

**Brandeis**  
**Class of 1960**

60<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Yearbook



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# Naomi Spector Antonakos

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

New York immediately. Editorial work at Liberal Arts Press and Columbia Records. Met Stephen Antonakos. Managed Byron Gallery early '60s, Fischbach Gallery later '60s, John Weber Gallery mid '70s, Married Stephen Antonakos 1970. Evangelia Mary Spector Antonakos born '75, Smith 1997, PhD Math, CUNY, 2013. Wrote essays on Carl Andre, Stephen Antonakos 5 times, Allen Bertoldi, Ronald Bladen, Tom Doyle, Stylianos Gianakos, Archile Gorky, Mark Hadjipateras, Eva Hesse 12 times, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Jane Logemann, Robert Mangold, Piet Mondrian, Eleni Mylonas, Pablo Picasso, Robert Ryman 13 times, Dorothea Rockburne, Robert Smithson, Bob Stanley, Robert Swain, Merrill Wagner, Bart Wasserman, Marjorie Welsh, and Ian Wilson -- and a handful of essays on Art Books, drawings, and abstraction, and many eulogies. Founded The Greenwich Collection, Ltd. Managed the office of Stephen Antonakos Studio LLC 1975 -- present.

Our childhoods in Connecticut were very happy. We had excellent schools. We studied ballet with Max Froman, art at the Wadsworth Atheneum, and had classical and pop music on the Victrola. With The Fairview Players we put on Macbeth, Down in the Valley, The Mikado, The Importance of Being Earnest, Riders to the Sea, and You Can't Take It with You.

The Theatre major at Brandeis was excellent. The professors and the friends

are indelible. Theatre is a very broad art. As all of us swirled in and around productions from The Dybbuk to The House of Bernada Alba, I learned about community. This idea of shared knowledge and experience has been central since. Our generation has been fortunate to see a great evolution in all the arts, and in society, through all these years. Brandeis was an essential, encouraging force for (unending) development and appreciation. As art brings something from the unknown into the known, so education may release a degree of definition in the individual. Thank you, Brandeis.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

You are not alone: you live in the world.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Be strong, give, sing, dance, say the poem. Make it better if you can. At least, don't make it worse.

# Sylvia Small Aranow

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Attended graduate school, married Marty Aranow, Brandeis '58 ( dec.1973) Worked 4 years as Psychiatric Caseworker, gave birth '66 to Jonathan and '69 to Andrew. 1969 cofounded with Marty the New Jersey Tenants Organization which won national acclaim for a volunteer association. In 1993-4 the NJ Landlord Tenant laws-"the Bill of Rights" which we helped to write and lobby into law was enacted. We also cofounded a Senior Citizens Organization as well as NJTREDO (NJ tenants' educational organization) When Marty died I became President of the NJTO and continued to organize. In 1977, I gave up reins to all organization both to spend more time with family, as well as to seek a paying job to support them. I put my knowledge to good use first in a relocation company and then in real estate. In 1995 I formed my own company, SAS Real Estate Services, Inc , a residential rental and sales, as well as, property management company. Along with my broker associate, my son Andrew, I continue that work covering primarily Bergen and Hudson NJ counties.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Coming from a graduating class of 19, where I graduated summa cum laude, I learned I wasn't as smart as I thought! I learned humility.

I also found out I had no idea about the cost of living - when given a psych test which asked how much money you wanted to earn after graduating, I answered based on what my father \$5000.00 /year income

and since growing up , I never went without, that I wanted to make \$10,000/year.

## **Fondest memories**

Fondest memories was meeting the man I married and making life long friends. I roomed my freshman year with Pat Lisson Goldman and we stayed together for 4 years as roommates; I was her maid of honor and she was mine. Her husband was my best man. We CONTINUE TO BE BEST FRIENDS forever!

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

I think all the foregoing answers apply here. Brandeis also gave this farm girl the opportunity to get to the Big Apple with a fellowship to Columbia U School of Social work.



**Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

traveled across the USA and back, to many foreign countries- and would like to travel to South America and take the Cunard cruise around the world

**Your greatest achievement**

My sons!

**Get on your soapbox**

Sorry, as I said, I learned humility!

Brandeis was good to me and for me .

Hope the same for all Brandeis's students and alumni.

Wishing good health and happiness to all

# Lance Beizer

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Living once again in the quiet, bucolic Northwest Corner of Connecticut, after nearly 50 years in California, life tends to be pretty laid back. Both my wife, Ann, and I stay connected with our community by participation on a couple of non-profit boards each as well as with our local Rotary club. And, of course, I am still active as clergy at our Episcopal church, though, to be honest, I've begun to cut back considerably from what used to be almost weekly liturgical, pastoral, or preaching responsibility.

Many of our friends maintain two residences—one here and one in Florida. That life is not for us. Neither of us, frankly, cares much for Florida. So we have opted for a completely different way of getting out of a rut here. And that is why we are unfortunately missing this reunion. We travel—mainly by cruises. Many of them are to improve our bridge game, which we also play a couple of times a week while at home, and which very much needs it. We've become sort of groupies of a fabulous bridge teacher named Larry Cohen. We have had other cruises, however, that have generated a variety of experiences. Last year, for example, we were able to visit Normandy for the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day after a cruise around the Celtic areas of the British Isles. This year we'll be visiting, among other places, the Galapagos, and we'll also be traveling from New York to Barcelona and Boston to Nassau on absolutely new ships, not even yet launched, and Buenos Aires to Rio. Next year we've already booked cruises that will

visit Greenland and Iceland as well as the Aleutians. Since Ann and I actually met on a cruise, somehow that all seems appropriate to us.

Now, though we'll miss this reunion, we wish you all health and joy until the next one, and, God willing, we'll see you there!

# Clemente "Clem" Cohen

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After a long and successful career as a commercial real estate broker in New York and internationally, Clem is now retired but remains very active. While in past years he trained and ran marathons, he is still running today, only now he's chasing after his two very active 10 year old grandsons. Besides being a super grand-father, Clem plays golf, works out regularly at a gym, attends courses (now on Zoom) on Global Politics, History, and Economics, all interests that were honed during his years at Brandeis. He piloted his own plane for many years. He also volunteers as an ESL teacher which he finds greatly rewarding. But what Clem finds most rewarding is his twenty-five year marriage to his lovely wife, Lisa. They share a home together in NYC and a beautiful county home in the Berkshires.



# Linda Lieberman Cohen

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After leaving Brandeis, I moved back to New York City where I worked as a social worker for a Child Welfare agency. I was awarded a Child Welfare fellowship that enabled me to go to Columbia University School of Social Work, where I received a Masters in Social Work. I have continued to work in the field.

In 1966, I met Shepard Cohen '61 at Jerry Perlstein '61 wedding. Shep and I have been married for 52 years. After two years in Rhode Island, we moved to the Boston area where we still live. We have one daughter Elizabeth, and a granddaughter Nina. Happily they live close to us.

Although I started in the child welfare field, when I returned to work after five years happily being a full-time mother, I entered the field of Geriatrics. I planned and organized a program that offered home based mental health services to senior citizens. Forty years later I am still working, administrating, supervising and offering counseling to seniors. Our biggest challenge right now during the time of Covid is how to offer Telehealth to our clients.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Learning to question and continue to educate myself.

## **Fondest memories**

My friends in Hamilton D, Gen Ed S, lectures from Maslow and Marcuse, running the election committee with

Raphael Levine, and working on Gilbert and Sullivan productions.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Major impact was I met my husband, Shep Cohen, and we continue to value the lessons we learned at Brandeis. Another impact was the psychology department with the professors and courses have been instrumental in my becoming a clinician.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Being a wife, mother and grandmother. Developing a mental health counseling program that serves the seniors in the western suburbs of Boston that is still operating after 40 years.

# Maggie Cohen, ASID, CID.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Opening oneself to learning new ways of thinking.

## **Fondest memories**

Eleanor Roosevelt speaking, lectures, skating on the lake, cramming for exams, dorm life, the grounds, the art work everywhere, interaction with foreign students, the food line, Manny's night time subs, the artwork on the dorm walls....

