

# Tucson Chapter



## Recognition and Installation Spring Meeting




Please join us for breakfast on Tuesday, April 5, at 9:30 a.m. at Skyline Country Club. We will honor those who have accumulated 100 recognition points for their personal time and financial support of the Tucson chapter, our Study Group leaders, those officers and board members who have served during 2010–2011, and those who will serve in 2011–2012. All of this for only \$10.

Our featured speaker will be Tucsonan **Patti Day**, author of *The Ride: In the Air and Through the Courts*, about trying to navigate the justice system, which isn't always just, and heal mentally and physically from a horrific plane crash, which is difficult enough, but life goes on. One has to let go of the past to embrace the future.

This is Patti's first novel. She grew up in New York City after her father and his parents migrated from Mesopotamia (now Iraq) in the early 1900s. After she earned two university degrees, she and her husband moved west and had a successful business until a problem led her to write. You'll have to come to the breakfast to discover the problem!

The novel won the Fall, 2010, NABE Pinnacle Award for the Best Novel category. Visit the Web site at <http://www.theridestory.com> for more information, pictures, and a preview of the first chapter.

Don't miss this event. Use the form on page 3 of this bulletin to make your reservation. 

## Book & Author Events a Rousing Success

There was unanimous consensus among those leaving the 2011 **Book & Author Events** this February: They were the best ever! The combination of sparkling speakers and fascinating back stories held the audience enthralled at the luncheon. The highlight was being let in on inside tales of the making of the mega-popular TV series "Columbo" by William Link, the multi-award-winning co-creator of the beloved rumpled detective, along with 15 other hit shows. For example: Who was the first choice to play the lead? (Bing Crosby!) What's the story behind Columbo's battered raincoat? (Peter Falk picked it up on 57th Street in New York when trapped by a sudden shower en route to his audition, and both he and the coat got the part!) What was Columbo's first name? (He didn't have one!) The audience didn't want to let Link off the stage, which would have been a pity, since those who followed him proved equally popular. Douglas Starr, author of *The Killer of Little Shepherds*, traced the development of forensic science and how it brought to justice a late-19th-century serial killer, then went on to contrast fact with CSI-type fiction. Starr's vivid descriptions of the years spent unearthing actual testimony more than 125 years old, in numerous languages, and on two continents had members on the edge of their seats.


After a break for another sumptuous Skyline Country Club buffet, Rhys Bowen regaled listeners with the difficulties in juggling a trio of disparate leading characters solving crimes in her three long-running series—a spunky Irish immigrant in turn-of-the-century New York, a ditsy minor cousin of King George V in 1930s England, and a stolid Welsh policeman. Bowen triggered chuckles when she bemoaned the fact that she couldn't read other authors' books while she was writing for fear of purloining their voices.

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## MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Our new fiscal year begins July 1, and it will be renewal time for BNC membership.

We offer a special for new members starting April 1. If a new member pays dues after March 31, membership will extend to June 30, 2012! Suggest membership to your friends now.

We appreciate your continued philanthropic support of the university and its libraries. To pay your dues, mail them to **Terrie Sherman, 7580 E. Río Verde Dr., Tucson, AZ 85715**. For questions about dues, contact **Terrie** at [loves2walk@aol.com](mailto:loves2walk@aol.com) or 290-1490. 



# Membership Page

## From the Leadership Council



Spring is in the air. Local birds are building nests. Our Snow Birds are packing to return home.

The Tucson Chapter is buzzing with activity, much like spring cleaning, while finalizing year-end reports and gathering funds to send off to the university for research, The Goldfarb Library, and the Tucson scholarship fund.

Our nominating committee has produced a slate of dedicated and talented officers to be installed at a morning breakfast

meeting Tuesday, April 5, at Skyline Country Club, to which all are invited. They have found us leaders to make us proud. I hope to see you there.

The Book & Author Committee has begun to generate fresh new ideas for an even bigger and better event next season, with new leadership and exciting proposals. Watch for news from this group. We applaud **Sheila Rothenberg, Bertie Levkowitz, Roz Kroft**, and their committees for our February event. Welcome to **Jan Linn** who is chairing the committee next season.

The Book Depot committee is holding a series of brainstorming meetings to find ways to optimize the book business. There will be even better online opportunities for sales, "Marathon Sundays" for listing books at our three computers, and new ideas to reduce our costs and increase our profits at the Mall. All members are welcome to join in. Special thanks to **Donna Richman, Arlene Gray, and BJ Kass** for taking on some challenging tasks. Books sales are ever increasing. Thanks to the depot workers and mall sales staff—all who participated.

The Study Group team has come up with repeat performances of the best of the best of our offerings. They want you to know that all talent you wish to share and think would make an enriching educational experience for our members is welcome. Much credit for our success goes to **Karen Loeb, Lynn Cramer, and Steve Seltzer**.

Many thanks to **Rosealie Siegel, June Simmons, and Sorale Fortman** for Book Fund and LRJ management and sales.

