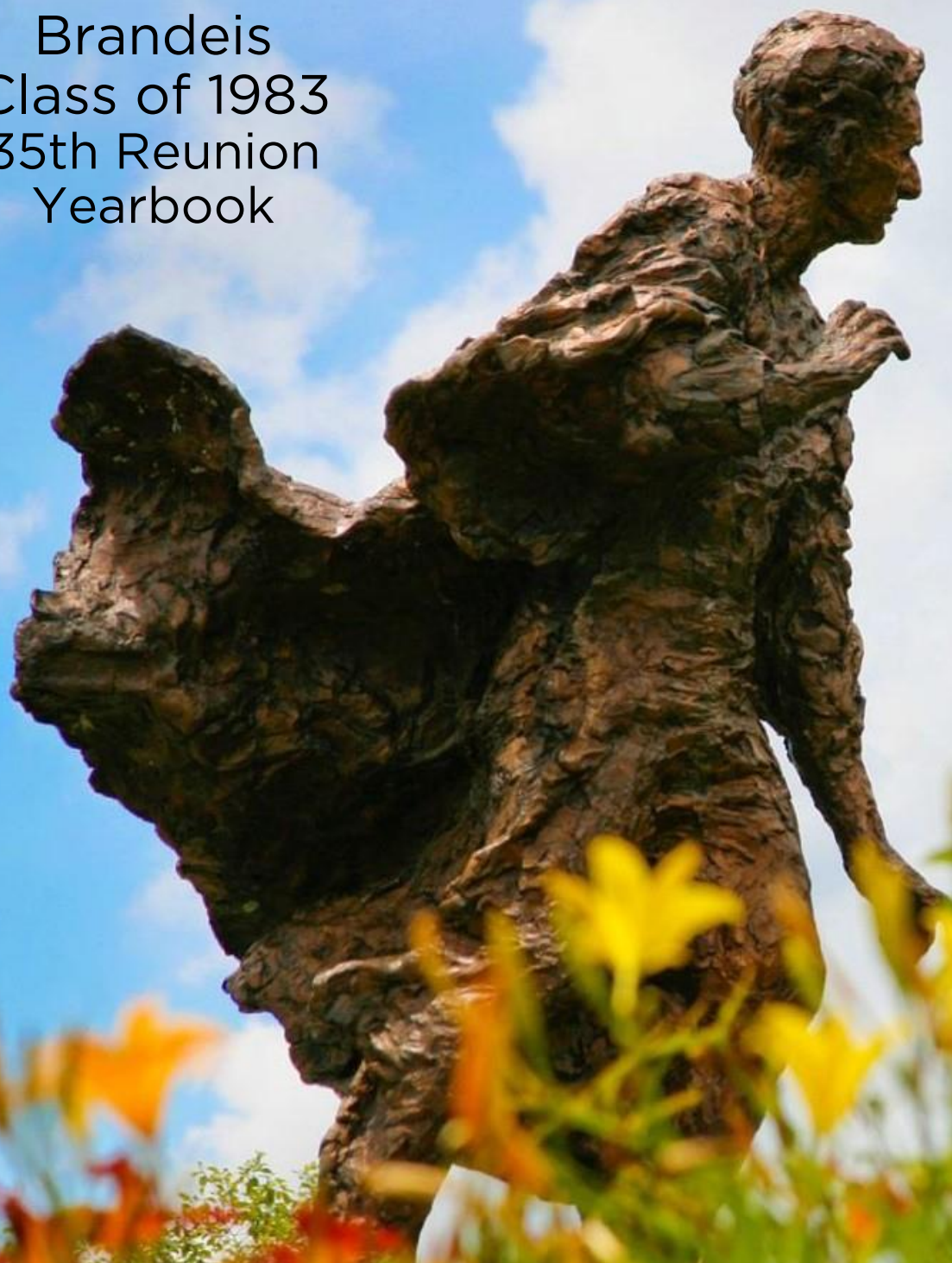


Brandeis  
Class of 1983  
35th Reunion  
Yearbook





# Brandeis Alumni Weekend 2018



# Barry Barth

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## Life since Brandeis...

I enjoyed the entire experience, especially learning how to learn and the great friendships. I am thankful for the many bonds made at Brandeis that are still strong 35+ years later!



And thankful for these guys....

# Scott Bennett

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

While my classes were certainly educational, especially Sociology with Gila Hayim or poetry with Allen Grossman - those professors had so much knowledge they desperately wanted to transmit to their students - it really was my fellow students I learned the most from during my Brandeis years.

I will not name names here, but it was my honor and privilege to have befriended such a wide range of talented youth - some of whom were gifted poets, mathematicians, or musicians - hell, some were all three!

Laughing with friends as we wrote bad reviews of student productions; or struggling to make bad movies of our own, every day stretched me in a new way. Perhaps everyone's undergraduate years felt that way; I just know how much I grew at Brandeis, and how well it prepared me for a life-time of additional growth.

Certainly my greatest achievement since graduating has been my family life - my wife and I have raised our two sons into fantastic young men, 15 and 17 years old now, who are my pride and joy.



**Me at work**

# Adam Berlin

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

After Brandeis I moved to NYC to act, then eight years and a SAG and AFTRA card later, I enrolled in Brooklyn College's MFA fiction-writing program. I've published four novels, including *Belmondo Style* (St. Martin's Press/winner of The Publishing Triangle's Ferro-Grumley Award) and *Both Members of the Club* (Texas A&M University Consortium Press/winner of the Clay Reynolds Novella Prize), and a poetry collection titled *The Standing Eight* (FLP). I teach writing at John Jay College (CUNY) where I co-founded and co-edit *J Journal: New Writing on Justice*. I live in NYC with my girlfriend Katherine and our two-year-old son Eben.



# Ted Bigman

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## Life since Brandeis...



Enjoying July 4th with my kids



At college graduation for my youngest



Senior year with my boys

# Tim Blackman

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

Studying math was great preparation for clear thinking in engineering, and my experience with music continues to enrich my life, particularly now that my children are out of the house.



**Tim**



# Jerry Blair

## Life since Brandeis...

Simply put, Brandeis was an incredible preparation for life. From lifelong friends, my first life mentor Morrie Schwartz, one on one Creative Writing with Margaret Rey (Curious George) running the Student Programming Board, Probo and reestablishing Homecoming for the first time since 1958, and of course being close enough to Boston, but far enough away (especially from those Scorpion Bowls in Cambridge), I can't imagine having a more well-rounded experience that prepared me for life. In retrospect you get to appreciate it even more.

Who would have imagined that volunteering to be a "skin" loading bands into the Stein would turn into a lifelong dream of working in the entertainment business. The student run Programming Board brought us Usdan Lives(yes we ground the stems too), Bronstein Weekend, 3 film series, the Record Coop, Cholmondeley's, a lecture series that brought the likes of George McGovern, Timothy Leary, John Houseman, G Gordon Liddy (chief Whitehouse plumber in Watergate), a concert series that featured Jerry Garcia, to Adam and the Ants, and INXS.

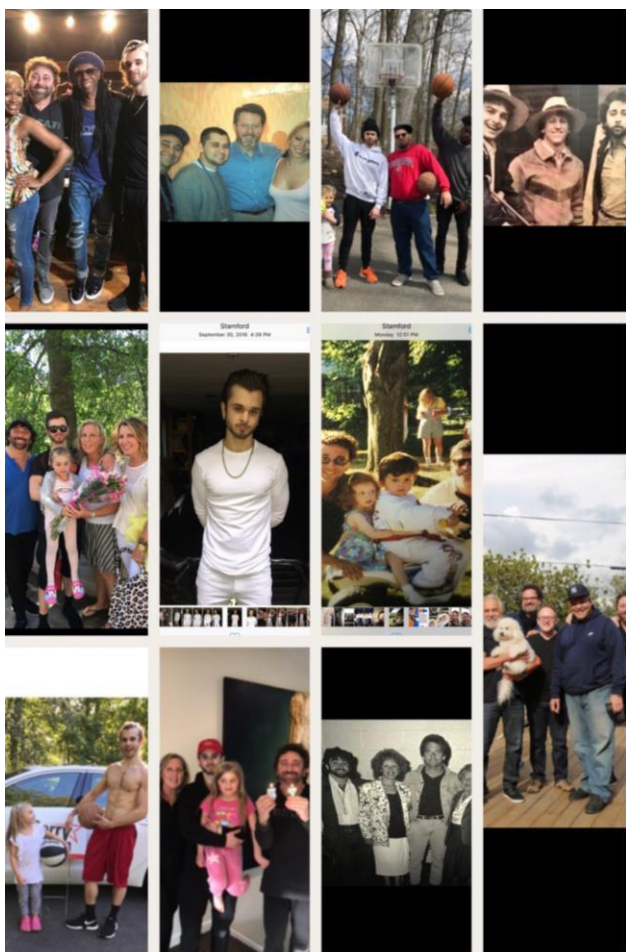
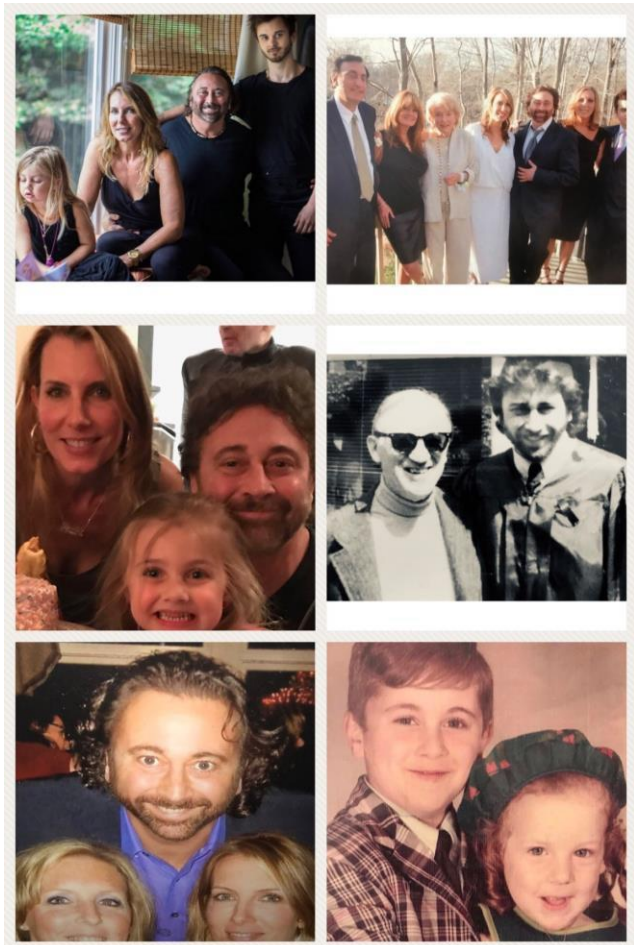
We stuck our finger in the eye of the New York Times, as our Social Life Rating went from a 1 to a 3(out of 5). I remain close friends with Andy Perel, one of the top attorneys in NYC, Barry Mitchel, now a dentist with his own practice, and Tim Alavosus, A genius chemist and parrot lover, and Dr. William Portnoy, plastic surgeon extraordinaire. My sister Michelle followed me to Brandeis was a Woman's Soccer Captain and went on to get her Masters in Education to continue in a long line of educators in our family.