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Brandeis introduced me into a world of fine art and the possibility to grow and learn with a "new eye"! They encouraged, and gave me the opportunity to think "outside the box," and to believe in my own value and talent and not be afraid to take chances. I learned self-reliance; it opened my mind to the possibilities going forward.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

A great career in the decorative arts, living the life as an artist as well as an interior designer, winning design awards, lecturing, painting, gardening. 81 years old & still at work. Becoming a successful interior designer/being elected The American Society of Interior Design, President of the NY Chapter, Winning awards, first as an artist, & then again as an interior designer, having my interior firm succeed! Being published in major design magazines, being an expert passionate gardener.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Going forward when my house burnt to the ground with all of my paintings and my art collection lost and, my marriage ended.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Glad we are able to connect, even if only in some manner under these terribly difficult circumstances. Best wishes going forward to all. Sorry to miss the hugs!

# Margery Cohen Ehrlich

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Education: two additional degrees; 2 professions: English teacher on the secondary and post secondary levels; law librarian at Boston University.

Life experiences: Married for almost 52 years to Bob, my soulmate. Having two wonderful children, Alison and Scott, who extended our family with their own beautiful families, including our terrific grandson, Brian.

Traveling through Europe several times with my husband.

The huge loss of Bob seven years ago at 78. Then learning to live alone and to live without him.

At this writing, the family is still healthy in the throes of this devastating pandemic. May we all survive this.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

To become self-reliant

## **Fondest memories**

Being stimulated by wonderful professors/classes.

Working at the book store.

Being a tour guide, particularly at the chapels, during the summer.

Being stranded in the science building overnight during a wicked snowstorm.

The best: Meeting my future husband who, at the time, was a Ph.D student at Brandeis.

Graduation Day: wearing high heels, I was worried that I would trip crossing onto the stage.

Luckily for me, it poured at that exact moment we were to file up, and so we didn't have to!

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Always feeling pride at being an alumna of Brandeis.

Huge impact was of course having met Bob there.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I have never had a "bucket list."

## **Your greatest achievement**

Oh, my children!

# Galia Golan PhD (Gail Greene)

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After working as an analyst on East Europe in Washington, I emigrated to Israel in July 1966 and joined the faculty of Hebrew University, where eventually I was chair of the Political Science Dept. and created the first program in Israel on Women's Studies. Upon retirement in 2000, I moved to the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya from which I retired in 2015 although I still teach a graduate seminar on Negotiating the Core Issues in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. I have written 11 books and many, many articles, mainly on Soviet foreign policy, the Israeli-Arab conflict, and feminist topics. Also I have been a co-founder of a number of peace movements, and also feminist movements. Presently I am in the leadership of Combatants for Peace, a joint Palestinian and Israeli movement for non-violence against the occupation and for peace. In the midst of all that, I married Dr. David Gild, who died in 1996. Four kids (Debra, Ilana, Yohai and Doron – Doron is a photographer living in NY), and seven grandchildren.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

values of human rights and justice; importance of activism

## **Fondest memories**

Fabulous faculty (Marcuse, Gurvitch, Manuel), soul searching conversations, stage-managing Hi Charley.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

this takes up a significant part of my recent autobiography in the Springer series on Scholars: Galia Golan – Academic Pioneer...

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

Went to the Amazon with Brandeis; probably won't get to Antarctica before it fully melts; and the two-state solution for Israel and Palestine probably won't come soon.

## **Your greatest achievement**

kids, books, awards (especially the International Studies Association Scholar/Activist Award, one previous recipient was Angela Davis, also a Marcuse protégé at Brandeis but later than me), and good friends, even, still, from Brandeis days.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Feminism; Peace; please get rid of Trump in 2020, we are trying to get rid of Bibi too. Both are disastrous - for all of us!



# Michael Goldstein

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Here's my life since Brandeis in a nutshell.

I got married in 1963. We had three children and divorced in 1985. For most of my life, I lived and worked in the northeast, mainly the NYC area. I moved to Texas in 1996 (politics here were more pleasant then). I have three grandchildren (aged 15, 12, 11). I lived in Austin until I got married about a year ago and moved to the Texas Hill Country. Yes, I miss living in NYC, but I get to visit a couple of times a year.

Most of my career(s) revolved around communications though I also put in time as a drug specialist, caseworker, and supervisor for NYC Dept. of Welfare, an association executive, and a corporate executive. My favorite kind of endeavor has always been helping not-for-profits. Among those I did work for were Union of American Hebrew Congregations, National UJA, National Conference of Christians and Jews, St. Paul's School, Link Counseling Center, and Meals on Wheels... also Fashion Capital of the World, Railpax/Amtrak.

I can honestly say that, except for Donald Trump, I am as happy as I have ever been.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Brandeis taught me I was not the sharpest knife in the drawer. It also taught me to value the work of not-for-profits in our society.

## **Fondest memories**

Although I enjoyed sharing off-campus housing with friends, my fondest memory was the year I lived at Ridgewood 15.

## **Your greatest achievement**

In 2007, as VP for Meals on Wheels Central Texas, I wrote a bill creating a brand new funding stream for Meals on Wheels organizations in Texas. Working with a Republican State Representative and a Democratic State Senator, I steered the bill through the Legislature and procured budget appropriations. Since 2007, it has channeled more than 130 million dollars to Texas Meals on Wheels organizations.

## **Get on your soapbox**

VOTE! Call your Senators and Representatives EVERY DAY and urge them to support VOTING BY MAIL.

A lifelong liberal, I was at MLK's "I have a dream" speech and celebrated the wins of Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and especially Barack Obama. Like so many others, I suffered through the 60's politics by assassination, and through Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Shrub, and I believe we will survive the current W H clown along with his cohort of miscreants.

Be strong, my friends.



May, 2020

# Marty Greenblatt

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Following graduation from Brandeis, I studied law at Cornell Law School and after graduation, served as a military intelligence officer with the U.S. Army for 2 tours (one voluntary and the second, an unexpected recall to active duty following the Tet Offensive). I practiced law for 40 years as a corporate and business lawyer with a Boston firm, specializing in representing physicians and health care device manufacturers and retired in 2003 to move to Marina del Rey, California, so we could be closer to our children and ultimately grandchildren. I became a reserve police officer and then a reserve detective with the Los Angeles Police Department, specializing in the investigation of complex white collar crimes and financial elder abuse, until we moved in 2018 to Sun City Anthem in Henderson, Nevada. We live on the golf course in a very vibrant and active over-55 community, and I continue my work in law enforcement part-time, as an auto theft investigator for an elite unit of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department known as the VIPER Auto Theft Task Force.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

The most important lesson I learned is that when offered an opportunity to study with and learn from some of the best and brightest faculty in the world, become engaged and do not squander that extraordinary opportunity.

## **Fondest memories**

The camaraderie among commuting students striving to become part of the Brandeis campus life despite living at home.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Superb liberal arts education, prepared me for a productive and fulfilling life.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I have been fortunate to have done extensive traveling over the years and have enjoyed my life in many ways. I haven't yet done a safari in Africa and perhaps will get a chance to do so while I am still in good health and active.

## **Your greatest achievement**

My family!

## **Get on your soapbox**

Wishing all of my Brandeis friends and classmates many more good years of health and happiness!





# Deborah Singer Hallett

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Deborah (Singer) Hallett is "happily" quarantined in Laguna Woods Village, CA, with husband Ronald Hallett. Most of the state will open for business and pleasure beginning Memorial Day weekend, and we hope to go back to our busy retirement life of daily activities. Daughter, Shira (Herman) Whritenour '86, watched her daughter, Shoshana, my oldest grandchild, become a bride to the groom, Matthew Goddard. While Shira and husband Rob were able to see the ceremony in person, Ron and I sat in our computer room to watch the live streaming on "You Tube", on Mother's Day, 5/10/20. We wished the newly married couple a hearty Mazal Tov on an after-the-ceremony "Zoom one-on-one" between the grandparents and Shoshi and Matt. The bride's uncle, our son, Ian Herman '88, watched the online wedding proceedings on You Tube. What will technology think of next! In the You Tube version of the wedding, Shoshi and Matt were dressed in their "PJ's", i.e. jeans and sweatshirts. In the fall, the newlyweds hope to hold a "proper" reception for their guests and the bride will wear her wedding gown at that time. Needless to say, Ron and I are ecstatic over adding a new "grandson" to our family.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

I learned how to listen to lectures in depth, i.e. reading in between the lines of the spoken language.

