

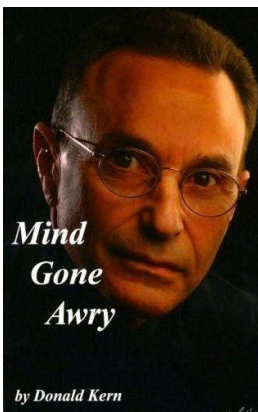
News & Views - Conejo Valley Chapter

4th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

OCTOBER 8, 2009 -- 10:00 A.M.
NORTH RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

This year's event presents an exciting program that will stimulate you with a fascinating speaker, entertain you with an amazing young singer, and provide you with a wonderful Boutique.

We are privileged to have as our featured



guest speaker, **Don Kern, M.A., MFT.** As a licensed psychotherapist for 13 years, Don has lectured on mental illness and bipolar disorder at UCLA and many organizations. He has published articles on these topics in professional magazines. Don speaks not only from professional experience, but also from personal experience.

He has a fulltime private practice in Woodland Hills and in Thousand Oaks. Kern has been a guest on a local radio talk show, "Shrink Rap," has lectured on mental illness and bipolar disorder to students at UCLA, has spoken to service organizations and has done in-service training for several social service agencies and mental hospital workers. Don began his own psychotic odyssey in 1974, which went on intermittently, for 12 years. It started out dramatically. Riveted to his bed, he proceeded to speak with God. God told him he had been chosen to be a sentry while the earth was being moved to another location in the universe. This psychotic episode along with several others is chronicled in his book, "**MIND GONE AWRY**," a stirring

narrative of his incredible journey from mental illness to a mental health professional. His book will be available for sale at the luncheon. Do not miss this opportunity to hear and read about Don Kern's spellbinding story.



photo by Margaret Molloy

Our featured guest "**star**" is the singing sensation, **Annie Reznik.** She is the recipient of the Richard Carpenter Scholarship Competition for performing "Girl in 14G," a piece which requires a three-octave vocal range. Annie began performing at the age of five, when she

was cast in the role of Gretl, in "The Sound of Music." She has performed lead roles in many local theater and community productions, including "The Wizard of Oz," "Music Man," "Oklahoma," "Oliver," "Fiddler on the Roof," and Annie in "Annie!" She was also a winner in the 2007 Santa Monica Idol Competition and performed at our Annual Installation of Officer's Luncheon on June 11, this year.

Spend a delightful day with friends. Meet new people. **SIGN UP FOR STUDY GROUPS.** See the new look of our wonderful Boutique, **JOY OF SHOPPING**, where clothing, accessories, jewelry, tasty treats and more will be for sale. Indulge yourself and shop till you drop!

For more information contact Barbara Polisky at (818) 991-2667

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BNC

Mission Statement:

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the university through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.

...a message from your Presidium



The Presidium is honored, by your election, to serve the Conejo Valley Chapter of Brandeis National Committee for a second year. We look forward to much

excitement and success with innovative events and special interest groups in our Brandeis year of 2009-2010.

Our chapter can reflect back on our past year with much pride in our accomplishments. On August 20, 2009, it was announced that our chapter had been awarded a **National Presidential Chapter Citation**. Conejo Valley was the first BNC chapter in the country to reach its membership goal and then go on to have the highest percentage increase in membership. Special kudos' go to our Membership V.P., Ellie Puls, and her hardworking team. Most of all, we want to give a big round of applause to our new members who have greatly enriched our chapter and made this award possible.

We will be kicking off the year with our annual Membership Luncheon and Boutique on October 8, 2009. Our featured guest speaker is DON KERN, a licensed psychotherapist who will speak about mental illness and bipolar disease from his own firsthand experience as well as his perspective as a trained professional in the mental healthcare field. Then, singing sensation, ANNIE REZNIK, will entertain us with her amazing vocal talents. Annie won first place in the middle school category of the third annual Richard Carpenter Scholarship Competition in May.

