

**Brandeis**  
**Class of 1970**

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Yearbook



## Table of Contents

I thought it might be fun to take the pictures from our 1970 yearbook and use them as a table of contents for the 2020 yearbook.

This required some scanning and cropping of pictures, in addition to creation of a new set of captions to match the 2020 submissions.

A bit hard to do a Table of Contents without page numbers, but the pictures are in the same order as the 2020 submissions.

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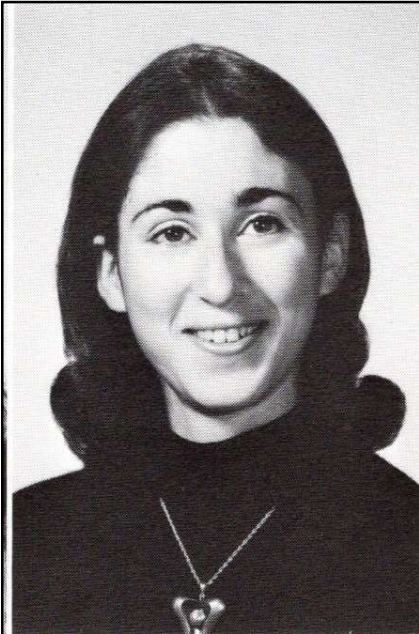
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Enjoy the trip down memory lane!

- Eric Pasternack, 2020 yearbook coordinator

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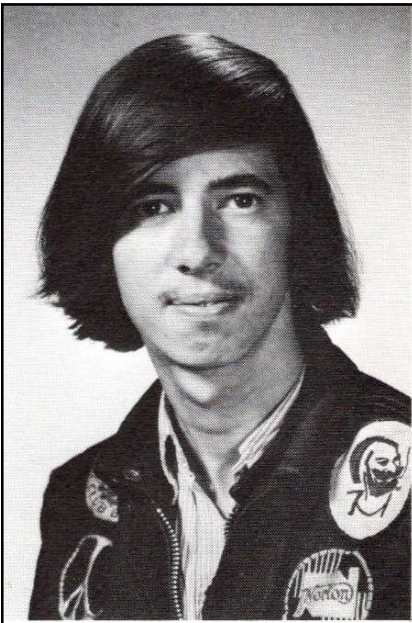


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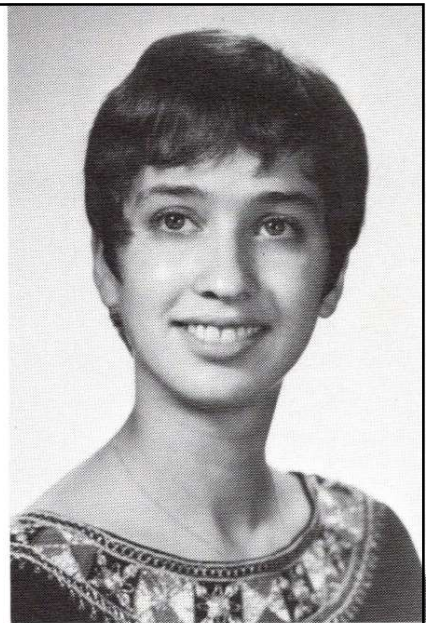
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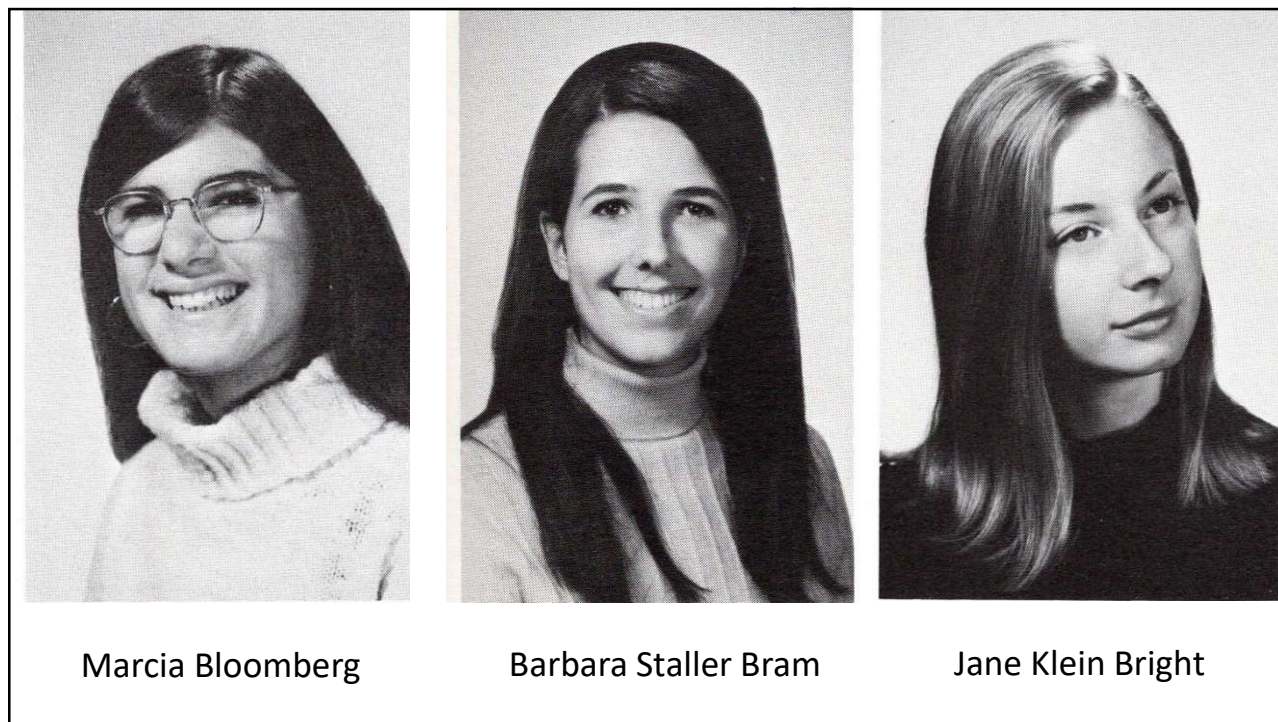


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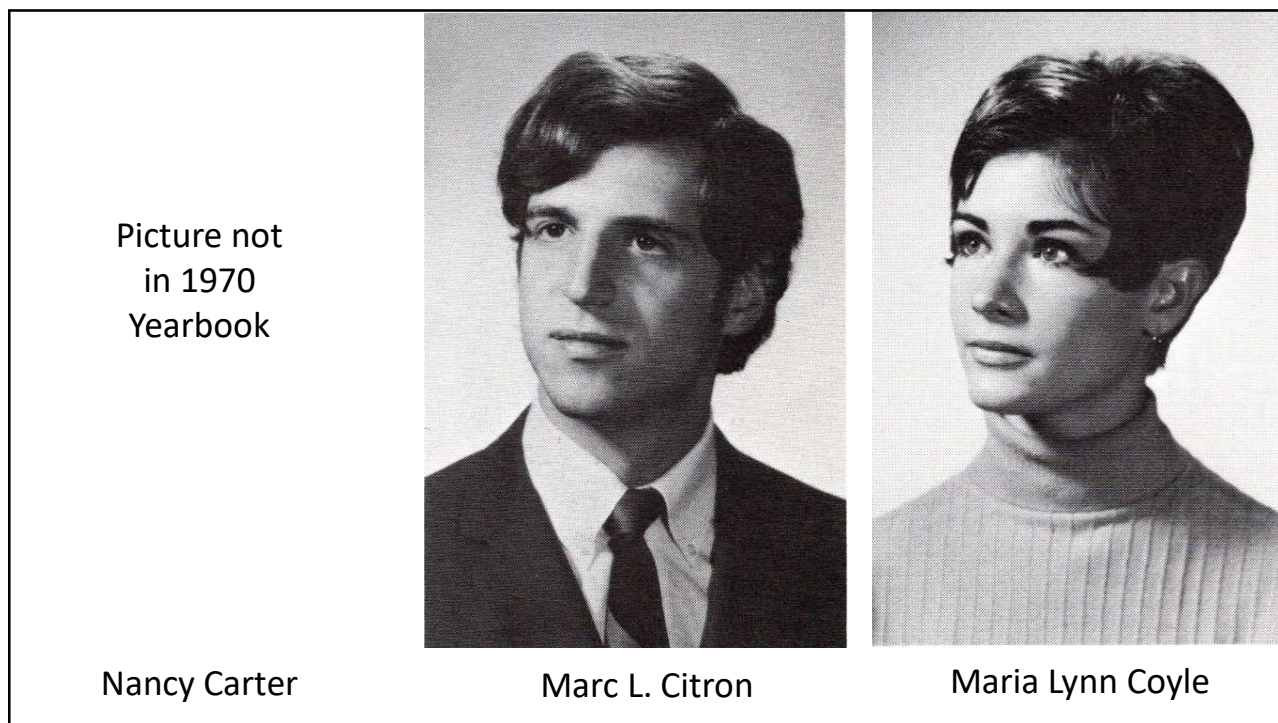


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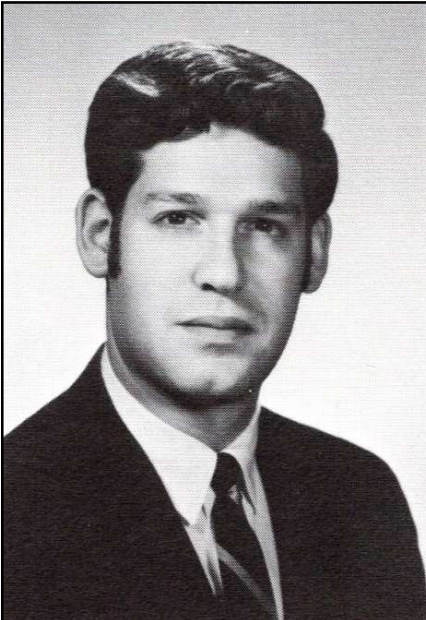

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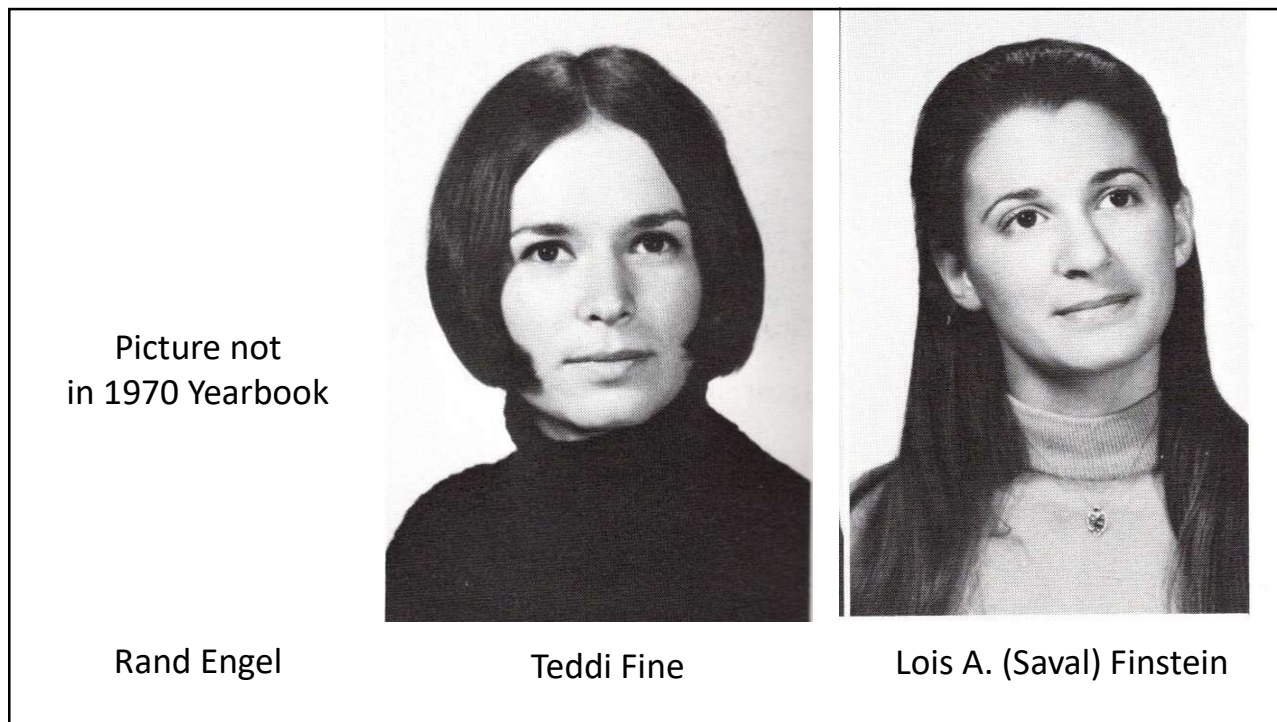
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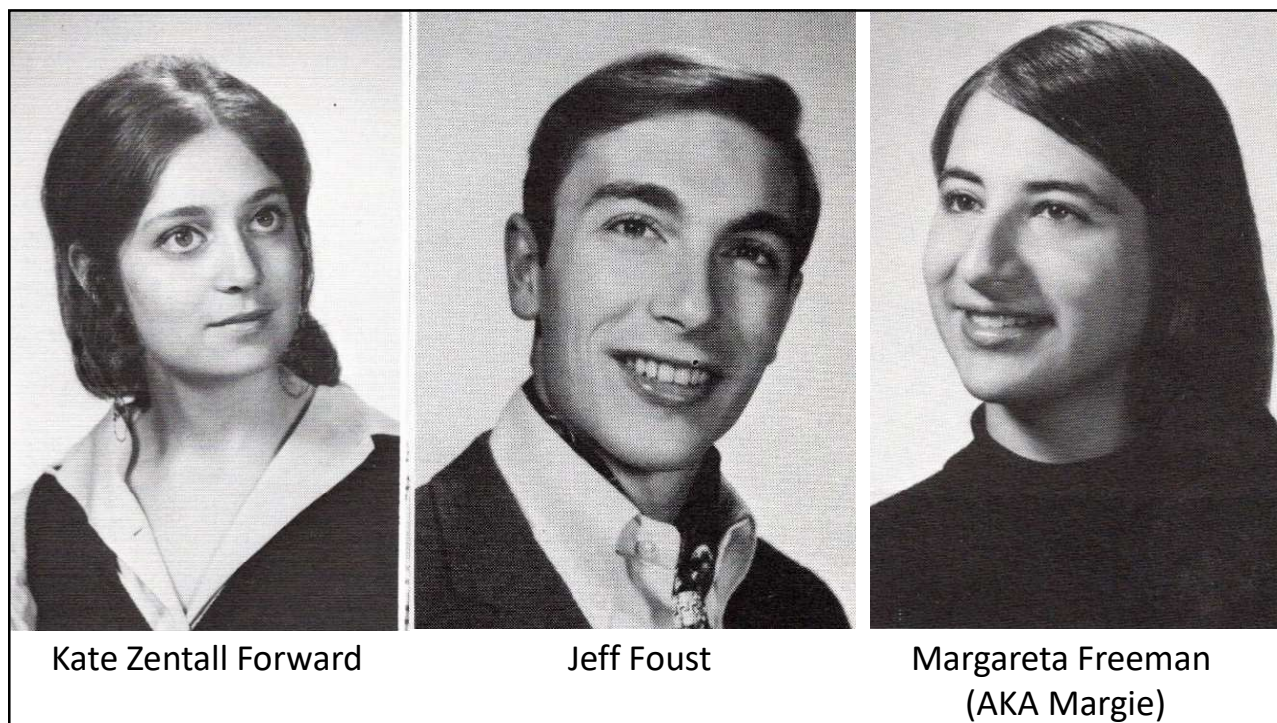
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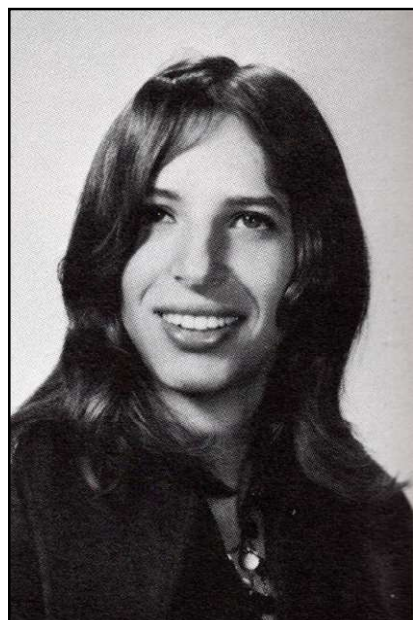
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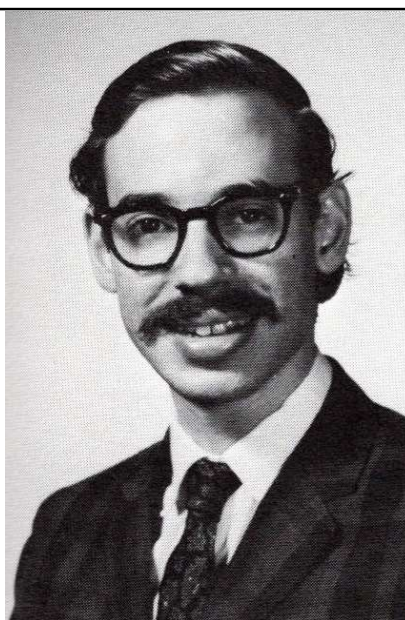
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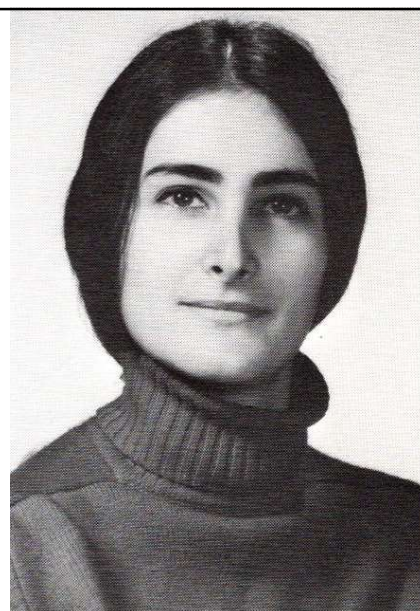
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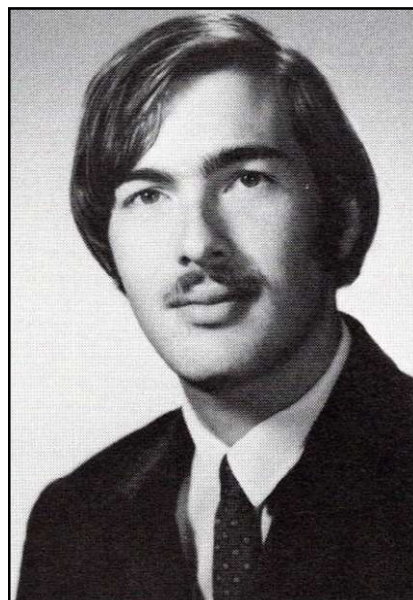


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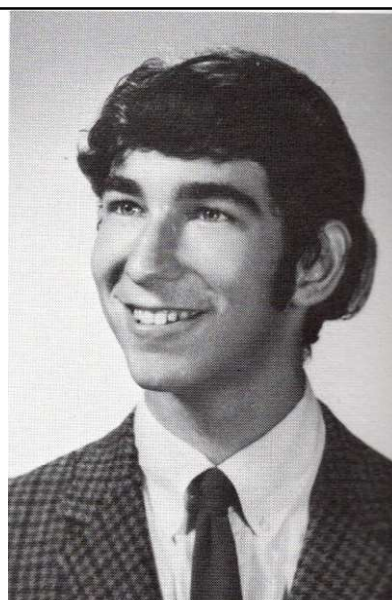
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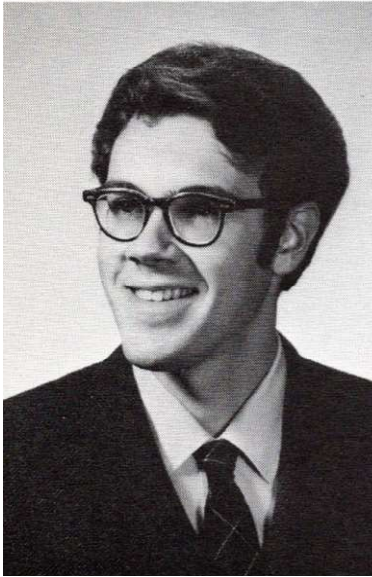


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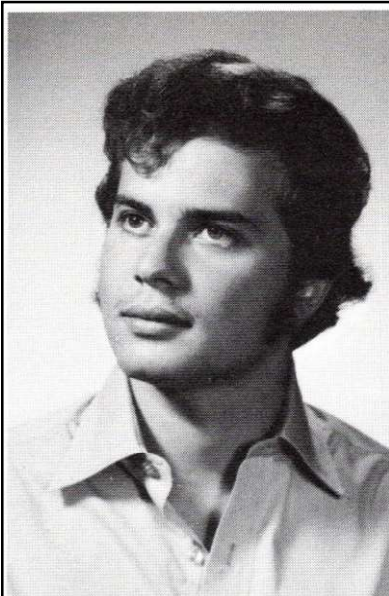
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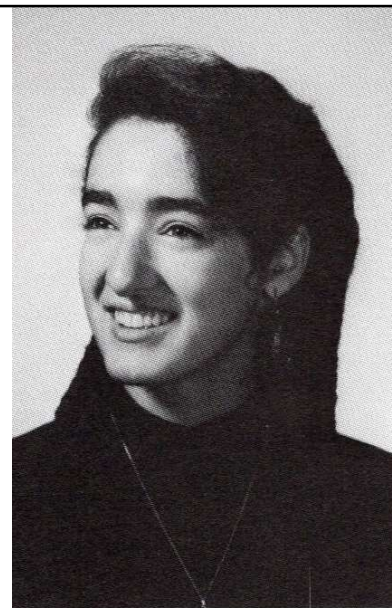