After Brandeis, I went onto graduate from BU Law, but never practiced law a day in my life. I had the bug, and while in law school, became a college rep for CBS Records and never looked back. I went on to run the West Coast office of Chrysalis Records working with Artists from Huey Lewis, Billy Idol, Pat Benatar, and Jethro Tull. I went onto 12 year career at Columbia Records/Sony Music as EVP, with the privilege to work with artists from Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Ricky Martin, Eddie Money, Beyoncé, New Kids, then Arista Records breaking Outkast, Pink, Usher, Dido, and many more. I partnered with Mariah Carey to launch MonarC Music and re establish her career. Our company Global Entertainment Management partners with Entertainment One with a focus on the Latin Market and artists like Wyclef Jean of the Fugees, the Peter Tosh Estate, Tropus Media for print on demand Merchandise and

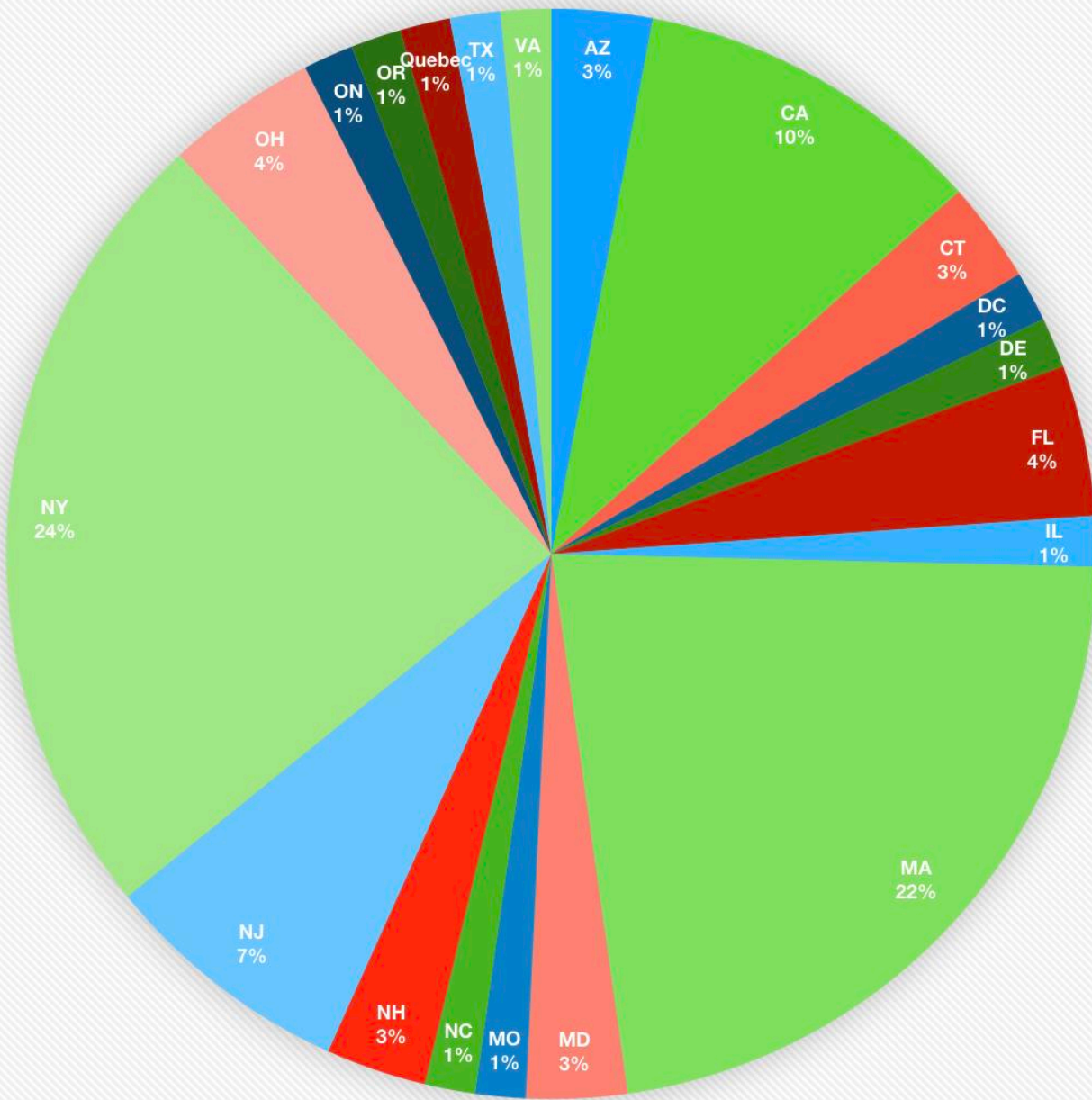
proprietary ecommerce platform and Barc men's grooming line.

My son Josh(23) has a successful business Gold Leaf Drip and is a music producer, Geniux. I live in Stamford,CT with my amazing wife Karen and our daughter Suzette(5) named after my Mom. Mom, I miss you every day. Thank you for your perseverance and dedication ensuring we had an amazing education at Brandeis.





# Where We Live Now



AZ CA CT DC DE FL IL MA MD MO NC NH NJ NY OH ON OR Quebec TX VA

# Laur Blumberg

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## Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis taught me to be an independent and creative thinker. In my work life I am regularly challenged to develop solutions to complex multidisciplinary problems. I will never forget the opportunities I had at Brandeis in scientific research to go down new paths that I formulated myself. I spent a whole summer at Brandeis building an experimental biophysics platform from

scratch-where else could I have done this as such a relative novice?! Now with an MD and MBA I start healthcare technology companies...

I live in the upper west side of Manhattan, and have been with my wife Michele for 20 yrs, and now with two girls 5 and 11.



# Barry J. Bonder

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# Susan Rubin Borison

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**Borison Gang (Dan, Sue, 5 kids, boyfriend, dog)**



**Daniel Borison '83 Susan Borison '83 Wedding  
1995**



**Sue and Business Partner**

# Caren Fierverker Boroshok

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**My daughter's high school graduation 2017**



**Family Trip to Hawaii 2017**

# Susan Brazer

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## Life since Brandeis...

Susan Brazer is a senior mobile, digital media and emerging tech exec with global expertise for world leading companies-- Apple, DirecTV, SES Astra, FIFA World Cup, Viacom, Virgin Mobile and Nokia. Susan is currently the CEO of LionShare Media, an LA-based company that is developing new immersive platforms for enterprises and entertainment, using digital twin, machine learning, IoT and blockchain technologies. Prior to this, Susan was VP of Strategy and Business Development for Nokia, VP Corporate Development for Virgin Mobile USA, EVP, for Kirch Media iVenture Fund for the FIFA World Cup. Susan is known for being one of the early pioneers of digital TV, having served as SVP for Viacom's first digital services for MTV, VH1,

Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel, TV Land, Bloomberg and Discovery, the head of digital TV strategy for SES ASTRA, and the launch of DirecTV. Susan began her career at Apple Computer, where she launched Apple's 1st portable computer and conceived the Newton and Knowledge Navigator, the blueprint for the iPad and Siri. She started her career at Phillip Morris as an International Treasury Analyst trading foreign currency and PepsiCo in M&A corporate planning. Susan holds a B.A. in Economics from Brandeis University, an MBA from Kellogg and attended the London School of Economics. She is a mentor at Princeton University for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and a voting member of the Television Academy/Emmy Interactive Group and Grammy Recording Academy.





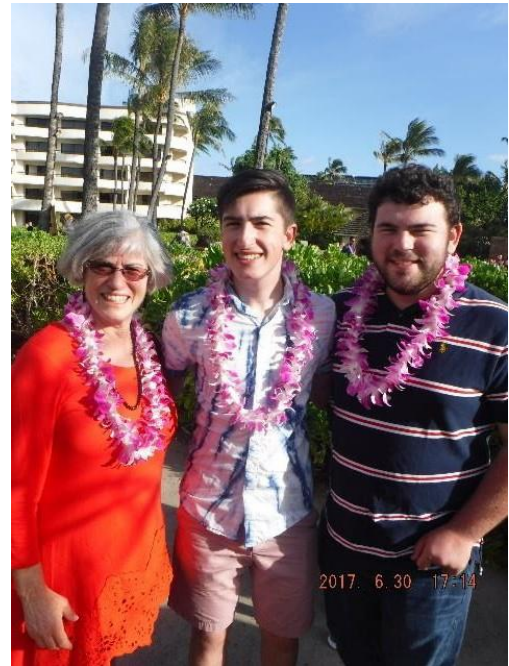
# Howard M. Brown, MD

## Life since Brandeis...

Learning how to learn. Opening my eyes to the world around me.



