



CLASS OF 1994
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Frederick M. Lawrence
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Professor of Politics

May 2014

Dear Members of the Class of 1994,

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for your 20th Reunion. Whether you are returning for the first time since your Commencement or have visited us often over the years, I am delighted to count you among the members of our family who will gather here in June.

I extend my deep gratitude to the committee that has worked so diligently to plan this celebration; your Reunion is a significant milestone for you and for Brandeis, and we have organized an exciting program of events. From the moment you arrive on Friday through the Farewell Champagne and Jazz Brunch on Sunday, you will be honored guests of your *alma mater*. There will be plenty of time to catch up with your classmates, reminisce about the old days, and acquaint yourself with the Brandeis of today.

We hope that you will take note of the many exciting changes on our ever-evolving campus. The spectacular Carl J. Shapiro Science Center provides the teaching labs, classrooms, and research facilities necessary to attract and retain top science students and faculty. The Ridgewood dorms have been replaced with apartment-style residence halls for juniors and seniors. Our newest building, the Mandel Center for the Humanities, opened only four years ago and reflects the University's enduring commitment to the humanities and social sciences. And finally, a beautiful new Admissions Center allows us to accommodate high school students' steadily-growing interest in Brandeis.

Despite these developments, the values that brought each of you to Brandeis have remained constant. While our grounds might look different, the bedrock principles that underlie the special spirit of our community – a shared commitment to scholarship, teaching, and social justice – live on through our students, faculty, and alumni.

My thanks to the Committee and to our alumni staff for organizing what promises to be a wonderful weekend. Welcome home!

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "FL" or similar initials.

Frederick M. Lawrence

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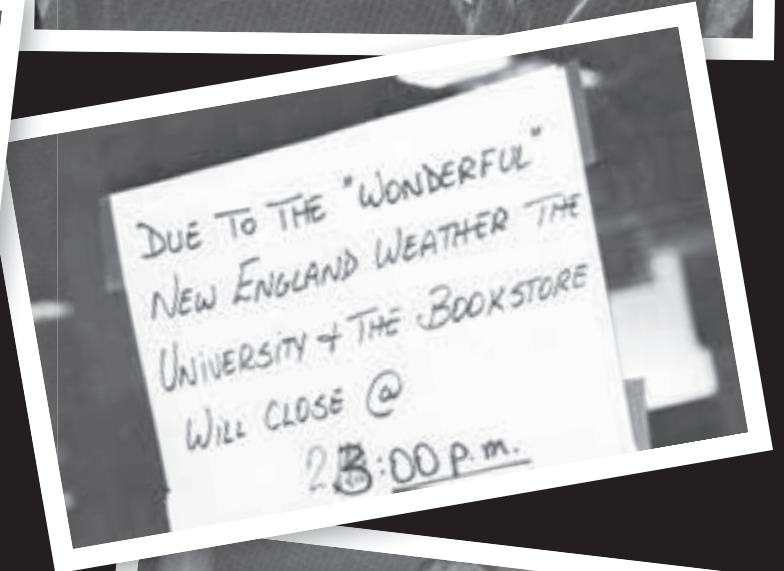
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CLASS OF 1994 TIMELINE

World News

Operation Desert Storm: The United States and many Arab and European countries, bomb Iraq forces in Kuwait. After one month of bombing, the Iraq forces are pushed out of Kuwait and back into Iraq.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are unveiled.

The Soviet Union dissolves and Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Moldova, Lithuania, Latvia, Belarus and Estonia all gain independence.

The U.N. Security Council passes the Cease Fire Agreement, Resolution 687. The resolution called for the destruction or removal of all of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons and for an end to its support for international terrorism. Iraq accepts the terms of the resolution on April 6 and the U.N. authorizes weapons inspections in Iraq.

Boris Yeltsin becomes first freely elected president of Russian Republic



US News

Fires in the hills of Oakland, California burn thousands of homes and kill 25 people.

Professor Anita Hill accuses Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. After the hearings, the Senate confirms Thomas' appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A Michigan court bars Dr. Jack Kevorkian from assisting in suicides.



Economy

Average Cost of a New House: \$120,000

Average Income per Year: \$29,430

Average Monthly Rent: \$495

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: \$1.12

Dozen Eggs: 85 cents

Super Nintendo Entertainment System: \$199.95

Pop Culture

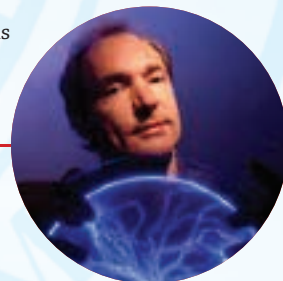
Academy Award, Best Picture: *Dances With Wolves*

Freddie Mercury, lead singer of the band Queen, issues a public statement confirming that he has AIDS. He dies the following day.

Nirvana releases the song "Smells Like Teen Spirit", beginning the "grunge movement."

The World Wide Web is invented by Tim Berners-Lee.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, American writer, poet, and cartoonist most widely known for his children's books written and illustrated as Dr. Seuss, passes away.



Movies

Terminator 2: Judgment Day

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

The Silence of the Lambs

Hook

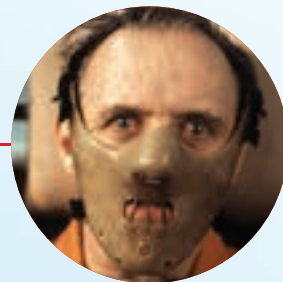
The Addams Family

Sleeping with the Enemy

Father of the Bride

Beauty and the Beast

Thelma & Louise



TV Shows

60 Minutes

Murphy Brown

Cheers

Murder, She Wrote

Designing Women

Full House

Coach



1991

World News

Bosnia-Herzegovina declares independence; a three year war follows between Muslims, Serbs and Croats prompting U.N. intervention.

President Bush and President Yeltsin proclaim a formal end to the Cold War.

U.S. Forces leave the Philippines, ending nearly a century of American military presence.

South Africans vote for political reforms to end apartheid and create a power-sharing, multi-racial government.

The North American Free Trade Agreement between the U.S., Canada and Mexico is signed.

The Summer Olympics are held in Barcelona, Spain.

The Winter Olympics are held in Albertville, France.

172 nations address issues of environmental protection and sustainable development at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Some nations sign binding agreements to minimize global climate change and preserve biodiversity.



US News

Bill Clinton is elected President and Al Gore as Vice President allowing the Democrats to keep control of Congress.

The largest shopping mall in the U.S., Minnesota's Mall of America is constructed spanning 78 acres.

Mafia boss John Gotti is sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering.

Rioting breaks out in Los Angeles following the acquittal of four white police officers accused of beating black motorist, Rodney King.



Economy

Average Cost of a New House: \$122,500

Average Income per Year: \$30,030

Average Monthly Rent: \$519

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: \$1.05

Average Cost of a New Car: \$16,950

Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Silence of the Lambs*

Anthony Perkins passes away.

The first Nicotine patch is introduced to help stop smoking.

Johnny Carson hosts *The Tonight Show* for the last time. He ruled late-night television for 20 years.

CDs surpass cassette tapes as the preferred medium for recorded music.

The Space Shuttle *Endeavour* makes a successful maiden voyage.

Woody Allen and Mia Farrow engage in a very public and nasty custody battle over their three children. Allen's affair with Farrow's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, sparked the feud.



Movies

Aladdin

Lethal Weapon 3

A Few Good Men

Sister Act

The Bodyguard

Wayne's World

Basic Instinct

Reservoir Dogs



TV Shows

America's Funniest Home Videos

Home Improvement

L.A. Law

Matlock

Married...with Children

Star Trek: The Next Generation



1992

World News

The oil tanker, MV Braer, carrying 85,000 tons of crude oil, runs aground off the Shetland Islands. Large amounts of crude oil spill into the North Sea causing an ecological disaster in the area.

The worst brush fires in Australian history destroy the world's second largest national park, Royal National Park.

China breaks the nuclear test moratorium.



US News

Five people are arrested and a sixth is sought in the bombing of World Trade Center in New York.

President Bill Clinton agrees to compromise on the military's ban on homosexual soldiers.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is signed into law by President Bill Clinton.



Economy

Average Cost of a New House: \$113,200

Average Income per Year: \$31,230

Average Monthly Rent: \$532

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: \$1.16

Average Cost of a New Car: \$12,750

Movie Ticket: \$4.14

Loaf of Bread: \$1.57



Died this Year

Federico Fellini

Frank Zappa

Arthur Ashe

Dizzy Gillespie

Audrey Hepburn

Cesar Chavez

Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Unforgiven*

River Phoenix, 23, dies of a drug overdose on Halloween.

The first human is cloned.

World Health Organization W.H.O. estimates 14 million people worldwide infected with the AIDS Virus.

William Golding, English novelist, playwright, poet, Nobel Prize winner and best known for his novel "Lord of the Flies", passes away.



Movies

Jurassic Park

Mrs. Doubtfire

The Fugitive

The Firm

Sleepless in Seattle

In the Line of Fire

The Pelican Brief

Schindler's List

Philadelphia



TV Shows

Seinfeld

Roseanne

Grace Under Fire

Frasier

Thunder Alley



1993

World News

Following the assassination of Rwanda's President, a Civil War breaks out between the majority Hutus and the minority Tutsis, killing an estimated half million people.

South Africa holds its first interracial national election and Nelson Mandela is elected as President.

The Winter Olympics are held in Lillehammer, Norway.

A new outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus begins in Zaire, Congo, which continues in 1995 with the highest case of fatality rates of any human pathogenic virus, roughly 90%.



US News

The first genetically modified tomatoes become commercially available.

The Major League Baseball Players Association begins their 232 day strike, causing the 1994 season to be cancelled.

Tonya Harding wins the national Figure Skating championship title but is stripped of her title following an attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan.

Aldrich Ames, high-ranking C.I.A. official, is charged with spying for Soviets.



Economy

Average Cost of a New House:
\$119,050

Average Income per Year: \$37,070

Average Monthly Rent: \$533

Cost of a Gallon of Gas: \$1.09

Average Cost of a New Car: \$12,350

Movie Ticket: \$4.08

Loaf of Bread: \$1.59

Dozen Eggs: 86 cents

First-class Stamp: 29 cents



Died this Year

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Richard Milhous Nixon

Burt Lancaster

John Candy

Tip O'Neill

Jessica Tandy

Pop Culture

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Schindler's List*

Lisa Marie Presley marries Michael Jackson.

Kurt Cobain, 27, lead singer of Nirvana, commits suicide.

O. J. Simpson and Al Cowlings take part in history's most exciting low-speed chase.

Steven Spielberg wins his first directing Oscar for *Schindler's List*.

Tom Hanks wins his second consecutive Best Actor Oscar. He won in 1993 for his role in *Philadelphia* and in 1994 for *Forrest Gump*.

ER and *Friends* debut on NBC, establishing NBC's dominance of the Thursday night lineup.



