



Joan Leviton Kagan



Life since Brandeis:

I have lived on the Upper West Side of New York City since graduation. I have 3 wonderful sons, aged 15, 19 and 21 (graduating college himself), who inspire me every day.

As a real estate broker in Manhattan, I have had the pleasure of working with a number of our fellow alumni, helping them find homes and offices.





Jay Karp

Life since Brandeis:

Jay works for Travelers Insurance - Bond & Specialty Insurance and is Vice President of Management Liability Claims. He lives in Avon, Connecticut with his wife and two boys who are avid tennis players.



Brian (Fredrick Gray) Katz

Life since Brandeis:

Brian F.G. Katz is a researcher at the LIMSI-CNRS laboratory, coordinator of the Sound & Space research team, and head of the Audio & Acoustics group. With his BA in Physics and Philosophy from Brandeis and a MSc in Applied Physics from the University of Sussex, UK, he obtained his Ph.D. in acoustics from Penn State in 1998 and his HDR in engineering sciences from UPMC in 2011. Before joining CNRS, he worked for various acoustic consulting firms, including Artec Consultants Inc., ARUP & Partners, and Kahle Acoustics. He has also worked at the Laboratoire d'Acoustique Musical (UPMC) and IRCAM in Paris. Despite his grades in undergraduate French, Brian lives in Paris, France, with his wife Marjut.



Cheryl (Rubin) Katz



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating college, I married my Brandeis sweetheart, Todd Katz, and worked as a Senior Economist at two Wall Street brokerage firms for about 10 years. I forecasted the economic indicators, interest rates, and appeared on Fox News and CNBC occasionally. I then retired early to take care of my first child, Rachel, and then proceeded to have two more children named Jonah and Sarah and then later acquired the most adorable Tibetan terrier called Poppy. I am an active participant of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation after my son was discovered to have the disease at age 5.

The family and I enjoy hiking and indoor rock climbing together. My son, Jonah, and I are also huge Comic Con and pop culture fans and have met lots of exciting stars. My oldest daughter, Rachel, excels in singing, dancing, and acting and has and has starred in Shrek and other local shows. We are currently looking at colleges in which Brandeis, of course, is on the list. My youngest daughter, Sarah, also enjoys the performing arts and plays tennis, too. I have become very interested in fashion and am debating a career in that field.

The Katz Family at Jonah's Bar Mitzvah



Family With Cast and Director of Doctor Who



Fashion Designer Michal Negrin and I

A snowy day





Marni Smith Katz

Life since Brandeis:

I blinked and here we are! First, I bobbed my hair and went to law school. After retiring from an exciting career in litigation and appellate practice, I journeyed forth to save the world. My experience as a nonprofit development director in the education and arts arenas has introduced me to many wonderful friends and mentors along the way. I love the challenge of finding funding for a good cause. Stuart Katz '89 and I are the parents of two amazing sons, and we have been married to each other for 24 of the past 25 years. The new love of my life is a beautiful Tibetan Terrier named Rover, something I never would have anticipated back in our Brandeis days.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

Ah, remembering that beautiful, balmy, sun filled graduation day in the amphitheater - not!



Rob Klein



Life since Brandeis:

It is fair to say finding a work life balance is the key to my happiness these days. One of many lessons learned in a sociology course taken 25 years ago. It's just taken this long to really commit myself to that practice.

I live in New Jersey with my wife Tammy and two beautiful daughters (Talia age 5 and Jaiden age 2). It's great to live near the grandparents but not sure we are suburban folk. I was living in NYC for the previous 12 years, finishing a PhD in Educational Administration and exploring a more peaceful side through meditation and as an active member of a Renewal Jewish community. Finished school and ended up with a job working for NYC Dept. of Education for 10 years. I didn't expect to miss the City as much as we do but it's a trade-off to have a big yard for the girls to play, a garden and lots of new friends we met through a five year old's playgroup.

Considering what an outstanding student I was in college, it should be no surprise that I ended up with a PhD in Educational Administration and have spent my career working with students with disabilities. When our daughter was born, the one bedroom apt. on the UWS got really small really fast. We moved... I currently work in the high school from which I graduated as the Supervisor of Alternative Programs and Services. I love my job working with the students, which is a welcome return to my professional roots as a school social worker.

Prior to that stage of life, highlights include learning to scuba dive, lots of travel including leading seven (7) teen tours to Israel. I've recently dusted off the guitar I bought in college but my art work tends to be relegated to cute notes in my daughter's

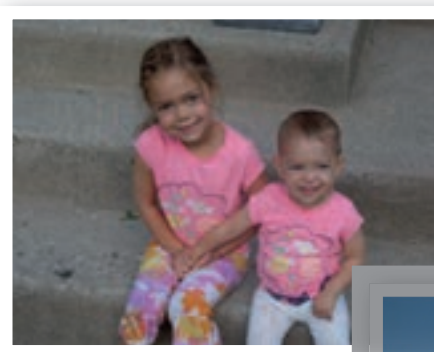
lunch box. I still own a few tie dyed shirts and love to walk barefoot... trying to still be the free spirit of old with just a touch of grey.

Most interesting travel experience:

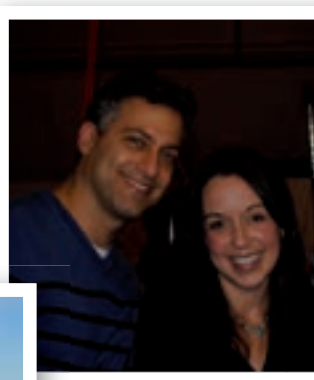
A few highlights include driving around the country for 2 1/2 months as a graduation gift to myself for completing a Master's degree in clinical social work - 10,066 miles camping and staying mostly on couches. Another meaningful experience was the seven (7) Israel teen tours I led while working a 10 month school job. The trip that has the greatest and most lasting impact was a 10 day silent meditation retreat camping and kayaking in Alaska. To hear raven's wings overhead, eating berries, watch a bear do the same across a river, to have the silence broken by the screech of an eagle, or the breach of a whale 10 feet from my kayak puts life in perspective. Meals, journal writing, meditation, and Tai Chi on the beach are life lessons and moments I cherish.

What do you hope to accomplish, see, or become in the next 25 years?

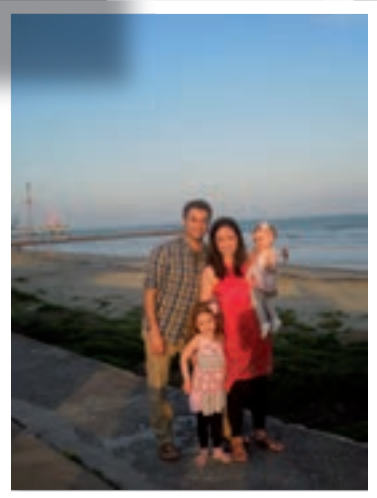
Keep it simple... watch our kids grow up, grow old with my honey, be the best father, husband, brother, son I can be. Reconnecting with old college friends. Continue my work in special education ~ saving the world one kid at a time and then, sail around it.



Talia is 5 and Jaiden Emma is turning 2...

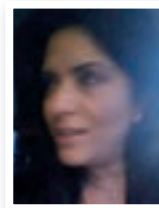


My wife Tammy and I





Elana J. (Cook) Korn



Life since Brandeis:

I've been a chef in one form or another for most of the past 25 years. After 'Deis, I attended Johnson & Wales' 12 month Advanced Standing Culinary Program. Though I'd been cooking since I could reach the stove & catering since I as a teen, the chef for whom I apprenticed (b/w Jr & Sr years) in Philly's world renowned (now closed) Deux Cheminees recommended that I follow this path.

After J&W, I returned to MA & worked at The Country Club in Brookline for 5 years. I started out as Garde-manger, was promoted several times & completed my tenure there as banquet Sous-chef.

In '96, I moved back to NJ & worked as Sous-chef (and pastry chef) at a small "new American" restaurant. While there, we were awarded a "24" by Zagat, 3 1/2 stars by the Newark Star Ledger & a "very good" by the NY Times (their 2 star equivalent for non-NY restaurants). We were also mentioned in the "Best-of" at the end of the year in the Times.

Then, I got it in my head that I needed to go back to school for a graduate degree. I ended up going to Rutgers Law School in Camden, NJ. While there, I devoted much of my time to victims of domestic violence through a special program at school. After graduation, I took the NJ bar, but never practiced again...

One good thing, however, happened during my last semester of law school; I met the man I would eventually marry. Grant & I met in Jan '01, were engaged by October & married the following May. He told me the night we met that I'd marry him. :-)

Early in our marriage, I worked for Merrill Lynch. Once our twin boys, Justice & Jerald came along in '05, I began staying home. When they were 6 months old, I started to cook again as a personal chef & have been doing that ever since. In 2011, we welcomed our magnificent little surprise, Jillian.

Over the years, & mostly before settling down, I traveled around the world, though there are still many places on the list I have yet to go. I have kept in touch with several 'Deis friends, some of whom are still my nearest & dearest.

I live in Flemington, NJ now. Each morning, I am blessed with hugs & kisses from the loves of my life, as well as a beautiful sunrise. Every day, I get to do what I love most: cook for clients & cook & care for my family. Every night I close the day with an amazing sunset & more of those hugs and kisses!!

It truly has been an amazing 25 years!!

Your greatest achievement(s):

Totally cliché: my family is my greatest achievement.

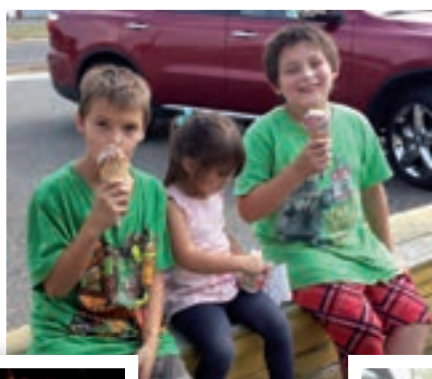
I'm lucky enough to be married to my best friend. Apparently waiting till I was 33 to say "yes" paid off. Grant is a wonderful man who truly loves the kids & me. There is a lot of love in our home. Our boys, Justice & Jerald, will be 10 soon. They are Tasmanian devils who keep us on our toes. They are bright, sweet, loving, handsome & curious kids. Our daughter Jillian is 3 1/2 & is the most beautiful, smart, snuggly & spectacular little girl I have ever known.

Your greatest achievement(s):

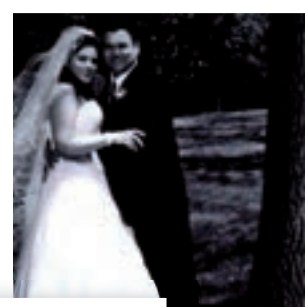
My cooking..

All of us have something that sets us apart from others. For me, it is my skill in the kitchen. Cooking comes naturally to me. It is the one thing I know I excel at doing & can pretty much do better than most anyone I know. Grant calls me "MacGyver in the kitchen," meaning that I can make a spectacular meal no matter what is available to me. I have been lucky enough to work doing the thing I love most, and at which I truly excel. Now, as a mom, I only work privately & have worked for some of NJ's most prestigious families. www.ChefElana.com

Jerald,
Jillian &
Justice



Yes, I really am married!!



Still
having
fun!!



My
favorite
picture of
the kids



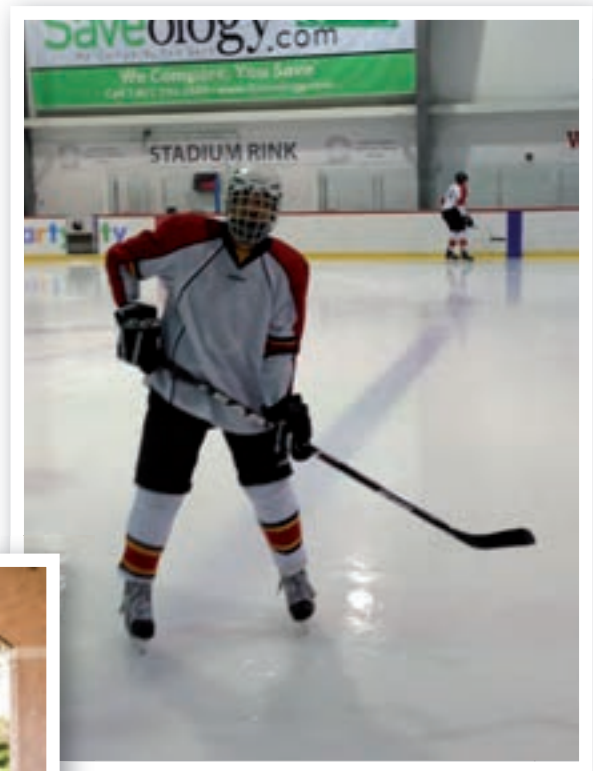
Wayne Kotzker



Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis, I earned my medical degree at Rutgers University - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. I completed my internship and training in Internal Medicine there. After residency, I did my fellowship in Nephrology at the University of Pennsylvania. I have been in private practice in South Florida since 2003 and am a partner at Renal Electrolyte and Hypertension Consultants of South Florida. I also have clinical faculty appointments at Charles E. Schmidt Medical School of Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University Medical School.

I live in Boca Raton, Florida with my wife, Tova. We have 6 wonderful children. I have 3 sons; Joey, 20, Zachary, 16 and Michael, 12. I have 3 stepchildren; Malya, 15, Yael, 13 and Jonah, 11.



What I do for fun, in Florida!



Jonathan Lass



Life since Brandeis:

I have been teaching school for the past 19 years. Over the last 9 years, I have been at Roslyn Middle School teaching 6th & 7th grade. Kari and I have been married for the past 14 yrs. Our twins are now 11 years old. Living in the New York City area, I run in to Brandeis alumni from time to time and I keep in touch with other friends from school.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

There are some friends that after 25 years I still have the opportunity to keep in touch with. It is great to speak to friends in San Antonio, Sharon, Somerville and the New York area. Throughout the years I have had the fortune to see them, attend their children's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and just visit with them. Living in New York I also run into many friends from different years that live in the area.

Most interesting travel experience:

Before receiving my master's, I had the opportunity to spend 2 1/2 months backpacking through Europe. I met many new people and had the chance to travel to some incredible cities. It is an experience I will always remember.



With our twins at summer camp 2014



Eva Lefkowitz



Life since Brandeis:

I earned my PhD in Developmental Psychology from UCLA in 1998. Since then I've been a professor of Human Development & Family Studies at Penn State. Currently I am also the Professor-in-Charge of the Graduate Program. My research focuses on sexual health during adolescence and the transition to adulthood.

In 2002 I married Eric Loken. In 2006 (on my birthday!) my two children, Sarah and Jordan, were born. Jordan loves math, geography, chess, soccer, reading, tennis, golf, video games, and most recently, poker. He wants to be a pastry chef when he grows up. Sarah loves swimming, reading, dragons, Percy Jackson, Star Wars, chess, science, rollercoasters, video games, and playing in the dirt. When she grows up she wants to be an engineer.

In 2013 we spent our sabbatical living in Newton. It was wonderful to live on the green line again, to show our kids all of the things I loved when I lived there, and to take them back to campus. Looking forward to returning again and seeing many familiar faces.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

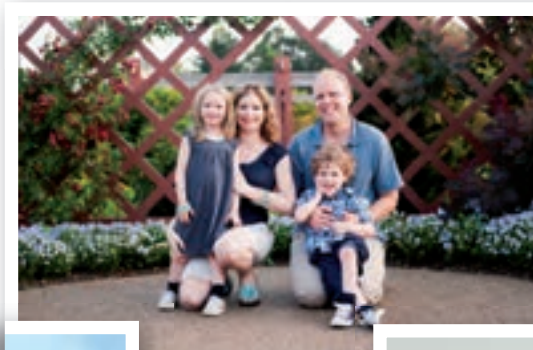
I enjoy staying in touch with Brandeis friends, through Facebook, email, and in person. To name just a few... Sonal Mankodi, Melissa (Epstein) Schop and I have gotten together the last couple of summers without family. I love how we can pick up as though no time has passed and hang out in pajamas chatting as though we were back in a Shapiro room. I enjoyed spending time with Mike Podol and family while on sabbatical in the Boston area. And I continue to be in touch with my oldest Brandeis friend (since nursery school!), Rachel Kaylie.

