
Brandeis
Class of 1959
60th Reunion
Yearbook





Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it has been almost sixty years since we graduated from Brandeis. Wow!

To commemorate our upcoming milestone, we have compiled a special Class of 1959 60th Reunion Yearbook. See the journey our lives have taken over the past 60 years and relive our time at Brandeis by flipping through the pages of this special-edition yearbook. It is fascinating to read the biographies/life stories/highlights/adventures of our years since we graduated.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus for our reunion May 31-June 2!

Much love,

Mike *Amy*

Michael Fisher and Amy Medine Stein
Class of 1959 60th Reunion Co-chairs

Ellie Ravreby Agranat

Life since Brandeis...

60th Brandeis Reunion

As I look back on the past sixty years, I really feel that I am one lucky woman. As many of you know, Barry and I met at Brandeis, and we will be celebrating our fifty-ninth anniversary this June. We have two married daughters who live nearby, one in Chestnut a Hill and the other in Weston, and five grandchildren: one in middle school, one in high school, one in college, and two who have already graduated from college.

My life is not as frenetic and overscheduled as it used to be. I have finally reached the time in life when I can wake up in the morning, watch Morning Joe, read the Boston Globe and New York Times, and just enjoy some simple pleasures in life. That might mean anything from working out at a Health Club, taking walks with friends (my "walk and talk" group), or playing nine holes of golf with friends followed by lunch (my "nine and dine" group).

There are times when I feel as if I never left Brandeis. Over the years I have taken numerous courses at BOLLI (Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) and reconnected with many Brandeis alumni there. In addition, I try to keep my brain cells active by belonging to two book clubs, one in Lexington and the other in Florida. Though the Florida one is a relatively new club, our Lexington Book Club just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and I am proud to say that I was one of its founding members. Two other Brandeis alumnae also belong to the club.

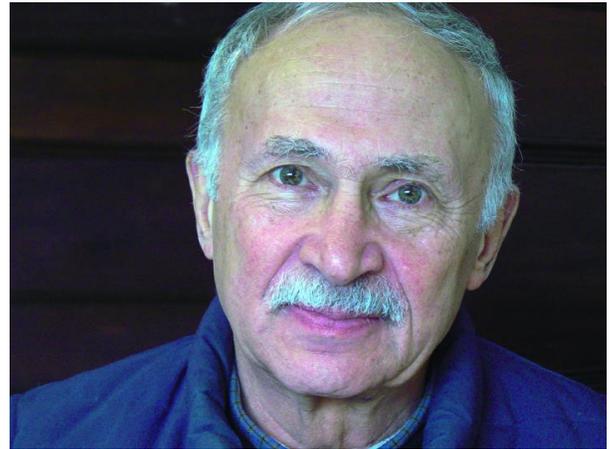
On a more personal note, Barry and I are enjoying our retirement years traveling and vacationing each winter in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida where we own a condo. There we play golf, take Lifelong Learning courses at FAU (Florida Atlantic University), and make sure we choose our friends carefully so that we don't dine with pro-Trump and anti-Trump friends on the same evening! We are avid Red Sox and Patriots fans but do our best to tone things down for most of the country has no love for our successful Boston area sports teams.

So much for my updated autobiography. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you at reunion!

David Ball

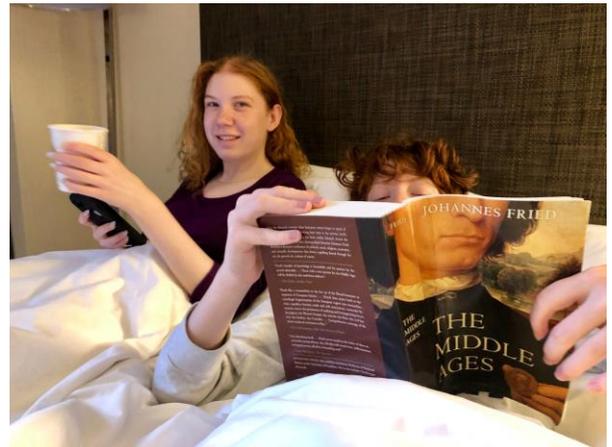
Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis left me with the memory of wonderful teachers--some the kind of mavericks they wouldn't hire now: Irving Howe, for example, didn't have a PhD. When I became a professor myself, the memory of those classes helped a lot. Brandeis also helped send me to France on a Fulbright and that changed my life completely. I returned to the States a decade later without having finished my doctorate, but with my wife Nicole and baby son, who turned fifty this year in San Francisco, where he lives in a big house with his wife, our two grandchildren and our younger son. Our older son is a documentary filmmaker (his *American Creed* is still being streamed by PBS) and our younger, a housing activist.



David five years ago

I was lucky enough to get a job at Smith College teaching French and later Comparative Literature, and I loved it. (And finally finished my doctorate.) I retired in 2002, but still work in my office on campus, mostly translating, introducing and annotating French literature--for the past few years, secret diaries written during the Occupation, most recently Léon Werth's *Deposition: 1940-1944* for Oxford University Press. Jean Guéhenno's *Diary of the Dark Years* won the 2014 French-American Foundation translation prize and my *Darkness Moves: an Henri Michaux Anthology 1927-1984* won MLA's prize for outstanding literary translation in 1995. For the past five years, I've been writing a "Lettre d'Amérique" for a small left-wing quarterly and soon I'll be correcting the proofs of my translation of a novel about young French people in Tel Aviv. What I like still more, though, is a few of the half-dozen chapbooks of very unacademic poetry I published through the years.



Grandchildren Ayva & Jake in a Chicago hotel

Nicole and I live mostly in Northampton. It's a good place to live, but we spend three months in Paris each year and a month in San Francisco with our family.

Marilyn Becker

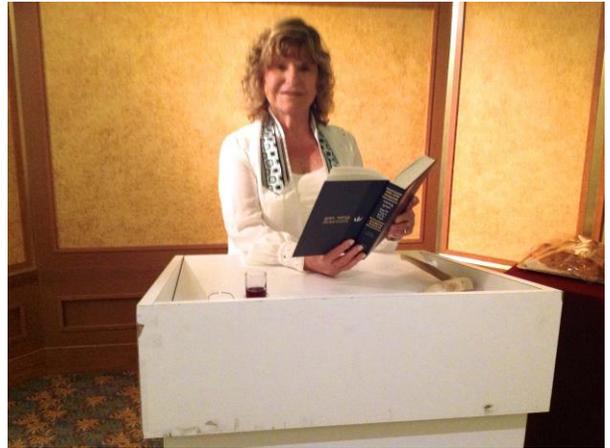
Life since Brandeis...

As the years go by, I am ever more grateful for the wonderful education I received and participated in at Brandeis. I am happy and proud to read about my classmates and I so appreciate the importance of my Brandeis education as I have continued to study in lifelong learning courses. Stan and I have studied with excellent and interesting teachers in recent years at our synagogue (Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley MA, in the BOLI program here at Brandeis and in the LLAIC program in Metrowest). We enjoy attending Handel and Haydn Society concerts and the BSO and always marvel at our good fortune living in the Boston area where so much excellent music and theater are available to us.

Our family gives us the greatest of pleasure as our beloved grandchildren are growing and, with God's help, thriving. Our dear children are beginning to look after us as we once looked after them!

Stan I are pray for good health and strength as the years pass. We look forward to celebrating our 59th anniversary in May. I continue to work at being a cantor and enjoy my work as I always have.

I very much look forward to our 60th Reunion....wow!.. And to visiting with classmates.



Stephen Berger

Life since Brandeis...

I have had a rich and varied life since graduation. Part of my ability to move across different careers was a result of the intellectual curiosity and discipline learned from people like Manuel, Marcuse, Maslow, Klee and especially David Beckowitz. 63 years ago he made the following comment on my work and I have carried it with me ever since!

"For the historian the controlling limit on cynicism must be skepticism. In your situation the historian desperately needs sympathy for his subject.

Proof by suggestion is no great advance over proof by assertion. Employed sparingly, it has its importance. For the rest, there must be controls on interpretation: evidence, correspondence of ideas and facts, external data, etc.

The fictionist has no limits on his creativity. You still have to be honest with yourself as a historian - "How do you know it is true?"

I've moved back and forth between government, academia and business for 50 years.

In government I began as Director of 2 major State commissions, then the State Planning Director and then Commissioner of Social Services, responsible for Medicaid, Welfare and Human Services.

In the decades ahead, I ran the Emergency Financial Control Board during NYC's fiscal crisis, The Port Authority of NY and NJ, chaired the State Commission on Health Care in the 21st century and served as Finance Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority as well as some other boards.

I also served by Presidential appointment as Chair of the US Railway Association charged with bringing Conrail out of bankruptcy.

Academia: In the late 70's I received an appointment as Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration (now the Wagner school) at NYU where I taught for 6 years. I also served as Chair of Brandeis' Budget and Finance Committee board from '98 to '01.

Business: I held senior posts at Oppenheimer and Co and Odyssey Partners in the early 80's, Chairman and CEO of the Financial Guarantee Insurance Company and

then Executive VP of GE Capital. I then returned to Odyssey and for 20 years have been Chairman of Odyssey Investment Partners, a major middle market Private Equity firm.

Not for Profit: At present I serve on 2 boards. The United Hospital Fund (Program Committee Chair) and the Metropolitan Opera (Finance and Labor Committee).

43 years ago, while in government I met an extraordinary woman who was an Executive in the NYS Correction Department, Cynthia Wainwright. Cynthia has founded, served on and Chaired a remarkable number of civic organization (both while she was working full time and since she retired) in education, mental health, preservation and the arts. She presently chairs both the Churchill School and The Bridge, a major mental health agency.

We're heading for our 42nd anniversary, live in NYC and in Dutchess County.

We have 2 daughters, Robin (and grandson Dylan) who lives and works in Costa Rica and Diana who lives in NYC.



Robin & Cynthia in background a United Hospital Fund dinner honoring me.



Cynthia is on the Board of the Roundabout Theater Company and I'm on the Met Opera Board and we're finally using New York as it should be used.



Diana & Robin as they will always be for me.



Robin & Diana in Costa Rica where Robin teaches Yoga, has a boutique and lives with her family.

Joan Roistacher Blitman

Life since Brandeis...

I hit that big 80 in January but have not yet grasped how being an octogenarian changes my life or who I am. The loss of my spouse, close family, and friends has left a large hole in my heart but the warm memories are always with me. I enjoy watching my children and grandchildren grow and delight in the time and experiences we share. I'm proud of their achievements and feel their joys and pains as they rise to meet new challenges in their lives. I now share my life with my partner Larry and feel lucky to be in a caring relationship. We split our time between Florida and New Jersey.

I continue to enjoy many of the activities that have sustained me throughout my life--reading/book clubs, theater, bridge, golf, travel. I've recently become involved in volunteer activities around the Morikami Museum in Boca Raton and am enjoying the varied new experiences and contributions I am able to make.

In the last 5 years we have done land travel to London, Paris, Barcelona, Cuba, Reykjavik, and Geneva. We now find cruising an easy and comfortable way to travel and just returned from a trip to South America starting in Buenos Aires, Argentina and ending in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We've also cruised the Eastern and Western Caribbean; Italy, France, and Spain; and Mexico since the last reunion.

Luckily we are able to enjoy the many offerings of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and the Brandeis National Committee in Florida. Our proximity to Princeton University in NJ also provides some incredible lecture and creative opportunities. I treasure my relationships with longtime friends and enjoy making new friends. My wishes at our 50th reunion remain the same today:

- Good health
- World Peace
- The ability to relax and share good times with family and friends.



Joan and Larry



Debbie and Jen



Charlie & Hayley with Joan and Larry



Our Gang

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout

Life since Brandeis...

I met Harv at a mixer in Hamilton C the first week of junior year. Within a month we were an "item" and the rest became our history until the summer of 2007 when I lost him to cancer after 48 of marriage. After five years of being alone but not lonely, I quite unexpectedly found myself in loving relationship with a good friend. He and his late wife had been very close friends of ours for 30 years. This gift of a new love at the age of 75 has defined the last six years of our lives. Stan and I spend our time together first and foremost recognizing how grateful we are for the good fortune of finding each other while we were already each in plain sight. We travel a lot, much of it to visit our combined four children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law. Last year we attended a high school and a college graduation and a grandchild's wedding. We travel to London where we each have an expat child, and we travel to places that we choose to go even though finding destinations that interest us and that neither of us have yet visited is becoming more difficult. We often during the year visit the east coast of Florida from our home in Sarasota because we both have family and friends there. We spend a good part of our summers on Martha's Vineyard and the rest of the year we are home, enjoying the many cultural gems that make Sarasota the special place it is. I remain active in both my Temple and the Sarasota chapter of Brandeis National Committee and remain the notes correspondent for our class. Stan writes novels. He has already published five and has two that he is currently readying for publication. We are grateful for the blessing of being available to give support to our family and friends as they celebrate, cope with difficulties in their lives and/or grieve. I have happily reached a stage in life where I do not feel the need to define myself by my children's accomplishments or my professional career. Nevertheless, I think I will never stop defining myself as Brandeis alum and will never stop recognizing the importance of my Brandeis education.