Be sure to take a look at the April Calendar. The leadership team is officially welcoming new members to a breakfast at my home on Tuesday, April 12. It is time for rebirth and renewal. We are looking forward to a great time together.

This has been a sensational year. There are so many new and dedicated individuals who believe as I do that at this time in our world's history it is ever so important to support Brandeis University, a nonsectarian university that believes in social justice, service to the community and academic excellence. Brandeis is counting on us, and we are counting on you.


Spring is the time to plant seeds that will grow and flower. Celebrate spring with us as we plan for a brighter tomorrow.

Meg Sivitz, Presiding Officer 

## We Wish Our Members...

The officers, board, and members of the Tucson Chapter of BNC wish:

Sandra Grossman A speedy recovery

If you know of anyone with a simchah or a sorrow, contact Sunshine chair **Helene Feldman**, [2bachummingbird@q.com](mailto:2bachummingbird@q.com) or **398-9666**. A donation card will be sent and an acknowledgment will appear in the bulletin. 




## New Members



Since the last bulletin, the following people have joined our chapter. Add them to your Membership Directory:

Kanin, Elsie &	3373 N Camino Rio Colorado	744-3454
Dr. Harry	85712	<a href="mailto:EHKanin@gmail.com">EHKanin@gmail.com</a>

New members are the life of our chapter. When you see new members at a Tucson Chapter event or Study Group, welcome them. 

## Contact Us

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# Spring Meeting, Installation, and Recognition Breakfast

Please Join Us for  
Installation of New Officers and Nominating Committee,  
Recognition of Members Who Earned 100 Recognition Points, and  
Honoring Our Study Group Leaders.

## Speaker: Patti Day,

a local author discussing her book, *The Ride: In the Air and Through the Courts*

Skyline Country Club  
5200 East St. Andrews Drive

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Cover: \$10.00

\$2.00 is tax deductible

Please bring items for Community Service, packaged food for the Community Food Bank, and children's books in good condition for a worthy elementary school.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Tucson Endowed Scholarship Fund to award scholarship support to worthy Brandeis students, with a preference for students from the Tucson metropolitan area.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$10 per reservation, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Your check to **BNC** should be sent to: Arlene Zuckerman,  
5448 N. Paseo Sonoyta, Tucson, AZ 85750 by April 1, 2011.

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CELEBRATING 63 YEARS • 1948-2011

# ISRAEL 63 FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 15 • JCC AT RIVER & DODGE

Join our people at the Brandeis Booth on Sunday, May 15, at the Jewish Community Center for this year's Israel Festival. We will be celebrating the Brandeis University-Israel connection. Contact **Meg Sivitz**, [megaron3@msn.com](mailto:megaron3@msn.com) or **615-4739**. 


## EDF FELLOWS MEETING

Our men's group, the **EDF FELLOWS**, will hold its next lunch meeting on Monday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Viscount Hotel.



The speaker will be retired Ambassador David Dunford, updating us on the situation in the Middle East.

Any man in Tucson is cordially invited to attend, join the fellowship, and enjoy the fascinating speakers. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

Lunch is \$20. For more information, contact **Steve Seltzer**, 299-3788, [seltz5001@aol.com](mailto:seltz5001@aol.com), **Howard Schwartz**, 615-2915, [howtru3@comcast.net](mailto:howtru3@comcast.net), or **Tom Herz**, 745-5852, [tghmkh@mindspring.com](mailto:tghmkh@mindspring.com). 

### Mission Statement Brandeis National Committee

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 fund-raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community. 

### Community Service

**Sally Scott**, our Community Service chair, reminds us to please donate household items, women's clothing, clothing and supplies for infants, toddlers, and children, and personal care items for the Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse.

We also request you continue to donate hotel toiletries for the women's crisis center, contribute unused Entertainment Book coupons for donation to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and make baby hats. Please bring them to Study Groups, lunches, and meetings.

If you are unable to knit or crochet caps for infants in the TMC premature nursery, but would like to help by donating yarn or tax-deductible cash, contact **Sally Scott**, [sas.tuc09@yahoo.com](mailto:sas.tuc09@yahoo.com) or 603-6116. 



Come to the Spring Meeting  
Tuesday, April 5  
Fill in the form on the reverse

# Learned Research Journals and Book Fund

Happy birthday, IN HONOR OF, In memory of, Happy anniversary, Congratulations, New Baby, BEST WISHES, or ~~SPEEDY RECOVERY~~: Express your thoughtfulness to someone in a special way by donating to the Book Fund, to honor, memorialize, or celebrate milestones in life.

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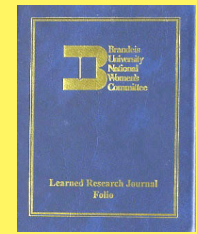


- \$36.50‡ Learned Research Journal
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\*Contact Book Fund co-chair, **June Simmons**, [junesimmons@me.com](mailto:junesimmons@me.com) or **577-9836**, or **Rosealie Siegel**, [HerbSRose@comcast.net](mailto:HerbSRose@comcast.net) or **615-6227**.