Movies

The Shawshank Redemption

True Lies

Dumb & Dumber

Clear and Present Danger

Speed

The Mask

Pulp Fiction

Four Weddings and a Funeral

Miracle on 34th Street



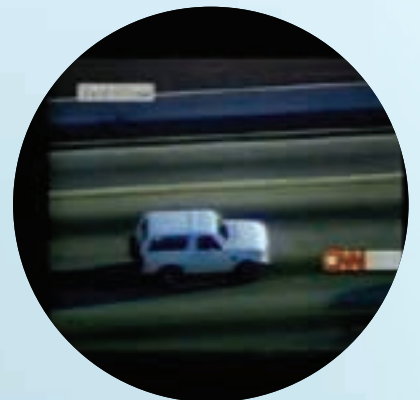
TV Shows

Frasier

NYPD Blue

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

The X-Files



1994

Billboard



Top 10

Top 10 1991

Artist/Track

- Stevie B.**, "Because I Love You (The Postman Song)"
- Whitney Houston**, "All the Man That I Need"
- Gloria Estefan**, "Coming out of the Dark"
- Wilson Phillips**, "You're in Love"
- Hi-Five**, "I Like the Way (The Kissing Game)"
- Extreme**, "More Than Words"
- Bryan Adams**, "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You"
- Marky Mark & the Funky Bunch**, "Good Vibrations"
- Prince & the New Power Generation**, "Cream"
- Michael Bolton**, "When a Man Loves a Woman"

Top 10 1993

Artist/Track

- Whitney Houston**, "I Will Always Love You"
- Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle**, "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)"
- Snow**, "Informer"
- Silk**, "Freak Me"
- Janet Jackson**, "That's the Way Love Goes"
- SWV (Sisters with Voices)**, "Weak"
- UB40**, "I Can't Help Falling In Love"
- Mariah Carey**, "Dreamlover"
- Meat Loaf**, "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)"
- Janet Jackson**, "Again"



Top 10 1992

Artist/Track

- Michael Jackson**, "Black or White"
- Color Me Badd**, "All 4 Love"
- George Michael/Elton John**, "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me"
- Mr. Big**, "To Be With You"
- Vanessa Williams**, "Save the Best for Last"
- Kris Kross**, "Jump"
- Mariah Carey**, "I'll Be There"
- Sir Mix-A-Lot**, "Baby Got Back"
- Madonna**, "This Used To Be My Playground"
- Boyz II Men**, "End of the Road"

Top 10 1994

Artist/Track

- Mariah Carey**, "Hero"
- Bryan Adams/Rod Stewart/Sting**, "All for Love"
- Celine Dion**, "Power of Love"
- Ace of Base**, "The Sign"
- R. Kelly**, "Bump N' Grind"
- Ace of Base**, "The Sign"
- All-4-One**, "I Swear"
- Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories**, "Stay (I Missed You)"
- Boyz II Men**, "I'll Make Love to You"
- Boyz II Men**, "On Bended Knee"



1994

- President: **Samuel O. Thier**
- Commencement Speaker: **His Excellency, Itamar Rabinovich** (*Israel's Ambassador to the United States*)
- Tuition: **\$16,085**
- Students Enrolled in Fall Term: **3,938**
- Number of Graduates: **636**
- Honorary Degree Recipient: **Thelma Sachar** (*Abram Sachar's widow*)

Today

- President: **Frederick M. Lawrence**
- Commencement Speaker: **Geoffrey Canada** (*President/CEO of Harlem Children's Zone*)
- Tuition: **\$43,980**
- Total Undergraduates: **3,504**
- Clubs and Organizations: **260+**
- Number of Majors and Minors: **43** and **45**

the JUSTICE

Gosman Receives Celtics' Approval

By Y. VIJAY RAO

After using the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center and its facilities for a year-and-a-half, the Boston Celtics said they have found the situation to be so liking, they said during the team's second annual Media Day on Friday.

"The relations have been very, very good," Jeff Twiss, director of public relations for the Celtics, said. "The students have been very understanding in our needs. (Assistant Director of Athletics and Sports Information Director) Jack Miller, (Director of Athletics) Jeff Coon, and (Associate Director of Athletics) Barbara Bickford have been terrific. Whenever we need something, they come through for us."

"We love our relations with Brandeis," Boston Celtics Head Coach Chris Ford said. "We hope that we've made a positive impact on the Brandeis community. The administration has been great to



The Justice / Y. Vijay Rao



The Justice / Michel Kramer

University President Samuel O. Thier addresses parents' concerns about changes in the university budget and other issues.

Thier Defends Policy To Downsize University



The Justice / Michel Kramer

Volen Center to Open Next Week

Thier Resigns for MGH Presidency

By DAN RADEMACHER and Y. VIJAY RAO

University President Samuel O. Thier announced Thursday his resignation from Brandeis and his acceptance of the presidency of Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

"We're sorry to see him go, but we're also proud. He accomplished a lot more in two-and-a-half years than a lot of university presidents have in longer terms," Dan Mansoor, senior vice president for development and alumni relations, said.

After his announcement at a faculty meeting, Thier received a standing ovation from the audience

Genia Long, associate vice president for finance and administration, said Thier's reforms will continue because the plans were created in close cooperation with the faculty and administration.

"One of the strongest gifts that Sam Thier gave this university was his trust and confidence in the faculty, staff and students," Long said.

"He came at a time when there were lots of unresolved issues on campus," Jehuda Reinharz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said Saturday. "He instilled confidence in the administration."

Despite his resignation, effective



The Justice / Josh Flax

University President Samuel O. Thier enters Olin-Sang Auditorium to announce his resignation during the faculty meeting Thursday.

Students, Faculty Mourn Death of Chancellor Abram Sachar

Sachar, Founding President, Dies at 94

By TIMOTHY GOLDSTEIN and HOWARD JERUCHIMOWITZ

He has a kind of obsessive concern with detail, but also a romantic view that almost anything may be possible. When he described what could be, it was as if it were already done. Dr. Sachar always had a picture in his mind of the finished product.

Dr. Saul G. Cohen, first dean of the faculty at Brandeis, named it a Feb. 13, 1947 Boston Globe article entitled "Sachar, now chancellor, outlines 42 ideas." Abraham L. Sachar, retired professor, national leader and founding president of Brandeis University, died at his home in Newton, Mass., on July 24.

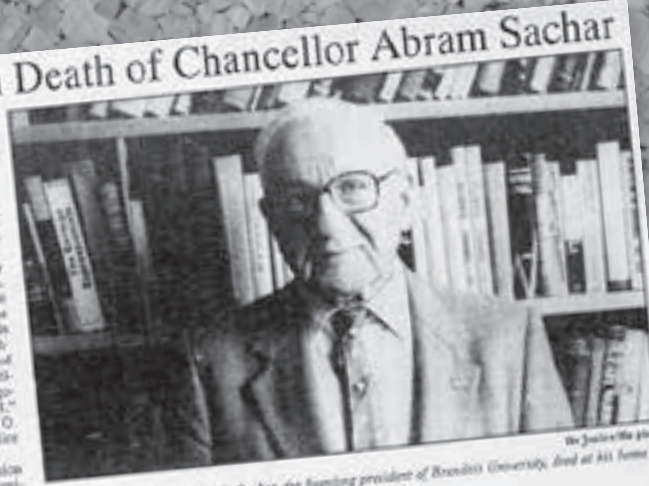
Dr. Sachar was recognized as the driving force behind the building of Brandeis into one of the nation's most research-oriented

universities, a college of university sponsored by the American Jewish Community.

"I think the reaction from every one has been one of tremendous loss. There are few institutions that can trace their history back to one individual... (Dr.) I think there is still a great sense of accomplishment. Dr. Sachar spent 40 years of his life working to build the institution and to survive as an ongoing movement in Israel," University President Samuel O. Thier said in an exclusive letter interview Thursday.

"I think the essence of his vision — to create a small research university that is outstanding, during — will never be lost," he added.

In 1948, the university began with 137 students and 13 faculty members. During his tenure, Dr. Sachar recruited 300 faculty members and 2,000 students, and oversaw the construction of 45



Chancellor Emeritus Abram L. Sachar, the founding president of Brandeis University, died at his home in Newton, Mass., on July 24. Sachar was 94.

Students Lose Important Link to Founding of University

Passing Ends an Era, Students Say

Reinharz Named Next University President

By GUY RAZ

In a widely anticipated announcement, the board of trustees named Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Jerome Reinharz as seventh president of Brandeis University, making him the first African American ever appointed to the post.

"We did not need to look further, we had the best man here," Louis Perlmuter '56, chairman of the board of trustees, said Wednesday, after receiving a unanimous faculty and commencement endorsement.

The 49-year-old provost will assume the position in May when current President Samuel O. Thier leaves the university to become president of Massachusetts General Hospital.

With a budget deficit amounting in the millions and a decline in national private ratings, Reinharz faces the tough task of balancing both the strength of a research university and a liberal arts college on an endowment of \$200 million.

He cited in his acceptance statement his intention to continue Thier's plan of streamlining administrative costs, building "innovative and interdisciplinary programs" and strengthening academic departments "that form the additional



President-elect Jerome Reinharz shakes hands with Louis Perlmuter, chairman of the board of trustees, and President Thier looks on. The board of trustees voted unanimously to have Reinharz replace Thier in May.

Continuity was the reason for conducting and carrying out an internal search, Perlmuter said.

"I see myself as having the responsibility of retaining the best of what has been achieved

here during the last 46 years, and building on that for the next century," Reinharz said.

Part of this approach will be his commitment to retaining the current mission of the university both as a research and a liberal arts community reflecting the

diversity of the United States, he said.

These seemed to be little or no dissent among trustees who deliberated for a matter of minutes to confirm Reinharz. "We had no much comfort in the quality of the candidate,"

Paul E. Levenson '52, board of trustees member, said.

Students, faculty and staff overwhelmingly endorsed Reinharz's appointment emphasizing his accessibility and open-style. Reinharz understands the relationship between faculty and students, and has always been open to student ideas, Student Senate President Larry Leonard '95 said.

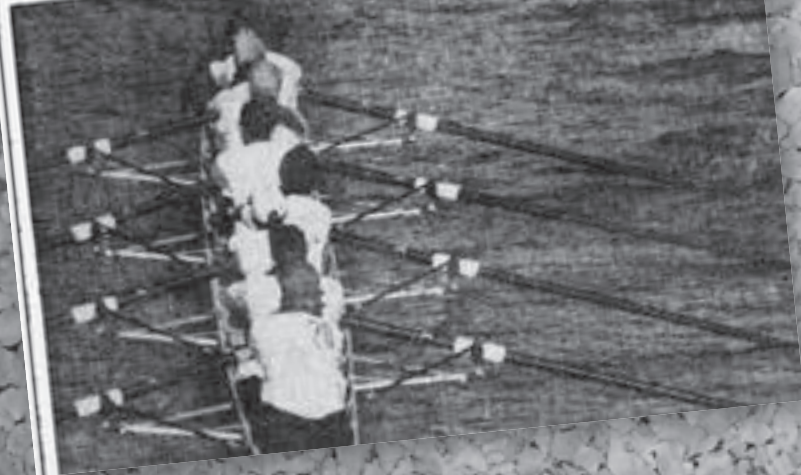
Reinharz emphasized his openness to the community as a whole and pledged to maintain his "good touch" with the student body.

Though the president-elect said he is not terribly disturbed by the university's fall in recent polls such as the U.S. News and World Report, he did express concern for the public perception of Brandeis.

"We have not indicated well enough to the outside community how good we are," he said, acknowledging the frustration among some students and parents regarding the reputation of the university.

Along with the proposed changes to the curriculum under Thier, Reinharz stressed the importance of developing "an interdisciplinary curriculum which places emphasis on the interconnectedness of learning." Please see Reinharz, page 7.

Head of the Charles



University Finalizes Environmental Policy

By DAN RADEMACHER

Administrators last week approved a final version of a university environmental policy that was proposed by several students earlier this semester.

John Hosc, executive assistant to the president, said Saturday that the cabinet, made up of the provost and the vice presidents, made minor changes to the version of the policy submitted by Tamara Schwarz '96 and Dominic Thomas '94.

Although both said they were glad to have some form of policy, Thomas and Schwarz added that they believe that the changes made by the administration have a significant effect on the policy.

"Between our edition of the

environmental policy and their edition, there is a fundamental shift," Thomas, who helped found the Brandeis University Recycling Program, said. "Brandeis will not be a leader in innovating environmental policy. As far as administrative involvement, we're woefully behind," Thomas said.

Schwarz said she believes much of the impact that was included in the proposed policy was removed in the university's final version. "It's so open-ended," Schwarz, coordinator of Students for Environmental Action, said. "I don't think it places any responsibility on the university to innovate," Schwarz added.

Please see Policy, page 7

May 1994

Dear Graduate:

This book contains images of your years at Brandeis. With the passage of time your memory and perception of those images will change and grow. Some of the most important images, however, are not ones in this book, but in your memory. The personal relationships with classmates and with faculty, both inside and outside the classroom, have undoubtedly helped to shape you in ways that may only become evident to you years from now.

Education, it is said, is what is left over after you have forgotten everything you have learned. In this regard, I hope that Brandeis has served you well. Whatever the facts or specific skills you take with you from Brandeis, I hope that your alma mater has contributed to your education through the ability to think for yourself, to be open to contrary views, to distinguish

fact from opinion, analysis from prejudice. It is these essentially unmeasurable abilities that in many ways constitute the most important aspect of the Brandeis experience.



As you leave Brandeis, a new class will enter, filled with many of the same anxieties, hopes and dreams that you experienced. This annual renewal helps ensure Brandeis's vitality at the same time that it con-

tributes to the preservation of those values and traditions that distinguish Brandeis and the special educational experience it provides each student.