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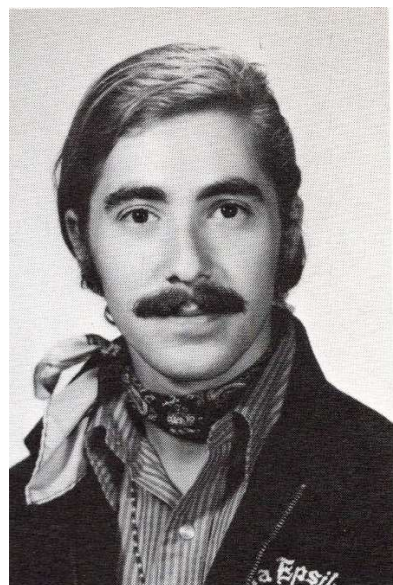
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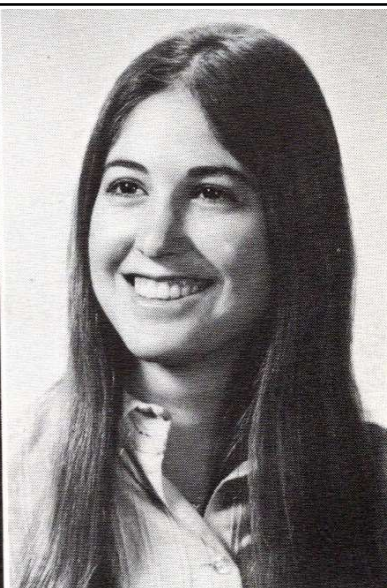
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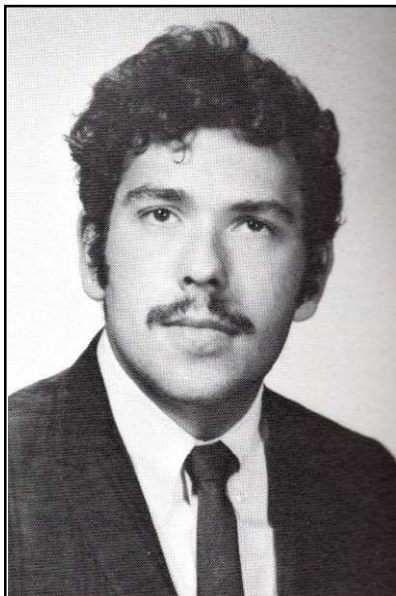


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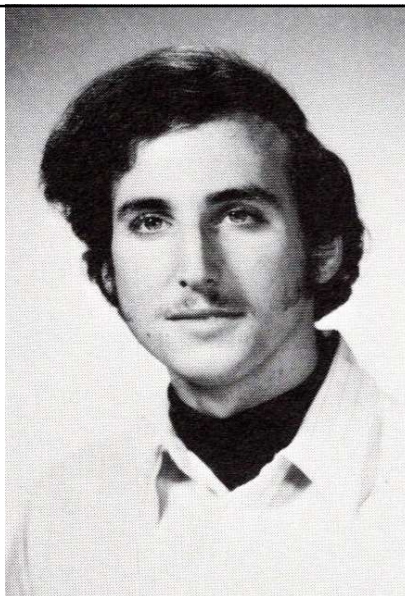


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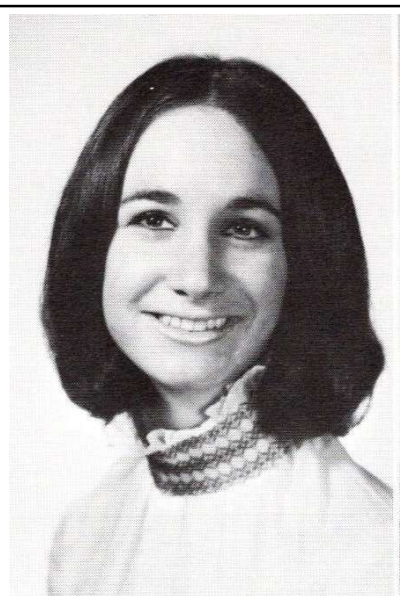
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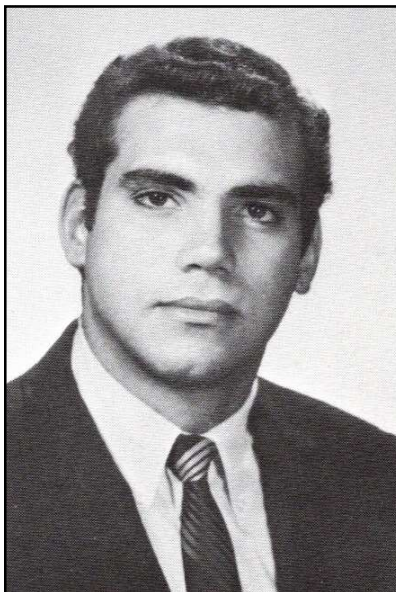


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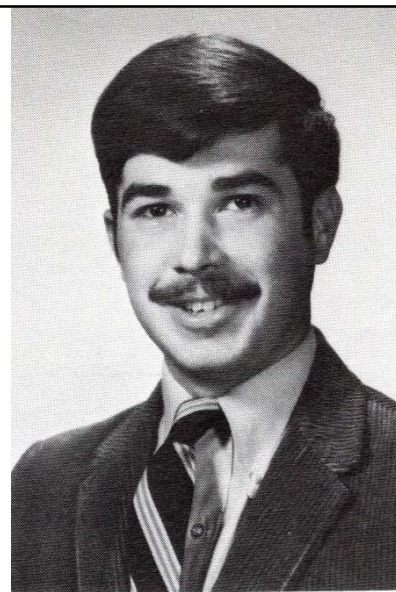
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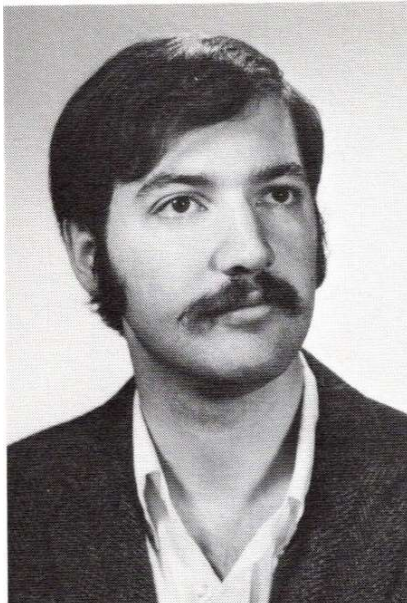


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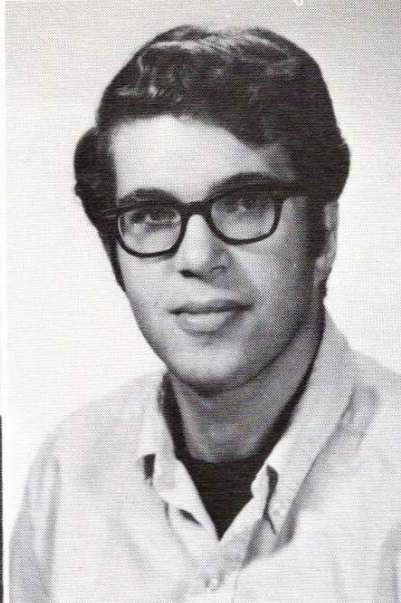
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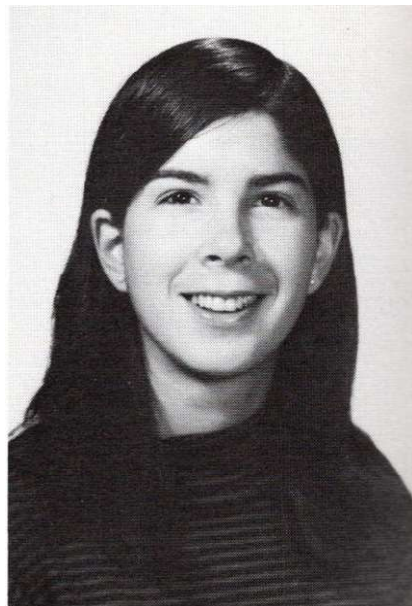


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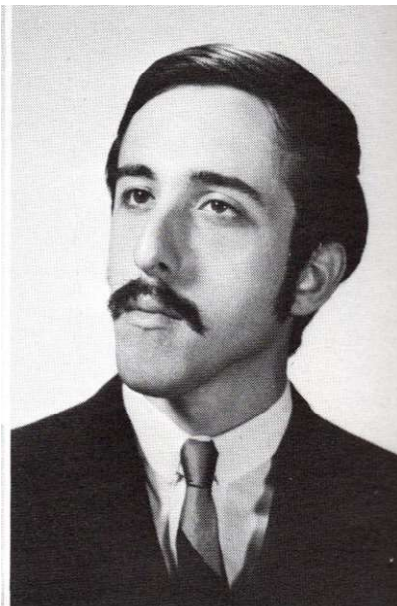
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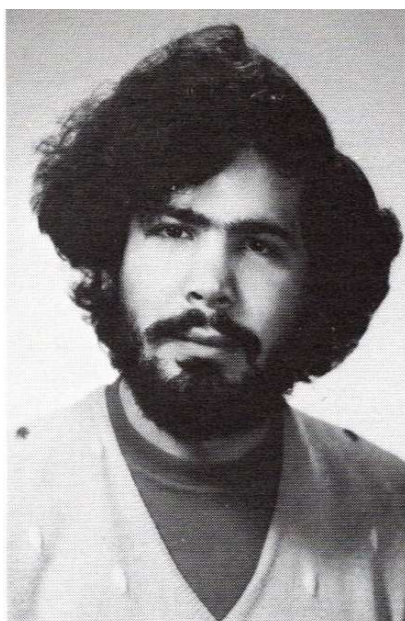


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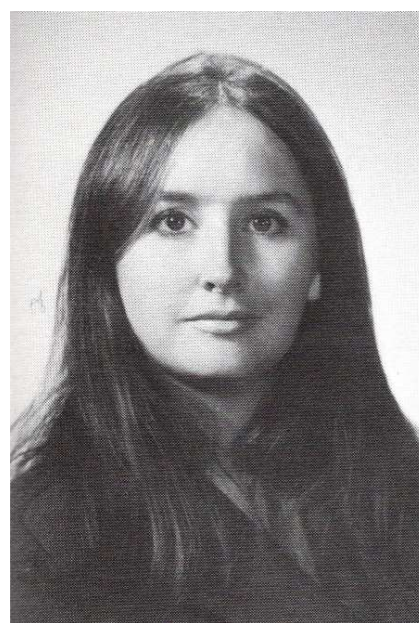


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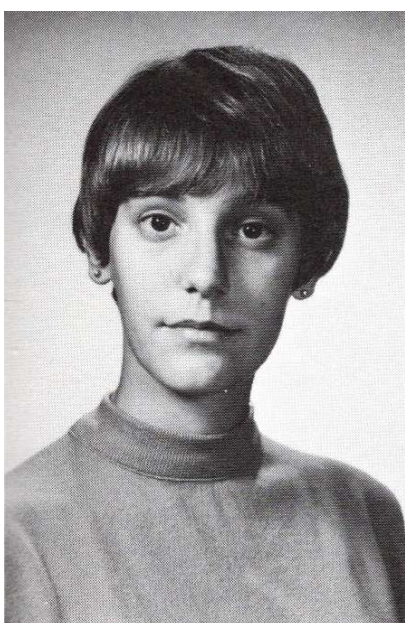


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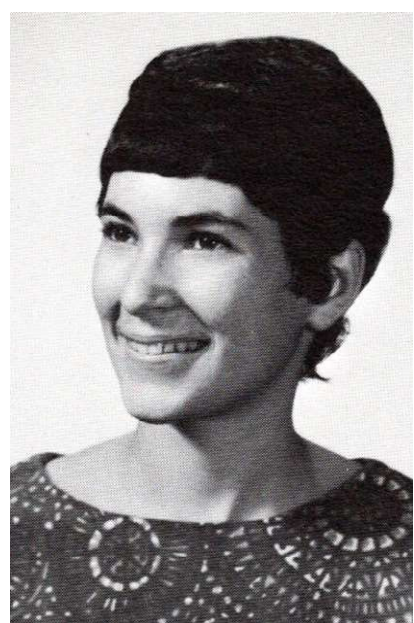
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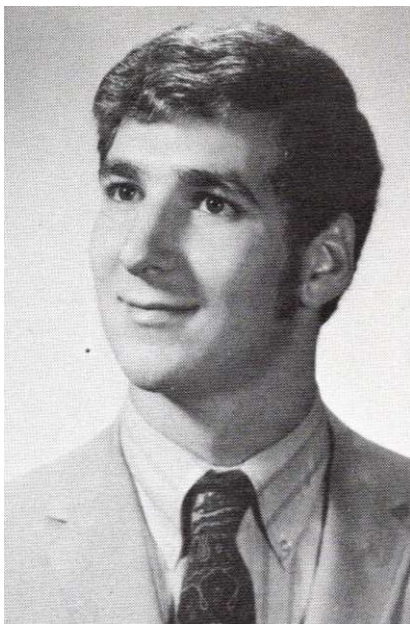


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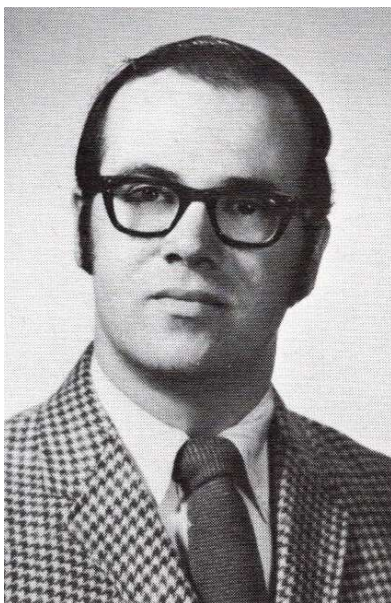
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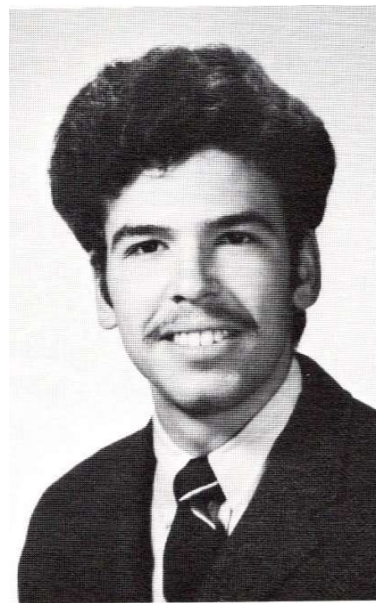
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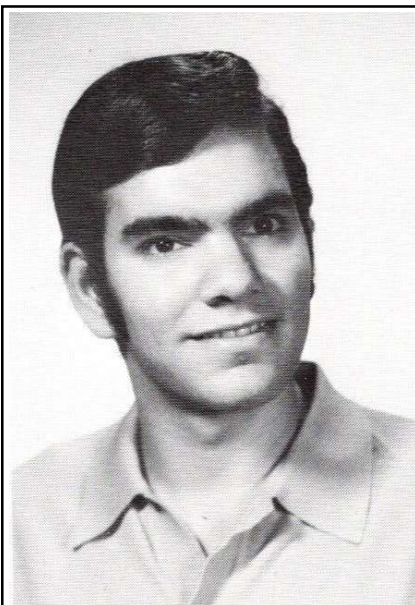


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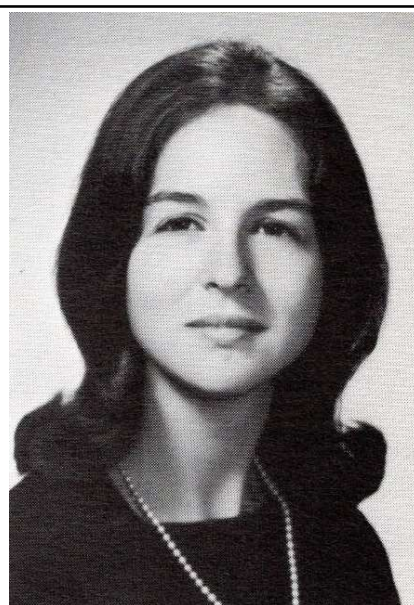
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# Judith Lowitz Adler

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

After the election of you know who, I did a deep dive into the Marvel Universe. Call it a coping mechanism. It expands the number of experiences I can share with my grandson, and the number of muscled guys in spandex I get to watch. I even went to see "Avengers: Endgame" -- three hours of my life I will never recover.

The loss of those three hours, and the fact of my grandson, are all part of that bigger truth staring me in the face: I won't always be here. I have an app on my phone that sends me quotes about dying and death five times a day but, even without the app, I don't think it's possible to pass that big 70 and not deal with mortality. At least not for me. Call me morbid if you like; I call it being prepared. So what does that mean I'm doing now?

1. Worrying about the survival of the world I have known, national parks, natural reefs, wonderful beaches, lots of air travel, for Mason and Lily, now 8 and 4. What climate will they know – bio/eco/geo/graphical and political? Whatever it is, I won't have to endure it, but they will.

2. Making sure I am taking personal actions - saving energy, fuel, etc. to make sure my place in the universe isn't having a terrible effect on someone else's.

3. Adding to my education. Now that I am retired, I have the luxury of enrolling in classes "just because," and I'm taking advantage of it. It gets interrupted by our

travels, and our stays in New York (where we now have a small place to enjoy Manhattan, museums, and yes, those grandkids), but I remain committed to it. I am learning the answers to questions I didn't know I had, exercising my brain, and meeting people in the decade of life after this one.

4. Doing things while I still can. Taking a wonderful trip to Yellowstone this past winter came under the heading "we're not getting any younger," which is true, but also troubling. I'm fighting old age, physical and mental, with everything I've got, but how long is that battle going to keep infirmity (and wrinkles) at bay? And now there are many destinations which, due to the current political climate, are going on the list of "won't be doing that in my lifetime." I won't support nationalism, racism or totalitarianism, with my tourist dollars or the tourist "endorsement," that comes with travel to many places I haven't seen so far. Call it my attempt at ethical tourism. I mourn those destinations, and the people who are suffering in them.

5. Trying to be more accepting of my own limitations (fat chance!) and my spouse's. They're not the same, and I'm trying to learn both verbal restraint and patience. The operative work being "trying."

In the end (of this essay, I mean), my life now isn't about any one thing – I'm not only a grandma, or a mother, or a spouse. I'm still a lawyer, a reader, a student. And I should be all of those things. Life would be

very dull otherwise. Getting the mix right - that's the job of a lifetime. And that's how long I expect it to take.



# Arjun Appadurai

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

Brandeis Yearbook Entry  
Arjun Appadurai '70

I arrived on the Brandeis campus in late August 1970, a callow Wien Scholar from Bombay, India. I was dropped off at my dorm (Fruchtman in Ridgewood) by a family friend, and proceeded to have two of the loneliest weeks in my life. I was brought out of this dismal state by my friendships with a set of classmates who lived on my floor or nearby in Ridgewood, and remain close friends to this day: Stewart Alter, Malcolm Blier, Pancho Chang, Stuart Liebman, Jerry Modul. Alas, I lost touch with Paul Fenster, Ben Gerson and Bill Florman. This group introduced me to other friends across campus, including Lynne Lieberman, Lois Greenfield, Anne Schuldiner and Connie Vechchione, all of whom also remain good friends. I was a source of much assessment to my friends, with my Indo-British accent, my tendency to be a grind, and my vegetarian obsession with pizza, of which I ate an unhealthy amount at the nearby Charlesbank Deli.

I graduated with a B.A. in history but sampled a great deal else in my Brandeis classes: , Humanities 1 with Allen Grossman, introduction to sociology with Lewis Coser, sociology of knowledge with Kurt Wolff, social psychology with the fabled Gordon Fellman, the history of ethics with Alasdair Macintyre, medieval art with Joachim Gaehde, American liberalism with Jerrold Auerbach, medieval social history with Norman Cantor, modern novels with

Philip Rahv...wow!! What a feast. This Brandeis foundation draw me permanently to the life of the mind and of critical interdisciplinarity. I went on to graduate school at the University of Chicago and enjoyed a long teaching career at Penn, The University of Chicago (redux), Yale, The New School and New York University. I will retire from NYU next August.

I now have a part-time teaching position in Berlin (Germany), where I now live with my wife Gabika Bockaj and our six-year old son, Kabir. My older son Alok, born to me and my late first wife Carol Breckenridge, lives in Tucson, Arizona with my grandson and his partner, Caitlin Narramore.

My hobbies are Netflix and Facebook.

# Loretta Attardo

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

Loretta Attardo - Brandeis Class of 1970  
Reunion Response

Hi to you all! I am so sad we cannot gather again this year in beautiful downtown Waltham, but here goes for what I am up to:

- Still working as a Labor and Employment Law arbitrator and mediator
- Still married to Ralph Rotman living sometimes in Marblehead sometimes in Boston
- Still “advising” three adult daughters who work and live in Boston and still paying their cell phone bills
- Still (except for pandemic) traveling the world with Brandeis and Univ. of Michigan Alumni (recently Australia/NZ, Morocco, Iceland, Cuba...)
- Still in close touch with Karen (Kaback) Vaccaro, Maria (Chaffee) Coyle and Roz (Berkowitz) Caroff, and occasionally Bruce Singal
- Still physically active although gave up dancing and took up sweeps rowing or sculling on the Charles River instead
- Still trying to break into show-biz (ha) but only in medical commercials for gray haired ladies
- AND, as Elaine Stritch sang, (thankfully) “I’M STILL HERE”



# Jay P. Bartlett

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

Aaaaaaaaackkk! Reunion yearbook entry is due tomorrow! Looks like I'll have to pull an all-nighter....