Mal Cohen

Life since Brandeis...

Four individuals at Brandeis have had profound influences on shaping my life.

Probably the most influential person was my first wife, Marilyn Jerrow Cohen ('60); from the beginning of my Sophomore year, she taught me the importance of love and compassion, that life was finite, and that it could be all too brief. Our years together, both at and after Brandeis, were some of the most fulfilling years of my life.

Two other major influences were from members of the faculty at Brandeis: biophysicist, Herman Epstein, and psychologist, Richard Held. Drs. Epstein and Held were instrumental in helping me develop the ideas that guided me throughout my professional life. While I was a student, Herman Epstein was examining the interplay between the physical environment and the sensory receptors that allow humans to detect changes in the environment. At that same time, Richard Held was exploring the underlying processes by which humans adapt to changes in their environment and achieve behavioral competence by interacting with it. These fundamental issues have been a major focus of my entire professional career.

The fourth influential person at Brandeis was the University photographer, Ralph Norman. Ralph literally supported me when I was an undergraduate (with a job as a darkroom technician and photographer's assistant); it was largely from Ralph's encouragement that I continued to follow my most enjoyable and life-long hobby of photography.

After completing my M.A. and Ph.D. studies in Physiological and Experimental Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, I pursued an extremely rewarding and fulfilling career in Aerospace Human Factors. Over the years, I have worked as a private consultant to the Aerospace industry and have held various Federal Government positions with the Navy and with NASA. I have conducted and supervised multiple research studies on human adaptation to stressful environments, have participated in military and NTSB aircraft accident investigations all over the world,

have held academic appointments at several universities, and have been recognized by awards and honors from several professional, scientific, academic, and government organizations.

Since retiring from NASA in 2005, my wife, Suzana, and I have travelled extensively; we have generally tried to include cultural exchanges and learning experiences with our travels, and we have both been deeply impressed by the amazing diversity of the people and cultures, as well as by the beauty of this planet itself.

Since you requested photographs to help illustrate the Class of '59 booklet, I am enclosing a few of my favorite images from our travels.



Halong Bay Morning



Male Lion and Zebra Dinner



Hungarian Parliament Building at Night



Passengers on an Iceberg

Leona Gordon Conford-Tuttle

Life since Brandeis...

Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned at Brandeis was to be less afraid of having ideas that might not fit neatly with the expectations of those around me. Brandeis offered intellectual and political thoughts that were exciting ,challenging and provided a basis for more courageous exploration.

I have had several fulfilling careers, Preschool teacher director ,lay psychoanalyst and parenting. My older son went to Brandeis and is currently a documentary film maker who is a professor of documentary film at Ryerson University in Toronto.

I currently live in St. Louis where my younger son,who is an Oberlin graduate,lives and works. I moved here two years ago, after my husband died.I retired from my analytic work and am exploring the strange country that is aging.For me aging is indeed foreign terrain,as I continue to question ,remember, and go forward.

Esther Klein Cooperband

Life since Brandeis...

I was a commuter at Brandeis except for the first quarter of my freshman year.

I loved my science and math classes, especially the ones dealing with anatomy and physiology. While at Brandeis, I also worked at a physics lab growing ruby crystals for a physicist and doing math calculations for a professor.

After graduation, I worked for a year as a research assistant for a cancer researcher doing cancer and other research with mice, rabbits and guinea pigs. Very interesting work! Then I got an offer I couldn't resist from System Development Corporation (in Santa Monica, California) writing math computer programs and subroutines for rocket trajectories.

I married a co-worker from SDC, Al Cooperband, soon after marriage had two children, Aaron and Paula, and took real estate classes. A few years later, we had a third child, Miriam. I got my real estate sales license, and later got my Real Estate Broker's license and started my own company, Cooperband Realty. I really enjoyed seeing homes and helping clients find their homes and obtain good financing.

Al & I are happily retired now, enjoying our 3 children, 6 grandchildren, gardening, and traveling the world. Our son, Aaron, has an MBA and is a partner in a financial advisory practice in Napa California. Our daughter, Paula, has an MA and an MS and is a Speech-Language Pathologist in Santa Monica, working for the school district and helping private clients. Miriam and her husband are Ph.D. scientists doing research on invasive insects for the USDA on Cape Cod, Massachusetts

You can contact me at estherrc@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from and reconnect with classmates.



On an Alaskan cruise with the family in 2015

Lynn Walzer Elgart

Life since Brandeis...

Larry Elgart died on August 27th, 2017 at age 95.
These 54 years were the most wonderful, loving and exciting.
Brandeis taught me I could be anything and do anything and I did.

Paul Epstein

Life since Brandeis...

To make a long story short, graduate work at U.C. Berkeley, a Fulbright grant to Italy, six years teaching theory at Tulane University, 32 at Temple University. Early retirement in 2001 in order to have more time to compose and travel. My music - some available on YouTube - has been performed by soloists and ensembles in this country and abroad.

Recordings include, most recently, a CD of my piano music on the Irritable Hedgehog label. Adele and I celebrated our 60th anniversary last year and recently moved into Foulkeways, a nearby senior living community. Our son and his wife live and work in Philadelphia, and our granddaughter will graduate NYU this year.

We both have fond memories of Brandeis and wish we could make it to the reunion. To all of the class of '59 I send my very warmest regards.



Thanksgiving, 2014

Michael Fisher, M.D.

Life since Brandeis...

Dear Brandeis Class of '59,
It's 2019, my year to celebrate some special "zeroes": my 80th birthday, Brandeis class of '59 60th reunion, the 50th birthdays of my son and son-in-law, my 50th year as Professor of Dermatology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and my daughter's Duke class of '89 30th reunion.

The Family still remains as the basic foundation of our lives. It's hard to believe that our grandkids are now in the double digits and our kids and spouses have done a terrific job of parenting. My wife, Davi, has become a museum docent since retiring and I'm considered to be semi-retired, working 2 1/2 days/week at Einstein teaching and supervising residents and students in dermatology. I have 4 day weekends which is time enough to recreate, travel, attend theater and perform in a cabaret group. We continue to expand our geographic borders with interesting destinations both domestic and foreign. As we mature, our health remains a priority and we do our best to keep fit and exercise, eat right, keep our doctor appointments and take our pills.

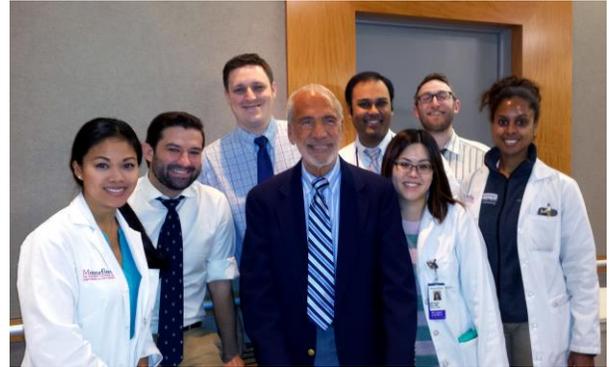
Brandeis always remains in my thoughts and I credit it for taking an unformed

16 year old Brooklyn boy who'd never been away from home and making him into a 20 year old thoughtful and responsible adult.

Thank you Brandeis.

Fondly,

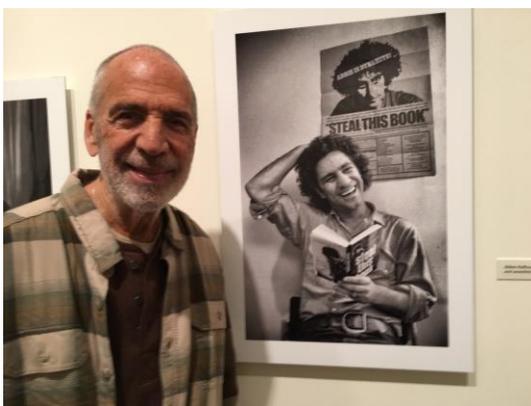
Michael



Dr. Fisher and Senior Dermatology residents



Kayaking in Maine



Mike and Abby at the Neuberger Museum



Fisher-Trotzky clan - Thanksgiving 2018

Susan Folkman

Life since Brandeis...

In the summer following my junior year Connecticut College, I married David Folkman (Harvard, '57) who was about to enter Harvard Business School. I needed to transfer for my senior year, and Brandeis generously offered me that opportunity, as long as I met all the requirements for graduation. I managed to do so, which was amazing because I was also struggling to learn to cook. Between the extra courses needed for graduation and the struggle to be the perfect 1950s wife I didn't have time to get to know anyone in the class of '59. We moved to Houston in 1960 and by 1968 we had adopted four children. In 1969 we moved to St. Louis as David made his way up the retail ladder and then one final big move brought us to the Bay Area in 1974. David was recruited to Macy's and then in 1982 became the CEO of Macy's major Bay area competitor, The Emporium. Meanwhile, when our children were all in school (ages 6, 8, 10, 12) I enrolled in a PhD program at UC Berkeley and earned my PhD in 1979. I remained there to work with my mentor and then colleague, Prof. Richard Lazarus. In 1987 I moved to UCSF where over the next 22 years I built a research program on coping with AIDS- and cancer-related caregiving and bereavement. In 2001, I was appointed Director of the newly formed UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine and was named the Osher Foundation Distinguished Professor of Integrative Medicine. Nine years later I retired with the title of Professor of Medicine Emeritus. Throughout this period three of our four children found life partners and each now has two children. David moved from department store retailing to venture capital. We are now both fully retired and involved in various school, synagogue, community, and foundation boards. Our children and grandchildren are spread across the country, from Napa to Bolton, Mass. And in June, we expect to celebrate our 61st anniversary.

Shep Forman

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis set me on a path of curiosity and openness that marked my personal and professional life ever since. James Duffy introduced me to Portuguese colonialism and a lifelong association with Brazil and East Timor. He wisely and unobtrusively told me I would have a better shot at success in the social sciences than in literature and poetry. Dena Lida convinced me that I could be actively and constructively intellectually curious and too many fellow students to name provided a community of inquiry in which we could each prosper individually. I did post-graduate work in Latin American studies and a Ph.D in anthropology, am married Leona Shluger, a Brazilian journalist born and raised in China to Russian Jewish parents, have two marvelous children -- Alexandra, photographer/personal historian, and Jacob, scriptwriter, whose partner Kristen defends immigrant children from deportation. Career wise, I taught at university, directed human rights, governance and international affairs programs at the Ford Foundation, created a think tank on multilateral cooperation and founded a retractable bed business for the urban housing market in Brazil. I've written two books, edited seven, promoted multiple policy papers and am working on vignettes of my life as a naive young anthropologist. On my 80th birthday, I received the gift of a lifetime, our first grandchild, Alex's 13 yo adopted Brazilian daughter, Lara! Life has been exceptionally good to us, to me, and Brandeis, professors and students, unquestionably provided the foundation. We live primarily in retirement in Rio de Janeiro, spend late summer/Fall at our farmhouse in western Mass., rue the state of politics both north and south and continue to work for better times with the resources we still have at our command. Sorry I can't be there with you for our 60th and wish you a happy reunion.



Leona, Shep, Alex and Lara. Rio, Dec. 31, 2018



Shep and Leona, Ashfield, Mass. summer 2018



Jacob and Kris



Shep, fieldwork among the Makassae of East Timor, 1974

Aviva Futorian

Life since Brandeis...

Life lessons learned at Brandeis: To appreciate being the single person and not always part of a group

Fondest memories of Brandeis: dear friends

Greatest experiences: Marcuse's classes; working with SNCC in Mississippi; helping to abolish the death penalty in Illinois; working to bring parole to Illinois.

Greatest achievement (not yet but almost achieved): publishing an oral history of the civil rights movement in Benton County, MS. My greatest achievement is stopping smoking.



Finding a wild mushroom



Betty and Humphrey who share my house



One of my few decent pictures



Feeding pretzels to a wild boar baby

Donna Medoff Geller

Life since Brandeis...

We were all so lucky to have been at Brandeis in its early years! Coming from a smallish city in Ohio and being exposed to our brilliant faculty and the culture of Boston was the fulfillment of a dream for me. The fabulous famous people we heard speak at GenEdS made unforgettable memories--Eleanor Roosevelt, Agnes DeMille, Eddie Cantor, to name a few. We were pioneers who had the chance to be the first to do a lot of things.

My greatest achievement was having four wonderful children. When my youngest was nine, I got the opportunity to start an accompanying program at the University of Akron, which was quite unique at the time. In this position, I played hundreds of recitals and gave many lecture-recitals, as well as preparing my students.

My husband of 58 years, Emory, and I travelled to many wonderful places. Sadly, he, my son Randy, and grandson Jeffrey, have all passed away. I've lived in Florida 23 years now, still play the piano almost daily, and enjoy the cultural and environmental activities here. For 20 years I have volunteered weekly at my local library shelving books.

Brandeis was my life-changer.

Judith Yohay Glaser

Life since Brandeis...

