando after Memorial Day holiday and my phone rang. I knew the voice immediately even though we had not spoken for 32 years. It was Sech! We started talking and have not stopped since. Six months later we were married and I moved to Chicago, found work in a hospital there and Allen and I discovered our mentor, Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. He was developing the Age-ing to Sage-ing® seminars and I became one of his students, earning my certification in 1999 and have been facilitating his work ever since. But his influence on Allen was even deeper. As a result of our connection, Allen decided to return to the rabbinate, and together we founded the first Jewish Renewal congregation in Chicago, Makom Shalom.

Act 4 - Refirement. We moved to Whitefish, MT in 2001 and never looked back. I published "Write Your Self Well...Journal Your Self to Health" for people experiencing health difficulties. And then, an intergenerational book about communication--Granny Greeny Says...Listen Louder. Together we founded an organization to support human rights--Love Lives Here in the Flathead Valley-- which continues to fight for LGBTQ rights and against the neo-Nazi in the valley. Most recently, we tangled with the Alt-Right activist, Richard Spencer. I teach seminars in Age-ing to Sage-ing<sup>®</sup> at the local community college, write a monthly column for Montana Woman Magazine and can be seen on street corners carrying signs in opposition to the latest political issues.

I've come a long way since Ayn Rand. I continue to grow spiritually and become more involved in the issues we face as we age longer and stronger. Life is good and Sech is still the rebel he always was. We got it right the second time around. I wish I could be with you. Best thoughts and blessings to you all.



**Everybody smoked!** 



## Linda Feinberg Alwitt

### Life since Brandeis...

What? 60 years since graduation? I can't believe it! Some things done and so much still to do! We don't ski or do wilderness canoeing any more, much as we would like to, but hey we're here! We hike, we walk!

I pursued my interest in psychology for many years, with graduate degrees in Cognitive Psychology, teaching, and applications to business. My interests shifted to ethical concerns in business and I published research and a book on economic effects on low-income families. Now retired from teaching for a number of years, I devote a lot of time to volunteer work, mostly for a non-profit organization which provides aid to needy people in my community. And I also try to draw or paint as much as time allows.

My husband Bob and my family are my key source of joy. Seeing our sons mature to responsible, caring adults and marry wonderful women, watching our grandchildren grow into their teens - brings much happiness. Bob and I, and our family, are fortunate to have successfully navigated the riptides of relationships. I remember with fondness many of the people I knew, and some I still know, from Brandeis, and hope they are as satisfied in their 80's.

Brandeis shaped my ideas about ethics and truth. I take "Truth even unto its innermost parts" quite seriously - my friends would say probably to a fault-- and am offended by 'posttruth'. After all, truth is the basis for trust and trust is the bedrock of society.

As for the future -there are obviously a lot of problems to solve, but so true for every era. I have faith in the goodness of most people, and that right will conquer selfishness in the political system of our nation.



Reflections



Son Philip, Linda, Bob



Philip, grandson Kenzo, Natalie



Son Josh, Peg, grandchildren Livie, Stella, Jake

## **Madelyn Bell**



### Life since Brandeis...

My Motto: -Make lemonade out of lemons and surprisingly good things can happen.

Bucket List: -Be at the class of 1957's 70th Reunion -Attend the medical school graduation of my 13 year old granddaughter. -Become a great grandmother

How Did I Feel About Turning 80? -It was just another day. But good parties!

How Do I spend My Time -Lifelong learning classes at Regis College -Time with good friends -pro-bono fundraising -Symphony-theater-museums -Exercise

Among my Greatest Regrets -Not just marrying once and well wasting my time at Brandeis



#### My sons; Adam (left) and Saul Wisnia



Grandchildren with me in October at my 80th birthday party



Race for Antique Sports Cars. I drove when we slowed down to go by a school and all the kids came out to cheer us



Taking the soldiers who manned the closest patriot battalion during Gulf War on a tour of the Technion





### Life since Brandeis...

As we wrote for past reunion yearbooks, Brandeis was and is still very special to both of us. It's where we met and fell in love. We were so fortunate to take part in many social and extra-circular activities. Dick was the recipient of a full scholarship, which enabled him to attend college, and played football for four vears. We were especially fortunate to have been able to have excellent educations which prepared us so well for life and enabled us to make the most of all opportunities. Dick attended graduate school at night and spent thirty-six years in the corporate world, becoming Vice-Chairman of Montgomery Ward and the CEO of Lechmere chain. Mimi. with a master's degree in education, taught for many years, then worked in the tax field and returned to school to receive her law degree at 55.

Since 1995, we have lived a wonderful retirement life in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, coming up north for the summers. We've always been very physically active in many ways, including, in our younger years, running marathons, and still are -- especially lots of golf, among a variety of other activities, including volunteering and charity work. (As for being in our eighties -- Mimi is not quite there yet -- we certainly don't feel that way. With all that we do, and with our wonderful family, we haven't even thought of a bucket list.) We're very lucky to have two great sons, Gary and Mark, of whom we are quite proud, a special daughter-in-law, Gary's wife Shari, and our fabulous, bright and very talented teenage granddaughters Julia and Charlotte. Mark, who has dedicated his life to helping those less fortunate, founded and greatly developed A Wider Circle charity and has won many awards including being a CNN Hero.

Throughout the years we have maintained a relationship with Brandeis that is reflective of our feelings and appreciation for the University, and our belief in giving back. Dick was an officer of Friends of Brandeis Athletics, received the Charlie Napoli Distinguished Alumni Award, is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame and served four years as an Alumni Term Trustee. Mimi is a member of the Alumni Admissions Council. We are both Lifetime Fellows of the University and have been awarded the Alumni Association's Service to Association Award. We have endowed two scholarships and support other areas of the University. We still keep in touch with many alumni and continue to have very dear and active friendships with quite a few.

Because of our feelings for Brandeis, we happily served as co-chairs for many reunions, and are thrilled to be doing so again for our (unbelievable!!) sixtieth. Look forward to seeing lots of you at Reunion.





# **Carole Wolfe Berman**

#### Life since Brandeis...

As everyone I talk to says, it is hard to believe that 60 years have passed since we began our life-altering journey at Brandeis. We have made so many friends and mentors and lived through so many wonderful and frightening events that have stayed with us throughout these years.

I have lived a charmed life as well as experienced the many ups and downs.

My husband, Joel and I have been so fortunate to have 3 marvelous children who are all happily married and raised 6 extraordinary grandchildren and are all pursuing their advanced degrees. Probably my greatest achievement is a legacy of 12 family members with Brandeis degrees including 2 children (one of whom has a graduate degree as well) and their spouses, 1 grandchild and a 2nd starting in Sept. and many nieces and nephews. It might be a record!

I am now retired from my work in the travel industry. Joel and I have been fortunate to have traveled the world to too many countries to count. I am now extremely busy, having just moved back into our home which was destroyed by fire a year ago. I devote my time to selecting everything from toilets to flooring and then on.

I do fear for our grandchildren who inhabit a world fraught with danger from all directions. I look forward to seeing my classmates and hope we can regather for our 65th year reunion.



Carole with her husband, Joel, her six kids (four of whom are Brandeis alumni) and her six grandchildren, including one Brandeis alumnus and one incoming freshman). (Additionally, not shown, Carole has four nieces and nephews, and one soon-to-be granddaughter (in-law), who are all Brandeis alumni as well!)



Carole with two of her grandchildren, including Noah Gans, incoming class of 2021!



### **Jules Bernstein**

#### Life since Brandeis...

Not much has changed since my 2012 Reunion statement. Thus I have chosen instead to outline some of the major public events we commonly experienced since our births in the mid-1930. I thought it would be interesting to review what we, our country and world have gone through during those eight decades. Consider what it all may mean about "America as a Civilization." I wonder what Max would say? As for our young, it may provide us with an opportunity to give them a brief history lesson.

Our births (mid-1930s); Great Depression (1929-1940); FDR elected (1932); Holocaust (1933-1945); FDR's re-election (1936); Enactment of the Wagner and Social Security Acts (1935); Fair Labor Standards Act (1938); Outbreak of WWII (Sept. 1, 1939) with Hitler marching through Paris (June 1940); British Dunkirk evacuation (June 1940); Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941); D-Day (June 6, 1944); FDR's death (April 12, 1945); V-E Day (May 8, 1945); Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Aug. 6 and 9, 1945); V-J Day as Japan surrenders (Sept. 2, 1945); United Nations conference (Jan. 10, 1946); Taft-Hartlev Act (1947): State of Israel and Brandeis University established (1948); Israeli War of Independence (1948); Truman defeats Dewey (1948); Communist victory in China (1949); Korean War (1950-1953); Eisenhower defeats Stevenson (1952); McCarthyism period of political suppression (1950-1955); We enter Brandeis (1953); Brown vs. School Board (1954); Dr. King speaks at Brandeis (Nov. 12, 1956); Hungarian Revolution (1956); Eisenhower defeats Stevenson again (1956); We graduate and Truman is our

Commencement speaker (June 1957); Civil rights sit-ins begin (March 1960); John F. Kennedv elected over Nixon (November 1960): Bay of Pigs invasion (April 1961); March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (Aug. 28, 1963); John F. Kennedy assassinated and LBJ sworn in as president (Nov. 22, 1963); Civil rights and voting rights legislation enacted (1964-1965); Medicare established (1966); Dr. King murdered in Memphis (April 4, 1968); Bobby Kennedy murdered in Los Angeles while campaigning for Democratic nomination for president (June 6, 1968); Nixon defeats Humphrey (1968); Watergate break-in (1972); Nixon defeats McGovern (1972); Watergate investigations and Nixon resignation (1973-1974); Ford assumes presidency (1974); Ford pardons Nixon (1974); Vietnam War ends (1975); Carter elected president, defeating Ford (1976); Reagan defeats Carter (1980); Iran-Contra scandal (1983-1991); Reagan re-elected, defeating Mondale (1984); George H.W. Bush elected, defeating Dukakis (1988); Fall of Berlin Wall (1989); Fall of Soviet Communism (1990); Gulf War (1990-1991); Bill Clinton defeats Bush and third-party candidate Perot (1992); Clinton re-elected, defeating Dole (1996); Clinton impeachment scandal (1998-1999); George W. Bush defeats Vice President Gore and court upholds challenged election (2000); Terrorist attacks on the United States (Sept. 11, 2001); American invasion of Iraq (March 2, 2003); Bush defeats Kerry (2004); Great Recession (2008-2009); Obama elected over McCain (2008); Obama defeats Romney (2012); Trump defeats Hillary Clinton (2016); Our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion (June 9-11, 2017).