Some things never change.

Still riding fast motorcycles. Still a bit shaggy. Still not acting my age. Still maintaining close, if sometimes long-distance, friendships formed during my time at Brandeis. Still leaning left on most social and political issues.

Then again, some things have gone differently from what I expected in 1970, which was to live fast and die young (the good-looking corpse thing was never a high probability). Yet here I am. To my surprise, the writing skills that were an almost accidental byproduct of that "useless" liberal arts education became my ticket to a reasonably successful career in publishing, initially in books (mostly college textbooks) and then electronic information services. A woman somewhat smarter and decidedly better looking than I am somehow ended up being, and still is, my wife. We forgot to have kids, but have traveled extensively (47 states, 8 Canadian provinces, 20+ countries), consumed more than our share of great wine and food, enjoyed several thousand cultural events, parented a long line of standard poodles, and even put some of our time and resources into causes we believe in.

Now, in retirement, we really need to do better at that last one.



## Joan Feinberg Berns, Ph.D.

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

Half a century—oh my! Just like each of you, I know there is a 22-year old person living inside of this septuagenarian grandmother's body.

I began college at Smith and after marrying my high school boyfriend in June 1968, I transferred to Brandeis that fall. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, I graduated summa cum laude in 1970. I went on to earn a Master's (1971) and a Ph.D. (1974) from Brandeis in English and American Literature.

The 1970s & 1980s were filled with children, volunteering for non-profits, part-time teaching and research, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gardening, and a golden retriever—in short, family life in suburban Massachusetts. From 1977 through 1998, at least one child was in the Wayland Public Schools; I volunteered in the schools, the town, and in the religious community.

In the 1990s as my three children were leaving our little suburban town, I started working outside the home. I worked part-time on the faculty of Brandeis and of the Radcliffe Seminars at Harvard; I consulted on a nutrition and physical activity intervention project at the Harvard School of Public Health. I survived cancer treatment and co-authored a book on the experience.

Twenty-five years ago, I began another career track as a professional fundraiser. I have worked in various capacities as a development officer and/or director of

development at Brandeis, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School and at Hebrew SeniorLife, a gerontology teaching affiliate of HMS. Divorced after 36 years of marriage, I've now retired twice—once from a full-time development career and then from consulting in the field. For the past two + years, I have been working as the president of a small, family-owned commercial real estate company in West Newton, MA.

All of my children are married, and I have four beloved grandchildren who range in age from 11-15. Whenever I can, I am enjoying more time with my grandkids, with family and friends. I look forward to re-connecting with classmates in June.



Me with my 4 grands in Jerusalem, 2017



With daughter Sarah & granddaughters  
Ayla & Maeve 2019



Me with David, Lee-Anne, Andrew, Sam &  
Aaron 2018



Me with my twin grandsons Aaron & Sam  
2019



Me with Sarah, Daren, Ayla, Maeve 2018



Son Andrew and his wife Mara 2018

# Miriam Biale

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

When I was accepted to Brandeis, I knew that my choice of university would be a major factor in my life, as indeed it was. My older sister and brother studied at a university close to home. I was the first to have the opportunity to go away to school. The distance from home made it easier for me to go my own way. In my senior year in high school I began efforts to strengthen my Jewish roots. Shortly after my arrival at Brandeis I met a group of dedicated religious students. At the succah decorating event held by the Hillel organization, one of the seniors present convinced me to make a decision regarding my Jewishness. So I joined the group and started on the path of becoming a "Ba'alat Tshuva". Among the students in that group were one or more who had spent their junior year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and I decided that I wanted to do that as well.

My year spent in Hebrew U. was challenging and eventful. I think that what helped me get through that year as a positive experience was that I had no particular expectations of what the year should be, so I was not disappointed. In spite of the year getting off on the left foot, in spite of the number of times that terrorists left their "surprise packages" especially in Jerusalem, I was not deterred. I decided to make Aliyah after graduating from Brandeis.

I started studying for a Master's degree at the Agricultural Faculty of Hebrew U. in Rehovot. In the end, I didn't get an MSc, but I did get an Mrs. In the small, intimate reading room of the library in those days,

my future husband approached me with a great opening question, "How is the course in Acarology (the study of mites and ticks)? We were married about a year later in the kibbutz. My husband, Avraham, was a Jerusalemite who decided to join the kibbutz where he had been during his army service. Kibbutz life was not exactly my "cup of tea" and I had to make a lot of adjustments, but we're still here almost 50 years later. We were blessed with seven children, giving, caring individuals. Six are married with families and live in Israel. We have over 35 grandchildren and one great grandson born this year. Our youngest son drowned when he was almost 17 and remained in nursing care until he passed away almost 10 years later. Avraham continues to work in agriculture, but I am retired from my work in the kibbutz petting zoo and being in charge of the kibbutz mikveh. Over the years, I have participated in marches and demonstrations, my guiding motto being that if a cause is important to you, you should "stand up and be counted".



sons and daughters on my 70th birthday



our grandchildren



all together with my older sister who came  
for my birthday

# Marcia Bloomberg

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

1970 was both fifty years ago and yesterday. In that time I have lived in many states and had a number of different jobs. But I am fundamentally the same young woman I was then ( I just look older!) In 1971 I participated in a teacher training program and taught in Randolph, Vermont for several years, during which time I met and married Jerry Fish, of the Bronx, living on 80 acres in Thetford, VT (we were hippies, of course). There we had our two children, Hadassah Naomi Fish (now Wehle) and Nathan Israel Bloomberg Fish.

We moved to Hanover, New Hampshire when the kids were young and became active in the Upper Valley Jewish Community. In 1989 I went back to Brandeis for a masters degree from the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service. We moved to Cleveland, Ohio where I served at the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland as Government Relations Director and then Human Resources Development Director working with both professional staff and lay leadership. After seven years it was time for a change so I spent nine years as Executive Director of the Cleveland Hillel Foundation, working to enhance Jewish life at campuses across Northeast Ohio.

Both Dasi and Nate had by left Cleveland so Jerry and I picked up stakes again and moved to Greenfield, MA where I became certified as a professional life coach and started an on-line business to support small non-profits across the US. Life

changed again in 2013 with the birth of Dasi's twins, Luca Olive Celia Wehle and Leo Kurt Wehle, so we moved to Brooklyn, NY to be hands-on Bobe and Grandy. When they moved to Maplewood, NJ in 2015 we went, too.

The election of our 45th president goaded me into renewed community activism to try to preserve any strides that had been made in addressing on-going racism and anti-Semitism. At a neighbor's kitchen table we created an organization to support progressive policies and stand with those at-risk in our community. I am now co-chair of the SOMA Action (South Orange/Maplewood Action) Religious Justice Committee. Our mission is to stand up to Islamophobia and anti-Semitism and we have sponsored and continue to sponsor programs toward that end. We are now moving our programs on-line to continue to address religious bigotry. In addition, I helped to form a new group called SOMA Against Hate which is a collective of religious and community organizations that is committed to responding to acts of racism and other forms of bigotry in the community.

My greatest accomplishment by far is raising two incredible children, now productive, creative, caring, adults. And my greatest joy is being Bobe to my funny, zany, talkative, active grand-twins.

Other than eradicating racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia as items on my bucket list, I am determined to learn to knit



beyond the basics and hope to be making elaborate and elegant scarves, sweaters and hats for many years to come.

## Barbara Staller Bram

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

Brandeis provided me with a top notch education, the joy of meeting people who I still call cherished friends, and a level of intellectual stimulation that I had never experienced. I was so lucky to have a roommate who became my closest friend and a gang of people from Hamilton quad who provided a warm and welcoming social circle for this naive, shy somewhat nerdy girl from an obscure suburb of Boston. My fondest memories are group dinners at Sherman (the food not so much, it was the people...you know who you are), amazing concerts in the gym, excellent plays at Spingold and music at Slosberg. After graduation, I got married and moved to NYC. I was a lab assistant at the NYC Health Research Institute. I lasted a year in the big city, then wanted to move back to Boston. I worked another year in a Harvard Medical School Lab, and lived on Marlboro St. in Back Bay. The size and pace of Boston agreed with me. I decided to enter the Ph.D. program at Tufts Medical School department of molecular microbiology, then on to a postdoctoral fellowship at MIT. The Brandeis biology department had prepared me well. My first real job out of grad school was as a scientist for Dupont at the molecular biology research labs they had established in Newton, then in Billerica. I then spent 15 years at Millipore Corporation in Bedford, continuing my work on the rapid detection of microorganisms. I remarried into a serious tennis family in 2003, so I took up tennis and surprisingly am still improving, helped along by my early retirement in 2005. I

raised my daughter (Dana Young, father Terry Young '69) in Needham, MA, then moved to Lexington where my husband and I lived for 13 years. I have 2 step children and 3 grandchildren. We moved to a 55 plus community in Millis, MA to downsize and be closer to our granddaughter. Life is pretty good except for this very frightening epidemic. While as a scientist I find the biology and epidemiology fascinating, the loss of life and quality of life is very sobering. We are so fortunate to have a nice home, food, zoom exercise classes and wonderful neighbors. I look forward to a 50th reunion where we can actually see each other and hug. Keep healthy everyone!

# Jane Klein Bright

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

If you had told me, born and raised in greater Boston, that I'd move to the west coast in my 60s, my younger son would be living in Ecuador, and that I'd become an environmental advocate after retiring from corporate life as a Human Resources exec, or that I'd run an IT and web design company with my husband, I would have laughed at you. But life is a crap shoot.

I've also seen too many people I care about deal with devastating mental health challenges, some successfully, some not and just how inadequate care for them is, witnesses a 5-year-old "come out" as transgender and learned about train horn noise effects on the human body. Who knew that working to reduce pollution is fun? All of those experiences have enriched my life, sometimes painfully, usually joyfully.

Then there was Brandeis. It was a shock when I got there, coming from a small town in central MA. I mean really small. I was one of 32 in my high school graduating class. Being thrown into courses with veterans of enormous NY schools and the more challenging classwork was overwhelming at first, but it gave me a foundation for learning that has served me exceptionally well my entire adult life, both professionally and personally.

The biggest learnings at Brandeis, however, came from the shared traumas of the war, civil rights and women's rights upheavals, politics and protests and how important it is to speak up. It has all served me well as I

continue to learn how little I really know about this country and how much more we have to do on all of those fronts.

Life since Brandeis has been an adventure, and I am grateful for my husband of 49 years, two sons and two grandchildren, that we have a roof over our heads, food and, so far, decent health. I take nothing for granted. We now live in Bellingham WA and look out our windows at the Canadian Cascade mountains and Bellingham Bay with Vancouver Island in the distance. It's a magnificent view in a lovely, progressive city. Best of all, it's near our grandchildren. If our Ecuadorean son ends up staying there and has children, we're toast!



Looking southwest toward Vancouver Island



With husband in Savannah 2020

## Nancy Carter MD

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

Living in New Zealand since 2017 has been life-changing, and makes my joining you in June impossible. Jeff, my partner since 1975, and I moved here in retirement to support our only child in her academic career here. We have 2 granddaughters, aged 2 1/2 and 5, who delight and exhaust us regularly. New Zealand is very beautiful, and we can't believe our luck in landing here. Whilst all global problems impact us here, dealing with them feels more manageable in a small country where decency—for the most part—still rules.

I would have wished to encounter many of you, most especially those with whom I lived back then. Sonia, Ilse, Cathy, Wendy and others. Too much has happened for me to attempt to convey in this space. Yet if any of you make the trip to New Zealand, please let me know. It would be a delight to reconnect. Go in good health, and peace.



Me, circa 2014.



And currently, back to wearing glasses.

# Marc L. Citron, M.D.

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

A native of Detroit, after graduation I returned to my beloved Motown to attend medical school at Wayne State University. I subsequently relocated to Washington D.C., where I trained at Georgetown University Medical Center, completing my medical internship and residency. After serving as Chief Medical Resident, I completed a Fellowship in Medical Oncology at Georgetown's Lombardi Cancer Center.

Recognizing the need for advanced research in the growing field of oncology, I spent three years after my Fellowship in Washington to hone my clinical investigation and laboratory skills. In the 1980s, my family and I moved to New York, where I worked as Head of Long Island Jewish Medical Center's Medical Oncology Section. Specializing in breast cancer, I conducted translational laboratory research, clinical investigation, and managed a busy clinical practice.

In the mid-1990s, our National Cancer Institute reorganized cooperative group research, forming a new US breast cancer intergroup. I was fortunate to be named the principal investigator of its inaugural study. Published in 2002, the study was positive, establishing the superior efficacy and reduced toxicity of dose-dense chemotherapy – a treatment that applies chemotherapy in a shorter, more intense schedule. It is now one of the leading pre and postoperative treatments in breast cancer.

In 1997, I was promoted to Professor of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Shortly thereafter, I left LIJ to join the original group of partners of ProHEALTH, a newly-formed multispecialty group headquartered in Long Island, where I was the Director of Cancer Services and Chief of Breast Cancer. ProHEALTH is now one of the largest integrated group practices in New York.

Married 44 years, my wife and I raised three children, paying seven tuitions – three undergraduate, two graduate, plus two professional law degrees. We have six grandchildren, who are the joys of our lives.

My wife, a retired psychiatric nurse who emphatically forbade me from mentioning her here – is now the CEO of my personal corporation. Yes, I've evolved into a corporation – how's that for self actualization?

Warm regards to all,  
Marc



# Maria Lynn Coyle

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

It is beyond belief that the world is confronting a cruel virus just as we prepare to celebrate our 50th. But it is TRUE, and every day brings new challenges. My husband Stephen ('69) and I are also celebrating our 50th in April, and with our three kids and four grandkids, are all adjusting to the new reality. Our oldest, Lisa, has moved from her apartment in Baltimore to telework from our home in Virginia. Our son and daughter-in-law, Will and Simone, live five minutes away with their kids Evan (11) and Elise (9), and have suspended Friday pizza/movie nights at our house for the foreseeable future. Our youngest daughter, Elena and son-in-law Chris, left Manhattan with their two girls Maria (7) and Julia (5) when the schools and her law firm closed down, and headed to our house in Maine until who knows when? Stephen retired last year after 50 years in executive jobs focusing on affordable housing. I still have my family law practice fifteen minutes from home, and am not at all inclined to give it up. But who knows day-to-day what could happen next? I am very grateful that Stephen and I made it to Sicily last year. It was my lifelong dream to visit my grandparents' birthplace, and it will be a long time before Italy recovers from the ravages of this disease. It is so unfortunate that our class could not be together on campus, but we are together in spirit. My hope is that all of you and all of our loved one stay safe and well. Until we meet again, best wishes and be Brandeis strong!





# Marilyn Kanrek Cranney

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

Hello, everyone! After a 24-year legal career with Morgan Stanley/Dean Witter, I retired in 2005 and moved on to the next stage of life as a grandma, now with 3 grandchildren: Danielle (b. 2008), Leona (b. 2015) and Nathaniel (b. 2017), the children of my son David and his wife Mandy. I also have spent time volunteering with Jewish causes, and for a while was a Hadassah Chapter President in Brooklyn. Until recently, NYC was the center of culture and entertainment (and hopefully will be again once we have a COVID19 vaccine), and that fact was making it difficult for me to imagine the next stage, which is to move to Maine to be with my kids. Last year we bought a beautiful home in Rockport, and I expect to relocate there within the year.

Brandeis has certainly had an important influence on my life, starting with my life-long love of, and involvement with, Israel that stems from my 1968 semester there with the Hiatt Institute. What I wrote for our 40th reunion still stands: there's nothing like actually being in Israel for an extended period of time to make it a central part of your consciousness. Not to mention developing a broader world outlook in general, by living in a different culture with different issues, including security issues that actually made it easier for me to adjust to a post-9/11 world here. As many of you know, I met my former husband there, and the good things that came out of that were, of course, my son, but also a different and more exciting life path than I would have otherwise expected.

My younger sister Victoria Kanrek '76 is also a Brandeis alumna and so we are a Brandeis family. Brandeis's reputation precedes us and I have received many positive comments about it from professional/educational contacts over the years.

I'm going to recount the memories I had shared in my bio for our 40th Reunion, because, well, those are my fondest memories of Brandeis. Here goes: As a History major, I had two favorite professors and their classes. Dr. Nahum Sarna taught classes in the NEJS Dept. on "The Bible as Literature" and introduced me to critical analysis of the Bible. Never having read anything Biblical other than a comic book version before taking his classes, I am delighted that Dr. Sarna created my ongoing interest in Biblical scholarship and history. My classes on the Reformation and Tudor England with Dr. David S. Berkowitz in the History Dept. were the basis for my other great historical interest. Elizabeth I rocks! Being that we were at Brandeis in the 1960s, it stands to reason that fond memories would include things typical of the time: concerts, anti-war rallies, and of course the time students got advance word of an upcoming drug bust, flushed their stuff down the toilets and hung a sign at the campus entrance that read, "Welcome, Federal narcotics agents." Those were the days.

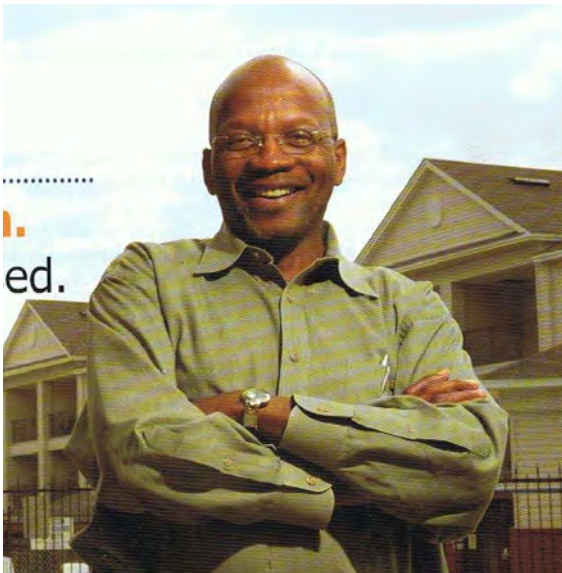
I'm so happy that I have kept up friendships with classmates and I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone in person.



# Roy Olumide DeBerry

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

- Academic rigor, perseverance, speaking truth to power
- Meeting poet and novelist Langston Hughes and Ralph Ellison; social and intellectual relationships
- Enhanced my desire and passion to study hard, do research and support social, political and economic justice
- Off --Traveled the entire 50 states and six continents; published book
- On --Two more books in the works
- Receiving the PhD and mentoring/raising my two daughters "successfully"



# Ada Demb

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

Spring 2020 finds me and husband, Bill Matthews, living on the beach in Florida, my two dressage horses stabled nearby. After 25 faculty years at The Ohio State University, I retired as Emeritus in December 2011. I finished my Ed.D. at Harvard in 1975. Opportunities since 1975 took us to live in Vienna (Austria), Honolulu (HI), Geneva and Lausanne (Switzerland), Columbus (Ohio) and now, Florida. We have consulted or researched in Sweden (1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment), Soviet Union (1976), Poland, Scotland, Japan, South Africa (1991), Australia, the Canadian Far North, Western Samoa, Thailand, China, Venezuela, Finland, and the U.K., traveling further for pleasure. Brandeis set my life course in motion. After the 1970 Student Strike, I felt universities needed "management" and enrolled at Harvard where a group of us created a higher education administration doctoral program before one existed. I married Bill as I finished Harvard in 1975.

International students I met at Brandeis prompted a desire to understand the larger world, so when the chance came to move to Vienna we said "yes" right away. Being there (IIASA) during the Cold War shifted the ground under my feet as I began to appreciate the impacts of WWII and the true nature of the USSR. My team's focus on large-scale regional development programs took us to Siberia just after Solzhenitsyn published the Gulag Archipelago. I read it after the July 1976 trip. Never trust a former KGB operative. KGB and MI6 personnel were at IIASA; the

Institute housed 80 scientists (including us) from Western and Communist countries. Surprisingly, the CIA was not there. Brandeis made me more adventurous and helped me realize I could adjust to many circumstances. After Vienna, in Honolulu, I was head of tropical agricultural research at the U of Hawaii, headed a USAID development program in the South Pacific, and worked with faculty and other universities on world-wide ag programs. Who knew? In Switzerland, I researched multinational corporate boards and ultimately directed a unique seminar for directors of multi-national corporations at IMD-Lausanne. This (then) 40-year old American woman surprised some participants.

In 1991 I accepted Ohio State's offer of Vice Provost for International Affairs and a tenured faculty position in Higher Education and Student Affairs. Bill and I created a home, and a few years later, I moved to my faculty position. My doctoral and master's advisees enriched my life, challenging me to think about issues I had never imagined, and to guide them through their journeys. In 1996, Bill bought me my first horse ... a childhood dream come true! With my current horse, I am trying my best to learn the upper level dressage movements.

If you told me in 1966, this would be my life, I would have laughed. My sophomore roommate and I traveled different paths, yet she remains my best friend to this day. She is a Brandeis treasure.



Ada & Bill, 2016, with Diola (now 26)



Ada Riding Denzel, March 2020

# Charles S. Eisenberg

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

I am still married to Diane Wheaton. We have two sons and four granddaughters. Diane is a retired nurse but I am still working, as a real estate development consultant specializing in affordable housing. We live in Newton where I have been active in civic and community affairs.