I wish I could be with you all to celebrate our sixtieth reunion. Severe medical challenges prohibit fulfillment of my desire. Following graduation, I married the love of my life, Allan Glaser and was blessed with three wonderful children: Risa Glaser Grimaldi '85, Jodi Glaser Rutstein '88 and Adam Glaser. After teaching in public schools and creating a piano studio, I received my J.D. from Touro Law School. We moved from Dix Hills, Long Island to Florida. There I founded the consulting firm, Business Advice and ran the HR department of our daughter Jodi's firm, Florida Adoption Law Group. Risa is an attorney/management consultant with Glaser & Glaser, married to John Grimaldi. Adam, recently engaged to Cary Rosillo, is a composer/conductor, teaching at NYU, Juilliard, and Hofstra University. Jodi, who met her husband, Eric Rutstein, M.D. '85, at our 25th reunion, is an adoption attorney/social worker. Jodi and Eric blessed us with our greatest joy, beloved grandchildren, Rachel and Daniel.

One of the best gifts from Brandeis has been enduring friendships. I cherish my roommate, Barbara Klaff Goldstein '59, and dear friends Sonny Sunshine Brownrout '59, Arlene Levine Goldsmith '59, Paula Barbara Dubofsky Resnick '61, Harriet Hodesblatt Orenstein '59, Sheila Barrie Scher '58, Roberta Milhauser Slatkin '60, Elaine Olanoff Small '59, and Amy Medine Stein '59. They have enriched my life and I treasure them. I'm forever grateful for the education and opportunities that Brandeis provided. With a concept of "Giving Back", I have spent the last 40 years in service to our alma matter and remain dedicated to sustaining Brandeis through leadership, admissions, and fundraising efforts.

Allan and I look forward to celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary in January. I wish you all good health and the happiness that I have found in my life.

Warmest Regards,

Judy



Glaser Family Photo



Sally Marshall Glickman

Life since Brandeis...

Since our last reunion in 2014, my retirement years have given me opportunities to discover new vistas. At Brandeis, which remains an important part of my life, I connected with the Brandeis National Committee and served on that organization's National Board. In 2015, I traveled to Eastern Europe with other Brandesians on a journey led by Professor Antony Polonsky. A trip at the top of my bucket list and one that was enriched by meeting alumni from many decades! My most important event at Brandeis was Commencement 2017. I am fortunate to have had that day to march as a Fellow of the University with my granddaughter Sarah, a 2017 Phi Beta Kappa graduate. Sarah is one of eight grandchildren each of whom is leaving his or her mark on the world. Their choices have ranged from teaching, counseling, and medicine to Peace Corps and finances. In 2017 we celebrated A.J. and Becca's marriage, and in 2018, Noah's graduation from Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy. In the next year we will welcome home Tyler from his Peace Corps years in Macedonia, Hannah from her year of teaching in Israel, and Tali from her studies in Australia. Happiness all around!

My formal career in student advocacy and teaching ended four years ago when I referred my remaining clients to colleagues. I now bask in the sunshine years as I hear about my students' contributions to society. Along with my own children, Faith and Fred and Marcia and Scott, and their families, those whom I have taught and guided through the educational system comprise my greatest legacy.

Life has begun to slow down. I now live at a slower pace as I return to my genealogy project and reconnect with cousins who before were just names on a list. It is a joy to hear their stories and to bring the Marshall Family Tree up to date. Lastly, I have started to study a new discipline, that of mindfulness and meditation. I have found great personal satisfaction in viewing life from a new perspective. Steeped in the traditions of Western civilization for eight decades, I now look at life's choices through a new lens.

Life at Brandeis in the fifties was special. My memories remain vivid. I remain thankful to Brandeis for taking a chance on a small town girl and to you, my classmates for your roles in creating the richness of my four-year journey through Brandeis. I wish you all good health and happiness.



My Beautiful Family Celebrating A.J. and Becca's Wedding August 2017



Fellow Brandesians Sally Marshall Glickman '59, G and Sarah Ariel Glickman '17



As a University Fellow privileged to march at commencements, I was fortunate to be able to celebrate Sarah's graduation with her.

Arlene Levine Goldsmith

Life since Brandeis...

After Brandeis, I graduated from Columbia University School of School Work (MSW) and received a Ph.D. in social work from Fordham. I am the founder and Executive Director of New Alternatives for Children (NAC), an innovative child welfare agency for medically complex and behaviorally challenged children of color, growing up in poverty in the inner city. I have been the Director since 1981 and have no plan to retire. We serve 2200 children in 52 programs. An interdisciplinary staff of 400 work together to achieve extraordinary outcomes. On occasion I teach a class at Columbia about prevention and foster care, and have recruited staff to the agency. I was elected to the Columbia University School of Social Work Hall of Fame and am a fellow at the NY Academy of Medicine. My husband left the cosmetic industry 25 years ago and founded Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO). He works with young men, 16 to 24 at Rikers's Island. He was instrumental in the passage of the Criminal Justice Reform Act and worked with the President and his team in Washington.

This June Mark and I will be married 58 years, and we have two wonderful children, Jennifer and Scott, born on the same day who each have a wonderful spouse, who have blessed us with four beautiful and talented grand-daughters. Jennifer is the Co-Director of the Primary care Residency Program at NYU School of Medicine which she attended and did her residency there. Her Husband, Ben, is an investment banker. Jennifer was elected to the Board of Trustees of Bowdoin College and Xavier University School of Medicine in New Orleans. Scott is an attorney who is President of Intersection, Cities and Transit, which has transformed telephone booths in many cities to "Links". Caitlin, Scott's wife, is an OB/GYN in private practice and at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Julia, Jennifer's daughter, is completing her second year at Bowdoin, which her Mother attended, and is on the varsity sailing team. She worked for six months for Senator Angus King, and is interested in government. The other three loves of our lives are in middle and high school in New York City, doing music, volleyball, softball and studying.

We have taken family trips to the Galapagos, Belize, Jordan and to Israel for our youngest grand-daughter's bat mitzvah in December 2018. Mark and I continue to travel as much as possible and have travelled to Morocco, France, and England. We enjoy theater,

philharmonic, jazz, and take advantage of everything New York has to offer.

I often think back at our education at Brandeis, and we were clearly blessed with extraordinary faculty as well as a sense that we were pioneers in something very special.



Photo when I received an award for my work



Our family in Jordan



Family and friends at bat mitzvah for Lucy in Israel



My alumni group (a few of the kids). These kids grew up in a hospital for 5 to 7 years. I met them when they were 4 to 7 and they are now 20-30. Two have Master's Degrees, another not in the photo has HIV, all are working or in school and in permanent stable homes.

Barbara K. Goldstein

Life since Brandeis...

So sorry we are not able to join you for the 60th Reunion of the Class of '59. However, I will certainly be thinking of each of you, going through our Yearbook, and reminiscing about those wonderful years.

Life has been good to David and myself. We just celebrated his big 9-0 with our daughters for a short and small, but not quiet, weekend here in Raleigh. Rachelle lives in Atlanta, and Ross and Lisa ('89) live in NYC. Our grandchildren are students at Stuyvesant where Julie will remain and be a junior next fall, but Joshua will graduate this June and attend U. of Penn. in September. Saying we are very proud of all is an understatement.

David and I have done a little travelling, mostly to visit friends and family spread from NYC all along the East Coast to Florida and west to Chicago and Texas. We recently spent a week in Delray Beach with Allen and Judy Yohay Glaser, my Brandeis roommate. Let's call it a "mini-reunion" with all the same smiles, laughter and tears that we would have had in Waltham. Paula/Barbara Dubofsky Resnick and Carl were in the area at the same time so the six of us enjoyed an evening together.

David and I are both retired now. There is plenty of time for reading, gardening, attending classes and musical events, exercising at our health club etc. I still do a bit of volunteering now and then with Federation and Jewish Family Services.

I will miss being with all of you who attend Reunion. I have not been on campus since June 1989 and would have loved to see the progress over the last thirty years. It must be great. Have a wonderful Weekend and enjoy yourselves. I'm certain that Amy and Michael did a terrific planning and execution job on the event, and I cannot wait to receive your writings and news in the Reunion book.

With all my best,
Barbara

Judy Sanders Goodie

Life since Brandeis...

The Brandeis experience led me to believe that my views mattered and gave me the confidence to express them to anyone--anywhere (but nicely). By the 70s I discovered that my true calling was the law. So when our 3 kids were all in school, I obtained a JD and litigated environmental and financial market enforcement cases for state and federal agencies. Next I counseled low income clients with a legal services agency.

The most satisfying career move was the last--becoming an administrative law judge hearing social security disability cases. Now that I'm in retirement, public service is still calling. I'm volunteering with refugee resettlement and also helping my wonderful congresswoman with constituent service.

While I had the good fortune to be born into a family that lived its social activist values, I think Brandeis added the spark that inspired me years later to go back to school, change careers, and move out into the broader world. But to a flat-lander in Illinois, the enduring memory is of the rolling hills and changing colors of the gorgeous Brandeis campus in the early years.

I. Bruce Gordon

Life since Brandeis...

I have remained friendly with a few Brandeis classmates but most of you probably remember me only as the guy that hobbled around Brandeis in his sophomore year on crutches and a wheelchair. Brandeis has had a different impact on all of us but for me it was the insistence of Dean Lane, remember her, who forced my parents to allow me to return to school despite being disabled. She even tried to get me in the dumbwaiter in Ford Hall to reach the lab on the top floor. Yes, I was exposed to all of the outstanding faculty, learned a lot and have been influenced by all of them in ways that are not possible to describe. However, the second most important faculty member was Dr. Kellner my honors thesis advisor who convinced me to pursue Medicine as my career.

I followed his advice and ultimately completed my medical career as Professor of Pediatrics and Chairman of Metrohealth Medical Center at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. During that tenure I decided that being in an administrative position required more training so I got an MBA from CWRU at the same time.

This led to my last career in Administrative Medicine, including VP Medical Affairs at a large community hospital in the Baltimore area, then to NYC for the final 15 years of my career.

More important than all of this was the wonderful family life I had even with all of its sad times. I met my wife Mimi while in med school and we were married for 37 years until I lost her to a horrendous malignancy. We had two wonderful children, Louis 52 and two grandchildren, although difficult as they live in Seattle. Jon my other son passed away at 45 also from cancer.

My life since has been different but wonderful. My best friend now partner, David also a widower, live together both in NYC where we will ultimately spend our remaining years but we also have a log cabin home in Rhinebeck, NY with 5 acres which we call the "The Farm". Yes we are farmers for the past 14 years where we tend many fruit trees, all the veggies you can imagine, all of which has to be cooked and frozen for the year, a greenhouse to start the crops, lots of beautiful flowers but too much property to care for at this point.

You are all welcome to visit but you might have to put on some gloves and help out.

As a family we travelled all over the US and Canada mostly camping and to many European countries. Now in the past 17 years David and I have travelled all over the world, to all continents except Antarctica. Our next and probably last will be to Japan in October. I hate cruises so we travel with tour groups, walking, hiking, climbing, and riding on the back of motor cycle and other wild things. Favorite was Petra, Jordan.



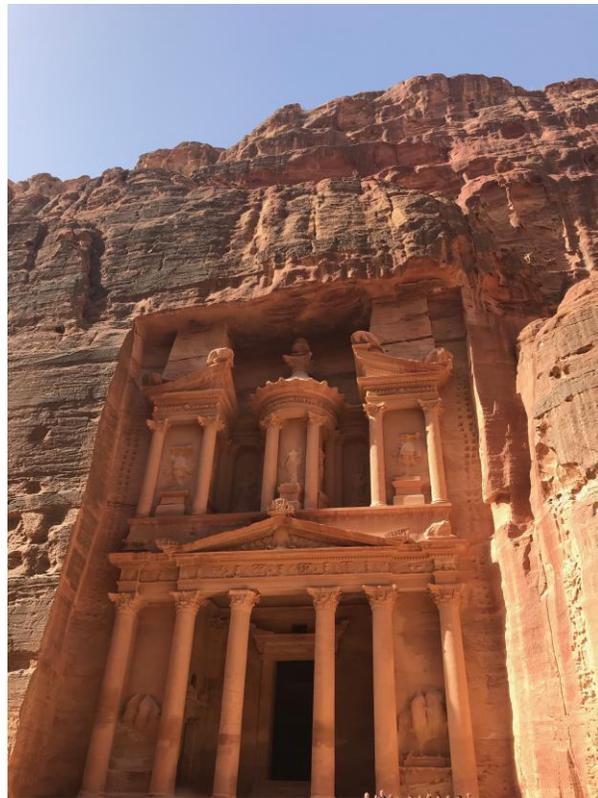
David and Myself in New Zealand



Latest Visitor to the Farm



Grandchildren PJ and Roz



Favorite Travel Location, Petra, Jordan

Sandy Grasfield

Life since Brandeis...

While all your prompts are helpful, I'm just going to say that I am grateful to have reached this milestone.

Judith Neipris Greenbaum

Life since Brandeis...