Jules with his wife, Linda Lipsett, and President Obama on Martha's Vineyard in the summer of 2016.



### **Ruth Porter Bernstein**

#### Life since Brandeis...

I have stayed very close to Brandeis having served on the National Alumni board, the Greater Boston Alumni board, and was the first female president of Friends of Brandeis Athletics (FOBA). During the earlier years of Brandeis I represented Brandeis at many smaller college fairs when the smaller admission office couldn't attend and I could use my professional expertise as a public school guidance counselor.

My greatest achievement was my children Linda and Michael! I am so proud of them! I was also very excited to be inducted into Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame twice! The first time was as a player on the undefeated women's basketball team and the second time as an individual who worked hard for the role of women in Brandeis sports. I also was honored by receiving the Celebrity Women Award "A role model for living a vibrant healthy life" by Mass.Gen.Community Health Center representing my town of Winthrop.

I enjoy being in my eighties. Despite many sport injuries, I am still skiing (downhill) playing tennis, racket ball, golf, pickleball, doing Pilates.

Last but not least I have 3 grandchildren who, lucky for me, live in the same town as I: Cassidy 20 sophomore in college, Evan and Chad 13(twins).They are awesome! You can see:



Ruth Porter Bernstein with Cassidy (granddaughter)



Ruth Porter Bernstein with Evan and Chad



Ruth Porter Bernstein with Michael (son) and Linda (daughter)



Ruth Porter Bernstein still skiing with children and grandchildren at Sunday River on my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday



## **Ruth Richmond Blitz**

### Life since Brandeis...

Hello to all! I look forward to reading what everyone has to say. I could use all the old clichés about the value to me of the Brandeis experience such as the place to learn to think, the richness of the exposure to great minds, the importance to live an ethical life, to be empathetic and generous, to be kind, creative, and caring etc., BUT surviving old age and the dangers posed by Trump and his thugs scare the hell out of me! I had a good life and I wish you all well and hope you and yours, as well as our beautiful world of plants, animals and even microbes, all survive the losses he is sponsoring.



### **Robert N. "Robin" Brooks**

#### Life since Brandeis...

"Don't count the years, count the memories." – Anonymous

What follows are some autobiographical highlights - at least, those I can remember - I've already forgotten what I had for breakfast!

During and/or after the Dinner, timepermitting - and if I can stay awake that late - I would like to remind you of some Brandeis anecdotes, including the infamous "Rule 22" and why there are no Rules 1-21! (President Sachar would not be amused!)

#### In no order of priority:

<u>PROFESSIONAL CAREER</u>: In most of my jobs I was the behind-the-scenes person whose responsibility it was to make the "chief" look good - i.e., Staff work! As such, I served a Governor, college Presidents, and numerous Chancellors, Deans, and Army Generals.

In addition, I was the staff person responsible for planning and implementation of major events (from 20 to 20,000+), including, but not limited to, the inaugurations of 2 Governors, multiple college Commencements, and related protocol concerns (about which I am an admitted authority!), as well as visitor relations and customer service.

<u>BRANDEIS 101</u>, a very limited list of some of the important things I learned - in fact, the list of what I learned is very limited, because I was (i.e. very academically limited):

- "Existential," how to use it in a sentence and to know what it meant.

- "There will be no textile activities in this class," meant, per Professor Frank Manuel, in our very first class, on our very first day, that in his experience, Jewish women were known to crochet in class! Who knew, certainly not I!

I was a Senior before I knew what this meant (OK, so I'm a slow learner!): When you finally got through by telephone to a particular woman in a woman's dorm (called "girls" in the olden days), and asked for a date, and were told "I'd like to but I just washed my hair" - that meant, "No!" (I told you I was a slow learner!)

One such lady by now must be bald if she washed her hair as often as she said. You know who you are - but I won't tell! <u>BRANDEIS, seriously</u>: Being elected a Fellow by the Board of Trustees in 2012 was/is one of the great thrills of my life!

Leonard Bernstein, another Brandeisrelated thrill: He was charisma personified! I knew him somewhat freshman year. In 1956, I was his administrative assistant at Tanglewood, and attended his conducting classes (wow!). To date I've donated 50+ items of Bernstein memorabilia to the Library Archives & Special Collections.

\* Bachelor-by-Choice (and because of some bad and some sad luck!)

In all, I have donated more than 100 items to the Archives.

Abbie Hoffman: As you may recall, he was (at one time!) fun, engaging, a cheerleader, the room-to-room sub-sandwich man, and a championship-level tennis player! (And probably shortened President Sachar's life!)

In the late 1960's, he came to the UMass Amherst campus for the sit-in de jour, with Amy Carter, remembered to this day as one of the nastiest people with whom I and the UMass Police had to deal. They, among others, were arrested.

The next day, in Court, he chose to sit with me. I was dressed like a Dean; he, well, like Abbie! His "arrested friends" were curious as to who I was; he told them I was an FBI agent, such was his style and sense of humor! He never lost it!

<u>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, Massachusetts,</u> 1958-1961: Secretary to the Governor (Foster Furcolo) and chief of protocol, the youngest ever to serve (in the State) in this capacity. <u>UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS</u> <u>AMHERST,</u> 1964-2001: I was variously, Associate Dean of Students, Assistant Dean/Acting Director of Admissions, Director of Visitor Relations, Director of the Visitors Center, and Commencements Coordinator;

When I retired in 2001, after 37 years, a UMass press release read: "Brooks is the Swiss Army knife type of college administrator adaptable, good in a pinch and durable." MISS AMERICA 1962!: Remember, these are highlights! Nancy Fleming-Johnson was in Boston on a promotional tour. On request from a mutual friend who was her host, I escorted her for a day (talk about a "thrill"), but assuredly not because of my looks! U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, Barbara H. Franklin: Secretary of Commerce, 1992, appointed by President George H. W. Bush. Barbara is one of my best friends and, perhaps, my only favorite Republican! I attended her swearing-in, by the President.

I had several meals with her in the White House dining room (I hope I used the right fork!) and with her, attended several performances at the Kennedy Center, seated in the Presidential Box! (I waved to the audience, of course.)

<u>ORIENT EXPRESS</u>, 1983: Venice, Paris, London - the first year the train resumed service after having been discontinued for many years. The boasting rights were as good, if not better, than the trip! In addition to other International travel (Israel, Italy, Switzerland), I've made numerous trips to London, primarily for theatre.

<u>COLONEL</u> (Retired), 1955-1996, U.S. Army Reserve, Medical Service Corps:

My "Military-career," such as it was, began at Brandeis in 1955, when a small unit was established on campus - we marched left to right, of course! Subsequently, after being commissioned, I was aide-de-camp at various times to 3 U.S. Army Reserve Generals, which helped to hone my protocol skills;

Graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College (Master's degree-level program); Awarded Army Commendation and Meritorious Service medals.

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF:

05/1964: Ed.M, Boston University Graduate School of Education - Counseling and Stu-dent Personnel Services in Higher Education, Principles of Psychodiagnosis.

05/1998: "Citizen of the Year," Amherst, MA, awarded by the Chamber of Commerce for 30+ years of volunteer services, while serving on 5 boards, chairing several.

04/2001: Retired, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1964-2001):

And like ALL retirees, I experience the phenomenon (if it's that), of frequently being busier than when working - which makes it amusing, if not annoying, when people ask, "What do you do with your spare time?!"

01/2014: Triple Bypass (who, me!) - with no symptoms the day before and in good health otherwise, kineahora!

Best wishes to all who may be reading this and even to those who aren't!

Even if one can't go back again, it's nice to have this opportunity at least to say hello, but

not goodbye.





# Sheldon H. Cohen DMD

### Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis was a revelation. I learned that women were every bit as smart as men and perhaps even smarter. The lectures and courses I took opened the world to me and made me a lifetime reader. So many books, so little time. I was fortunate to make lifetime friendships and particularly enjoyed our great discussions on life. I really never thought of a bucket list, but I must say that my wife and I have traveled and done everything we desired. I really enjoyed my profession and practiced for 35 years in our home town. At age 62, I retired in time for our 1st granddaughter. I married my best friend Brenda who grew up right around the corner from me and have been married for 57 years. May I say that I consider our marriage to be one of the "Great Romances" of this century. We have 3 children, 2 of whom graduated from Brandeis, and 4 granddaughters. All in all, we feel that our marriage and family are our greatest achievement. I don't feel I am in my 80's as I weather. Because of my age, I don't worry too much about the future of the world though I am a little upset about our present administration. I have lived through the Holocaust, the Second World War, nuclear bombs, many wars and terrorism. We are strong enough as a race to figure it out.