## **Fondest memories**

Becoming friends with classmates who

lived in the Quadrangle and socializing with them outside of classes. The campus was so beautiful that I loved walking to classes that were held in many different buildings. I participated in Hillel Friday evening services and Shabbat dinner and met new friends there.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

I love to listen to lectures in various fields and to read and/or watch documentaries. I also learned to appreciate and love "people" of all walks of life.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

Although I have traveled to Israel many times during my married life, I have yet to travel to Europe. Still "calling" me, also, is traveling to the many State Parks in the United States.

## **Your greatest achievement**

My greatest achievement was watching my two children become young adults and graduate from Brandeis University, with honors. Then, becoming a grandmother and "kvelling" over the achievements of the grandchildren was an achievement in and of itself. Seeing how they respect both their peers and young and old alike is, indeed, very special for me.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Refer to my previous emails.



I am in the middle. On either side are my children, Shira Herman Whritenour '88 and Ian Herman '88

# Rona Savel Hamada

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

My life after graduation started out as was expected of me at the time. I earned my "M.R.S. Degree" two weeks after commencement.

Less than 10 years and two children later, I insisted on tossing that degree for "graduate study" in child-rearing as a single parent.

My BA in sociology certainly was not a prerequisite for my career in telecommunications, nonetheless, I had a successful one in a brand new industry. I was among the first woman in the area to reach several milestones.

At the same time, I became extremely active in women's networking organizations, by establishing one and leading others. It's been a good life and still is !

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

How to have an open mind and to use it to learn.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

Never had a bucket list and don't have one now.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Raising two children who grew up to be warm, self-sufficient adults each with a strong moral compass.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Be open to life experiences and to people !  
Enjoy the simple things !

# Susan Handloff

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Whoever said that unforgettable phrase "Getting old is not for sissies" certainly was not referring to me. I was not going to get old nor become a sissy until I did both. I passed a landmark birthday and gave up downhill skiing, cross country skiing, tennis, pickle ball and bicycling in order to become the Queen of Mah-Jongg.(now virtual) Bert and I decided that snow had lost its allure so we have been spending the winters in Scottsdale, AZ. The weather is a big improvement over Steamboat in the winter and there. Are marvelous music and arts programs. As for everyone else, this winter turned out to be a dud but it did not stop me from auditioning for My 600 lb. Life while sitting in our condo for months. The sunshine and desert flowers were a beautiful change from pine trees and snow. College graduations, tennis at Indian Wells, birthdays, trips to visit grandchildren, teacher reunions - all down the tubes. The high point of the year was spending a month with Ruthe and Phil Kaplan in Scottsdale. We had hoped to take another river cruise. That will have to wait until next year.

All the kids, Bert's and mine, are on the way to adulthood except for the two boys in New Hampshire. The kids in Israel are at varying stages of army duty, university and medical school. We visit Judy Blumberg Schwartz in Tiberius whenever we see the kids in Jerusalem. Bert's New Zealand family weathered Covid-19 and have gone back to work and school.

My Delaware group was talking about retirement until the pandemic hit. My

grandson has a few years left in the Marines and his sister got a job immediately following college graduation. The "little" boys are still in elementary school in New Hampshire, spending their Covid break with grandparents in South Carolina.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Brandeis taught me about THE WORLD. Coming from Newark, Delaware, at age 17, I now realize that I knew nothing about nothing. My high school English teacher was out for the school year so I never read Shakespeare. My French teacher left at mid year which marked the end of French II. Psychology, sociology, writing research papers, reading hundreds of textbook pages were completely out of my universe as were fellow students from New York, Massachusetts, and countries abroad.

## **Fondest memories**

Sledding on cafeteria trays behind the Union, skating on the pond, sitting on a freezer in the Union while listening to Pete Seeger, doing the New York Times crossword on Sunday morning, cheerleading at football games, listening to famous people whom I had no idea who, or why they were famous, Jenny Beer, Ralph Norman.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

It changed my life forever with deep friendships in Hamilton dorms and views of the world that I never could have imagined.

**Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

More travel, as in getting Bert to Paris, an African safari, seeing my grandchildren married.

**Your greatest achievement**

Teaching Bilingual education for 20 years in the public school system in Delaware.  
Seeing my children grow up to be responsible adults.

**Get on your soapbox**

Get King Henry VIII out of office in November.

# Suzanne Hodes

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

It is 5 years since my dear husband Henry Linschitz died. We lived for 50 years on a beautiful peninsula in Waltham near Brandeis where he was emeritus professor of Chemistry.

I sold my home and moved to Lasell Village in 2018, 130 Seminary Ave, Apt 109, Auburndale MA where I am making new friends, and adjusting to this major life change. My family Joseph and Karen Linitz and my twin grandsons live in Waltham. I still work at my studio in Waltham, Artists West Studios.

My website is [www.suzannehodes.com](http://www.suzannehodes.com) where you can see my art and information about my book *Studio Days: A Memoir*. Starting Artists for Survival in 1982, a group that worked for 15 years to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world. It is one of the things that I am most proud of.

My art covers many themes: portraits, landscapes, city life and social commentary, and I work in a broad range of mediums including oil, collage, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, and monotype. I have been exhibiting in Boston and New York for many decades, and have work in more than 600 collections including The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, The DeCordova Museum, The Fogg Art Museum, The Portland Museum in Maine, New Britain Museum of American Art, The Boston Public Library, and many corporate and private collections.

Of course, Brandeis changed my life. I met Henry there and we were married 6 years later.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

The importance of social and peace activism.

## **Fondest memories**

Studying with, and getting to know Arthur Polonsky, a wonderful teacher and artist.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I don't even have a bucket!

## **Your greatest achievement**

Making people both laugh and cry through my art.



In my studio

# Susan B Kahn, MEd

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Although I was planning on being a travel agent like my dad, my son Douglas changed my direction. He was born with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder in the 1970's before special needs legislation had been passed. No one in my son's public school knew how to teach him to read, so I took graduate courses in learning disabilities, and I taught my son to read and write. I wondered: if I could teach Douglas to read, why not help other dyslexics? I certified as a special needs teacher, and I have been teaching children and adults ever since. After all, my son earned an MBA, and I am still teaching and reaching students around the world.

I began my career in education teaching special needs students in Belmont and Arlington Public Schools. After I retired from 25 years in the Arlington Public Schools, I continued teaching at home for private students. I soon realized that most children with learning disabilities were not progressing well. Their public and private schools did not match my success of improving reading scores from two to four grade levels within one school year. I decided to publish my methods. I've spent the past nine years feverishly writing and publishing ten books known as Sue's Strategies® with Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing. I also created 25 free, animated YouTube videos; and numerous free blogs on my own site. My mission expanded from helping one little boy to helping all people struggling with language challenges.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Make your life rewarding for you and your community.

## **Fondest memories**

I loved my graduation day, even though it rained. What a sense of accomplishment!

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

When I took a history class with President Abram Sachar, I never expected to become a teacher and an author. However, Dr. Sachar used stories to relate history, and I could remember the history this way really well. As a special needs teacher, I always add a story to my instruction because I know the students will remember the information better. Thanks, Dr. Sachar!

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I have completed an entire literacy program and published it!

I have adapted my strategies to include the latest technologies and memory tactics.

I have lectured at several literacy conferences and PAC groups.

My mission now is to find a graduate student to research and to prove the evidence based efficacy of my literacy program so that some day Sue's Strategies® will be taught in universities and schools across the nation.

## **Your greatest achievement**

I hope it will be coming in the future.