Me and the Wife



Wife and Kids



My Boys



Me, the Pilsen Master

# Lauren Buchsbaum

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# Bill Cember

## Life since Brandeis...

Dealing with ups and downs. Had some successes and had some failures at a young age. Gave me confidence socially but felt I may have underachieved at times in many different things both academically and athletically. Yet did do a lot of good things and got a lot done. It's just like life.



**My mom, my wife and my daughter**



**My main obsession lol**



**My lovely wife**



**The family including my son Kenny who I am very proud of.**

# Ellen Silver Coppola

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## Life since Brandeis...

I have too many wonderful memories to list here. I'll never forget when my Dad and sister left after helping me set up my room freshman year. I walked them to the parking lot and sat on a rock after they left and cried. I never felt so alone. My roommate was a no-show and it took Brandeis a few days to fill the opening. Plus my RA couldn't find me because I was switched to that room that day. I was really alone.

I was extremely shy in high school and wasn't very happy there. I wanted to change my life when I came to college since no one knew my past there. I fondly remember freshman orientation and Play Fair. I was one of the people that yelled out "I want a standing ovation." OMG - I was terrified when I did it. Then hundreds of people clapping and cheering was overwhelming. People remembered me from that day and I soon was able to make friends.

I'm so out spoken now that no one believes me when I tell them how shy I was when I was a kid. I'm proud that I was able to change my life at Brandeis. I have made some wonderful friends through Brandeis. I don't get to see them that much since I live in San Diego instead of the East coast. But when we do get together, it's like no time has

elapsed. We pick up our friendship as if we were still in our Brandeis years. I treasure these special friendships and I know that because of Brandeis, I will have them forever.

By the time you read this, I hope to be retired. My husband and I are selling "the big house" and finally downsizing. We recently bought a condo in a high-rise downtown. Currently we are spend the night there on occasion - mostly when we have an early flight out or a late return flight. But we hope to list our home soon and move downtown permanently.



**Enjoying the on-stage party after the San Diego Ballet**

# Neil Dash

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

College helped me to become independent as well as develop lasting friendships.

# Mark Fischer

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## Life since Brandeis...

For me, Brandeis is like having a big crazy family. I met, lived, cheered, complained, legislated, played, drank, conducted, worked and took classes with some of the best, brightest, funniest, warmest, quirkiest, most talented and most committed people I've had the pleasure and good fortune to know and be befriended by. I find we all share a bond so deep -- born of Bronstein Weekends, turkey tetrazzini, Jerry Cohen, trips to Cambridge on the SSB shuttlebus, ice cream at Cholmondeley's, bands at the Stein, singing the "Brandeis Drinking Song" (OK, that was pretty much me alone), ProBo concerts, lectures by former Yuppies who went into hiding or went to Wall Street, runs to Gordons, Steve Whitfield, The Justice, climbing the Rabb steps, driving or riding The Van, Lewis Brooks slide shows, Usdan Lives pornos, Reitman parties and Sandwichmen -- that not only can I reconnect with my closest Brandeis friends after long separations but with classmates and others with whom I only had passing familiarity while at school (if that much). And while that bond is rooted in the past, we don't live in it. We revel in each other's accomplishments, celebrate life's milestones, support each other in times of need and even tolerate those on the other side of the political aisle. And, for me, Brandeis not only gave me this extended family but it also gave me my actual family. Marlene and I are still going strong almost 37 years after we met when she moved into Cable her freshman year and I was the second floor ARC. We have three great kids, including one who gave us a P '18 to add onto our Brandeis name tags along with our own class year designations. Much to no one's surprise I'm sure, we live a suburban lifestyle, me commuting daily to Manhattan and she writing some amazingly warm, funny and insightful blogs between keeping our family running and making sure our youngest makes it through high school (and onto????). It's been a pretty good life and Brandeis was and will always remain a big part of it. Friend me on Facebook. Come to Reunions. Be part of the family.



**A NYC getaway**



**Marlene, the boys and me**



**Taking in the Mets (they won!).**



# David J. Freedman

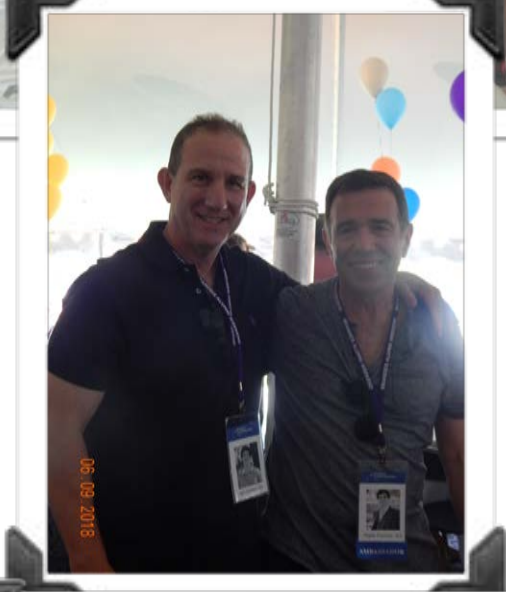
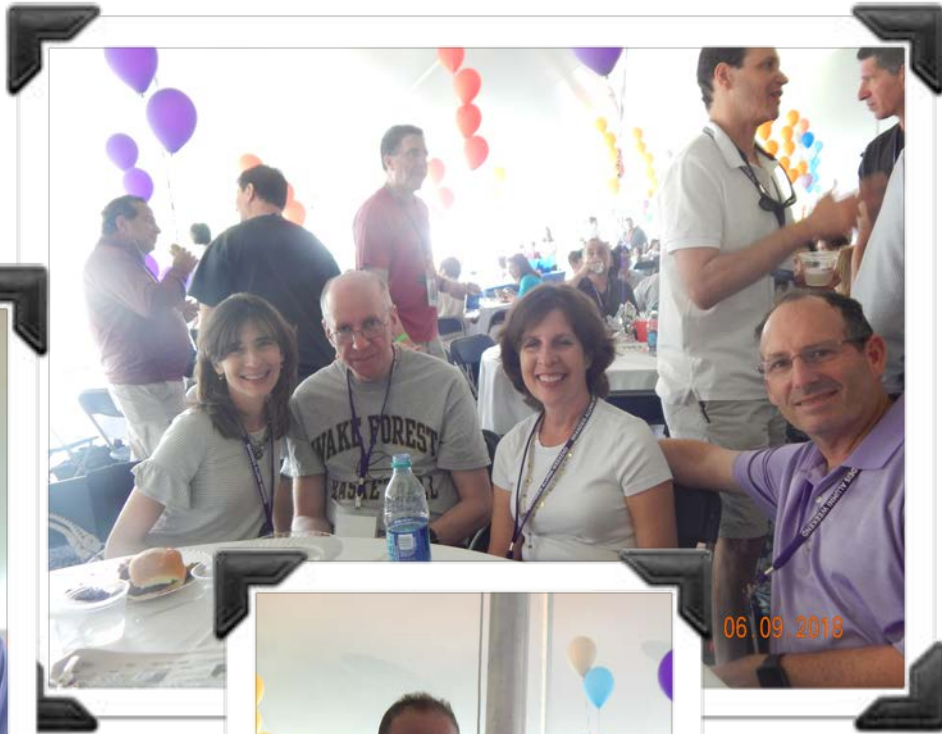
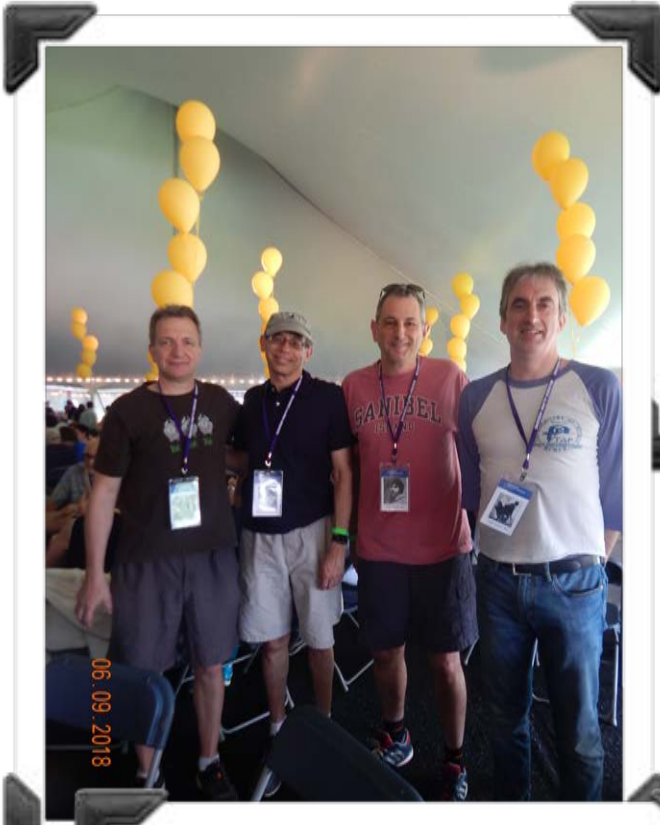
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**Life since Brandeis...**

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# Brandeis Alumni Weekend 2018



# Dorian Friedman

## Life since Brandeis...

Wow, where to begin? Invaluable friendships that endure to this day. Memorable professors and intellectual rigor that continue to inform and inspire. And maybe most important, fundamental values and moral grounding that have guided my professional and personal choices for three decades and help me do my tiny part to 'repair the world' and resist social injustice -- especially valuable in today's political climate.