Following graduation from Brandeis in 1959, I studied in Israel on a one year program for American students (sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University). Returning to the States in '60, I changed direction, attended the Harvard School of Education, received an M.A.T. in Social Studies, married a fellow Brandesian (Charles Greenbaum, '56), and taught American history at White Plains High School, White Plains, NY for a two year period until I became pregnant with our first child, and made Aliyah to Israel. Now 60 years later, we are still in Israel. Charlie had a full career as an academic psychologist and researcher at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and I (again changing direction) as a teacher of English as a Foreign Language also at The Hebrew University. Now both retired, Charlie continues his research and writing on Children in War and I continue to work volunteer teaching, working with graduate students who need help with their writing, and also in editing academic manuscripts.

Over the years in Israel, we raised 4 children and now are enjoying some of the fruits, ten grandchildren, some in Israel, and some in the United States.

Among the lessons learned at Brandeis were an openness, creativity, and joy in learning, patience, and resilience. The wonderful mentors and friends I had at Brandeis have stayed with me all the years; I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have studied at Brandeis.

Gabrielle Rossmer Gropman

Life since Brandeis...

My husband, Don Gropman, and I, are about to sell the house in Medford we have been living in for 35 years, and move to beautiful Gloucester, MA. As part of the massive house clean-up, I just uncovered a folder of blue books and papers from my Brandeis years as a Politics major. I was impressed with a story I wrote in freshmen English Comp. and not so impressed with most of the rest of it. It helped me remember how young my thinking was, often inspired by a light-bulb idea but neglecting to follow through with detailed examples or thoughtful conclusions. I was also impressed with how demanding the professors were.



Family photo in Vermont

My almost 5 year old (only) grandchild, Levon Gropman, calls me most days from California because, as he says, "I like to talk". We are primarily a family of eclectic artists. Levon's Auntie Sonya Gropman, a devoted New Yorker, is a visual artist and cooking author ("The German-Jewish Cookbook", published by Brandeis University Press and written with me), Levon's Dad, Adam Gropman, is a stand-up comic, actor and comedic writer (TheFunnyBiz.biz), writing everything from personalized roasts to jokes for the White House Correspondents' Dinner, and Don and I continue, among other things, to be a writer and sculptor, respectively - with some reversals, since he is a damned good visual artist and I am now a cookbook author. And that is as it should be, I suppose.

My day job of 20 years as Administrative Director of the Harvard Mediation Program, a student clinical at Harvard Law School, is fading into the distance, though I still do occasional mediation training, mostly in Germany.



My favorite old photo of Lynn Luria Sukenick '59 -roommate and best friend



Terra-cotta sculptures, ca. 12" high, installed at St. Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, N.H.



"I love Barbie", clay and stone, 12" high, 2005

Marti Miller Halperin

Life since Brandeis...

Life lessons learned at Brandeis.

Be ready to explore ideas and subjects previously unfamiliar.

The good luck to have made friendships that still continue

Bucket list

I am happy to live each day. And to look forward to the latest season of Doc Martin

My greatest achievement

My dear family and friends whose caring and good humor enrich me each day.

Marcia (Meb) Berg Haskell

Life since Brandeis...

My greatest takeaway from my Brandeis experience was an awareness that I was not limited, in my work (or personal life) to a single scientific field or career path. As my interests or technical ideas presented themselves I had learned how to study or research something new and could stay ahead of the crowd. When I retired, I again decided to take courses in anything I knew nothing about. From that I began to write and became a self-taught artist and abstract photographer. At a different school, I believe that none of the experimentation would have happened.



New haircut at 81



New style of painting



Another of my new photo abstracts



One of my latest abstracts

Chuck Israels

Life since Brandeis...

I've been lucky enough to have worked as a bass player with Billie Holiday, Benny Goodman, Coleman Hawkins, Stan Getz, Herbie Hancock, J.J. Johnson, John Coltrane, and many others. I worked with the Bill Evans Trio from 1961 through 1966 and was Director of the National Jazz Ensemble from 1973 to 1981. We moved to the Bay Area in 1981 when my wife, Margot Hanson sang with the San Francisco Opera. I directed the jazz studies program at Western Washington University from 1986 to 2009 when I retired from that position and we moved to Portland, OR, to return to full time professional musical life forming the Chuck Israels Jazz Orchestra.

I've been a guest composer/director with various European jazz ensembles and orchestras as well as a frequent performer with the Barry Harris Trio. I have many recordings with Bill Evans, John Coltrane, Stan Getz, The Metropole Orchestra and my own bands.

Margot and I are living happily in Portland with our Daughter, Jessica (also a singer/musician). Our other daughter, Sarah Thomas, lives in Bellingham, WA with her husband and our grandson.

More information - photos, videos, music and reviews can be found at



Carolee Falk Jaskan

Life since Brandeis...

Have a wonderful reunion, sorry I can't be there to celebrate with all of you. My wonderful Robby unfortunately has died in January and so I can't be with you. I am still teaching Bar Mitzvah students and enjoying children's activities as the leader of the youth groups in Temple Beth El in Riverside, California. I still go to plays and all the things we used to do. The children and the grandchildren are doing well and growing up -- the oldest two are married, the middle is in college playing baseball, and the youngest is now 14 and in high school. So, I am keeping myself really busy. Would love to hear from all of you, my email is caroleetbe@gmail.com and my phone number is 909-241-8758. Love to all, Carolee Falk Jaskan.

Roz Fuchsberg Kaufman

Life since Brandeis...

My life has been full and satisfying, with a wonderful husband (Richard Kaufman, '57), three children and eight grandchildren. Dick and I married after my junior year, while he was at Harvard graduate school studying economics.

We lived in Israel one year ('60-'61), where Dick did research for his doctoral dissertation. An experience not to be missed, it afforded me the opportunity to bond with my Israeli relatives, some of them Holocaust survivors. I also worked part-time on three projects emanating from my major in anthropology/sociology.

Our world travels began at that point, as we spent six weeks travelling in Europe on our way back to the U.S. in 1961. Settling in Washington, D.C., Dick worked for the Federal Reserve Board and I began caring for our daughter Gale (Brandeis '83), who was born shortly after our return from Israel. As an international economist, Dick was called to travel to exotic places, including Vietnam (before the war), Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India and Pakistan in 1963. I accompanied him and loved learning about these cultures. In 1964 we moved to New York and continued to travel extensively for Dick's international work, including to the Philippines, Japan, Mexico, South America and the Soviet Union. Later on we began to take bicycle vacations as far away as France, Hawaii, San Juan Islands, Canadian Rockies, and Vietnam. We have returned to Israel many times, with and without our children and grandchildren, and twice led groups of friends on a tour of Israel.

My pleasure and study of various cultures was generated by my study of anthropology at Brandeis. My lifelong interest in learning also came from Brandeis, where learning to question and do critical thinking was central to our studies.

At age 35 I began law school, earning my J.D. degree from NYU Law in 1977. I worked in two firms, first as a corporate litigator and then as a civil litigator and trial lawyer. I am now Counsel Emeritus of The Jacob Fuchsberg Law Firm. My legal career has been challenging and fulfilling, an important part of my life.

I have always been involved in charitable endeavors, including being Hadassah president, Solomon Schechter School of Westchester PTA president, Beth El New Rochelle Trustee; as a lawyer, Trustee of NY State Trial Lawyers Association, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, and the UJA Federation Legal Group. Dick and I were co-chairs of the Brandeis Fellows, were on the Brandeis Board of Trustees and have taken an active part in all our reunions. I now serve as Trustee of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel and the board of Touro College Jacob Fuchsberg Law Center.

Dick and I celebrated our 60th anniversary last June. Life is good, although it includes caring for Dick, who has Alzheimer's. Life has many stages. Now is the "Caring Stage". Dick is mobile, agreeable and loveable. I am grateful I can care for him and carry on my individual life activities.



Roz at Beth El Gala March 2019



Roz and Dick December 2017



Roz and children Diana Michael Gale



Roz and grandchildren

Chuck Kenney

Life since Brandeis...

Where have all the years gone? Well, I married Myrna Nathan 59 years ago. We have 3 married daughters, Barbara/Tony, Rhonda/Andre, Ilene/Neal and 4 grandchildren. All of us except Ilene (CA) still live in the Greater Boston area. However we have found time to travel throughout the US, Europe, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, and more.

The majority of my business career has been in marketing research. I started my own company, Research Data, and enjoyed over 30 successful years working with companies around the country from Boston to Florida to California. At the present time, I am a licensed Realtor serving MA. Anyone want to buy or sell a home ???

Life is good!! We are all Healthy and Active. My daughters and sons-in-law are successful. As you may remember, I am a huge football fan!! Well, I celebrated a once in a life time event when my son-in-law, Andre Tippett was voted into the NFL Hall OF Fame.

This was a very brief synopsis of my life after Brandeis. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Reunion!!

Mickey Kirsch & Barbara (Cohen) Kirsch

Life since Brandeis...

I was recruited to play basketball which turned out to be a great experience for me and a 5758 team was entered into the Brandeis Hall of Fame which we were all very proud of.

I met my wife Barbara Cohen '60 and in June we will be married 59 years.

At Brandeis I learned to become a student and it directed me to a career in medicine from which I recently retired.

Barbara and I have wonderful and accomplished children and 7 grandchildren all in the process of achieving their goals.

Brandeis has been for me and too me for which I shall always be grateful.



Michael and Barbara (Cohen) Kirsch

Raoul Kneucker

Life since Brandeis...

>Life lessons: Jewishness; the "old" American virtues

>Memories: the Campus hills, the lessons and the music with Robert Koff

>Impact: I could add a new academic discipline, i.e. political science, to my law studies; it prepared my way into the fields of administrative sciences. I met Linda Brailove, and could marry her. We have three children, we spent 47 years of a happy marriage together

>Bucket list: Climbing the Himalayas is crossed off; as a mountaineer, it is hard to give up. A new book is prepared: "Pilate's Question", a legal and philosophical study

>Achievements: (1) teaching European law and politics at Innsbruck University, after a governmental position as a secretary of state for research and technology when Austria joined the European Union, and teaching the law of religions in Europe; (2) publishing a book on the structure, Gestalt and system of bureaucracy in Europe.

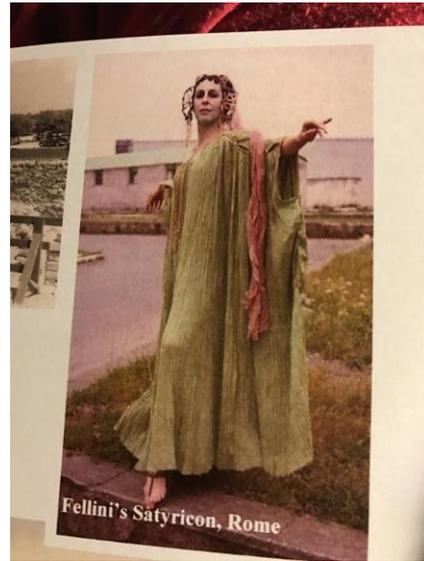
Dr. Marcia B. Leventhal

Life since Brandeis...

Worked in films of Blake Edwards, Mike Nichols, Fellini and many others in Los Angeles, Rome and NYC. Wrote first Master's Thesis (UCLA, 1965) ever and helped to found the then new field of Dance Therapy. Was a Professor and Director of the Graduate Dance Movement Therapy Program at NYU from 1973-1990, when I left (took early retirement) and founded Dance Therapy programs or University Programs in Argentina, Australia, China, Greece, Great Britain, Japan, Sweden and Turkey. Author of numerous articles, book editor, tape series, etc. Have studied complementary healing practices including Shamanic traditions worldwide. Have lived, worked and studied in Paris, Rome, London, Israel and New York. Met my late husband Dr. Merle Atwood in Paris. Reside in Los Angeles and continue to teach in person or on web worldwide. Still perform occasionally in theater or films. Maintain a private practice. Would love to hear from you and wish that I could be with you all at this special time. Please email me or contact me via www.marciableventhal.com



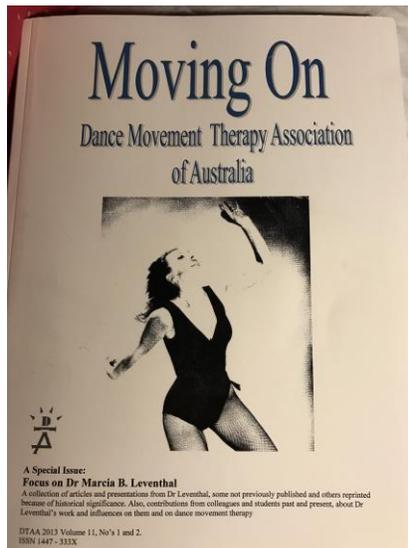
With late Husband Dr. Merle Atwood



Still from Fellini's Satyricon, Rome



With Sister and Cousins 2019



**From Australia about my life and work,
me on cover, when still dancing professionally**

Rebecca (Becky) Cohen Long

Life since Brandeis...