**Get on your soapbox**

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

~Benjamin Franklin





# Ruthe Kaplan

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Ruth(e) Abrams Kaplan

It's difficult for me to distill 60 years of post-Brandeis living in a way that makes sense and still conveys a meaningful look at that passage. It's even more difficult as I sit sequestered because of Covid-19.

I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to make a life in Little Rock, a place I couldn't find on a map in 1960. I'm certain the lessons instilled at Brandeis of constant questioning and willingness to reevaluate what life brings has been an essential part of the success. But even those lessons could not have prepared any of us to deal with Trump and Trumpism has wrought. Hopefully we will return to a post-Trump and post-Covid-19 normality by this time next year.

The essentials are that Phil and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary in December and hope to celebrate with our two children, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. We have one CPA grandson, a future CPA grandson who is currently a senior at University of Kansas and our granddaughter who recently returned from a 2½ year tour with the Peace Corps in Zambia and will do graduate work at Notre Dame in the fall.

I am fortunate to have had a rewarding and successful career as a social worker. I received my MSW as a non-traditional student in 1979 and practiced for more than 20 years. I remain active in the

community and have a wonderful social life here. Phil continues to practice law three days a week and has no plans to retire completely which makes us both happy.

We've had many years of great travel experiences and hope to continue this when it feels safe to do so even if we're reduced to small ship cruising. We're planning on returning to Scottsdale this January/February where we spend time with Susan Handloff Halberstam and Bobby Yaruss Smith.

Phil and I had both been looking forward to the reunion. Hopefully we'll be able to visit with all of you next year.

# David Koulack

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

I became a father and grandfather, taught psychology at Washington State University and the University of Manitoba where I conducted research on sleep and dreaming and wrote "To Catch a Dream." I also continue to write newspaper and magazine articles on a variety of subjects as well as fiction (including "Marvin's Novel") and creative nonfiction articles.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

It's important to stand up for your rights as well as the rights of others.

## **Fondest memories**

Being captain of a picket line with in front of the Woolworth's at Harvard Square. I figure it was the highest IQ picket line ever with students and professors from Brandeis, Harvard and MIT.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

It introduced me to the importance of being an activist.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

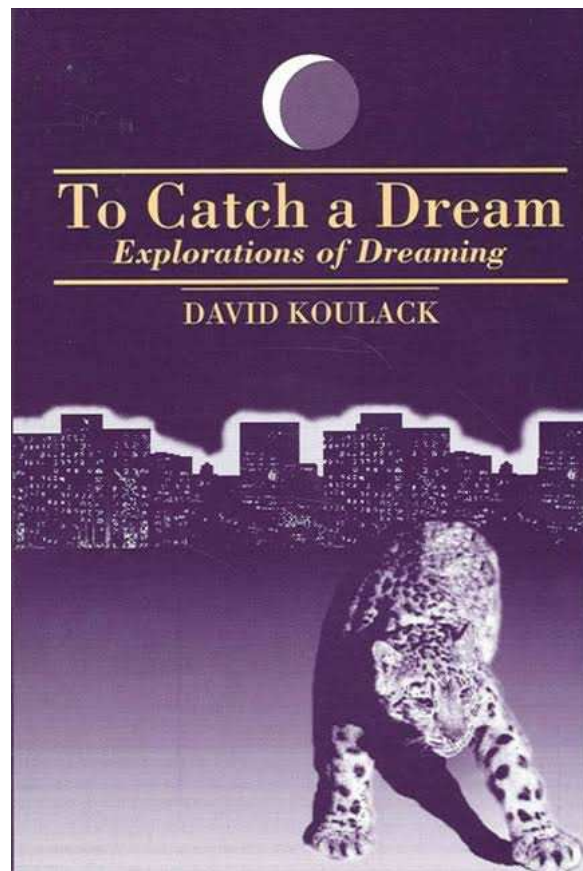
I haven't crossed off anything. There is so much that needs to be done to correct the ills that human beings have perpetrated on this earth.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Being a loving human being.

## **Get on your soapbox**

Do your utmost to stand up for the oppressed creatures on this earth as well as for the health of the earth itself.



# Nancy Genel Levanoni

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Shortly after graduating from Brandeis I participated in the Junior Year Abroad Program in Israel, although I had already graduated.

It was at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem that I met and married my husband, Menachem, and we lived there for 4 years. We then returned (I returned, Menachem had never left) to Pasadena California for him to study for his PhD in Physics. In those 5 years in Pasadena, we had 3 children, before we moved to Yorktown Heights, NY for his first "paying" position at the IBM Research Center there.

I began to teach in the local synagogue in the afternoon Hebrew School program until... the early 1980's when the "MBA bug" took hold. So, filled with enthusiasm, I enrolled at Pace University, White Plains assuming upon completion, I would become the next great "savior" at either General Foods or Nestle, inventing and marketing a phenomenal product. Alas, that was not to be. After months of job hunting, I had only 1 offer, as a salesperson in a small, unknown company. I decided to return to my former profession, only this time to a Jewish Day School in White Plains, NY.

Brandeis has taught me many things, not only how to make a bed, do laundry (do not stuff as much as you can into the machine!), read and analyze great authors, get along with a roommate, but most importantly... how to THINK! This last asset manifested itself in my first class at Pace, "Intro to Accounting". For the first few weeks, I thought I was in a foreign language class,

only the words were in English! Gradually, using my "Brandeis Cup", I began to make sense of what the course was all about and finished quite successfully.

We retired to San Diego almost 19 years ago (no snow and no plowing of the driveway in winter!) and life has been wonderful for us. Our children are grown and married. We have 6 grandchildren, ranging in ages from 25 to 5.

My latest challenge is taking an Adult Ed class in Mandarin Chinese. Forty years later, I have been reminiscing about that accounting class...Where is my "Brandeis Cup" when I need it?? Well, Mandarin IS a foreign language and I am now in my 80's, not 40's. I now think I have a "Dunce Cup". It is very difficult for me. But I will stick with it till the end and maybe, just maybe, if we ever visit China (after we survive the Coronavirus), I will be able to say with confidence, "Ni hao" and "Where's the bathroom?!"

### Now to my "Soapbox"

Since November, 2016 our Country has undergone a change and NOT for the better. Hate, antisemitism, anti-immigrantism, anti-blackism, anti-"if you're not like me"ism have reared their ugly heads. Menachem and I have been active members of the Chabad of Poway since we arrived in Poway, almost 19 years ago. We have met and made many wonderful friends here. One of our dearest friends was murdered in the lobby of the synagogue on the last day of Passover less than a year ago.

Lori was a kind, loving, generous person with NO enemies, when a hate-filled, white supremacist barged into our synagogue, brandishing an automatic gun and began shooting. Lori was killed instantly and 3 others were wounded, including our Rabbi. Why all this hate?? I am optimistic that come November, 2020, the citizens of the United States will do the right thing and this divisiveness and hate will be replaced by love and tolerance and truly "the lion shall lie down with the lamb and none shall be afraid".



## Prof. Martin Levine, J.D., LL.D.(hon.), FIPA

### **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

At Yale law I developed my Brandeis idea that a college campus is a private government into an article on the rights of students. It had national influence. I clerked for J. Skelly Wright, a famously liberal judge—one case authorized blood transfusions for a young Jehovah's Witness mother who would have died without it.

I went out to L.A. to teach at USC law intending to stay a year, but then remained to help push the school to a Brandeis/Yale-law fix-the-world orientation. Now I am USC's longest-serving professor, with an endowed chair in law, gerontology, psychiatry and the behavioral sciences. I founded the Western Center on Law and Poverty and was early president of the National Senior Citizens Law Center. Some credit me as the founder of the field of Elderlaw through my articles and my book on age discrimination and mandatory retirement.

Living right on Venice Beach was quite a change for this Bronx boy. I loved it. I taught at Columbia during the student strikes. I became a fully-credentialed psychoanalyst seeing patients. As the first lawyer in the new L.A. Federal Public Defender office, I started a program creating defendant's sentencing reports. I was general counsel of the U.S. Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, got at least one law passed on my own, and had the fun of presiding over a Senate hearing when all the Senators went off to vote.