-Thank you, Shelly



My son Steven (a Brandeis graduate) with his wife Esther and two granddaughters Sara and Esther



My son Bruce (a Brandeis graduate) with his youngest daughter Faye



My daughter Jennifer and two younger granddaughters Mona and Faye



A photo of my wife Brenda and Me



# **Beth Cohen Colombe**

### Life since Brandeis...

After spending another 10 years in school after Brandeis, I ended up with a PhD in Physiology from Cal, Berkeley and went to work...and haven't yet stopped. I'm the Director of the Immunogenetics and Tissue Typing Lab at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, where we do the compatibility testing for organ transplants. I married two California engineers (not simultaneously) and left them both behind to return to my true home, the East coast. Outside of work, Philly has a great music and restaurant scene that I enjoy as much as I have time. If you're ever in Philly, give a call. I'd love to see all of youse, as we say here. Yes, I text, but I'll never tweet.

### **Dick Cooper**



#### Life since Brandeis...

"Louise." Ridgewood. Hamilton (not the musical) The integrity of Larry Fuchs. Working the switchboard in Ford Hall. Washing window panes for Building and Grounds. The hypocrisy of Herbert Marcuse. The Social Club. Eisenhower and the Young Republican Club. The guys from New York. The D- in Physics. The unshowing of "Birth of A Nation." The ridiculous curfews. "Pravda" in the library. Joe McCarthy publically skewering Harvard professors as a freshman looked on in terror. The injustice of the "Justice." The wonders of World History, American Civilization and "The Iliad." Barbara Miller. Danny Kaye. Harry Truman. Dean Acheson. Abe Sachar ("I promise not to cut down the Cherry trees"). Mail room. Student Union. Sunday night pizza (ugh). Ralph Norman. Sam. Beating Boston University at halftime, 13-6 (we lost the game and Boston University went to the Orange Bowl). BC 56 Brandeis 0. But we beat Bates and I won a case of beer. My 2 roommates, Stuart Cook and Dick Wantman are both still swinging the bat as do I. 81-still working-4 kids and 4 grandkids and living a heathy life with my wonderful wife Judy. More love in the house with our Cavalier King Charles, Rascal and our rescue cat, Pepe.



## Janet Cohen David

#### Life since Brandeis...

The most important thing I learned at Brandeis was how to think, not just how to learn. I learned about ambiguities and conflicts and divergence of opinions. What could be more important?

My fondest memories were the engagement with students and professors. I came from a high school with thousands of students and did not have that kind of experience. I found my fellow students very bright and interesting. I also loved the informality of running into professors on and off campus, of having classes outside when it was warm, etc. Brandeis made me a 'life-learner' instead of a student who was aiming for grades. I went on to get a Master's degree and Ph.D. in Psychology which I would never have thought possible.

I've done most of the things I've wanted to do and hope that I can continue traveling and volunteering. I garden in Central Park and volunteer as an explainer in the American Museum of Natural History. I also keep working in my field, training psychotherapists in specialty areas such as eating disorders and family therapy.

In my 80's I feel that I know a lot and have a lot to offer. However, working with younger professionals I see how much I have to learn to keep up with the world as it currently is. I see the world as having endless possibilities with much to enjoy even though we are going through awful times right now as far as politics is concerned.



### **Ray Deveaux**

### Life since Brandeis...

My Brandeis education inspired a curiosity to be open to new ideas and to learn more about the issues that continue to challenge the US and the world.

My fondest memories are of the classmates and teammates who have remained friends over the past sixty years. I am ever mindful of the compassionate care and mentoring that I received from Dean of Admissions Phil Driscoll and Newman Club chaplain Father Walter Gouch as well as from Professors Robert Manners, Lewis Coser and Abraham Siegel. And I am ever so grateful to the university for nominating me for an Edward J Noble Foundation award which allowed me to further my education at the University of California, Berkeley.

Most of my career was in college textbook publishing where I had the good fortune of meeting and developing author and consulting relationships with university and community college faculty.

I am the proud father of three children and seven grandchildren.

My wife Susan and I enjoy our senior years living in San Miguel de Allende located in the mountains of central Mexico.





# **Carole Mendelson Felz**

#### Life since Brandeis...

Being 81-I still sing and dance w/ the Golden Tones and it's the way to enjoy an active, productive life style! I write poetry for all occasions and design my own cards! I live in Wayland and enjoy the country style-yet close enough to enjoy Boston w/ family! I have 3 offspring-8 grand prizes and fun family gatherings! I do get involved in town activitycultural council and C.O.A.

Attend Lunch and Learn Program and it is essential to keeping the brain happy.

I belong to Temple Beth El and I am currently working on the program and costume for our Purim show.

I am fortunate to have two of my children, Andrew and Shari, living close by w/ their families-Ken is in Wisconsin w/ his family of 7-fun to visit!

Zumba classes have been amazing and really keep up the good healthy spirits-plus the comraderie!

Unfortunately, my husband Mark passed away but we keep his memory forever in our hearts and minds. What would I do without my kids and grandkids 10 min. away?

Brandeis is like, down the St. I need to go more often-the opportunity is always there!

I am grateful for my academic experience and look forward to our celebrations!



My 80th Birthday Celebration



My 80th Birthday Celebration



Singing & Dancing with the Wayland Golden Tones (seniors who sing and dance)

### Life since Brandeis...

Entering Brandeis was a new world for me. Having grown up in a small New England town, my immediate interaction with savvy, sharp- witted New Yorkers was somewhat daunting. Scholastically Brandeis challenged my intellect. The reading assignments were overwhelming. It seemed I could never get through the copious amount required. I discovered that the beauty of Brandeis was the diversity of the students and the plethora of ideas constantly swirling around me. Since Brandeis I have married and raised four children with my husband Norman. It has been an exciting rollercoaster ride filled with joys and tragedy.

I retired from a 23 year career at the law firm of Willkie Farr and Gallagher eleven years ago. Since then we have been wintering in Clearwater, Florida with old college friends. Still engaged in learning, we take classes at the Eckerd College OLLI program. Our most recent class was the history and demise of the ROMANOV dynasty.

The only drawback of being 80+ is running out of energy before I'm finished with my activities for the day. However, walking a mile and a half each way to synagogue every Saturday and working out three times a week at Silver Sneakers has thankfully kept me in reasonable physical shape. Fortunately for me, my brother is a Homeopathic Physician, so my husband and I have, so far, been able to forgo allopathic medicines.

In conclusion, I am so thankful and appreciative of my years at Brandeis. And in addition adding a special Bracha for having been able to travel this journey ad hayom hazeh (to this day).



1st Great Grandchild



Bermuda Beach



**Ringling Museum** 

# **Jack Freed**



### Life since Brandeis...

The years have gone by so swiftly since my Brandeis graduation sixty years ago. Incredible. But time enough to sample many jobs and outside-the-box travels, made possible by my well rounded Brandeis education. I've worked in publishing houses, newspapers, political press offices, even such minor stints as a ski instructor. I envisioned none of these as an entering freshman. I'd done well in science in high school, so I thought it natural to continue in the sciences and eventually go to medical school. But Brandeis also required interesting survey courses in the humanities and social sciences, broadening my background in the arts. So after graduation, rapidly losing interest in becoming a doctor, I could easily change career goals and even satisfy an urge to travel.

Took three months off in 1958 to hitchhike around Europe, probably rarely done in this more safety minded day and age, staying at low cost youth hostels. Returning to New York, I took some graduate

courses in philosophy at Columbia University. But soon it was time to leave academia and earn a living. During the next four years I worked in three different publishing houses - a dictionary project for tenth graders at one; writing articles for a junior level encyclopedia at another, and developing texts for the new craze of positive reinforcement learning at a third.

By the mid-sixties I had saved enough to succumb to a growing hippy urge to travel. A few weeks in Paris, then it was off to the Balearic island of Ibiza, rumored to be an international gathering place for aspiring artists and writers. Maybe there I would write the great American novel. Never did. Too comfortable baby-sitting a villa for some retiring Swedes, charging me a mere \$20 a month. More than enough to sit in a choice of bars, discussing Faulkner and Hemingway with expatriates, lingering over five cent shots of brandy. Lasted almost a year.

Instead of returning to crowded New York, I moved into a primitive house in Appalachia, near Elmira where I found a job as reporter on the Elmira Star Gazette. Had to be a quick study since I had never studied journalism. A year later I became a reporter for The Patriot. the morning newspaper for Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital. During my five years on that paper, the highlight for me was actually a trial story I freelanced for the Nation magazine. It was in 1971, when the infamous "Harrisburg Six" pretrial hearings came to town, involving Father Philip Berrigan and other clerics on charges they were planning to blow up federal facilities and kidnap Henry Kissinger as part of a widening protest of the Vietnam War. By 1972, I had shifted into a career in politics, joining the administration of Gov. Milton J. Shapp, a millionaire political novice who defied the odds and won election on a platform of giving Pennsylvania its first income tax, convincing voters it was the only way to solve the commonwealth's constant budget woes. I was his deputy press secretary in his second term, and later ran the press offices for Democrats in the House and Senate, finally retiring in 1997.

I continued dabbling in jobs as varied as a gubernatorial campaign, a ski instructor, always reserving time to travel. One memorable trip was to Cuba in 2001, an illicit one, requiring me to flying through Jamaica. Though hurt by American economic sanctions, I felt people there to be basically friendly and healthy and to have a striking reverence for the American author, Ernest Hemingway. His villa, Finca Vigia, overlooking Havana, was preserved as a museum. And I saw Gregorio Fuentes, the fisherman on whom Hemingway based his "The Old Man and the Sea", still alive and receiving visitors in the nearby village of Cojimar. In an opinion piece for the Harrisburg paper, I urged that we normalize relations with Cuba. Senseless to remain enemies. Looks like that day is finally coming.

The Harrisburg Patriot also published a couple of my opinion pieces on my trip to Israel in 2004 as a volunteer in SAR-EL, an organization of foreign volunteers that help at Israeli army bases. I was stationed near the Gaza border painting reserve tanks. That was the year before Israel dismantled its settlements in Gaza. I questioned whether the pullout would lead to peace. Hamas soon answered that. Life now in my eighties is good. My loving wife is still by my side, even after the worries I caused her over the years. I can still keep up on the ski slopes with my three adult children and grandchildren. And for mental stimulation I am trying to digest James Joyce's Ulysses. Couldn't do it on my first attempt 50 years ago.