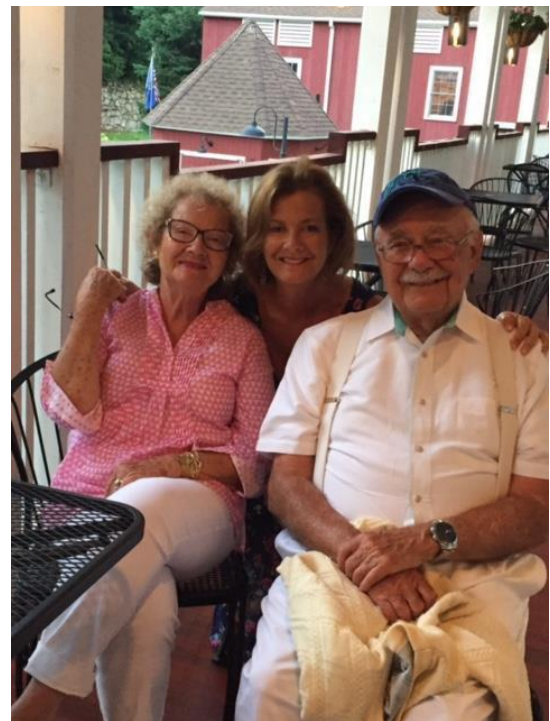
Trite, but my greatest achievement to date has been raising a compassionate, empathetic child who will soon embrace adulthood with confidence.



Husband, daughter and me, feeling blessed



Daughter Mara, beautiful inside and out



Thanks for the Brandeis education, mom & dad!

# Lori Roth Gale

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## Life since Brandeis...

What part of this experience prepare me most?  
Developing friendships, challenging myself academically and creatively as a Fine Art major, and taking on a challenging volunteer leadership role with SSIS - the Student Sexuality Information Service - just as the first AIDS cases were reported in the news.

Until that time, my sense of identity was rooted in my love of art, but the experience of learning to counsel and to lead others in an urgent context shifted my sense of purpose. My career has taken a few turns and I took my education further (Master's in business, doctorate in education), and these foundational experiences stay with me. My professional identity is now rooted in my love of developing leaders whose work has social impact, through organization development, education and coaching. My clients are mainly nonprofit executives. The work is inspiring and gratifying.

I'm married to Brian Gale, a radiologist, and stepmother to Harry (a sophomore at Grinnell) and Grace Gale (a first-year at Penn Law).



**Lori, post dissertation defense**



**3 Gales on the Hudson: Brian, Harry & Lori**

# Lori Berman Gans

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## Life since Brandeis...

As a child and sister of Brandeisians and later with cousins, in-laws and a spouse from Brandeis, having attended graduate school (Heller) at Brandeis and later returning to work in Development for nearly a decade and now as a parent of a Brandeis student, my "Brandeis experience" is too broad and diverse to characterize with any simplicity. I consider it a privilege to have earned my degrees here, but it certainly wasn't merely the academics that made my Brandeis experience so important for me. While we were certainly graded on academics, my greatest education came from all the people with whom I interacted and engaged throughout my many years at Brandeis. The upperclassmen and women taught

me through their own example and tradition how to "be" a Brandeisian; faculty demanded that I learn how to think critically and how to demand more from myself in AND out of the classroom; Classmates, those whom I adored and those with whom I avoided eye contact, helped me learn to live in a more complex and nuanced world than the one I knew from childhood. I gained intellectual, social and professional confidence there and no matter how far away my life may take me from those days, I will always think of it as home. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with all of you on campus!



**Dropping off our eldest at Deroy for freshman  
year  
Go Judges!**



# Jonathan D. Glassman

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

To think critically, to assess information analytically and then formulate and express an opinion.

# Suzanne Barton Grant

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## Life since Brandeis...

At Brandeis, I met some of the most extraordinary people I had ever known. We became study partners, great friends, and in one case...partners in life! Stuart Grant was class of '82 and we have been married for almost 32 years. My undergraduate degree was in Economics and there was something very special about that department - faculty and students. I learned to work harder than I ever had before and this truly prepared me for the financial field as well as pursuing my MBA a few years later. Finally, while at Brandeis, I worked for David Moskowitz who was the University Counsel. We became great friends and I am fairly certain that he was responsible for introducing me to Stuart...predated J-Date!



**Our Family**

# Liz Kanter Groskind

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

I truly loved my time at Brandeis. I met so many wonderful, smart, funny, compassionate and passionate people. I learned from my classes and my professors, but learned even more from the people and experiences I had. I loved being a part of The Waltham Group and BZA. Being on that campus at that time was a constant education and I am grateful to have been able to be a student there. The old saying of "you get out of it what you put into it" definitely applied. Brandeis had so much to offer and was truly a welcoming place.

My work with The Waltham Group really helped inform so much of the volunteer work I have done since college and continue to do. I will be the national board chair for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger for three years beginning May 2018. We serve people of all backgrounds in the United States and Israel.

For years, I was trying to figure out how to get back to the Heller School to complete a Master's. Don't think that this will happen, but a gal can dream. I stayed in Boston after college and worked for a few years, but moved back to Michigan to take care of my mom. Then one thing led to another and my husband, kids and I moved to Tucson, Arizona (of all places!) Making Boston that much further away.

Brandeis will always hold a very special place in my heart. While I am not able to join you all for the reunion, I will be there in spirit. Would love to hear from any Brandeisians. If you are coming through Southern Arizona, please do let me know.



# Susan Chapman Hantman

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

Although as teens we tend to select a university based on what we hope to be our career choice, it's so much more than that. We learn that while it is important, work isn't everything, that life must be enjoyed, and friendships can last a lifetime. I was reminded of that when my son was trying to decide between two universities and one seemingly insignificant factor made all the difference to him. He thought it was a petty little difference, but I told him how he felt was important and to follow his heart. I feel that our career choice shouldn't define us, but it is what we do with it and how we live our life outside of it that does. We make ripples in the pond. And many of those life lessons I learned at Brandeis. Judge Brandeis wasn't just a good lawyer and judge; he was a good man. When my son was in first grade I was laid off from the job I loved, and I lost my self-identity for a time. Then I focused on what was truly important. I took only part-time jobs so I could be there for my son. I got involved in Scouting with him and I am so proud to have mentored six Eagle Scouts. Both my husband (also a Brandeis grad) and I are active in our community.

I like to think we are making a difference in this world, although it may not be the kind of difference I envisioned as an 18-year-old starting out at Brandeis. I am still friends with some of my friends from Brandeis. We have occasionally vacationed with some of them. One has been my sister-in-law for 30 years.

It is now hard for me to recognize that shy 18-year old I was when I started Brandeis. When I graduated from Brandeis, I had never even been on an airplane. Now, 35 years later, I have visited over 40 countries on 6 continents. I have visited ancient temples buried deep in the rainforest, hiked in the foothills of Everest, sat with mountain gorillas in Rwanda, been surrounded by hundreds of thousands of wildebeests and zebra in Kenya and Tanzania during the migration, seen polar bears in Canada and lemurs in Madagascar, been charged by an angry elephant and helped to save a lion cub. You get the picture. It's a great big beautiful world out there and I intend to continue to enjoy it for as long as I am able to.

So, here's to life and living it to the fullest.



Anita Hill and Tony Goldwyn'82  
Talk About Activism in Hollywood

# Sara Silver Honovich

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## Life since Brandeis...

I immersed myself in life at Brandeis, and that more than anything else prepared me for life today. I chose Brandeis because I wanted a small, liberal arts school, where I felt a sense of community. I found that at Brandeis.

I joined the swim team, which gave me time management skills, a job, community involvement, a social network, a coach/mentor (Jim Zotz) and my best friend, Lois Zeller Afrow. This friendship endures through time and life's challenges.

I made many lasting memories and friendships in North Quad freshman and sophomore years.

I got involved in programming with the office of student affairs, which exposed me to many opportunities. Ultimately, I got my job out of college and my admission to graduate school for my MBA based on experiences and connections to Brandeis.

Brandeis always felt like a small, safe community to me, where I was able to step out of my comfort zone and try new things.

As my own children moved on to college, I encouraged them to seek an environment that felt right for them, to help them find the best in themselves, as Brandeis did for me.



**Family Photo - John, Jessica, Sara, Julia Honovich**



**Sara Silver Honovich & Lois Zeller Afrow**

# Ari Jaffe

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## Life since Brandeis...

I came to Brandeis as a nice Jewish boy from Cleveland, I still am. I was looking for a good education, to expand my social circle, and to grow emotionally outside of a sheltered day school environment.

Brandeis fulfilled all of my expectations and more.

Though I learned that calculus and chemistry were not my friends, working in a psychology lab for four years culminated in graduating with honors. Thank you Jim Lackner and Paul DiZio.

Knowing nothing about law, my Legal Studies minor also got me a placement with a non-profit Boston law firm, my first win in a federal energy proceeding, and a stepping stone to a thirty year career as a litigator. Thank you Saul Touster.

My friends taught me new foods, new music, new clothes, how to drink (and how not to drink), and the very real importance of loyalty.

Lessons in social responsibility were shared formally and informally throughout my four years including in physics class, in campus demonstrations, and through volunteer communal activities.

On the day that John Lennon was killed, I was in a studio art class. I went to Shabbat services with a guy who went to jail. I met an astronaut. I saw Don McLean sing American Pie. I saw Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young in Providence. I watched Abby Hoffman turn himself in. On road trips I visited Back Bay, Lexington, Framingham, Vermont, New Hampshire and even the exotic locales of Long Island and the upper West Side. I saw my first (but not last) Steve Forbert concert.

In my senior year I played volleyball and proudly joined the university team that got its butt kicked all over New England.

I stayed up all night working on a computer problem because I was missing a comma in a punch card.

My friends from Brandeis remain very dear to me. Especially Dan Borison, my roommate of three years who became my successor as synagogue president and the physician who saved my life. Come to Cleveland

where we will all share a beer and tell you the story.

I am also grateful that my Brandeis relationship did not end at graduation. Though my wife is a Yalie, two of our three children and both of our sons-in-law went to Brandeis. I have served as a Brandeis alumni interviewer and also on the alumni board. I have even marched in a Brandeis presidential presidential convocation.

Was Brandeis life altering? For me it was life enhancing.