At the luncheon, you will have the opportunity to sign up for study groups. Also, remember to shop at our wonderful Boutique, Joy of Shopping.

On July 1, 2009, BNC National rolled out the red

carpet for a new fundraising campaign, *Fulfilling the Promise*. This exciting initiative will focus on the needs of the Brandeis Library and on funding for student scholarships.

Many of you have told us that you want to continue your fundraising support for medical research. So again, our chapter is dedicating our fundraising efforts to the Science for Life Program, promoting research in finding cures for Neurodegenerative Diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's (ALS).

We are an integral part of one of the top universities in the country. As such, BNC and our chapter play a vital role in helping Brandeis University rise to the new scientific and medical challenges of the 21st century. The university provides all students with a foundation for excellence. Our organization is critical to the future success of the ongoing research at Brandeis.

As we begin another year, with your support, we will continue to build on this illustrious history. BNC will continue to let the framework of Philanthropy, Learning and Community guide it. Come!! Be a part of BNC and the Conejo Valley Chapter. Join new study groups. Take part in the many intellectual programs that we will be offering. Our goal is to continue to make our chapter exhilarating and stimulating for all of our members.

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Brandeis University has a Western Regional Office of Undergraduate Admissions located in San Diego. Martin Vaughn is the Associate Director charged with managing all student recruitment activities in the Western States. He will be pleased to talk with BNC members, their family or friends about Brandeis admissions. Martin can be contacted at mvaughn@brandeis.edu

Brandeis University policy for sharing names

"It is the policy of Brandeis University, the Brandeis National Committee, and the Conejo Valley Chapter that membership lists and event registration lists may not be shared with other organizations. They are the property of the Conejo Valley Chapter. In order to insure the privacy of each individual, our members may not use our lists for any purpose other than that for which they were created."

BNC ANNOUNCES KRUPP SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

Liz and George Krupp, long time friends of Brandeis University, have offered a challenge grant for the arts and humanities. For every \$2 in new or increased scholarship donations, the Krupps will donate \$1. BNC's goal is to raise three million dollars. For more information, call Bev Sklar at 805-449-0039.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

What a wonderful year! In August the awards for the last year were announced by Brandeis and we won for membership. Thank you all. We were the first chapter to reach our membership goals and we had the highest percentage increase in membership. I know that I keep repeating myself but you did it not me. You asked everyone that you knew to join us and then you made every event that we had an exciting affair. Who would not want to be part of that. I cannot tell you how many membership checks came with a note about what nice people our members are. Thank you all again.

This year we are off and running. At the end of the third week in August we had 232 annual dues paid members, 24 life time members, and 23 associate members. Just a reminder that your National Brandeis dues must be paid to participate in study groups.

We want to welcome the following new members into our chapter and remember if you know someone who is not enjoying life as much as we are, give me that persons name.:

Ellie Puls — Membership VP 818 889 5555

OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

**1st Thursday of the month
at 10:00 am
Kinecta Federal Credit Union
973 South Westlake Blvd.
Westlake Village**

All members are welcome.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bloom, Ruth	Cohen, Herbert
Elisco, Shirley	Barnet, Carole L.
Fisher, Michele	Glatt, Toby
Kaz, Noma	Levy, Donna Lynne
Morse, Barbara	Schwartz, Ricky
Stein, Sandy	Young, Elaine
Pincus, Maud	Barnett, Susan
Maran, Paul	

Brandeis, the Gift That Keeps on Giving

By Linda Kern

Recently, while having a leisurely breakfast with a friend, I was asked, "What benefits do you get from belonging to Conejo Valley Brandeis?" I had to stop and think about this for a minute, and then I realized why I had been so anxious to join my local chapter. It's all about friendship, a friendly smile, a warm "hello", from women who seem as pleased to greet me as I am to greet them. As well, I need brain power, mental stimulation, and I get that every time I attend a study group meeting, luncheon or other events.

Have you thought about the benefits you gain from belonging to Conejo Valley Brandeis?