If you knew then, at Brandeis, what you know now, what would you do differently?

If I could talk to 1986 Eva, I would tell her:

1. Don't worry so much; sometimes, just do;
2. Take more classes! Learn a new language. Don't be afraid to take visual art, and music;
3. Being alone isn't scary, and learning to enjoy being alone is probably the best life skill you can have;
4. You are not fat! You are thin and beautiful and should enjoy it while you are, but also know that you shouldn't define yourself by your looks;
5. You have more free time now than you will have the rest of your life. Really! Embrace it. Use it. Exercise, cook, find some hobbies, sleep...find what makes you happy, and do it.

Our 3-way birthday, 2014



Whole family, 2011



Annual Cape Cod trip, 2010

Cape Cod 2008



Yin Yan Leung



Life since Brandeis:

Right after graduation, I took a road trip to San Francisco to join my older sister, who had convinced me that Northern California weather was superior to New England's. My first job was working for Asian Health Services, a non-profit clinic in Oakland Chinatown. Its mission motivated me to pursue a Master's in Public Health, with a concentration in community health education, from UC-Berkeley. After graduating in 1999, I worked in refugee health promotion programs in San Francisco. In 2003, I married Peter Itokazu in my hometown of Hilo, Hawaii. A few months before giving birth to our son, Kailee, we moved to Hilo in early 2005.

Life certainly has its surprises and detours. I was diagnosed with breast cancer about eight months after my son was born, and underwent surgery and chemotherapy. After treatments ended, I worked as a tobacco prevention educator for the American Lung Association, a fun job working with elementary schools. Another surprise came as a recurrence in 2008, shortly before we moved back to the SF-Bay Area, due to Pete accepting a teaching position. During those periods, I was very fortunate and grateful to have the support of family around. After recovering from more surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, I started working in San Jose for a non-profit, the Mothers Milk Bank as a donor coordinator.

I am currently working for Applied Research Works, a software startup which designs systems for the health care industry. I stay active by going to the local Jewish Community Center's gym for yoga, Zumba, Nia, Spin and other classes. My son is now in the 4th grade and keeps us busy with sports and afterschool

activities. We try to visit family and friends back in Hawaii whenever we can. We enjoy living in the Bay Area, but one day may move back to Hawaii.

I really enjoyed the 20th reunion and thank the organizers for it. Sorry I can't be there for the 25th reunion festivities. Please look me up on Facebook or LinkedIn! Aloha!

What do you hope to accomplish, see, or become in the next 25 years?

- Just some things in my "bucket list" would include:
- More traveling! Including New Zealand, Australia, Japan, more of China, S.E. Asia, anywhere in Europe
 - Learn Spanish, improve my Cantonese
 - Learn to play the piano
 - Go to our 30th reunion (sorry I can't make the 25th!)
 - Stress less, play more!



Hilo, Hawaii
Dec. 2011

Dec. 2014
China with
Pete &
Kailee



2011 with my mom &
extended family
in Hilo, HI



Hope Berger Levav



Life since Brandeis:

I stayed in Boston for six years after Brandeis, did a writing Master's at Emerson and an education Master's at Northeastern. Worked my way through grad school at The Rashi School and Gann Academy -- which was called New Jewish High School at the time. Spent a year working for CAJE, an organization that planned and ran a huge conference on alternatives in Jewish education, and it was there that I met my future wife, Melanie. Eventually, I moved back to New York in 1997 to be closer to her and to my aging parents.

I taught middle school English at a Brooklyn yeshivah for three years -- a rather interesting experience. In 2000, I began teaching at Hannah Senesh Community Day School, a progressive Jewish school in Brownstone Brooklyn. Senesh was a young school, and I was the first middle school humanities teacher. Over the years I taught 6/7/8 grade there, developed the humanities curricula for the middle school, and served as Middle School Director. This school year (2014-15) I am on leave from Senesh, spending the year in Jerusalem with my family, where Melanie is studying to become a rabbi. We will return to Brooklyn in July.

Melanie and I are the very proud parents of two terrific kids: Aaron, who is eleven and in fifth grade, and Amichai (Ami), who

is four and in preschool. Aaron is already thinking about college on South Street -- though disappointed that there is no football team. Ami is still concentrating on getting ready for kindergarten next year -- though the fact that Waltham winters bear such a strong resemblance to the setting of her favorite movie, Frozen, may be a factor at some point. ;-)

Some of my closest friends today are the friends I made at Brandeis. One of the greatest parts of being in Israel this year is being able to spend lots of time with Julie Fisher '90, and (the American Ambassador to Israel) Daniel Shapiro '91, and their three fabulous daughters who live just north of Tel Aviv. And so far this year we have been visited by Julie Smith Bartoloni '90, Rabbi Melinda Panken '90, and Rabbi Riqi Kosovske '91. And it was terribly sad but profoundly meaningful to attend a beautiful memorial gathering for Dave Alpert '91, at the Modiin home of Grace Sapol Rodnitzki '90. It was at Grace's house that I read the heartbreaking eulogy delivered at Dave's funeral by Rabbi Andy Vogel '90. Our Brandeis connections run deep, over the years and around the world.

I will not be back in the US in time to attend Reunion but I look forward to hearing all about it and seeing lots of photos on Facebook.



Ami, Hope, Aaron, and Melanie Levav.
December 2014, Tel Aviv.



Hope, Ami, Aaron,
and Melanie
Levav. Purim 2015,
Jerusalem.

Ami and Aaron
Levav. February
2015, Avdat.



Aaron and
Ami Levav.
December
2014,
Maktesh
Ramon.

Jeffrey Levine



Life since Brandeis:

Wall St/Finance/Venture Capital since 1990. Moved to Los Angeles in 2004. One daughter, Kayla, 8 years old. I semi-retired from the money world in 2014 and "Went Hollywood". Became an actor (SAG/AFTRA). Did my first feature film with my daughter recently! Yeah, life is good!

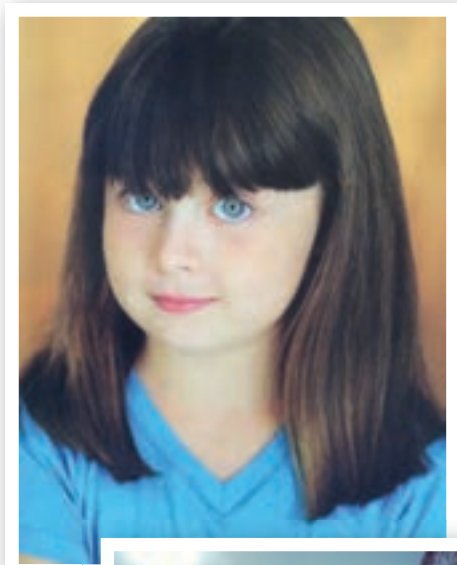
What do you hope to accomplish, see, or become in the next 25 years?

I spent the last 25 years trying to become what I thought I "should" be. No regrets. Had a great first life and long marriage. Recently turned the page for Phase 2. Spending the next 25 in pursuit of who I really am. Exciting, scary, invigorating. Sucking the marrow out of everything life has to offer. And having a lot of fun in the process!

Most interesting travel experience:

I'm answering this question severely jet-lagged from a week at Carnival in Rio. From what I recall, it was one heck of a trip! Watching the Samba parade until sunrise with 100,000 of my closest friends was unforgettable.

The Diva, er, daughter



It's more betterer here.

Pretending to be a movie star. One of these things is not like the others.



I've developed some bad habits



Steve Levine



Life since Brandeis:

Married Sara Pollak Levine (class of 1992) in 1996. Our son, Eli, was born in 2000 and our daughter, Ariel, in 2003. Have been living in Acton, MA since 1996.

Have been working as an economic consultant and expert witness focusing on energy regulation and litigation since graduation, first at Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett (1990-1993) and for the past 20 years (1995-2015) at The Brattle Group. Spent the two years in between these jobs getting my MBA at Columbia Business School.

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

I tell them that I met my wife and best friends at Brandeis, and that Brandeis changed my life forever. I also tell them I hang out with my Brandeis friends every chance I get, including every New Year's Eve and on occasional trips (Vegas, Clearwater, Atlantic City, Bethlehem).

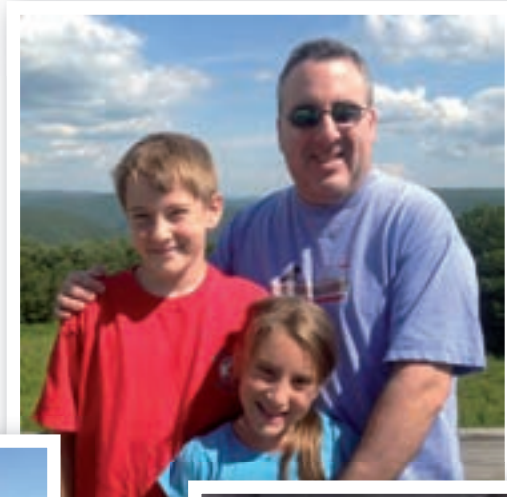
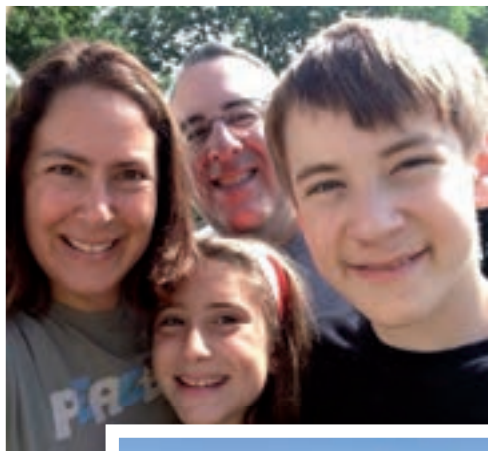
Oh, and I proposed to my wife at Brandeis in front of the Louis D. Brandeis statue one night in October 1995. Dropped the ring on the ground but crawled around in the dark and found it! She said "Yes"!

Song lyrics that best capture your Brandeis experience:

- Tunnel of Love, by Bruce Springsteen (first kiss with Sara Pollak Levine!)

- Blood Brothers, by Bruce Springsteen: "We stood side by side each one fightin' for the other. We said until we died we'd always be blood brothers"

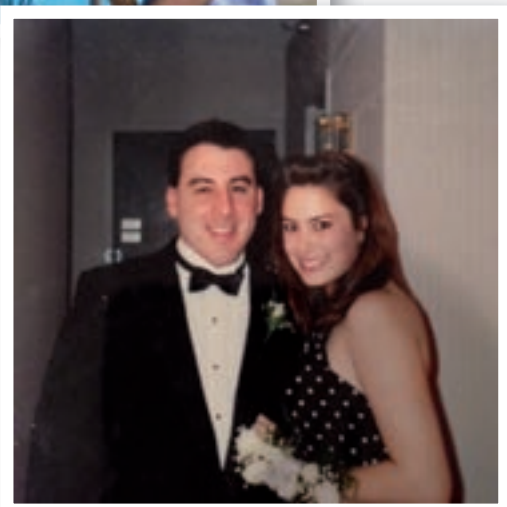
Camp drop off selfie at Camp Tel Noar from last summer.



Eli, Ariel and me -- if it's good enough for my Facebook photo, it's good enough for this yearbook.



Sara and the kids.



The way we were ...

Richard Lipset



Life since Brandeis:

After taking over the small Pacific island nation of Figotopo I declared Marshall Law and had all dissidents arrested. I could have been a brutal dictator, but instead shocked everyone when it turned out I was benevolent. I grew their coconut economy from the ground up into a world nutty powerhouse. I instituted free education for all and paid for free around the world trips. We now have the highest rate of literacy as well as cultural literacy in the world. I took 374 wives (that being a sacred number on the island) and now have over 2000 children - the majority named Dominique. Many of my children you might know: NBA all-star Derrick Rose, film actor Kevin Spacey, and even super model Giselle, as well as gymnast Dominique Pegg.

During my spare time I discovered the chemical reaction that occurs when one is subjected to too much Gilbert Godfried, winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry not just once, but three times. Needing a break from the tangible sciences I worked with fellow Figotopoan Natingi Horowitz and discovered a new

subatomic element that exists only in Vladimir Putin's brain for which we shared the Nobel Prize in Physics. Feeling restless I took a year sabbatical in 1998 and climbed Everest as well as K2.

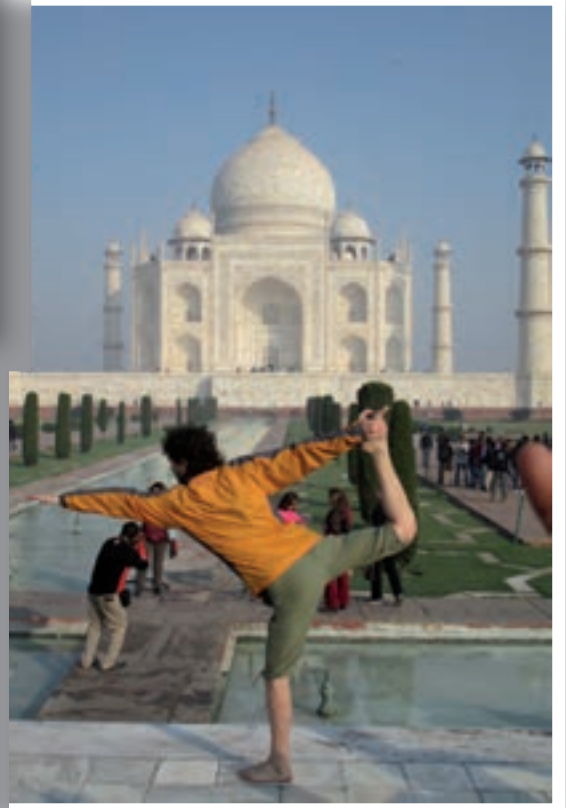
Deciding that I had neglected my sporting side, I started the Figotoan Open in 2003 and managed to reach the semifinals losing to Roger Federer in five sets (6-4, 2-6, 4-6, 6-5, 7-5) who went on to win. I also briefly played second base for the Minnesota Twins before finally returning home to continue my benevolent rule.

My subjects know me as "Lipper the Truly Epic," "El Papa Papawitz," "The Pure Hand of Munificence." I live in a simple palace with thirty-two bathrooms and host magnificent parties with jet-setters from around the world. I have philanthropy funds that make Bill Gates look like Bazooka Joe and I am known around the globe as the most likely to break dance without warning. Every and all are welcome on my island paradise where we will receive Brandeis alum and their families with parades and barrels of Vicodin.



Swinging in Thailand

Making the Taj Mahal look good!





David Liss



Life since Brandeis:

I've been up to, but not behind, many things. Went to graduate school at Emerson College. Moved to Los Angeles afterward, but didn't like it. Came back east. Moved down to Atlanta for a year. Then moved back north. Started working in market research in Boston. Found it to be a pretty cool career. Met my wife. Bought a house in MA. Had a child. Moved to New Hampshire. Had another kid. Moved to NJ for 18 months, 3 days, 4 hours, 26 minutes and 13 seconds. And oddly enough, moved down to Atlanta again. Ok, that brings us up to now. I work from home so I am writing this when I technically should be working, but I don't think any of my co-workers are Brandeis graduates from 1990, so I'm safe. Except that people may be able to see my screen. If so, go back to work and stop reading this; it doesn't concern you. Nah, there's nobody from Brandeis '90 at my company; I'm safe. I've kept in contact with very good friends from college and see them, eh, whenever we can see each other. Anyway, I'll stop now because I should be working and can't possibly fathom answering this question at night or on weekends.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

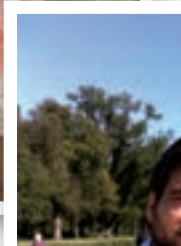
Falling asleep in the rain to the soothing sounds of Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii at our graduation.