**Ari and Marlyn - Married 31 Years**



**Ari Jaffe and Dan Borison**



**A Brandeis Family**



**Ben Jaffe (Class of 2020)**

# Gale Kaufman

## Life since Brandeis...

I was able to explore a lot of social service and public interest work that was of interest to me and is still important to me today - political campaigns, political advocacy, family supportive services. I appreciated the opportunity to get to know professors well. I loved traveling to and staying with Brandeisians in London for spring semester junior year. And I did learn many life lessons over a weekend as the Soviet General Secretary in our class's International Crisis Simulation Game - main lesson: in a crisis, everyone has to first sit down... and then talk.



resisting - 2nd women's march, NYC



our family (Belize) husband Mick, Josh & Alex



more resisting - group I helped establish (Indivisible Nation BK) with Senator Gillibrand



my sons - Josh (20, Yale); Alex (19, Vassar)



# Lance Kawesch

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

The blessing of Brandeis:

The rich blend of a broad liberal arts education, excellent faculty and students, and a warm social community helped shape my values, my love of learning, and my passion for Jewish traditions and observance.

Bucket list:

Lots more travel with my beloved, Anne Exter '80

Lots more time in Israel

More championships for Boston sports teams



# Iris Kilman Lavine

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## Life since Brandeis...

The part of Brandeis that prepared me most for life was learning the importance of lasting friendships. I recently got together with a fellow classmate who I hadn't seen in decades and it was like we had never left off.

My career has taken many twists and turns but the friends that I've made along the way, and especially from Brandeis, are still in my life (even if it's only on Facebook sometimes).



Diving in St. Maarten



Me and my new husband, Bennett Lavine



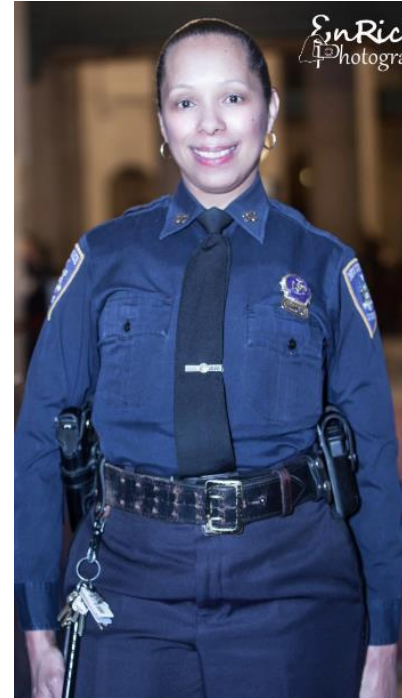
My kids, Aaron & Shoshie Bloom

# Brenda M. Jones

## Life since Brandeis...



**Brenda**



**Me at work**



**My son and I**



**Me and my sister class of 77**

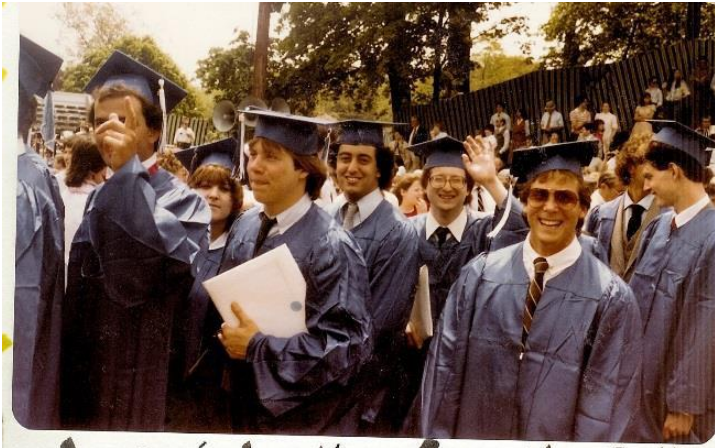
# Stuart S Kaplan, MD

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## Life since Brandeis...

The dedication and hard work required to succeed at Brandeis prepared me to complete my medical training and become a successful practicing physician.

Also, the lifelong friendships I made with the great friends continues to this day!



# Nick Kushner

## Life since Brandeis...

My science and math courses at Brandeis are what most prepared me for my career. I am currently working as a scientist in the molecular cloning group at Agenus, Inc. designing lentiviral and retroviral vectors to deliver CAR-T and TCR genes that will eventually be used to infect T cells and give them the ability to better fight cancer. It's exciting work and the atmosphere is very academic with many meetings each week learning all the cutting edge research being done by my colleagues and the science community.

Another way that Brandeis helped me was how I played lead guitar in several rock bands including Rave, Robert's station and Hot Licks. I continue to play in bands today.



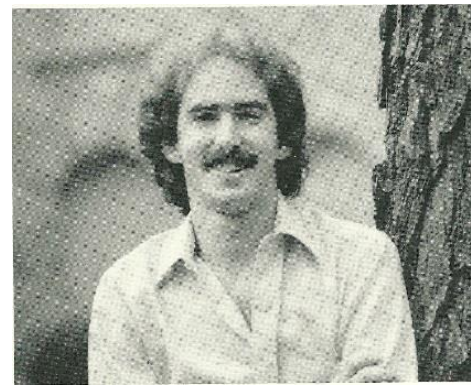
My family: Jacob, Nick, Merle ('83), Hannah



Playing guitar with my band Flashback



Brandeis Rock band Rave



Nick during Senior year at Brandeis

## **Life since Brandeis...**

Learning to persevere and grow when I struggled with academics and social integration. As a minority, Brandeis in the '80s was not very diverse relative to the N.Y. high school that I came from. However, I was forced to become independent and get stronger. This experience helped me in my career and I left with friends who are still close friends today.

# David Levine

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

Freshman year and the world it opened up; senior year and appreciating living in the moment.



# David Levy

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## Life since Brandeis...

The people I hung out with, the places where we hung out, the lessons learned both in class and outside, the chevre of the Reform Jewish Group and the mentoring of Rabbi Al Axelrad.



**Louis, Sarah '17 and David '83**



**The Levy family at Commencement 2017**

# Janis Miller Lightman

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## Life since Brandeis...

I want to thank the reunion and yearbook committee for inviting our class to greet each other in such a lovely way. I'm so sorry not to be able to attend but have very happy memories of our 30th reunion. My years at Brandeis will always remain my most treasured times in my life. My Brandeis friends are among my most cherished and the love of my life is still my Brandeis boyfriend, Jonathan. After more than 30 years of marriage our Brandeis experience remains a strong foundation in our lives.

After Brandeis, Jonathan and I maintained a four-year cross-country relationship (no cell/Skype!) while I attended the New England College of Optometry and he at USC Law School. I moved to LA for a year and then we migrated to Sacramento. I worked with the esteemed Dr. Mark Mannis (Brandeis '68) at the UC Davis Dept. of Ophthalmology for 10 years and now work for Kaiser Permanente. My practice centers around specialty contact lenses for complex corneal conditions, pediatrics, low vision, special populations and primary care optometry. I am a clinical faculty member for the UC Berkeley School of Optometry and enjoy mentoring my newest colleagues. It's been a very interesting and satisfying profession and I look forward to several more years of work ahead.

We have two sons, Ari and Noah (ages 26 and 23). Ari graduated Arizona State and is a CFP with Vanguard Securities. Noah graduated UC San Diego and is a legislative aide in the California Assembly. We're very proud of them both and are so fortunate to be able to enjoy them as adults. I was lucky enough to have my mother working at Brandeis during our senior year and she continued to work there for 21 more years. Thankfully, my parents both still live in Framingham, MA and are active in their community.

Our 35 years since Brandeis have not been all rosy. We have overcome many complex obstacles in the realm of our own unusual health conditions. Jonathan is a walking miracle - please see his page. He is a daily inspiration to me and so many others. Also, we are so thankful that our sons are very accomplished, but they have each had to overcome some major obstacles. That makes their successes

so much more of a celebration. In summary, I am so thankful for all the good and happiness that has come my way and am always very mindful of the preciousness of life each day. I'll always be thankful to Brandeis for providing me with such an excellent education and home.



**Janis and Jonathan - Japan 2017**



**Janis in China 2015**





**Janis - near Golden Gate Bridge**



**Ari and Noah in Old Sacramento**

# Jonathan Lightman

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## Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis taught me to aim high and dream big. Surrounded by capable and smart people, there was little reason to accept what was given when there were endless opportunities to create something new. I've taken this as a guiding principle since graduating and I believe that for the most part, it's served me well.

After finishing law school in 1986, I served two years with the Anti-Defamation League and then moved from L.A. to Sacramento with my wife (Janis Miller '83), where I have been continuously registered as a lobbyist since 1989. For the past 20 years, I have served as executive director of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC), the professional membership association of the California Community College faculty. In this capacity, I've traveled up and down the state, and across the country, addressing audiences as small as two and as large as 11,000, on behalf of the country's largest segment of public higher education.

On a personal note, Janis and I have been blessed by two sons, Ari (26) and Noah (23), and we have journeyed across Europe, Israel (multiple times), Asia, and Canada. I also served as chair of the Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council, president of my synagogue, Mosaic Law Congregation, and for a short time, producer and host of my own radio show, "Chai Sierra."

Needless to say, there are experiences which test us beyond expectation and require us to rely on the strength of others and on faith. At age 44, I was diagnosed with a rare pancreatic tumor requiring the total removal of my pancreas, gall bladder, and spleen, and partial removal of my stomach and duodenum. Four years later, I was back in surgery, diagnosed with Follicular Lymphoma. While this one-two punch has inalterably changed my life, it has never dampened my resolve or caused me to lower my sights.

In the coming months, Janis and I will travel to New York, Denmark, Switzerland, Liechtenstein,

Italy, England, and Boston, following which I will be stepping down from FACCC for a much needed (minimum) four-month rest. After that, there will be more mountains to climb and goals to achieve.

Although deliberately not on Facebook, I would love to reconnect with the many good friends from Brandeis. That would fulfill as great a dream as I could ever imagine.