If so, I would enjoy hearing from you: Lkern@roadrunner.com

Orientation Coffee for New, Prospective, and Present Members

For those who want to know more about who we are and what we do, please mark this date on your calendar.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

There will be lots of conversation and refreshments as you learn about us. For more information please contact

Ellie Puls -- Membership V.P. — norm0020@yahoo.com



ANATOMY OF A VOLUNTEER

by Aileen Feinstein.

Height: Tall enough to see over the problems and see only the needs.

Vision: Clear and undistorted.

Hearing: Ability to listen for long periods of time and be able to distinguish what is necessary to remember and what it best to forget.

Voice: Full of laughter and able to talk to people of all ages.

Hands: Ready to help 24 hours a day.

Shoulders: Broad and strong enough to carry responsibility.

Heart: Full of concern for others.



WERE YOU THERE?

Our Installation of Officer's Luncheon was held on June 11, 2009, in Eric's Restaurant at the Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks. The room was beautiful, the food was delicious and the entertainment was wonderful. Annie Reznik, performed after lunch. Fifty-five members attended the luncheon. If you weren't there, we missed you - and you missed a lovely day.



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today is a celebration after a year of hard work.

Presidium ACCEPTANCE SPEECH (by Honey Bencomo)

I am speaking for Sharon, Bev and myself, when I say, "Thank you, thank you to all of you for providing us with the opportunity to serve our chapter for another year. We are both honored and humbled."

All three of us feel very fortunate to have such a terrific Board to work with again. This newly elected Board are, without doubt, an exceptional group of women; talented, hard-working and dedicated to the success of our chapter.

Your loyalty, your enthusiasm, your commitment makes our job as Presidium so much simpler. Part of my talk today was intended to address our goals and visions for the coming year. But as the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". We have all felt gratified by the extraordinary accomplishments of this past year as Sharon spoke of earlier. So, how do we improve upon perfection????

Using our past accomplishments as the foundation to build upon, we believe the path to continued success was and is our philosophy to keep our members involved. To accomplish that goal we hope to continue to: Present major fund-raising events with exciting entertainment at reasonable prices; Expand our Study Group Program with new and stimulating topics; Expand our tribute program by promoting it in greater depth to our membership.

And adding to those objectives, we also envision some lofty aspirations including: creating a new standing committee whose sole responsibility will be to design a program of small events at intimate venues; enhancing our fund-raising efforts by soliciting more sponsors and create an ad book for our major events. Building on that philosophy, these endeavors will enable us to achieve our goal of retaining our current members and attracting new members. New members mean additional dues, plus the new innovations in raising money that will produce greater profits, all of which translate into greater contributions to the university we so proudly support.

Finally, we recognize that our efforts must also focus on strengthening our members connection to Brandeis by providing continuing education about the University - not only its academic excellence and esteemed educational and research reputation but also its ongoing activities and accomplishments. For now, we hope for your continued enthusiasm and united effort in making this our best year yet!

I know all of you join with me today in applauding our fabulous chapter.