Hello to everyone who could make it to our 60th Reunion, and a special hello to everyone who could not make it. I am much more interested in reading your stories as compared to writing about mine.

As for me,, I consider myself very blessed and grateful for my life being so full, filled with interesting experiences.

My education at Brandeis led me to be intensely interested in people and various cultures. I have been one of the lucky ones, to be able to explore and travel all over the world.

Family means everything to me. I was blessed in finding my soulmate, my husband Charles, who was smart, curious and kind. Together, we were able to accomplish our goals. Somehow, I was able to give birth to four beautiful children, all of whom I am immensely proud!

Our eldest, Arielle, graduated from Brandeis and is now in the Colorado school system as a social worker/trained attorney. Our second daughter teaches English and has published many short stories in " Chicken Soup for the Soul" ..Our third daughter is an architect by trade, unmarried, and adopted a newborn at age fifty..Our youngest is a pilot and in the flying business. Together, they gave me 7 grandchildren to brag about.

I started teaching first grade students and then had a career as an English as a Second Language teacher, which tied in with my love of exploring and traveling. To celebrate my 80th birthday, I traveled alone, with only my rolling walker to Italy, Egypt, Jordan,Oman and the Arab Emirates and stayed a week extra in Dubai. Found it to be very empowering! I no longer have the physical ability--,or rather-- the mobility to travel. So I may not come to our reunion.

Brandeis was a very nurturing place for me. My younger brother and younger sister both graduated Brandeis,They have died since, Brandeis continues to shape me. I am forever grateful.

Hope to see you at our 65th!
Becky



Me at my 80th!



with my four children



the latest grandchild, Charles Lin Long

Marilyn Lowen

Life since Brandeis...

Math teacher in NYC high school

Have 4 children all married

11 grandchildren

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Phyllis N. Margolin

Life since Brandeis...

Turned 80 (YIKES) a few months ago. Retired from a fulfilling career as Professor of English at a nearby college. These days, filling my dance card with a lifetime passion for learning something new.

Engaging classes/courses have included: The Role of Media in Politics; Jazz Conversations; Life's Transitions; Studying the Talmud & the Parsha of the week; Writing Poetry; Wise Aging; Philosophy & Art History through the Ages; Mindful Meditation.

Irwin & I married in 1961. He retired as a Director of Research in a major corporation in the early '90s.

Our daughter Judy & her husband Seth have two children (Ayelet & Jonah) & live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Our daughter Michele & her husband Mark live in the West Village in NYC and have two children (Rachel & Jacob).

Let's keep in touch! Cheers to all my friends in the Class of '59!

Julia Wolf Mazow

Life since Brandeis...

My life has changed greatly since my husband's death a few months ago. We had a good marriage that lasted 58 years, and we hoped it would continue for years to come. That marriage was really my greatest achievement, and since Jack's passing I suppose I have been revising my bucket list. I have never stopped wishing that he had been at Brandeis with me, but the closest that came was our 50th Reunion.

Neil Messinger

Life since Brandeis...

Medical School @ SUNY Downstate
Internship & Radiology Residency @ Montefiore
Medical Center in NYC. USAF followed by Asst
Professor of Radiology at Albert Einstein College of
Medicine.
1974 arrived in Miami, FL as Radiologist at Baptist
Hospital of Miami. Became Chief Radiologist in 1984
until 2005
Became Chairman emeritus since that time
Clinical Professor of Radiology at University of Miami
and at Florida International University
Married in 1961 to Madelyn Ginsburg
We have four sons one of whom is a Brandeis graduate
We have 7 grandchildren
Enjoy traveling, golf, sporting events and theater



Alaska



Travels



Grandchildren



Venice

Helen Yafa Meyerhoff

Life since Brandeis...

Hello Classmates,

Looking back, I see all the gifts Brandeis gave me which I was unfortunately not so aware of when I was 19! The quality of the faculty and the extra smart students I met made my years there special. (Also I remember the Saldi's submarine sandwiches!)

We have three children, all of whom live nearby and have children of their own. Jim and I have close relationships with them and with many friends, which is my greatest achievement.

I have had a career as an Employee Assistance Counselor at a health network. I also enjoy duplicate bridge, lectures and a New Yorker Magazine discussion group. Jim and I are married 60 years and feel blessed.



Burt and Karin Meyers

Life since Brandeis...

Since I retired from my adjunct teaching position from The Mount Sinai/Icahn School Of Medicine, division of Medical Ethics, I have joined the Board of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center in Westchester. In addition to my Board duties, I have participated in a storytelling writing workshop where I joined other second generation Holocaust survivors in writing our stories so that we can continue the the work of teaching about the Holocaust.

Burt and I have established a scholarship at Brandeis in memory of Burt's brother Leonard, a physicist, who taught briefly at Brandeis and who at San Francisco State University developed courses connecting the sciences and art.

Ricki Fulman Nelsen

Life since Brandeis...

I retired in 2004 after a long career as a journalist at the New York Daily News (before it became such a rag, Crain Communications and various other media. I covered various beats over the years, including women's issues, aging, relationships, alcoholism, domestic abuse, celebrities, education, local politics and finally financial journalism. It was pre-Internet, and a great time to be reporting on the trends of the time.

Now I keep busy volunteering at the Museum of the City of New York, the Silurians (an organization of veteran journalists, the Transition Network (an organization of professional women over 50 making life changes). Also belong to a book club, work out, and attend concerts, ballet, and theater.

I feel extremely lucky to still be relatively healthy and able to travel frequently with my husband, Dick Burgheim, who is also a retired journalist.



Ricki Fulman Nelsen and Dick Burgheim on July 19, 2017 celebrating their wedding at the Appellate Court in Manhattan.

Gloria Orenstein

Life since Brandeis...

The main thing is that the little film made about me is called "Gloria's Call", and it's on its own website for the film and its long journey through the festivals etc. The Website for seeing the trailer is just Gloriascall.com. The film won some prizes too. First prize in Documentaries at the Ann Arbor Film Festival. It won first prize in a festival of The Hero (and I think they meant that I was the Hero. I only appear a tiny bit in the film, but I narrate the story that is then depicted in animated collaged pieces made from the art works and photographs. I am the puppet figure sort of flying through the film, but I do appear two or three times in the narration to speak. It's really exciting, and when the festivals are over it will be accessible to the world. Fingers crossed. I don't make money from this at all. The film makers are just starting to get something from the last prize, and I will be paid when I speak in public. Have an evening for myself and discussion and the film in the Fall at the Marciano Gallery in L.A. I have other planned events, but not yet because it's not time yet. When the festivals are over there will be more.

Meanwhile I am going to Venice to recover some of the art (I mean to study and write about it) done by a Jewish Women of Surrealism, Manina Tischler about whom there is sooooo much to say. Also, her one daughter was murdered on the campus of USC in 1960. I felt I had been called to do something for this wonderful artist, and as it turns out a friend of mine knew her very well, and knows the man who possesses her complete works, and we are going there to do research and explore possibilities for getting her work in Surrealism and Women of Surrealism venues, etc. I had been in correspondence with her, but then Chernobyl happened, and I decided not to fly to Venice at the time as the radiation was pouring down all over Europe. Later she died before I got to meet her, and now I am determined to bring her work to light. So there is a little show on the Women of Surrealism that i have written the catalogue text for, and we will have three pieces of hers in that show. it is in NY in early May for a while. I'll be in NY before going to Venice for the opening of this show and then I'll be back on my return trip, passing through my old love, Paris for three nights chez a friend from the past whose daughter and mine were in First Grade together in the seventies when i was there for a year We are all still friends, and Ginette my friend lives on 15 Rue de Buci, in the Quarter Latin, so that's great especially since she lives on the 6th floor, but only now do they have an elevator. Whew! Then back to NY for a week and then home to L.A. These projects have been interesting, but the times have changed so much that i find the gallery people so overworked--especially this gallery--and the curator has flown to Asia and Mexico and Morocco etc. all in the last month. So everyone is exhausted. Where shall I send this information to before tonight? whatever it said on my e-mail was printed on the color yellow, and i can't read white on yellow, and something has happened that these bright reds, blues and yellows are everywhere on all photos and I can't see faces--they are wiped out by the colors. Do you have this on your computer? I think it's supposed to be stylish or avant-garde, but it's just getting in the way. So let me know where to send this at the last minute. As it all turned out, I will be away then during the reunion. This is important to me to rescue the art of a Jewish Women of Surrealism with whom I had been in correspondence, but never met.

Harriet Hodesblatt Orenstein

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis, from 1955-1959 feels like a beautiful dream. I have so many fond memories of great professors, intellectual discussions, Friday nights at Saldies and most of all, cherished friendships. At age 81, the world looks different. Old age is not always the golden age. Health limitations become a reality and many of the dreams one had for these golden years can no longer be fulfilled. Learning to accept ones limitations is difficult and I have come to the realization that although I mourn for what is lost and may never be I must be grateful for what I have.

The current political climate is so threatening that I fear for the world my two amazing grandchildren will live in. My granddaughter, much like her social worker grandmother is in a helping profession and is studying for a graduate psychology degree in applied behavioral analysis. My grandson is enjoying life as a college sophomore. I hope that they will be able to live in a more tolerant world free of terrorism and not ruled by twitter.

Since our 50th reunion I find myself ,in retirement, looking back towards the past more than the future as a time of significant accomplishment and hope. I wish my fellow classmates years of good health. As my late father said, "if you have your health you have everything".

Alicia (Suskin) Ostriker

Life since Brandeis...

Great education from brilliant teachers at Brandeis. Married in my senior year to Jerry Ostriker; we've just enjoyed our 60th anniversary. Grad school at the University of Wisconsin, Ph.D. in English Lit. Taught English and Creative Writing for forty years at Rutgers University, promoted to Professor II (equivalent of Distinguished Professor), am now emeritus, living in NYC. Greatest accomplishments: a long marriage, two daughters and a son, three granddaughters, and many books of poetry and criticism. Recently became a chancellor of the Academy of American Poetry, and named New York State Poet Laureate 2018-2019. I began writing as a feminist in the '70's, as a Jewish feminist in the '80's, and as a midrashist in the '90's. Been leading a workshop in midrash writing for a couple of decades. It's been a trip.

ALICIA (SUSKIN) OSTRIKER NEWS: I published my 16th collection of poems, *Waiting for the Light*, and received a National Jewish Book Award in 2018. I am currently a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, and New York State Poet laureate 2018-2019. A set of essays about my poetry was just published by the University of Michigan Press: *Everywoman Her Own Theology: Essays on the Poetry of Alicia Ostriker*. And in December, Jerry Ostriker and I celebrated the 60th anniversary of our marriage. It's been (mostly) fun.



Alicia in 2019

Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Life since Brandeis...

Immediately after graduation, I began my professional life in book publishing, working for eleven years at various houses and ending up as Vice President of a small company. In 1970,

Doubleday published my own first book, HOW TO MAKE IT IN A MAN'S WORLD, which allowed me to leave my executive job and become a journalist, columnist, lecturer, and social justice activist. In 1971, I was a co-founder of Ms. magazine (with Gloria Steinem among others), where I spent nearly 20 years as an editor and writer.

I've been joyfully married for 55 years to Bert Pogrebin, a labor and employment lawyer (still practicing). We have three grown children and six grandchildren, ages 17 to 22. They used to be within walking distance of our New York apartment but now we have one at Dartmouth, one at Northwestern, two at Yale, one at Tufts, and one at the Putney School in Vermont.

Our twin daughters, Abigail and Robin, are both writers. Robin Pogrebin covers the culture beat -- architecture, theater, themuseum world, Lincoln Center -- for The New York Times where she has worked for more than 25 years. She is currently on leave from The Times working with a colleague on a book about Supreme Court Justice, Brett Kavanaugh. Abigail Pogrebin, a former television producer for Fred Friendly, Bill Moyers, Charlie Rose, and Mike Wallace, is a journalist and the author of two books, one of which, STARS OF DAVID, has been made into a musical. "Her latest book is MY JEWISH YEAR: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew. She recently completed three years as President of Central Synagogue, one of New York's largest Reform congregations. Our son, David Pogrebin, a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, is a trained chef who has spent most of his career in restaurant management. He is currently the General Manager of Tommy Bahama Restaurant on Fifth Avenue and 45th Street in Manhattan.

Since 1970, I've published eleven books, nine nonfiction titles and two novels, the second one, SINGLE JEWISH MALE SEEKING SOUL MATE, was published in 2015. It's about the son of Holocaust survivors who promises his mother he will marry a Jew and raise Jewish children, but falls in love with an African-American talk show host who's Baptist and a black activist. HOW TO BE A FRIEND TO A FRIEND WHO'S SICK, my most recent work of nonfiction

(published in 2013), was inspired by my having had breast cancer in 2009 and becoming fascinated by the reactions of friends and family, many of whom were clearly ill at ease around illness. Part memoir, part guide, the book contains illuminating stories of friendship-under-duress as well as useful advice gleaned from interviews with more than 80 people who were sick or sick at heart and who candidly share what words and behaviors they found most helpful -- and hurtful.