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

I tell them about the friends I made, the very interesting classes I sat in on, and the extracurricular activities I participated in. We were afforded such an opportunity -- the chance to learn about things that interested us at a place that offered a wide spectrum of topics to choose from. The professors were very intriguing, and the smaller classes were amazing. Having the ability to voice opinions, be challenged, get creative, and take in what we did is an incredible gift. I took a course on astronomy, I took an art class where I drew live subjects, I took a course on the history of conspiracies in the US, I took an art history course on the Renaissance, I took a course on Beethoven, I took another course on Jazz . . . what a wonderful four years it was.



Me and the family on a hike a few years ago. Nature!



2 years ago: Mike Podol, Dan Korschun & I met in our nation's capital, Detroit. I mean Washington!



Susan Loeb-Zeitlin



Life since Brandeis:

Andy and I were married in June 1994. We have two wonderful boys, Jacob (17) and Noah (15). After graduating medical school in 1994, I completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York Hospital - Cornell in NYC. I have been on faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College ever since. In 2004, I stopped delivering babies and my practice is solely outpatient gynecology.

Andy and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary last year with an incredible trip to the Canadian Rockies. We have also enjoyed many family vacations, including trips to a number of the National Parks, California, Vermont, Germany and Spain.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Since our senior year, Andy and I have celebrated every single New Year's Eve with our Brandeis friends. It has become a wonderful tradition for us and also for the next generation, our children.

We also have enjoyed many July 4th celebrations, birthday parties, bar/bat mitzvahs, vacations and tons of impromptu get-togethers (often involving Bertucci's!).

Our Brandeis friends are our lifelong, true friends and we cherish the time we spend with them.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

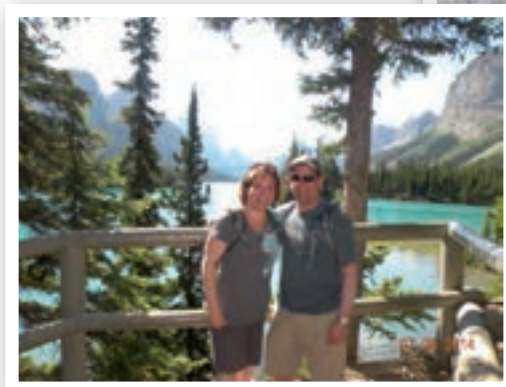
One very special moment in my life happened on October 30, 1993. Andy proposed to me in Mod 34, where I was living when we started dating. Back in the day when we all had land lines, the phone numbers in the dorms remained the same from year to year. Andy remembered my number; it ended in 6990 (the year I was born and the year we graduated). He contacted the person living in the room and explained what he wanted to do. Andy picked me up in New Jersey and drove me to Brandeis. In all of the excitement, he got a little lost on the way up there. When we finally arrived on campus, we went to my old room and Andy played the Springsteen song (surprise, surprise) "I wanna marry you!".....and the rest is history.

Our family in Toledo, Spain -
February 2014



Lake Tahoe/
Donner Pass -
Summer 2013

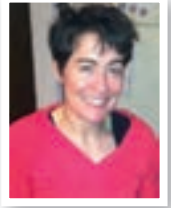
Canadian
Rockies for our
20th Wedding
Anniversary -
Summer 2014



Biking in Vermont!



Roseanne Luvisi



Life since Brandeis:

This August, I will be celebrating 20 years of marriage to my childhood sweetheart, Lauren Downing. I have served more than 25 years as a federal employee, the last 15 years with the US Department of Agriculture working in the National School Lunch Program and the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). I play in the viola section of the Boston Civic Symphony Orchestra, and I dabble with the ukulele and fiddle. Lauren and I enjoy raising our three rescue dachshunds (Lucy, Calvin and Seamus) and hiking in the great outdoors. I wish all my fellow alumni and their families much health, happiness and prosperity.



Roseanne and Lauren at
the Rhode Island Botanical
Garden - October 2014



Judy Cashman Magram



Life since Brandeis:

When I first started school as a freshman I could never have anticipated how much Brandeis and “its six degrees of separation” would impact my life in so many ways.

After graduation, I lived in Manhattan and Europe before I settled back in the Boston area where I met my husband of almost 17 years, Jeff Magram. Long before the existence of JDate we met the old-fashioned way - on a blind date arranged by mutual friends of my four-year Brandeis roommate, Esa Kanter Jaffe. We moved to “the burbs” in Needham, MA which I coincidentally soon learned was full of our fellow classmates.

Merging my legal research background and fundraising experience, I found myself back on campus working in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for eight years. My fond memories of our undergraduate days made it easy for me to connect with alumni and major gift donors to raise money for the University.

My most rewarding moments since graduation have been watching my children grow into the dynamic and remarkable young adults they have become. My 15-year old daughter, Shira, is a high school freshman and has, much to my chagrin, forced me to become a “Dance Mom”. Her grace and determination both on stage as a competitive dancer as well as in life amazes me every day. My 12-year old son, Ben, has a passion for parkour, snowboarding, water skiing and all things electronic. He is enjoying his new-found freedom at middle school and we are all looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah in December. They both live for overnight summer camp which is the best Jewish tradition ever!

I am excited to see everyone at Reunion and hear about what you have all been up to.

Celebrating our 16th Anniversary in Italy July 2014

Family fun in Turks and Caicos 2011



Shira and Ben at Camp Tevya 2014



NYC December 2014



Sonal Mankodi, MD

Life since Brandeis:

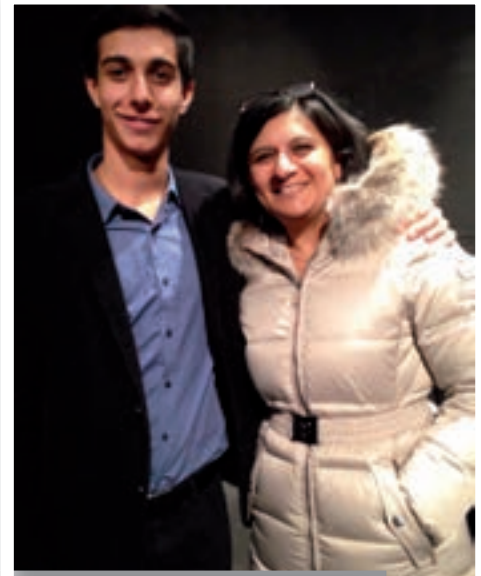
After Brandeis, my life was a whirlwind of medical school at Harvard Medical School and then Internal Medicine Residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I worked at Lahey Clinic in Internal Medicine for 12 years and then in 2009 moved to a Partners Health Care practice at Mass General Northshore where I continue to practice Internal Medicine and am the Medical Director of our multi-specialty practice. I am truly blessed to have a job that I love and can honestly say makes me happy to go to work every day.

On the family front, I had my son, Akash Mankodi Altman, in 1997 and can't even believe that I am now in the process of looking at colleges for him! Brandeis is one of the choices he is looking at (but I think he is doing that mostly to please his parents).

I married Janak Joshi in September 2005, and the last 10 years have been the happiest in my life.

My family (parents and brother) all live nearby so I am blessed to have them all to share in my life.

With my pride and joy (Akash)



10 yrs of marriage!



Janak, Akash and Sonal



My family



Glen Markowitz

Life since Brandeis:

In 1993, I married Judi Goldenberg Markowitz, Brandeis class of 1991. In 1996 and 2001, our sons Sammy & David were born. Professionally, I graduated Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1994 and, after residency, joined the faculty of the Department of Pathology at Columbia University Medical Center in 1998, where I have remained for the past 17 years. I currently hold the title of Professor of Pathology & serve as Vice Chairman for Operations. Twenty-five years later, my Brandeis friends remain my closest friends, as we get together frequently and, when the wives permit, enjoy traveling together.

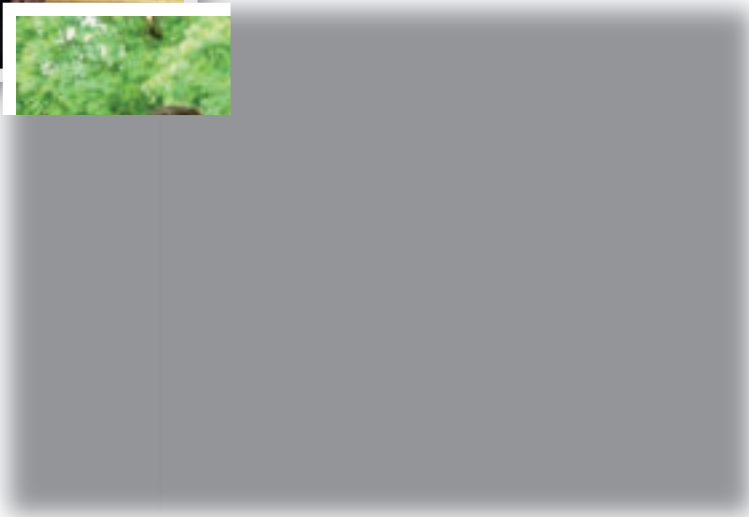
Brandeis has permeated so many parts of my life - meeting Judi, our sons, my career in medicine, and my closest friends are all tied to the 4 years I spent in Waltham, Massachusetts. I remain forever grateful.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

Screw-Your-Roommate dance, November of 1989. It was my first date with my wife of 22 years, Judi Goldenberg Markowitz. We danced the whole night. I told her that I loved to dance (I did not) because at that moment, I would have said just about anything. I don't think we danced too much again until our wedding night in 1993.

Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Happiness is about relationships. I met great people at Brandeis and formed bonds that have lasted more than a quarter century and continue to grow.





Lee Medoff

Life since Brandeis:

I've spent the last 25 years being and becoming. I'm still at it. The rest is commentary, as they say.

The story line, in 500 words or less (here goes): I made my way from publishing to grad school in statistics and then economics, which might seem strange, were it not for personal experience and a brief professional detour spent working in psychology that led from one thing to the other. Marriage and children followed suit, in that order -- all of it in and around New York City, my true home. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be a part of a family I love.

Ultimately Brandeis constituted two and a half years of my life, a painful interlude that I try not to think too much about. I mean, we've all spent more time now in other places, some good, some not, following other pursuits. Brandeis was one dimensional in its own unique way, a monoculture *par excellence*. It might have been fun during the salad days of Abbie Hoffman, but by the time we'd gotten there the 80s had taken hold, and college had become (or was well on its way to becoming) a consumer commodity. If you haven't read 'Excellent Sheep' do so and you'll know what I mean.

Of course there were more than a few shining stars in an otherwise dark firmament -- you know who you are. I did learn more than a fair bit about literature while there, thanks to William Flesch, Allen Grossman, Anne Janowitz and others. I have enduring memories of the faculty, of days spent lost in books, in the bowels of the library, which isn't a bad way to spend a day -- and what I still most enjoy doing, only now on a lengthy train or plane ride.

Let's let bygones be bygones, I say. I wish you all well.

Most interesting travel experience:

I've been to India a few times as a result of work, and hope that I'm able to return at some point in the future. I don't think there's a more exotic or intriguing place in the world. The Taj Mahal was extraordinary, but the smaller things were, too: the hurdy gurdy player, his monkey with a fez on his head and a cup in his hand, collecting money; cows roaming the streets; wild boar on the side of the road; the abject heat -- that sort of thing.

Your greatest achievement(s):

I made a fairly dramatic career shift in my late 20s by studying statistics and economics. The change required a good bit of effort and has influenced the rest of my life in largely positive ways ever since. I put myself through graduate school, twice, and was able to redirect my career (and my life) as a result. I guess I would have to include the renovation of our first home as a significant achievement as well. I learned how to do everything from hanging dry wall to plumbing and electrical work in the process.

Family life is good, and I am immensely thankful for that, but that's a group effort, not an individual one.



Marc Meisler



Life since Brandeis:

I have been married to my wife Sara for almost 24 years and we have 4 daughters - Devorah is 20, Esti is 18, Nechama is 15 and Shoshana is 13.

I have been practicing as a real estate attorney for over 20 years and currently I am a lawyer with Tower Title Services, a credit union owned title company in Maryland and have been there since the day it opened - about 9 years ago.

I am very involved in our synagogue having served in several different capacities over the past 20 years including serving on the building committee to build our new building.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

One of my favorite Brandeis memories is from the night before graduation during our sophomore year. We had an old chair in our dorm that came from Hillel Lounge. It looked like Archie Bunker's old chair. The night before graduation, a couple of us carried the chair out to the stage where graduation was taking place and put it right in the middle of the stage waiting for the next morning. I always wondered who found it and how they reacted.



Marc and Sara Meisler, Devorah, Esti, Nechama and Shoshana



Brian L. Meyers



Life since Brandeis:

A few highlights: I had random encounters in Tokyo, Japan with David Dick and Lisa Berman and in Israel, Lisa Anteby. I became a reporter for the American Israelite and while on assignment in Israel, had the pleasure of introducing Ehud Barak to my future ex-wife, but I didn't call her that at the time. I'm dad to a beautiful daughter, whom I had the pleasure to watch grow up. Two years ago, we went hiking in the Rockies (see photo). More recently, we make occasional pilgrimages to the Rock and Rock Hall of Fame. This summer, I intend to return to Utah to play in the desert for two weeks.

Over the years, I've been a fixed income securities analyst, writer, and educator.

If you knew then, at Brandeis, what you know now, what would you do differently?

Small circles Aikido is more fun than straight-on, kick-punch Shotokan. Got that, Peter Honigstock?

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

It so happened that my 21st birthday fell on a Friday night. It also happened that Student Events showed the movie "Cocktail" that same night. Later that night, we had a grand, but perhaps ill-inspired party in the suite. We laughed at Tom Cruise and juggled all the empties. Many of my friends were there: Jon Gershen, Ron Judenberg, Rosalia Baiamonte and Marc Moniz, Scott Silverman, Amy Thau, David Swirnoff, Daniel and Rebecca. Jodi Hirsch and Lisa Greenfield. Cindy and Joanne, Pam and Ilene stopped by. Gwen Westfall made her introduction that night. My parents called the next morning to say happy birthday. I answered the phone but had no recollection of it later.



Alayna and I in the wilds of Wyoming, 2013



Vicki (Epstein) Miller

Life since Brandeis:

Since graduation, I have worked at The First Spice Mixing Company working in various departments at our facilities in New York, San Francisco and Toronto, Canada. I am currently the COO and live in New York. I married in 1997, and have 2 boys, age 15 and 13.



Josh Mitzen



Life since Brandeis:

I moved back to Chicago and went to Law School. After a few years, I quit being a lawyer and worked as an Elder Abuse Investigator. Then in 2003, I opened my own Care Management business, Advocacy Services, helping Seniors and adults with Mental Illness. My office is in Evanston, and I help people all throughout Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois. I help people make hard choices about where to live, how to plan for the future, and can become Power of Attorney or legal Guardian.

If I can find any free time, I love to travel, and have hiked some of the most amazing places in the world, including Peru, Patagonia, Nepal, Australia and New Zealand. I also love to run marathons, having done 24, (23 since I turned 40) and should have 2 or 3 more done before the reunion in June...