Each of you in your way has contributed to the growth of Brandeis. Just as Brandeis has affected your life, so too have you influenced the University. It is my hope that graduation reflects not the end, but the beginning of your relationship with your alma mater. Brandeis looks to you as an alum for continued active involvement in the life of the University and for support of its mission to educate future generations of Brandeisians.

I extend my very best wishes to you and heartiest congratulations for the hard work and personal achievement that your Brandeis education represents.

Sincerely,

Samuel O. Thier, M.D.
President

Zubaida Abubakar



Life since Brandeis:

The last twenty years has gone by in a whizz. I became a doctor in Ireland, relocated to my home country Nigeria and after a brief stint in clinical medicine joined the development world where I have been in the last 8 years. In between, I got married, gained a daughter, and have two highly active sons that never cease to amaze me.

My regret is not having had the opportunity to return to the States since I graduated from Brandeis and have lost touch with many friends I made while there.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Life lesson I learned in Brandeis is that diversity enriches the world we live in and helps us be more open and accepting of differences.



Michael Adler



Life since Brandeis:

Life since Brandeis has been quite a ride during which I moved to Stockholm, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and New York, with a few brief stints back around Boston along the way. Now that I've gotten globe-trotting pretty much out of my system, I have returned to the Boston area for my next chapter.

Despite studying economics at Brandeis, I started my professional life with eight years in IT management, after which an MBA seemed like a good idea. That took me into B2B

marketing and business development for various software companies and startups.

Eight years later I decided I wanted to try something completely different. Having tired of the corporate world, and all that bouncing around, I wanted to do something that would give me more personal satisfaction. To that end I have recently opened up a Math Learning Center in Belmont, MA, giving kids extra math help after school... :-)



Dave Adlerstein



Life since Brandeis:

I am married (to Veronika, for 18 yrs) with two great kids (Isaac, 15 and Yoav, 14). Live in Long Island. Am a lawyer (M&A / Securities), work in midtown Manhattan.

There have been some ups and downs, but overall the years since Brandeis have been good to me. Hard not to sound trite writing one of these responses. It all goes pretty fast, right?

For anyone who remembers my vintage 1992 north-Jersey mullet, I'm the bald guy. Good chance you had one too so don't laugh too much.

I appreciate that we were basically the last generation to go to college before the internet, meaning that we had authentic friends and our share of authentic fun.



Tahsin Alam

Life since Brandeis:

Unfortunately won't be able to make this reunion - ping me on facebook if you want to reconnect!

Lauren Tran Bahadursingh





Bobbi M. (Brachfeld) Bittker



Life since Brandeis:

We graduated.

About three minutes later we got married. Lots of Brandeis friends came.

The next day (literally) I began law school and then Aric went to grad school in NYC to pursue degrees we've barely used.

In 1997, Harry, our first baby, arrived and is currently touring colleges to which he will apply in the Fall. You think YOU feel old???

In 2000, our daughter Jordana was born on a snowy day in NYC. She started singing when she was able to talk. She is 13 now. And singing is her thing. Go figure.

In 2005, Shoshana kicked her way into the world and this branch of the Bittker baby factory closed.

In 2009 we took the kids ages 4, 8 and 12 on a 24-day RV trip around the United States that covered 7700 miles, hit 18 states and included educational, quirky, landmark, urban and natural sites. I'm telling you this because I still can't believe I said ok when Aric suggested it.

Once the kid shop closed, it was time for a dog. Took 5 minutes to convince Aric and we got our shelter pup-girl, mutt Lucky. Because, why should she be better bred than any of the rest of us?

Aric is currently selling tickets to anything people will pay money to see.

I hope to save the world thru lawyering, now that the kids are starting to fly the coop, which means the only dough I will be rolling in is the shabbat challah variety. Thanks, Brandeis, for planting the social justice seed. Woot!

In his free time, Aric happily worked his way from BEMCo Director to Bedford Village Fire Chief which are pretty much the same except the members are older and the coverage area is larger.

In my leisure I read. I've climbed the ranks of synagogue leadership serving as Sisterhood President, Nursery School Board Chair, Youth Commission Chair, am currently Vice President, was Vice President of the Middle School Parent Association and take any position that does not pay because I'm afraid that if I bring \$\$\$ into the house, Aric might explode from shock. And we don't want THAT to happen.

If you want to hear more about the amazingly boring life of five Bittkers and a puppy, you can find us on Facebook.

If you're sick of listening to me, imagine how Aric feels after 20 years.

If Aric wrote this, our lives would have sounded quite different. "What have you been doing since you graduated 20 years ago?" Aric's likely answer: "You know. Stuff." Which is strangely the same answer I predict our 16 year-old, Harry, would have given.

To Sandy Kirschen Solof: I apologize for saying I was neat on the room assignment form. When I filled it out, I was 15 yrs old and afraid they'd match me up with someone more of a slob than I was.

-Bob.

*** In Memory of our dear friend, Michael Kenwood '94 who died during Hurricane Irene doing what he loved, rescue. You left behind many bereaved. We will never forget you.***

Share your most interesting travel experience:

See above about RV trip with Aric, three kids and 7700 miles over 24 days to see America. If you haven't done it, you should.





Isabelle Taft Black

Life since Brandeis:

Isabelle Taft (Eaton) and Scott M. Black are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Julia Simone Sturgis Black on July 19, 2013.





Alastair Bor



Life since Brandeis:

Although I never could have predicted it while at Brandeis, I've been living in Australia for the last 14 years. So far have only had a handful of Brandeis people come and visit, so if you're in the area look me up.

My wife, who I met in Sydney, coincidentally has a sister who is a Brandeis alumna, although not from our class. We have a 4 year old daughter with another on the way. Our second child is due on the 2nd day of the reunion, so will have to give this one a miss, but hope to be at the next one!

Of the photos I submitted, the one with my wife and I wearing Indian looking clothing was taken at our fellow classmate Rahul Dodhia's wedding in Kenya.



Jocelyn Brandeis



Life since Brandeis:

JOCELYN BRANDEIS co-founded JBLH Communications in March 2003. Clients include Doggy Tug, Play Clay, Shelley's Jewels, National Lampoon Comedy House, Mandinez.com, and more.

Prior to JBLH Communications, Ms. Brandeis was Director, Communications of iNEXTV.com, where she was responsible for consumer and trade PR activities for iNEXTV – a web producer, syndicator and aggregator of streaming video programming on the Internet. Ms. Brandeis worked with the incomparable news anchor Hugh Downs, award-winning actress Tovah Feldshuh, green-turned-travel expert Shari Belafonte, travel expert Peter Greenberg, fitness guru Radu, and several other personalities.

Before joining iNEXTV, Ms. Brandeis served as Publicist, Trade and Media Relations at Showtime Networks Inc. She coordinated Showtime's publicity efforts for special projects, events and screenings, and secured placement of Showtime Networks' services in cable and Hollywood trade and business publications. Other responsibilities included serving as a liaison for corporate initiatives with organizations such as PENCIL (Public Education Needs Civic Involvement In Learning), Cable In The Classroom, Kidsnet, National Cable Television Association (NCTA), and others. In addition, Ms. Brandeis served as Project Manager for the New York City Youth Video Festival, a corporate educational initiative in conjunction with PENCIL to teach NYC public high school students how to create a short video from start to finish, where the winner got his/her video on Showtime and a scholarship worth \$5,000.

Ms. Brandeis joined Showtime as an Assistant in the Corporate Communications department. Previously, she interned in the publicity department at Tri-Star Pictures, where she was involved in special projects for films including "Philadelphia," "Sleepless in Seattle," and "Rudy." Ms. Brandeis began her career as an intern at Nichols/Feren & Associates.

During her career, Ms. Brandeis has freelanced as a consumer publicist for The History Channel; at Giles Communications as a freelance publicist working on LifeLock.com; at Ripp Media as a freelance Account Director for Expedia.com; and at Fleishman-Hillard as a consumer marketing publicist working on Tide, Hasbro, and Neosporin. She freelanced as a consumer publicist for The Knot, Inc., where she secured placements for The Knot Book of Wedding Gowns in the Top 20 local TV markets. Ms. Brandeis served as an adjunct professor at NYU's School of Education, where she led seven PR classes. Ms. Brandeis was also a part-time journalist for Video Age and for three years as the NYC dog community blogger for Nearsay.com.

Ms. Brandeis has been active in numerous cable, entertainment and education industry associations. Several times, she was a CTPAA Beacon Awards Committee member and Judge, and she also judged the 3rd Annual Community Spirit Awards for the NCTA. In 2006 and 2008, Ms. Brandeis served as a preliminary judge for the Stevie Awards, which are presented for excellence to female-owned businesses. For five years, she served as a judge for the NYC ThinkQuest Internet Challenge student website competition for public school students; ultimately, joining the NYC ThinkQuest team part-time as the Manager of Development & Fundraising.

Ms. Brandeis garnered various awards for the NYC Youth Video Festival, including the cable industry's Gilbert Community Service Award (two years) as well as Finalist status for the CTPAA's Beacon Award. She also received the Meritorious Recognition Award for Social Responsibility from the WEPR Foundation.

In addition to working with clients, Ms. Brandeis has authored PR-based articles for several websites, including TalentZoo.com and has been quoted in PR News' Best/Worst PR Advice Guidebook as well as Michelle Goodman's My So-Called Freelance Life.

Ms. Brandeis holds a Masters in Educational Technology from Touro College and lives in NYC with her toy poodle.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Despite my leaving in the middle of sophomore year, some of my greatest friendships have come from Brandeis. Some that I have made while at school, some that I made after leaving, and even some that I made with people who weren't even my year! It often amazes me how Brandeis follows me around; then again, I guess it really shouldn't. There are some journalists who just pick up the phone hearing my last name - just to ask if I went to Brandeis, what year I was there, and where I lived on campus - just because they went there, too! I am forever blessed with my great-great-great-great-uncle's last name!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

By the time I was 35, I'd won many industry awards, sat on several Judging panels and Boards, been interviewed for books, written articles, worked with many A-listers, worked for fantastic companies and bosses, traveled to spectacular places with only a few left I'd really wanted to see, pretty much accomplished most of the professional things I'd wanted to - and a few of the personal things, too. But something was missing, especially after the passing of my grandfather. A few months before my 36th birthday, I adopted the love of my life on Petfinder.com - my 7 lbs Toy Poodle, Madison, and I couldn't be happier! She is my greatest achievement, the reason I smile everyday! She's opened my life to a whole new world in NYC, and together we've met some of the most fascinating people and attended the greatest events! I love her with all my heart and recommend everyone go out and adopt their best fur friend!! We've even been featured in Paul Nathan's Couture Dogs of New York with friends!





Kirah Juliette Caminos

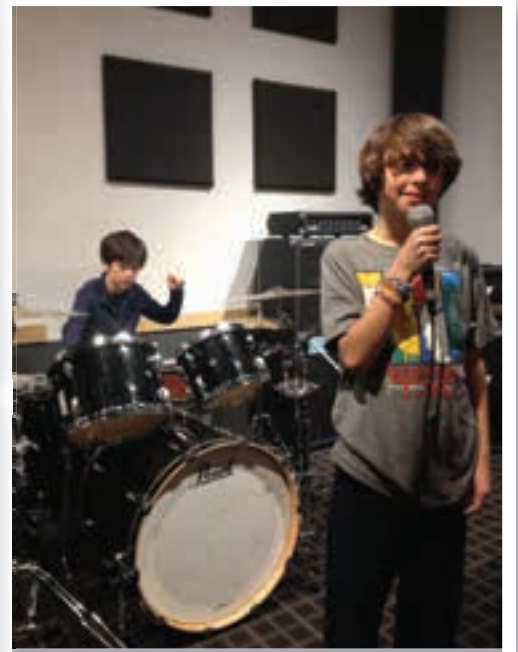
Life since Brandeis:

Since leaving Brandeis, I became a manager for Junior Achievement of New York and lived with Alejandro Caminos ('95). I then served in the US Peace Corps overseas in Romania for two years. After service, Alejandro and I travelled for one year through Asia and Europe (one of the highlights being making it to the base camp of Mt. Everest). We then decided to move to California for its topography and a change of pace, settling in Emeryville then later in Oakland. Alejandro and I married in 1999 and decided to stay and settle permanently in Cali. I then became a program director for a Youth Agency (MIYO) in 1999 and began studying for my MNA (which I received in 2002). I then joined Larkin Street Youth Services of San Francisco as their first manager of job placement and training for marginalized teens. In 2003, we had our first son, and two more sons followed in 2005 and 2007 respectively. After serving as a founder and director for California's First Five state initiative in 2008, I decided to open a bilingual (Spanish) family daycare which is still in operation today. In 2011, I founded Salsa4kids!, a Bay Area wide Latin music and movement program for children PK-12th grade. I also presently serve as a teaching artist for Young

Audience of Northern California and Destiny Arts and partner with several other agencies that focus on and serve youth and the performing arts.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

One of my fondest memories is (second to meeting lifelong friends and a wonderful husband) was my experience on the Brandeis swimming and diving team. Learning to balance life as an athlete and student was a challenge at first, but the coaching excellence of James Brainerd and Jim Zotz, made it one of the most formative experiences of my life! I started out in my freshman year pretty rough, coming in last in many of my early meets. But because of my persistence and their stellar support, as well as teammates that never let me quit, I quickly improved, placing higher and higher at every meet. I was eventually able to make my goal of being a top eight UAA athlete and serve as Captain of the women's diving team in my final year at Brandeis. I had some of the greatest memories with our team for four years and pass many of the life lessons I learned there to my kids. Thank you coaches, team and Brandeis!!