# Lynne Eisenberg

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

Looking back, I believe Brandeis was a wonderful environment and choice for me as an undergrad. I felt the campus was intellectually stimulating as well as socially and politically progressive, all pluses. The Hiatt Institute experience in Israel made indelible marks on my young life. And then... 1970 was a very strange year to graduate.

After working and traveling for four years after Brandeis graduation, I moved to New Orleans where I earned my MSW and then worked for several years. New Orleans was a fascinating place to live. The city still lives in my heart.

I married Bob Carroll in 1976 and we moved back to the Boston area in 1979. I became a clinical social worker at Perkins School for the Blind and stayed there for 39 years.

We had two children, Erica and Daniel. Erica works in international development and climate change. Daniel does progressive public policy work in DC. Somehow I think Brandeis ideals spilled over and upon them even though they did not attend Brandeis.

Bob died in 1999 at age 46 when our children were 17 and 13 years old. This difficult life experience led me to get involved in volunteering at an amazing program called the Children's Room Center for Grief Support for children, teens and their families. I continue this work.

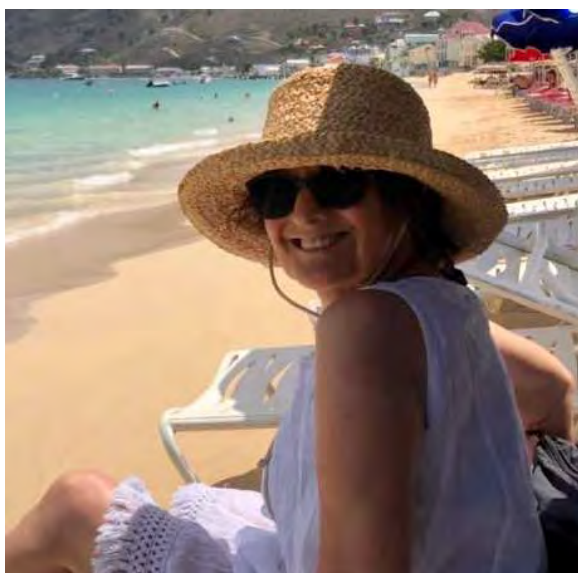
Since the days of Brandeis I was very interested in learning about people from different cultures. Although we may think of Brandeis as being rather homogeneous, I was drawn to students from different backgrounds, especially our foreign students. Perhaps that led me to some of my other activities. I joined an interfaith women's book group called Daughters of Abraham, a response to 9/11. It consists of Jewish, Christian and Muslim women. Using books, we learn about our religions and cultures. We have shared life milestones, travels and friendships. Daughters of Abraham started with our group in Cambridge and grew to 43 chapters across the country. If you are interested, you can learn more at <http://daughtersofabraham.com/>.

Another of my cross-cultural activities is African drumming. For the past ten years I have been studying the music and culture of West Africa through djembe and dunun drumming. I have learned from master drummers from Guinea, Senegal, and Mali.

Well, I hope that this pandemic will not permanently put a dent on our coming years. I was fortunate to have recently made some outstanding trips. Last summer I visited the Caribbean islands of Sint Maarten and Sint Eustatius, (my daughter-in-law's ancestral island). Then in January 2020 I was part of a culture and music oriented group trip to the city of Camagüey, Cuba. I do look forward to traveling more when it is safe. In the meantime, I am

attempting to learn Spanish.

I was so looking forward to our 50th reunion! Zoom gatherings are great, and I enjoy my Brandeis peeps on Facebook, but I hope we will meet again in real life before too long.





# Mike Elliot

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

Well the essentials right now are that I'm retired, married, and living in Seattle. I have two daughters. One lives in Harrisburg and the other in Portland OR with my granddaughter and grandson.

Brandeis and Waltham were a shock. I grew up in a Protestant/English/Scottish DC suburb filled with government workers in a tight income range. I hadn't experienced ethnic and blue-collar neighborhoods. I didn't know that the Jewish experience was quite different from Methodist/Presbyterian etc. It seemed a minor matter whether a school was founded by a religious group. And even though my Jewish mom grew up in the Bronx and we visited twice a year there was few Jewish cultural connections. I never had a bagel until the bagel man came around one evening at Deroy.

At Brandeis I took a mescaline trip that transformed my life and mental outlook. That eventually put me in the drop out phase of turn on, tune in, drop out. Luckily Larry Rosenberg was there and allowed me to graduate. The quid pro quo was studying with a spiritual teacher. I did that for four years-more than making up for my easy grades from Larry.

I took a 15 hour a week job to support myself while I studied. I loved the work and worked more and more. All the key executives had MBAs from Harvard. I married Alison Branigan (class of 70) in 1975-we were married 25 years. She looked at our situation and said this is a dead end. You need to get an MBA. The Harvard execs letters got me into Wharton with a very indifferent Brandeis record.

Thus 10 years in Boston ended.

As I was doing the MBA recruiting dance Alison decided she wanted to go to medical school. Since she had no science courses the best shot for her was to attend the Bryn Mawr post bac program. Everything flowed from that. I needed a job in Philly with little travel and no transfers and found one at John Wanamaker's Department Store. Alison finished pre-med, went to MCP, became a cardiologist, and entered practice in Philadelphia. We ended up being Philadelphians. I stayed for 38 years and Alison is still there.

Then on my 60th birthday Alison gave me the book *Breath by Breath* by Larry Rosenberg (here comes Brandeis again) and after about 3 paragraphs I glowed and said Larry never gave up—he found the path to enlightenment. How I never noticed Buddhism after taking 4 courses with Larry is a mystery—one of those you can't see it until your ready moments. And great timing -I joined a dating site called Dharma Match and met my wife. Andrea is a wise old Buddhist with 42 years of practice. She keeps me as mindful as she can—but with a smile.

Another benefit from Buddhism--after a monthlong silent retreat a couple of years ago social isolation is a piece of cake. Well my whole life has been made happier through Brandeis. It was the only college I wanted to attend. Even after painful times there (eased so much by my guys on 3rd floor Deroy plus our later hangers-on—you know who you are) I'm so glad I did

# Rand Engel

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

I've been fortunate as a grassroots social entrepreneur to be part of some small organizations doing great work.

Most recently I worked with Balkan Sunflowers, 1999-2015, empowering 500+ international volunteers and many hundreds of Kosovo youth in post-war social reconstruction, arts, youth video, progressive television programming, minority advocacy and action, city park construction, two national environmental campaigns, advocacy and research. Our signature project has been the Learning Centers Network, 6 centers working with children from the most marginalized communities to support them in staying and succeeding in school. We opened doors (and the organization continues to) for thousands of people for better lives. The bio suggestions include "Your greatest achievement". This would be it. For our recent 20th anniversary, we prepared a booklet, at this link: <https://bit.ly/2vXmOdr>

In earlier years I was Vice President of book publisher Wisdom Publications (<https://wisdomexperience.org>), and before that Managing Director of the Insight Meditation Society ([www.dharma.org](http://www.dharma.org)). Even earlier, going back to the 1970s I started Home Energy Centers, a pioneering energy conservation company. After insulating a thousand buildings, selling 2000 wood stoves (seemed a good idea at the time), opening three retail spaces, and developing energy audits ... we didn't survive Reagan.

These days... I walked the Camino de Santiago recently and am motivated to do a lot more long walks. Several times, months at a time, I've been an "uchideshi", an inside student (resident, intensive practitioner) of the martial art Aikido at Aikido in Fredericksburg (<https://www.aikidoinfredericksburg.org>), south of Washington, DC. I write political pieces that are published by Rantt.com, and elsewhere. I write poetry too, but of course will not admit that. And continue to discover holes in my cooking skills, project time estimates, discipline, noun recall and other things I don't recall.

As for a few Brandeis memories and impacts...

- Courses with Dick Katz, Zalman Schachter, Larry Rosenberg, and with particular gratitude to Robert Greenberg
- Jim Klee, sitting on the corner of his desk, creating extraordinary visions, multidimensional explorations, that would be swept away like a Tibetan sand painting
- Playing squash with Joe
- Conversations with Wally
- Being in two bad car crashes (I wasn't driving)
- Marching at the Pentagon, 1967, with other Brandeis students
- Meeting a life long friend in the bookstore
- My freshman roommate practicing Lacrosse in our dorm room (it was exciting)



Virginia Aikido in Fredericksburg dojo 2019



Soon after graduation, Peace Corps training, July 1970



I'm in the center 1949, a few months after Brandeis was born.

## Teddi Fine

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

Fifty years? Tempus fugit for sure! After Brandeis, I relocated to the Washington, DC, area both for graduate school and to help change the world. Got halfway through my doctoral dissertation and bailed for a job on Capitol Hill. Yes, was going to change the world from inside the halls of Congress where I worked for 4 years in the House and then the Senate, and met and married a fellow Senate staffer, John Szabo, in 1976. The marriage is the only thing that has lasted. Still going strong, nearly 45 years later! The job, well, we BOTH lost our jobs in the 1976 election. That sent me off to the private and public sectors for a career as a lobbyist, health policy wonk, writer/editor, speechwriter and all-around communications guru. While growing a work live, hubby, (an attorney and government ethics expert) and I also grew a small family. Sons Carl (now 39) and Aaron (now 34) are both lawyers, both married to wonderful women. We have two glorious grandchildren thanks to Carl and his wife. Aaron and his wife have provided a grand-dog. Aaron hasn't let cystic fibrosis hold him back. An expert in energy and environmental law, he is an equity partner with a lobbying firm in DC. We are pretty proud of both of our boys and their families.

Semi-retired. I still have one last health policy client for whom I write a regular newsletter AND, two decades ago, I reinvented myself, creating thea fine, beading design, my bead weaving jewelry and Judaica business. Over the years, I have been selected to participate in the

Smithsonian Craft Show, the Philadelphia Museum Craft Show, and the American Craft Council show, among other craft venues over the years. Today, I am slowing down on the show-circuit and working more intensively on my line of Judaica. Semi-retirement has given us the space to grandparent, to travel, and to spend time with family and friends at the family Delaware beach condo. And, it has also given me the time to reconnect to Brandeis colleagues with whom I had lost such. And those rekindled relationships have led to my decision to attend a reunion, my first since graduation! See you all there!



50 years later



Celebrating the World Series champions  
with Carl's family!



Showtime at the Philadelphia Museum  
Craft Show

## Lois A. (Saval) Finstein

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

May 2020

If you have access to our 45th reunion yearbook, please read my entry.

My undergrad memories are a blurry mix: friendships—some short-lived and some lifelong; walks around campus especially in the spring, when flowers were blooming; wishing I had more time to enjoy them; chorus and G & S. I remember typing papers in French on my Royal portable typewriter (a high school graduation present). It even came with special insertable accent keys. Ah oui, the accents had to be correct! I remember the campus covered in snow, especially after a blizzard in early 1969.

Brandeis was where I met my husband, Art '67, and we'll be celebrating 50 years on 8/23! I guess you could say that Brandeis had quite an impact on my life. Our children are also Brandeis alumni--Amy '98, Joshua '01, and David '08.

Unlike many classmates, I didn't have a passionate career goal and concentrated instead on family. Art was a high school music teacher until he retired in 2003, and I found administrative assistant types of jobs at various places. When the kids were young, I worked only in the summer. In 1989, I was ready to look for something more permanent. I found a part-time position at the Brandeis Psychological Counseling Center which eventually morphed into Department Administrator full-time. I retired in December 2018 after 29 years, 3 months. During those years, I took occasional walks around campus, enjoying the beauty, shivering in the snow

and ice, and witnessing the construction of oh so many new buildings that we couldn't imagine in 1970.

In November 2015, our son Josh and his family moved from Newton to Tampa, Florida. They love their new location, so we've had to get used to it. We're not interested in moving, but until the pandemic we visited and explored a few Florida west coast cities twice a year. We have no idea now about a next visit. We're thrilled that Amy and David still live near us in Framingham.

Since my retirement, I'm still singing with The Heritage Chorale, exercising more, pursuing my interest in genealogy, and attending meetings of a local group of adults who enjoy speaking French.

Our most exciting and worthwhile recent experience was spending a month in Haifa, Israel from mid-January to mid-February of 2020 as volunteers in the 14th year of a program called "Vacation with Soul."

Sixteen of us tutored students in the Haifa schools to help them practice conversational English, 4 mornings per week. At other times, there were plenty of cultural, educational, and sightseeing opportunities, often organized especially for us, including the Technion, a visit with the mayor of Haifa, Jerusalem for a weekend, the Soda Stream factory, Bet She'an and Bet She'arim National Parks, and a concert by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Will it ever be possible to run this program again?

A 50th reunion is a big deal, and I hope ours will be rescheduled when it's safe to do so!



Finstein family celebration, 7/24/2019,  
Framingham, MA



Haifa-Boston Connection Square (30-year  
sister city relationship)



at Western Wall, Jerusalem, 1/24/2020



in Haifa, 2/9/2020

## Kate Zentall Forward

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

After Brandeis I went to NYC to find work as an actress. I clerked at a bookstore, took classes. Went from Kay to Kate. Lived with Wendy Caplin (class of '69, and greatly missed) on the Upper West Side in a building with young musicians and eventually other Brandeisians. Took jazz dance classes, attended friends' shows, drank lots of Gallo Hearty Burgundy, cooked Chinese. Lucked into a job (via Brandeis connections) with Workman Publishing and learned to proofread and copyedit, skills I'd use for years to pay rent, mortgages, and child care.

I did get acting work—Shakespeare, satire, schlock. TV and commercials. Quit the publishing job and managed, between copyediting and shoe modeling, summer stock and toy demonstrating, dinner theater and legit acting, to live well and happily on not very much. Then in 1977 an actor pal in LA dared me to visit, and against all instincts and driven only by the horror of another sweltering summer in the city and embarrassment at my resistance to change, I got on a plane for the Other Coast. And stayed.

LA did not feel like home, but I had great places to live (again, Brandeis connections), and it cooled off at night. I worked in the garment business, edited, booked acting jobs. Within six months I met (again, through the Brandeis mafia) the man I would marry, Bill Forward. Actor, painter, Renaissance man.

We did lots of theater (the good, the bad, the ugly) and had steady-ish work (which never seemed steady at the time) in TV and film, but I did not give up the day jobs entirely, out of prudence and because I loved editing and writing (well, writing's mostly excruciating, actually), so that in my 40s, when the landscape changed, I could segue to fulltime work at magazines and then the internet (Disney, social-networking sites), as editor, producer, or marketing communications manager. Today I'm back to freelance writing and editing.

Having recently split our time between LA and Cape Cod, the pandemic has now rooted us east, where we feel increasingly at home, and from where I continue to work and also perform—now virtually—in Jewish Women's Theater's themed productions of original stories, a company where I am an artist-in-residence and with whom I've acted and written for 10 years. Technology has also made daily visits possible with a granddaughter who now recognizes me, blows me kisses, and obliges me to come up with new lyrics to "Baby Beluga."

Kids: Anna, 37, married to Abe Garabedian, mother of 16-month-old Grace, teaching in Oakland, a gifted artist, Brandeis '05 grad; James, 27, Tufts grad, working at LeafLink, bass player, sports fan, fine mind, tender heart.

It strikes me that most major elements in my life—where I've lived and with whom, whom I married, where my daughter



studied, my closest friends—are all somehow Brandeis connected. The experience perpetuates exponentially, with a life of its own. I treasure my years there and the ongoing legacy they provide.



Bill and Kate with Gracie on the Cape



Abe, Anna, and Gracie



Anna (Brandeis '05) and her brother, James



Gracie and Grandma in Berkeley

# Jeff Foust

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

Brandeis was an essential link in my life to deepening and developing life long passions held before and after Brandeis. These include broad-based intellectual curiosity, embodied spirituality, and social justice. My undergraduate education gave me depth and breadth in all areas of learning, particularly noteworthy being my group process T-group classes with Phil Slater (where I first met Bernie Reisman participating as a graduate student), a very experiential cutting edge Psych of Religion class with Zalman Schachter, and the opportunity to do personal research for my Sociology Senior Honors Thesis on the founding of Havurat Shalom and of a Christian Inter-Seminarian House.

One of the most significant ties for me from past to present was helping to start the Waltham Group. Back in the 1960's we had terrible relations with the town, with a lot of resentment from the town about perceived campus elitists, and periodic acting out of town teens attacking Brandeis students, plus during our vigil at Mailman Hall with soldiers AWOL from Vietnam, some youth from the town even placing dynamite around the hall (thank G!D it was discovered). Stepping up to build more positive relations was critical then, and now over the past 50 years the Waltham Group and other parallel efforts have proven transformative to create a much more collaborative environment between town and gown all around. Over the past twenty plus years this has proven important to me where for many years I was the rabbi of

Waltham's only synagogue, Temple Beth Israel, and for my continuing role as Rabbi and member of an interfaith Spiritual Life Center at Bentley University where we also work closely with the town. Other parallels with my current work and my Brandeis experience include working to make the university a more inclusive welcoming and just place for all, including minorities, plus working for social justice and environmental sustainability both locally and on a larger national and world basis. My work on mindfulness and embodied spirituality also continues on a direct line from my experiences at Brandeis.



With my wife Ellen Rusinow Foust at Saranac Lake

## Margareta Freeman (AKA Margie)

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

Having graduated from Brandeis in January of 1970, I took a job at the Waltham Hospital as an inhalation therapist. There I met Lenny Levin. We lived together and then got married in January of 1971. After a long series of twists and turns, I became a licensed clinical social worker. I started social work school at Columbia, but moved to Chicago, received a Masters in Psychology from Adler University in Chicago, Masters in Social Work from the University of Chicago in 1980. Lenny and I adopted a son, David, in 1982 and a daughter, Rachel, in 1985. I feel very fulfilled in my work. I have a private psychotherapy practice in S. Orange, NJ. Our son and daughter-in-law live in Atlanta with our two granddaughters, Laurel (born May 25, 2018) and Eliana (born February 8, 2020.)

Having spent part of my junior year at the Jacob Hiatt Institute in Jerusalem, I lived in Israel again with our family from 1995 to 1996, while Lenny went to rabbinical school. At that time, our son was in 8th grade and our daughter was in 4th grade.

We have been active Jewishly, largely in the Havurah movement, starting with Havurat Shalom in Boston, to the New York Havurah and Derekh Reut, Shir Ami in Chicago, and Kol Rina in South Orange, NJ. We also belonged to Moriah in Deerfield, Illinois and Beth El in S. Orange.

We have done some traveling---Costa Rica, Australia, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow,

Warsaw, Chile, Montreal, Toronto. We had hopes of doing more traveling in our "golden years," but right now that looks iffy. We just canceled a summer trip to London, the Greek Isles, and Israel.

Lenny and I have been working on a project the past 10 years, which is translating the Staszow Memorial Book from Yiddish and Hebrew into English. It is currently available at [jewishgen.org](http://jewishgen.org), but it will soon be available as "print on demand." Staszow is the small town in Poland, where my parents, survivors of the Holocaust, were born.

While at Brandeis I played in the Gilbert and Sullivan Orchestra. I took a hiatus from playing during the years we were raising children. In the past several years, I have resumed playing clarinet. Lenny, who plays piano, and I play piano/clarinet duets many evenings a week. We like to host sing-alongs. I also blow shofar during the Jewish holidays and for an interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service, for which I am on the planning committee.

This is our 4th winter being snowbirds in Boynton Beach, FL. I love spending time in the sunshine state, this year for longer than anticipated. During normal winters, we enjoy doing water aerobics and playing pickle ball.

For the past 9 years or so, I have been a lacto-ovo-pescatarian. Two more goals I would like to accomplish during my lifetime include doing something toward more

humanitarian treatment of animals and making a documentary about my parents' survival of the Holocaust.

I am grateful for the Brandeis friendships which have endured and the respect that the Brandeis degree has afforded me.



49th Anniversary 2020, Florida



Adult children David and Rachel, February 2020



Granddaughters Laurel (age 2 years) & Eliana (age 2 months)



Margie with Laurel, February 2020

# Wendy Friefeld

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

What to do after graduation- return to my hometown in South Dakota? remain in the Boston area? Enroll in grad school? I moved to California with my Brandeis boyfriend (later first husband), David Bunnett. We were fortunate to settle in Point Reyes, a coastal village just north of San Francisco.

Here we became part of a dynamic, creative, close-knit community where we could help launch a community center, build huge parade floats, tap dance, produce plays and a film program (with no TV reception in the 1970s, the premier of Bambi vs Godzilla was a highlight of the season), and enjoy the afterglow of the 1960s. After our son was born, David and I parted ways, and sadly, he died suddenly seven years ago.

I earned a Teaching Credential at UC Berkeley and a Masters of Public Administration at Sonoma State University. I taught for awhile, but I met more interesting people during the five years I spent as a waitress (prepared by summer jobs at Brigham's in Boston). Most of my career was in nonprofit leadership and in politics. I built up two community organizations as Executive Director and worked on related county-wide issues in immigration, Latino leadership, child care, and education.

For 13 years, I served as District Director for our Congresswoman until her retirement. This meant absorbing and

utilizing a lot of information about our region and the behind-the-scenes functioning of Congress, expanding my repertoire of jargon and my views of national politics, managing the California offices, strategizing on a broad variety of topics, and ensuring that a Congresswoman is ready for her speech (glasses and lipstick). A highlight came during the 2004 Democratic convention in Boston when I visited my old Brigham's on State Street and learned it was about to close, among the many things that have changed since my time at Brandeis.