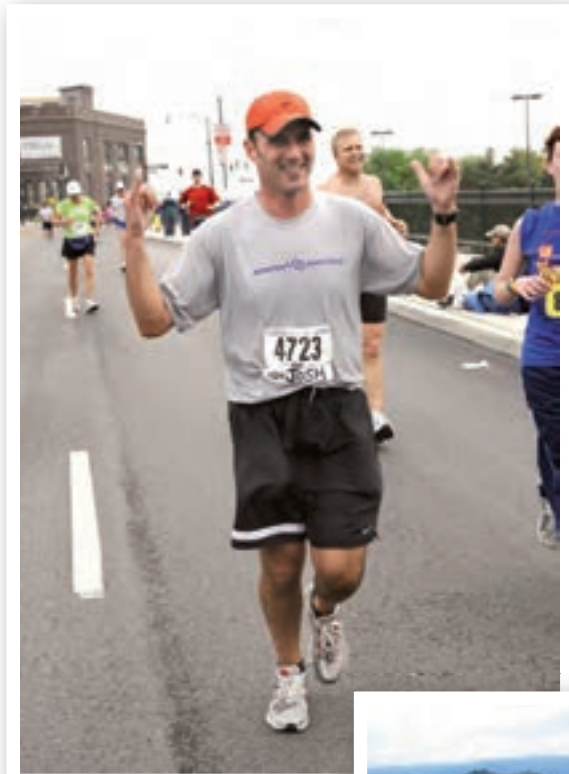
Most interesting travel experience:

Finishing a 4 day hike by seeing Machu Pichu. The most amazing sight I've ever seen. We were exhausted, could barely breathe from the altitude and we were starving, but once we got there, it was all worth it. That trip motivated me to many other adventures and knowing I could accomplish so much more than I thought I could if I would just get out of my own way and believe.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

I remember the Sunday football games on Chapel Field. I loved the rivalries formed and football was huge for us at ZBT. We looked forward to the games all week and they were always intense.

Flying Pig Marathon

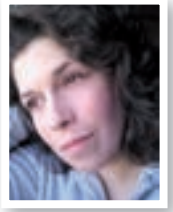


Nepal





Zoe E. Morosini (Osborne)



Dad's 77th birthday, Groveland, MA



Ymke Mulder

Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis I spent some time working on archaeological digs before moving to Britain to complete a Master's in Environmental Archaeology followed by a PhD in vegetation history (pollen analysis) at the University of Sheffield. I discovered that I was not interested in teaching and eventually, after moving to Sweden, completed an MLIS with the thought of becoming an academic librarian. Right now I work at Linnaeus University in Sweden as an administrator, primarily dealing with our PhD programmes in the natural sciences, a job I thoroughly enjoy. I get to be part of academia without the stress of being an academic, the ideal solution for me.

I live in Kalmar with my two children, Tom (age 13) and Melanie (age 9). They spend half their time with me and half the time with their dad who lives less than a mile away. It is the Swedish way!

When not working I can be found getting my hands dirty on my garden allotment, growing my own vegetables and enjoying the zen of weeding, or cross-stitching endless Christmas cards for my friends and colleagues. I keep fit by not owning a car and living in a windy city. A bicycle and trailer is all I need to get around! (And yes, I cycle even when it is -20 degrees C out.)

Your greatest achievement(s):

I haven't done anything special. I have not "made partner" been elected to any societies or been honoured by committees. I have just gotten on with my life, doing my best at my fairly ordinary job and raising a couple of smart, friendly kids while trying to make sure that I don't leave a big carbon footprint on the earth that they will inherit.

If I leave this world being able to say that I did more good than harm, I will consider my life a success.



Paul Ruggerio Namaste



Life since Brandeis:

I have been a part of higher education for the past 20 years. I have been a graduate student, an administrator, a higher education consultant, and a faculty member. I have spent a lot of time working for change and growth -- in students, in various colleges and universities, and in higher education overall. Now I realize that I have spent too much time using my head and not enough time using my heart. I guess that part of me at Brandeis that wanted to save the world never really disappeared. So after all of this time I will soon be leaving academia and heading out to get my hands dirty and do more to directly make a difference in people's lives. It feels like I am starting over, and I am still not exactly sure where I am headed. Frankly, I am a bit scared, but that is how I know I am doing the right thing. I have pushed others to change and grow over the years, but haven't done enough to do it in myself. Hopefully at our 30th reunion I'll have some really good stories to tell. Take care all, and feel free to drop me a line anytime.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

What I remember the most about Brandeis was the people - the close friends, the intimate relationships, and even just the people I shared a class or a memorable day with.

- Eric, David & Kenny, I remember some days during our senior year better than some over the past year.

- To the ladies of Mod 23 thank you for pairing up with those of us in Mod 24 to throw some of the grandest parties I have ever attended.

- Donna P. you made my Brandeis years some of the most special and formative ones of my life. Thank you for helping me to learn how to love and how to let go. - To all my friends and classmates thank you for the deep talks, the laughs, the debates, and just the time we spent together.

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

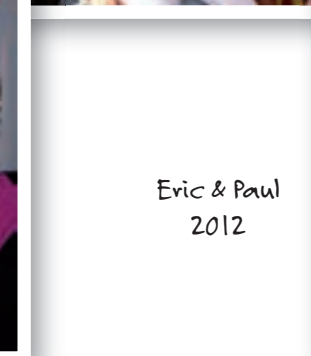
Some of the things that stick out in my memory are -Chumley's and those heavenly sundaes while Mark Rust sang songs that we all sang along with him. -Waking up at 5am to start building the stage for a Student Events concert that we didn't finish packing up until 2am and then heading off to IHOP. -The fire escape on the tower of the castle where I used to sit and think as I stared out at the Boston skyline. -Sitting on the floor in Pearlman lounge for any one of the many sociology courses I took. -Having the President over for dinner in our Mod just for the hell of it. -Sitting in American Musical theater and having Steven Sondheim come in and started playing for us. -Heading into Waltham at 1am to get a Mimi's roast beef sub at that dive of a trailer that used to be there. -A softball game one Sunday in the spring of our senior year that went on all day until we finally finished the keg.



Hiking in Vermont
Paul and Nina's Sunset selfie



Summer
Cruise in the
Mediterranean



Eric & Paul
2012





Babak Namazi

Babak and his better half, Hedy!



Saamy and Ava, my children.



Pam (Brock) Nedwetzky



Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I spent one year back in NY then moved to SF with my senior roommate Delilah Paseos and about 30 of our closest friends. After having a fun time living “a block off Haight and a block off Ashbury” for 3 years, I moved back to NY to get my MBA at NYU. Met my husband. Became a huge NJ Devils fan. After several jobs in brand management in the NY/NJ area, we moved to RI to be closer to the beach. Lived in RI from '03 to '12, where I did marketing and product development for Hasbro and got to play all day with Nerf, Transformers, Elmo, Easy Bake Oven, and Mr. Potato Head, to name a few of the brands I worked on. Greg and I got married in NJ in '04. Delilah Paseos, Ruth Price, Janet Henner, and Michele Rubin were all at our wedding. In '08 our daughter Tara was born, followed by her twin brothers Zachary and Mitchell in '11. I also remained a NY Giants fan the entire time, to the chagrin of my New England coworkers. Moved the whole family to Arizona in '12, where the weather is beautiful year round but you can't get a clamcake or Del's Lemonade. But the tacos are awesome! Currently I work at PetSmart Charities leading the Marketing team. I'm thankful I get to help find homes for dogs and cats every day. We added Benny the Chocolate Lab to our family in 2012 (he's 5 months younger than the twins) and he's a sweet dog who keeps us on our toes because he'll eat anything (food, water, socks, rocks, doesn't matter!) We love it here but it makes it difficult to travel to Waltham for a weekend! No matter, I've got awesome memories of my time at 'Deis.

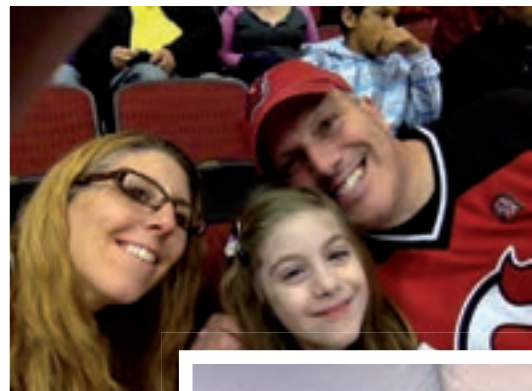
Song lyrics that best capture your Brandeis experience:

I have a few good memories of song lyrics. Danny Farkas used to sing “Bizarre Love Triangle” by New Order to me in class every week. Saul Friedman used to sing “Pamela” by Toto to me whenever we passed in Massell quad. But I think the song that most sticks out for me is the Romantics “What I Like About You” because we did that one in the Airbands competition.

Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

When people ask what I took away from Brandeis, my answer is always that I learned how to think. How to reason, debate, expand my horizons, empathize, critique, and justify. Useful stuff.

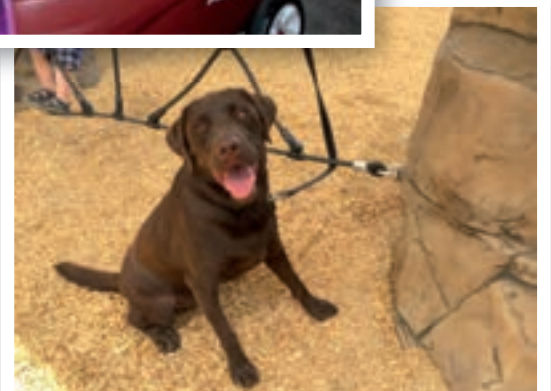
Me, Greg and Tara at the NJ Devils game in Phoenix



Tara, Mitchell and Zachary Halloween '14



Greg and I meet Davy Jones in Westerly, RI



Our dog Benny



Michael Palace

Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis, I received my MBA from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management with a concentration in investments. I have been working as a financial advisor for the last 24 years, currently working for Wells Fargo Advisors. I married the love of my life, Allison and we have three great kids, Joshua, 17, & twin daughters, Marisa & Julia, 13.



James Perle

Life since Brandeis:

Since I graduated I went to medical school and metresidency. I completed an internal medicine/pediatric residency. We moved to Lewisburg, PA. I became a hospitalist and after 11 years we moved to Corning, NY where I became lead hospitalist at Corning hospital.

My wife, Kristine, and I recently celebrated our 20 year anniversary. We have a beautiful home and are close to our families. We have become big NY Yankee fans and enjoy going to games. We also do quite a bit of traveling. We have 3 wonderful cats Izzy, Maddie, and Josie.

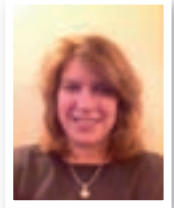
Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

I have kept in close touch with Peter Rosen. I was the best man at his wedding; he was one of the groomsmen at mine. We talk a lot about his kids who are great. It is hard to visit because we live so far away. He has been and continues to be one of my best friends.

With the wonder that is Facebook I have rediscovered good friends from Brandeis that I thought I would never find again.



Sue Peschin



Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I worked for two years at the Cancer Information Service at Dana Farber, before entering graduate school in public health at Johns Hopkins in 1992. After school, I went on to work in gun control for the next ten years, working on a variety of issues including passage of the Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban in 1996. In the following years, I worked at Hadassah's DC office, at a progressive consulting firm, and then started my own business. During that same time, I got married to Steven Peschin and had two boys, Max and Nathan. I decided working for myself wasn't for me, so I went back to nonprofit and became the Washington Representative for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America from 2007-2011. In 2012 I joined the Alliance for Aging Research in a gradual process to succeed the Founder and became President & CEO in 2014. Our boys are now 12 and 9 and we live in Rockville, MD with our dog Gracie.

Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

At Brandeis, I learned to question things. I learned that not everyone has the same shot in life and that it was worth finding a cause bigger than myself to work on. I learned to speak up, to risk, to fail, and to try again. I learned that you don't get a good grade if you don't put the work in, and I learned to relax and try a lot of new things.

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

I tell them that I loved Brandeis - that it was a wonderful and safe place to learn, to question, to make mistakes, and to grow up a little bit more. At the time we started in 1986, Apartheid was happening in South Africa and students were pushing for Brandeis to divest. I remember the protests in front of the Administration building and joining in the chanting. I was afraid of getting arrested, so I didn't camp out or participate in confrontation, but it was the first time I had engaged in a social cause. It was part of what drove me to sociology and women's studies. I volunteered at SSIS, which was a lot of fun and gave me countless stories that I still tell today. I had a blast making friends, going to concerts and musical shows on campus, and exploring Boston and New England. It was a great place and I hold it close in my heart.



Me and my people

Sons Nathan and Max





Chandra Pieragostini





Mike Podol



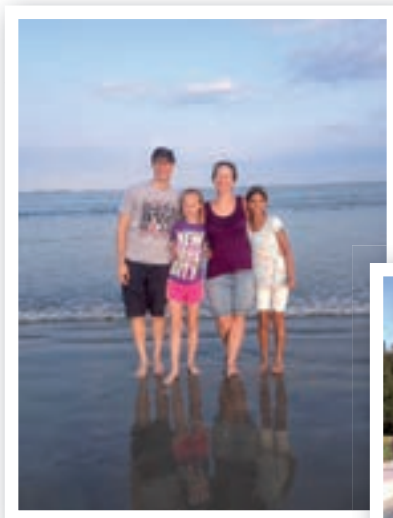
Life since Brandeis:

I have stayed in the Boston area since graduation and currently live in Belmont, MA. A year after graduation I went to BC Law School from which I graduated in 1994. I have spent my legal career working with software companies, mostly as an in-house lawyer. For the past eight years I have been working at Pegasystems in Cambridge, where I am the Associate General Counsel.

In 2001 I got married to Tracy Lang, and we have two daughters, Hannah who is now 11 and Danica who is 10. Tracy and I lived in the South End in Boston before we got married and for the first several years of our marriage. We fully intend to move back there once the girls are grown and out of the house. Thankfully Belmont is very close to the city, and we do manage to spend a lot of time in Cambridge and Boston.

A few years after graduation, I started participating in triathlons and still do so today. Both of our girls are also quite active, and Hannah is now a faster swimmer than I am. And I am sure in the next 5 years both girls will surpass me in running as they get faster and I get slower. :) I love most spending time with my family and really look forward to weekends and family vacations when we are really able to relax and have fun as a family.

I have stayed in touch with many Brandeis friends, and I do see a number of Brandeis friends pretty frequently (which is another benefit of staying in Boston). I am very excited for our reunion and cannot wait to see everyone!



Mike, Tracy, Hannah and Danica Podol on vacation in Maine

Dan Korschun, David Liss and Mike Podol in Washington in 2012



Lisa Rus, Lyla Naseem, David Liss and Mike Podol a couple of years after graduation



Mike, Tracy, Hannah and Danica Podol at a family wedding



Michael B. Pollack



Life since Brandeis:

I'm a happy husband and father, active as a volunteer in my community, active with sports and busy running a thriving law practice, Law Office of Michael Pollack, LLC, in Hartford.

After Brandeis, I attended law school, fell in love with Tammy Friedman Pollack (class of '92), began practicing law in 1993 and married Tammy in 1995. Twenty year anniversary this summer!!!

We live in South Windsor, Connecticut, and have two children, Matthew (finishing 6th grade) and Jessica (finishing 4th grade). Two amazing kids who I love and adore.

I practiced law, very successfully, as a personal injury trial lawyer for other law firms for many years, and then founded my own law firm last summer, and it's going better than my wildest dreams.

Besides my family and law practice, I've stayed busy as an avid mountain biker, snowboarder, scuba diver and ice hockey player. Still playing men's league ice hockey (known as Beer League).

I've also stayed busy as the Team Manager for a Mountain Bike Search and Rescue Team, a volunteer with two different Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), ham radio, a local Board of Ethics, youth hockey coaching and a position as a youth hockey association Board Member.

Life is flying by, but I'm doing everything I can along the way to do as many things as possible for my family, my career and my community.

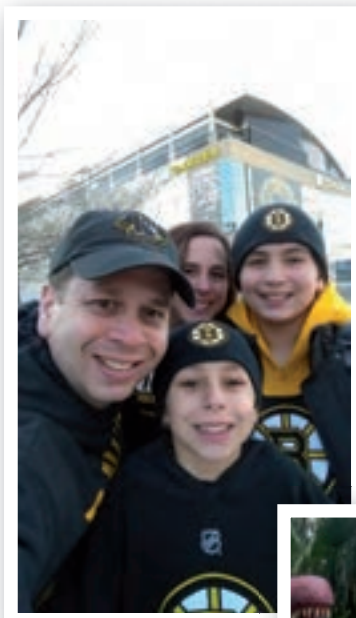
In the meantime, when I take a pause and reflect about Brandeis and the college years, I always get a big, goofy and nostalgic smile on my face. I miss you all.