**Janis, Jonathan, Ari, and Noah at Sacramento River Cats**



**Janis and Jonathan at Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa Japan**



**Speaking at Mosaic Law Congregation**



## Debbie Lipton

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### **Life since Brandeis...**

I haven't thought about Brandeis' impact on my life lately because of my close proximity to campus. This has allowed me to be an active volunteer for the Hiatt Center and visitor to other parts of campus to enjoy the arts community. But with graduation now 35 years (!) back in the rearview mirror, I realize that my Brandeis experience was integral to my growth into a thoughtful, questioning adult with a propensity for activism and lifelong learning. My studies in English and Psychology led me into a career as a career management professional, which continually excites and allows me the privilege of helping guide career changers or support jobs seekers. (See my website at [liptoncareermanagement.com](http://liptoncareermanagement.com).) I am very fortunate to have a rich life which has allowed me to renew or create friendships with fellow Brandeis alums who are local or away, in the Jewish community or outside of it.



# Emanuel (Manny) Lowi

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## Life since Brandeis...

Get serious early or later you are doomed.



With Ellen, Jacqui and Susan

## Joyce Levinson Migdal

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### **Life since Brandeis...**

My lifelong friends and my fulfilling career (pursuing my graduate degree in Clinical Psychology) are a result of my experiences at Brandeis University. I cherish my memories of my time there and feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Raymond Knight and the other inspiring professors in the psychology and sociology departments and to have met my amazing group of friends. I definitely chose the right college for me!



# Bali Miller

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## Life since Brandeis...

I made lifelong friends and had wonderful exchanges with professors.



**Bali Miller**



**Dropping Jacob at Berkeley**



# Carrie Miller

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# Glen Milstein, Ph.D

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## Life since Brandeis...

In 2001, with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Columbia University, training at Bellevue Hospital Center and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Weill Medical College of Cornell, I began teaching at City College where I am currently a tenured Associate Professor. Along with developing and teaching a course on Immigration Psychology, another on Prevention Science, and now a new course on Human Creativity and Religion, I have continued research on my model of Clergy Outreach and Professional Engagement (COPE), which began with my dissertation. My research has included rabbis, imams, psychiatric outpatients and the military. For the last five years I worked with the Mental Health Center of Denver to develop a community outreach program to collaborate with clergy. In April 2017 (a week before an attempted coup) I was brought to speak on COPE at a conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

My greatest professional satisfaction has come from mentoring CCNY undergraduate students through college, into graduate school and staying in contact as they begin and develop their careers. During this work life, my wife Andrea Casson ('82) (who grew up in Rome) and I (who grew up in Colorado) managed to raise two New York City kids into young adults, with humor and frequent astonishment at all that Psychology has left to learn. We've maintained contact with many of our fellow Brandeisians: Joel Chartkoff, Sara Limentani, Caryn Gilbert, Ana Demel, David Arons, Madeline Perri, Gail Sinai, Gregg Bradford, Bill Salton. I am ever grateful to Professor Art Wingfield, who first mentored me on the fundamentals of research (curiosity, conscientious care, humor) that became the foundation of my career.

# Quamrul Mina

## Life since Brandeis...

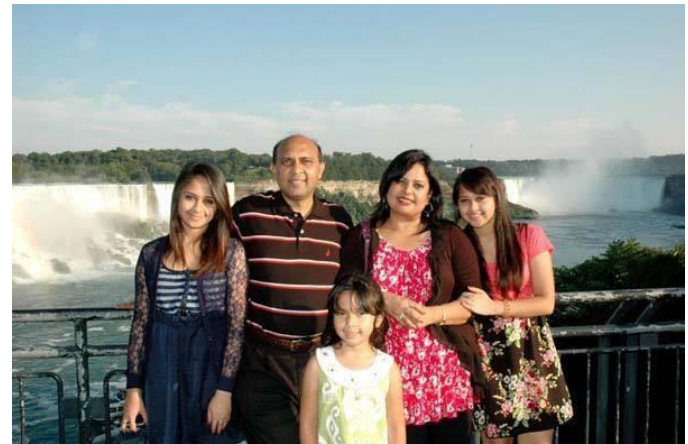
Brandies offered great college years, built my computer learning and career path; loved the memory in the beautiful campus and with students and friendly people all around. Great international students from many countries and all 50 states of USA.



Quamrul & wife Farah



Welcome new year with family



Visiting Niagra Falls with family



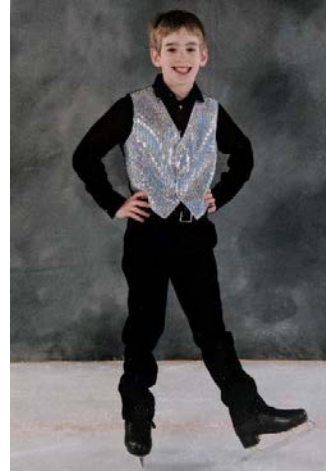
Quamrul with family

# Pavlik Mintz

## Life since Brandeis...

Those of you who knew me at Brandeis know my life then was about Computer Science and Physics. Since then I have followed a somewhat winding career path, first as a software engineer, then as a software development manager, and now as an IT consultant after returning to school for a late career MBA. My MBA is from Bentley; I have a strict policy of attending only schools located in Waltham and having names that start with "B". If I ever decide to get a PhD (attractive idea, but not likely) I might need to venture as far as Babson. At least Babson is in another town with a name starting with "W".

In other news, 11 years ago I married Linda K. Wertheimer (no, not the NPR radio journalist Linda, the author/print journalist Linda). We have a now 10 year old budding figure skater. As a result I spend a fair amount of my "free time" at skating rinks (Brandeis did not prepare me for this). Of late I have also been following in the footsteps of my parents (both with Brandeis PhDs), periodically marching in the name of social justice.



The Skater



Me with my father, Norbett Mintz, PhD, in Washington DC (circa 1963)



Me looking professional



Me and my family on the way to the Boston Women's March (2017)

# Eytan Mirsky

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## Life since Brandeis...

My greatest "achievement," such as it is, is to have contributed the title songs to the films "Happiness," "American Splendor" and "The Tao of Steve" (and to have put out 6 albums of my own music). I started performing live while at Brandeis, singing originals like "Pre-Med Girl" and "She's on the Kosher Line" at places like Cholmondeley's and Louis D.'s Cabaret, so I guess I owe it all to Brandeis in a way! I guess I also picked up some lyric-writing tips from the poetry class I took, when I really think about it.



Relaxing at home



"Hi there."



At a recent 80's tribute show, talking about Dylan with Roger Clark on NY1 at Forest Hills Stadium

# David Muller

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# jeffrey ornstein

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## Life since Brandeis...

I transferred to Brandeis after a rather inconsequential year at Emory. From the very first day, I loved every minute of it. My closest friends even as I write are my college friends. I felt so empowered by the creativity, and individuality, and the freedom of expression at school, it gave me untethered confidence as I embarked upon my post college life.

I have successfully owned my own design firm for nearly 30 years, working on 5 continents, collecting royal families, heads of state, and some of the worlds leading hoteliers as clients. Its been quite a ride. We have been blessed with many awards and recognition for our work, most recently being name Best Multi-Discipline Architectural Practice USA 2018 and Top Interior Design Firm of the Year 2017.

Over the last ten years, My partner and I have enjoyed spending time between between our homes in Chamonix - The East End of Long Island, and NYC, as well as participating in the World Economic Forum for the past 7 years, with the hope of improving the state of the world.

In October 2018 I will be married for the fist time and begin what will now be a new phase of my life, and I can hardly wait.

I have been blessed with good friends, a never ending curiosity, and a wonderful soulmate, and the sensitivity to appreciate all of them.



**Professional Jeff**



**recently with Pam Ferman Class of 1982**



**recently with Michele Singer Class of 1982**



**Me and Andre attending the 4th International Vatican Conf. Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Culture**

# Luigi Pacifico

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# Felicia (Figa) Pehrson

## Life since Brandeis...

I enjoyed being pre-med and believe that the quality and rigor of my classes prepared me well for medical school, residency and fellowship. I just completed a fulfilling 30-year career as a pediatric cardiologist and physician-leader in the U.S. Army, and spent my last three years focused on enhancing quality and safety of medical care in the Military Health System. Since retiring from the Army last summer, I have continued to see patients while working to enhance the quality and safety of healthcare across the country.

I cherish the friendships I made at Brandeis, some of which are life-long. I feel Brandeis gave me an appreciation for my Jewish heritage. My parents were Holocaust survivors and it was at Brandeis that I first met other children of survivors.



Deployed to Iraq



Army retirement photo



Army swearing-in after med school graduation



My wonderful boys, Alex and Isaac

# Lorin Reisner

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

I can't believe that it has been 35 years since graduation. I have such wonderful memories of Brandeis: fascinating classes, terrific professors, great friends, passionate "causes," so many important lessons learned. The most lasting impressions, however, are the most simple: softball on Chapel's Field; a keg in the backyard of our Ridgewood cottage; watching Celtics games on TV with friends (Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parrish with commentary by Bob Cousy), and walking the campus on a sunny day.

Life today is still good. I live in New York City with my wonderful wife Mimi and we recently celebrated our 25th Anniversary. Our daughter, Aliza, presently is living and working in San Francisco as a management consultant, but happily is planning to move back to NYC this summer. We can't wait. My son, Ben, is a sophomore at Brown University and is still willing to go to ballgames and travel with his dad (thank goodness).

I am a partner at the Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison law firm in NYC where I focus on representing clients in connection with government investigations and complex business litigation. The journey to Paul, Weiss included stops as the Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's

Office in the Southern District of New York (2012-2014), Deputy Director of the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2009-2011) and several years as a young federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York (1990-1994). In between, I was a partner at the Debevoise & Plimpton firm in NYC for more than a decade.