~ Thank You Again

Conejo Valley BNC Study Groups — Fall, 2009

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 st	Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 p.m. weekly Mah Jong Group 2 1:00 p.m. weekly Book Club 12 Noon Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. 1 st and 3 rd Hiking 1st and 3dr A.M.	Literary Potpourri 10 a.m. We the Jury (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Women of a Certain Age 12:30 Noon (1st & 3rd) Art & Antiques 11:45 a.m.	BOARD MEETING 10:00 a.m. Mah Jong Group 3 1:00 p.m. weekly Flick Chicks (singles) 1:30 p.m. Men 's Open Forum 9:30 a.m.	Mah Jong Mavens 10 a.m. weekly		Going to the Theater - Contact Nina Fenster: 805-987-7662
2 nd	Women in Transition 9:45 a.m. (2nd & 4th)	The Book Thieves 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Afternoon Readers 1 p.m. The Wild Bunch on the Go (On the Town, singles) Bridge(couples) 7:00p.m.	Cinema Gals 1:00 p.m. Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Legal Eagles (singles) 1:00 p.m. Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m. Cinema Addicts 7:30 p.m.			
3 rd	Current Events (women) 9:30 a.m. Current Events 10:00 a.m. Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. 1 st and 3 rd	Life and Times 10 a.m. On the Town (singles) Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m.	Happy Bookers 12 Noon Men's Current Affairs Discussio - 9:45 a.m. Life's Issues: Women 9:45 a.m.	On the Town, Daytime Divas (singles) On the Town Daytime Trotters (singles) Men's Open Forum 9:30 a.m. MahJong (singles) 1p.m.	Yiddish 10:30 a.m.		1. On the Town (couples) 2. On the Town (couples) 3. On the Town (couples)
4 th	Women's Life Issues 9:30 a.m.	Legal Puzzlers (singles) 10:00 a.m.	Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. Bridge (couples) 7 p.m.	Women's Life Issues #3 9:30 a.m.		Movie Critics (couples) 7:30 p.m.	

**STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:**

SIGN UP for new and existing Study Groups at our 4th Annual Luncheon and Boutique on October 8, 2009. We are looking for new ideas and members with special interests to lead new groups and would appreciate your input on the Study Group Forms that will be provided at the luncheon. Our present 43 study groups are running smoothly and satisfying the needs of the members as well as continuing to entice new people to join. Expand your horizons, while meeting new people and connecting with old friends. See you there.

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Judy Grossmann 805-241-9216 lahoodie@roadrunner.com

Nancy Minkow 805-496-6113 NVMLCSW@aol.com

LEGAL PUZZLER STUDY GROUPS

You are a member of the Jury. Are they guilty or innocent? What evidence was presented? What questions would you ask to reach a conclusion? Is it a constitutional issue? How much of your decision is based on life's experiences? All of these questions are answered each month when the Legal Puzzlers Study Groups meet to discuss the brief or topic presented. What an incredible way to expand your mind.

For more information about these groups call or email Shelly Wasserman, Study Groups Liaison, at: 818-874-0044 or mdw5@aol.com.

Study group leaders:

Have any news, pictures or updates to share?

Please email to: Alvira
alvira@woman-only.com

Life and Times:
A Study Group
to Pique Your Interest!

By: Carolyn Sax – Co Leader

Life and Times is a great group of women who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am to discuss both notable women in history and topics of interest to all of us. Each month, the person hosting the meeting does a short biography on a woman she admires, followed by a report on a topic of interest to her. Past topics have included women inventors, art history, women poets, stroke awareness, recycling, heart health, and Jews in China. The presentations are followed by lively discussions. We avoid political and personal topics.

Our group has several openings and we would love to have you join us.

For more information please contact our leader, Sharon Cohen, 818-292-3014 ForShar1@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE***ANOTHER WAY TO FEEL GOOD...***

We meet every two months at Barnes & Noble (Westlake Village Promenade) at 1PM. We would love to have you join our committee. If you cannot attend, but would like to do some volunteer work, we would love to have you as part of our group. Just call our leader, Edie Dellorco at 805 777-1704.

RAIN (the home in Camarillo helping homeless families get back on their feet) continues to need our support. Please get toiletries, diapers, detergent, children's books, etc., to us as we make the trip every couple months. See if one person in your individual study groups would be in charge of collecting items. Then call Susan Carl (818-865-2934) or Sharon Chernoff (805 778-1048) or Edie to arrange delivery.

The afghans from your knitting squares are beautiful! RAIN delivers them to the elderly. Ellie Puls is the one to contact about helping put these lovely quilts together. (818 889-5555).

Check our web site www.BrandeisConejo.org for details.

ATTENTION STUDY GROUP LEADERS!

Did you know that BNC has a broad spectrum of LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with exciting topics and new learning modules available to you for use in your study groups? There are Study Guides, with information on a particular subject with insightful questions for discussion, Video Programs, showing faculty and guest speakers at on-campus events that come with DVDs and accompanying questions, and A Lending Library of DVDs, including the works of modern independent filmmakers representing a visual record of the Jewish people.