In 2005, I remarried, retired in 2018, and currently devote time to multiple (too many?) volunteer projects and campaigns as well as spending time with two young grandchildren.

The years at Brandeis helped me prepare for Life in many ways. I value the stimulating liberal arts education, punctuated by peace marches, student strikes, animated discussions, and long evenings at Cholm0ndeley's. Coming from a small South Dakota town, the experience opened my eyes to much of the world, developed critical thinking skills, exposed me to new vistas of art and culture, and created lifelong friendships. I hope to see some of you in person soon.

Student life of the late 1960s was a momentous time for my generation, and Brandeis fostered the values this period embodied. To this day, whenever I hear songs from the Beatles White Album, I

remember the Sanctuary and our idealism and feel deep sadness for the current state of our country. We've taken some knocks over the years, yet Brandeis helped provide the tools to face whatever comes next. We shall overcome!



Family



View from our deck - come visit!



Still tap dancing

# Mike Gerver

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

After graduating Brandeis, I went to grad school in physics at U. C. Berkeley, where I did my PhD thesis on plasma physics and controlled fusion. I met my wife Debbie there, and we got married in 1974. I was a post-doc at Cornell, 1977-79, and our first two children, Miriam and Adina, were born in Ithaca. From 1979 to 1989, I worked on the research staff at MIT, in the Plasma Fusion Center, doing theory in connection with a controlled fusion experiment, and also one year in the Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics, working on plasma-spacecraft interactions. We lived in Brookline then, and our two younger children, Avi and Mollie, were born in those years. In 1990, when fusion funding was cut off, I started working at SatCon Technology Corp. in Cambridge, MA, working on various Small Business Innovative Research grants mostly from the Dept. of Defense and NASA, on magnetic design, actuators, vibration control, etc. I was laid off from SatCon in 1997, and I started working as a consultant, at SatCon and other companies, including one summer at Applied Materials in Israel. In 2000, we moved to Raanana, Israel, and I worked first at GE Medical Systems in Haifa, in the MRI division. Since 2001 I have been working as a patent agent, first at Fenster & Co. in Petach Tikva, since 2007 at Ehrlich & Fenster in Ramat-Gan, writing and prosecuting patents, mostly in biomedical instrumentation, including medical image processing, and in optics. But none of our children or grandchildren live in Israel. Miriam and Adina live in New York, Avi lives in Rockville,

MD, and Mollie lives in London, and among them we have four grandchildren. So we had been spending about half of our time visiting our children (where I can do my patent work from my laptop), and half our time in Israel. But I don't know when we will be able to travel again, with coronavirus out there.



Since this picture of our us and our family was taken in 2017, we have one more grandchild.

# Joan Wise Goloboy

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

Same as the 45th...I just added 5 years to the numbers.

I spent my last 35 years in the TV business.

I spent 20 years in Cable TV production and corporate leadership positions. I moved on to independent production and then crossed over to academia - teaching technology and communications courses at the grad and undergrad level. I gave up the boardroom & the classroom for the non-profit world, in the beautiful seaside town where I live. I'm currently Executive Director of Marblehead Community Access & Media, which runs the local TV station in Marblehead, MA - and proud to say that, for the past 6 years in a row, we were named best small station in the nation by the Alliance for Community Media. We're currently working round the clock - from home - and on every digital platform - to deliver hyper-local COVID-19 news and information to the residents of Marblehead.

On the personal side, I've been married to a great, supportive guy for nearly 43 years. We raised 2 excellent sons (one a Ph.D. in Chemistry; one an attorney) and have been rewarded with the 2 most wonderful granddaughters on the planet! Time flies.

Stay healthy as we navigate these uncharted waters. We thought the 60s were challenging. These are indeed the strangest of "strange times". Be well.



# Marty Greengrass

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

After Brandeis, I went to grad school at UConn and became a clinical psychologist. After a brief stint as a prison psychologist, I moved to Fort Wayne IN where I worked at community mental health centers, including a rural one where I supervised 5 clinics. I went into private practice eventually in Indiana. My wife, Judy, worked in reinsurance and eventually relocated her job to Tampa, FL, where I set up practice there. I have also been teaching grad school for many years on a part-time basis. I spent 35 years volunteering one day a week at a homeless shelter and more recently at a health clinic for the indigent. This is part of the legacy of social justice imprinted by the Brandeis experience. Judy and I have two daughters. My older daughter Sara graduated from Brandeis and is currently a diplomat. My younger daughter is a rabbi at a huge congregation in the Miami area. Each daughter has two children so we are blessed with three grandsons and one granddaughter. We have been in the Tampa area for 19 years first to work and now have retired in place. Until the pandemic, we were doing a lot of travel. The Brandeis community has always felt like an extended family to me and has embraced my wife Judy as well. Here is hoping that we can see each other face to face, rather than virtually, soon.



Marty and Judy in Morocco

# Karl Herrup

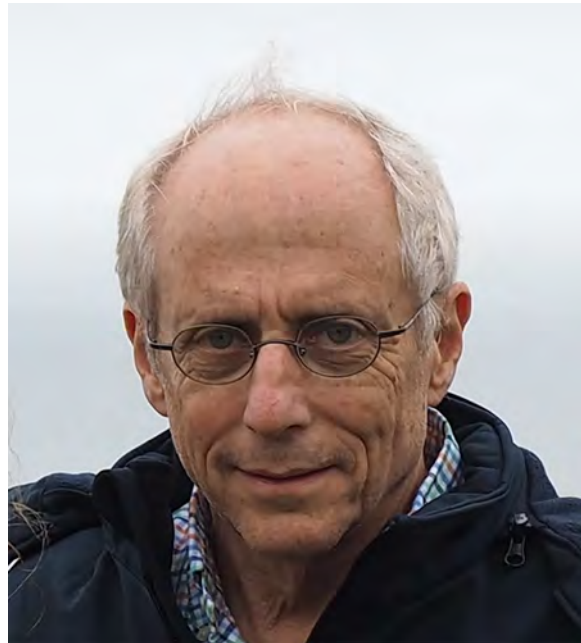
## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Looking back on the 50 years since we graduated, I would say that the stand-out feature of my adult life is motion. I've lived on three continents and never stayed in one place longer than 15 years. After leaving Waltham in 1970 I have lived in: Palo Alto (4 yr), Boston (3 yr), Basel Switzerland (1 yr), New Haven (10 yr), Boston (4 yr), Cleveland (15 yr), Piscataway (6 yr), Hong Kong (7 yr) and now back to my home town of Pittsburgh (1 yr and counting). The bouncing around no doubt started when my Brandeis Biology professors deflected my pre-med ambitions towards a life of science. That decision still makes me very happy because I love research. It must be said, however, that my parents were pretty pissed at the time. They were not at all sure how I was going to make a living as a PhD and never quite forgave Chan Fulton for what they saw as his role in this horrible decision. Twenty-five years later, when I became the Director of the University Alzheimer's Center in Cleveland and actually got to be the boss of 4 MDs, they grudgingly admitted it might have been an OK decision and maybe you could make ends meet with a PhD after all.

Motion also applies to my personal life. I've been married twice and now I am determined not to make that mistake again. But despite my ineptitude at interpersonal relationships, I have had the honor of helping to raise four fabulous children. All of them are doing something that 1) I know nothing about, 2) would have

recommended against if they had asked, and 3) are doing fabulously well in life. I can ask no more of them; three grandsons are just icing on the cake.

As others have remarked, it is somehow fitting and proper that we should not be able to hold a traditional 50th reunion given the somewhat chaotic nature of our own graduation. Still, it would be fun to get together and see how everyone is doing. So, let's all agree that we'll get together in 2070 for our 100th reunion and finally get to catch up. Who's in?



# Rick Horowitz

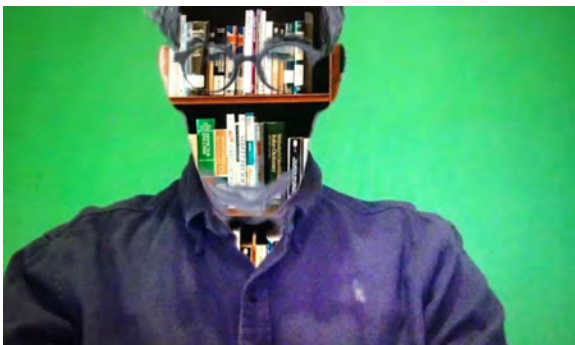
## Tell us about your life since Brandeis...

Those years, these people – you remain essential. Looking forward to a belated gathering next spring.

Holding off on making reservations for 2070.



Rick, pre-pandemic



Rick, mid-pandemic

# Rachel Beatrice Igel

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

I graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. in psychology. But my first loves were film and drawing, and after a lot of research I discovered there was a post-graduate art institution, The Royal College of Art, in London, England, that offered a Master's Degree in film. I applied and got in.

I spent the next 3 years at the RCA making 2 animated films and one live action film, which I directed, produced and edited. I was handed my M.A. degree by Satyajit Ray, the great Indian film director. It was a heady time. One of my animated films, "Many Moons," won a Silver Hugo at the Chicago Film Festival. The film proved to be very successful and was shown all over the world. I also fell in love with a fellow student, Doug, and that became the first important relationship of my life.

I hoped to continue in animation, but finding money to make films after I left the RCA was not easy. I was always a good editor and I liked film editing, so after graduation I began to work freelance for BBC Television as a film editor. In my spare time I edited low budget art films for the British Film Institute.

I spent 7 years in London. Those were wonderful years. I was surrounded by people I felt simpatico with. We all loved film and were immersed in a world of art and culture. Only later did I realize how incredibly lucky I was to have experienced that time.

I was encouraged by several feature film editors in London to move to Los Angeles and decided to take their advice. That was 42 years ago. It's been quite a ride. I've had some amazing experiences and made some dear friends here in LA. I've edited a variety of films and TV shows, many of which I'm very proud of.

I seem to like British men because I fell in love with another one, Giles, almost 21 years ago now.

My passions outside of my love for film and the arts are hiking, photography and tennis. I've hiked all over the world but Yosemite National Park is my favorite place on earth. Being up in the mountains, away from everything, makes me feel a connection to myself and to something spiritual that I can't really define. I love it.

I also enjoy writing short stories. I have written many over the years and have had a few published.

I am semi-retired now but I'm still actively involved in the film world. For over 25 years I've been an elected officer and board member of the Motion Picture Editors Guild. We have over 8,000 members and it's a big job looking out for their interests.

I am not a religious person. But as I got older, I realized that my Jewish education was the basis for the way I view the world. That my parents, and my education, taught me to be a moral person. They grounded me in a belief system that has helped me to

navigate a very complicated world, but at the same time stay true to who I am. I'll always be grateful for that.



# Claudia J Jacobs

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

For the last 17 years I have lived on my own. But not really alone, unless you don't count the thousands of bed and breakfast guests streaming through my 1894 Victorian over the last 21 years. Now, all that has changed. Covid-19 toppled the Village Bed and Breakfast.

Now, alone, without an ability to muster a well of outside help, nurtured over two decades, I shudder when something goes wrong in my six bedroom elderly Victorian.

And things seem to go wrong....for example, while making bone broth from a carcass— chicken forgotten, smoke alarms ring, and will not stop. Those alarms deny my protestations that it isn't an actual fire. The alarms yell at me in a loud robot like voice, to evacuate-- despite the stay at home order.

I take my teal glass fruit bowl to clean, one of a few items saved when I sold my Cape Cod home. As I watched in horror, the bowl proceeds to crack under hot water. Just minutes ago it held my fruit, now crackling as undone as I.

Brimming with pride at cooking three meals a day for myself, (despite the burnt pot, the chicken was delicious), I don the oversized chartreuse plastic oven mitt my daughter sent me from her own kitchen in Chicago. With a grand gesture aimed at opening the oven, I knock a drinking glass off the counter. I have seen a broken thing or two in my septuagenarian life. Not one I like this

with no recognizable piece of the shattered remains larger than a grain of sand. The ocean of salty tears streaming down my cheeks completes the beach scene.

I need rejuvenation. So I undress, turn on the shower. The shower handle comes off in my hand with the water running, hmm.. no way to shut it off. Visions of Fantasia. Will water run until the Corona virus vaccine is discovered allowing plumbers to enter? My water bill? .

My son-in-law tries to do tele-plumbing via texts. It looked good until the screw that would have held the handle in place disappears between the photo sent and the time I need to screw it back in. Next step, lift the drain cover to see if the screw fell into the pipe. Not happening.

Managing to get the water off at least, that bathroom shower is now off limits until someday when a more adept non-Jewish person can make sure the screw didn't land dangerously in the pipe. Given the law of physics that matter can neither be created nor destroyed, that screw must be somewhere.

Next come hurricane winds. I hear a thump, A large branch detaches itself unwillingly from its trunk, and lands in my yard.

Next day, faith restored in humanity—not mine ... my neighbor, who had neglected to worry about a fire, now offers to saw up the branches and take them away.

And I'm only back from my annual winter escape in San Miguel, Mexico for two weeks. Imagine what could happen next in quarantine....as I practice my Ukulele, I pray we may all become immune from pandemics now and in the future, and/or maybe move to condos.



Jamaica, where we were supposed to be again this April...



My family



Back in the 70's with classmates and some from '71 too.



Volunteering at an event in San Miguel, 2020

# Scott Johnson

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

Once I figured out Classics was not a major to pursue if I wished to make a living, it all got better. I checked into Spingold, thinking I would be an actor, and then became entranced by scenic and lighting design. Just as well since acting probably wouldn't have much worked either. There was a short period when I was acting and designing lighting for the same productions, but that was too weird even for Brandeis. Ultimately, Theater Arts taught me an art and a craft, and the people—the students and teachers—taught me the meaning of creativity.

Swiftly encapsulating the next fifty years, here it is: Went to NYC for a life in the theater, designed sets and lights for a bunch of shows, including a Tony nom for one of them, but somehow fell into doing sets and lights for Neil Diamond world tour, won Emmy nom for Greek Theater show in LA, and saw the world in little snippets. In a then-dubious career decision, I decided in 1980 to leave the Neil tour and NY theater to do architectural interiors and lighting in LA. Turned out to be the right thing, and that's what I do to this day. Never once took an architecture class, but the skills I learned in TA 101 and as a journeyman in all manner of the performing arts have served me well. I have been Design Principal at Wolcott Architecture in Culver City for twenty-five years, and still going, even from home. My wonderful wife, Fredda, and my two kids, Polly and Jack, are safe and sound despite all the COVID calamity around us. I made permanent life-long friends at

Brandeis, and would not have traded the experience for anything. Thank you deeply, Brandeis.



Jack, Fredda, Polly, Scott



# Saralee Goldfein Kane

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

Brandeis was full of stimulating, provocative and exciting opportunities. I especially value the life long friendships I made there and the friendships I developed with several professors, including Morrie Schwartz; performing with the mime troupe and the '69 summer auditing courses at UC Berkeley. After graduating early, I joined my boyfriend, (Mark Kane'69) later husband, in South America, where we worked and later traveled for six months. Our odyssey was the beginning of a lifelong passion for travel, curiosity about other cultures and concern for the most vulnerable.

After graduating with a clinical and research MSW, I trained in the fascinating fields of family therapy and Ericksonian hypnotherapy (using the unconscious for healing), which I utilized both in my clinical work and with people in chronic pain.

Working with systems, hypnosis and fields of consciousness has been central to my professional work. From my exploration of deep trance, I learned about deep meditative states and began my lifelong Buddhist meditation practice, which has been a great discovery and personal treasure.

Having our two sons has been the most profound and precious gift of my life. Our older son is a Tibetan translator, Dharma teacher and writer. Our younger son is ABD, working on his dissertation in Int Studies in Myanmar. We still share biannual

family vacations, sometimes with their girlfriends, during which we share our love of travel and nature.

I have also had the opportunity to do some research and writing in areas of great interest to me. I'm most proud of editing a book on my teacher's work in hypnotherapy, *The Art of Therapeutic Communication: The Collected Works of Kay Thompson* (which contains provocative ideas about the unconscious process and became an important resource book in the field); writing a book for the International Fed Red Cross, *Working with Victims of Organized Violence from Different Cultures* (which included some novel themes at the time and became a best seller for the IFRC); some research articles on international adoption and human rights for the Hague Commission on International Adoption; and the research article, "The Movement of Children for International Adoption: An Epidemiologic Perspective" which tracked 180,000 children adopted internationally during the 1980's.

As a physician and epidemiologist, my husband has dedicated his professional career at the CDC, WHO and in Seattle to international public health, specializing in vaccine policy for the poorest children in the world. His work enabled our family to befriend remarkable people from many different countries and to travel throughout the world.

We have lived in South America; East Africa; Pa., Vermont, Arizona, Ga; Geneva,

Switzerland for ten years and now Seattle for the past 20 years.

I have volunteered in many areas including social and political activism, community organizing, political campaign work; hosting community radio programs; volunteering with



Hiking in the Canadian Rockies



Recent



HS Grad in Switzerland

# Marjorie Katz

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

After I graduated Brandeis with a degree in Physics, I went to Univ. of Mass. in Amherst for a Ph.D in Astrophysics. During my first year, I decided I didn't really want to be an Astrophysicist, so I left UMass. after one year and went to Business School at Boston University for an MBA. Then I entered the job market, sued a company for not hiring me because I was a woman (and I won), and then spent 7 years in MIL-Aero sales. I wanted to get out of the military marketplace, so in the early 80's, I moved into the fiber optics industry. In 1988, I decided to try consulting for fiber optics manufacturers, and started my business, Optimark Fiber Optics. In the early 90's, I stopped consulting and transitioned to selling fiber optic products. And Optimark Fiber Optics is where I am today....distributing fiber optic products. Along the way, I met Aaron Snyder in 1978, MIT Class of '66, and we are still together. One child-Ruby, a Wheaten Terrier who will be 10 on June 25. We have spent quite a bit of time visiting England, for business and pleasure. I also calculated that I have spent a total of 2 years in California since 1975, again on frequent business trips and visiting friends. In 2001, I bought a house in Ogunquit, ME, where I had been spending time in the summer since I was 3 years old. We go back and forth to Ogunquit all year. I still live in Brookline, now in the Chestnut Hill area. I commuted to Brandeis until my senior year when I lived in Rosenthal....that dorm was new. Both my roommates are now doctors in California. I remember getting a "C"(or

maybe it was a "D") in my freshman Physics class with Dr. Berko. ...not great for a prospective physics major. However, I persevered, and Dr. Jack Goldstein was my senior thesis advisor. I remember my French class....I cannot believe I actually read whole books in French. It is ironic that in 1970, we had the student strike, and no caps or gowns, and now we have another crisis. I hope we can all get together in person in the not-too-distant future.

# Bob Kelner

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

Well, it's been 50 years...

My memory has never been especially good but even so it's safe to say I have little to say.

Basically it's been a relatively calm 50 years with nothing to make the newspapers.

I graduated, worked a year or two, got a masters in physics and then worked as a programmer for many years until layoffs hit. Then worked at a different place - still as a programmer - for many more years and then another layoff. At that point I was 63 and it seemed time to retire. Now I mostly watch TV, do a few volunteer jobs around town, go to yard sales and relax. The relaxing may end soon when my wife retires. I think she'll find plenty around the house for me to do.

3 kids - all working in health related fields. (Unfortunately none followed me into physics!)

Social worker

Doctor

Drug/alcohol counselor.

No grandchildren yet but expect one this summer.

## Asher Keren-Zvi, PhD, AKA Artie Gordon

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

Upon graduation I returned to Israel, which remained an important aspect of my identity. After serving in the IDF for two years I returned to the US to pursue graduate studies in clinical psychology (though I never took a psych course while at Brandeis...). I moved to Los Angeles to enroll in an innovative doctoral program. While there, I became aware of the assets with which my Brandeis experience endowed me. I realized that the habit of thinking rigorously and articulating those thoughts clearly were skills that were methodically cultivated through classes and with the contribution of several profoundly challenging professors. My deep interest in understanding psychological functioning and emotional experience was stimulated and enriched at Brandeis, not in small part by the intimate contact and frequent late night conversations with close friends, in various states of consciousness (we weren't just squandering precious time frivolously; we were preparing for life...). These capacities enabled me to approach my education and training with intense curiosity. I continued the process of deepening my understanding through experience of the importance of emotional meaning. I became licensed as a clinical psychologist and developed my work with individuals as well as teaching and supervising graduate students. As I became more experienced I also realized the limits of my training and the need to deepen it in a rigorous and methodical manner. I was accepted for training at a psychoanalytic institute focusing on the

understanding of primitive mental states and their evolution. The training required a profound immersive engagement with emotional and mental experiences in the attempt to find meaning in mental pain. After I was certified as a psychoanalyst I joined the faculty of the Institute which entailed responsibilities akin to academic life, (but following the long-honored tradition of a voluntary status...): teaching, committee assignments, and involvement in all aspects of candidate training. I continue this along with my practice of psychoanalysis with no plans for retirement other than those imposed by the ravishes of the passage of time. All this was made possible by the closeness of Ann who was willing to marry during graduate school, with whom I just celebrated our 40th(!!!) , and our kids Micah, 34, and Talia, 30.

# Andreas Kisch

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

Looking back to my year at Brandeis emotions arise, of enrichment and gratitude. Luckily, during one of the Wien Scholars' Meetings in the mid 80's, I got the opportunity of meeting Mr. Wien and expressing my gratitude personally. Though coming from Switzerland but originally a Hungarian refugee who left his country during the uprising in 1956, for me getting to know the New World was a thrilling experience. The intellectual enrichment, and challenge, by attending classes of my professors, who were captivating and certainly demanding teachers, strengthened and motivated me in my studies at the University of Zürich. Beyond this there was also a different kind of enrichment, a cultural and political one, during those months and years of commitment and «heat», of new and radical ideas and movements which soon after also influenced the youth in Europe.