Amy Danziger

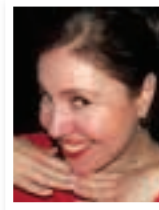


Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I remained at Brandeis for another year to get a Masters Degree in Computer Science. Since then, I've been working as a software engineer. I'm currently working at Waters Corporation, where I've been since 2002. In my free time, I'm a competitive West Coast Swing dancer, and very active in community theater.



Sondra de Jong



Life since Brandeis:

I have done my best to make the most out of the last decade. I've literally climbed to new heights ; I've ticked 8 more countries off my list; and, last but not least, I finally became a woman (for the confused folks, I had my Bat Mitzvah). I continue to only be able to make silly faces in pictures. Sometimes, I intentionally split infinitives. My family, both chosen and otherwise, continues to grow. My mission to create cute and/or tasty things progresses nicely. I am grateful to the internet and cheap airfares for making it so easy to continue my adventures with folks from Brandeis and beyond. I have become expert at explaining how undergraduate and advanced degrees in Classical Studies have parlayed into a fruitful and fulfilling career in statistical analytics. I'm sure there are lots of other things, both great and small, that have happened in the past 10 years, and there will be many more in the next ten. I look forward to finding out.

I will leave you with the recipe for my favorite, simple hot weather treat- Coffee Granita. While not cute in and of itself, it is a tasty refreshment to indulge in while making funny faces for photos or snuggling a tiny crocheted penguin.

COFFEE GRANITA

Makes 1 ½ pints

Ingredients

1 cup water

½ cup sugar

2 cups strong espresso coffee

Preparation

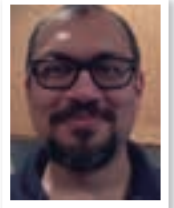
In a 1½ - to 2-quart saucepan, bring the water and sugar to a boil over moderate heat, stirring only until the sugar dissolves. Timing from the moment the sugar and water begin to boil, let the mixture cook for exactly 5 minutes. Immediately remove the pan from the heat and let the syrup cool to room temperature.

Stir in the espresso coffee. Pour the mixture into an ice-cube tray from which the divider has been removed, or use a metal baking pan.

Freeze the granita for 3 to 4 hours, stirring it every 30 minutes and scraping into it, the ice particles that form around the edges of the tray. The finished granita should have a fine, snowy texture. For a coarser texture that is actually more to the Italian taste, leave the ice-cube divider in the tray and freeze the granita solid. Then remove the cubes and crush them in an ice crusher.



Rahul Dodhia



Life since Brandeis:

Currently living in Seattle with my wife Annette, daughter Arya and dogs Artoo Dogtoo and Mazama. After Brandeis, went to graduate school at Columbia in New York, got a post-doc at NASA Ames in California, got swept up by the internet wave and ended up in the Pacific Northwest.



Anthony Duran



Life since Brandeis:

As I finished Brandeis I began an intermittent career working part-time as a clerk at a neighborhood video store in Cambridge, MA. When I wasn't dusting shelves and rewinding VHS tapes, I did two years of graduate work in film studies programs first in Berlin, Germany and then Dublin, Ireland. Once I decided pursuing a film career would be too daunting, I chose to exercise my love of international travel as well as my Brandeis degree in German to work as a flight attendant for a major airline. Since 2000 I have worked for America West, US Airways, and now American Airlines. With this latest merger I expect to use my second language more regularly.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Mandel Quad, top of the hill.
Rose Art Museum.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

Take advantage of the resources and opportunities around you while you can, and don't let your growth be derailed by negative moods and the whims of other people.



Neil Dwork

Life since Brandeis:

My wife Amy and I live in Scarsdale, New York with our two incredible children Chloe (9) and Griffin (6) and our dog Marley. I am a partner in the law firm of Rosenberg & Estis, P.C. in New

York. I specialize in the areas of real estate development and commercial and residential real estate litigation. I also coach basketball and run a popular website that promotes Jazz Fest in New Orleans.





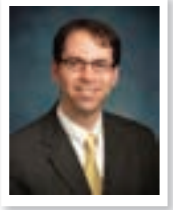
Kim Roussos Edmonds

Life since Brandeis:

After leaving Brandeis, I attended Boston College Law School and began my career as an attorney in Boston. My Brandeis

roommates were with me when I met my husband seventeen years ago and remain some of my closest friends. My husband and I now have three children, who are our greatest joy, and we enjoy traveling with them as much as possible.

Jonathan M. Feldman



Life since Brandeis:

Happily married to Hannah with three wonderful children, Stella (7), Harry (5), and Daniel (3). Live and work just outside of Washington, D.C. For work, consult Taft-Hartley multiemployer pension funds on actuarial issues. Love to play basketball, ski, play fantasy baseball, and of course, write and sing goofy songs.



Jeffrey Frank



Life since Brandeis:

I attended Darchei Noam (a yeshiva in Jerusalem) for a year after I graduated Brandeis. I graduated New England School of Law in 1998. I have two children, Sammy, born in 2004 and Elana, born in 2007. I married my wife, Chana Zablocki, on August 26, 2012 and we live in Hillside, NJ. I have very fond memories of Brandeis, especially of Hillel, Company B and the many friends that I made while I was there.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memory is performing as a member of Company B. We were a small group with a lot of energy. I feel very privileged to have been a member during my senior year. We sang, we danced, we entertained and we made people happy.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

My favorite places at Brandeis were Hillel and Sherman Cafeteria.

I loved Hillel and I served on the Board for 1.5 years. It was a place for all Jews to come together, regardless of their respective denominations, which was and continues to be very important to me.

I loved Sherman Cafeteria because, unless most of kosher "restaurants" in the world, it was incredibly unique in that I was not separated from my fellow students and friends because I kept kosher. I was able to engage with all of my friends during meals, regardless of the fact i kept kosher. I think that this allowed me to develop much more as a person than if I only was able to eat with the other students who kept kosher.



Michael J. Frey



What would you like to share with your classmates about your life since leaving Brandeis?

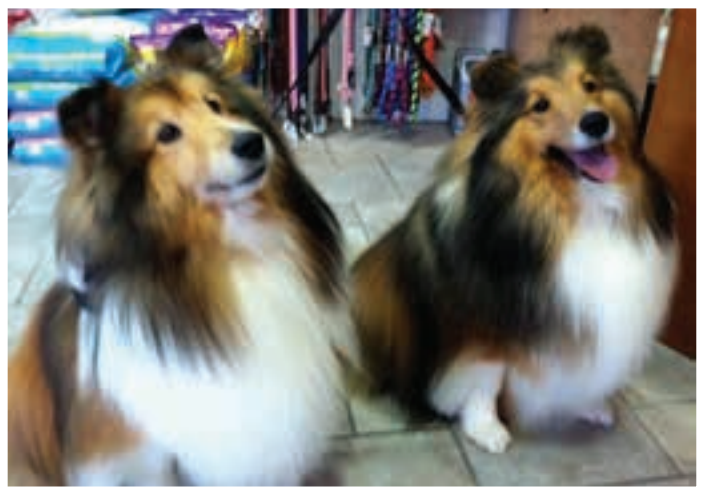
Since leaving Brandeis (after four amazing years) I went to med school and residency. I moved to Manhattan and began practicing medicine at Montefiore Medical Center where I am an attending physician and assistant professor. I married the love of my life, Jessica (a southern belle from Alabama) and had two amazing children with her. We now live with our two children and two dogs in Westchester, NY. I also just finished writing a book, *State of Infection*, which is a science fiction novel that I had a lot of fun creating.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My two children, Jackson and Parker.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

At Brandeis, I made amazing friends, many of whom I am still very close. I can say that these friends have enriched my life in a very meaningful way. I value and cherish the experiences and life lessons I had at Brandeis and the education I received, which helped foster a successful career in medicine and was the foundation for many of my interests.





Ilya Fuchs



Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis I have become a real estate attorney in Boston. I have my own practice and really enjoy what I do. I have a wonderful family, wife and 2 boys, William 10 and Austin 5. Aside from a lot of grey hair I think that I look and feel about the same as I did 20 years ago. I keep in touch with many of my Brandeis friends (Facebook helps a lot). I can't believe it has been 20 years!! If the next 20 are as good to me as the last have been I will not complain.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

I have so many fond memories from Brandeis...It was truly the best 4 years...I guess making lifelong friends was the best part. Taking Yiddish was awesome (only at Brandeis). The Chinese Food Man delivering cold, over-priced, but delicious food at 11 PM!

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

My greatest achievement since leaving Brandeis has been my family. Brandeis helped me continue my Jewish identity. My wife and I are continuing with our Jewish heritage by sending both kids to a Jewish day school (Rashi). I have the greatest kids!!





Jennifer Lathrop Gerfen

Life since Brandeis:

After graduating from Brandeis, I taught high school history for 8 years. I have my master's degree in secondary school administration. My husband Chris and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary last fall. I've been a stay at home Mom since my eldest was born in 2002. We have three amazing kids that keep me busy. I am active in the school PTA and LexFUN, a townwide organization for families with young children. My days are spent running errands, driving kids to various activities, working on our near constant home improvement projects, and baking endless numbers of cookies.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

Our family loves to travel. My husband and I have taken a number of fantastic trips, some with the kids and some without. Our most exotic experience was probably when we went to Egypt as our pre-baby last hurrah. We are lucky that my Mom has been willing to watch the kids for us a couple of times. We celebrated our 10th anniversary with a two week trip to Greece and Turkey. Most recently we went to Montreal for our 15th anniversary. We've also taken the kids to Cancun, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic throughout the years.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

While at Brandeis, I really enjoyed being an admissions volunteer. My kids are still impressed with my ability to walk backwards and talk at the same time.





Johanna Stendahl Glazer

Life since Brandeis:

There is no way to sum up the last 20 years in a paragraph so I will keep it simple: Len Glazer (Class of 1993) and I live in Concord, MA with our two children, Joshua (12) and Samantha (9). I teach Social Studies at Concord-Carlisle High School and

Len works for Meditech, a medical software company. We also own and operate a martial arts school where we focus on teaching self-defense to kids and adults. Life is hectic but it is filled with joy and exciting adventures.



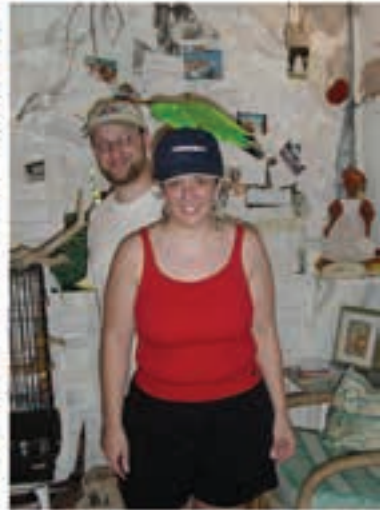


David Gold



Life since Brandeis:

I stayed in the Boston area, working in the computer industry. I now live in the next town over from Waltham, and just celebrated my 11th anniversary with my wife Diane.



Jared Goldfarb



Life since Brandeis:

I made aliya in the summer of 1996, and have been living in Jerusalem where I teach history and religion to Christian clergy, university study abroad programs, and interfaith dialogue

groups. I'm also a licensed Israel Tour Guide, working with families and Jewish congregations from North America, as well as leading bike tours around the country. I have three children - 11, 9 & 5 - and spend much of my free time educating Israelis toward building sustainable food communities.