If anyone is ever passing through Hartford, please let me know and consider stopping to say hello.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

Nothing with deep or profound meaning here. Just remembering the many good times at Chumley's a/k/a Cholmondeley's. I worked there for three years and have countless Brandeis memories of that place, including:

- 1) The picture of the dog with the caption that Cholmondeley was the son of Heathcliff Norman and some bitch;
- 2) The dim lights with good music in the background with the din of conversation and delicious ice cream, which we were allowed to eat even when working;
- 3) Fellow students coming and sitting down to play some piano;
- 4) Friends visiting and hanging out while working;
- 5) Greg Greenway and Tracy Chapman; and
- 6) All of the incredible student entertainment regularly filling the place with music and laughter.



Bruins game, January 2015. We're a hockey family!!!



Summer 2014 at Epcot: Hot, Hungry and Exhausted!!!



Summer of 2013: Family Hike!



Summer 2014, Universal Studios: Some Jurassic Drama!



Alyson Tarr Popper



Life since Brandeis:

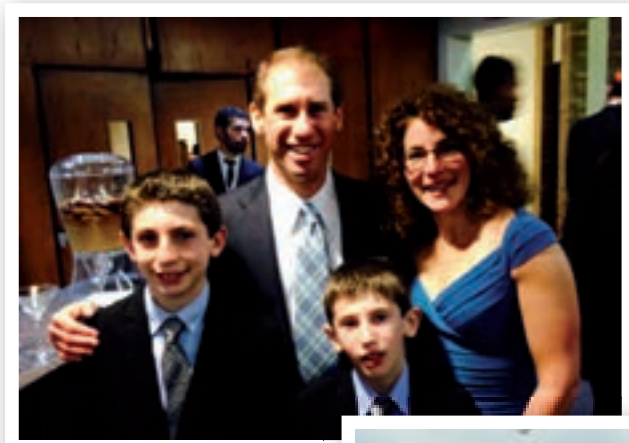
Thanks to a fellow classmate, Beth Kaufman, I met my husband of 25 years. During the early years of our marriage, we lived in Northern NJ and traveled a lot. Two years before our oldest was born, we relocated back to the Boston area to be closer to our families. We have two boys, Isaac who just turned 13 and Brandon who is 9.

In terms of my career, I have spent the past 22 years working at Morgan Stanley. I started there on the management side running a retirement planning dept. in NJ. Along the way, I got my CFP license (Certified Financial Planner). However, 12 years ago I made a switch so that I could work with private clients. I now work from Morgan Stanley's Wellesley, MA office and provide investment management and financial planning services to individuals and families. I also run small to mid-sized 401ks plans.

Our life is usually very hectic with work and the kids' sports, but this weekend as I write this, we are taking a break from our usual activities to celebrate Isaac's Bar Mitzvah. It is hard to believe that so many years have passed since Brandeis and this is where we are now. We are very proud of our son, but also very excited to celebrate with him and our friends, including some old Brandeis friends. Even after so many years, it is those old Brandeis friendships that are still going strong. My only regret is that I wish I had more time to spend with those people who mean so much to me.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion.

Showing our true Boston color at Cape Cod



Celebrating at the Bat Mitzvah of the daughter of Brandeis classmate, Stella Levy Cohen



Enjoying time at the beach with Brandeis friend Melissa, while our kids are away at camp



Enjoying visits back to Brandeis with my son, Brandon



Barry Postman



Life since Brandeis:

Married with two boys (Ryan 14 and Matt 11) living in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. I am a lawyer with a state wide law firm where I concentrate on civil litigation and trial practice.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Still very close with my best friends in life who I met at Brandeis, Jay Karp and Dan Farkas.

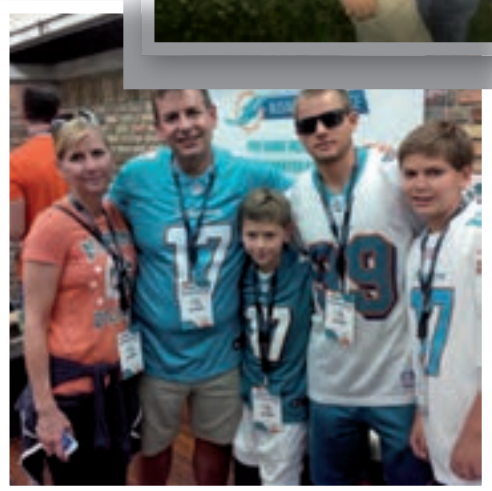
Your greatest achievement(s):

By far my greatest achievement are my sons. No matter what I acheive professionally, my kids will remain my pride and joy.

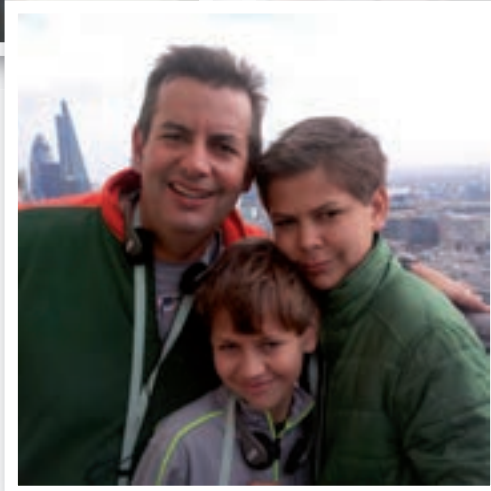
My son, Ryan, myself, my wife, Colleen, and my son, Matthew



My sons, Ryan and Matthew and my step-son, Justin



My wonderful family at a Miami Dolphins game



My sons and I in London, England



Sharon Rosen Rabinovitz



Life since Brandeis:

Wow! 25 years?!

It has been a wonderful, twisty ride!

I went to Jefferson Medical College and stayed for a residency in Family Medicine. Neil Rabinovitz and I married in 1995. We moved immediately after residency to a warmer climate in West Palm. We only stayed for 18 months since Neil was accepted to the FBI and we were transferred to Atlanta. That was 16 years ago, unbelievably. I am a now a southern girl, unbelievably as well!

The next chapter was the wonderful arrival of our two children, Brandon and Shayna (13 and 10). Being a parent is the best and the hardest job ever! I enjoy every minute (or almost every). Brandon is a swimmer and will be a politician one day. He has never met a stranger and he can charm anyone. Shayna is so sweet and has a sense of humor and wit beyond her years. She and I share a love of dance.

Presently, I am divorced and I have been fortunate to have found a wonderful village of friends and support. I have embraced a perfect niche for me as the medical director of the Georgia State University Student Health Clinic after years in academics and private practice. I fill my free time with a variety of types of exercise but my passion is Zumba (some fun examples: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YnsfCTrM5c> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXm06KIPu70>)

I wish you all 25 more years of peace and fulfillment!

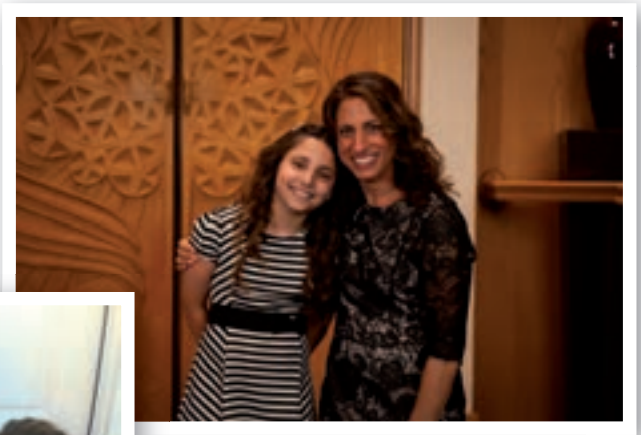
Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

It would be almost impossible to come out of Brandeis without a strong work ethic and a sense of social justice. I learned how to think and ask the right questions. I also learned how to be a good friend and to appreciate the time together and the memories made. The time at Brandeis also strengthened my sense of and pride in being Jewish.

Brandon's Bar Mitzvah



Me and mini me (Shayna)



Dancing is the best medicine



Shayna and Brandon (10 and 13)



Sandy Rappaport



Life since Brandeis:

I married Matt Disco in 1998. We have two sons, Robin (14) and Hunter (12). I graduated UC Hastings College of Law in 1994 and am a partner at Hanson Bridgett LLP in San Francisco, where I have been practicing labor and employment law for more than 20 years.

With my husband at our 20th law school reunion in 2014



Taken in Feb. 2015 - me and my family raising money for rare cancer research



Larry Renbaum

Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I moved to Washington for law school, where I continued drawing cartoons for the school newspaper, the Georgetown Law Weekly. I graduated from Georgetown Law in 1993 and began working as an attorney in big law firms in Baltimore and then in Washington DC. Married my wife, Adi in 1996, and we settled in Bethesda, MD. We have two children - Jonah (16) and Elana (12).

After private law practice, I have spent the last 15 years prosecuting securities fraud cases at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. At the Commission, I brought groundbreaking cases involving financial fraud, insider trading, pump-and-dumps, Ponzi schemes, subprime CDO fraud during the financial crisis of 2007, and the first fraud case against a major rating agency, in 2015.

I am deeply involved in our local synagogue, Kol Shalom in Rockville, Maryland, having served on the Board and as an officer. Kol Shalom is the most Brandeis-like thing I still do; it was founded by several Brandeis grads and feels like a college club activity that happens to be a synagogue and religious school. I chaired the education committee for 5 years, overseeing the Talmud Torah religious school. It was just like running a club at Brandeis - required skills I didn't know I had but took advantage of the energy of everyone involved to make it great.

Aside from marriage and child-rearing, our biggest achievement so far has been Jonah's excellent bar mitzvah (2012) and our first trip as a family to Israel in 2013. We can be found every August on the beach in Duck, NC with friends, or in Ocean City, MD with family (a 45-year tradition).

Michele Goldstein Resnick



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating from Brandeis I moved back home to Maryland/DC area briefly before attending the University of Pennsylvania to earn my Masters in Social Work. After completing my MSW, I moved to NYC where I worked as a social worker in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center. While at Mt. Sinai I earned an MBA in healthcare administration at Baruch College/Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. I met my husband Bill Resnick at the MBA program and we moved to Bergen County, NJ and were married in 2000. We are the proud parents of two girls, Ariana (6/30/01) and Maya (1/8/04). Since starting our family I have primarily been at home, although I have always continued to provide social work services on a part-time basis in different settings. I also helped support my husband's healthcare consulting business when it first was established. My social work includes in home services to families through an early intervention agency -- many of whom are Spanish speaking. I also support the social work department at Hackensack University Medical Center in the Pediatric Oncology division in research and other projects. As my children grow I have more hours to dedicate to social work and hope to move into a private practice in the future. We enjoy our home, cooking, and traveling and we love our 3 year old Doberman Pincher, Rufus, who is truly the prince of our home.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

I made a lot of special friends at Brandeis and have so many fond memories of them from back when and beyond school. The connection made at Brandeis set a foundation that will always be there, even if I don't get to see these friends as often as I would like. I have great memories of house shares in the Hamptons in my 20's, visiting a favorite Brandeis friend in California (multiple times) and RV trips on the west coast, going to Aspen at 30, and just meeting for lunch "somewhere in the middle". One of my Brandeis friends is truly like a sister to me and is the godmother to our girls who refer to her as "aunt". Ironically, another one of my closest friends in NJ is a Brandeis graduate whom I had not known at Brandeis. We just seem to find each other. The Brandeis connection runs deep and is hard to explain to people that have attended a more "typical" college.

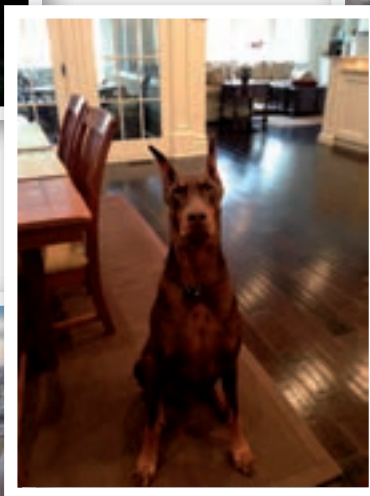
Your greatest achievement(s):

It may sound cliché, but my family and home life is my greatest achievement. When my oldest was one, I grappled with leaving the professional world and dedicating myself to being home -- but it was just where my heart was. I am grateful that I was able to do this. As my girls have grown I have stayed connected with my profession and can dedicate more and more time to it as they continue to grow. However, I am most proud of my family and home life that gives me my greatest pride and joy.



Ariana's Bat Mitzvah Service at home
6/7/14

Top of
Camelback
Mountain, AZ
8/14



Rufus, our "boy"

Palmilla,
Cabo San
Lucas
February
2015



Reuel R. Rogers



Life since Brandeis:

- 1990-1993 New York City, NY research assistant MDRC
- 1993-1999 Princeton, NJ and New York City, NY graduate student Princeton University
- 1999-2015 Chicago, IL professor, Northwestern University



Jeff Rosenberg



Life since Brandeis:

After a summer being followed around by the Grateful Dead, started medical school in NYC at Mt Sinai. By the end of the 4 years, met my future wife, and then completed family medicine residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. After getting married, moved back to NYC for a year, off to Seattle for 2 years (spent lots of time with other west coast Brandeis friends like Ross Leventhal, James Mandel, Mason Bender, Andy Rubenstein, Rachel Remler (Class of '91) and many others). We quickly moved back to NYC for 2 more years, then back to Philly for my Sports Medicine Fellowship. In 2002, moved to Maplewood, NJ where I still live with Jen (a Barnard girl!), Sari (12), Dayna (7) and Lucas (4). Presently work with Summit Medical Group, Family Medicine and Sports Medicine Doctor.

Most interesting travel experience:

AIDS ride 2001. Bear Mountain New York to Boston on bicycle. 350 Miles over 4 days. Sore legs, Sore butt, great pride and experience in training, raising money and being part of something really important.

Other best travel: Driving around the country on 'Dead tour-seeing all the beauty our country has to offer: Crater Lake, Oregon, Hoh Rainforest, Bryce National Park, etc.

Month living in Gallup, New Mexico working in the Indian Health Service. When I arrived on the puddle jumper plane the only way to get to the hospital dorm was to have the only guy working at the 'airport' take me there in his car after he locked the place up. A real live Dr. Joel Fleischman 'Northern Exposure' experience.

Dayna's 7th Birthday Dinner with the Family



The kids and I





Hilary Shein Rothman

Life since Brandeis:

My husband, Eric, and I have three lovely daughters: Natalia, 19, Arielle, 16, and Daniella, 13. (We're finding it hard to believe that our eldest is already in college! I hope her college years will be as rewarding academically and socially as mine were at Brandeis!) When I am not busy with my wonderful family, I work part-time as a pediatric physical therapist, helping children with physical and developmental disabilities. Eric and I are involved in our synagogue, our children's schools and numerous worthwhile organizations. I also enjoy cooking food and baking treats for others, whether as help during difficult times or a celebration of happy ones. In my free time, I dance ballet and play basketball... and love it!

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

I loved being at Brandeis! I was stimulated intellectually and thrilled socially. Many of the classes were fascinating, such as American Musical Theater, The Arab-Israeli Conflict, Art History, Neuropsychology, and the Moon Illusion Seminar (with only six students!). My fellow students were smart, diligent, driven, kind, and loads of fun! We had a blast hanging out in the dorms, playing intramural sports, spending hours chatting in Sherman cafeteria, going to Chumley's, etc., etc. What great memories! I made many wonderful friends and cherish those friendships to this day.