Today, at the age of 74, after a fulfilling professional life (specializing in media for adult education) I am enjoying life with my wife, my children and grandchildren, cultivating social, political and cultural interests. And - that goes without saying - I keep following with much interest the developments on the other side of the Atlantic.

## Deena Dash Kushner

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

The political activism of my senior year as well as my art interests and major in English and American Literature have continued throughout the last 50 years, in one way or another.

After a brief attempt at a Master's program at SF State University, I worked in accounting and retail during the day and sewed increasingly more challenging items at night, moving from Berkeley to Stanford for Sidney's postdoctoral fellowships. Then came the big move complete with an infant, to Athens, GA for graduate school in Business Administration for me and an Assistant Professorship for Sidney. I organized a Graduate Student Association speaker's program and invited Andrew Young (who spoke at our Brandeis graduation) to deliver the inaugural address.

As I moved into the Athens political world and on to the National Women's Political Caucus, I worked on campaigns including the first woman elected Mayor, and commissioners including John Barrow who later held an increasingly rare Democratic seat in Congress.

After earning my doctorate in Business Administration, I taught Decision Sciences for several years at Georgia State University in Atlanta. When an opportunity arose to purchase a local gymnastics center (no more commute), I switched into managing a gym and coaching, ultimately training girls at a high level and becoming a boys judge. Both my son and daughter took gymnastics with my son joining Stanford's men's team, winning national championships.

My next and current career has been managing American Artists Group, which turned 85 this March. Started by my grandfather, it had been the family business based in New York City until we moved it to Athens in 2001. Not good timing. I utilize my business and art backgrounds, wearing many different hats. In the arts field, I have made quilts for three grandchildren, knit scarves and sweaters, learned pottery and glazes, become a contra-dance caller and, until March, a social dancer. My current project is a quilt for our king-size bed, with fabric from around the world.

## Andrew Langsam, MD

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

So, at Brandeis I was not a great student. Might have something to do with recreational pharmaceuticals degrading my concentration. It was what it was! After Brandeis, off to Grad school in architecture in southern California. Dropped out of that after a year and a half and worked in the building trades for 5+ years. I believed that I knew how to design. I wanted to see what the limitations of standard building materials were. I married and then took courses at night, receiving a BS in Biological sciences. Then off to med school and residency in Emergency Medicine. I am now a retired professor of EM still working in Urgent Care part time (resource to my under-served community). Over the years, I participated in many trips to work and teach in clinics in countries in need as well as several trips as ships physician to both poles and other remote locations. I still order the equivalent of a Cholmondeley's special when I get a hankering. That is still a taste delight! I was an Art and Theater Design major at Brandeis and still paint (in oils now that I have more patience). That's a blessing from my undergrad experience. I enjoyed my years at Brandeis.



Last years self portrait



# Deborah Launer

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

After 50 years in publishing, I'm still at it, albeit just minimally at this point: I retired a couple of years ago from a (very) small publishing company I helped found, but agreed to be the freelance managing editor of a couple of periodicals. Now that I'm in "lockdown," I'm really grateful I have some work to do!

I can't begin to detail what Brandeis meant/means to me. I think often of the people I met—some of whom remain friends to this day—and the courses I took, many of which remain incredibly relevant (Constitutional Law and Theory with Prof. Levy, for instance). I think the importance of developing one's own take on the world, and of standing up for what one thinks while remaining open to considering others' opinions, might be one of the most important things Brandeis (and my parents) taught me. I am still thankful, too, for the opportunity that I got to live and study in Israel with the Hiatt program—at a time when I'd never thought I would be in a position to travel abroad, ever; the Hiatt program was in the best sense "broadening." I've done a lot more traveling since, happily, and hope to do so again.

I can't begin to opine on my greatest achievement; I just hope to be a decent and productive person, and a good friend.

## Nancy Lazarus ,M.D.

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

What a crazy year to graduate for the seniors and other graduates from Brandeis. Our graduation in 1970 was not as crazy as this one. Just the same, it was an unusual time to graduate after the Kent State killings followed by the national college Student Strike.

The students and their families this year have much more to think about than a graduation and a degree. No graduation ceremony, no way for families to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates with parties, dinners, and trips. In addition, the very sad time that the US and world are going through overshadows it all.

Fifty years ago I graduated. It is a long time ago, but it doesn't feel so long ago. I have, though, experienced a lot of things since 1970. I went to medical school, did an internal medicine residency in New York, moved to California, got married, worked for many years at a variety of jobs, had three sons, and now have 6 amazing grandchildren. One son lives in Davis and a second one lives in Oakland. Our third son lives in New York.

My husband, David Siegel, and I lived in Oakland for 19 years and have lived in Davis, California for the last 21 years. I am retired and keep busy with a variety of activities including being chair of the adult education committee at our synagogue, being active in the Tikkun Olam social action committee, also at the synagogue, and volunteering and working with Empower Yolo, an organization that is focused on women and families. It provides twenty-four hour crisis intervention,

emergency shelter, confidential counseling, training, legal assistance, and other services for women and families who have experienced violence, homelessness, and other social crises. I have also been involved with the National Council of Jewish Women, an amazing organization that is over 100 years old.

David and I spend a lot of time with our sons and grandchildren. We miss our youngest son who is doing a surgical residency in New York in the midst of the corona virus pandemic. We worry about his safety all the time.

One sad thing that happened several years ago was the loss, within 6 months, of Melissa Cohen, my roommate and dear friend, and her husband, Danny Homer, who was a good friend from medical school. I know that their four children miss them a great deal.

On a happier note, we went on a Brandeis Alumni tour in November, 2019, to Viet Nam and Cambodia. In addition to a very interesting trip, it was fun to meet so many Brandeis alumni, some of whom have become new friends.

Congratulations to the 2020 graduates. The future is in front of you, and hopefully, it will become a rewarding and fulfilling adventure.

Nancy Lazarus, Class of 1970

# Arthur Levine

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

The best parts of my life have been the people who have populated it- a new (much yearned for) grandchild, two daughters, who I not only love but really, really like and enjoy (more so now than when they teenagers) and my wife/best friend of 45 years Linda Fentiman (I was very, very lucky. But I can't figure out where all those years went and how quickly they passed. More a mediation I suppose on life than marriage. ) and old friends, the best of whom I met at Brandeis.

In a lot of ways, Brandeis shaped my life. A classmate, Deborah Spitalnik, introduced me to Linda. I co-authored my first book with another classmate, John Weingart. Brandeis was responsible for my career choice. I majored in biology and despite dreadful grades decided not to apply to medical school.

The activism of the late 1960's and the Brandeis experience made a lot of us think we could change the world,; it guided our career choices. I fell in love with colleges at Brandeis and chose a vocation in education, believing it might be the slowest but only effective way to change the world. I spent my career doing research on colleges, administering them, teaching about them, and writing and speaking about them. I was president of Bradford College and Columbia Teachers College, a faculty member in the higher education programs at Harvard and Teachers College, president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and a researcher at two higher

education think tanks.

Over the years, Linda and I have lived in a lot of places- Boston, Buffalo, Washington DC, and Berkeley. We "retired" in July- Linda was a law professor and I was at Woodrow Wilson. The big surprises about retirement for me are that the workload hasn't changed, nor have most of the things I'm doing. The big disappointments are that retirement pays less well than working and doesn't come with administrative support. I'm hoping that's included in Medicare E.

I'm teaching at NYU and working on a book on the future of higher education. Linda and I are also seeing much more of our family ( selfishly, wish I had done that more when my daughters were growing up) and traveling, spent a couple of months in South America. Next year we have Fulbrights to India.

I often wonder how my 22 year old self would react to how I spent my life. I have joked that if he had to write my biography, he'd title it "Piece By Piece," thinking that's how I sold out. Even so, I wouldn't change much about it.



## Rob Litrownik

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

Going to Brandeis was a real adventure. Traveling 2600 miles on my first plane flight to the other side of the country, was initially quite thrilling. I casually knew one other person. It became much harder than I expected. The first two years I almost transferred to a school closer to home. Yet I returned each time; and over the four years, it provided an intellectual foundation. It changed my politics. It offered untold educational and social opportunities. I ended up in graduate school, became a clinical psychologist, and eventually moved back to the Boston area. My career involved working in the public sector providing clinical, forensic, teaching, supervisory, and administrative services to unempowered people who suffered from serious mental disorders.

I made some very good friends at Brandeis and see a few, but I didn't keep up with many of them. Besides being entranced by many teachers, including the lectures of Melvyn Schnall and Gerald Bernstein, I was most enthralled by hanging out in the dorm with others, talking, eating, playing games, playing cards. I loved the beginning of Spring, the first few warm days without bugs, the return of color and outdoor life without coats. I loved the full range of colors in the Fall too. And I loved Lena's tuna subs.

After graduate school I met my soulmate, Naomi, and we married in 1980. We raised two sons. One is married, a lawyer, with two daughters. His work is doing class actions for the disenfranchised. Our other son is engaged to be married, and is

involved with alternative care treatments e.g. mindfulness meditation and tai chi. They are both very committed to make the world a better place. My wife is a marvel of energy, organization, and empathy and thrives in her practice of psychotherapy. My greatest achievement is having the opportunity to share in the raising of our two sons and being involved in our granddaughters' lives.



Me and my better half

# Sandy Epstein Morris

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

Fifty years seems like such a long time, but the time seems to have flown by. Ken Morris '69 and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary this June, and we have packed those years with family and adventures. Our daughter, Wendy '95, married Marc Berliner '95, so we are a two-generation Brandeis family. Our Berliner grandchildren, Rachel and Jacob, are 15 and 12. They live in Westwood, MA. Our son, Andy, is married to Lynne, and have two beautiful children, Hannah and Sylvie, who are 4 and 1-1/2. They live in Seattle, WA. So we do quite a bit of traveling just to keep tabs on the family. Our children and grandchildren are our pride and joy, and certainly our best accomplishment. After Brandeis, I received a masters in special education from Boston University, and Ken received his dental degree from Tufts. I taught autistic and developmentally disabled children in both Massachusetts and New York. After about a dozen years of teaching, I worked in the travel industry, mostly planning exotic and unusual journeys, along with group ski trips. Ken completed his oral surgery residency at Long Island Jewish Hospital in NY, and Long Island has been our home since 1973. Ken and I are now both retired, which gives us more time to visit family, and engage in our favorite hobbies: traveling, skiing and golf. We have had the pleasure of visiting 6 continents and many countries, and our favorites include, Africa, India, Papua New Guinea, Australia/New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Patagonia in South America, the Galapagos Islands, and of course, Boston and Seattle to visit with the family.

# Robert Nayer

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

In looking back over the last 50 years, there is no doubt that the quality of the education I received at Brandeis has been the foundation of a successful career, and an active and fulfilling life. I have enjoyed lifelong friendships that began the first day I arrived on campus. And thanks to experiences like Gerald Bernstein's Art History class, Barney Schwalberg's courses in economics, and a wonderful variety of liberal arts courses, I came to appreciate the diversity of our culture, the importance of conservation, education, the environment, and physical activity and well-being. I also played basketball for all four years at Brandeis, and was honored and humbled when I was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

All through the years, I have found peace and solace in nature - hiking, bicycling, kayaking, climbing mountain trails in all the western states. I have been on the summit of 21 fourteen thousand foot peaks in Colorado, looked down into the crater of Mt. St. Helens from its summit ridge, and hiked hundreds of miles in most of the western National Parks. I have shared these experiences for 35 years with my wife, Rosslyn. We were married on Earth Day in 1988, and blended life with four children, who are now ages 45, 44, 40, and 40!

Life has been an amazing journey. Brandeis prepared me for the challenges, which I have faced with patience, flexibility and resilience, appreciation, and humility. I wish all my classmates good health and

happiness as we continue our adventures and individual journeys.

# Eric Pasternack

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

I left Brandeis on May 2, 1970 (a few days before the student strike) to start basic training in the US Army National Guard. Everything I know about our graduation ceremony I learned from Life magazine. After basic and truck-driver school at Fort Dix NJ, I started graduate school in physics at Penn. One semester later I left physics and went into geology, eventually earning a PhD in 1978.

I married Candace Uhlmeier in 1974 and Ethan was born in 1976. Esther came along in 1979, shortly after I started my first job, working for ARCO Oil and Gas in Plano, Texas. I told Candace at the time that the job was temporary, until solar energy took over from fossil fuels. Was I ever wrong! I ended up having an exciting career in the oil business, where I fell into a field called petrophysics that is a marriage of physics, geology and (at the time) computer programming. I started in R&D but moved into international operations, which had the benefit of some great international travel. I stayed with ARCO in Plano until late 1998, raising the children there, divorcing Candace, marrying JoAnn Weinberg, blending two families, and ultimately taking early retirement at the tender age of 49 when ARCO imploded due to low oil prices. I then started my second and final job as a one-man technical consulting shop. That has been a great run, with as much work as I wanted (until March 2020) and incredible experiences on oil and gas rigs and in client offices all over the world. Definitely not something I dreamed of (or even knew about) at Brandeis!

Shortly after I started consulting, Jo and I moved 1000 miles north up I-35 to Mendota Heights, Minnesota, a suburb of St Paul. She had raised her children in St Paul and had fallen in love with the Jewish community there. We are still there and part of that community.

One of the interests that I developed in Texas was singing in choruses in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Imagine me if you will, dressed in overalls and boots, walking in circles on the helideck of a gas rig offshore China carrying a score from the Mikado and singing the second tenor chorus part at the top of my lungs as I tried to memorize it. Since moving to Minnesota I have sung in over 20 shows with the Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera Company. It's been great fun and resulted in many long-term friendships.

I became involved in ritual operations in a Conservative synagogue while in grad school and increased that level of activity in Texas and Minnesota. Jo and I joined Beth Jacob Congregation when we moved here in 1999. My activity has grown beyond the ritual realm, and I have served many years on the Board and spent two terms as co-President.

When not working, singing or spending time on synagogue issues, I enjoy bicycling (including multi-day trips), studying French, volunteering in various capacities in the community, and spending time with my step-daughter and her daughter, who live downstairs from us. Life is good.





Eric as a pirate in Pirates of Penzance, tying up the policemen in Act II (so much more civilized than fighting them)



One of Eric's many workplaces (this one in Oman)



Eric in the aptly named Hotter'n'Hell 100 bicycle ride in Wichita Falls, Texas



JoAnn enjoying the live-in granddaughter



Blending two families in 1992. From left: Becky and Aaron Taurog, JoAnn, Esther, Eric and Ethan Pasternack

## Hon. Samuel Poulten

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

I hope this finds you all safe and well and as happy as we are. I was interrupted on my way to Graduation by my enlistment in the Army Reserve Medical Corps 3 months before scheduled..but I guess we all missed graduation. I came back to finish in '71, but the Class of '70 is in my heart. It was Brandeis that led me to that decision; Rabbi Al Axelrad for showing me a path between serving our country and staying true to my conscience, and my Junior Year at Hyatt in Jerusalem that showed me the importance of self reliance, community and self defense. The connection with Rabbi Al has lasted for more than 50 years. Al married us in Berlin Chapel, Bat-& Bar-Mitzvahed our daughter, and grandson, named our granddaughter. Kids Johanna, Geordarna,& Benari, attended his High Holiday Services where I've been honored to sound Shofar. Dr. Peter Witt's outstanding Teacher Certification Program led me to a career in Teaching that spanned 37 years and gave me a life-long joy of education. I've been elected to Whose Who Among American Teachers. My wife Gail also graduated to a remarkable teaching career. The importance of Education, learned at Brandeis, has also led me to serving over 38 years as a School Committee Member where I've been honored as a Life Member of MA Assoc. of School Committees. In 1984, after helping lead a successful Teachers' Strike, I was encouraged to "find another profession". I became a Realtor/Developer and created the 1st single family 'affordable" housing

development in MA. Working at our own WBRS led me to yet another career..Radio. I did a Big Band/Trivia Show on Sunday nights and fell in love with everything about the medium. We also did our own WBRS live comedy-drama, "Truth, Even Unto It's Innermost Parts". I continued doing the Show on various Boston stations, and, after retiring from teaching in 2008, my partners and I bought 980 WCAP in Lowell, with an audience of over 40,000 in Eastern MA and Southern NH. I still do "Your Mother Should Know" Sundays at 8PM. Please tune in or listen on 980wcap.com. Brandeis also gave me a love of Theater. I was able to perform in Orientation Shows, Plays and, of course, Gilbert and Sullivan at Spingold. I might not have had a lot of talent, but I sure had opportunity. My son, Benari '99, has both. He's currently working in LA and NY. He and I share another distinction. We're but a few father/son Brandeis Combat Veterans. Most recently Iraqi Freedom. We also served briefly together at Ground Zero, NY in 2001. I retired in 2010 as a LTC in the Medical Service Corps with deployments and Humanitarian Missions to Central America, Eastern Europe, and Southwest Asia. Benari still serves. I'm a member of the DSC, Chair of the CDTC, have been elected a National Dem. Convention Delegate 4 times and was a 2008 Obama/Biden ELECTOR. Brandeis taught me to be involved. Gail and I continue to sponsor new immigrants from Eastern Europe, and will be working to elect Joe Biden.



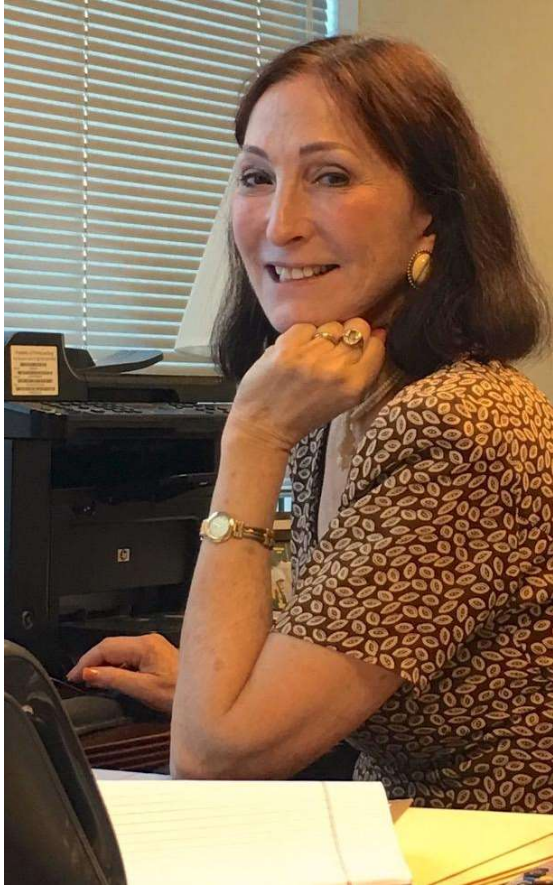
## Gloria Huberman Price, Ph.D.

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

The greatest impact that Brandeis had on my life is that I met my husband there. I married my classmate, Ken Price, and we took similar professional paths after that. We both got our Ph.D.s in clinical psychology from SUNY at Stony Brook. However after directing a research grant at UT Southwestern Medical School, being Director of counseling at the the Health Center at UT Arlington, and doing private practice, I made a mid life career change and became a mortgage broker. I now say I do short term therapy only - 30 days and we're done! Being a mortgage broker has allowed me to combine my love of math and computation and my love of helping people. It has been a very rewarding career for me and I have enjoyed a successful career for 24 years now as a Sr. Loan Officer for Prime Lending.

Ken and I have 2 grown children. Our daughter, Sarah is a journalist. She and her husband and four children recently moved to Dallas. Our son, David, is a reality TV Producer in Los Angeles.

Needles to say, the grandchildren are the light of our lives and we have enjoyed having them close to us and being a part of their everyday lives. I am grateful to have good health, to be able to enjoy the outdoors and be active, and to have loving family around me.



Gloria at her desk



Gloria and Ken

## Ken Price Ph.D.

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

My greatest experience at Brandeis was meeting Gloria Huberman. We married a year after graduation and this year will celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. We went to grad. school together at SUNY Stony Brook and earned Ph.D.'s in Psychology. Together we wrote a Teachers Manual for an Abnormal Psych textbook written by two of our professors, which was credited with making the textbook a huge seller in undergraduate courses. We moved to Dallas where I took a faculty position at SW Medical School. I published a couple of dozen articles in psych and med journals and co-edited the first critical book on biofeedback. I left academia to open an independent practice of clinical and forensic psychology in 1980. I've worked as an expert witness or consultant in many cases, including Jones v. W.J. Clinton. Currently, I evaluate Veterans who make claims to the VA, allowing me to feel that I am contributing to both the welfare of Vets and U.S. society while allowing myself to work as much (or as little) as I choose. My greatest pleasure is spending time with Gloria and our daughter, son-in-law and their four children who have moved to Dallas, while we remain in Facetime contact with our son in LA. We're very involved in Jewish activities including being founding members of the new Holocaust museum in Dallas. I have written my first trade book, *Separated Together*, a personal-historical memoir of Gloria's parents who were separated for 7 years during the Shoah. The book is due to be published on 27 January 2021, Int'l

Holocaust Remembrance Day. If the book sells well and I hit the road to lecture, I'll retire from my day job. I wish all my old (yes, we are) Brandeis friends good health and happiness in the years to come.



Gloria and I and our youngest granddaughter

# Dan Prober

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

At Brandeis, I spent a lot of time in the in physics classes and labs, and summers at Camp Ramah ('67 and '68) and Israel ('69). I may have missed some of the 60s excitement. Oh well. I started Brandeis as a NEJS major, but that quickly proved too hard. In the summer of 1967 I met my wife, Sharon Katz, at Camp Ramah; we were both counselors at Ramah that summer and the next, and we married right after graduation.