Karin A Haberlin

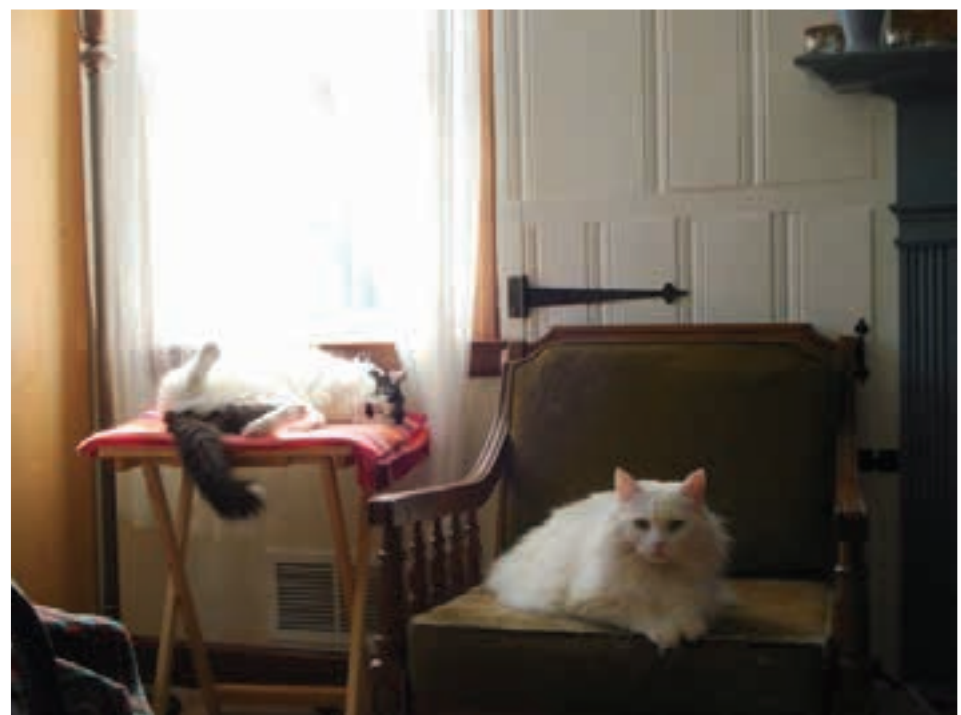


Life since Brandeis:

I worked at Brandeis for a few years after graduation, then moved on to the University of Chicago to get my interdisciplinary MA in Social Science. I ended up back in New England and have been working in public health since 1998.

I've been working for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for nearly ten years, doing quality improvement work. Recently I started doctoral study in the Department of Communication at the University of Connecticut, focusing on health communication and new media technology.

My husband David and I presently live in metro Hartford with our two elderly cats and many, many books and computers.





Barbara Tarter Hirsch



Life since Brandeis:

I got married in 2001 to Michael Hirsch. We were introduced by my college roommate Sheryl Levy who grew up with Michael in MA. We have 3 wonderful children. Sam is 10, Ryan is 8, and

Haley is 7. We moved from Armonk, NY to Palo Alto, CA in 2011. I have been spending my summers in NY with friends and family. I have also been a top producing real estate agent since 2005.





Alexander Mishra Hoffman





Robert K Hughes



Life since Brandeis:

After graduation, I began my career in the IT field with a job right in Waltham as my college part time job turned into a full time position at iMarket, Inc. a small start-up that made it to Inc's fastest growing company list at number 83 of 500. My uncle gave me his aging '79 Malibu as I had no car, and I kept it running. After several years there, I left to cash in on the dot com boom and start a business called Geek.com - an online technology content site where I functioned as Chief Technologist focusing on business development, talent acquisition and content. A couple years later, in 2001 I married my college love Tara Madden. We moved to the North End of Boston and while Geek.com paid some bills, I began contracting at Lifeline Systems in Framingham to make ends meet. Things got better with a fulltime job at Lifeline and Geek.com growing in popularity. Tara and I moved to Medford and had our first child, Moira. She's 8 now. I was moonlighting at Geek.com and keeping it going and eventually sold the site off with my partners. It has since been sold 3 additional times and today still exists, although the look and content is much different. Before our second child, our son Rhydach (pronounced "Riddick") was born, we moved to Winchester, MA and still live here today. During that time, Lifeline Systems was purchased by Philips and I am now part of the Philips Home Monitoring business managing a group of 25 IT system designers working on life-critical 24/7 systems, focusing on security and virtualization. I enjoy spending time with the family - pillow fights, video games, hiking and adventures, and still keep the '79 Malibu running, with some enhancements. Back in 2009 we joined our brother-in-law in his cellar wine making activities, and have since made several barrels of red and a couple whites. We have refined the process and the wines get better

each year. Many of our best Brandies friends took up residence in Manhattan, and we try to visit when we can, although it has been less often in the past few years with young kids. Amid the ups and downs of life we took a trip out to Arizona to attend the services and celebrate the life of our good friend Art Macias who tragically died of cancer back in April 2012.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

We took both kids to Iceland when our son was 6 months old and our daughter was 3 1/2. It was amazing going to Geyser, Blue Lagoon and driving across the Kjolner in a rental car by accident (don't tell the rental car company!). We then took them both to Italy for 2 weeks when they were 3 and 6. We had the best time! I also took a recent trip to Sinapore and enjoyed the warm weather, chili and pepper crab, but not the 24 hours of flight time each way.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

There are too many memories to pick out a single one, but I fondly look back on my times in East hall with a great group of guys Freshman year, and my roommate Jon. Of course, all the early times with my wife Tara were amazing, and I can never forget going to the Stein on Thursdays and dancing without a care, showing up late to Friday classes. I loved the all you can eat lunches and dinners and spent a lot of time at the gym. I wish I could spend some time exercising today! Of course, the education and all the classes for computer science and math were the foundation of my career, so I will never forget that.





Tara M. Hughes

Life since Brandeis:

A year after graduation, I attended law school. I practiced law for several years in Boston. During which time, I married my college sweetheart, Rob Hughes. When our daughter was born, I decided to stay home to raise our children. We have an 8 year old daughter and a 5 year old son. We live in Winchester, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston. We love to travel and spend quality time together as a family.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I found and married my best friend!

Share your most interesting travel experience:

We took both kids to Iceland when they were 6 months and 3 1/2 years old. It was amazing! We were also in Italy for 2 weeks traveling the country as a family when the kids were 2 1/2 and 5 1/2. It was a trip I will never forget!





Avytal Izaak

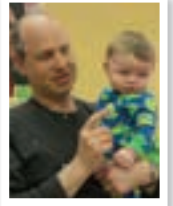


Life since Brandeis:

I briefly lived in New York, before deciding to move to Chicago to pursue a graduate degree in Clinical Psychology. I returned to New York as soon as I could, and been living and working here ever since.



Howard Kevin Jeruchimowitz



Life since Brandeis:

20 years. What a journey. I am re-married. Got married in 2010 (10/10/10), and now have added to my two beautiful daughters (Caylie 13, Natalie 10) a son - Alex Richard who was born on July 30, 2013. Still living and working in Illinois.

This past year alone was an incredible journey. Bought a house in Northbrook, Illinois, And along with a new son, Caylie was batmitvahed on November 2, 2013.

I have been an attorney with Greenberg Traurig since 2003. I am a shareholder and litigation attorney. I primarily focus on real estate litigation, including representing shopping center and property owners, developers, landlords, tenants, and lenders.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

My fondest memory is working on and running the Justice and now watching it grow to what it is today. It was an awesome responsibility and made great friends while there.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

For those who know me, I have not changed when it comes to wanting to be super busy and involved in activities. And I still eat my chocolate donuts. And my hair loss has been consistent since college.

I am different in that I am more laid back than I was, as life lessons have taught me to enjoy every moment, especially the kids.





Seth Marshall Kessler



Life since Brandeis:

After living in metro Boston for 7 years, I studied at Wharton in Philadelphia for 2 years and then spent the next 15 years in NYC. I married Dara Neumann '95 in '99. Got a cat in '99 right before I got married. I still have that cat and I'm still married to Dara.

Living in Manhattan, we bought our first home in 2000 in the infamous PennyLane Building by Gramercy Park. We bought our neighbor's home in 2001. We merged them together in a big renovation that wrapped up in 2004. To celebrate the Red Sox first World Series win of our lives, we had our first son Miles. To celebrate the Red Sox second World Series win in 2007, we had our second son Evan.

Work has been great -- started a company, survived the .com bubble burst of 2001, raised a bunch of money, played a bunch of roles, had a great experience. I then joined a family-owned business and sold it 2 years later to my current employer, right before the IPO. Decided to stick around, built up the business, took on global responsibilities, and got to travel the world. Went to more places than I can remember, but still haven't been able to swing a trip back to Antwerp to reunite with my junior year abroad locale. I almost made it back there with Dara during the summer of 2013, but her appendix got in the way. (Dara has a handsome French doctor recommendation in Geneva if anyone would like to book an appointment with him; bring lots of cash because Switzerland ain't cheap.)

It's been great raising a family in NYC. Lots of fond memories. Lots of great friends.

In 2013, we sold our apartment in NYC. Find me at reunion and you may find out where the next stop will be on our ongoing adventure.

Life is good.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Too many to recount. I met my future wife at Brandeis.

I'd probably have to say winning Airbands. I still get stopped on the street for autographs about that one.

Or the night before graduation on Rabb Steps. Lee made me do it.

Or Jell-O wrestling Freshman year. I would love to do that again.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

Different: I'm older, but funnier. I also don't live with Phil Tendler, my freshman roommate, anymore. That's different, right?

Same: I still sign things SMaK....just not on friend's whiteboards on their dorm room doors.





Joshua Klainberg



Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis, I've been following my dream of being an environmental advocate. While I do not still drive a golf cart to collect and sort my neighbor's recycling (and trust me, I'm tempted to), I can truly say those experiences, and the people I worked with at Brandeis on these types of issues, inspires me each and every day.

With the advent of social media, there's probably very little left for me to share with my classmates about my life since leaving Brandeis (and if you're reading this now, then your smartphone must be charging or you've lost your internet connection. Check me out on Facebook or LinkedIn later) expect these two points:

1. My experiences at Brandeis really helped define who I am today.
2. I have the best wife and kids ever (I'm not saying your spouse or offspring are inferior, but mine are particularly exceptional).

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

Fondest memory? So many to choose from, but the best by was the day I met Shelly Schneider during the 1992 reunion/ graduation weekend where we both were volunteering. It was worth the five year journey from that moment for both us to realize that we were meant to be.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

The #1 life lesson learned was from Playfair.

"We often take for granted all the wonderful things we accomplish during the day. Sometimes we just need a boost of support to get us through a tough time. You deserve to be acknowledged simply for being who you are! Don't worry about whether you've 'earned' it. Just take it in, because you deserve a standing ovation!" -- www.playfair.com





Brett Koshel

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

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Gabriel Kramer





Mark R. Lehman



Life since Brandeis:

I live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan with my wife Jane, our 5-year old son Jonah, and our 3-year old daughter Frankie. We still stay in touch with many of my friends from the Brandeis class of 1994! And we hope to make it to the 20-year reunion.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

That would be the spring semester of my Junior year I spent in Paris, France.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Making and keeping so many good friends, and meeting my wife through a Brandeis friend in 2001.





Rafi Levavy



Life since Brandeis:

I work as a freelance stage manager, working for touring productions and theaters across the country.





Leslie Ann Effron Levin



Life since Brandeis:

After Brandeis I went to Penn for law school. I graduated in 1997 and moved to NYC.