I am still a huge New York Yankees and New York Giants fan. I love being at Yankee Stadium (especially on warm summer days/nights, although it took me while to adjust to the new Stadium) and strangely never find the pace of a baseball game too slow. Every pitch is interesting. I'm always optimistic and genuinely believe the Giants will be in the Super Bowl again in the very near term. Although I'm optimistic I am also realistic (notice I have not mentioned the Knicks).

I hope that all of my friends from the Class of 1983 are well. I have been a lousy correspondent at times and I welcome an email or call from anyone who would like to say hello and catch up a bit.

Warm regards,

Lorin

# Perrine Robinson-Geller

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

- \* The friends I made at Brandeis are near and dear to me.
- \* Getting things done, learning how to build consensus, negotiation skills.
- \* Learning how to function on minimal sleep :)

# Rosemary Rodriguez

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## Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis gave me a peak into what is possible in life. I took a film theory course where we were required to watch a film two times in a row: once with sound, once without sound. This blew my mind wide open. I knew then that I wanted to be a director and make movies.

I had always loved watching movies growing up. This course at Brandeis gave me the dream of becoming a director of movies myself. With mostly men as role models, I pushed forward in spite of the obstacles.

Today, I live my dream because of Brandeis, becoming one of the successful women directing film and television today. I'm beyond grateful.

I've directed two films, Sundance feature "Acts of Worship," and "Silver Skies." Most recently I directed the pilot of "Cagney & Lacey," am Producing Director of "Rise," and direct shows including "The Walking Dead," "Jessica Jones," "The Tick," and 18 episodes of "The Good Wife."



# Michele Payson Rosenfield

## Life since Brandeis...

There used to be a meme going around Facebook called 25 Things about Me. The one I had was almost 10 years old and too long to fit here. So I am going to create a new one and cut it to 10.

1. I always said about my years at Brandeis that "I had a college experience more than I got an education"
2. I spent my time managing clubs and organizations (and not so much in class).
3. I made up for that later with two subsequent degrees (an MBA in accounting and a Masters in Jewish Education).
4. I still spend much of my time managing clubs and organizations!
5. I have a job I love that is all about balance.
6. Work/Life balance (I work from home, enough said!)
7. Technical/Judaic balance (creating digital material for Hebrew school use)
8. Creative/Client exposure balance (we are a small organization, enough said!)
9. I am in awe of some of the many challenges my sons have overcome.
10. Being 50 something has been more fun than 40 something which was better than 30 something. Don't know how long this trend can continue but looking forward to trying.



**ShalomLearning Booth at URJ Convention**



**Hiking in the Cinque Terre**



**No explanation necessary.**



**Family Vacation**

# Mark Rosenthal

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

Life lessons- Never give up; Always believe in your own instincts; Be kind

Impact of Brandeis - Confidence to start my own company at age 25; to speak and think clearly; to consider as many angles as possible before making a business decision. To have and maintain a positive attitude in all situations. Form deep and long lasting relationships.

Greatest achievement- Raising my daughter and molding her into a sweet and moral person.



# Laura Rotenberg

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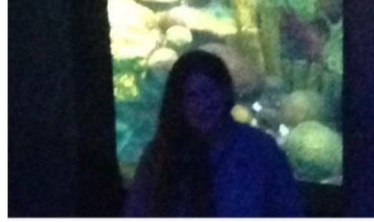
## Life since Brandeis...



Sunset at home in the Berkshires



Family—one of nature's masterpieces



NOV 26, 2016

Treasured Memories



NOV 26, 2015

Made for the sea

# Stuart Rotman

## Life since Brandeis...

Well, I guess I grew up a bit at Brandeis. It's a big jump from high school to college and Brandeis was a nice, comfortable transition into adulthood.

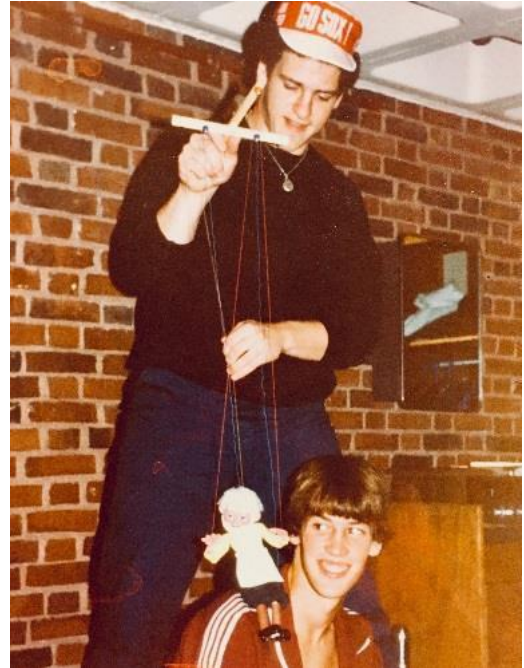
Unfortunately, I had a girlfriend at Boston University, so that pulled me off-campus a bit. Still, Brandeis was cool. I got lots of exercise walking up and down the hills. I loved the arts building, taking art history and sculpture. Usdan was a great meeting place and the food was good... especially if you chose steak and burgers and fries (oh my).

The people were great, especially my suite mates. We destroyed the freshman dorms with a powder and Parkay margarine fight. And the cleaning staff made us clean it all up the next morning. Good for them! Unfortunately, I don't have any friends from my college days. My fault, I'm sure. I still loved the experience and the education was top-notch.

Right after graduation, I took a trip AROUND THE WORLD, which I won in a radio contest (WVBF) at the end of my senior year! Got lots of help winning that from Brandeisans, friends and family. Let's just say that 22 flights in 32 days was fun and exhausting.

So I graduated and then went to RISD where I learned graphic design. From there, I made my way into the TV world and now I'm producing commercials -- using all my education, including my Brandeis University English degree, my design degree and editing and camera skills I learned once I got out.

Thanks, Brandeis!



Stu Rotman and Mark Healy... and a puppet for some reason.



The Rotmans: Jake, Julia, Renée, Josh and Stu





**Stu and Renée waiting for the Barenaked Ladies to come out!**



**Me and Jake after the Salisbury Sea Gulls win the NCAA D3 'ship in lacrosse!**

# David Rubin

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## Life since Brandeis...

Fondest Brandeis Memories:

- Going to listen to music and relax at the Stein on Thursday nights
- Debating world politics until 3 am with my suitemates and friends
- Learning to play squash
- Lining up for at the library to study on Sunday mornings
- Having history and politics classes with world famous professors--Keohane, Barraclough, Manuel--with a class size of less than 10.
- Eating in USDAN
- Smiling every time I passed the black Madonna Sculpture at its placement and beauty in the snow

Impact of Brandeis on my life:

- Brandeis gave me a terrific liberal arts education that has prepared me to work across a range of topics from spectral imaging sensors to understanding the dollar as a reserve currency. I was able to write an article on Cyber Security referencing the enlightenment and Diderot. Brandeis taught me analytical frameworks.

Greatest Achievements

- My family--my wife Sharon, and two boys--Harrison and Bramm
- Becoming a partner at Booz Allen and Deloitte
- Helping in small ways our nation's security
- Winning Best in Show three years in row with my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel--Byron

Bucket List

- Celebrating Harrison and Bramm's Bar Mitzvah
- Drinking a Singapore Sling at the Long Bar at the Raffles Hotel
- Going on an African Safari
- Transatlantic crossing on the Queen Mary dressing for dinner a la Brideshead Revisted
- Visiting Bilbao
- Fly fishing in Montana



**David and Sharon**



**Sharon, Bramm, Harrison, and David**



**Harrison**



**Bramm**

# Barry Ruditsky

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## Life since Brandeis...

Developing a great network of life-long friends!

Thrilled to have Sam Ruditsky '20 (my youngest) attend and hope he has the same fabulous experience I had at the Deis!



**My Boys - Awesome!**



**Entire Family including Mom (Max's Grad from Syracuse)**

# Daniel Schneider

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

Brandeis is still very much a part of me, and for that I'll always be grateful.



**My family, Florence, Italy, June, 2017.**

# Robin Sherman

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## Life since Brandeis...

As my older daughter is a freshman at college and my younger daughter is just beginning her college search, I find that I think back on my time at Brandeis more often and more fondly. I was, we all were, so young back then. The four years at Brandeis flew by so quickly--but so have the 35 years since then. I am thankful for my fond memories of those days, those who impacted my life then and since, and especially for the life lessons that I learned at Brandeis that have guided me through to today.

Stay organized, get your work done on time, if you need something done give it to a busy person--be that busy person, and you will have time to enjoy. We lose that "free" time when we procrastinate. Get it done.

Close friends and family matter. It's nice to know a lot of people, but it is important to have those close few, to love them, and to love them back.

It's okay to be a generalist and to enjoy lots of things. Career too--we are gifted with second and third acts. Enjoy each phase. (Not sure I learned the part about career at Brandeis, but the idea began at that time.)

Everyone should live in a castle, at least once in their life. You learn that it is often drafty and a home without turrets is often the best.

Read.

Reading will take you everywhere, anywhere. Travel is nice too.

Be involved. Listen to young people. They have great ideas and great energy.

Being involved will allow you to live to your fullest. Think about what you can give back, and leave for others. It is this for which you will be remembered. (Again, not thinking about being remembered when at Brandeis.)

Since Brandeis, I have learned more about how life

can be short, and it is important to appreciate each moment, experience, and day.

Get a dog. Unconditional love with no back talk is the best.

Lesson not learned at Brandeis--thankfully. Assault rifles are weapons of war and do not belong on our streets, our homes, or our schools. Teachers should not be armed. I wish our kids didn't have to work on this problem--but I have faith that they will get it right.

In closing....So much has changed since my Brandeis days and so much has remained the same. I am not sure that I would have expected to be where I am now, but I am not surprised. I am happy. I hope that you all are as well. I look forward to catching up with everyone at Reunion. And many more to come. Thank you Brandeis for this additional gift--bringing us together every five years.