# Lois Stetson Glass

### Life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis I created my own career blending my science learned at Brandeis with my interest in education. I still have a house in Cape Cod but have retired to Canton MA. I am looking forward to being with my fellow classmates at the reunion.

## **Phyllis Glazerman**



#### Life since Brandeis...

Nine years ago, my husband Al and I moved from our Newton house of 32 years to a condo in Wellesley, Mass. We've gotten used to our new town and smaller space, and we love our simple lifestyle, especially since it's fairly close to Natick, where our son lives. I work as a selfemployed certified piano technician, tuning and consulting, as I've done since I established my piano business 24 years ago, after working as a high school English teacher full time and an ESL teacher of adults part time.

At this time I'm happy to say that I am holding my own in a grand prix tennis group of about 30 women, where the rest of the players are about a generation younger than I am. In addition, I have been doing publicity for two organizations. One is a Wellesley women's group and the other a chamber music group that performs locally. I've been a pianist with a chamber group and I've been learning with a Torah study class for more than ten years. I've been writing for the newsletter of my condo association for about six years, and I read a lot of books as a member of two book clubs. Currently, I'm making it through Chernow's Hamilton, a fascinating history of an amazing person who I regret isn't here to lead our country today.

We are great-grandparents. Our eldest daughter, Susan, lives observantly in Zefat, Israel. She has ten children, seven of whom are married with children of their own. She has given us the joy of her seventeen grandchildren. Susan worked on a kibbutz and served in the Israeli Defense Forces before she married and settled down.

Our youngest daughter Stephanie, now Shulamit, has found that teaching high school English, history and economics is a more satisfactory career than urban planning a former career after she graduated from the Kennedy School. She lives with her four children, ages 11 to 17, in Davis, California, where her husband is a biology professor at UC Davis. They are modern orthodox. Our son, Michael, enjoys his career in management and sales with a family run business in Boston, and is a busy dad with a teenage daughter who will be working on her applications to colleges next year. It's wonderful to have stayed in touch with many Brandeis friends over the years. We feel we are truly family. My husband officiated at the wedding of one of Sandy (Malkin) Greenberg's daughters. Rose (Sherwindt) and Herb Weinberg have attended several weddings and bar mitzvahs of our family in Israel. We visit Linda (Feinberg) and Bob Alwitt when we're in California. Marci Ullian Jackson and I have attended the Boston Ballet together for over 25 years. Judy Stavis advises me on gardening, recipes, and other things. New neighbors who have moved upstairs in our building are Jerry and Deby Simches. Fran (Morrill) and Jacob Schlitt have been members of my Torah study group since its formation. My roommate, Muriel Garfinkle Cohen, was fixed up on a blind date in New York City and was surprised



Susan, Michael, and Steffi in 2011.



Son Michael with nieces and nephews in California, Eitan, Hillel, Leah, and Meirav.



Phyl's 80th. Michael, Sophia, and Al



Phyl at Loon Mountain



# Sylvia Fay Goldstein

#### Life since Brandeis...

As I write this, on our 60th reunion, I feel a great sense of thankfulness. When I entered Brandeis University in 1955, Brandeis entered my life. It offered me a strong foundation for developing various interests, particularly in the field of music. My Brandeis experience includes fond memories of Professors Titcomb, Fine and Shapero, whose knowledge of music, harmony, and analysis formed the pillars of my music courses. In search of an expert piano teacher, I gratefully followed the suggestion of my advisors to enroll in the Longy School of Music (Cambridge). President Sachar related warmly to our class and was always an inspiring presence on campus. I recall him presenting a group of us with membership in the Brandeis Honor Society, which later became the Brandeis Mu chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Happily, some of my close friendships which began at Brandeis remain intact today.

In retrospect, I realize that wonderful paths of music appeared in time, including some I never would have imagined. I have enjoyed composing liturgical works (some published), serving as temple music director, teaching in community colleges (music history and appreciation), setting my poetry to music, serving as Chair of the Piano Department of the Hartford Conservatory, and writing and producing a Chanukah Oratorio. One production was videotaped live and has been airing on West Hartford Community television for over twenty-five years.

I met my future husband, Rubin, in 1953 when we were both counselors at a summer camp in the Adirondack Mountains (NY). He passed away recently, after sixty years of our blessed marriage. We lived in California for several years, where he taught at UC Berkeley (physics) and I attained my M.A. in music. I remember traveling back and forth across the country a few times without a cell phone, tablet, or GPS; a "trip-tik" was our guide! (Do you remember paper maps, with the route marked by a travel agent?) We began to raise our family in California, and then settled in Connecticut. Our daughters, sons-in-law and grandson, have always been a source of pride and much happiness for us.

As I look ahead, I hope to continue some of my activities and to engage in new ones, yet unknown. With love, I send warm greetings to all my classmates, for aud lang syne.

Sylvia Fay Goldstein (nee Galitzer) February 24th, 2017



Sylvia playing piano.



# **David J Graubard**

#### Life since Brandeis...

Having reached 80 years, I find that memory is decreasing (as my wife gleefully tells me!); however, I still have very fond memories of my days at Brandeis and count them as among my most pleasurable. The friends I made (and mostly kept), the teachers who were a great influence on my future choices and the academic and non-academic activities which I enjoyed (think Hi, Charlie! and Gilbert and Sullivan or Ginsberg and Solomon if you will) are often in my thoughts.

As far as a bucket list, I have gone to almost all the places that I thought had called me and enjoyed the travel and the visiting. I feel I have accomplished about all I looked forward to in my chosen vocation, and have actually had two different careers in Medicine; my first twenty years in active practice and surgery, and the last twenty-eight years in evaluations and consultations; I'm still involved in the latter, and have no plans at this time to retire. I still enjoy what I do, and have been told that I'm very good at it.

I feel that my greatest achievement is staying married for the past 40 years to June, and I'm grateful that she has chosen to stay with me as well. My children and grandchildren are also wonderful, but I don't fool myself into thinking it was because of me - they are smart, charming and intelligent all on their own.

As far as how I see the world, I know that many of my friends and classmates are fearful of the political character of our country since the latest president has taken office, and I am included in that sphere. I can only hope that our worst fears are not realized, and that his time in office passes quickly and without much damage done to our beliefs.



June and David in Hawaii



June and Cameron (grandson)



David and Cameron



# **Anne Greenberg Hershman**

### Life since Brandeis...

I first realized the impact Brandeis had on my life when 20 years after graduation, and with much trepidation, I entered graduate school. With skills nurtured at Brandeis, I graduated with honors and enjoyed a career in clinical social work and psychotherapy, perhaps my greatest personal achievement. Thank you Brandeis!



Anne and husband Nelson Hershman - party time in the Berkshires



Anne Hershman - "at the dais"



## Linda Silverman Kantor

#### Life since Brandeis...

Yes, just reached 80, and glad to be here happy and well. Perhaps Brandeis showed me that I could be independent and maybe even successful. Brandeis opened a new world for me.

After receiving a MBA I worked at the National Institutes of Health and then Yale University School of Medicine, then married, then 3 children. "Leisure time" raising children allowed time to develop new skills--such as ceramics, gardens, photography, tennis, welding, and a pilot's license... All provided opportunities. We have lived in foreign countries such as China, Zimbabwe, Australia, London, Iran and Israel. I was recruited to go to China again as a professional photographer, a 6 week solo adventure! And now, after co-founding three high rise buildings housing 357 apartments for lowincome elderly in central New Haven, I am director of a not-for-profit HUD housing and social services for Latino elderly. Is there retirement? I hope not... there still is too much to learn and do.



# **Richard Kaufman**

### Life since Brandeis...



Dick and Roz, Florida 2016



Dick with 7 of 8 grandchildren, 2016



Dick 81st birthday with children Gale, Michael, Diana



Dick and Roz in Helsinki, 2016



## Marilyn Kierstead

### Life since Brandeis...

Some of my fondest memories:

closeness to faculty intense discussions wonderful and interesting friends campus activism

Brandeis opened up a whole new world for me, broadening my outlook far beyond my past life and thought. That experience shaped my desire to continue living and working in an academic environment. Even in my retired life, I feel the influence of Brandeis in what I read, think and how I interact with friends.