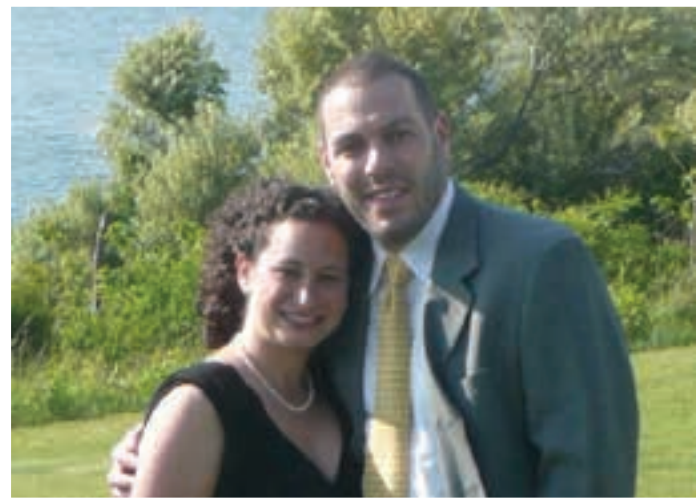
I met Jason on vacation (Club Med Turquoise in Turks and Caicos) and we got married in 2000. We have three kids - Nathaniel 11 years old in 5th grade, Audrey and Joshua - twins who are 8 and in 2nd grade. We also have 2 cats, Coconut and Car (named by Nathaniel when he was a toddler). We moved to White Plains when I was pregnant with the twins and found a house about a minute from the house where I grew up and where my parents still live. We are lucky to spend most shabbats with them and they are at all of the kids' activities. Not to mention we are about 5 minutes from my sister, Michelle Levine '99 and her husband, David '98 and their 3 kids.

When Audrey and Joshua were 1, I switched law firms and

now work at Cuddy & Feder LLP in White Plains about 5 minutes from my house! We also have a NYC office at 42nd and 5th - so it's the best of both worlds! And the WP office is walking distance to the train station. Can't beat it! I am very fortunate to have a career that I love doing: estate planning, estate administration, elder law, special needs planning, and charitable planning.

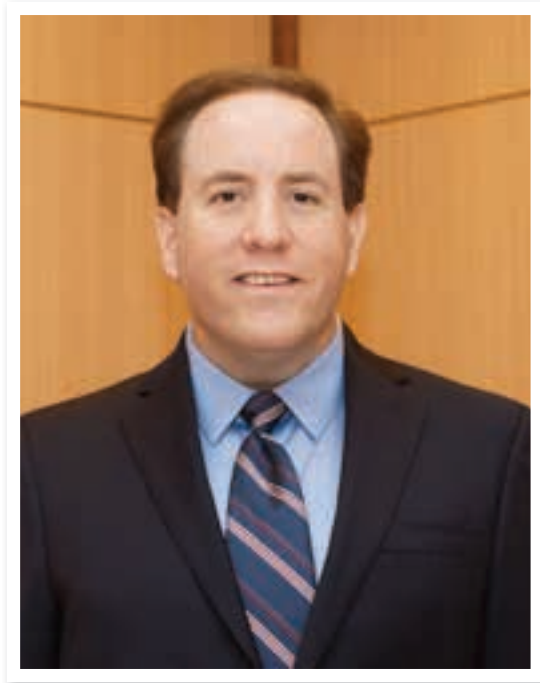
In my "free time" I am Co-Chair of the UJA-Federation of NY Westchester Business and Professional Division. I also sit on the Special Needs Roundtable. Truthfully, most of my time is spent shuttling the kids to all of their activities - be it gymnastics, cheerleading (yea!), dance, baseball, basketball, cross country, art, etc.

I am also active with the Westchester Brandeis Alumni Association. I love taking the kids to Brandeis activities and introducing them to my Brandeis friends. Go Judges!





Jeffrey Levine





Elli Levy



Life since Brandeis:

I have had an extensive career in the media industry while living in New York City.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

The Usen Heater

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

Meeting my partner Dori and running the broadcast department at the American Stock Exchange.





Rebecca Lieber

Life since Brandeis:

A few months after graduation, I moved to Chicago...and haven't left! I worked in event management and planning with a few different sports organizations, and then for a software company. With the help of my former Brandeis roommate, Barbara Tarter Hirsch, I met my husband, Mike Lieber. We've

been married since 1999. We have twins, Evan and Sarah, age 10, and moved to the suburbs just before our younger son, Reece, age 6, was born. I've been a stay-at-home mom since the kids arrived, and am actively volunteering at their school. While I didn't invent Post-Its, or even know the formula for glue, I still use them often.





Rachel Molly Loonin



Life since Brandeis:

Brandeis was a true stepping stone into life for me. We each had our own unique journey, and I feel so fortunate to have experienced my path in my own way. Upon graduation I moved to Manhattan. I dove into both the corporate world and something I missed out on during college: live music. While I enjoyed the observant Jewish Modern Orthodox scene on the Upper West Side, I went to my first Grateful Dead show shortly after graduation, and things started to make sense. I was beginning to tune in. I returned to Israel and studied at Nishmat. One memorable Shabbat, I tasted a small dose of the Shlomo Carlebach “chevre” community. I started to see Phish, and sought out an intelligent, fun-loving, shomer-mitzvot, and musically-inclined soulmate. It was a tall order, but I was blessed to meet my future husband, Joshua Steiner, at a brownstone party in 1997 on the Upper West Side.

I received a Masters in Elementary Education at Hunter College. Ultimately, though, I didn’t continue in this direction as a classroom teacher. Having always loved research, I used my education background at LexisNexis to train attorneys and other legal professionals. I loved learning legal research at the NYU Law Library. But, I was grateful I wasn’t responsible for writing a brief or other legal documents!

2001 was a big year. That summer, I saw posters on the NYC MTA (public transit) that some subway lines were being rerouted. “Changes a Comin’” was the line I printed on a bunch of cards to distribute at an end-of-summer Phish show near NYC. Driving down the West Side Highway at approximately 8pm on September 10th, there was a lightening storm. I saw bolts of lightening in between the Twin Towers. I said to Steiny: “That looks ominous.” Little did we know what would happen the next day. Changes indeed.

Just 3 months later we married in Stamford, Connecticut. I moved to Brooklyn. Not the cool part. The middle of the borough part. We were off to New Haven just 18 months later. I continued to commute to the city until my daughter Nistar was born in August 2003.

The New Haven years were wonderful: I made friends with other new moms. In 2005, Elimelech was born. While Joshua was doing his neurology residency at Yale New Haven Hospital, I was taking care of our two children. Both were homebirths. I joined La Leche League. I joined a CSA. I walked a lot. I nursed my baby. I explored my neighborhood. I listened to NPR. I nursed my baby. I cooked healthy food. I was an online Jewish matchmaker. I nursed my baby. These years were a hiatus for me in seeing live music, but I knew that wouldn’t be for long.

In 2006 we moved to the Bronx. Ezra was born in 2007. We made wonderful friends, hosted shabbat meals, connected with Shlomo chevre, Steiny’s Ramah Berkshires friends, and even some Brandeis folks. We lived the urban-suburban life. Kids went to school. We got a mini van. We got back to seeing my favorite band, Phish. We went to the Strawberry Festival in Beacon and Clearwater in Croton. We went apple picking and maple sugaring. We went camping. We rented cottages in the Adirondacks. We helped our friends urban farm. We connected with the founders of Eden Village Camp, a new concept in Jewish organic environmental camping.

A great thing about living in the Bronx with a car and children is that you can make the Bronx Zoo your backyard playground. I got to know that place well: the Bug Carousel and I were good buddies.

2011 we moved to Merion Station, Pennsylvania. Which, to New Yorkers and New York-area folks like me, meant nothing. But how lovely and civilized and livable the Philly suburbs are: a real well-kept secret! I am loving it here on the Main Line. Plus, I can buy raw milk pretty easily. July 2013 brought a real blessing: my 4th child, Levi. I am loving having a baby again after so many years. I am dizzingly busy with family life. I am grateful for this opportunity. It is going by so fast. I am one of the few people I know who still prints out photos, but it’s the only way I can try to capture the moments that are so fleeting.

Professionally I am still figuring it out. I blog at www.wholefamily.com and volunteer in the library of my children’s school. I manage the Facebook presence for the school as well. I am so excited to bring my children to Brandeis. The last college reunion we went to was my husband’s, where my son Eli broke his arm in Cambridge. Let’s hope Waltham allows to go home injury-free!

Share your most interesting travel experience:

I was in Israel for my Junior year abroad and Seth Kessler came to visit. We went up to Tzfat for a Shabbat and met a wide-range of interesting people. We stayed at Ascent. In retrospect I have a greater appreciation for it, but at the moment the people we met seemed highly disregulated. It was both wacky and fun, and I was glad to share that time with a high school friend who ended up also going to Brandeis.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Walking into Lown from the Peripheral Road. Such an off-the-beaten way to get into Lown. It was always quiet and peaceful.





Lisa Goldstein Manheim



Life since Brandeis:

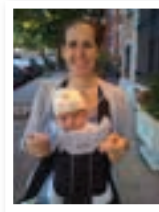
Life since Brandeis has been longer than life before Brandeis. Huh. In the past twenty years, I've lived in New York City, New Jersey, and finally settled in Stamford, CT, not far from my hometown. I've been lucky to find my husband, Jeff (who also happened to be my teen tour crush), gaining three awesome

stepkids, and having my son, Emmet. I've also been challenged by my work as a teacher: elementary, high school, and finally landing in the middle as an English teacher. I'm starting to cut my teeth as a writer, working on pieces which reflect my self-discovery through the experience of having Emmet. Loving life and feeling blessed.





Keira Alison Marcus



Life since Brandeis:

I have spent the last 14 years living in NYC, freelancing as an Assistant Production Accountant on movies and television

shows. In 2007, I married Dave and we moved to Brooklyn. We currently live in Park Slope with our children, Jason (almost 4) and Kayla (1).



Carrie Hubbell Melgarejo



Life since Brandeis:

After graduation one of my Brandeis residence life supervisors invited me to work for him at the English language learners' school (for privileged young adults from overseas) where I'd worked the summer before senior year. A year later I looked for a job where I could help those in need, and went into international family planning. Then, wanting, believe it or not, to move into something less politically charged, I did a Master of Science in World Hunger, Relief, and Development (now the much slicker "Food Policy and Applied Nutrition" but its former title surely grabbed a Brandeis type like me). During that degree I took a leave of absence for a 6-month contract running a nutrition technical support project in Bangladesh. Latin America will always be my first love, but when I returned to Bangladesh 10 years after that first stay, I remembered what a great experience it had been. It was great... even after my grad school buddies left for the US after their summer internships; even when the flood waters impeded my partying; and even as I crammed every weekend to pass an exemption exam so I could get back on schedule after skipping a semester of school (incidentally, my tutor for that exam ended up moving to the US in time to come to my wedding). Anyway, near the end of graduate school, I did go back to Latin America, volunteering for a summer at an NGO in Peru (which gave me good material to talk about the day I met my Peruvian husband in a parking garage in Arlington, VA so he

could help me fix a friend's car so I could get to physical therapy). Why physical therapy? Well, after grad school, I was recruited to start up a nutrition project in Mongolia (yes, before signing the contract I did find out how cold it is there and that I'd probably have to give up being a vegetarian). That was where, trying to impress my intern with my ability to read the language already, I tripped off a curb (no, didn't fall, just tripped), and waited until Christmas break in Thailand before I had knee surgery. (I've had three more since, and the first was the best medically, though a later one got me to slow down and get married, so it had its perks). As I write this, I've been married barely over 10 years and been a mom for 3 (I guess marriage hadn't slowed me down enough—19 countries before marriage, 10 after). Pablo works in the credit union for the World Bank/IMF (yes, flying in the face of financial security, I convinced him to leave a fat paycheck fixing cars, get a degree, and become a junior banker, as I thought it'd be easier to get him a job if we move overseas one day, and it'd be a safer profession—though I learned that might not be true in my hiatus working in the private equity industry at the turn of the financial crisis). Our toddler, Dexter, is lucky enough to have his paternal grandparents live with us here in Washington, DC. Single people from the US who don't have kids ask how I can have my in-laws live with me. As complicated as parenting is, and with the career I have, I don't know how I'd be doing this without them.





Steve Most

Life since Brandeis:

I currently reside in beautiful Sydney, Australia, hometown of my wife (Kim). We have two daughters (Ella - 4 yrs, and Anna - 1 month), and a loyal dog Trixie, who traveled with us from the US. I am a Senior Lecturer in psychology at the University of New South Wales, specializing in research on attention and emotion. (My wife is also a Senior Lecturer in psychology at nearby Macquarie University.) We love it here, but even after 20 years, Brandeis and Boston still feel like home!

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

My Brandeis friends are still some of my best friends. It's wonderful how technology has made it easy to stay in touch.

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

The learning you do outside the classroom is at least as important as the learning you do in the classroom, even when you pursue an academic career as I have. For example, learning how to handle both victories and defeats as a member of the fencing team helped shape how I handle my successes and setbacks professionally (e.g., both successful and unsuccessful grant applications and research projects). And my involvement on stage as a member of Boris' Kitchen gave me invaluable tools that I use to this day when teaching class or giving talks. The walls between learning inside and outside the classroom are thin indeed.