For nearly fifty years, my work as an activist and organizer has focused primarily on three issues: gender equality, advancement of Israeli-Palestinian peace, and the promotion of inter-group harmony, specifically dialogue between Jews and African-Americans, and between American Jews and American Palestinians. I am the co-founder and/or board member of dozens of feminist groups, among them the National Women's Political Caucus, the Ms. Foundation for Women, the Harvard Divinity School Women in Religion Program, and the Brandeis University Women and Gender Studies Program. I served four years as chair of the board of Americans for Peace Now, the U.S. branch of Israel's Peace Now movement, and four years as president of The Authors Guild, an advocacy organization that works to protect writers copyright and contract rights.

Looking ahead, I fervently hope to live long enough to see the following milestones come to pass: the election the first female president of the United States; a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; the college graduations of all six of my grandchildren, and eventually to dance at all six of their weddings. At this point, only the last two hopes have a prayer of being fulfilled.



Roberta (Robbie) Abelow Pressman

Life since Brandeis...

In 2008, after a long and happy career in Psychology (Community Mental Health in particular), I moved to the Bay Area of California to be closer to my two children and grandchildren.

The Berkeley environment is not unlike my days at Brandeis and I have thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere of the "left coast." I have now have the time to become more politically active, working on Congressional campaigns and more recently on some state Proposition campaigns. I have also become involved in the "Village Movement" which is a national movement to create support systems for people wanting to "age in their own homes." Using my mental health background, I have helped to set up the social services component for villages.

When not exercising my brain, I am thoroughly enjoying the great beauty of the California coast and spend as much time as I can hiking along the beautiful ridge trails of the East Bay Hills.

So life is good. Just hoping We can make it better for our kids and grandkids. The future is challenging. Sorry not to be able to attend the reunion. Would have loved to have seen all my classmates.



Suzanne Chernow Prince

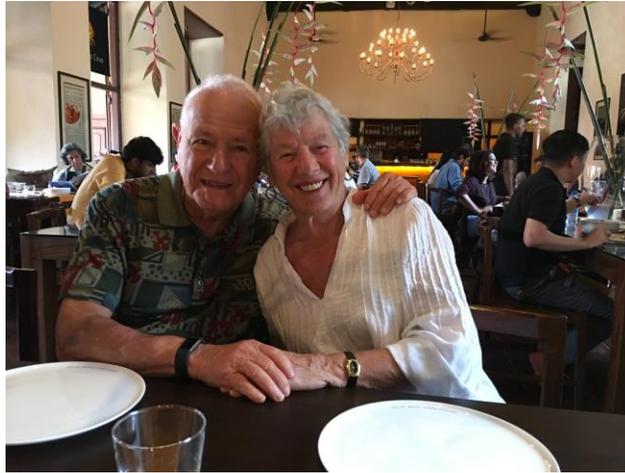
Life since Brandeis...

Still married to Harvey. 61 years.

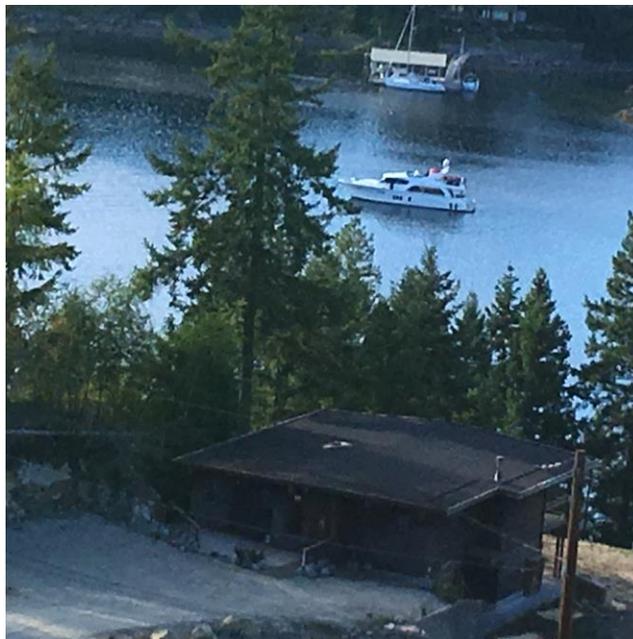
3 children; 8 grandchildren. Expecting a great granddaughter in July.

Retired 6 years ago as CFO from MPA Sales.

We continue to travel the world, with and without grandchildren. Summers are spent on our boat in the United States and Canada, with and without grandchildren. Bridge, politics and grandchildren when we're home.



Together in Sri Lanka



Beautiful British Columbia

Carol Singer Rabinovitz

Life since Brandeis...

When I graduated from Brandeis in 1959, I never left. My first job was to work for the National Women's Committee, an organization with many chapters, where women were raising money to fund the Brandeis Library. Except for the few years when I was home, raising our children (during which I volunteered, was President of Boston Alumni Chapter and of the NWC Boston Chapter, national Treasurer of the Alumni Association,) I worked at Brandeis for decades. I was Executive Director of the Brandeis National Women's Committee and then had the pleasure of managing Brandeis' first Capital Campaign where we raised more than our goal of two million dollars. I will always continue to help Brandeis raise money.

Since I transferred from Smith to Brandeis in my junior year, and lived at home as a commuter, I don't know as many of our classmates as I would have liked.

Our grandson, Louis, graduated from Brandeis last spring. Brandeis changed his life for the better, just as it did mine.

Be well, everyone.



My husband, Mickey and me

Carla-Mae Richards (nee Festa)

Life since Brandeis...

My greatest achievements were: Executive Director of U.S. Fencing Association starting with its first opening of a full time office at the Olympic Training Center. I held that position for many years. During that time I was able to implement program changes and improvements that have helped U.S. athletes reach high levels internationally and at the Olympic Games. Since my retirement I have continued to work periodically as a volunteer at national tournaments throughout the year. Being able to continue my initial fencing years at Brandeis University with the guidance of the fencing coach,

Mrs. Lisel Judge, helped me as an athlete and as an organizer. I discovered that the pen is mightier than the sword and thus took on administrative tasks rather than face opponents on the fencing strip. I could control more with management than I could the point of the weapon! My greatest achievements though have been my children who are now parents of wonderful grandchildren - 8 in all ranging in age from 7 to 26. Wow the years have gone by so quickly and my children have shown me so much about parenting. It's amazing how their generation has gained from our stumbling as parents and have become so much more aware of how to bring their children into the world we live in. It is a wondrous sight to behold.

I have lived in Newton, Mass., owned with my husband, Edwin Richards (who has since passed away) a fencing school in Watertown, Mass., moved for work to Colorado Springs, and upon retirement moved to Marietta, GA, to live near one of my daughters and her four young children. Two years ago I moved to a retirement (CCRC) community in Milwaukee, WI to be closer to my son and his family and the two youngest grandchildren.

In my retirement I continue on a more frequent basis counted cross stitch embroidery and writing, in relatively small steps, my life story, as well as personal essays. I am a member of a writers' group here as well as a book club and a few committees so my life is not dull though the pace is definitely slower.

Regular traveling is not on my bucket list currently as I was able to travel to many places in the world with the fencing teams and learned how we all strive for optimal performance be it as an athlete, a leader or manager. I have been fortunate to go with the team to Sidney Australia and Athens Greece (Olympic Games), World Championships in France and Italy.

Life is good and we each need to count our blessings and be thankful for the experiences at Brandeis that allowed

us to become successful in work and family.
My greetings to one and all.



Carla, Debbie(D), Jennifer, Cassie, Mark(S), Sarah(D-I-L), Alicia, Karen(D)



Debra, Karen, Ed R., Carla, Mark



David, Jenn, Debra, Max

Joel Rodney

Life since Brandeis...

The ten years since my last visit to Brandeis have been the most chaotic yet rewarding time of my life. After retiring from the Chancellorship of Penn State York I accepted an invitation from the founders of the first university in India to be based on the American model rather than the British one of rote memorization. I agreed to spend a semester in teaching a faculty which had never studied the liberal arts how to incorporate them into their classes. That was eight years ago and I'm still working as de facto Academic Dean and spending time in the US heading the university's international programs, and setting up partnerships with American institutions.

The changing political climate in our country is making our universities a far less desirable destination than they were a few years ago. Indeed our students are showing interest in studying in Europe, Canada, Australia, and Israel. And India is becoming an educational destination for students from Bangladesh, African countries, China, and Taiwan, so I do anticipate doing more travel in the coming years. Our University recently won a grant from USAID to train Afghan women to become Pharmacists but the training will be done in India rather than in Afghanistan. From a Brandeis perspective my new job led to my reconnecting with Murray Woldman whose long service in India is well known to you.

It has also been an interesting time for my immediate family. Sons Adam and Ben have survived the turmoil in the IT field and Ben's sons Kyle and Eric are at UC Santa Cruz and ASU respectively where to my astonishment both are involved in sports. As for our youngest son, Jon, he has been working for the California Immigrant Policy Center for nearly ten years now and has emerged as their principal spokesperson. He appears frequently on Univision News and is often quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle, and some two years ago he was honored for his work by the City and County of San Francisco.

My wife Judy and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in July by (what else) traveling to somewhere as yet unknown.

Bob Rosenbluth

Life since Brandeis...

An excellent pre-medical education.

Brandeis' insistence on a curriculum heavily weighted in the humanities stood me in good stead.

We five roomies and our wives have hung together all these years.

Monica Starkman Schteingart

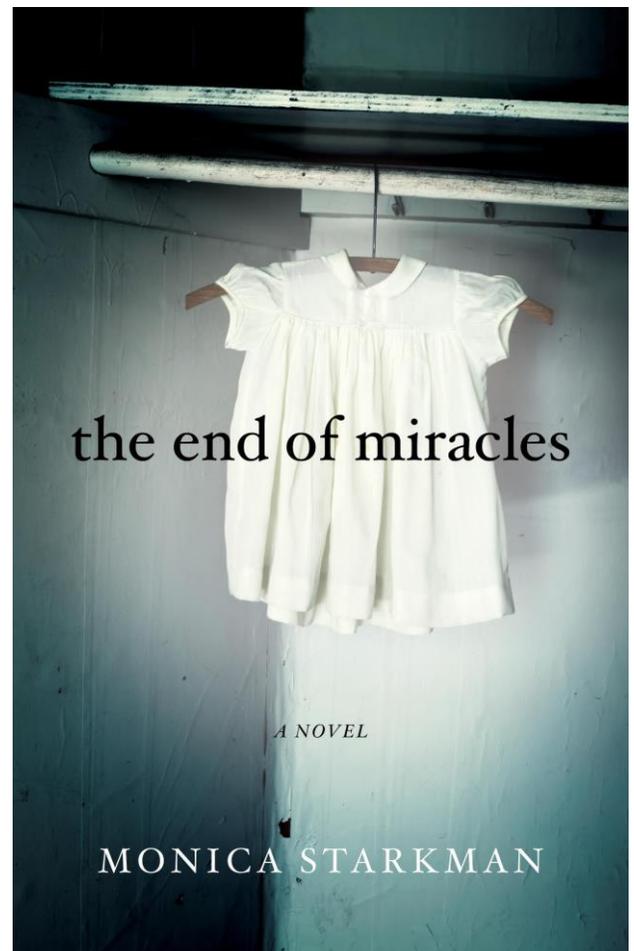
Life since Brandeis...

First, a summary of what's happened since Brandeis, and then some reflections:

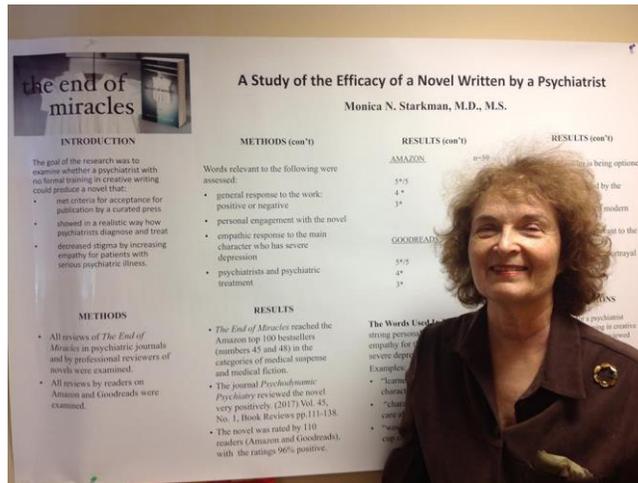
- Married the love of my life, David Eduardo Schteingart
 - MD from the University of Michigan Medical School
 - Had first of three children at end of senior year of med school
 - Post-doctoral fellowship in Human Genetics
 - Psychiatry residency
 - Joined faculty of U. of Michigan Medical School Department of Psychiatry
 - Founded and directed the Psychiatry Consultation Service, seeing patients on the medical/surgical services since I like all of medicine
 - Became an Established Investigator of the National Institutes of Health as Principal Investigator of my Research Grants on hormone effects on brain, mood and cognition
 - Raised three wonderful children: Miriam, Judith and Daniel
 - Continue now as active emerita at U of Michigan Psychiatry Department and its Depression Center
 - My novel: The End of Miracles published in 2016 and very well-received by reviewers and readers. (eg American Library Association's Booklist: "superbly well-written... gripping") <https://www.amazon.com/End-Miracles-Novel-Monica-Starkman/dp/1631520547>
 - Became a journalist, in part as effort to help reduce personal shame and social stigma of mental illness as well as infertility and miscarriage
 - Have an Expert blog/article site on Psychology Today ("On Call"), with over 130,000 downloads: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/call>
 - The End of Miracles has been optioned and is in development as a movie
 - Five years after being widowed, thriving, but the grief often surfaces
 - Six grandchildren, ages 25 to 10, bring lots of joy
- Reflections: Being at Brandeis taught me how to think. I cherish our education, in a small class, with exceptional teachers and in an atmosphere of intellectual excitement that permeated the campus at all times. As a pre-med, I had to be a grind, but I was able to enjoy singing in the Chorus and being the klutz in the modern dance club. I didn't realize then that my being an assistant editor of The Justice (and my father's profession as a Yiddish/Hebrew/English journalist-essayist) would ever result in my segue into a writing career late in life. I think of it all as an exploration into self-actualization - a term I learned from Prof. Maslow and a guidepost in my life.