## Rabbi David L Kline

#### Life since Brandeis...

I'm feeling fine in my 80's. The end of life for which the first was made. 52 years and more in love with Barbara. Health and wealth enough. Brooklyn, three kids (two with spouses), three granddaughters and a year old grandson who is mine for care one day a week. For his birthday we set up a college fund as we had done for his cousins, which brings up thoughts of Brandeis of old. Our alma mater provided place and opportunity to grow and learn, far from home but still on father's tab. Memorable teachers: Max Lerner, Ravidovich, Glatzer, Cyrus Gordon, a couple of spiritual moments in biology lab, fun times in theater and "The Justice," fellow students who interested me but seemed beyond reach to that me. My right ankle won't let me forget playing wing on the soccer team. The best of the four was junior year at Hebrew University. Brandeis has come a long way. Would I, if asked, recommend it? Sure! But given today's costs (next time you get the call to up your annual donation. let the student worker estimate what tuition was back in the day) and alternatives for maturing and education, a motivated young person might see college as a poor investment of time and treasure. I recently completed a free MOOC Modern Poetry class as exciting as anything at Ford Hall. So what have I achieved with my many years of secondary schooling? Taught Torah and performed rabbinic functions in New York, Philadelphia, Colorado Springs, and Monroe, Louisiana. From time to time someone who remembers sends me an acknowledgement. As for achievement metrics. Barbara and I have measurably repaired the world: Avram, high school English teacher with MA in poetry and two chapbooks, and, with Dhita, brought us Isaiah Bodhi; Aliza, entrepreneur who built a

mikveh, Mayvim Havvim, in Newton and now, One Table, nationwide, for Shabbat dinners, and with Rabbi Bradley Solmsen (formerly, Geneses at Brandeis, then URJ, and now Surprise Lake Camp) brought us three dancers: Ela, Gila, and Nomi; Shira, singer for tots and adults (four CDs), LabShul mevin and director of worship, invited around the country to lead seminars on spiritual education for children. Shabbat mornings I lead Chevreh Torah at Congregation Beth Elohim. An open ended project keeps me busy translating Bible narratives in a way that preserves the Hebrew feel, published at http://good-to-be-ajew.blogspot.com. I have two chevruta, Skype study buddies. For twenty years Fr. Pat Madden of Shreveport and I have worked weekly through Psalms, Hosea, Daniel, and now Mark. Dr. Edward McCrorie, retired English prof who has done a lot of translating helps me smooth the rough spots in my efforts. I help him with his Jeremiah. Both are fun. I also Skype with Shira on Hebrew texts and with Ellen Allard. another outstanding performer and composer. I walk an hour a day. Bake bread and pickle. Fix broken stuff. And ride my bike. Kein ayin hora



Just Deserts, Scottsdale



Dhita Ngy and Avram, Aliza and Bradley at Surprise Lake Camp, Shira in concert



Bodhi and Bodhisabba



Solmsen sisters, L>R, Ela-ballet, Gilahiphop, Nomi-jazz



### **Janet Hentoff Krauss**

#### Life since Brandeis...

I have been happily married to Bert for 60 years, and we are lucky to have two sons, David and Simon and four grandchildren--all enrich our lives. My greatest achievement is my 44 years combined teaching English at St. Basil College and Fairfield University. Also my life as a poet with two books published Borrowed Scenery and Through the Trees of Autumn. I am an active poet in my community, organizing poetry readings and art/poetry events as a member of the Black Rock Art Guild. As a volunteer I work creatively with Bridgeport school children; and upon my retirement in May, 2017 after 39 years at Fairfield University, I will expand my volunteer work teaching creative writing in my local schools.

In closing, my fondest memories at Brandeis are the classes with Milton Hindus, especially, and Irving Howe.



Marsha Milgram Stark '57 and Janet Hentoff Krauss '57 have been best friends for over 60 years.



### Jeannie Lieberman

### Life since Brandeis...

Having successfully avoided matrimony and motherhood. I enjoyed the challenge of several exciting careers: splintering if not shattering the glass ceiling in advertising where I garnered the prized corner office (Mad Men TV series accurately exposed my era there). Eventually drunk account executives, incompetent suppliers and constant impossible deadlines found me chain smoking and slamming down phones, and soon my office walls were covered in Physics equations for exams in night school, and eventually a year of Med school, to qualify for my next career as Physical Therapist, a logical progression for a former dancer. I soon became Chief of Physical Therapy at Doctors Hospital where I stayed until it closed.

A chance date, on the rebound from a no-show Swiss Banker fiancée, landed me a spot as a theater reviewer on the New York Law Journal, which put me on top of the food chain of theater critics, using writing skills I never knew I had but evidently learned at Brandeis Humanities class, Dear Dr Cunningham, and led to several Journalism Awards. My first review was my easiest, a revival of Sweet Charity, which I knew by heart during my days at High Charlie at Brandeis. And so I remain in a fitting loop to my first love, my dance/theater days at Brandeis, as Publisher/Editor of Theaterscene.com in my happiest and least economically rewarding profession. Bret "Skippy" Schlesinger designed my logo. I thank Brandeis for providing me the tools to conquer these varying fields without significant training but whatever qualities needed to survive/excel.

En route I led a romantic and adventuresome life swimming with dolphins, flying small planes and joining the Israeli army twice where I created a steel sculpture (thank you Peter Grippe) which ended up in a Haifa museum.

Made a niche for myself on Fire Island becoming known for my style and sentiment, performing occasionally and publishing the Fire IslandSun.com along with my other baby Theaterscene.

Busier than ever in my 80's, despite plagued by various orthopedic challenges, my only regret - I am now ready for children – grandchildren.

Oh, Well! Can't have it all but I certainly had most of it.

https://vimeo.com/213158369





Israeli Sculpture by Jeanne



"recently" (8 years ago)



# **Doris Raduziner Marks**

#### Life since Brandeis...

Lesson learned: There were many more different and interesting people in this world than I grew up with or were exposed to in Omaha. My freshman year was, therefore, a little awkward for me. But, come the following August, I couldn't wait to get back to school.

Memories: Sledding after a snow storm on a dining room food tray; it was pure joy. Hating my freshman year roommate and loving my 2nd one, who just happened to have been Bev Sachs Silpe. Being homecoming queen, not understanding why and not enjoying it a bit!

Impact: Brandeis opened up the world to me and certainly liberalized my way of thinking.

Bucket list: None. I've led a rather plain life compared to many others and have enjoyed it. My husband traveled a great deal; that impeded our traveling together. Did my share of volunteer work and then went into the antique business. Have loved that.

Achievement: Believe it or not: raising two wonderful daughters and enjoying my life with my wonderful husband.

80's: Glad to be alive and in one piece. The world: There are still good people out there, but Trump and crew scare me; and the world seems to be a mess.



We're not that much older than this picture!

#### Life since Brandeis...

At Brandeis, I learned how to think and pursue an intellectual life I had known in my home. Leonard Levy's class on the First Amendment, his exacting examination of different interpretations and perspectives serves me to this day. Not the details but the analysis. It was paralleled in a literature class in UCLA graduate school where I learned to explicate literature in an equally profound and rigorous way. These compose the intellectual foundation of my life as a writer, although I've come very far from academic concerns. A poet and novelist learns from the awe, grit and heartbreak of life. Fifty years later I'm someone I could not have imagined then.

When I attended Brandeis, I hoped to become a writer though I was too shy to believe it would come to pass. I didn't expect to become a healer or that such spirit-based, earth-based activity would enter the public domain. The 'gift' of breast cancer in 1977, my 'Warrior poster" an exuberant mastectomy image which became an international sensation, what I learned about healing, the book/journal I wrote, Tree: Essays and Pieces, combined to change my life. In 2004, my keynote, the Soul of Medicine, for the American Holistic Medical Association brought a new life into being. I've been convening ReVisioning Medicine, the next step after Complimentary and Alternative Medicine a collaboration between medical people and medicine people, Western and Indigenous. Since then. ReVisioning Medicine's foremost intent is to create and restore medical ways that do no harm to individuals and the earth.

I have been to Africa on Safari about twelve times since 1999 in contact with the Elephant People. I've supported Indigenous peacebuilding work in Liberia. Essays on elephants, peacebuilding, community ... are on my website, http://deenametzger.net/, under Blogs.

My latest novel, A Rain of Night Birds will be published on Earth Day, April 22nd. Here is the author's profile:

Deena Metzger is a radical thinker on behalf of the natural world and planetary survival, a teacher of writing and healing practices for 60 years and a writer and activist profoundly concerned with peacemaking, restoration and sanctuary for a beleaguered world. She has written eight works of fiction, five works of non-fiction, five poetry collections, several plays and numerous essays. Her books examine the tragic failure of contemporary culture and provide guidance for personal, political, environmental and spiritual healing. Her novel La Negra y Blanca won the 2012 Oakland Pen Award and her Warrior Poster photograph is celebrated around the world as a testament to a woman's triumph over breast cancer. Deena has also been actively engaged in integrating Indigenous wisdom and medicine practices into contemporary culture through her projects ReVisioning Medicine, the Literature of Restoration, Daré and the 19 Ways Training for the 5th World. Deena lives at the end of the road in Topanga, California. No bucket list necessary. I intend to continue as a writer, teacher, healer and activist to remember, protect and restore Creation, the natural world and all its beings.





Frankie, the Upcoming Elephant Matriarch at Thula Thula Connects



Family gathering for my 80th



Deena and Cheyenne



# Kadimah (Kim) Michelson

### Life since Brandeis...

I once spent two years looking for an unforgettable sentence that would sum up my life. I think the idea was born from my addiction at 17 to the Reader's Digest regular feature "My Most Unforgettable Character."

I found my sentence on a \$1 poster in a head shop! "Nothing is lost; what was becomes the earth of today." There it was! Its words reassured me that all possible experiences, wisdom, defeats, relationships, frustrations, consequences, joys and triumphs of a life served a purpose. It helped me to give meaning and shape to everything I had experienced, had become or was becoming. It forced the continuing question "What have I learned from this?"

After my early years living first in South Africa, then in Bangor, Maine, I arrived at Brandeis. It was my first "adult" experience. I did not appreciate, nor really participate in its many intellectual and social opportunities. My obstacles became end points, not stepping stones. I married at the end of my sophomore year probably looking for safety and reassurance in this new adult world, Perhaps my having gained some wisdom from that difficult seven year marriage contributed to my empowering, 54 year subsequent marriage. In this marriage I found the emotional sustenance and intellectual freedom to question, to thrive and to become fulfilled.

We have 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. My husband Mark, was a litigator at the Boston firm of Choate, Hall and Stewart and a former president of the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union. One daughter with an academic background, is a professor at the University of St.Andrews in Scotland; another, with a legal background made Aliyah to Israel where two of her sons are in the IDF, one in officers' training and one in a combat unit; and the third, with a business school background advises students applying to American business schools. In their various environments, all three are politically and socially active.

At age 58, I returned to school and got a doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. I had served on a Hospice Board, the Brookline School Committee and later became a student in the first class of a new Jewish Geriatric Chaplaincy Program at Hebrew Senior Life in Roxbury, MA

These are some examples of my external life. We have tried to base our choices on service, gratitude and an ongoing appreciation for the realization that our good life, inner and outer, has depended on the goodwill and skills of many others, known and unknown.