For a full listing of all BNC Learning Opportunities, log onto www.brandeis.edu/bnc & click on learning. For further information, contact Jackie Kantor -Learning Opportunities Chairman 818-992-0519

Note from Study Group V.P.'s:

We would also like your input regarding new groups for the fall. If you have suggestions for new groups please contact us.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WESTERN REGION RETREAT AND REUNION

The Retreat will be held in San Diego on October 13th-15th. It will feature exciting programs, workshops and the presentation of National Awards and Citations. Open to all present and future leaders.

To register, contact Renee Bloom (Rancho Bernardo Chapter) at:
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CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER CONTINUES TO GO "GREEN"



Actually, our Chapter is going **ROYAL BLUE**. Our reusable tote bags have the BNC name and logo plus the name of our chapter.

These bags will be available for purchase at our upcoming Membership Luncheon on October 8th for **\$5.00** each. They will also be sold throughout the year, as a fund raising activity, at various Brandeis events and at some Study Group meetings. The bags may be used as grocery bags, book bags, beach bags or for all the "stuff" we women are infamous for carrying around with us. At 13" x 10" x 15" they are very roomy. For more information, please contact Carol Smith at (818) 716-0887 or by e-mail at caroloveston@yahoo.com.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

December 8th, 2009

Denise Hamilton, author of the best-selling Eve Diamond crime novels, will be our guest speaker.

Former LA Times journalist and Fulbright Scholar, Denise Hamilton is known for high-octane thrillers set in Los Angeles that also examine social issues.

Hamilton's debut book, national bestseller *The Jasmine Trade*, (published in 2001) was short listed for a number of literary awards including the Edgar Award (named after Edgar Allen Poe) for Best First Novel and was voted on by the Mystery Writers of America. *The Jasmine Trade* was also a finalist for the WILLA Award (named after Willa Cather) in contemporary fiction which honors women writing in the West.

**CHAPTER TRIBUTES****FROM****Message**

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Barbara Polisky - condolence
Sandra & Stuart Breslow - condolence
Arnold Weiss - condolence
Joy Kreiger-Get well
Nina Fenster - condolence
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Mr. & Mrs. M. Weisman - Congratulations

The Board of the Conejo Valley Chapter sends their condolences to Board member Nina Fenster-Smily and family on the loss of her daughter, Jamie.

The Board of the Conejo Valley Chapter sends their condolences to Board member Ellie Puls and family on the loss of her husband, Norman.

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and good wishes when I had my recent surgery. It was most appreciated. It meant a lot to me to hear from so many people.

Barbara Polisky

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes on our 50th Anniversary.

Sharon and Herb Cohen



2009 National Awards

Conejo Valley Chapter
received the
Membership Award

(Chapter that met or exceeded
their Membership Goals)

Conejo Valley was the first
BNC chapter in the country to reach its member-
ship goal.
Our chapter went on to have the highest percent-
age increase in membership.



This is one of a set of 8 holiday windows installed in a synagogue in Kiryat Gat, Israel. The elements symbolize the Jewish New Year, when the shofar (ram's horn) is blown. Pomegranates are a traditional New Year food and are featured in holiday blessings.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We need donations for our 4th Annual Membership Luncheon and Boutique, our major fund-raising event of the year. Everyone has a favorite Restaurant, Clothing Store, Hair and Nail Salon, Jeweler, Etc.



Contributions
in the form of gift cer-
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retailers as well as:
Hotels and Vacation
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Sporting Events,
Theaters and Special
Events will all be sin-

cerely appreciated and will immeasurably
help towards meeting our fund-raising goal.
We will be forever grateful for anything you
can do to assist in our fund-raising efforts for
Brandeis.

Solicitation forms can be downloaded
from our website at www.brandeisconejo.org or you can contact
Barbara Polisky at (818) 991-2667 for more
information and the appropriate forms.