Monica



The End of Miracles



Career Combination: Presenting data about The End of Miracles at scientific meeting



In Delta flight cockpit: still seeking out new fun experiences

Mayer Schwartz, MD

Life since Brandeis...

I thought was really smart until I saw the results of my freshman mid-semester exam grades - not acceptable for a pre-med. I learned a lot from that experience, primarily making sure you knew what you needed to know to get where you needed to go in life. I can truthfully say that med school for me was far easier than being a Brandeis undergrad. Now retired from medical practice for 21 years in Naples Fl. Alice and I have been married for 56 plus years enjoy good health, have raised 3 children, Steven '82, Susan (Georgetown '90) and Brian '95. Steven is Sr. Rabbi at Beth El Cong. outside Baltimore, Susan is a managing editor of an educational software firm, and Brian is a Sr. Lecturer at NYU in departments of education and English. We have 7 great grandkids ranging fro 4 years to 24 years - what fun!

Memories? touch football across from the Castle - corned beef on rye at Jack and Marion's - a nighttime swim across the Charles River (not by me) - why so many funeral parlors in Waltham? - and yes the apple orchard. - my nickname Mickey, which I rarely use now, was given to me first week on campus, about the time we were bussed to Boston College stadium to witness the Brandeis football team take a shellacking from Boston College 56-0 in a driving rain. What misery! Brandeis was not cut out for football.

Elliott G. Segal

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis will always remain a special place in my life. After spending four formative years as an undergraduate I was fully prepared and ready to continue my education and training leading to my medical degree and field of specialization in addiction psychiatry working with veterans. From my wedding to Faith in the Chapel and celebration at the Faculty Club to our daughter Natalie's Bat Mitzvah reception at the Faculty Club, I remain thankful and grateful for my Brandeis experience and look forward to reunion weekend.



Natalie, Faith & Me



Natalie & Me

Jim Shapiro

Life since Brandeis...

Quite a challenge....to sum up 60 years in a few paragraphs, but I will try.

I received MBA from U of Chicago in 1961, served short stint in the Army, and then lived in England and Germany working first for Raytheon and then General Foods. Back in the States I joined ITT where I was involved in the launching and development of the City of Palm Coast, Florida.

In 1980 I decided to leave the corporate world and buy a car rental company in Orlando, Fl. For the next 22 years I owned and managed a car rental and parking operation in Orlando, Tampa and Cape Canaveral. I also volunteered on the American Car Rental Association Board for 16 years and served as its President at 2 different times for a total of 11 years.

Since selling the business, I have stayed actively involved by serving on nonprofit boards in the Central Florida community. At present my main focus is leading the Capital Campaign to build a new Holocaust Museum for Hope and Humanity at the Northern entrance to the city of Orlando. I have served on the board of the Holocaust Resource and Education Center for the past 18 years, and been its President twice. Our mission of using the lessons of the Holocaust to educate our modern youth with programs that focus on anti-bullying, anti-Semitism and anti-prejudice towards the LGBTQ community and other minorities has garnered great community support.

I am also active on the Board of the new Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center, which has been a game changer in the life of the arts community in Orlando, and I serve on the Seniors First board, a non-profit that provides food and services to homebound seniors.

Valeria and I will have celebrated 25 years of marriage by reunion weekend. We have a blended family of 5 children and 7 grandchildren. We are both avid travelers and have explored 6 of the 7 continents, with Antarctica still on our bucket list. In the summer we reside in the Berkshires and enjoy the beautiful scenery and cultural offerings, as well as fun visits by the "northern" kids and grandkids.

I still play a lot of tennis and remain in good health....60 years later, I am grateful.

I look forward to reconnecting with everyone at reunion.



Jim and Valeria under the Florida cypress



Jim's 80th celebration on Alaska cruise

Sylvia Bloom Shocker

Life since Brandeis...

I am surprised to realize that it 60 years since our commencement!
Looking forward to see my class members again.

Selma Shapiro Silberman

Life since Brandeis...

It's hard to imagine that we were in college 60 years ago. 60 years! Life has been good to me despite difficulties and sadness, and I believe I have been good to and for life. I fell madly in love, pursued my career, engaged politically and retired some years ago. Brandeis broadened me, opened me to the great world beyond North Adams, my short teaching career and my many years in publishing expanded my education and strengthened my convictions. I continue the trajectory. My very special and wonderful husband Jim still makes me laugh and think and grow after some 50 years together. Loving and much loved stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, sisters in law, nieces, nephews, and good friends enrich my life. We engage, we argue, we laugh, we share and yes, we cry too.

Travel has been suspended for the moment but rich memories of the people and places abound: Australia, Prague, Israel, London, Italy, Spain, Montreal, Toronto, Birmingham (Alabama), France, Argentina, Alaska, Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, wine tastings, glaciers, writers, publishers, journalists, long ago civilizations, museums, restaurants, a glimpse of the world at large.

The world around me sometimes disappoints and often cheers me. I continue to try and embrace life to the fullest and to smell the roses every day.

Elaine Olanoff Small

Life since Brandeis...

My greatest accomplishment is fostering love and caring in my family and in my friend base and community.

I was blessed to be married to my "bashert", my Larry for 54 years until his death 5 years ago. Together we raised 3 amazing children & 7 incredible grandchildren.

My life has changed dramatically since I am half of a partnership but I do manage to get joy from the days of my life. A goal of mine is to remain connected to my family and friends and to do for those unable to do for themselves. I get great satisfaction in helping others. I have been blessed with strength and a smile and I use these to forge ahead.





Amy Medine Stein

Life since Brandeis...

Of course, the unique university we attended is emblazoned on all parts of me - my mind, my soul. The rah-rah stuff, I was a cheerleader, and the stimulation of professors whose intellects were astonishing, the Hi Charlies, meeting my special someone - Morry Stein and of course, getting out from under the parental umbrella was freeing and grounding at the same time.

We all took great pride in the wit and intellect and uniqueness of one another. The depth of the Brandeis ethos, the intellectual rigor, attracted a certain kind of student - one of curiosity, for example, self-questioning but still with a great capacity for fun and interest in the other humans who gravitated to such a captivating place. And that, of course, is reflected in the qualities of life that have characterized the directions lived by those who chose to leave that campus to inhabit the world.

My first family first - I cannot imagine anything more fulfilling and challenging too, sometimes than raising children. In my case three young men have populated my life. They are good, successful people, in varying businesses and successful. I have always supported their individuality and we have come together in times of stress and need. The grandchildren are spectacular of course....lucky me!

My second family over 74 years is Camp Echo Lake and all its thousands of alums and staff. I am very close to so many of them and I love them dearly. You cannot imagine the thrill I feel when past campers enroll their own children knowing that the powerful growth experience that became part of their own fabric is something that they can provide for their children - what trust! What love!

My 3rd family - Project Morry began after Morry's cataclysmic and shocking death in 1994. The camping profession which he so actively supported and led, his

lifelong friends in and out of the profession, many of whom he led and mentored, and his family supported a very special entity - Morry's Camp now entering its 25th year. We hand select promising and underserved young people committing to them from 4th grade through 10th and even beyond. They are accountable for good grades, good citizenship and are in a full year program anchored by a residential summer camp experience.

The effects have been profound. We have a dedicated Board fired up and committed to enhance and develop the education of our campers. We have a near 100% rate of graduation from high school and a series of mentors to guide our boys and girls in and out of their sometime precarious life experiences through college and beyond actually. Our success is legion, our awards and recognition significant and we are proud, proud, proud.

A life well lived is what I aim for. Brandeis surely had much to do with that.

I remarried 19 years ago to a lovely and loving man. We enjoy life in Florida and my joy has been enhanced by acting and singing at Ibis Country Club in West Palm Beach. I have traveled, of course, but adore the 2x a year forays to London where I immerse myself in theatre and antiques.

Life remains fascinating. I rejoice in it through the bumps and slings and arrows that accompany the journey. I am thrilled to have made the impact that I have.

I am happy to be alive and well and celebrating this momentous occasion with my classmates, those here and those, of course, not with us but who are not forgotten and still cherished.

Love to you all.

Jane Jacobson Stein

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis is forever an important part of my life since I am among the 10 percent of graduates who married a fellow Brandeisian. Bob Stein, '60, and I re-met in a bookstore in New York in December 1964 and married the following September. We have many shared experiences of college even though we didn't share them together. Among the many are professors, Gen Ed lectures, a snow day without classes and Eleanor Roosevelt's presence on campus.

After very fulfilling careers--I as a health and science writer and Bob as an attorney and mediator--we have an equally fulfilling refocused life in DC where we live and in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where we spend a third of the year skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. In between we travel stateside and abroad and to visit kids and grandkids in Connecticut and Maine. Among some recent amazing trips were going to the Galapagos, hiking on the Camino de Santiago, paddling down the Grand Canyon and hiking up the Bright Angel trail in 120 degree weather.

As much as I enjoy all of this, there's more to life than skiing and hiking. Bob and I were part of group of five that started a summer public policy seminar series in Steamboat, which attracts more than 500 people at each event (see seminarsatsteamboat.org). In DC, I register new Americans to vote after an always moving naturalization ceremony at the federal court, work with a nonprofit service organization to end homelessness, record newspapers for the visually impaired and go to concerts, operas, museums, lectures and many other cultural events that this city--which really is not a swamp--offers.

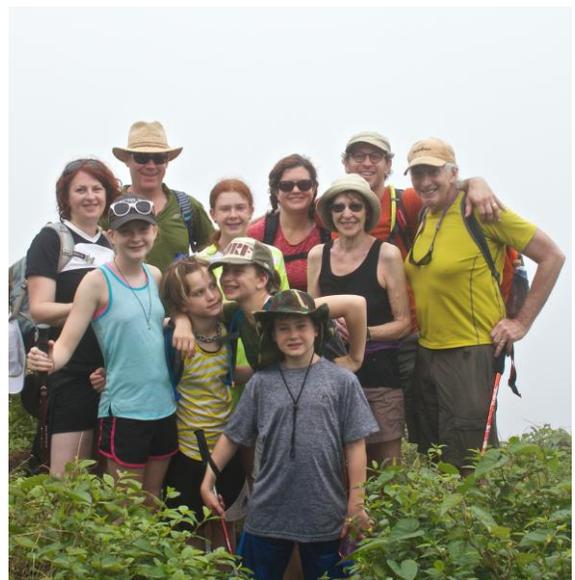
A circuitous route back to Brandeis: Our eldest of five grandchildren is a junior in high school and beginning to think about where she wants to go to college and what she wants to get out of it. While grandparents can play an awesome role in their grandchildren's lives--we took each of ours on special trips to Europe--telling them what to do is a definite no-no.

But if asked, I would tell them about some of the experiences I had at Brandeis and the impact they had on my life (outside of Bob). These include exploring new ideas--from intellectual history to chamber music literature--and learning how to handle the nuances of daily life--from the chaos of dorm living to making new friends. Whether a college is large or small can be an

important issue for lifestyle. But the big ones for a lifetime are what and how you learn. Having fun and making long-time friends count, too. Brandeis scored high on all of these for me, and I hope that our grandkids can say the same 60 years later about where they went to college.



Jane and Bob in Steamboat



A 50th wedding anniversary celebration in the Galapagos with kids and grandkids

Philippa Strum

Life since Brandeis...

I was a music major at Brandeis but realized my junior year that I wasn't going to be the world's greatest cellist after all - or even a cellist who was good enough to satisfy me. What I didn't know until some years later was that I had inherited my family's nerve deafness, and that it was pretty miraculous that I had managed music as long as I had.