*Eric and me with our daughters,
Natalia, Arielle and Daniella*



Arielle, Daniella and Natalia



*Hilary (Shein) & Eric
Rothman, Helen (Davidoff) &
Mark Tanchel, Sue (Loeb) &
Andy Zeitlin*

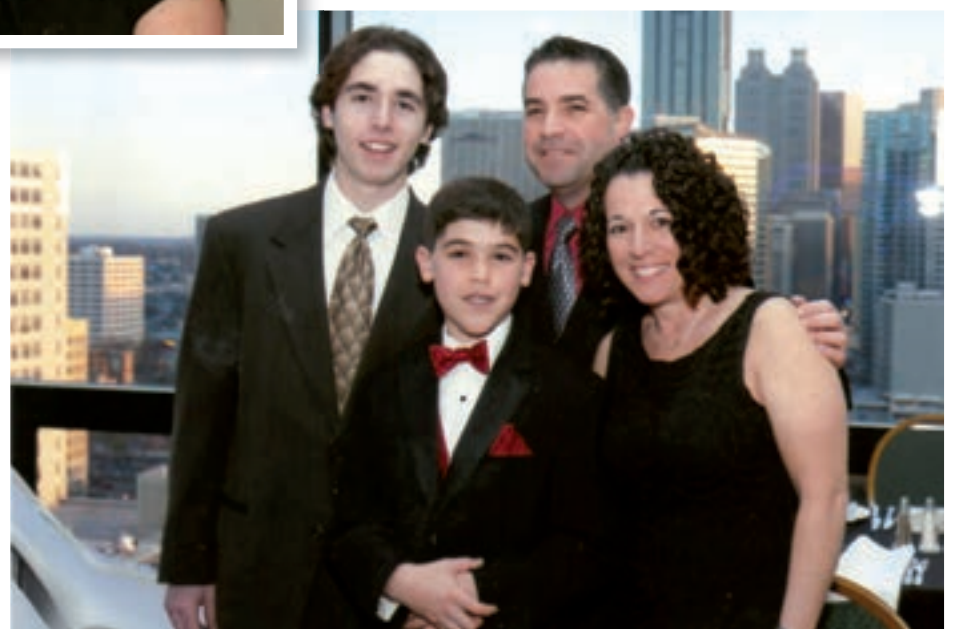


Kerith Stern Rudnicki



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating Brandeis, I attended the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and then completed a Pediatric Residency and Chief Residency at Jackson Memorial/University of Miami. I went into private practice in South Florida for 9 years then moved my family to Atlanta in 2007 where I am currently practicing in a General Pediatric office. Philip Rudnicki and I have been married for 24 years and have two sons, Caleb who is 18 years old and Jared who is 14 years old.





Ken Samuel



Life since Brandeis:

PERSONAL:

Married to Stella Zweben Samuel (Brandeis Class of '91) and we are the proud parents of 2 daughters: Sara - age 10, and Betsy - age 7. We have lived in Los Angeles, CA since 1995.

PROFESSIONAL:

After graduating from Boston College Law School, I've worked in creative and corporate positions at NBCUniversal in NY and LA since 1993. I've been fortunate to be involved in the production of award-winning NBC shows including Seinfeld, The West Wing, Will & Grace, ER, Friends, The Tonight Show, The Office, 30 Rock, The Blacklist, America's Got Talent, and The Voice. I currently supervise the NBC West Coast Program Standards team based in Universal City, CA, covering scripted and unscripted entertainment programming broadcast on NBC. I'm also an avid television writer and hope to pursue that interest further in the coming years.

Ken, Stella, Sara, and Betsy Samuel



Sara and Betsy Samuel



Emmy Awards Red Carpet 2013



Wendy Samuelson



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating from Brandeis, I went straight to Cornell Law School, and then joined my father's law practice. I am now the managing partner of Samuelson Hause Samuelson Geffner & Kersch, LLP, a boutique matrimonial and family law firm based in Garden City, Long Island (www.SamuelsonHause.net). For the past 22 years, I have counseled high net worth clients to make exceptional business decisions -- and not emotional ones -- on how best to resolve their divorce or child custody matter in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. My firm was rated as a Tier 1 Family Law Firm by U.S. News and World Report.

I am the Associate Editor of the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Review, and write the column "Recent Legislation, Decisions and Trends in Matrimonial Law."

In 2003, I married my wonderful husband, Jeff Winick, who has such a joie de vivre, and a Zen like temperament that balances me. Together, we have found a passion for tandem road and mountain biking. We regularly mountain bike on black diamond trails in Vermont and California. This past fall, we took a river boat cruise for tandem cyclists and traveled through Croatia on our road bike. We love snorkeling, and usually snorkel for a week in the Caribbean each year.

Two years ago, I received a cochlear implant, which completely changed my life. I am now able to hear on the phone, go to the movies, and hear the birds sing. It has been an amazing journey to recover lost sounds and hear some for the first time, like a tea kettle whistle, a whisper, and even the bubbling of the coffee cup in the morning.

We recently moved from New York City to Garden City, Long Island where we are learning first-hand the joys (and sometimes tribulations) of home ownership. I'd love to reconnect with any Brandeis alums that live in the area, and if you want to join us on a bike ride, that would be even better!

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

In my senior year, I had to write a paper based on two scenes in a movie. At that time, I could not hear movies well because of my hearing loss. As I sat in my friend, Hillary Kessler's Mod, each one of her Mod mates helped me a few minutes at a time, repeating back what the actors were saying. That sort of overwhelming support and generosity reflects the true spirit of Brandeis.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Michele Shoueka Perlstein '89 is one of my best friends from college. We get together as often as we can despite living 3 hours apart. Every summer, we spend a special long weekend with her family at their summer home in Margate, NJ. We call it the "annual pilgrimage." Hillary Kessler Godin and Amy Katz Wisnudel are also friends that I stay in touch with. Jason Advocate is now a professional colleague, and we try to get together at least once a year.

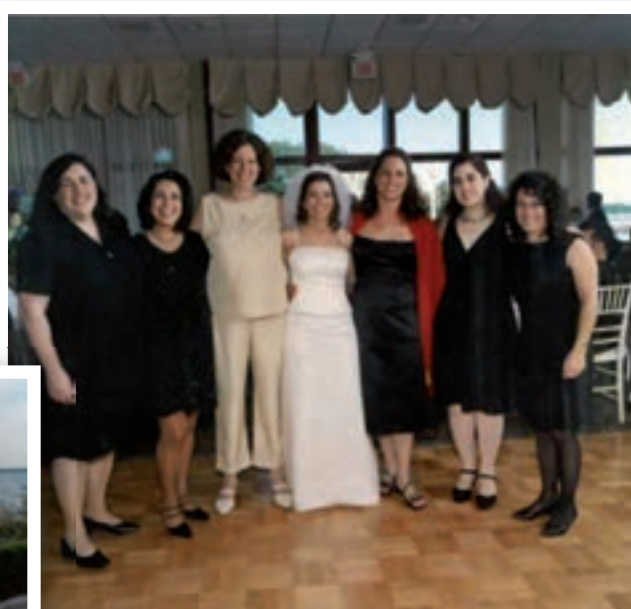


Photo from my wedding, with my Brandeis friends



Barbie Scharf-Zeldes

Life since Brandeis:

It's been 25 years but some things never change. I was known as "Barbie Brandeis" for my involvement in our campus community and I'm still very involved.

I moved to San Antonio after Brandeis to attend St. Mary's Law School. During law school, I met my husband, Adam, and we married during spring break of my third year.

I have been practicing family law, probate, guardianship and mediation in San Antonio and surrounding cities for 22 years. My primary practice has been providing these legal services as in-house counsel to the San Antonio Firefighters and Police Officers.

Among my many community activities, I chaired the board of the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind for three years, am serving as President of my synagogue and am a member of the Youth Education Foundation Board of the Rotary Club of San Antonio.

My son, Justin, will be graduating from high school in June (which precludes me from attending our reunion, sorry!). He hopes to study sports management. My son, David, is a freshman in high school, on the JV baseball team and wants to focus on a career in medicine.

For my friends who have been following Adam's career through the police department, Adam is now a sergeant. He has worked in several areas but is now in the downtown bike patrol working days. Why grow up when you can wear shorts, ride a bike and carry a gun for a living?

My life, like everyone else's, has had its share of challenges. It has been the classroom after Brandeis. I have learned so much and life is good. I spend much of my time in my practice, in my non-profit work and with my friends, sharing my experiences and providing guidance. It's obvious to me that this is where and what I was meant to be. I'm at peace.

I wish I could be there to catch up. I hope you are where you want to be.

Hugs from Texas.



Ilana Schoenfeld



Life since Brandeis:

I graduated from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies with an MES in 1995. After that I worked for a number of environmental and educational non-profits both as multimedia content developer and an Education Director. I also traveled quite a bit: drove across the country, worked for the National Park Service (Badlands National Park), lived in California for a while working on a startup business, then came back East, lived in Washington D.C., then back to the Boston area. Currently I live in Arlington, MA, with my husband, Dan, 8-month old son, Zev, and dog Soba. I work at the MIT Media Lab developing educational tools that integrate technology to teach life science to middle and high schoolers.

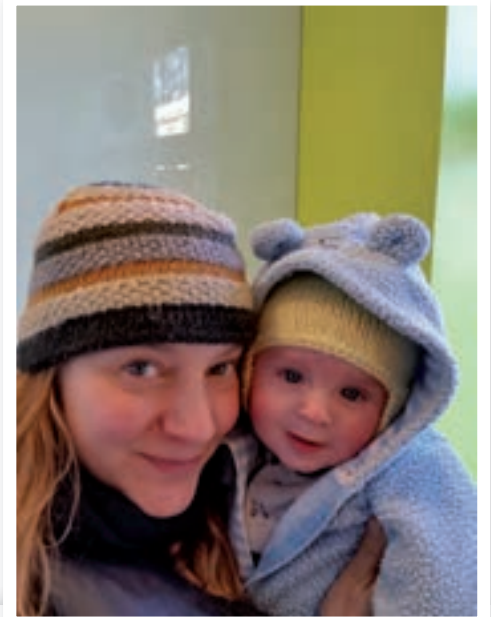
I also consult to zoos, aquaria and various non-profits looking to optimize their use of educational technology to further their missions.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

I've stayed in fairly close touch with both Judy Magram (formerly Judy Cashman) and Melanie Appelbaum (formerly Melanie Kopelowitz).

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

Playfair! Meeting Steve Levine and learning of his love of hamburgers, brownies, and Bruce Springsteen.





Melissa Epstein Schop

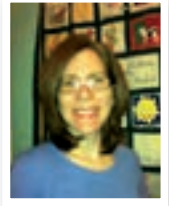
Life since Brandeis:

I live in Phoenix, AZ with my husband of 17 years, Michael and our two kids, Sarah (14) and Noah (9). We only recently moved here after living in Omaha, NE for 12 years. We were re-located by my employer. I am an in-house Environmental Attorney at Union Pacific Railroad. I am in touch with Brandeis alum here in Phoenix as well as across the country. I still have a great time hanging out with Brandeisians!





Elana Cohen Schwartz



Life since Brandeis:

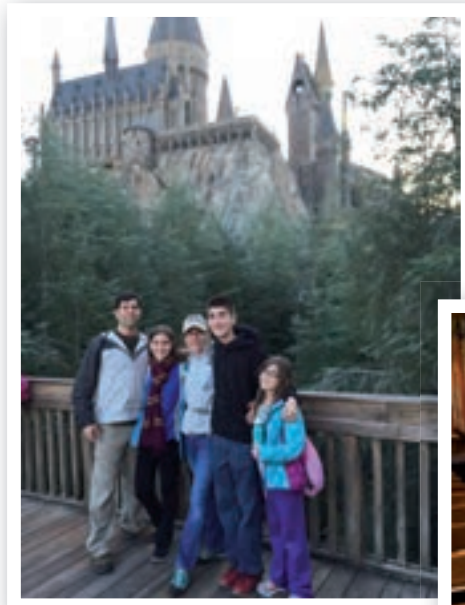
After leaving Brandeis, I worked in Boston for a year at the Museum of Science. Thanks to Mark Tanchel, I met my husband Steve that year. Then I moved to New Haven for a Masters in Environmental Studies from Yale, headed back to Boston to work for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. My husbands' residency brought us to the DC area, and we never left. I had various policy and nature center jobs when we first got here, and for the past 14 years have my dream job as a science teacher at JPDS-NC. We have three kids, Adina is 17, Ezra is 14 and Lila is 11. In the summers my kids are campers, and I work at Ramah in Palmer. There is much more, but those are the highlights for sure.

Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

My years at Brandeis helped me understand so much about how I learn, what I like to do, who I enjoy spending time with, and how to stay connected to people.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

I am in touch with lots of Brandeis people. I teach their children, see them at synagogue, bump into them at camp, plan weekends together, send Facebook birthday wishes, or call when I can. There are Brandeis people everywhere I go!



Trip to Harry Potter World

Last bar mitzvah...one more to go



Alaska for our 20th anniversary



With Joan and Carolyn last summer



Susan Nozyce Schwartz

Life since Brandeis:

Wow, twenty five years, hard to believe. I got married several years after college to a wonderful man and completed graduate school in psychology shortly thereafter. My husband and I moved up to Connecticut where I completed my doctoral and post-doctoral work at the Yale Child Study Center and then we moved back to Westchester, NY where we had our first child, my son Jeremy, and three years later had my daughter Rachel. I am currently working as a psychologist/psychoanalyst. I continue to love to travel, read and eat!

Wendy Shlensky

Life since Brandeis:

500 words 25 years - that's 20 words per year.

Luckily many years are just a big blur especially because I'm still in shock that it's been 25 years since we graduated. We really are not that old are we????

What have I done - lots & not much at all right?

The world is a bit less messy than when we were at Brandeis, right? I feel I've "come a long way".

We've ended apartheid. The Berlin wall came down. FB has fueled several countries striving for more democracy. Mobile phones are ubiquitous. And smarter.

What about me, though?

I worked in the music industry in my dream job, college radio promotions, to come full circle to a job that's essentially the same, yet in a different industry. Industry Analyst Relations. I love it. I get paid to connect people.

My niche seems to be working for Indian Outsourcing companies.

A good day in my life is when I get to see some art along my path. I keep my eyes open & often have good days.

I enjoy yoga, meditation, meeting & connecting people, traveling, music, art.

I've fulfilled dreams & am continuously challenging myself to push the bar higher.

In some ways I've changed a great deal since 1986 when I came to Brandeis & in some ways I haven't changed much at all.

Most interesting travel experience:

I love traveling & have done quite a bit of it, both for work and pleasure, often combined.

Two places I really enjoyed, were:

Amritsar, India & Melbourne, Australia.

Amritsar was a beautiful and very spiritual place.

Melbourne, Australia was filled with public art which made me quite happy to see.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Most of my friends are either people I met at Brandeis or people I have met at one of my myriad jobs throughout the years. Many of my friends do not live in the same city as me. When we get together it is as if no time has passed at all.

Am I supposed to shout you all out now? That is not my thing. We know who each other is and while it is nice to see your name in print, I have enough confidence and I know you all do too that we don't need a yearbook to celebrate our friendship. Emoticon of a happy face as I am not sure it would work here. :)





Lisa (Karshen) Solomon



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating from Brandeis, I attended New York University School of Law, graduating in 1993. I spent a couple of years working as an associate at a small law firm in midtown Manhattan, followed by a one-year stint working for LexisNexis. For the past 19 years, I've worked as a freelance attorney, helping solo and small firm lawyers with all of their legal research and writing needs. I'm also a nationally-known author and speaker about persuasive legal writing and contract (a/k/a freelance) lawyering. My innovative law practice has been featured in a number of legal industry magazines and books about legal careers.

On the personal side, my husband (Mark Solomon, class of 1980) and I got married in 1995. Shortly afterwards, we moved to Ardsley, New York (in Westchester County). Our daughter, Zoe, will be a freshman at SUNY Plattsburgh this fall in a five-year BS/MS program in early childhood and childhood education and special education. Our son, Max, will be in eighth grade. He's a second-degree black sash in kung fu and also does track and cross-country. We have three dogs: Wallace (a black lab mix), Gromit (a yellow lab) and Popeye (a Chihuahua mix).

In my free time, I enjoy cooking as well as foraging for wild mushrooms and other wild edible foods.