For the Jewish people, the month of Elul is a time of preparation for the High Holidays Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The name of the month (spelled Alef-Lamed-Vav-Lamed in Hebrew) is an acronym of "Ani l'dodi v dodi li" which means "I am my beloved and my beloved is mine" from the Song of Songs. It has been interpreted as the "I" represents the Jewish people and the "Beloved" is God. This month is the time that Jews are supposed to become closer to God. In Aramaic, the word Elul means search, which is also important, because this is the time that we search our hearts and souls. The shofar is blown and we are to wake up, take a look at ourselves and make a change.





University Pays Tribute To Its Namesake During Brandeis Celebrates Brandeis Salute

Louis Brandeis will be the subject of a U.S. postage stamp and new biography

As Louis Brandeis returns to the public consciousness through the issuance of a U.S. postage stamp in his honor and the publication of a new biography, the university will pay tribute to its namesake during a Brandeis Celebrates Brandeis salute in September.

Brandeis Celebrates Brandeis will recognize the life and achievements of the former U.S. Supreme Court Justice at two events – a stamp dedication on September 24 and a Meet the Author program with Brandeis biographer Melvin Urofsky on September 29. Both events are free and open to the public.

“As our country learns more about Louis Brandeis through the new stamp and biography, it’s important that we reflect on the life of a man who was committed to the ideals of intellectual inquiry, social justice and a fully functioning democracy,” said Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz, PhD ’72. “Brandeis Celebrates Brandeis is an opportunity for the university community to show its pride in our namesake.”



On September 24, James J. Holland, Boston’s postmaster general, and Reinharz will dedicate the new Louis Brandeis stamp at 1 p.m. at the base of the Brandeis statue on campus. Frank Gilbert, Brandeis’ grandson, will speak at the ceremony. William Bowen, “The Singing Postman” who works in the Brandeis post office, will perform.

A commemorative program will be distributed that includes a special cancellation for the Brandeis stamp.

The Brandeis stamp, part of the U.S. Postal Service’s 2009 commemorative stamp program, is one of four in the Supreme Court Justices collection. Joseph Story, Felix Frankfurter, and William J. Brennan Jr. are also honored.

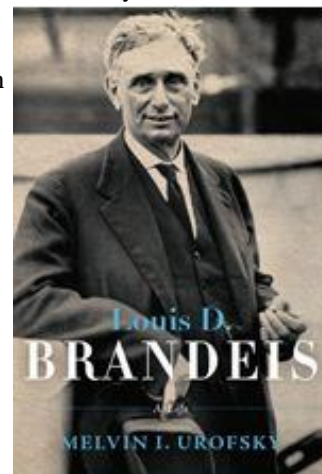
On September 29, Urofsky will make his first Boston area appearance when he discusses “Louis D. Brandeis: A Life” at a Meet the Author event at 5:45 p.m. in the Faculty Club. A reception will follow and books will be available for purchase.

Urofsky’s work is the first full-scale biography of Brandeis in 25 years and chronicles the remarkable story of Brandeis’ impact on American society and jurisprudence, and the electrifying story of his time. Urofsky, a noted scholar and professor of law and public policy and professor emeritus of history at Virginia Commonwealth University, has written and edited 52 books, including seven volumes on the life of Brandeis.

Urofsky will be introduced by Steve Whitfield, the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization at Brandeis.

Both events are sponsored by the Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice, which supports Brandeis students, enhances campus life, and promotes the issues of social justice that Brandeis championed throughout his life.

Since it was established in 2006 by a generous, anonymous gift from a Brandeis alumnus, the Legacy Fund has sponsored a series of initiatives designed to help students, enrich the university community, and address social justice concerns on and off campus.





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OCTOBER 27	New Members Orientation Coffee—10 a.m.
NOVEMBER 5	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
NOVEMBER 26	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 3	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
DECEMBER 8	Meet The Author – Denise Hamilton—7:30 p.m.
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