Knowing I had to support myself while I decided what I would do with my life, I went to Harvard to get an Ed.M. so I could teach. A political science course there, coupled with one I had taken at Brandeis, made me realize that that's the way I wanted to go. So I got a Ph.D. in poli. sci. and spent the next 35 years teaching and writing about American government and constitutional law. In 2001 I moved from NYC to Washington to direct a U.S. Studies program at a think tank where, now "retired," I still have an office and can read and write as I like.

Three of my books were about Justice Brandeis. I have tried to emulate the People's Attorney's devotion to public service, and so served on the national board of the ACLU for more than 30 years and have just finished a term as president of the DC affiliate. I also cofounded a group that did civil liberties work in Israel, helping to create a pro bono bar in that country.

Along the way I produced David Strum Weiss, who subsequently graduated from Brandeis> He now has a microbiology lab at Emory University, and has created a Center there to study antibiotic resistance. His research is aimed at producing cures for seriously ill people who are not responding well to existing antibiotics. Public service, and what it means to give back to our community: that's one of the great lessons we both took away from our years at Brandeis.

I've been fortunate enough to do a lot of traveling, some of it courtesy of State Department-sponsored lecture tours and some of it just for fun. But there are still many countries on my bucket list, and I hope to get to some of them before travel becomes too difficult.

I don't cha cha anymore, the way I did when I belonged to the cha cha club at Brandeis (I bet that's long gone), and I no longer belong to a chorus or an orchestra the way I did there. But those remain among my legion of fond memories about the four years we of the class of '59 had together.

Jing Sun

Life since Brandeis...

My fondest memories include first and foremost, our fellow students who inspired me and argued with me and made me care and made me aware of how exciting life could be and how much I had to learn, so very much, and, in so doing, made me who I am.

Brandeis made me want to contribute something.

Of course, the influences on me also came from reading in the library and from faculty and guest speakers and even administration. I especially remember the faculty woman who, freshman year, asked the required class on an Introduction to Western Civilization, what it would have been like to live in the European Middle Ages, and then, after we had given many answers, asked how come no one imagined himself or herself as a serf woman; why were the marginalized invisible?

I remember I debate, following the crushing of the 1956 Hungarian rebellion against Stalinism, in which Professor Herbert Marcuse argued against supporting the Hungarian revolutionaries, a position which seemed so wrong that it inoculated me against Marxisms and theories which claimed to know the limits on future possibilities.

As someone who worked for the US Government on and off from 1965 to 2009 in multiple capacities, even while having a career on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin specializing in Chinese politics from 1967 to 2012 when I formally retired (I taught for another five years after retiring), I vividly remember the guest speaker, an MP from Britain, who said something like "don't work for your government if you are unable to quit when confronted with an impossible situation." And yet when I once did confront such a situation, I did not quit because I feared it would mean losing my access. Clearly, I did not learn enough.

Brandeis made me aware of the world's problems and my own inadequacies. It opened a world of possibilities and contradictions, of joys and pains. It made me know I needed other people, making me the fortunate person who Susan Stanford would marry and make a family and a life with. And, of course, Brandeis left me with a love for Brandeis and for my classmates.

Herb Turney

Life since Brandeis...

Life since Brandeis:

I became an attorney, specializing in labor and employment law. I entered law school on a scholarship reserved for a Brandeis grad (thank you Brandeis and Professor Sacks). My career began in JFK-era Washington with the National Labor Relations Board. After returning to Boston with the NLRB, I entered private law practice, representing management, doing my best to foster positive labor-management relations and a culture absent discrimination. Retiring from a national law firm 10 years ago, I began my semi-retirement as part-time labor counsel for an old client, Caterpillar, in N.E. and N.Y.

I have been married for 56 years to my wonderful wife, Debby, a retired Special Educator and former Dean of a special-needs school. We have 3 equally-wonderful daughters, one of whom attended Brandeis (Hornstein Program) and is now a hospital chaplain. We have 5 grandchildren, equally wonderful, ranging in age from 10 to 20. Two of our families live in the Boston area, having returned from San Francisco, while one lives in Marin County, CA.

Summers find us enjoying Cape Cod, often surrounded by family and friends who come to visit. In Boston we enjoy theatre, Boston Speaker Series and Symphony, as well as adult learning. My own interests are golf, bridge, and the Red Sox. Fortunate to live near Brandeis, we are able to attend on-campus lectures and exhibits, especially at the Rose (which I believe our class helped to save).



Thanksgiving 2018



Ed Walk

Life since Brandeis...

Well, I guess I really needed a gap year after 1959, to grow up! That gap turned out to be 12 years!
Brandeis 1959 - Northeastern College of Pharmacy
1962- 8 years in retail pharmacy- 4 years later at Tufts Dental School and voila-1972... finally a dentist... no quite a Forest Gump saga but eventually I found the way. Zeroing in to my niche turned out to be more direct. Art and sculpturing were always my loves at Brandeis. Combining these with the science and art of cosmetic dentistry has made the 47 years as a cosmetic dentist and lecturer exciting and fulfilling. Teaching cosmetic and digital techniques at conferences worldwide has been most rewarding. My practice has grown from just me to 3 dentists and 14 staff. At present I continue to improve smiles 2 days per week, such fun (love what I do!). Retiring?? Possibly in 2 or 3 years... (As long as hands, eyes, and brain function perfectly).

Happiest day of my life... Marrying Judi in 1965... And still going strong...
Saddest day was the accidental death of our 33 year old middle son...

We have 3 children and 5 grandkids.

This is my short list of activities at present:

Photography, Digital imaging, Racing and High Performance Driving Porsche Brands, Home in Great Barrington (Berkshires), Music , Dance, Theater, Kayaking, International travel (approx. 90 counties so far). Board members and Chairpersons for Galas, Crohn's /Colitis Foundation for past 40 years. Next trips, Morocco in September and Sofia, Bulgaria in November with 'old' roommate Jim Shapiro '59.



Ed cleans up well!



Judi and Ed

Joan Roth Weiss

Life since Brandeis...

I would say that my greatest achievement has been to be extremely lucky to have met my husband Mark when I was fifteen years old and he was sixteen. We've been married for sixty-one years and have had a wonderful life together. We've been able to enjoy a wonderful family of children and children-in-law and grandchildren. Since my retirement from volunteer work in our Jewish community and our Congregation, and Mark's retirement from the practice of law, we've been enjoying living both in Suburban Maryland and in Manhattan for almost twenty years, and we have many dear friends in both places.



Joan Roth Weiss and Mark Weiss



Joan and Mark Weiss Family

Mary C Whalen

Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis The Defining Years of My Life

How do you describe such a far reaching experience that influences every aspect of your life.

Perhaps, the most important takeaway was that Brandeis taught me critical thinking and tolerance.

I am greatly indebted to Drs. Milton Sacks, Larry Fuchs and John Roche, not only for their respective outstanding scholarship, but also for the personal interest they took in helping me through the rough spots in my life at that time.

I didn't set the world on fire, but I have tried to do my part to make it a better place.

I taught at secondary school level for several years and then joined the corporate world working as a Purchasing Agent

I met the love of my life at Brandeis while he was a student for a very brief time.

We were married 37 years before he died in 1997 following complications from a liver transplant. I have chosen not to remarry.

We raised two wonderful children and I also have 3 grandchildren who light up my life.

My son is heavily involved in wildfire litigation and needless to say, very busy representing people with fire losses in California.

He is married to a lovely Jewish woman and they have 2 sons so the holidays, traditions and Bar Mitzvahs have been an integral part of my life.

My daughter's passion is Climate Change and she most recently worked with agencies reducing carbon emissions and on carbon credit programs.

At age 45, she was blessed with her first and only child so in addition to 2, grandsons, ages 26 and 20, I also have a lovely 10 year old granddaughter.

I have lived in Santa Barbara, California for the past 50 years and have been very involved in the community as an activist and as a volunteer, including serving on the Boards of The Arts Fund of Santa Barbara, Citizens for Sensible Planning and Assistance League of Santa Barbara.

In addition to volunteering, I also keep busy gardening, reading, playing

Mah Jong and taking classes through our great adult education program.

I have done quite a bit of traveling over the years and fortunately, am still able to keep the pace. In the past year, I have been on trips to Japan, France, Mexico and Canada as well as travel in the US.

I was originally from Waltham and only lived on campus for one year so I did not have the opportunity to get to know many of you intimately.

However, I treasure the interactions I had with all of you in those years. They are all part of what made Brandeis special to me.



Murray B. Woldman

Life since Brandeis...

I feel I have lived several lives since leaving Brandeis. But I took away a world view far wider and broader than I had when I arrived from Cleveland, Ohio where I and my dear twin brother Joel had spent our lives.

We were thrilled to be traveling east to the great big world we had not yet known. Arriving at Ridgewood quadrangle after a car trip east with our parents and little sister, we were at first apprehensive about leaving them and our home to enter a world we did not know filled with people and ideas we were to be exposed to for the first time.

The first six months, rooming with strangers as our parents felt we should, we missed home terribly but as we began to make new friend and be exposed to new ideas and experiences, we came to love being in Waltham and did not look forward to returning home for our first summer.

I will never forget how Brandeis opened the rest of the world to us and made me the person I am today! Leonard Bernstein, Martha Graham, Eleanor Roosevelt, Pete Seeger, Odetta, Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many other great souls inspired us there in so many ways! And who could forget the movie classics we were shown every Sunday evening?

We managed to get through it all, and to enjoy the second through fourth years so very much and loved being in the Boston area and being able to travel to New York City, where we truly saw the great big world we had not known.

We took a great step further when we decided not to come home for our 3rd summer, rather choosing to live in New York, finding office jobs to subsist on near Union Square. Although we had been threatened with not being able to return to Brandeis, all was well and we enjoyed our summer in which we were able to see Lotte Lenya (and asked for and got Marlene Dietrich's autographs --which I still have! At an outdoor concert and see college friends as well.

At Brandeis, our academic experiences included music and theater as well French and Russian as well as the social studies on which we focused and the South and East Asian studies which became the focus of our professional lives. Cambridge, the Cape, Tanglewood, Boston itself and so many other things and places added to our expanding horizons.

We decided to enter graduate school at Michigan where we got out MAs and PhDs and then entered the US Foreign Service, leading to my career in India and Washington, and then moving to Capitol Hill and lastly to the antiques business Joel and I started in 1986. Joel and I attended the Class reunion in 2003, an incredible experience sadly followed by his death in 2007.

While I wish you all a wonderful time together, it is too hard for me to be there without him this year but Brandeis will always enjoy the most special place in my memories and my heart.

I visit the Boston area often as my sister and her family are there. My niece lives in Waltham and it always feels wonderful to be there. Have a wonderful time together, you survivors!

Al Zabin

Life since Brandeis...

While in Law School I married Judy Liskov ('61.) After Law School, I did my military service in the reserves. I really enjoyed basic training, and developed an abiding respect for the professionals. Our training sergeants were people I had never met before: a puertorican, an African-American from rural Mississippi, a white from rural Georgia. They all worked together. They took their job very seriously and trained our training company (which would have been like herding cats, under less competent hands) well.

After active duty, I trained to be a trial lawyer under one of the best trial lawyers in the country. I tried civil case of all types for 52 years before retiring from private practice. I now work almost full time as a volunteer lawyer at Greater Boston Legal Services. I learned the law well at Harvard, but the love of learning that Brandeis developed in me gave me the the stimulation to try all kinds of cases, involving disciplines in medicine, technology, intellectual property and a whole variety of legal issues. My experience working in a woolen factory in Pittsfield MA and the army taught me how to relate to juries, clients, and witnesses.

Judy's and my greatest achievement are our three children and nine grandchildren. I have stayed with my hobby—Photography



Gannet Rookery, New Zealand



Lausanne from the Little Cathedral



All of us in Maine



Athabasca River, Alberta

In Memoriam

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

Paula Laden Adler
Sondra Albert
Carol Boroff Albrecht
Barbara Kiesler Becker
Judith Cossin Berkman
Patricia Laver Biondo
Amy Blender
Lois Kalb Bouchard
Fredric Bresnick
Harry Bruce Cohen
Sandra Constantine Conviser
Christian Daehler
Jack Holton Dell
C. Gerard Drucker
Audrey Fiertel Eisenstadt
Fred Epstein
Kenneth Farbman
Robert Faria
Martin Fiala
Steven Fishman
Lawrence Geiger
Thomas Girolamo
Lee David Goldstein
Ed Hamada
Judith Rich Harris
Robert Healy
Abbott Hoffman
William Horner
David Kahalas
Peter Karoff
Esther Kartiganer
Jacob Katz
Carol Fuchs Kaufman
Linda Brailove Kneucker
Rosah Cohen Larraguibel
Elizabeth Walton LeBlanc
Ira Elliott Leonard
Martin Russell Levy

Sandra Hochberg Levy
Genese Gold Liebowitz
Lynn Luria-Sukenick
Julius Margulies
Leonard Mendelsohn
Alan Miller
Arlette Goldmuntz Miller
Lila Pearlman
Frederick Perera
Ellen Kruh Pfaff
Everett Prudhomme
Judith Tobias Robbins
Howard Robinson
Linda Robinson
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Rabbi Herman Savitz
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