I went to PhD studies in Physics at Harvard after graduation, and joined the Yale faculty in 1975, as an Asst. Prof. I have been in Applied Physics at Yale for 45 years, doing various research and administrative jobs, and developing some new, fun courses. I have had only this one job! Our Yale department is now a world leader among universities in the field of quantum computing. I also continue to enjoy my students greatly, being in charge of department undergraduates, and I direct the Yale-Weizmann joint program. This past year I was awarded two Lifetime Achievement Awards, by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) and by the Yale Science and Engineering Association. I continue to teach, and have recently developed popular courses for non-science majors on energy and on new technology.

Sharon and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary this June. Sharon also continues to enjoy her university teaching, and we get so much pleasure from our 3

sons and their families. Our two married sons live with their families in the Washington, DC area. Josh graduated from Brandeis in 2005, and married Denise Katz, who also graduated in his class at Brandeis. They have the younger kids – 2 boys, seen in the family-of-4 photo. Rafi and Bonnie have a son and daughter, all seen in the large family photo from 4 years ago. We love to visit our four grandchildren in DC often, and also have them visit with us when we spend summers at the Weizmann Institute in Israel or they visit us at our beach club in New Haven. The grandkids may also go to Ramah, as did our sons. Our youngest son Matt, also seen in the large family photo, lives in New Haven. In this time of COVID-19, it is nice to have at least one son nearby



Sharon and Dan



Family in 2016 - Josh and Denise, Rafi, Bonnie and their kids, Matt, Sharon and Dan



Josh, Denise and their happy sons



# Enid Sackin Reddick

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

Brandeis seems so long ago! Although there were ups and downs, overall I was very happy with my choice of college. I loved the community, the campus, the smart and interesting people. After coming from a small all-girl high school in Princeton NJ, I loved having men in school and not being the only Jewish kid in the class (everyone would look at me for the answers when the Old Testament came up). I don't know about life lessons - though I'm sure there were some. There were certainly fond memories - music, living in the castle, the toga party, and many others that shall remain unwritten. I valued my friendships, and many have become long term relationships.

At Brandeis I was a biology major. Unfortunately my studies didn't really prepare me for my future work life. In 1970 there wasn't a lot of demand for female biologists without an advanced degree. I held a wide variety of jobs - Filene's basement for starters, Mass General Hospital, the IRS, Price Waterhouse, real estate. I studied for an MBA in computers at night. Ultimately I decided that my interest was more in ecology, habitat protection, and animal behavior rather than the more "pre-med" focus at Brandeis. I went to graduate school in animal behavior. Later in my career I used some of my science background working for the New York City Department Environmental Protection. This included being the director of watershed land planning for the enormous and amazing water supply

system. In retirement I still love being outdoors hiking, biking and gardening. I have also dabbled in a number of art forms including ceramics, quilting, painting and pastels.

I lived in NYC happily for about 25 years. I also owned a 3 season house in the Berkshires, another very special place. I got married later in life to a wonderful man from Texas. Although I didn't have children, I now have four step-children and 12 grandchildren. We live outside of Boston.

I think my greatest achievement was being instrumental in protecting Sterling Forest - a 20,000 acre parcel of land located an hour from NYC. I had taken a course in mammalogy there and fell in love with it. I worked with a great group of environmentalists to preserve it. It was a long hard fight, but eventually the whole property was protected by New York and New Jersey. This effort has been touted as a model for open space preservation.

When I turned 70 I looked in my bucket list folder and found only one thing - to go to Madagascar to see lemurs in the "wild." As a graduate student I had studied Ring-tailed lemurs at the Bronx Zoo. Last fall my husband and I took a one month trip to Africa including a short safari in South Africa, and the rest of the time in Madagascar. It was amazing, and the timing was certainly right.



# Sara Levinsky Rigler

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

The day after graduation, I joined an ashram, in Cohasset, Mass., with a genuine Indian (female) guru. I stayed there for 15 years, periodically going to India to work in the orphanage we ran in Calcutta. In our guru's absence (when she was in our California ashram), I taught meditation and Vedanta. In 1984, the biography of our guru's guru, Swami Paramanda, which I had written, was published, called A Bridge of Dreams. In 1985, I made a radical change of my spiritual path. I was given a two-month leave of absence and \$2000 to go anywhere in the world I wanted. I went to Jerusalem and started to learn Torah.

Although I had been raised Conservative and was on the national board of USY, I had had no idea of the spiritual depths of Judaism. I never went back to the ashram. Instead, I stayed in Jerusalem. At the age of 39 I married a musician from California, at the age of 40 I gave birth to my first child, and at the age of 46 I gave birth to my second child. In 2006, my book Holy Woman, a biography of a tzaddekes (Jewish saint) was published. The book gave concrete suggestions of how every reader could work on herself to grow spiritually just as the tzaddekes had done. It became a bestseller in the Orthodox Jewish world, catapulting me into a lecture career that took me to five continents and 35 American cities. I have since written five more books, including the semi-autobiographical God Winked; Tales and Lessons from My Spiritual Adventures. I presently give a weekly webinar to married Jewish women on how they can work on themselves

spiritually by working on their marriage. (See my website [www.sararigler.com](http://www.sararigler.com)) The webinar has over 300 members throughout the world. I also write for the Judaism website Aish.com. I am working on a book about reincarnation of souls from the Holocaust, with over 400 respondents to my online survey, born after 1945, who have had dreams, deja vu experiences, etc. indicative of a lifetime in the Holocaust. I live in a 900-year-old house in the walled Old City of Jerusalem with my husband Leib. Our two children and three grandchildren also live in Jerusalem, to my great joy.



With my husband, son, daughter and her family 2018



Leib and me with the Temple Mount in the background



On Mt. Zion, spring, 2019



On my 51st birthday.



# Samuel Rosenberg PhD

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

At Brandeis, I learned much from excellent faculty inside the classroom and from everyone in our class both inside and outside the classroom. I developed my academic skills, of course, but also, and perhaps more importantly, a political consciousness, a sense of social justice, and a desire to 'make the world a better place'. My four years at Brandeis included some of the most important formative experiences of my life.

After graduation, I pursued a PhD in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley was an exciting place to be due to the political and intellectual climate of the period, and I was active in a variety of causes. After receiving my doctorate, I taught at Williams College and the University of California, Davis.

I moved to Chicago in January 1982 to take a position at Roosevelt University. Having no prior connection to Chicago, I anticipated staying just a few years and moving on to an academic job on the East Coast where I had friends and family. However, thirty-eight years later, I have just retired from Roosevelt University. The university, with a very racially and ethnically diverse population, and a keen sense of social justice, resonated with me. At the university, I had the opportunity to interact with very interesting students and faculty, build the economics department, be the founding director of the university honors program, and serve for seven years in the university administration in such positions as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Interim Provost.

Shortly after arriving in Chicago, I worked on Harold Washington's first campaign for Mayor of Chicago. I was a member of the committee that wrote the campaign's economic platform. After his election as the first African-American Mayor of Chicago, I consulted for the administration on employment and training issues. It was an exciting time when much seemed possible. Throughout my time in Chicago, I have provided my expertise as an economist to community-based organizations, and to civil rights lawyers and labor lawyers.

My wife, Monique Tranchevent, and I raised two daughters in Chicago. Stephanie '08 and Sophie '10 both went to Brandeis and benefitted greatly from the experience. We very much enjoyed visiting them when they were on campus. Some parts of the campus were very familiar but much was new.

With my recent retirement and with Monique's retirement, we plan to spend more time in Paris, France, where Monique already spends four months a year, seeing friends and family, and enjoying the cultural life of Paris. We also plan to spend more time with our daughters, Stephanie in Washington DC and Sophie in London. The rest of our bucket list remains to be written. I have only been retired for one week.



Sam and Monique Visiting Oxford University

# Barbara Ellison Rosenblit

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

50 years in 3000 spaces. Game On. From gownless graduation to Columbia University. New York City! For a Georgia girl adapting to the North, life remained intense, relieved only by daily double features at The Thalia. Then three years in Berkeley, Sunday volleyball in People's Park, high school teaching. Love, which had lured me to Berkeley, carried me home to Atlanta, briefly—followed by 2 years teaching in Israel's most depressed desert development town where I lived out a screenplay written by Mel Brooks and directed by John Waters, set on a soundstage of sand and sewage.

Chapter 2. Married. Three Children. Career. Another MA, this one in Jewish Studies from Emory. My varied courses lived under humanities' enormously broad umbrella. Published curricula, articles on feminist midrashim, received awards from the Covenant Foundation and fellowships from NEH and a Fulbright Teachers Award, traveled to study Dante in Siena, to study Japanese educational systems in Japan's northernmost island, Hokkaido, spoke and presented at conferences large and small, directed a middle school, then dean of faculty mentoring at a new high school. Inspired by the work of Jewish Women's Archive, I designed a course, along with an artist, capturing the lives of women 75 and older, translating a lifetime of experience into the language of art, resulting in the book, *Pentimento: Revealing Women's Stories*, a visual celebration of 180 women interviewed and interpreted into art,

collected over 18 years of teaching the course.

Where does Brandeis fit into all these decisions and directions? How many words do I have left? I'll switch to a few complete sentences now. To begin where it began, freshman year, (Usdan, 3rd floor) in that life-changing course called Hum 1. The teacher found my Southern accent intriguing but likely indicative of congenital idiocy, but it didn't matter: I drank up whatever he was serving.

And what he was serving was a doorway into humanity writ large. Hum 1 led me to every art history course Bernstein ever taught, and Bernstein taught me to see. Carl Belz taught me how to sigh in front of an artwork, speechless. Gendzier taught me to dream in French and Ygelsias taught me that humanities crossed continents. Treitler and Koff served up hours of drinking in the sounds. And Grossman, the 17th Century poetry shepherd, made me one of his flock.

College was about connections and conversations after dinner over cigarettes and coffee and protests and indignant energies aroused over inequities and ill-conceived wars. But for me, it was about the teachers. The teachers were the ticket. I became one. I taught for 46 years in one capacity or another; what all my classes shared was that boundaries between disciplines became permeable, that only in conversation with each other can there be meaning. It has focused and defined all my

teaching and what propels me in my life. Children Avi (lawyer), Rachel(writer) and Jonathan(filmmaker) attest to it. That's 3000



70th Birthday, 70's theme



Brother and Sister Rachel and Jonathan



Daughter Rachel and Husband Patrick



Husband Ish and Barbara



Avi and Renee and Baby Maya Sarah



## Craig Safan

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

Lot's happened in 50 years. However, my love of composing music has never diminished. I have been lucky enough to have as my sole occupation since the age of 24 being a professional composer. Even with all the ups and downs of that business it's been fantastic. I'm still writing almost every day and have a new album coming out later this year.

I have also been fortunate to have met my wife, Linda, when she was 17 and I was 19. It took us ten years to get married but now it's been 42 years! We have two very interesting, unique children, Alec and Kira. I think the most important thing about my years at Brandeis was that the university was still a very free-flowing place. One could do and accomplish almost anything with enough work and determination. I was a fine arts major but spent a huge amount of time in the music school writing, practicing piano, and working in the electronic music studio. I was able to do all this even though I was never a music major. I also had three original musicals produced in the theater building. All this was very possible in the late 60's. It was a real interdisciplinary experience. I also love my courses in playwriting, medieval history, and Spanish. All the terrific professors got into my deepest self and I have carried their teachings ever since.

I'm not so sure Brandeis has the same opportunities today. Several times I've visited the campus since, once on the President's Committee for the Arts, and I noticed that while new science buildings had been built and improved, the arts

buildings were exactly the same as in 1969! I don't think there is the same dedication to the free flow of disciplines and ideas. The university made a decision to go deep into bioscience and let the arts, music, and theater schools live on leftovers. That's pulled me away from being involved in Brandeis and motivated me to put my energies into the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, which I received in 1970. I had a great four years at Brandeis and really learned to think and create and work my ass off. It was a great place.



Me and Linda around 1972.



Me now.



Safan family with Janet Reno in the 80's all supporting disability rights.



Conducting my music in Spain.

# Susan Saltzer-Drucker

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

Hello All - I cannot believe it's been 50 years. And I've been married (to the same guy) for almost 50 years as well (we were married 2 weeks after our graduation).

Life since Brandeis?

After graduating with my degree in studio art, I've (amazingly) continued my career in the field of Fine Arts. I was part of a printmaking cooperative when we lived in Seattle (1973-75); received my Graduate Degree in Printmaking and Photography from Wayne State University in Detroit. We moved here when Dan became a Math professor here, and have stayed. I became certified to teach art, and taught elementary art in Farmington Public Schools until I retired in 2005. And now I'm back to being a self-employed multimedia artist, working mostly in watercolors and photography.

I've foster-trained 3 dogs for Paws with a Cause, a national organization training dogs for the physically disabled, and am a Docent at the Docent Zoo. I now have my own crazy rescue beagle puppy, Quincy Wigglebottom. I'm a very amateur pianist as well.

Dan and I have two wonderful children - Joshua and Matana, and four beautiful grandchildren - Matthew (11), Minaeh (8), Benjamin (10), Rebecca (7) - our greatest achievements!

We love to travel, and have visited Australia, New Zealand, England, Italy, France to name a few. I hope someday to have a place to live in Paris - my very favorite city.

Memories of Brandeis?

Of course, walking from North Quad down

to the Fine Arts studios laden down with canvasses, paints, etc., and back at the end of each day. Cholmondeley's. The mailroom. Music history classes with Professor Koff. Theater literature classes. Evenings with friends, discussing classes and everything else. Green bagels at Kutz on St. Patrick's Day. Graduation that wasn't, because of Kent State - no caps and gowns, "hippie" dresses, flowers, etc., just to name a few.

Brandeis certainly has had a strong impact on my life politically; I won't go any further with that!

I loved my four years at Brandeis, and am grateful I had the opportunity to be there. I don't know yet if we'll actually have our reunion (life gets in the way...), but I hope to hear from many of you through this yearbook.



# Louise Sandberg

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

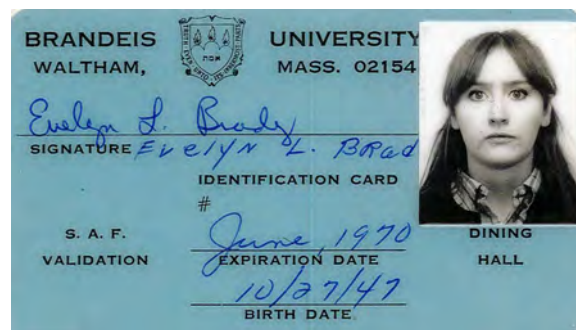
I applied to Brandeis to acquire the education to become an archaeologist. I drove to Dallas from Tulsa for an interview with a member of the Brandeis Women's Committee. I do not remember the interview, but I must have made a good impression.

I took the train leaving Tulsa, Oklahoma that September day, my aunt moaning as I left. I stopped in Kansas City where I interacted with other students from Brandeis in higher grades. I changed trains in Chicago. I had been east of the Mississippi once as a child. I landed in South Station with not enough money to pay the cabbie. He took a check. I wonder if I gave him a tip. I don't think I had ever been in a cab before. I landed in room 107/Massell/Renfield. I loved the interaction with the other women in my first dorm. Brandeis entirely changed the direction of my life.

Within two weeks I had made it to the Army/navy store in Waltham to buy "dungarees". Now I could fit in. I tasted my first bagel at Cholmondeley's. I still have contact with some of those early friends. I felt way behind most of my classmates, but I caught up. The first midterm scare I got over. I met a fellow student, Michael Sandberg, class of 1969, who would become my husband, that first semester. I went with him to New York City for Thanksgiving. We went to see Annie Get your Gun with Ethel Merman. Ah how exciting, New York!

I worked the summer between at Camp Naomi in Raymond, Maine and then back for my sophomore year. I started working in the Mediterranean Studies department. I was now living in North with Deborah Launer, who would become a lifelong friend. Michael was living off-campus on Guinan Street. One of his roommates was graduating and went into the submarine corps in order not to be drafted. This year I got the opportunity that would stay with me forever: I applied to attend the Jacob Hiatt Institute and flew off to Israel that summer to learn Hebrew, Jewish history, Israeli sociology and politics and travel the country the way few people get the opportunity to.

I married Michael Sandberg from and we have a daughter and a son and now a grandson and a granddaughter. In the last 20 years we have done a lot of traveling including the trip of my life - Egypt with a stop off in Jerusalem.



Brandeis ID



19th birthday party, October 1966

# Judy Gollinger Savage

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

I feel as if I've led several different lives in the 50 years since we graduated from Brandeis. First grad school (Simmons for Library Science) and a wonderful newlywed life in the heart of Boston while working at the Mass. Dept. of Education in their Educational Reference Service. Then moving to CT and working at Yale's Social Science Library before starting our family. Norm (Brandeis '68) and I raised Matt (Hampshire '96) and Jenna (Brandeis '99), both of whom grew into wonderful adults. Matt and his wife, Kelly, gave us Evy (age 5) and Charlie (age 3). I worked as a school librarian at Xavier High School (a boys' Catholic high school in Middletown, CT) for 18 years, and then in the 2 Fairfiled, CT, high schools for another 15 years. I also got a second master's degree in Library Media and Technology at Central CT State Univ. Those are the basic facts. Beyond that, I have to say that I have loved my life, my work, and my family. Unfortunately, Norm developed Lewy Body Dementia just when he retired, so that my retirement a year later was defined by my role as caregiver. To be closer to our children as his illness progressed, we moved to Stoughton, MA, a town adjacent to Sharon, MA, where Norm had grown up. I have spent the last 4 or 5 years dealing with Norm's deteriorating health, which culminated in his death in August of 2019. I am recovering from the ordeal of the last few years and the loss of my life partner. But I am busy working for the Brandeis National Committee's Norfolk/Sharon Chapter, which has brought me many wonderful friends. I am grateful

to Brandeis for its contribution to this part of my life, as I am for those wonderful early years.



Happier Times



The grands!

## Sara Schechter-Schoeman

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

A life of joy and tragedy since Brandeis... After my sophomore year I married Ferdy Schoeman (Brandeis Ph.D. '71). Our first child (Miriam Schoeman, Brandeis '92) was born soon after I graduated. We had a son three years later. We settled in Columbia SC where Ferdy had a tenured position teaching philosophy at the University of South Carolina. I graduated law school in SC and had a career as a lawyer and auditor for state agencies. I worked hard, did my job well, but this was never my passion. And even though I have lived in SC for almost 45 years and have dear friends here, it has always felt like being in exile.

When I was in my early 40's, Ferdy was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. Despite many rounds of chemo and a bone marrow transplant, he died a few weeks after Miriam graduated from Brandeis and our son was still in high school. In many ways what I did to meet the extraordinary demands of caring for a dying young husband is what I am most proud of. Several years later I married again, to an old friend who taught cello at the University of South Carolina until his retirement last year. With the burdens of raising a family, two careers, not much money, and Ferdy dying young, I didn't get a chance to have much of a bucket list through middle age. (But having two wonderfully kind kids and a second husband help make up for the loss.)

If Covid-19 abates, I will be starting a new life later this year! My husband and I had

joked we would leave the US if Trump won the 2016 election, never thinking it would actually happen. After three years' effort we were lucky enough to receive permanent residence status in Canada. However, we have to "land" in Canada by November or we will lose it. We plan to split our time between Canada and SC. My daughter, her husband and their 11-year-old twins live in Toronto. My son, his wife, their 10-year-old daughter, and 8-year-old identical twin sons live in South Carolina. (No, twins hadn't run in the family!)

I haven't kept up with anyone from Brandeis and would love to read about others, especially from my first year in North Quad.... My Brandeis heritage is the ability to think critically and analytically, so essential now!

I am fortunate enough at long last to have the time, the energy, and the resources to begin my adventures 50 years after graduating!



With my kids and grandkids in December.



# Richard Shapiro

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

In order to tell about post-Brandeis, I need to tell about my time at Brandeis. Namely, I shouldn't have attended in the first place, as I didn't really have the credentials, I was pushed beyond my abilities, and I needed influence for admission. So, small wonder that I struggled to pass. Eventually I gave up after 3 semesters and took gut courses to get through.

Therefore, I took 3 years off after college to recharge my batteries. Then I applied to law school, but was limited to no-name schools because of college grades. I was accepted at what was then called Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire (FPLC), which in the aughts was incorporated into UNH. (I did better at FPLC because it had a lower academic curve than Brandeis.) However, it turned out to be a life changer because it gave me the chance to go to Santa Fe for a semester internship. I fell hard for Santa Fe and decided that would be my home. I moved there permanently in mid-'78 and have lived there ever since.

After taking and passing my 2nd bar exam, and struggling for 6 months, I got two temporary law jobs, then a permanent job as a New Mexico Assistant Attorney General. However, state jobs = politics, and a change in governors in 1983 put my head on the chopping block. While fighting to keep my job, I was nearly killed in a head-on collision. I survived (obviously) but sustained a concussion and was awake but unaware for 5 weeks (even while walking

and talking). (A nurse friend described it as "dazed.") I was out of work for 9 months.

After recovery I could have gone back to my state job, but having escaped I wasn't going back. I started solo practice and discovered that I was an ineffective litigator, but also that I was a good divorce lawyer, and I made a career of it.