Me



**With Jessica & Lila at the Blue Grotto**



**From the Bucket List!**



**Family New Year's Eve 2018**

# Gary Silverman

## Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis was a terrific place to transition from teen to young adult. Great education of course, but also a close-knit and nurturing environment with all the resources of a great city uniquely geared to student life.

Fond memories of running the loop road through campus, waiting in long lines outside Steve's Ice Cream in Sommerville, seeing Springsteen for the first time at the Garden, long debates after philosophy classes, weekend road trips up to Killington/Stowe/Mt. Snow.

It's hard to believe that 35 years have come and gone since then!

## All Just Friends!



With Stu Kaplan



With Adam Brown



Flash forward 35 years--with my bride :-)



# Stefanie Singer

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## Life since Brandeis...

I learned how to be a critical thinker at Brandeis. That has carried over into all aspects of my life, professional and personal.



**My husband Mike and I in Petra**



**My family**



**My joy: Nordic skiing in Canada**

# Jill Steinberg

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## Life since Brandeis...

My time at Brandeis was filled with collaboration (singing with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society), creativity (studying at the department of fine arts), and community (gathering with friends at Sherman cafeteria, at Shapiro, and at Rosenthal to converse on topics covering school and life).

After a winding professional path through museum work in D.C., publishing in S.F., and tech in Seattle, it's these 3 Cs that informed the work I'm most proud of: designing, renovating, and launching an innovative meeting space in Chicago. I hosted a slew of activities there: day-long corporate off-sites, film shoots, podcast recordings, pop-up shops, underground suppers, comedy-writing classes, and more.

The space provided a place to come together to think, learn, make, and grow.

Last year I left Chicago to move closer to family. I can't wait to open a new location for collaboration, creativity, and community!



**Jill receiving a thank-you call from Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown**



**Jill as super hero "Super Voter" at resistance march**

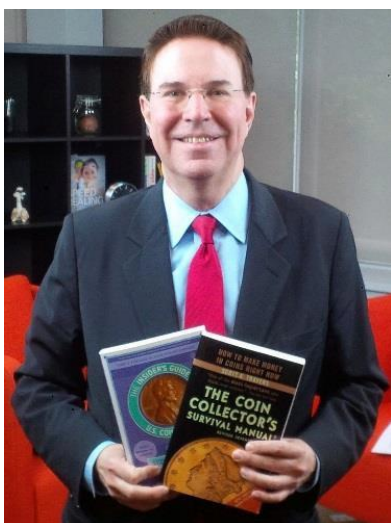


**Jill on a Public-brand bike in Cleveland**

# Scott A. Travers

## Life since Brandeis...

The liberal arts approach of dealing with abstract concepts and translating them into a viable working reality helped me to understand that I am only limited by the breadth and depth of my imagination. In Brandeis and in life, success and goals are achieved by patience and persistence. Add in taking risks when the odds are in my favor, and a successful formula is achieved personally and professionally. No guts, no glory!



Scott Travers holding up two of his Penguin Random House books at Bottom Line studios while filming "Face Value: Investing in Metals and Money"



NBC Today segment with Scott Travers

A screenshot of a blog titled "The Money Connoisseur" by Scott A. Travers. The header text reads: "Scott A. Travers, the coin market's number-one insider, gives you the secret tools necessary to navigate the world of coins, banknotes and precious metals, such as gold and silver. Whether you have coins in a safety-deposit box, a vintage dollar bill under the mattress or a hidden stash of gold bars, The Money Connoisseur will teach you tricks of the trade." Below the header is a button that says "ABOUT SCOTT A. TRAVERS". The main content area features four articles, each with a small image and a title: 1. "How You Can Get \$300,000 for an Old Penny" with a sub-headline "The US Mint made a little mistake in 1943—creating pennies that today are worth big money." 2. "How to Convert Your Loose Change into a Silver Treasure Chest" with a sub-headline "U.S. dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollar coins from certain mint dates are worth much more than face value." 3. "What Is My Coin Worth? (It Could Be a Lot!)" with a sub-headline "Just because a coin is old doesn't mean it's valuable, while some newer coins sell at high prices. Here, three key factors that determine a coin's value." 4. "Before Buying a Gold Coin...What You Need to Know" with a sub-headline "Buyer beware if you want to buy gold American Eagle coins. The two questions you need answered when buying gold coins..."

Bottom Line blog, "The Money Connoisseur," by Scott Travers, introduced in 2018



"Inside Edition" segment featuring Scott Travers

# Marla F. Wald, MD

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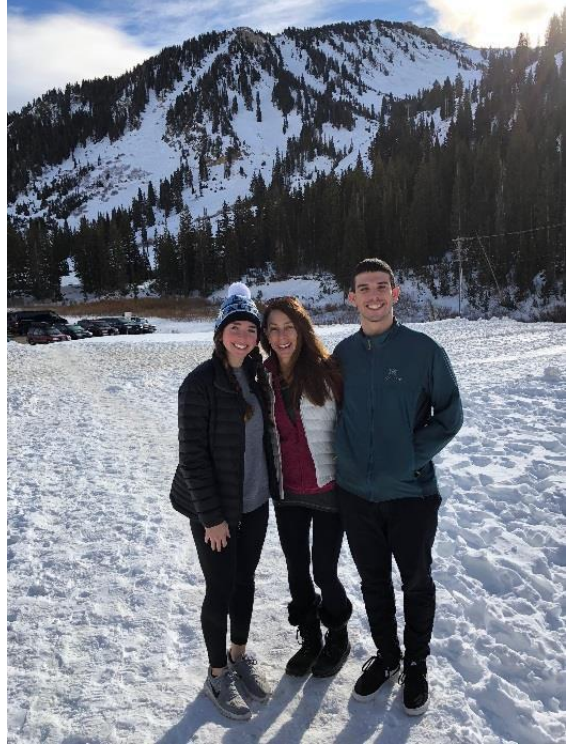
## Life since Brandeis...

Best part of Brandeis:

Met my wonderful life long women friends!



**L to R: Tracy Makow, Marla Wald, Stacey Gelber, Bali Miller, NYC. Not pictured: Caroline Baron**



**Marla with Meredith age 15, Mark age 20, Alta Ski Resort, Utah**

# Elahna Strom Weinfeld

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

When I think about my time at Brandeis it makes me smile. I look forward to reconnecting and reminiscing!

# Glenn Wolkenfeld

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## Life since Brandeis...

Brandeis has left me with so many gifts. Here are just a few.

First, I majored in sociology at Brandeis, but I've spent my professional life as a high school science educator (mostly as a classroom teacher, but also as an instructional designer and a school administrator). Yet I see a deep connection between my experience at Brandeis and what I've done since. Brandeis was where I learned to think deeply, and to struggle with complex ideas and texts to make my own meaning. I had inspirational teachers like Gila Hayim, Gordy Fellman, and Kurt Wolff, all of whom pushed me to be a deeper thinker.

Second, Brandeis's writing program (the freshman writing seminar and a class I took in advanced expository writing) gave me what's probably the most useful skill: being a clear communicator. Now that I'm in the last phase of my public school teaching career, I've been using that to create an online, interactive biology curriculum that will hopefully outlast my service in the classroom. You can see it at my website, [www.sciencemusicvideos.com](http://www.sciencemusicvideos.com). I'm hoping that it'll be finished in the next year or two...

Third, the greatest thing about Brandeis is that that's where I met my wife, Nancy Facher, also class of 1983! We're living a great life in Berkeley, California, where we've raised our two kids (now both young adults) Lev, and Shira.



**Glenn in his classroom at Berkeley High School**



**Nancy Facher, Lev Facher, Shira Wolkenfeld, and Glenn Wolkenfeld at Lev's graduation of U. Mich.**

# Jay Zagorsky

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## Life since Brandeis...

Being a teaching assistant for Professor Ellis Cohen's Operating System class was a key Brandeis experience. Before the first exam Professor Cohen asked me to give the students a review session. It was the first time I ever taught a class. The experience hooked me and led to a career in academia. To date I have taught and graded about 7,000 students in over 100 classes. Lecturing is still just as much fun today as it was that first time back in 1983.



**Jay Zagorsky and wife Kim having a seaside dinner**

# Susan Zinder

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## **Life since Brandeis...**

It's really amazing to think that we graduated 35 years ago. Sometimes it feels like yesterday, sometimes it feels like it was someone else's life.

When I graduated I knew I wanted to be a lawyer, but never imagined that my specialties would be in healthcare law and representing non-profits (which I've been doing for over 25 years). Since graduating I achieved my professional goal of becoming General Counsel to a hospital and health system and learned that though the goal was a good one, there is lots more to achieve in life. At the present time I am looking forward to new goals and enjoying the freedom that comes with having my own law practice. I am also one of the Practice Group leaders of the American Health Lawyers Association, and chair a non-profit networking group in New York.

Speaking of New York, my Brandeis friends will not be surprised to learn that I have lived my entire adult life in NYC (and the past 25 years in the same Upper West Side apartment). Overall, life has been good. I'm blessed with good health and good friends. I actually go to the gym and workout on a regular basis (shocking, I know); and love to go bicycle riding in the park during the Spring and Summer. I love to travel and have had some great adventures since college. I've especially enjoyed a number of bike trips across the world, but I think my best trip was 6 days rafting down the Colorado River with a friend from the class of 1984. I have also become very crafty; taking up photography, ceramics, and occasionally, quilting.

As for love, I'm still looking (and am open to recommendations). As for children I am the PANC ("Professional Aunt No Children") for my 5 nieces and nephew who I adore and who enjoy the benefits of my "professionalism" in this arena.

I think of my classes and education and feel really grateful that I went to Brandeis. But as great as the academics were, what I miss most are my roommates and friends. When, during the past few years, I've spent time with my Brandeis friends it seems like yesterday we were holding parties in Mod 8, and I feel like I have connected not only with old friends but with an essential part of myself. I would love to get back in touch with the roommates and friends I have lost touch with, particularly Suzanne Ziv Wolk, Zehava Coleman Schechter and Fern Ring.



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