When I met Martha I wanted to marry her at first sight. We've lived for 42 years in a house next to Griffith Observatory with a 50 mile view. Bordering a 4300 acre park, coyotes and other wild life come by the house—once a mountain lion! We rebuilt the house after the 1994 earthquake. We've delighted in our international travel. Martha is the best cook in the world, but we have restaurants where we love the food and the staff, and we've grown to appreciate California Central Coast wine, also sake.

Our brilliant son Ben graduated from Oxford, UCL and Queen Mary, London and now teaches English at USC. Martha is a psychologist, psychoanalyst, and USC social work professor, who helped many families in her Beverly Hills private practice and showed several independent schools how to teach kids to read. For a decade, we lived part of the year in Oxford, often in a thatched cottage. At Oxford I founded a summer legal theory institute and co-taught with Ronnie Dworkin.

I was founding president of USC's Academic Senate and its University Council. For the last 22 years and counting, I've been a vice provost. (Now on my sixth provost.) I've read about 1000 tenure and promotion files, helping USC's remarkable rise in academic excellence from the regional school it was when I arrived. Currently I work on the best and the worst: honorary degrees and professional responsibility, and have just created an academic museum honoring our greatest faculty.

### **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Life is with people. Listening to, talking with, working together with other people is the key.

### **Fondest memories**

My girlfriend. The Justice. Folk singing. Hillel Shabbos dinners. Frank Manuel. Yitz Greenberg. Exploring the nooks and crannies of the Castle. Biking across campus. Studying in a window seat in the old library. A Black community meeting in North Carolina when the term "sit in" was first adopted ("sit down" was scorned as a union term) and, after SNCC was formed the next week, sending a special Justice edition to every college in the country.

### **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Sociology and idealism. When I told my advisor, I thought I had learned nothing as a Sociology major, he told me I would discover later that things I took for granted about society, a lot of other people didn't realize. He was right. Also, at the National Student Congress I was a delegate to, someone put up a blackboard diagram of every college's politics, left to right – but Brandeis (me) had an arrow pointing upward off the board!

### **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

So far: A family. Building organizations that help others. Understanding why ageism exists. Making the front page. Being at the table where decisions are made. Seeing other countries (15 so far.) Learning about foods I never dreamed of as a kid. Still to come: Grandchildren. Understanding more

about puzzles like the hard problem of consciousness and spooky action at a distance. Writing about the new hypocrisy of our era.

### **Your greatest achievement**

Pioneering the field of Elderlaw and founding the Western Center on Law and Poverty. But my real achievement will be what is done by those whose lives I've touched.

### **Get on your soapbox**

I just hope civilization can survive global warming and the danger of nuclear war, and that democracy and the rule of law will endure. But simple pleasures remain: my 5th grade classmates have an email group, Martha's new garden is thriving, we have 4 rescue cats, hawks fly outside our window.



I wish I still looked like I did 20 years ago

# Harriet Drooker Lieb

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

As I reflect upon my college days in these trying times, I am grateful to have attended Brandeis University. I was taught by so many outstanding professors. I have never forgotten how Dr. Sachar made Modern European History come alive. When I was in his class, I thought I was in the theater. Brandeis encouraged me to be an independent thinker with high morals. I have been a successful Realtor who has been recognized repeatedly for my high standards. I have affected people's lives in a positive manner throughout my career. I have brought up two sons who followed my example and have the same high standards and morals. I have one granddaughter who I adore. The most important goal that I have achieved is having a wonderful, caring relationship with my family.

Now In my senior years, I am enjoying a favorable lifestyle whereby I spend my days between my two homes. In the winter I am in sunny Boca Raton, Florida near my younger son and in the summer I am in Needham, MA near my older son and his family.

I am hoping that this time will pass and we will look toward a kinder world where mankind can thrive and flourish.

# Alberta Grossman Lipson

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

I've been blessed with a wonderful life. I've been married for almost 55 years to a man whom I greatly admire. He's been practicing law for 57 years and is very active in our community. I have a son whom I'm very proud of, a lovely daughter-in-law, 2 grandchildren (exceptional, of course). I received a Master's Degree and a Ph.D at Boston University in Sociology. I've had a varied professional career: Boston City Hospital, United Community Planning, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Harvard School of Public Health. I was an Associate Dean in the Office of Student Affairs at MIT for almost 20 years where I conducted studies about student life and student academic performance and evaluated new classes that were given using educational technology. I was a freshman advisor and my husband and I were a host family for many international students, some of whom I'm still in touch with. I have a wide circle of friends and many interests (music, yoga, exercise, book clubs, social justice issues). I'm active in the community, do volunteer work, and am active in our Temple.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Brandeis opened my eyes to the world. I learned that learning could be exciting -- nothing like high school. I loved most of my classes and professors. I was a sociology/anthropology major and loved the humanistic sociology classes that I took from Profs. Stein and Wolff. I learned about social issues by volunteering at

Metropolitan State Hospital in a unit with autistic children, picketing Woolworths in Central Sq. since the Woolworths down South did not allow blacks at the lunch counter.

## **Fondest memories**

My friends that I made, two of whom I'm still close to, sherry hours with Professors at Hamilton D., speakers who came to campus such as Norman Mailer, helping with the move out of the old library into the new library, going into Boston/Cambridge to attend cultural events, walking with Philosophy Professor Gurwitch (spelling?) around campus.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Since I received a Ph.D. in Sociology, it's pretty obvious that Brandeis had an impact on my life. Brandeis also influenced my interests in social justice issues.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I don't believe in bucket lists and do not have one. I enjoy my life and look forward to learning new things and having new adventures.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Being married to the same man for almost 55 years, raising a son who is the Chief of Police in Brookline and whom I'm very proud of, getting my Ph.D, and working at MIT for almost 20 years--it was a very challenging, exciting environment to work in.



## **Get on your soapbox**

Brandeis' liberal environment gave me a chance to explore and think about my life and where I wanted to go in my life.

Also, I'm filling out this survey at a very critical time -- in the midst of the Covid-19 virus pandemic. It's quite inspiring to see how resilient some people and some communities are. Our Brookline community has formed an online organization that matches people with needs to people who are "low risk" and can meet those needs. Often, crises bring out the best in people.



# David Matz

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After law school I joined the Peace Corps in Liberia where I and four other young lawyers became staff to a dean with the job of founding a law school; then I became assistant to the president who was founding Hampshire College; then I became founder of the Law Center at UMass/Boston; then the founder the graduate programs in conflict resolution at UMB; then a founding partner of The Mediation Group in Brookline, Mass. Along side that foundering I helped raise five kids who are now raising seven grandchildren. I retired from UMB but still teach (in fall of 2020 a course on Conflict in Health Care), write, and mediate. Meanwhile there has been traveling, often linked to teaching conflict resolution, particularly to China, England, and Israel. The front page describes my successes. And now I facilitate restorative justice circles with inmates at the medium security prison at Shirley, Mass.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Two key lessons: Marty Levine taught me that newspaper writing is best with no adjectives or adverbs; and Maury Stein taught me that ideas can change the world, or at least your life. What else is worth knowing?

## **Fondest memories**

Putting on shows with Gilbert and Sullivan and Hi Charlie.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I want to arrive at death without the process of dying.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Family and friends.

# Burt Raimi

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After Brandeis I attended University of Michigan Law School. In 1963, following law school graduation (see below) I married Judith Morse (Brandeis 1960). We had two children, Diane (born 1968) and Matthew (born 1970). We divorced in 1985. My children grew up, went to college and graduate school, Diane, in human resources and Matt in city planning. Each of them has two children, so four wonderful grandchildren for me. Diane and her family live in Washington, D.C. She continues to work in human resources and has worked for and headed up human resources departments in both private and non-profit organizations. Matt and his family live in Berkeley, CA where he opened his own city planning firm and has planning contracts with city and county governments throughout the United States.