You can find me on social media at:

<http://twitter.com/lisasolomon>

<https://www.facebook.com/lisasolomon>

<http://linkedin.com/in/lisasolomon>

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

My most impactful Brandeis memory is actually an alumni memory. A few years after I graduated from law school, I decided to attend a particular Brandeis alumni event because I figured that it would be a good professional networking opportunity. I didn't pick up any new clients or make any professional contacts, but I did end up with a husband :-)

Max, Mark and Zoe





Ruth (Massuda) Spillerman

Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis, I went to med school at Northwestern. I ended up practicing pediatrics in Reading PA.

I have been married for almost 18 years and have two kids ages 15 and 12.

Outside of work, we like to travel, hike, and bike ride. I like to run and I started doing yoga on my free time.

Lots of changes over the past 25 years but I ended up in a great spot.



Neil Spindel

Life since Brandeis:

I received a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Brooklyn College, and have worked as an IT professional in the finance industry. I have been married for 15 years with a stepson who is now a freshman at East Carolina University. I have been living in Stamford, CT since 1993.



Cindy Handler Steinberg



*Mike and Cindy with our
daughters Sarah and Samantha*



Geir Sundet



Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis I did a PhD at Oxford on the Politics of Land in Tanzania. On my return from one of my research trips in Tanzania, I met Jo, a wonderful Welsh woman, in London. She gave me a lift to Oxford and stayed on. We married in 1998, after I had finished my degree, and shortly afterwards we moved to Tanzania, where we ended up staying for nine years.

The first five years I worked for UNDP as a governance specialist. One of the things I did there was assisting the Tanzanian implement its Anti-Corruption Action Plan. Interesting. After my stint with the UN finished I did a year consulting in Tanzania, mostly for USAID. After that I worked on a US financed project in partnership with a Tanzanian research organization, working on initiatives to give citizen tools and skills to see where their tax money was going.

More important milestones during these years are the birth of our wonderful daughters Robyn, in 2000, and Tara, in 2002. Our son Dylan was born shortly after we moved to Norway in 2007. There I worked for a couple of years as a consultant, before we moved back to Tanzania again in 2009, where I worked on a British funded programme supporting civil society fighting corruption.

In 2011 we returned to Norway where we have stayed since. After one more year as a consultant I finally found my place in the Norwegian civil service. I became an auditor. So since the end of 2012, I have been working with the Office of the Auditor General of Norway as a performance auditor. I have mostly been auditing Norwegian international assistance, so not that much has changed, really. Except for job security ;-)

We have all settled into Norwegian life. The kids enjoy the freedom here, and Jo has also learned Norwegian and is now working with a Norwegian consulting company doing coaching and organisational development. At the same time, we are all aware of the danger of itchy feet, so we might get up and move again.

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Brandeis does seem a very long time ago, and in some ways it feels like a different world all together. I still communicate regularly with Ariel Kahana. Fellow Africanist and roommate. I have even become a Liverpool fan in my old age.

And through the years, I have done quite a bit of work with Rakesh Rajani, who was also the one who got me to apply for Brandeis in the first place. Funnily enough, I think we spent more time together in our years together at high school in Tanzania, before Brandeis, and working on similar things in Tanzania years later, than we did at Brandeis.

Would I like to hear from other old friends from Brandeis, of course!



Meryle (Silverberg) Sussman



Life since Brandeis:

How do you sum up 25 years (has it been that long)? Went and graduated law school (Cardozo) right after Brandeis, married Howie Sussman, moved back to San Francisco Bay area, practiced law for 5 years, changed careers to residential real estate broker, had 2 kids, moved a few times, made some friends, had some fun, went on trips.

If you knew then, at Brandeis, what you know now, what would you do differently?

I think I would have taken more advantage of all Brandeis had to offer and been more involved in school activities.



Our daughter's bat-mitzvah



Samara Timon



Life since Brandeis:

After several years of working as a project/programme manager in New York, I decided to try my hand at it in Europe. I've lived in London for the past fifteen years and in my spare time travel, run, and write historical thrillers.

Most interesting travel experience:

It's difficult to choose only one! Walking through Rome, or Pompeii was like stepping through history, but my most interesting travel experience was the move I made from Manhattan to London. Being half Italian, I'd always had one foot in Europe and the opportunity to move to London for a year was almost too good to be true. Which might explain why that one year became 15!

Near Sorrento, Sept 2014



Lewes Castle - Aug 2014



Linda (Hecht) Tomilson

Life since Brandeis:

I have been a math teacher at a middle school since 1995. I am married and have one daughter. I can't believe it's been 25 years.

Michael D. Traister



Life since Brandeis:

After graduating Brandeis, I spent a few years living and working in NYC. I then returned home to Maine to attend law school. For the past 20 years, I have been practicing with Murray, Plumb & Murray, and a general practice law firm in Portland, Maine. I handle all manner of civil litigation, with an emphasis on business, construction and property matters. I am married with two daughters, ages 14 and 11. When I'm not working or chasing my daughters around, I enjoy spending time in the outdoors -- especially skiing, hiking and fishing.

Song lyrics that best capture your Brandeis experience:

The Beatles: I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends

Your greatest achievement(s):

Perhaps a bit boring and predictable, but my daughters.



My girls.

Penny Trieb

Life since Brandeis:

I am a clinical social worker and own my own practice, after many years in public health. I am married and have a brilliant and beautiful 9 year old son. I won't be at the reunion...but send my best to everyone!





Lisa Serling Valentine



Life since Brandeis:

Migrating to California after graduation by way of Grateful Dead Tour. Lisa decided to settle in the Hollywood Hills where she got her first real estate license. Lisa spent several years at the Fred Sands office on the Sunset Strip selling houses to the entertainment industry.

Eighteen years ago she moved to beautiful Lake Tahoe for the quality of life, fresh air and of course the Lake. She enjoys skiing, kayaking, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities with her daughter, Jade.

Lisa currently has achieved her Real Estate Broker's license in both California and Nevada and is enjoying her real estate career working for Coldwell Banker.

She still finds time to catch some music and is out seeing shows whenever she can. It doesn't hurt that her brother is the owner of nugs.net, livephish.com and livedownloads.com enabling her to have one of the best music collections around.



Lisa at Heavenly

My daughter



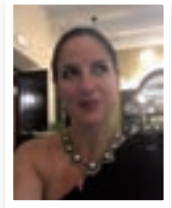
Jade and Lisa seeing some music



Lisa and brother, Brad, at a show



Adrienne Waterston



Life since Brandeis:

What a long, strange trip it's been - but I wouldn't have it any other way! My years at Brandeis were truly among the most magical years of my life. I credit this to the incredibly special and deep bonds I formed with a brilliant, talented, and entirely fantastic group of friends...You all know who you are!

When I graduated, I have to admit that I didn't really know what my future would hold. I waffled between a desire to pursue an academic career (I pondered following in the footsteps of my Brandeis idol and mentor, Alice Kelikian), taking the corporate route, or entering into my family business back home in Puerto Rico. I went the corporate route at first, going into retail management with Saks Fifth Avenue (where I quickly learned that a designer suit at 70% off is not a bargain on an entry level salary). I had a great few years in NYC, and then decided to move to Puerto Rico to join the family business.

I spent my 20's living a charmed life. Working in the family business was tough (emotionally and financially). But, I lived a block away from the beach and again built a strong network of intellectually stimulating and super-fun new friends, mostly ex-pat Americans fulfilling their tropical dreams. Work was hard and family drama was even harder to contend with, but I would roll my beach blanket out every Sunday for a day of beach barbecues and evening dancing and all would be forgotten!

Approaching my 30's, I knew I needed a change. After a brief, crazy detour to live the Ski Bum life in Lake Placid, I moved to Westchester County and started working at Horowitz Research running their marketing department. I quickly developed a love for research- especially qualitative- and over the years helped the company build a thriving multicultural/Hispanic research practice.

The one thing I forgot to do was to get married —tremendously disappointing to my father, who had sent me to Brandeis with one objective in mind, to find myself a nice Jewish guy!* I decided to become a single mother by choice- best decision I ever made. Micaela Louise is a bubbly, brilliant, gorgeous, and incredibly sassy 8 ½ year-old who is the joy of my life!

*For the record, I am now, finally, actively looking ;-)

Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Amazingly, my group of friends has stayed in touch over the years — there are more than 30 of us — and every few years we all get together for our own, “unofficial” reunions near campus. Proving the adage that “the more things change, the more they stay the same”, when this seemingly sane bunch of businesspeople, educators, intellectuals, politicians, lawyers, and doctors get together, we can still party like it's 1990!

The group is a mix of folks from the class of '89, class of '90, and class of '91. Occasionally, smaller subsets of us get together for drinks, dinner, etc. in the city, and of course, there's always Facebook!

Song lyrics that best capture your Brandeis experience:

The Kinks' “Lola”. We made up our own lyrics to the song when I lived on Third Floor Cable in sophomore year... “There once was a floor called Third Floor Cable...”. **“Paradise by the Dashboard Light”**. Any song by my favorite (best college band ever), **Thursday Afternoon**; any **Grateful Dead**, **Steve Miller**, **Carole King**, or **Floyd** song; **Little Feat's** “*Dixie Chicken*” and any song by **The Eagles**, which remind me of the summer at the Cape with Abby Drexler Molotsky ('90), Ivan Alter ('90), Larry Reiter ('90), Jason Cooper ('91), and Scott Burn... Ivan played guitar and I used to think I had a good voice. Show tunes from the Hillel productions by Drew Molotsky I was involved in. “Amy” by Pure Prairie League, in honor of the one and only Amy Rutkin. “Me and Bobby McGee”, one of my favorite songs of all time and the soundtrack to the day I dropped off my thesis and realized my college career was over.



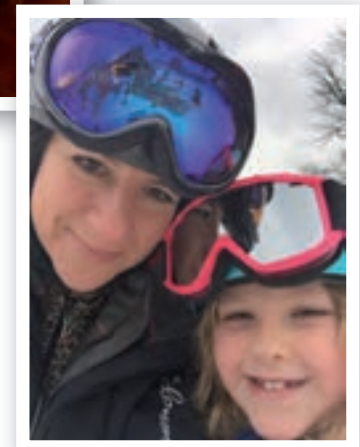
Celebrating Micaela's 8th Birthday in Paris, 2014!

... And of course we are always planning trips back home to Puerto Rico!



We celebrate the holidays in the Adirondacks every year... Cheers!

We love to ski (and apres ski)!





Aron Weber & Judy (Libhaber) Weber



Life since Brandeis:

We just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary. We continue to live in New City, NY with our two terrific daughters: Jocelyn (16) and Faith (12). We love to travel as a family.

Miami Beach

Aron, Judy, Jocelyn, & Faith Weber



Jocelyn's Bat-Mitzvah in Israel 2011



Eric Weinstock



Life since Brandeis:

Twenty-five very quick years! I am married and have 3 kids, Zachary, Talia and Ilana. I went to law school at the University of Virginia, but shifted gears and became an Endodontist (root canal specialist) and have my own practice in Canton, MA. I still use my law degree a bit, and do some expert witness work as well as serve as the course director for the Ethics, Professionalism and Law class at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

My passion outside of my professional and family life is screenwriting. I caught the bug about 8 years ago and am thrilled to say I have two films currently in pre-production: a dramatic comedy, *Dan & Carla*, and an action/thriller called *House Rules*.

In my free time, I try to play as much tennis as possible and often able to play at Brandeis since I live so close. Time keeps zipping by but some of my best memories are from my college years! Can't wait to see everybody!!





Lan Xue



Life since Brandeis:

Lan is currently a founding partner at Trivest Advisors. Trivest runs over US\$1bn, focusing on China related long/short opportunities. Trivest is the third largest China focused hedge fund globally.

Before setting up Trivest in 2010, Lan was a Managing Director and Head of China Research for Citigroup. Prior to joining Citigroup, she worked for Merrill Lynch holding a similar position as Head of China Research. Lan has over 20 years of experience covering China related stocks. Lan has been one of the top ranked China analysts in both Institutional Investors survey and Asiamoney survey since 2000.

Lan is married with one son, Kevin who is 7 and half years old.

Your greatest achievement(s):

I went back to China in 1993 and became the first generation China equity analyst.

Last year, I set up a scholarship in memories of my parents to show my appreciation as a Wien scholar and to provide support to future Brandeis students.



Michele Manowitz Yakovee



Life since Brandeis:

I live in Los Angeles with my husband and two children, ages 15 and 11. I work for Anthem as a Product Management Director.

The past 25 years? Hard to encapsulate in 500 words. I hope that I have learned from the wonderful people in my life and grown in ways that I make positive contributions to the lives of others. I teach my children the importance of social action and justice. We are active members of our synagogue, schools and community. Many of the important life lessons, I learned from my time at Brandeis.

We love to travel, dance, and spend time as a family. Looking forward to reading about my fellow Brandeisians' past 25 years.

Family Trip to Zion National Park



Family Portrait before our son's Bar Mitzvah



Why can't they stay this little?



Laura Yim

Life since Brandeis:

In the 1990s, I worked at Harvard Medical School doing health policy and medical anthropology research support. Then I undertook and completed my Ph.D. in English Literature back at Brandeis ('05). After a terrific year teaching at Boston University, I've been a professor at San Francisco State University since 2006.

Life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Every day I teach literature, I am mindful of the life-changing lessons that Prof. Allen Grossman taught us in his famous U-HUM and poetry classes and office hours. I am endlessly grateful that I and other English majors who graduated in our class were members of his final generation of Brandeis students. I do what I do today because of his generous and brilliant example, for he showed all of us what an ethical care for others through writing and teaching looked like.





Beth Zeiger

Life since Brandeis:

Working as a securities attorney in New York City and Westchester, NY; living in Westchester and vacation home in Myrtle Beach; and have two teenage boys.



Andy Zeitlin



Life since Brandeis:

What have I been up to for the past 25 years? Hmmmm, let's see..... Married Sue Loeb '90 (21 years ago this weekend!!), and have two terrific boys (Jacob, 17, and Noah, 15). Worked in management consulting for a year, thanks to an interview with a Brandeis alum that was facilitated by Econ professor Barney Schwalberg. Graduated from Penn Law School in 1994. Moved to Westchester, New York, in 1999, where we've lived ever since. Became a litigator in private practice -- for the past 15+ years, at Shipman & Goodwin LLP, in the Stamford, Connecticut office. It's been great!!! Hard to believe we're now re-living all of this with our older son while he does his college search.

Great trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island with Eric Mulkowsky and the Farbman's!



Graduation!



Brandeis friends you stay in touch with:

Yes!!! In fact, one of them was even crazy enough to marry me. We've been getting together with a bunch of our Brandeis friends and their families for New Year's (and frequently more often) ever since senior year. In the past several years, I've gotten fairly involved in alumni activities, where we frequently see some of our Brandeis friends. The "talk back" program we did last year with Deb Messing, following her Broadway performance of Outside Mullingar, was very cool. More than 100 Brandeisians were there!

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

Brandeis was truly transformational for me. It's where I met Sue, and the people we still call our closest friends today. Equally incredible professors. Two that stand out the most to me are Barney Schwalberg (yes, he really did make an Economics major out of me), and Steve Whitfield. Steve was good enough to be the scholar-in-residence during our older son's bar mitzvah, and then got together with our family again this past February, when we visited Brandeis during Jacob's college visits. Some great memories: living in Ridgewood with some great people freshman year; the look on Steve Levine's face when he learned that we'd be living there AGAIN as sophomores; living in the Mods as a senior (with three sets of freshman year roommates); having Evelyn Handler and her husband to our Mod for dinner; and my proposal to Sue in Mod 34 three years after we graduated.



Who are these guys, anyway?



Hard to believe that was only ten years ago....

Gene Zeyger



Life since Brandeis:

Although I stayed at Brandeis to get my Lemberg degree in International Finance, I've been in technology sales for just about the entire 25 years. But really it has been about family, hanging out with my amazing wife and two wonderful daughters.