Rachelle Hana Nash-Gordon



Life since Brandeis:

My life since leaving Brandeis has been filled with adventure, growth, challenges, travel and life changes all of which Brandeis helped me to prepare to meet even when what lands before me in my life path is most unexpected.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis University gave me the opportunity to dream and the tools to make some of my dreams a reality.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

I recently traveled with my family to Cartagena, Columbia and stayed in Boca Grande for ten days. We were very nervous about the trip due to all the bad publicity about safety. We hired a tour guide to take us to the old city and around town and found Boca Grande to be absolutely lovely.





Martin Kwasi Nkansah

Life since Brandeis:

I have settled in the Chicagoland, and have 2 kids. Adjoa [girl is 10yrs], and Kweku [boy is 8yrs]. I travel back and forth to Ghana, where I am from with frequency. I wrote lots of poetry and a play, soon after the my Brandeis days, just like days that I worked as an editor for 'Laurel Moon'. The last play I wrote has not seen the publisher's house yet. Brandeis brings great memories..

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

The education at Brandeis was phenomenal, and I learnt a lot about generosity and persistence. I made life-long friends at Brandeis.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

It changed my world view of life. it made more symphathetic to human needs.





Marc Tyler Nobleman



Life since Brandeis:

I live in Bethesda, MD, with my wife, daughter, and son. Those of who you roomed with me at Brandeis probably have great admiration/empathy for them. At least I'm tidy.

I'm also an author, international speaker, and what I call a pop culture archeologist, which means I track down entertainment figures we remember but know little about and interview them for my blog. This includes ingenues from iconic music videos of the 1980s, authors of classic children's books, voice actors from superhero cartoons, and more whose updates you apparently have been living without. One of my mantras is "Everyone has a story. You just have to ask."

My book *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* got multiple starred reviews and made the front page of USA Today. *Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman* led to a TED talk; was covered by NPR's All Things Considered, Today Show, New York Times, Forbes; made best-of-the-year lists at USA Today, Washington Post, MTV. My next book is also about someone who flies...but not with a cape. So I'm not 100% geek.

What I learned/experienced at Brandeis still informs my work and my life on a weekly basis. I will always be a Brandeis fan.

noblemania.blogspot.com
@MarcTNobleman

Tell us about the life lessons you learned at Brandeis:

My film professor Thomas Doherty said "It's not enough to have a good story. You need a good story, well told." I quote this often.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

I can't stick to just one. Highlights including the opportunities to write/direct *Frankenstory* (a play based on *Frankenstein*), make a documentary about Scientology, and draw cartoons for *Gravity*. All my projects had to end in a "y."



Dana Partos

Life since Brandeis:

Nothing in my life has quite lived up to my experience of being the Sherman Cafeteria Waffle Lady. Getting my PhD in Physics (Brandeis, 2001), getting married, having a baby (on Rosh Hashanah no less), having a reasonably successful career with the federal government were great and all, but they just

weren't quite the same. They were missing the pink radio, the 80's mixes, the Sherman Cafeteria shirt and the smell of waffles. Most importantly, they were missing the vaguely familiar-looking people coming up to me on the street and asking "Hey, aren't you the Waffle Lady?" Yes. Yes, I am and things just haven't been the same since.



Melinda (Weinblatt) and Ben Resnick

Life since Brandeis:

Hello fellow Brandeisians! We're sorry we couldn't be back in Waltham for the reunion but we have a family bat mitzvah the same weekend.

A quick update on us...

After Ben completed his MBA at the University of Michigan Business School 12 years ago, we moved to the northern suburbs of Chicago. Ben is now a principal at Capgemini Consulting, a management consulting firm, and focuses on business consulting to pharmaceutical companies. (Always looking for potential consultants to join us, by the way.) Ben traveled pretty extensively for a number of years, and now is focuses on Chicago. Melinda, who obtained her MA in NEJS from Brandeis, teaches part time when not "Ema" and serves as the CEO of the family. When we're not shuttling kids to various practices, friends' houses, parties, and ortho appointments, she enjoys cooking (though sometimes feels like a short-order cook), running, and planning our next trip to escape the frozen tundra.

We are surrounded by 4 amazing kids:

- Coby is our sensitive 13-year-old. He loves making videos with his friends (check out his YouTube channel), everything Nerf, swimming, tennis, and playing the sax. He aspires to be an engineer or architect

- Maya, 10, is easy-going and good spirited. A good ear for music, she loves playing the piano. She likes reading, drawing, swimming, and playing (and playing mother) with the baby

- Talia, 6, just entered kindergarten this year. She is the most independent of our kids at this age, loves sleep overs with her friends, likes drawing and snuggling with her siblings

- Liam (8 months) was born in June. A visual carbon copy of

his father, Liam enjoys making dirty diapers, especially after we just changed him. He smiles easily, is very physically active, and enjoys (thankfully) sleeping in late. He rarely seems bothered, so when he cries we know something must really be wrong. He's been a real pleasure to us and to the other kids, who still sometimes compete for who gets to take care of him

Together we enjoy going on bike rides as a family, having friends over for pool parties, making the most of the snowy Chicago winters, watching movies, and Shabbat dinners with friends.

A few years ago, we lived for the year in Jerusalem. Ben took a sabbatical for a few months to join them and then commuted between Israel and the US. It was an amazing experience for all of us. The kids went to regular schools, made lasting friendships with kids, improved their Hebrew, and cemented a strong connection to Israel. It was also a different experience for us, living in an apartment in a city, walking a lot more, having fewer things, and living near Ben's brother.

Melinda and the kids typically spend most of the summer in Israel, where the kids go to camp, see friends and cousins, and travel around. Last summer Coby and Maya flew by themselves to Israel, and got to stay with family until we joined them with the younger two a week later.

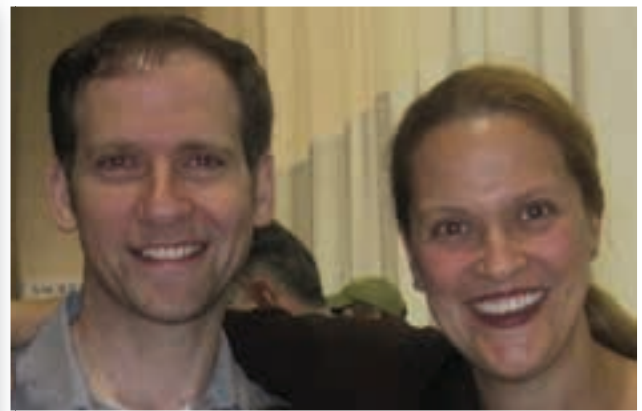
We'd love to catch up with old friends. If you're visiting Chicago or are in Israel during the summer, please look us up. Our contact info is below:

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Ben - 847-863-2045...benjamin.resnick@capgemini.com

All the best,

Melinda (Weinblatt) and Ben Resnick





Bari Nan Cohen Rothchild



Life since Brandeis:

I don't think I could have guessed, while I was at Brandeis, that I'd be living in Park City, UT. My husband, Jeffrey, and I were living in New York City, when we took a vacation here in 2001, and decided to move. Our sons, Lance and Seth, were born in Utah, and we have embraced the mountain lifestyle—we're all avid skiers (I have a blog about it for Deer Valley Resort), hikers, bikers and RV campers.

I'm enjoying the flexibility of a freelance writing, editing and consulting career, for a variety of women's magazines, while our boys are young. On a given day, you'll find me in the gym, on the ski hill, volunteering in one of the boys' classrooms, teaching religious school at Temple Har Shalom, tapping away at my laptop to file a story from a coffee shop, driving carpools and trying to avoid, at all costs, cooking dinner.

I'm so grateful for the experiences and friendships I enjoyed while at Brandeis—and I'm hoping that I have at least one future Brandeisian in my family. The little one has declared, more than once, that his desired future occupaton is "Castle Knight," so at least Brandeis has appropriate living arrangements for him.

Prizes/awards received, publications, positions held, etc.

I've worked as the Entertainment Editor at Good Housekeeping, Self and YM Magazines, and currently run a freelance editing/writing/consulting business, covering celebrities and healthy lifestyle for a variety of national women's magazines. In 2010, I published an essay in Women, Reinvented (LaChance Press), about my move from New York City to Park City, UT.

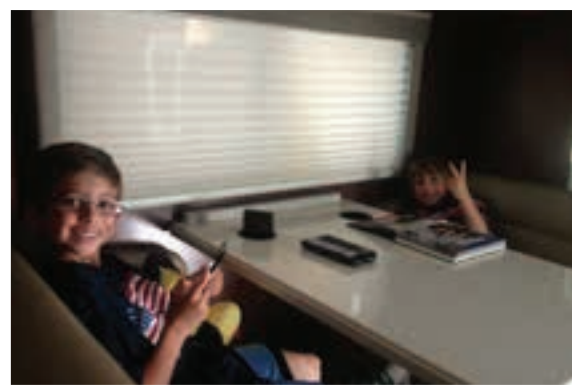
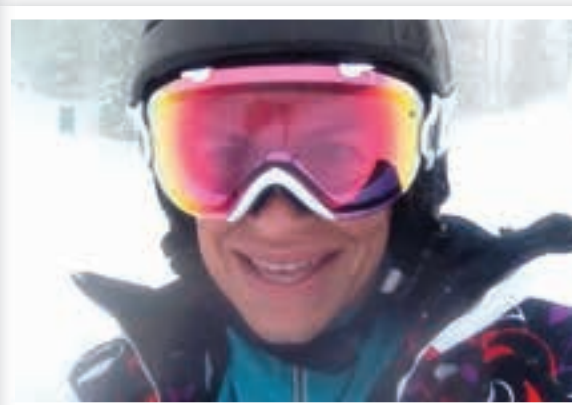
I'm proud of the contributions I have made to the Park City community on the boards of Temple Har Shalom and the Park City Cooperative Preschool.

How are you different from when you graduated and how are you the same?

First, there are the obvious life-stage differences: I am married, and I am a mother to two boys. Right after graduation, I moved to New York City, to begin a career in women's magazines. The Brandeis student imagined a career and life that would take shape largely in New York City—little did I know that my husband and I would take a ski vacation to Park City, UT and decide, on the spot to change our lifestyle. I still have a career in writing and editing, but I do it from my mountainside perch, and have found ways to incorporate my love for the outdoors into my work.

I am still an over-thinker, and I'm still quick to find humor in any situation.

I live a far more physically active life than I did while I was at Brandeis—since moving to Park City, I've trained my "inner athlete" to overcome her klutziness and push herself. I've learned you don't have to be good at something to enjoy doing it.





Daniel Royzman



Life since Brandeis:

Daniel Royzman DDS, MMSc (1994, New York City) and Ksenia Madich are happy to announce their marriage on November 08, 2013 in city hall, nyc. Their wedding reception will follow in Lake como, Italy on August 31st, 2014. They currently reside in on the upper west Side of Manhattan.

What do you consider your greatest achievement(s)?

in 2012, became one of 2000 people in the world to visit 100 countries- currently at 109 and counting



Steven Safran



Life since Brandeis:

After earning my masters degree (M.A.T.) I moved to Jerusalem, Israel. In the approximately 6 years I lived there, I taught English as a Foreign Language in various public schools and Tae Kwon Do in a few community centers. I met my wife, Yael, in Jerusalem. We married in Turkey, as she is from there. Priela was born in Jerusalem in 2003. Shortly afterwards, we moved to NJ where I was offered a social studies position at my old high school. Yoav was born in 2005. In June of 2011 I resigned my teaching position in order to spend more time with my family without having to lower my expectations of my role as a teacher. In June 2013 I opened my own Tae Kwon Do studio in South Orange, NJ. I am a lucky man. My wife is amazing, as are my children, and I get to work in a place where people come to find the best in themselves.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

When I think of Brandeis, my strongest memories are of Sherman, my close friends, and the late-night card games with Dominic, Feodor, Becker, and whoever else would enjoy dropping in.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I started studying Hebrew at Brandeis, and my friend Liz convinced me to visit Israel. I fell in love with Israel because of her. In Israel, I found and fell in love with my wife. I have two amazing children. This is a simple chain of events which directly stems from my Brandeis experience and my friendship with Liz.