In law school I was on the law review. I graduated in June 1963 and then attended George Washington University Law School as a teaching fellow and earned an LL.B degree in June 1964. My first job was with the National Labor Relations Board where I was in the NLRB's Appellate Court Section arguing cases in the various Federal Courts of Appeal. I left NLRB in 1969 for private practice. In 1972 I returned to the government as Assistant General Counsel at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. For my last 3 years at FDIC I served as the agency's Deputy General Counsel, the highest non-political position in the Legal Division. I left FDIC about 1978 and went back into private law practice as a

partner with the Philadelphia based law firm Dechert, Price and Rhoads (and one of its predecessor firms). I worked out of the firm's Washington, D.C. office. and practiced bank regulatory law, corporate law and securities law.

In 1995 I took and passed the Florida Bar exam and moved to Sarasota, Florida where I opened my own office, continuing to practice in the same areas as I practiced in Washington, except that being in Florida, I added probate law to my practice. In 2005 a former law partner of mine from Washington, had become president of Washington Management Corporation, a mutual fund service company closely affiliated with the American Funds. He offered me a position as general counsel of that company. I accepted the job and moved back to Washington, D.C. from 2005 to 2007. I then retired from active law practice (though I continue to maintain my Florida license) and have done very little legal work since then.

In the years since I have spent most of my time taking adult education classes. and playing golf. I have served as a member of my Temple's board of directors and currently I am serving as a member of my homeowners association's governing board. Beyond that I have been doing very little to tax my brain too much.

In 2011 I met Rosalyn Fleischer. Since then we have been happily living together (even during the current stay-at-home virus regimen) and having fun.

### **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Tolerance and respect for others; empathy for those less fortunate and an interest in good music and theatre.

### **Fondest memories**

Daily life at Brandeis. I always carry fond memories of living closely with so many wonderful people, attending classes, studying in the old (and new) libraries, eating all my meals with my classmates and enjoying a great social life with them. In short, my fondest memories are of the people I met and came to know at Brandeis.

### **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

At Brandeis I learned to accept and succeed in a highly challenging environment, interacting and competing with so many extremely bright and accomplished people. I also developed very good study habits that enabled me to deal with the difficult problems I had to resolve as a practicing attorney.

### **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

Without being able to articulate specific items, I feel I have achieved much if not most of the things I hoped I would. Left on my list are a desire to see the pyramids of Egypt and to tour the far east. Sadly, I may not be able to accomplish these things because of mobility problems. My sadness is not having done them earlier.

### **Your greatest achievement**

I feel my greatest achievement is raising and supporting two wonderful children who have been very successful since going

out on their own, They are also raising my 4 wonderful grandchildren.

### **Get on your soapbox**

I badly want to see a new U.S. President before America loses its democracy and freedoms and becomes a corrupt third-world country. I also want to see an America with more heart, less selfishness and much less overt hatred and personal animosity.



Rosalyn and me

# Len Rothman

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

I graduated from the Bronx High School of Science, so I found the courses at Brandeis to be intellectual fun, rather than a chore. I understood that for me the role of a liberal arts college was to provide a world view, not to provide mere vocational training. In addition to my regular courses, I audited courses with John Roche, and Maslow. After class, one on one discussions with Herbert Marcuse were amazing. Seeing and hearing Eleanor Roosevelt at Gen Ed and having Leonard Bernstein on campus were other wonderful experiences. The economics classes, utilizing the Samuelson text, gave me a good grounding in finance. Of course, playing pool with and buying subs from Abby Hoffman was also a trip. I was only 16 when I started college, so I was not involved socially. I loved the student plays and "Mademoiselle" Lois Zetter was one of the stars. I played chess on the school team. We travelled to Harvard etc., but a trip to Walpole State prison, playing against a convicted murderer in lock-down was eerily fascinating. The incident of the student athletes trying to steal stuff from the student store was devastating because subsequently the school cut back on team sports. This meant we got to see less of our favorite cheerleader, Letty Cotton (I was too shy to have ever talked to her). My junior year I roomed off campus with Yaacov Shapira, our class's most renowned scholar and future physics professor – talk about work ethic! He was up all night worrying when he realized that there was a mistaken minus sign in a physics text. His favorite phrase was "punct" which he used when he

felt that his work or his logic was, to his mind perfect. I think he was somewhat frustrated that my approach to studying was much more cavalier than his. Subsequently I went on to NYU med and eventually became an Obstetrician/gynecologist. I loved most of the elements of my work (the birthing process is wondrous), except, for the rare legal encounter. It isn't fun to be sued for a birth defect that I could never have caused or prevented.

I was a Major in the Air Force medical corps, delivering the babies of dependent's wives, when I met my amazing wife of 48 years, Judy. At the time, Judy was a Red Cross assistant field director at Chanute AFB, where I was also assigned. Judy had just returned from Vietnam where she had served 13 months as a "Donut Dolly". The hospital was an orthopedic center, with many patients who had been severely injured during the war. Judy isn't Jewish (although she makes a great kugel), we share the belief that religious zealotry is the cause of too many of the world's conflagrations. My philosophical beliefs are rooted in the Brandeis philosophy course where I learned about logical positivism. We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren that we communicate with a great deal. My daughter teaches special education in Hartford, Connecticut. She had a difficult divorce but has overcome amazing obstacles to have a beautiful home and raise a wonderful girl. Our son is a one-of-a-kind educator. He's the founding principal of a public high school, with mainly

disadvantaged students, in Newburgh, NY. Newburgh is a very high crime area, and our son frequently helps his school kids overcome immigration and judicial problems. His school kids are mentored by IBM and can receive an Associate's degree within the 4 years of high school if they are so motivated. He takes a select group of students on a field trip to different third world foreign countries each year. These young adults, in turn, mentor the host kids in computer programming and robotics. Our grandkids are wonderful human beings –very smart and compassionate. If their world survives climate change it'll be in good hands, they understand so much more than I did at their age!

Judy and I have travelled extensively, and each summer we try to take our children and grandchildren on an international adventure. Last year, we all went to see the highlights of London and Paris, but also visited cousins in Germany, and the ancestral apartment in Vienna where my father spent a happy youth (he lived close to the Prater, a world class amusement park). My father's family reluctantly came to the US when he was 8, obviously a fortuitous choice.

We have sold our house in Cornwall, NY to our son, where he lives with his wonderful wife and our 2 fantastic grandsons. He somehow finds time to keep bees and tap the maple trees for syrup. We have an apartment in Cornwall, and a condo in Naples, Florida. In Florida we volunteer as naturalists at the renowned Audubon sanctuary, Corkscrew Swamp. I also narrate a Conservancy of Southwest Florida sunset cruise to Rookery Bay.

I retired in 1999, and the two of us first came to Naples on our own boat from the Hudson River via the inland waterway and open ocean.

We bought our Naples condo in 2001 (we sold the boat soon thereafter). 20 years of retirement have been great, and we enjoy living in Florida, our legal residence. We served as Red Cross disaster volunteers and have been involved in staffing and running shelters, among other responsibilities, during at least 5 different hurricanes in multiple states. Presently, we enjoy attending The Naples Council on World Affairs and a multitude of book clubs and environmental workshops.

We try to attend our high school, college and my med school reunions. I'm closest to my ex high school buddies, some of whom I've known since third grade. The Brandeis motto, "Truth unto its innermost parts" is to us the antithesis of the modus operandi of the current Washington regime. We hope to live to see this blight on our country not only removed from office but held responsible for its illegal and immoral behavior.

Suppose I had decided to attend a different college, what would I have accomplished in my 80 years? I just watched a Stephan Hawking PBS special about alternate universes. He felt that one travel in time if one could safely orbit a black hole. That would be almost as much fun as hanging out at The Castle – love to try it!



The Rothman Family at Stonehenge

# Lucinda Rappaport Rudin

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

My emphasis has been on family, followed by education. I received an M.A.T. from Harvard in 1961, and taught for Wayland Public Schools for three years. After having my family, I was very involved in the Brandeis Women's Committee for 20 years, rising to the position of National Vice President. I was honored as a President's Councilor. In 1990, I made a major move to the state of Texas and was able to return to my teaching career. I served as Science Department Chair for a period of five years and retired in 2008 at age 70.