We are both retired from most external commitments. In our eighties, we have added risk taking. We spent 18 months visiting and testing many "third age" options in Massachusetts and Israel. Soon we are planning to make Aliyah to Israel where we hope to spend our remaining life in a "protected house", that is, an apartment in an institution which provides enough support services but encourages maximum independent functioning and travel.

We are looking forward to a new adventure. Nothing was wasted. Everything mattered.



# Sandra Wainhouse Miller

### Life since Brandeis...

I have lifelong friends I met at Brandeis. I've completed almost everything on my bucket list! My children and my two beautiful grandchildren, Hannah and Hugo, are my greatest achievements. I have nothing grandiose to say, but Brandeis allowed me to have a successful career and I appreciate having gone to school there.



# Wynne Wolkenberg Miller

### Life since Brandeis...

While the decades seem to diminish a bit of agility and lightness, they also add wisdom, humor, family members, and much to be grateful for.

My family: 2 siblings, 2 sons, all our children and their children had a glorious reunion in Arizona in November to celebrate my 80th birthday. Photos are of my children and theirs, and the whole crowd of 25, who stayed in two rental houses, spent three glorious sunny days in the heated swimming pool, reminisced, told stories, played games, and had a pool party, pj party, love fest. Does it get any better?

My greatest "achievement": Two sons, accomplished, reflective, intelligent, thoughtful people, the kind of people I would choose as friends, who have given me daughters in law I can enjoy, and two young granddaughters (now 7 and 11) and a step grandson, now 21.

Grateful, also, that I am still doing professional coaching, working with clients whose issues range from corporate leadership roles to life/career transitions. Humbling work that gets richer and deeper every year.

And every year or so I do something to challenge myself, primarily so my diminishing eyesight doesn't make me shrink from life. Among them so far: the mule ride down the Grand Canyon, skydiving, solo retreat in Baja, CA...

I still count among my dearest friends, three Brandeis roommates: Leni Winn, Beverly Sachs Silpe, and Annette Liberman Miller. My education, especially studying with Abraham Maslow has served me all my adult and professional life, and looking back, I think Maslow represented the bridge from therapy to coaching, as he focused on the psychology of health and wellness. He was also probably a spiritual teacher for me: I remember saying, whatever than man has, I want it!

I feel blessed to be alive and relatively well, wiser every year, and like many, worried about what humanity, and the US in particular, is headed for.

I look forward to greeting you all at Reunion 2017. Imagine: 60 years!! And we are still kids, right?



Family (25 of us) celebrated my 80th, renting 2 houses at a 3-day Arizona pool party/pj party/lovefest



My sons, Michael and Mark, daughters-in-law and grandchildren

# **Harry Morrison**



### Life since Brandeis...

As most of us would say, it's truly hard to believe that it's been 60 years since we graduated as "wet behind the ears" new Brandeis alums.

So, I might as well start from there. Off to Harvard for a Ph.D. in chemistry, a one-year postdoctoral stint in Zurich, another in Madison, and then a move in 1963 to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana for my first teaching position. It didn't help that this boy from Brooklyn, and his wife, Harriet Thurman from Brookline, didn't know where Indiana was, never mind West Lafayette. Nor did it help that Harriet was 8 months pregnant with what was to be our first child, Howard, born in October of that year. The coast was nowhere to be found and the home we built in 1965 was at the edge of a cornfield!

Two more children, both boys, followed in '68 and '70, while I plowed my way through the ranks of Associate and Full Professor. My research was in photochemistry and photobiology, at one time having a research group of as many as 16 members. A lot to take care of while we were raising three children. An academic career has its benefits, a major one being sabbatical leaves that are available every seven years. We spent ours in Rehovot, Israel (1972), Oxford (1979), Berkeley (1987), Melbourne (2002) and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton (2010).

Along the way I became Head of the Department (1987) and then Dean of the College of Science (1992). I stepped down as Dean in 2002 and returned to teaching and research until I retired from Purdue in 2012. Along the way we accumulated 8 grandchildren and are fortunate to have our three children's families located close-by in Indianapolis and Chicago.

We currently now winter at a home in Boynton Beach, Florida at one of the ubiquitous over-55 communities that dot the landscape here. My sabbatical at FAU has turned into a long-term relationship with the University in the form of a Visiting Professorship that provides me with an office and continuing stimulation from the university environment. Every retiree should have a project of some sort, in my opinion, to keep his or her wits sharp and make daily life interesting and exciting. Mine (no surprise, I guess) is the writing of a source book on how various enzymes work. It keeps me out of trouble and sends me up a new learning curve on a regular basis.

Harriet and I will celebrate our 59th wedding anniversary this coming August. It's been quite a ride. I look forward to hearing about our classmates and hope that we all are enjoying our "senior" years to the fullest allowed by our health.



Harry and Harriet Morrison



### **Dr. Eleanor Pam**

#### Life since Brandeis...

I experienced of Brandeis as a Magic Mountain. It was a rarified cocoon of natural beauty, peace, friendships, intellectual/political ferment, and challenges that stretched my horizons and shaped my identity. After graduating with a degree in Philosophy (with Honors) I entered academia as both teacher and student, earning three post-graduate degrees from NYU, including a doctorate. I was also employed for 34 years at City University in high level administrative and instructional positions, retiring with the rank of full professor--the latter achieved at a very young age and at a time when only 1% of the senior professoriate was female. My last job was at John Jay College of Criminal Justice where I founded and headed the first Domestic Violence Research and Resource Center at CUNY.

In the late sixties I joined the National Organization for Women after having been introduced to early feminism by my good friend, Kate Millett. NOW had only recently been formed and Kate and I founded the first Education Committee for the fledgling organization. Only a two-person committee, we elected each other President and Vice-President. As a pioneer feminist, I participated in many activities in the struggle for gender equality.

My focus especially involved sexual harassment, rape, domestic violence, violence against women. I served on Mayor Rudy Giuliani's Commission to Combat Family Violence for eight years--the entire duration of

his tenure a New York City Mayor. In addition, I worked with the FBI on two thinktanks in Ouantico Virginia on issues concerning police and intimate violence, as well as police involvement in horrific crimes of homicide-suicide. In connection with these issues I was sought out by the media and gave many lectures throughout the country as well as print and electronic interviews to prominent news outlets like the New York Times, etc. Eventually, I brought my feminist sensibility into matters concerning women in prison. This led me to meet many high profile women incarcerated in maximum security facilities throughout the country. If I believed such women to be innocent or serving excessive sentences. I became their advocate and media representative, giving interviews on multiple shows with wide audience reach, e.g., OPRAH. I have been doing this work for over three decades. Aside from giving speeches and media interviews, lobbying prison officials political figures, I have also appeared in a documentary, CAPTIVATED, that had its film debut at Sundance and was produced and widely screened by HBO. Several years ago, I was elected President of the Veteran Feminists of America, an organization who members are the pioneers of early feminism. I am also listed in a book. Feminists Who Changed America. I have been happily married for 47 years to Robert Juceam, a prominent New York Attorney. We have three children (Daniel, Jacquelyn and Gregory) and five grandchildren (Jordan, Jake, Ezrah, Sarah, Rachel).



### Benjamin Ravid - "Ben"

#### Life since Brandeis...

I am indebted to Brandeis for a superb liberal arts education that has stood me in good stead for sixty years. I am also indebted to Brandeis because on a chance visit to campus I met Jane, a most intelligent, understanding and attractive graduate student from New Orleans who became the love of my life and has been a very good influence on me over the years.

After graduating from Brandeis, I obtained a Ph.D. in History from Harvard. My dissertation on the Jews of Venice has become my life's work, along with publishing manuscripts and editing collected volumes of the writings of my father, Simon Rawidowicz, with whom some of you may have studied during your years at Brandeis. He passed away suddenly right after our graduation, and my mother, Esther, whom some of you may also have known, became Instructor in German until her retirement in 1967, and passed away in 1980.

I initially taught in the History Department at McGill and then in 1973 was invited to teach at a totally different Brandeis - different world, different campus, different faculty, different department (NEJS, not history), post-Ford Hall, at end of Vietnam. From 1989-1992, I was privileged to serve as NEJS chair. Retired in 2010 to finish various academic projects and relax a little. Unfortunately I have not quite succeeded in achieving either goal since the second is dependent on the first, but "it is not over until the fat lady sings" (although listening to generally thin ladies singing Puccini and turn-of-the-century verismo opera and also watching the Patriots have been among favorite pastimes). Another great pleasure has been invitations to speak at national and international academic conferences. Twice Jane and our two children (whose spouses are also Brandeis graduates) accompanied me on sabbaticals to Jerusalem, both memorable experiences. We currently enjoy five young grandchildren, all in the metro-Boston area.

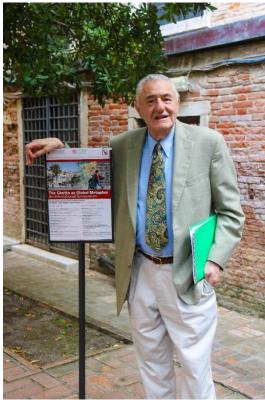
How does it feel to be 80? Tiring too quickly and with conditions that require medication, diet and more rest than in the past, but when looking around at the situation of others, sometimes younger, I am grateful for everything.

The world? Something went terribly wrong, too complex to address here; hopefully, not irreversibly. I fear that the optimism of the past, which should perhaps not be over-romanticized in retrospect, is gone for a very long time.

One final note: I have consistently greatly praised the two year compulsory sequence of Soc. Sci. 1 and 2, and Humanities 1 and 2, although I realize that a part of their success was having world-class professors such as Frank Manuel and Max Lerner, and much smaller classes that met as one group. This program provided us with an introduction to how the present came into being, which is so sorely needed today, and also offered a common shared experience fostering a sense of community among members of the participating classes. Of course, today it should be made more inclusive, but the core retained. We are one world.