The other major theme in my life was that I was not ready for a committed relationship until 1981 (though I didn't realize it until I had an epiphany in 1990-1991), and that by inadvertently delaying commitment I ended up marrying the one woman (Kathy), who understood that my decline in academic performance starting in high school was because I was better in lower level skills and not so proficient with higher level skills required for college (e.g. reading and writing, and understanding more complicated concepts), particularly at tier 1 colleges like Brandeis. (This also explains why I was not a good litigator.) (Kathy has a masters in special ed.) And, rather than this discovery being upsetting, it was liberating. I had peace over my limitations.

And since the character limits of this piece don't permit me to say much more, I'll end by saying, in a nutshell, Kathy and I have lived happily ever after. Since retiring in 2014 (she retired in 2008) we have truly enjoyed retirement (traveling, RVing, skiing, hiking, playing bridge, and just not being tense).

# Penny Wise Shar

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

I married Larry Shar '69 just before leaving Brandeis. We moved to New York City, had 2 wonderful children. After our divorce, I went to medical school (!) and eventually moved to Bangor, Maine, where I still live. Both my children still live in New York and work for their father who has a family business of framing and restoration. I love living in Maine. I worked for 12 years in a conventional medical practice, then took time off. I owned a motor home and spent 3-1/2 years traveling around the country by myself. What an adventure! I was blessed to be able to take that time off. I was at the time totally burned out with conventional medicine.

Prior to medical school, I had worked as a nutritionist. I felt more and more that pharmaceutical drugs are not always the answer, although that is what medical school taught me. While traveling, I discovered an organization of physicians who felt like I did--I had thought I was the only one. I went to several of their conferences, met other physicians and was able to visit some to see how they structured their practices. When I returned to Bangor, I set up my own practice where I do functional /integrative medicine. I only work 3 days a week; I spend 1-1/2 to 2 hours with each patient, which for me constitutes the joy of medicine. I am blessed that I can do this: my medical school debts are paid off, my kids are out of college and my house is paid for. They say you should not retire from something, you should retire to something. This is my retirement job, and I love it! I love living in

Maine. Life is good! I welcome any Brandeis alums that would like to visit.



I am unlikely to attend the reunion because of distance, but I wish everyone the best, those I knew and those I didn't.



On a visit to Tucson in 2016



A great day at Ski Santa Fe

# Lauren Katzowitz Shenfield

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

Following graduation, I moved to New York and shared an apartment with classmate Barbara Ellison. We were both students at Columbia – she at Teachers' College, I at the Journalism School. I worked at Newsweek as a researcher and, disappointed with the job opportunities for women, followed my mentor Fred Friendly to the Ford Foundation where I documented a variety of domestic job programs and other initiatives, including the status of women in journalism. After 5 years I found my way to Exxon Corporation. Among other positions, I managed the company's support of public broadcasting. It was the Golden Age of oil company underwriting – "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" and "Brideshead Revisited," among other great American programs. The art critic and writer Robert Hughes ("The Shock of the New") called me the Madonna of Big Oil.

When the company moved to Texas, I remained in New York and built a practice to manage private Jewish and other family foundations for UJA-Federation of New York. Eventually, with their blessing, I took the business private. Philanthropy Advisors, LLC, has served dozens of families and individual donors as well as the Jewish Communal Fund of New York, Fidelity Charitable and other organizations. Managing The Baron De Hirsch Fund during the Russian and Ethiopian aliyah, The Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Foundation (Chief Justice Hughes shared a personal correspondence with Louis Brandeis), and Anonymous Was A Woman,

an award program for under-recognized women artists over 40, are among my proudest professional achievements.

Brandeis instilled in me a Jewish identity which I have pursued in a variety of ways. An adult bat mitzvah. Mussar and Torah study. Writing workshops. Cooking. And social justice. My husband Marc Shenfield and I live in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., where the writer Lorraine Hansberry is buried. In 1964, during Freedom Summer, she held a fund-raising event at our Temple to raise money for civil rights activists to register African American voters in the South. Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, murdered in the course of this work, travelled to Mississippi in a car purchased with money from that event. At our second home base, in Cape May, N.J., we are involved in the creation of The Harriet Tubman Museum. Harriet worked summers in Cape May for money to get her family out of slavery in Maryland, to the Underground Railroad and beyond. Both of our homes, dating from 1867 and 1875, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We are fortunate to live near my stepdaughter, her husband and our two grandchildren who love to explore the hidden places in our Victorian homes and ride the trolley in Cape May. As I ramp down my professional practice, I am completing a memoir devoted to our lives in these two homes and the creation of justice, legacy and beauty.



# Bruce Singal

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

The best measure of the impact Brandeis had on me is to compare the person who graduated with the one who entered. And the yawning gap between the two furnishes a clear answer. I entered Brandeis with little exposure to the social and political ferment of the time. Yet that void was quickly filled by the stimulating intellectual and political environment that surrounded us. Debates, protests, sit-ins, takeovers, strikes. I participated in little of it. But I watched. I listened. And I learned. And through osmosis, I acquired an understanding of how the Vietnam War and civil rights abuses were poisoning our society, and of the urgency of combating them. I activated this commitment toward the end of senior year (finally!) by becoming the Student Coordinator of Father Robert Drinan's Congressional campaign, in what became a national referendum over the war as he successfully unseated a hawkish incumbent.

So too did Brandeis influence my legal career. My exposure to the law through American Constitutional History with Leonard Levy – 1 of the greatest teachers I ever had – opened the door to law school in my mind. (I will always remember celebrating with our class his winning of a Pulitzer Prize for his book *The Origins of the Fifth Amendment*, which I still have and use). And the idealistic impulses I acquired at Brandeis certainly helped shape my legal career. I spent my first 12 years as a lawyer in the public sector, as a consumer advocate and then an Assistant U.S.

Attorney in Mass., prosecuting public corruption and major fraud cases. Since then I have been in the private practice of law, defending white collar criminal cases (hey, I matured!) and engaged in commercial litigation. I continue to be involved in some political campaigns, as well as serving on the Board of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) for New England and for CityYear.

I would be remiss in discussing my post-Brandeis life without mentioning my family: My wonderful wife of 37 years, Sydney; my three sons Jesse, Gabe, and Alex (all tall, unlike their mother); and most recently, my granddaughter Riley (age 3 ½) and grandson Cameron (1 ½), the objects of excessive affection. (See photos.)

Finally, in this time of the tragic pandemic, I hope you all are able to stay safe and healthy, and survive this terrible ordeal. Hopefully our shared Brandeis experience will help give us the resilience we need to get through this. Be well and stay well, all.



My wife Sydney and Me in Carmel, Calif.



Granddaughter Riley (3 1/2)



Grandson Cameron (1 1/2)

# Joyce (Melzer) Springer

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

Fondest memories of Brandeis:

Meeting and instantly falling in love with Paul Springer ('68), to whom I'm still married, 52 years later.

Also acting in plays in the Spingold Theatre,  
And watching Josh Mostel butter his arm.

In the ensuing years we moved to London and I became (and continue to be) an actress, also trained dancer and singer, working in West End theatre, film, tv and radio.



# Nikki (Petroff) Strandskov

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

A few highlights from the past 50 years:

Being named in an op-ed in the New York Times written by fellow Justice editor Rick Horowitz – “Nikki joined the Army.”

Yes I did, no need to thank me for my service as I believe I got more than I gave: a year in Monterey, California, studying Russian; met my husband of 48 years, Henrik Strandskov; spent a year in Berlin as Russian interpreter on the “duty train” to West Germany; and the usual veterans' benefits.

Lived three years in a small town in Southern Minnesota, where our son Niels was born. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, where he was arts editor of the Minnesota Daily, and after several switches between arts administration and finance, he's currently working at Ameriprise and lives in Minneapolis with his wife Jane, who is an administrator in the Geology Department at the U.

Moved to Minneapolis, my husband's hometown, and attended the University of Minnesota off and on with no further degrees. I enjoyed working a student job at the Kerlan Collection, an archive of children's literature. Our second child, a daughter, Cordelia, was born. She graduated from Smith and Pacific School of Religion, and is an ordained United Church of Christ minister in Norway, Maine and mother of our beloved granddaughter Beatrix, 7 ½. I'm writing this from Norway

where I've been helping out during Cordelia's illness; we're traveling to the Midwest next week for a probable liver transplant for her.

Our youngest, Elinor, is an actor and singer with a theater degree from the University of Southern Maine. She is currently working as a nanny and dog-walker, but pre-pandemic was beginning to have success getting paid acting jobs in the Twin Cities. We are all hoping that live theater will come back.

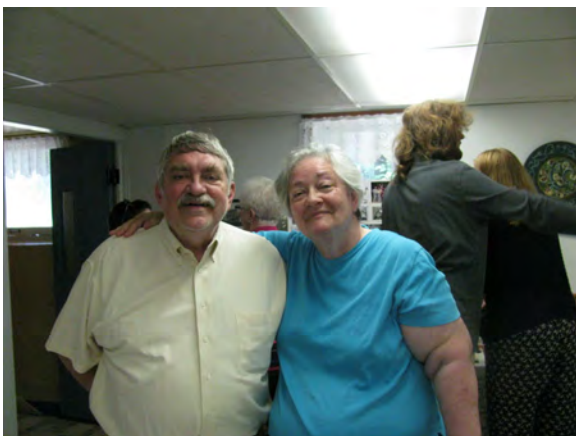
I've worked at several libraries over the years, including working on the bookmobile in Waseca, the Hennepin County Law Library in Minneapolis, and the Hamline University Law School Library. I also worked editing newsletters and doing other tasks at a couple of churches. The most surprising job I've had was as a tax preparer for H&R Block, which I actually enjoyed.

After many years in Minneapolis, we moved to Brunswick, Maine (where I finished high school) in 2005, and lived happily there for 12 years. In 2017 the Midwest called us back, and we are now in Luck, Wisconsin, the hometown of my late mother-in-law, where Henrik has cousins by the dozens. I am grateful for the opportunities I've had to live in larger cities like Boston and Minneapolis, but a small town suits me now. I still do a lot of reading, and have been working on my and my husband's genealogy for many years now. I rejoice at the great accomplishments of my classmates and sometimes feel a little guilty that I haven't done more, but overall it has

been and continues to be a good life.



Henrik and Nikki, June 25, 1972



Some years later...

# Detlev Suderow

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

Without writing a short story, let me try to summarize 50 years of my journey.

After Brandeis I spent nine years, including grad school and a year at the University of Zurich on a fellowship, as a school psychologist in public education. In my mid-thirties, I transitioned into business and spent the next 25 years in various high tech companies in HR Management ending up as a SVP in a Tech company that allowed me to make enough money to retire at 60. I got a part time teaching gig at the Brandeis International Business School that ended up almost full time, and 13 years later I am still teaching there but getting close to full retirement.

As empty nesters we moved to Brookline, Mass and instead of a second home or winters in a warmer climate, we spend about three months a year traveling to all sorts of destinations around the world. You name it; we have probably been there. We travel primarily on individual trips, some group trips, and visiting our sons, who are global citizens, in some of their jobs around the world. This travel including three years hosting Brandeis Alumni trips to China, Myanmar, and Guatemala.

I am still happily married to Ellen Beth Lande '73 who I met and Brandeis two weeks before we graduated and we have two sons. Our oldest son is a diplomat in the State Department currently posted in Morocco and our youngest son followed me into business and is in high tech and

lives in NY with his wonderful wife.

Life is good. Picture below of my family and of Ellen Beth and I on one of our trips in Columbia.

I have been active at Brandeis for the last twenty years. Starting out participating in the Boston chapters. Next came three years as Co-President of the Boston Chapter. I stayed on with the Alumni Association for another six years as Vice President of the national organization ending when I came on board at Brandeis as a faculty member.

As I have stated before, I was an immigrant who was raised by a single mother making minimum wage. When Brandeis admitted me and gave me a full scholarship that changed my life forever. It took me a long time to understand why a newly created Jewish-sponsored university, founded and financed by many European refugees from the Holocaust and populated by many European refugee scholars, would give a scholarship to a German immigrant.

Thank you Phil Driscoll, Herb Yood, and Mike Kalafatas for giving me this opportunity.

Be well and happy!

Detlev



# Robert Thibeault

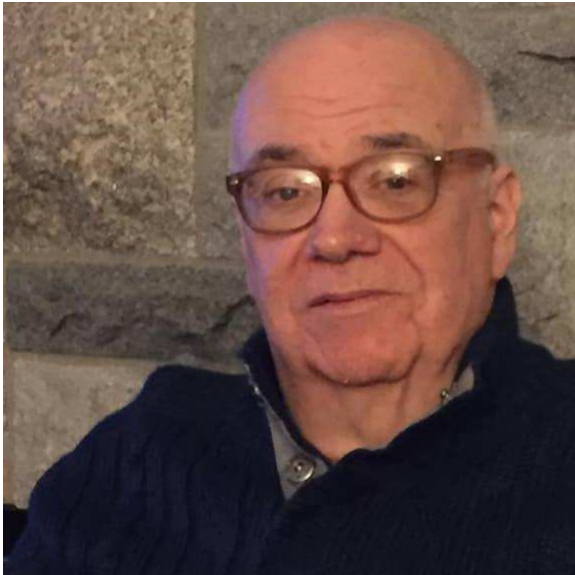
## **Tell us about your life since Brandeis...**

Taught special needs for 9 years in the Salem Public School System, 27 years teaching English and Latin.

I am single and semi retired, teaching as an adjunct professor at North Shore Community College

Have traveled to various places in Europe and America.

Will eventually be retiring to Rhode Island where I have family and roots.



# Steven L. Weiss

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

As many of my classmates puzzled over what they would be doing after their graduation from college, I knew that I'd be hearing from my draft board and needed to plan accordingly. I was a politics major and had gotten to know Professor John Roche after taking classes with him. When I told him about my post-graduation worries, he was kind enough to invite me to meet with him in his office on Friday mornings to discuss our respective views on pacifism and the Vietnam war, focusing on several readings he suggested to guide our discussions. I had, on my own, already read quite a bit on the subject of pacifism and non-violent action. The readings he chose, while often respectful of the pacifist tradition, tended to draw on historical situations in which the efficacy of a pacifist approach to confronting evil was seriously challenged. Two of those readings, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Letters and Papers from Prison" and the exchange of letters between Martin Buber and Gandhi, made a deep and lasting impression on me, and after some years convinced me to change my views on non-violent action. But back in 1970, when, after those discussions I decided to apply for conscientious objector status, Professor Roche, convinced of my sincerity, offered to write a letter to my draft board on my behalf. I performed my two years of conscientious objector alternate service in the art program at a public school in the Boston area. When my period of alternate service ended I moved back to Brooklyn, took drawing,

anatomy, and sculpture classes at the Art Students League, and worked part-time with children who were out-patients in the psychiatry department at Bellevue Hospital. After two years studying at the League I was admitted to the three-year MFA program in sculpture at the University of Pennsylvania. While there I began regularly attending Shabbat morning services again at the campus Hillel. It was at that minyan that I met Martha Himmelfarb, a graduate student in religion. We married in July, 1977, after I'd received my MFA in sculpture.

While still a graduate student, Martha was hired to teach at Princeton, and we've been living there ever since. She expects to retire from teaching in two years. I taught for a few years at the Philadelphia College of Art and then, until a few years ago at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. On days that I was not teaching I worked in my studio. I now work there daily, except for Shabbat and Jewish holidays. We are active members of an egalitarian minyan at the Center for Jewish Life on Princeton's campus.

When the opportunity presents itself, I exhibit and sell my drawings and sculptures. If you'd like to see some of the art I've produced over the years you may look at my website:

[www.stevenweissart.com](http://www.stevenweissart.com)

Martha and I have been blessed with a son and three daughters, all of whom are married and now have children of their own.



# Preston Winters

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

I remember my years at Brandeis with fondness. What an amazing time to be in college, especially a progressive, socially active one such as ours. So many memories: mostly great classes, some good friends, playing poker or bridge or pinball into the wee hours, listening to the recently released Abbey Road album while crashing somewhere in DC in November 1969, my first serious girlfriend, the solar eclipse, Waltham (whenever I walked or drove into town, I felt as though I were stepping back 20 years in time) and, of course, exploring all kinds of new freedoms, most of which were legal. I didn't get into Boston nearly as often as I could have – I was perfectly happy on campus.

The anti-war and Black Power movements were two of the defining developments then. The atmosphere was intoxicating, but the excesses were self-defeating. I was repulsed by the violent destructiveness of the Weathermen, which helped to subvert and delegitimize the protests against the war in Vietnam, and allowed the rantings of Spiro Agnew to gain traction among the "silent majority." I remember, too, having mixed feelings, though mostly supportive, about the take-over of Ford Hall ("Malcolm X University"), where I had taken some classes, but being disgusted when I heard that the place had been trashed.

After Brandeis, I went on to medical school and became an internist. I still practice full time, and I love what I do, although admittedly the siren song of retirement can

always be heard faintly in the background.

I'm fortunate to have a wonderful family. My wife of almost 30 years Mary Lou, is an occupational therapist and is my terrific partner in life. My son Mike has a successful but demanding career in finance, and is perpetually tweaking his work-life balance. My daughter Jacqueline just completed her first year in law school, and is loving it. I am still reasonably healthy, and we are all doing well. All in all, I'm pretty lucky.

Which inevitably brings us to the ongoing pandemic. It is unnerving to realize that all those things we took for granted have been turned upside down for an as yet indeterminate period of time. Many of us have lost somebody we love. My hope is that people listen carefully to the public health authorities, keep their priorities straight and their families safe.

It is surreal that, at a time when true leadership is essential, we instead have the most divisive, vindictive and dangerous president in our history. Our Constitutional checks and balances are being systematically undermined by the creeping totalitarianism of his craven party. The fact that forty percent or more of Americans actually continue to support this grotesque caricature of a president is horrifying. With the election and re-election of Barack Obama, I had dared to think we had turned a corner...

To all my former classmates, most of whom thankfully are still with us, and many of



whom I never got to know, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.



From right to left: Micheal, Jacqueline, Mary Lou, Preston

# Beth Segal Wright

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

Beth Segal Wright (1970), Distinguished University Professor of Art History at the University of Texas at Arlington, served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts between August 2003 and December 2014. She stepped down when her husband Woodring's multiple myeloma (diagnosed in 2006) reached an acute stage requiring innovative treatment. He was patient #1 in a clinical trial of CAR-T BCMA which stimulated a remission of 2-1/2 years. He passed away in August 2019. She remains a full-time faculty member, presently teaching 104 students and serving on department, college, and university committees, including the Academy of Distinguished Scholars, to which she was elected in April 2019. She lives in Arlington, Texas two stop lights away from her son Benjamin and daughter-in-law Crystal with their two sons Bradley (4) and Cameron (1). Her younger son Joshua lives in New York City.

One of my happiest memories is the semester I was working on my senior honors thesis for Rudolf Binion (I was a double major in history and art history) and kept missing meals because I couldn't bear to leave the library. And I loved dancing in the Israeli folk dance group!

Brandeis's undergraduate seminars in history (what a privilege!) led me to discover my subject was art history. As a sophomore, taking a seminar in the Florentine proto Renaissance, I was able to do my research paper was Giotto. I became

a major in art history as well as art history.

Life lessons: my husband was an exceptional person: creative in living as well as in his scientific research (centering on telomerase in cancer therapies). Helping him during his 13-year illness I learned from his gallant facing of imminent mortality that life calls out our best creative energies and that love is a verb.

Greatest achievement: combining a fulfilling career as an art historian with interdisciplinary interests in French literature, history and historiography. a happy family life, and a fascinating 11 years as dean of a college with 12 departments, bringing the visual and performing arts, humanities, communication and languages, and social sciences. We were able to establish degrees in Spanish interpretation and translation and critical languages and international studies, minors in disability studies and pre-law, a center for African-American studies, among other aspects. Fascinating and worthwhile work in a public university which now has 50,000 students.

# Wendy Simon Zlotlow

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

I pulled out my 40th and 45th year submissions to see what I had previously written. The first focused on my Brandeis experiences; the second on my life since Brandeis. Let's see what reflections I have that merge both. It's still a shock when I realize that references to "the elderly" mean me! Attached are photos of me during Junior Year and a far more recent one with my husband of almost 50 years, Mark Zlotlow, '68.

I recently learned that my Brandeis roommate, Helen Goldring Quint, passed away in January. We stayed in contact over the years when there were life events to share: marriage, babies, work experiences, children entering college and grandchildren. Helen's work with retarded children at the Fernald School using M'n'Ms as a reward got transferred into toilet training my children.

When we were undergrads, the concept of college being part of a career path didn't seem to apply. It was more a preparation for life than for work. When one of my Economics professors was asked why nothing practical was taught, he answered, "This isn't a Business School." A few years later, the International Business School was created! My most valuable courses were the ones that have helped me to enjoy life: Modern Art, Modern Drama, American Literature and Introduction to Shakespeare.

Most of my paid employment was in administration and association management. Many of the skills I developed were easy to transfer to my volunteer work: meeting planning, publications, fund raising and the like. The organizations I worked with ranged from court reporters to journalists to occupational health workers to musicians.

I work as a volunteer bookkeeper at my synagogue, enjoy two book groups, and play Mah Jongg whenever possible. I'm also the babysitter of record for our ten-year-old grandson. He wants to be an actor! I took him to visit a friend in LA who is an actor. His advice: be in every production you can while in school, but in college major in something that will help you earn a living.

Mark was an Allergist for 36 years before retiring. His big decision now is whether to go to the gym or ride his bike. He also spends endless hours taking care of the yard at our synagogue. Both of our sons are attorneys and live in California.

Fortunately, both of them spent some time in Boston while in school: one at BU Law School, the other at the Kennedy School of Government for Public Policy. It's always nice to have an excuse to visit. The younger son will compete in the Boston Marathon next year, so we'll have a reason to return.



Wendy and Mark Zlotlow



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