Since then, I joined the Austin Herb Society, pursuing a lifelong interest in alternative medicine. I have served on the board since 2008 and recently retired as President. I have also become a Master Gardener, and serve both organizations as a speaker to various garden clubs in the Austin area. I am currently in charge of education and outreach for the Herb Society and have designed various programs for the Zilker Botanical Garden. My volunteer gene is alive and well and it seems that I cannot resist the opportunity to educate people. I also teach for the Lifetime Learning Institute, which serves a population over age 50. It has been a pleasure to serve an adult population that is hungry to learn.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Brandeis nurtured my thirst for knowledge, which I still have today. Science has changed so much since 1960, and it is hard to keep up with it, but I continue to try. Brandeis also bolstered my self confidence

and given me the courage to try new things.

## **Fondest memories**

I loved my experiences with the Brandeis Choral Union and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. There were some really hilarious things that happened, particularly with G&S. We were still painting the scenery for the second act during the first act, for example.

I also remember bringing my bottles of fruit flies to my dorm, in order to count and separate the males from the females. We had to use ether to knock them out and you had to be quick or they would wake up and fly away!

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

My house is full of books which I hope to get to read. I can't get enough knowledge!

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I am learning Italian to add to my French, Spanish, German, and Russian and I long to visit Italy, and may be live there for a while. I have not done as much traveling as I would have liked.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Being a Mom of three awesome children and having a student tell me I was the best teacher she ever had.

## **Get on your soapbox**

When I think of our current political situation in the U.S., I know that my parents

and grandmother would have been horrified. My hope is that we can return to the ideals, morality, and truth (emet) that has characterized our country. Although we have never totally lived up to these ideals, we have fallen so far away from them that it is disheartening. I want my grandchildren to have a different world than this, a compassionate world, a generous world, a truthful world.



Selling my custom designed and crafted jewelry



My kids and I at my 80th birthday celebration



# Stephen G. Rudin, Ed.D., M.P., FABMP

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Busy for over 30 years in clinical practice and in academia. Still teaching, primarily at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Moved here from MA and retired from practice in 2005, still teaching and loving it. Have traveled in US and Canada but just enjoy being here at home. Try to see children and grandchildren but it's not easy. They're all over the country! Life has been good!

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

I learned to follow my dreams and my interests, diverse though they may have been (and perhaps still are), and find ways to tie them together to form a career path I had been searching for, with no advance notice as to how it would all turn out!

## **Fondest memories**

Doing sound engineering for Brandeis, working with the late Pete Seeger in concert at our school, being in the presence of John F. Kennedy the night in 1960 he won our mock election for the Presidency, almost losing my costume trousers during a Gilbert and Sullivan performance (I was in the chorus), learning how to live with other people, seeing Eleanor Roosevelt, learning, learning, and learning!

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

I didn't realize the magnitude of the impact until I read some of Carl Jung's work in German, finally found a place for the TCA (Kreb) cycle, understood biochemistry,

realized I loved psychopharmacology because I understood the biology, learned Cardiovascular physiology and human performance, and had learned to relate with others on a professional level; it was then that my undergraduate years proved to be a fantastic foundation for me that has served me well all these years.

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

I guess I've done so many things in my life, have been blessed with the health I need to do my work, see the sights, traveled, both for work and pleasure....there's not too much new. I'm happy and content doing what I do, and look forward to teaching many more years. It's nice to do what you love, and love what you do!

## **Your greatest achievement**

Watching my children grow up and succeed despite roadblocks along the way, having seen them be respected professionals in their fields and still being good, caring parents. Grandchildren as well. Personally, I think I've become a better parent, grandparent and husband, of which I can be proud.

## **Get on your soapbox**

For once, I think I'm all talked out! I'd like to see our country and the world on sounder footing, but personally, I've been on my soapbox a lot, and the altitude is getting to me. I think it's time to step down and say that I wish I could be with many of you, and wish you health, happiness and peace!  
Steve

# Gerald Schwartz

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

NYU Dental School. Tufts Dental School (Orthodontic Program) Two years in the US army stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Practiced orthodontics for 50 years in East Northport New York. Now retired and living in Monroe Township New Jersey.

Married to Arlene Chernack. Raised two children Ellen and Mindy. Divorced in 1981.

Married Joyce Lurie Tratner in 1986.

Blended our two families. Put together our own Brady bunch which included Allison Matt and David.

Continued life long love of basketball.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

The ability to explore both sides of all issues. Listening and respecting alternative points of views although not always agreeing with them. Love of all art forms, music, theatre, painting and literature.

## **Fondest memories**

Living with and playing basketball with the seven other basketball players in my class.

Marty Ellis, Robert Fowler,

Robert Berkman, Robert Peretti, Bernard Sidman, David Walker and Clarence good.

We all still remain good friends. Being mentored and coached by Harry Stein

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Gave me an education that I would not have gotten anywhere else

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

No bucket list I have always let life come to me.

## **Your greatest achievement**

Part of the creation of a large family which now includes 10 grandchildren.

Sam, Jake, Nicole, Brooke, Ian, Isabella, Lucas, Mark, Miles and Owen

## **Get on your soapbox**

I am so disappointed in our law makers for their inability to run our country the way it should be done.

# Roberta (Bobbie) Milhauser Slatkin

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

Life since Brandeis has been a series of adventures with my husband Bob. We were married in February 1960 and just celebrated our 60th anniversary in February 2020. Our married life began in Norwalk, CT where both of us lived and worked for 5 years, Bob as an engineer, me as a teacher. Afterwards we moved to New Jersey for 4 years and then finally settled in Dix Hills, Long Island, NY. By this time we had 2 children, Deborah and Michael. Moving to Long Island was a wonderful opportunity for all of us: a plethora of job choices in engineering for Bob, a resumption of my teaching career, the opportunity for both of us to pursue a master's degree in our chosen field and excellent schools for our children.

After retirement, I spent 20 years as a volunteer in the Gurwin Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility and was active with the Ladies Auxiliary as well. Our mission was to raise monies to support resident activities and to provide programs that would keep them engaged and add to their well being. At the same time, I joined my local Hadassah Chapter and was an involved board member and officer for many years. All of our fundraising was successful to the point where our reward was a steady increase in our "fundraising goal" from one year to the next.

Last November, after living 50 years on Long Island, we sold our house and relocated permanently to Boynton Beach, Florida. Selling our house and some of its

contents, packing, moving and relocating was quite stressful. It then took weeks to reorganize our Florida condo and make it a "home." Just when we were beginning to relax and feel comfortable in our new surroundings, Covid-19 lit up the world. Now we are "hunkered in" like everyone else in our community, trying to stay safe and healthy. We both look forward to better days ahead for everyone.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

- When you think you can't do something, just keep trying until you can.
- Hard work is a necessary requirement for success.
- You have to be a good friend to others and they will respond in kind.
- Accept differences in people and you will become a better person.

## **Fondest memories**

- Having the support of our "big sisters" when we were incoming freshmen.
- Passing my Economics course.
- Ice skating on the pond at Hamilton Quad.
- Coach Harry Stein and his boys.
- Gen Ed lectures
- Ralph Norman and Chumley

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

I learned the value of a strong liberal arts education which opened my mind to so many new ideas in history, psychology, art, music, economics and science.

I entered Brandeis as a very "sheltered" 17 year old and left with a much broader

sense of the world and ready to face new challenges.

**Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

In the early years, we traveled throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and China. Frequent visits to our son Michael and his family in Israel for the last 29 years have curtailed travel to other places. We would like resume travelling again.

**Your greatest achievement**

Our children, who are hard working, loving and well-adjusted adults who have excelled in their chosen fields. Deborah, a Pratt graduate, majored in industrial design. She is a neon glass bender and owns a shop in Charlotte, NC called Neonworks. She's been there almost 28 years. Michael is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and is a French Horn player with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. He is married with 3 children, Sharon, Maya and Dan. We are proud of them all.