When you talk about your Brandeis experience today to your kids, friends, or family, what do you tell them?

Brandeis gave me the opportunity to go abroad and study business in Japan - an experience I will never forget.

Fondest, funniest, or most impactful Brandeis memory:

Our rugby parties were really the best!



Together with Glenn Zarin, roommate and best friend, not bad after 25 years!



The family (including the puppy)



Stacy Sherman Ziluck

Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating Brandeis, I received my MBA from Columbia University, worked for several years in the field of Human Resources, married a fellow Brandeis alum - Scott Ziluck ('91) and had 3 children - Max (16), Noah (13) and Hannah (10). I have had the opportunity to travel many places and this summer I am excited to be going with my family to Costa Rica for the very first time.

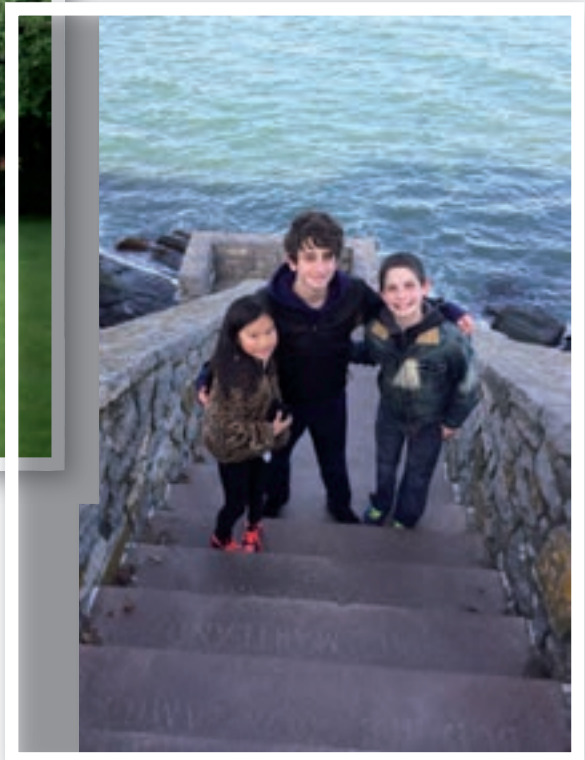
Since the last reunion, I have stopped working which has given me the chance to spend more time with my family as well as delve into some personal interests including volunteering in education

(teaching art appreciation classes at the elementary school level, creating cultural programs for my daughter's China adoption group, and subbing for our middle school French teacher), taking torah study classes, and helping the elderly in nursing homes. Taking time off has truly been a blessing for which I am extremely thankful.

My family and I always look forward to Brandeis reunions and now that our oldest will be headed off to college in 2 short years, I think that we will be more excited than ever to show our kids around the campus and share our memories of college life with them.



Me and my husband, Scott on our 15th Anniversary



Our children, Max, Noah and Hannah in Newport, RI

In Memoriam

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

Bradley J. Forrest

Wendy S. Goldberg

Eric P. Holteen

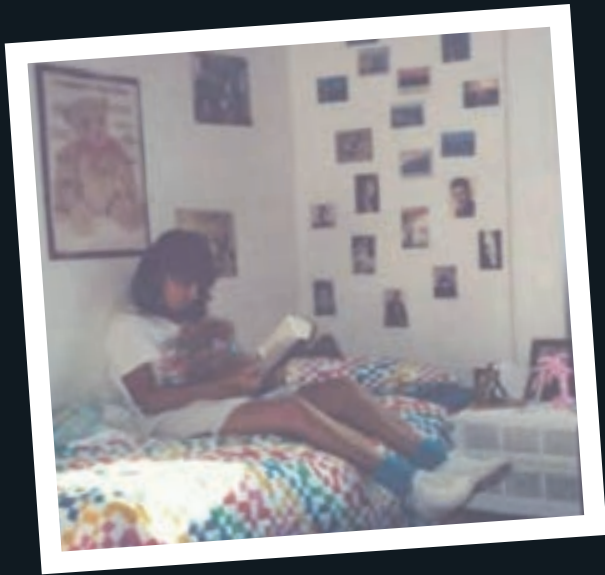
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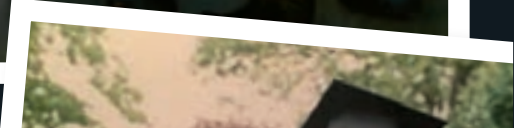
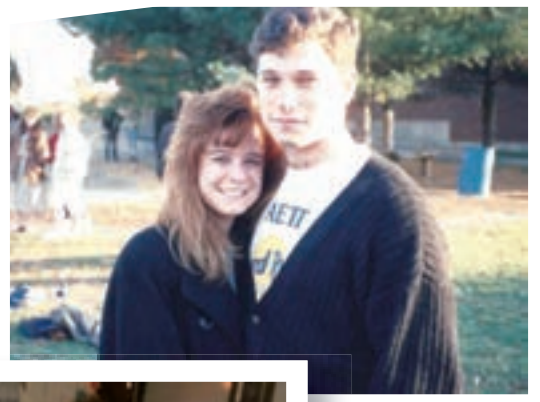
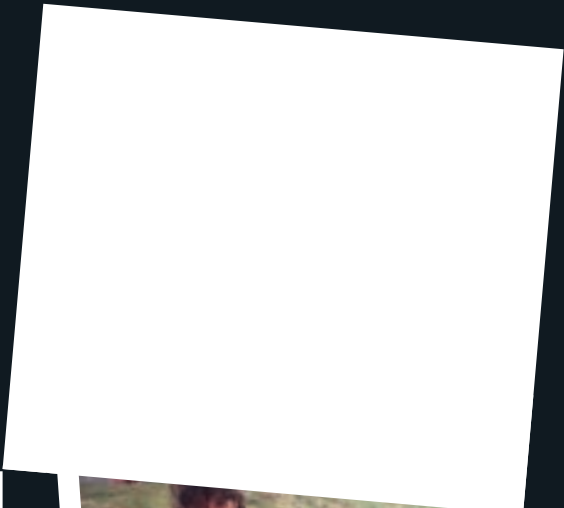
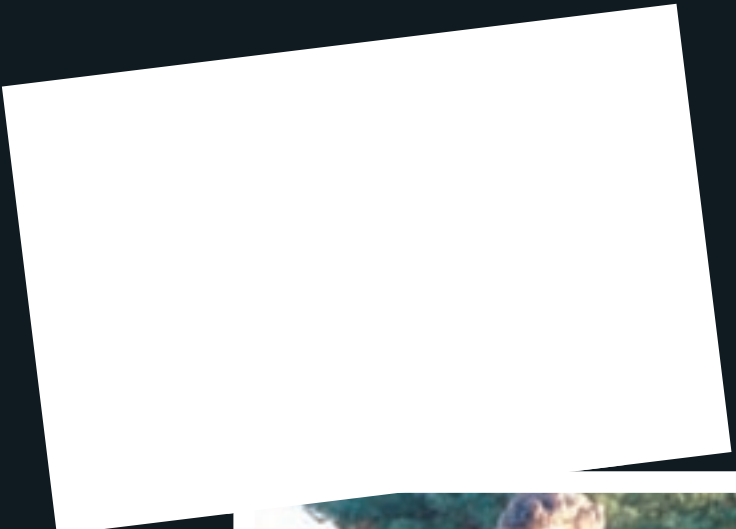


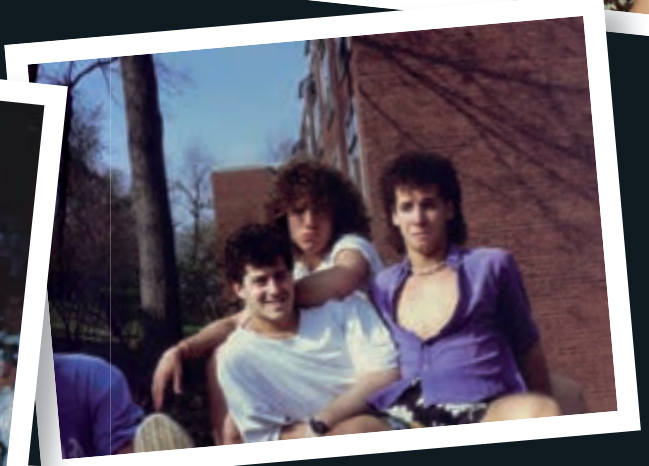
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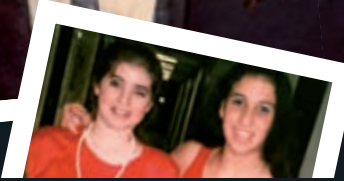
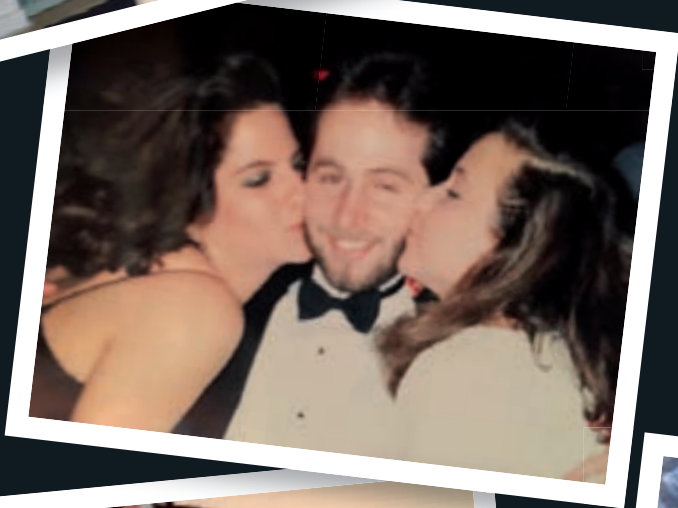






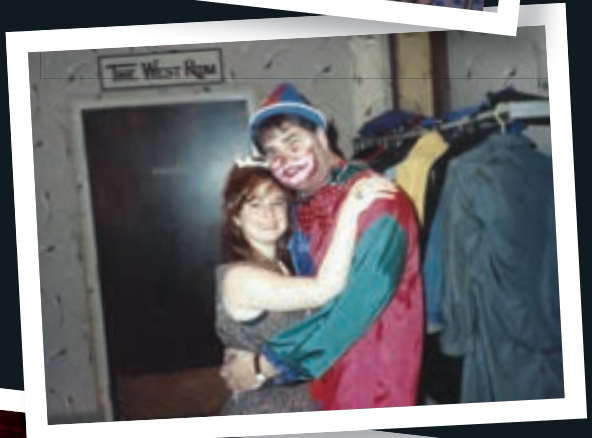














Senior Week
 BRANDeis UNIVERSITY

THURS. 5-10 STEIN PARTY
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 SUN. 5-13 SENIOR LUAU
 MON. 5-14 CAPE COD TRIP
 TUES. 5-15 STEIN PARTY
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 THURS. 5-17 BOOZE CRUISE
 FRI. 5-18 SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

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Senior Week
 THE CHOICE OF A NEW GENERATION

ABSOLUT PARTY.

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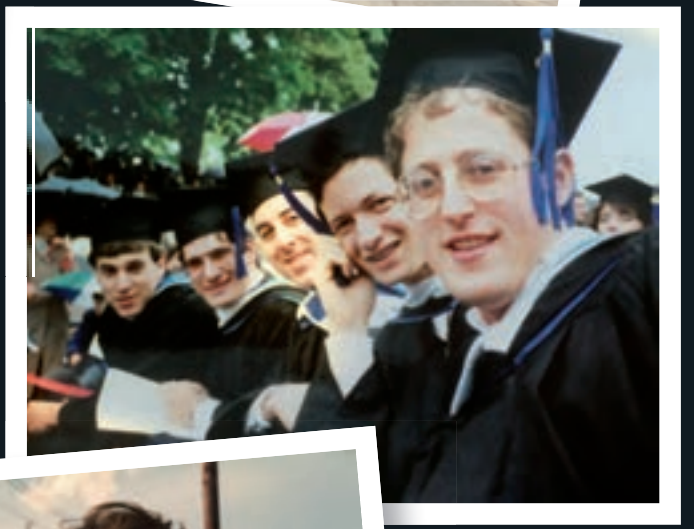
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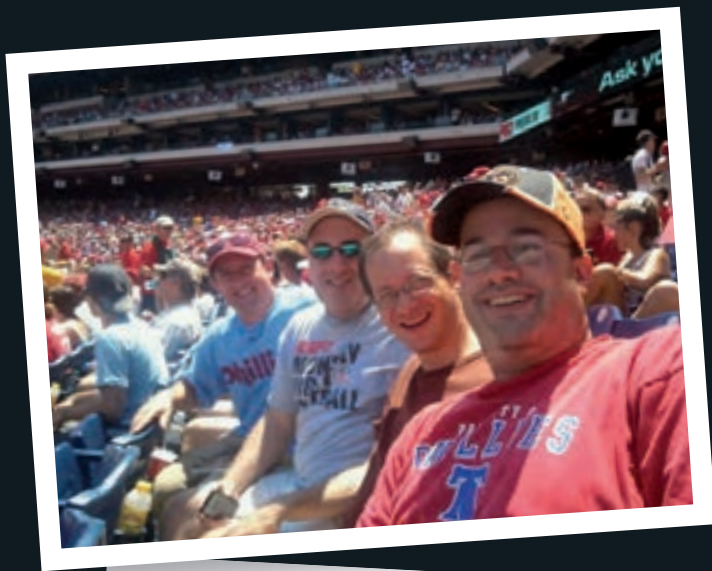
TOP TEN BIGGEST LIES AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

1. The student body is 70% Jewish
2. Under-represented students because they're too ugly
3. Of course I bought the new wine my own doctor
4. I saw Zuck... I don't remember anything
5. He... I had a devilish opinion
6. I got to the library to study
7. I barely studied for the test
8. We were just friends
9. All we did was talk
10. Brandeis was my first choice

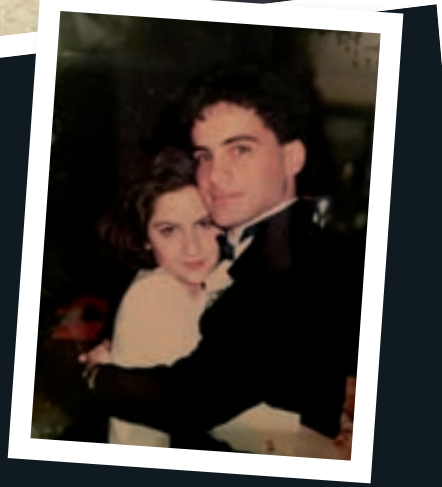
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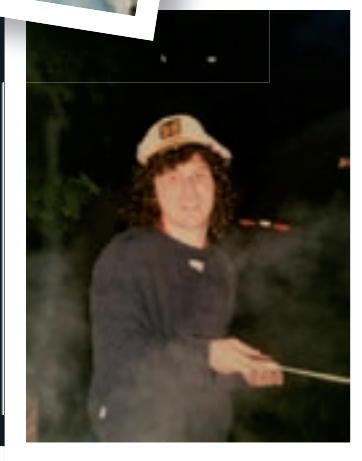




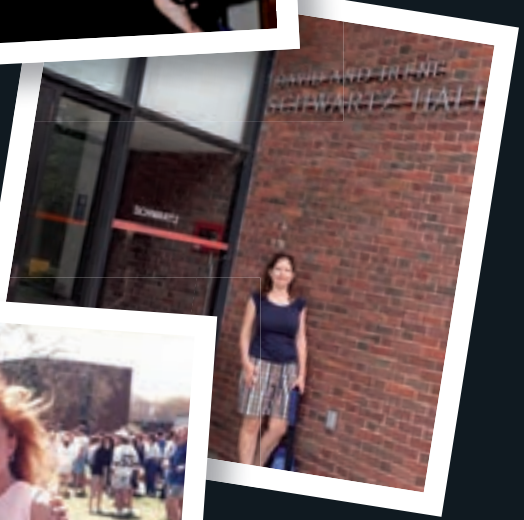


















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