Venice, 2016.



Venice, 2016.



# Arnold B. Rovner CLU. ChFC

#### Life since Brandeis...

I learned how to become a "mensch" in 4 years working my way through graduation. My fondest memories are at graduation seeing President Harry Truman sprightly walking down the aisle with MS Eleanor Roosevelt on the podium delivering a commencement speech. Brandeis made me think from a naive bumpkin from Cape Cod to a young man ready to face the world although not as a lawyer. Impact has been to make me a life-long liberal minded citizen imbued with democratic ideals.

I would like to travel to Europe and Asia and visit Israel again.

My greatest achievement has been raising three successful sons, an insurance company executive, a Professor of Urology and Surgeon with a Pediatric Anesthesiologist spouse and a Lawyer with lawyer spouse. They have blessed my wife Sherry of 56 years with 7 grandchildren. A junior at Columbia U. a sophomore at Rice U. and a freshman at Bucknell. There are 4 others on the way up. Hopefully I will influence one or more to consider Brandeis.

At age 81 I am often asked for my date of birth. I answer "August 23, 1935 but I don't look it right?" Invariably I am told I don't look it!

I see unfortunately a chaotic world in the news and media but I see hope and promise in the eyes of my family and grandchildren. I shall cherish all in my remaining years.



The entire Rovner Family 2015



Left to right: Gary S. Rovner Esq.; Jack A. Rovner Esq, class of '65; Dr. Eric S. Rovner of The Medical University of South Carolina; Dr. Irwin Rovner, retired professor of Archeology UNC, Brandeis class of '61; Ron Rovner, VP of Met Life Charlotte, NC; and yours truly Arnold Rovner '57.



My wife Sherry and me with our seven grandchildren: Alex, Rice University; Brooke, Ashley Hall School in Charleston; Sarah; Natalie; Carly, Bucknell University; baby Josh; and Michael, Columbia University.



# Glenda Sakala

#### Life since Brandeis...

First of all, I don't know where 60 years have gone! It seems like it was only a short time ago since Brandeis graduation. I have many fond memories of friendships made. Since graduation, I have been married, divorced, and married a second time. I have a son, Michael, from my first marriage.

After graduation I began my teaching career, which lasted thirty five years. Although I received a master's degree in education, and 80 credits above, I never took courses that were as difficult as the ones I took at Brandeis. It gave me an insight into what a superior education I received at Brandeis.

I have been very blessed. The opportunity to travel the world has enriched my life. Being

able to experience life and cultures on all seven continents has been most rewarding. I will travel as long as I can. There are still some countries I want to visit.

Being over eighty has a few challenges, but I am still able to enjoy the things I love most, such as travel, reading exercising, playing Mah Jhong, and spending time with family and friends. Living in Rhode Island on the water is a real joy!

I welcome family and friends. I enjoy having company. Rhode Island is a best kept secret. I am still exploring it and finding many hidden treasures.

# **Bret Schlesinger**



81 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING: I look back on my Brandeis years fondly and remember many of my adventures and misadventures.

When I graduated I did my short and undistinguished (but to me memorable) stint in the army including serving in military intelligence making close friendships that today are still active. In 1959 I became a public high school teacher in New York City and retired as an assistant principal in 1991. During those years I taught in various NY City High Schools and even worked at the Board of Education. I like to think I made a difference in some lives. I was one of the original pioneers in alternative educational reform and have remained active to this very day propagating these ideas in Europe and helping to found a European network promoting these reforms. As one passion is traveling all over the world this also gave me a wonderful excuse to visit throughout Europe. Although I married late in life it was worth the wait. An added benefit was inheriting a wonderful family. My wife Susan has enriched my life so much that I can hardly imagine how I survived without her. I still get fulfillment from my art and have the largest collection of Bret Schlesingers in the world although some have found their way into other hands. I have been very lucky living on what I call the "periphery" of events having known, met, seen and been in the presence of many other wonderful, talented and sometimes well-known people. And while I may not have made a huge imprint on history, if you look deeply enough you may find a fingerprint or footnote here and there along the way. After all, anyone who has been kissed by a Miss Italy, shaken hands with



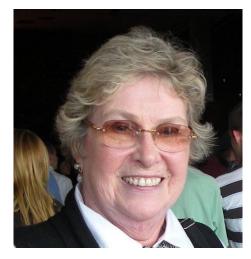
a US President, spent an afternoon and evening with a world renowned author, sat and chatted with a famous folk rock star one evening and tried to teach a famous Hollywood celebrity really can't complain, can he?



The Family



Me



Susan



Drawing of Jerusalem



### **Beverly Sachs Silpe**

#### Life since Brandeis...

Amazing to look back and to find, that, after all this time, I can still attribute so many important and wonderful experiences to the Brandeis years.

- Life Lessons at Brandeis: among many other important discoveries, at Brandeis I learned:

- that to know the questions is as important as to know the answers

- to slow down, listen carefully and speak less

- that it is sometimes appropriate to change my mind

- and, thanks to my wonderful roommates, to keep my room very, very NEAT!

A few vivid Memories etched in my mind from those few, short, fast moving, formative years which make me want to return to Brandeis and take another look at the people and at the changing campus include the following:

- the first two years in the Castle dormitory with Jenny Bier as our "house mother", where there were no men allowed, the "socials" in the old Castle Commons, serving a term as Dorm President, not having doors in the bathroom stalls, wearing white gloves to the first student "Tea," and rushing back to the dorm to comply with our strictly enforced curfew.

- writing our research papers by examining numerous original sources (books!), taking notes on index cards, arranging them on the floor of our rooms in piles, and laboriously typing our papers and footnotes(yes, on typewriters, no computers for us!) using white out and carbon paper!

-encountering many of life's role models: President Abram Sachar who knew and greeted us all by name, Eleanor Roosevelt at the Honor Society breakfast and actually speaking with her, Professors James Duffy, Dena Levy-Lida, Milton Hindus, Leonard Levy and so many others, who exposed me to a whole new world of linguistics and language and history which I have drawn on in my adult life and inspired me to become a language teacher.

- the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, the Brandeis Chorus singing with the Harvard Chorus in Boston, the Spanish Club, my job meticulously typing catalog cards in the basement of the old Library as part of my scholarship, and the beauty of ice skating on the moonlit pond at night.

-About a Greatest Achievement, I'm not really sure, but I do know that a list of my most important sources of gratitude and personal fulfillment would certainly include

- my husband, Paul, our children, five grandchildren and the many others in our large family

- the many dear friends including Doris Raduziner Marks and Wini Wolkenberg Miller who have enriched my life

- a long and gratifying teaching career and

- involvement in community and synagogue affairs over the years

-Still on my "bucket list"?

Although I don't have the urgency of a specific big project, I'm happy to be enjoying reading, lectures, concerts, opera, tapping away at the piano, singing with the Temple Choir and still learning a few new things as I go along. Of course, I would like more, more, more good time to enjoy this incredible trip, but I must say that my youthful hopes for a better and more peaceful world appear to be unrealized for now.

So, on the occasion of this milestone 60th Reunion, here's to us, Class of 1957, to all of us smart, optimistic, "kids,", perhaps more sober about the future, perhaps much older, but, at the same time, quite a bit wiser.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our 60th Reunion and to sharing our combined perspectives about the continuing journey.



March 5, 2017



La Familia



### Elsa Brisk Silverman

#### Life since Brandeis...

From Brandeis, I gained my dearest and lifelong friends and fondest memories, both educational and social. I can boast of having studied psychology with Abraham Maslow and Yiddish literature with Irving Howe. Since Brandeis, I've lived in Boston, New York City, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Olympia Washington, and finally Washington DC, where I've been for the past 40 years. I've been a high school and community college English teacher, and most recently, a law librarian. Now, i'm happily retired, and have been so for the past 8 years. Sorry I won't be at the reunion, but I look forward to reading about all of you, and looking for the students of 60 years ago in the current photos. Regards to all!



January 2017 with my son Doug



# Deborah Bernstein Simches and Gerald Simches



### Life since Brandeis...

What does Brandeis mean to us??

Brandeis means everything.

If you wonder if that is a hyperbole, it surely is not.

Six decades ago, a freshman, against the advice of her friends, fell for a football player, and that was our beginning.

We were both attracted to Brandeis, looking for

a welcoming collegiate environment. At that time, Brandeis embodied our values and our ideals.

So thank you Brandeis for all that you were, and how you allowed us to find each other. We just celebrated our 60th Anniversary with our children, grandchildren, and wondrous to say, great grandchildren!!

So that is why Brandeis means so much to us.



### Marsha Milgram Stark

### Life since Brandeis...

Like the students arriving in 1953, Brandeis was young and brimming over with energy, enthusiasm, and great promise. A psychology major, I also took advantage of the extensive offerings in all areas and recall with appreciation Abraham Maslow, Marie Syrkin, and Nahum Glatzer. My close, longstanding friendship with Janet Hentoff Krauss grew over our years at Brandeis.I remained in the field of education as both a teacher and school counselor in the Dracut Schools for more than twenty five years and now develop and facilitate educational programs for senior citizens. Reading, study groups, travel, especially hiking trips, support of conservation and arts programs, and visits with family and good friends fill my life with purpose and pleasure. Above all, my greatest joy is my dear family - Phil, my husband of sixty years, my two sons (David,'80), two daughters in law, and five truly grand grandchildren.