**Get on your soapbox**

Stay well everyone. Hopefully we will all be together at our next Brandeis reunion in 2021.



Party Time

# Bob Stein

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

This is not the way we planned to celebrate our 60th for the class of '60. A little background. After graduation and Columbia Law School, we (Jane Jacobson '59) and I moved to DC for a few years, we thought, where I was working for the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency on the Non-Proliferation treaty. We are still in Washington, although for the past 30 plus years we have spent part of the winter and all of the summer in Steamboat Springs, CO. After a career doing a lot of legal policy work, including working with legal aspects of AIDS and mediating and arbitrating health disputes, I do not consider myself "retired" but rather "refocused". For me that means work with the American Bar Association, where I have chaired and remain active in the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, and in Steamboat where Jane and I helped found a public policy seminar series, Seminars at Steamboat. We have 2 wonderful and accomplished children and remain close to them, their families and our 5 grandkids, the eldest who is off to college, though most likely remotely, in the fall. We are both active, walking and hiking in DC, Steamboat and multiday hiking trips internationally. I was part of the first Brandeis swim team and still swim with a Masters team in DC.

## **Get on your soapbox**

So in a time of social distancing, where we have learned about Facetime and Zoom as ways to connect, I hope that this brief

summary of where I have been and am still going will trigger old friends and classmates to get back in touch as I am sure reading about you will do the same for me.

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Bob and Jane Stein, April, 2020

# Milton Wallack and Joan Silverman Wallack

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

In the spirit of "Louie Love", we are happy to report that we will soon be celebrating the 59th anniversary of our wonderful marriage, and it all began at Brandeis. We have supported each other in every way, which as we often say has allowed us to have "more than our share". Foremost in this regard are two wonderful children and their spouses – Marjorie Wallack Berg '86 and Eric, and Neil Wallack and Lisa. In addition, we have been blessed with seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Marjorie went on to graduate from The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and continues to enjoy her connections with Brandeis. Neil, who attended Yale and then Harvard Business School, is also involved with Brandeis through his support of "Our Generation Speaks" and the new Institute for Jewish Identity being led by Barry Shrage. We are also very proud that they and their spouses are also involved in their own communities.

Brandeis not only brought us together more than a half century ago but it continues to inspire us to "make a difference in the world". After graduating from dental school, Milt served in the Navy and was deployed with the Marines on tours to Europe and the Mediterranean. We then returned to Boston where Milt received his training in periodontology at Boston University School of Dentistry, before we settled outside of New Haven, Connecticut in the town of Hamden. Milt practiced periodontics in Hamden for 45 years. At the same time, Joan became a

"special student" at Yale, concentrating in architecture, which led her to a career in space design with a number of major projects at Yale to her credit.

Simultaneously, we both became actively involved in the world of volunteerism which continues to the present time. Our continuous involvement with Brandeis has included being President's Counsellors, then Fellows, and Milt joining the Board of Trustees. We have also enjoyed our many years as reunion co-chairs. In New Haven, we both remain active with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven where we have served in many capacities, notably Joan has chaired the Department of Jewish Education and Milt has served as Federation President. In addition, Joan was president of the League of Women Voters, while Milt has been involved with community relations activities, and we have both been very active in numerous political campaigns and initiatives. Milt has also been active in his profession through teaching and as President of the Connecticut Society of Periodontists and of the New Haven Dental Association as well as being an officer of the Connecticut State Dental Association. This led Milt to establish the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of New Haven (UNH), while serving as a member of the UNH Board.

The year 2001 led to a change in our lives when one of our grandchildren was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. We then

both became very involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), and Milt became president of the New Haven Chapter. This also led Milt to establish the CT Stem Cell Coalition with the goal of creating additional research to hopefully contribute to finding a cure for diabetes. The coalition's efforts led to passage in 2005 of state legislation in support of stem cell research, with 100 million dollars of funding over a ten year period. This has morphed to over 750 million dollars of stem cell research at Yale, UConn, Wesleyan and Jackson Laboratory. On the local scene, Joan has established a yearly event, "Brew for a Cure" which brings in funds to support JDRF research while strengthening the connection between the Yale Diabetes Center and the JDRF community.

In addition, we have found time to travel extensively to places as far away as Australia and New Zealand, as well as multiple trips to Israel. Most recently we traveled on a wonderful Brandeis trip to the Baltic. We are also blessed to have traveled with our grandchildren to special destinations such as Iceland and the Galapagos and we continue to delight in our annual family trips to Bermuda. Again, as we have noted, Brandeis is where it all began and it continues to be a major focus of our lives.



Milt & Joan celebrating their 50th birthdays (seated-center) surrounded by family

# Robert Weiner, PhD

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

I have taught International Relations and Political Science at the University of Massachusetts/Boston; also am a Center Associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard

## **Get on your soapbox**

I am concerned about the future of democracy in the US, given the rise in populism and nationalism

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

Hard work and determination will help you to succeed

## **Fondest memories**

The classes of J.P. Roche

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Provided me with an outstanding education to succeed in my field

## **Your bucket list - what have you already crossed off and what is still calling you?**

Crossed off traveling to various European countries; would like to write a book about the Great War, spend another summer vacation on the Cape, catch up with all the movies I have missed over the past 20 years.

## **Your greatest achievement**

appointed as a Center Associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard; Director of the Master's Program in International Relations, University of Massachusetts/Boston



# Joanna K. White

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After graduating Brandeis I taught kindergarten for a few years. During that time I married and with my husband, who died many years ago, had children, all of whom have grown up to have interesting lives.

For several years, after my children were in school, I ran a health food store. Subsequently worked for a good friend for a number of years representing manufactures of health beauty products to health food stores.

On the side, protested against the vietnam war, worked in politics as much as time would allow, etc

For the last 26 years have worked at a small organic farm in New Hampshire, helping to plant and harvest 5 acres of vegetables, 100 plus fruit trees, and run a small farm stand from May through the end of October. In spare time I paint, oils and watercolors.

Brandeis was significant in giving me the opportunity to expand in whatever direction I chose. It took decades to grow confident enough to believe in my impulses but eventually confidence grew. The journey has been very interesting.



# Kenneth A Wolkon, PhD

## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis**

After Brandeis, I spent a year at Springfield College for a Master's degree, which got me started on a long career of teaching psychology. I started at Worcester Junior College for a couple of years, then moved to Boston State College until it closed in '82. After that, I went to Bridgewater State College, now University, until I retired from full-time teaching in 2003. While teaching at Boston State, I completed my PhD at Boston College and started practicing psychology part-time in a group headed by classmate Steve Rudin. I am still practicing part-time, now with a group in Norwood, MA. During my teaching career, there have been many other Brandeisians, a couple from our class: Bob Weiner and Charlie Budrose who taught at Boston State, too. We have done a lot of traveling over the years, thanks to three kids who have found interesting places to take us -- it's amazing how your travel plans are frequently dictated by where your kids live. Aside from traveling all over this country, we have been to Canada, Malawi, Namibia, and Zambia, just visiting family.

## **Life lessons learned at Brandeis**

At Brandeis, the exposure to the wide variation of ideas and cultures was amazing, even to an old stamp collector who thought he knew the world. Having the opportunity to meet with the Wien scholars in addition to the world famous faculty and assorted programs opened up the world to me.

## **Fondest memories**

The opportunity to be involved with both the soccer and baseball teams made it possible for me to move on campus instead of commuting the last year and a half. That opened up many more chances to enjoy fully what the University had to offer.

## **Impact Brandeis had on your life**

Even though my active and professional life has remained local in Massachusetts, with very few exceptions, Brandeis opened the world to me and allowed me to have a greater understanding and acceptance of novel perspectives and experiences, something always helpful in doing psychotherapy.

## **Your greatest achievement**

It is always extremely gratifying to hear from students and/or former clients/patients who make reference to something I may have said or done that they use as a guide (hopefully positive) in their own lives.