Deborah Scheinthal-Yankwitt

Life since Brandeis:

The summer after graduation, I backpacked through France & Italy with one of my closest Brandeis friends. Then, 4 Brandeis roommates moved to Brookline to enjoy another fun year together! After that, onto Med School in NJ. While studying there, another dear Brandeis friend, introduced me to my

amazing husband, Russell. We married just after graduation & moved to Brooklyn, where we survived my residency. Next, we moved to Westchester, NY, where we bought our first home, were blessed with 2 beautiful children, settled into our careers, & realized we are living in a mecca of Brandeis transplants. Funny how life is circular! :)





Sara Shapiro-Plevan





Susan A. Sherr-Pollard

Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis, I received my Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Pennsylvania. I got married in 1999. My husband and I adopted two children, our son in 2005 and our daughter in 2011. Now on the third job of my career, I am a Vice President and Senior Research Director at SSRS in Media, PA where I direct social science research for governments, foundations, academic institutions, media outlets, and think tanks.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Brandeis gave me a foundation of critical thinking skills and the ability to write and argue clearly that I have used in every phase of my education and professional life.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

Going to Guatemala to adopt my son.





Marisa Siebel

Life since Brandeis:

I am a medical oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and specialize in Gastrointestinal oncology and Head and Neck oncology. I am married to Matthew Siebel and have two boys, Noah and Austin. We live on Long Island.



Amy (Simon) Silverman

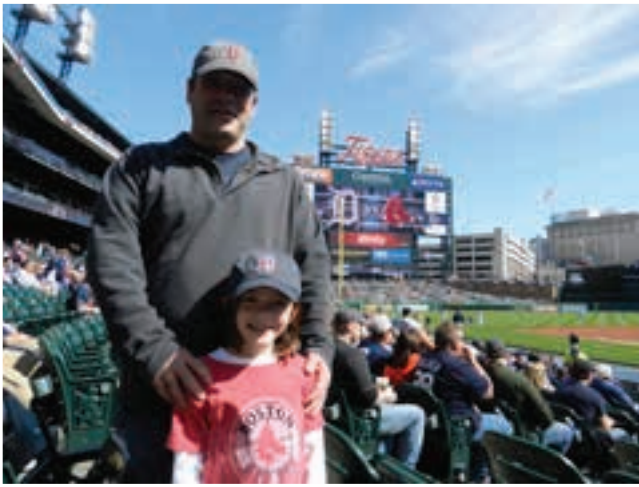


Life since Brandeis:

I am married to Stephen Silverman (class of 1992) and we have one daughter who is 8 years old (Alexandra). We live in Westchester county, NY and I work as a child / adolescent psychiatrist.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

Chapel's pond





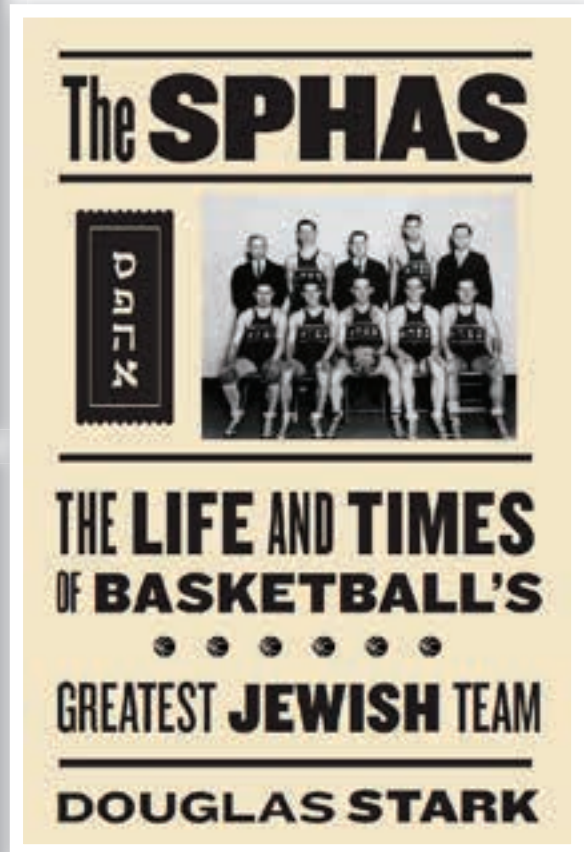
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Life since Brandeis:

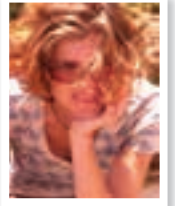
Since leaving Brandeis, my journey has led to sports museums where I have been able to combine my love of sports history and museums. In each of my stops--Basketball Hall of Fame, USGA Museum, and now the International Tennis Hall of Fame--I have had a wonderful opportunity to build and design new sports museums. Exhibits and visitor experiences have been my focus. In the process, I have met many great athletes and hall of famers. This has led me to write sports books. A few years ago, I published my first book, *The SPHAS: The Life and Times of Basketball's Greatest Jewish Team*. The book tells the true

story of the South Philadelphia Hebrew Association (SPHAS) basketball team from their humble beginnings as a club team in 1920 to their rise as 7-time American Basketball League champions in the 1930s and 1940s to traveling with the famed Harlem Globetrotters in the 1950s. The team was all Jewish at a time of rising anti-Semitism in the 1930s. Since then, I have been working on a second book about basketball during World War II--professionally, on military bases, and the integration of the game. I hope to continue to find interesting topics to explore. In my spare time, I continue to enjoy traveling and developing my private collection of political and campaign memorabilia.





Maya Stein



Life since Brandeis:

My first job after graduation was at a Public Relations firm whose primary client was Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. In between writing tip sheets and press releases, I found myself immersed in the whimsical world of clowns and daredevil acrobats and dancing elephants, and I began to see the larger connection between the written page and the landscape outside of it. Since then, I have sought out creative adventures to weave into my writing life, and have designed projects that bring writing opportunities to unexpected places.

My 2010 *Tour de Word* was a two-month, 12,000-mile driving trip circumnavigating 30 states, during which I led writing workshops for children and adults. In early summer 2012, I launched *Type Rider: Cycling the Great American Poem*, riding my bicycle for 40 days and more than 1,200 miles from Amherst, MA to Milwaukee, WI towing a typewriter behind me, stopping daily to gather words from strangers in the communities I visited. I published a book about the trip in early 2014, and am set to launch *Type Rider II: The Tandem Poetry tour* in July 2014. The motivation behind these and other projects is to inspire people to share their stories, to make writing more accessible – especially to those who don't consider themselves writers - and to build community through creative action.

I've published four collections of personal essays, poetry and photographs, including the most recent - "How We Are Not Alone" – a compilation of writings from my poetry blog. Since 2005, I've been keeping a weekly poetry practice and my "10-line Tuesday" poems now reach more than 1,100 people around the world every Tuesday. I have been facilitating writing classes, both live and online, since 2010, guiding students through simple, often playful exercises and activities that encourage them to let loose and take risks in order to develop a writing practice that sticks.

In May 2013, I launched a mobile creativity business, Food for the Soul Train (www.food4thesoultrain.com) with my partner, Amy. We lead art and writing workshops in Northern New Jersey and beyond.

More info about me and my work lives here: www.mayastein.com

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

I got my first official job - as a copy editor for a parenting magazine in the Bay Area - because of a connection through Brandeis. My editor told me later that our shared alma mater was the reason she'd granted me the interview.



Bryan A. Stetzer



Life since Brandeis:

I spent 3 years in the US Army and got out in 1997 to return to school. I completed my MA in Anthropology/Archaeology in 2000 at the University of Memphis. I spent the next 10 years working in archaeology as a Field Director, Lab Director, and Principal Investigator, as well as teaching Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Memphis. I also serve as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the US Army Reserve as a medic and instructor, with a combat deployment in 2003. In 2009, I was mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and have spent the last 5 years on active duty with the Army. I will be retiring from the Army within the next year and will be pursuing new opportunities, including building my own business.

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

It would be difficult to pin down a favorite memory of my time at Brandeis, as I have so many. I think probably one of the things I most fondly remember were the midnight runs to the IHOP in Watertown. A group of us would go there usually sometime around midnight, order endless pots of coffee, and just talk until dawn.

What impact did Brandeis have on your life?

Certainly attending Brandeis had a huge impact on my life. It was at Brandeis that I first developed an interest in Anthropology/Archaeology, which I later pursued with a Master's Degree and spent 10 years in as an occupation, including teaching Anthropology at the college level. It was also at Brandeis that, through BEMCo, I first became an EMT and developed an interest in medicine. After Brandeis and my initial 3-year enlistment in the Army, I joined the Army Reserve, where I became a Combat Medic. As of now, I have been a Medic for over 17 years, and qualified Instructor of Combat Medics for about 8 years. One of the options I am looking at following separation from active duty is going back to school to become a Physician's Assistant. All of that began at Brandeis.





Marshall Stevenson



Life since Brandeis:

I'm currently running a sightseeing company in New York, www.tourguidesofnewyork.com specializing in Beer and Comedy tours. I also do standup comedy, and podcasting. I live near Yankee Stadium in The Bronx. I'm sorry I can't make the reunion but do keep up with so many Brandeis friends.

Share your most interesting travel experience:

I love traveling. India is the most interesting place to me, if you can take it.





Karen Vasudavan



Life since Brandeis:

I loved my years at Brandeis -- I feel so grateful for those amazing years. When I left Brandeis, like many of my classmates, I went on to Graduate School. For me, that was Yale. I met Sunil in one of my classes, and many years later, we got married, had a son and then adopted another son (just to add to the chaos of our lives). We now live in the Bay Area. I've stayed in touch with some of my favorite Brandeis alums -- Michael Ruth, Rahul Dodhia and Paulina Swartz as well as Grad alums, Richard Rath and Monisha Das Gupta. I've also stayed involved in the Wien outreach efforts, this scholarship program being such an instrumental part of my ability to study at Brandeis. My host family, the Russman-Halperins, have become my second family in the United States and we visit each other from time to time even though we live on different coasts.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

The music department, where I spent many mornings and evenings practising and where I watched some of the most amazing musicians in the world perform.

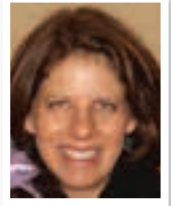
Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

I had many, but I remember the celebrations we had at the Intercultural Center for Kwanzaa and Divali very fondly even now.





Elyse Wasch



Life since Brandeis:

A week after graduating with a degree in politics, I moved to Washington, DC, where I have lived ever since. I have worked nearly the entire time in the United States Senate. After many years focusing on education policy, I am currently the legislative director for Senator Jack Reed, a Democrat from Rhode Island. I am married with two daughters, 7 and almost 5.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

The Gosman Center - getting to see the Celtics practice and watching some great concerts (Morrissey, Natalie Merchant, Indigo Girls, Big Audio Dynamite II, etc.).





Grace Yung Watson



Life since Brandeis:

Since graduating from Brandeis with my BA in Psychology, I worked several years as a religious advisor, first at Boston University then Amherst College, but I realized it was not my cup of tea. I married my college sweetheart Steve Watson during that time, and we now have three wonderful kids, ages 7, 9 and 11. I completed my MA in Counseling while raising our children, and I am currently the Director of a small human service program which provides workforce development services to low-income adults. Meanwhile, my husband Steve was a Boston Public High School teacher for nearly ten years, went on to become a high school principal for three, and became the Senior Pastor of our church a few months ago. So, I am suddenly a pastor's wife, too.

What was your favorite place(s) at Brandeis?

One of my favorite places at Brandeis was the Lemberg Children's Center, where I worked during the school year and a couple of summers. It laid a good foundation of skills for eventual parenthood. I also loved the little Castle overlook, and my walks between Grad and campus. My husband and I enjoyed taking walks by the Charles River on our tiny little "peninsula."

Share your fondest Brandeis memory:

One of my fondest Brandeis memories was staying up late playing volleyball and sports with my friends many freshman year nights. Another was hanging out with friends into the wee hours for no logical reason, then going to IHOP at 5am. Of course, who can forget traying down that massive hill near the library?





Amy Yok-Ming Wong





Anat Hampel Zirkin



The background of the entire page is a soft-focus photograph of white flowers, likely cherry blossoms, on thin brown branches. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The lighting is natural and soft, creating a gentle, nostalgic atmosphere.

In Memoriam

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

Ari Michael Hahn
Michael S. Kenwood
J. Art Macias, Jr.
Tara L. Thompson
Sarah B. Weinberg

























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