Abigail, Jacob, Marsha, Phil, Sam, Billy and Rachel in front



Marsha & Phil and Phil's 60th MIT Reunion



Birthday celebration with Donna (daughterin-law), Jon (son), Marsha & Phil, Cynthia (daughter-in-law), & David (son)



Marsha & Phil & Janet Hentoff Krauss & Bert Krauss



### **Steve Steinberg**

### Life since Brandeis...

With age comes maturity, understanding and health issues. I have been most fortunate to have had Karen Goldman enter my life over 20 years ago. She has guided me through the pleasure and pitfalls of senior life and given me a happy family to join. I am blessed. I am also glad to be able to see retirement from the law practice almost here. I have had enough of the conflict of being a litigator and look forward to that part of life changing. And I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Brandeis BOLLI seminars given by Professor Billy Flesch, one of the great teachers I have had, who I am pleased has become a friend. All is good.



### M. David and Audrey Tell



#### Life since Brandeis...

Sixty four years ago, two skinny kids from Brooklyn worked on a float for homecoming with their dorm-mates from the Castle and Ridgewood CW. Fast forward 64 years and here we are at our 60th reunion. Hard to believe.

Brandeis was a wonderful place to be in the 50's. We were exposed to so many exceptional people, both in and out of the classroom. From Eleanor Roosevelt to Danny Kaye and everyone in between. The opportunities were open to everyone and I'm so glad that I took advantage of everything that I could. I still remember the late night discussions in the dorm with my roommates and friends--people who you can still call after all these years and feel like it was yesterday. We grew up together and they are still among our closest friends. Working in Waltham on the election for Adlai Stevenson was another adventure. We worked with students and the local Democrat party. Back then, David was president of the Young Democrats! (He claims to have learned so much more since then. I beg to differ). Charles Duhig told David, "you are graduating the most well-rested student Brandeis ever had" but he got into Columbia Law School anyway.

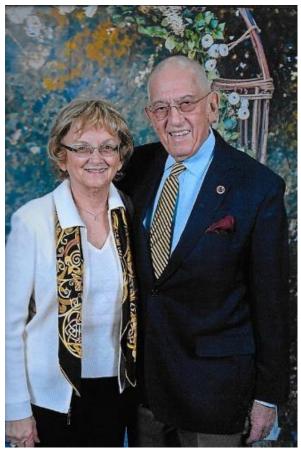
Being in my 80's is calm and pleasant. Good friends, good books, walking at the beach, no

schedule (except for doctor visits) and hopefully good health. Travel is somewhat limited now due to David's dialysis schedule but we still love spending time with our family. I am still able to enjoy the theater, ballet, concerts and museums. David has a second career working in the train store and serving on various Bar Association committees as well as being a director of Legal Aid Society and a member of the 10th district grievance committee.

I feel a freedom from certain norms--able to say and do things that I probably would never have done before--and both David and I have a good sense of self. Since the election, I do fear for Jews, women and world peace among other things. David, now being a Republican, is more optimistic than I.

Overall, life has been good. We've had sad moments, as all of us have had--loss of parents, loved ones and friends and challenging medical crises. We've both retired from successful careers that have been enjoyable and rewarding. We have lifelong friends who have shared our good times and sustained us in the bad times. The joy of our children, the magic of grandchildren and watching them grow and succeed. Life goes on and on.

How lucky we have been!



Who's in their 80's?



All of us



Our grandsons: Corey, Andrew and Tom



Our granddaughters: Katie, Jill, Alison, Leah & Gabrielle



# Helene Goldberg Spielman Torker

#### Life since Brandeis...

I've already sent in "thoughts" for our class notes. But will repeat hi lights again.

Delighted to have lived for 80 years enjoying good health and learning every day.

Shocked about the state of our nation at the moment, but that too is a learning. Hopefully we will survive intact and get back to the inclusive, supportive democracy we know and treasure.

Delighted with my family. Two wonderful husbands, after being widowed at age 48.

Three delightful children, one wonderful sonin-law and a terrific significant other in-law.

Three gorgeous, handsome grandsons. Just ask their grandma. They're all successful in their fields of medicine, finance and real estate. They are all, at this point, more competent and smarter than me. Blows my mind and I love it.

Still enjoy a robust practice in psychoanalysispsychotherapy in NYC. Cut back to 2 days a week which gives me plenty of time to enjoy all that NYC has to offer.

Grateful to Brandeis for making me much of what I'm all about today. Was distracted at the time having fun, but somehow some intellectual curiosity made its way into my soul.

Know that we don't go on forever, but appreciative of a "so far" good, varied, interesting run.

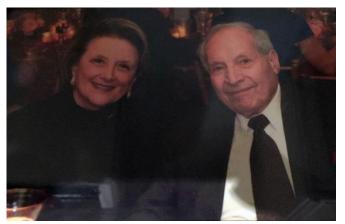
Best to all.



Skiing with the grandkids



Grandma broke her ankle



Most recent with hubby



They left me way behind



# Amnon (Ammy) Weinstock

#### Life since Brandeis...

Since retiring, my wife Judy (Hershbaum-class of 1958) and I have spent winters in Florida but have maintained our primary residence in New Jersey. We thankfully have remained in good health. Over the years we have had lasting

thought and forming a basis upon which to choose the appropriate career paths. Our two children live nearby in New Jersey. Susan is a project manager for J and J and Neil is an electrical engineer with Raritan Electronics.



Leah and Us

friendships with other alumni who represent perhaps our most valuable inheritance from our Brandeis years. We always recognize how important our Brandeis education was in shaping our futures, in teaching us independent

Neil and wife Jennifer have a bright 10 year old granddaughter Leah, who is the joy of our lives.

We wish our fellow graduates a long and happy life.





# **Maxine Bernice Weintraub**

### Life since Brandeis...

I was a transfer and commuter student, had really one friend on campus - Gayle White Quinn - now deceased - and that is about it. And Harry Truman winked at me as I received my diploma.

# Moriel Schlesinger Weiselberg



### Life since Brandeis...

I am very lucky to be enjoying my 8th decade. Music is prime in my life, as I sing in choruses and play chamber music with friends on my beloved viola. Local performances are part of the picture, to give back to the community that has given me so much.

As it happened I was a pianist until the age of 25. My husband needed violists for his college (U. of Cal., Riverside) orchestra in 1961, so I agreed to try to help out. As soon as I held the viola he ordered for me, I felt as though I was holding a baby. What a feeling!

Recently I had the distinct pleasure of attending a Brandeis concert at Carnegie Hall in which five Brandeis composers' works were featured: Bernstein, Irving Fine, Arthur Berger, Harold Shapero (all deceased), plus the living composer (1934-) Richard Wernick. Dick received a well deserved standing ovation during which, as a witness, I was personally moved. Dick and I are very old friends. I am studying his first of nine quartets! As a music major Brandeis had a huge impact on me intellectually and in many other ways as well. My deep appreciation and passion for music making and music listening goes back to my childhood, but was greatly fortified at Brandeis. I feel very fortunate to have been part of the scene there

Every January I attend a week long string quarter conference in a different European city run by the Manhattan String Quarter. I study a particular quarter written by a composer who lived there. I have been to Prague, Parma, Budapest, Paris, London, Vienna, and, recently, Krakow. Fascinating and fun!

I feel equally blessed with my beautiful family: a son, daughter, son-in-law, 4 grandsons, a step daughter, and a step son-in-law.

I am very excited about reconnecting with classmates at our 60th reunion in June.



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The Moriel Chamber Players after a performance on Long Island

In Memoriam

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

Arlene Zussman Barrow Cynthia Rich Berland Hope A. Berman Michael Anthony Bokat Donald Harold Buchsbaum Charles Z. Burkhart Michael Connolly Frank A. Decola John P. Delahanty Salvatore E. DeSimone Adam Eden Elliott M. Epstein Jerold G. Finn Lee Rogers Fowler Martin R. Frank Jerry N. Friedland Joel M. Gerstel Lawrence Glazer Susan H. Gold S. David Goldberg Albert Grodner Bert L. Gusrae David Himmelstein Lenore Kodner Israel Lawrence J. Kane Elinor S. Kaye Robert F. Kelley Ronald Leon Klayman Linda S. Kramer

Sheldon Kule Sumner A. Lederman Janice Hoffman Leibowitz Sandra R. Levenson Mark D. Levine **Rita Roth Levine** Roslyn Shapiro Lewisohn Philip Lieb Bettina Silver Lorris Daniel N. Lourie Sandra Sorofman Lyman Joan Liner Menzer **Richard Millman** Phyllis Cohen Novick David E. Oppenheim William C. Orman Jacquelyn Pape **Charles Petigrow** Norman Petigrow Gayle W. Quinn Carol Bell Rainer Lawrence Rovner Naomi Sadow-Cooper Joan Seligman Lary B. Sorin Leo J. Surette Detroth Tyson, Jr Avrom Zaritsky



### Sing Out To Brandeis



### Sing Out To Brandeis - Song Sheet

By Sylvia F. Goldstein

I.

Brandeis University, for you do we stand Praising with sincerity our Alma Mater, grand

Sing out to Brandeis University; colors white and blue We pledge our loyalty as sons and daughters true

From old Sherman to the Castle, from the chapels on the hill We proudly make the declaration, Brandeis lives and always will!

Sing out to Brandeis University, campus of our youth We'll keep for eternity our motto of Truth.

#### П.

Brandeis University, scholars, loyal friends Knowing with a certainty, that learning never ends

Sing out to Brandeis University, may you ever be A beacon of higher learning and integrity

From old Boston up to Waltham, while surveying all the rest We proudly come to the conclusion, Brandeis is the very best!

Sing out to Brandeis University, founded in 'forty-eight We'll keep for posterity our Alma Mater great!

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### Brandeis University Alma Mater

To thee, Alma Mater we'll always be true. All hail to thy standard the white and the blue. Proclaiming thy future, recalling thy past our hopes spring from mem'ries eternally cast. With sorrows we'll leave thee, new worlds to create. May deeds of thy children make thee forever great. May deeds of thy children make thee forever great.





50th Reunion in 2007