‡Contact **Soralé Fortman**, **747-3520** or [sorkey7@aol.com](mailto:sorkey7@aol.com).

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Karen Loeb	In honor of your new home	Stuart & Marianne Taussig



## Book Fund Event

There is still time to send in a reservation for the Book Fund event March 28 at 1:00 at Villa Hermosa. **Jean Nerenberg** will lead a book talk on the book read by this year's Brandeis freshmen.

Ha Jin, a former Brandeis student and current Boston University professor, will be seen and heard on video speaking about his book, *A Good Fall*, to Brandeis students.

His book gives us a feel for Chinese-American culture and gets us thinking about family life, love, and generational conflict in a series of short stories. Pick up a copy of the book or just come and enjoy our group.

Buy a Book Fund card or an LRJ for a minimum of \$10 to attend.

Reservations are necessary. Contact **Rosealie Siegel** at [HerbSRose@comcast.net](mailto:HerbSRose@comcast.net) or **615-6227**.

## Member's Play

Brandeis member and film seminar leader **Warren Bodow**'s new play, *Fronting the Order*, will be produced for a three-week run at the Beowulf Alley Theatre starting April 8. The play is set in a small town in August, 1959, where four encyclopedia salesmen, including two Jewish college sophomores, are preparing to canvass the town with a patently deceptive sales pitch. Performances run through April 23. You may call the theatre at 822-0555 or e-mail [beowulfalley.org](http://beowulfalley.org) for times and tickets.

## Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011

10:00 a.m. to noon

Home of Marilyn Lobell  
5025 N. Valley View Rd.

All members are welcome

**NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

## Meet Your Board

Born, brought up, educated, and married in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, **Linda Cramer** lived there until moving to Tucson in 2009. She graduated from Elizabethtown College and was the first student from the college to join Phi Beta Kappa Tau Kappa Alpha, a national forensic society. She taught both English and social studies to junior high school students for 10 years in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. During summer breaks, Lynn traveled to the Middle East and Europe, visiting out-of-the-way countries such as Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and Egypt, exploring archaeological sites, and taking photos to use in her classes. Lynn delivered her sister's first child in the middle of a sandstorm in Iraq, while they were stationed in the country with International School Services.


As a Jew by conversion, she keeps a Kosher home and belongs to an Orthodox congregation in Harrisburg. She and her husband, Stan, have two children. Solomon runs the family businesses in Harrisburg, including car sales, Budget Rent a Car, and shuttle parking at the international airport. Michele is married to a Marine, Brian, and they have two sons, Jonathan and Tyler. Michele has studied in the States and England in the field of equestrian studies.

Lynn and Stan moved to Tucson primarily because of the weather. They both have arthritis, and Lynn has lupus. They have found this community warm and inviting.

Brandeis is a new organization for Lynn. She joined after meeting relatives, Marsha Hirsh and Joan Rosenbluth, at dinner, where they discussed the Art Scene Study Group. All they could talk about was how much Lynn would enjoy it and get to know the community better. Next, she found herself at a membership get-together. Suddenly, she was working on Study Groups and attending board meetings. In addition to Brandeis, she is a life member in Hadassah, AMIT, NCJW, and, because of Stan, the Antique Automobile Club of America.

She enjoys traveling, needlepoint, reading, and her children and grandchildren.

New to Brandeis, Lynn has had experience with Study Groups and chairing the Hanukkah event. In the past, she has trained the sales staff for the Cramer's car sales operation and the rental car company and served as VP of the operations in charge of training, payroll, office operation, and hiring and firing of the work force of the three companies and its 200 employees.

What Lynn likes most about Brandeis is the community service projects that serve a real purpose. She loves the variety of Study Groups; there really is something for everyone. The Art Scene opened her eyes to the presence of so much talent here in Tucson. She is amazed by how much Tucson has to offer to its residents. 




2011

## Tucson Chapter Calendar


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| Book Fund Event                           | Monday, March 28     |
| Board Meeting*                            | Monday, April 4      |
| Installation & Recognition Spring Meeting | Tuesday, April 5     |
| Board Meeting-Planning Meeting**          | Monday, May 2        |
| Study Group Guide                         | Tuesday, September 6 |
- \*Held at 5025 N. Valley View Rd.  
 \*\*Held at the Dusenberry-River Road Library

**Save the dates and mark your calendar**

## Leadership Council: Officers

- Membership Team Leader . . . . . Judith Jacobskind
  - Vice-president EDF Fellows Men's Group . . . . . Steve Seltzer
  - Vice-president Book Business . . . . . Meg Sivitz
  - Study Group Team Leaders . . . . . Lynn Cramer, Karen Loeb
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  - Corresponding Secretary . . . . . Marilyn Peskin-Kaufman
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  - Treasurer . . . . . Arlene Zuckerman
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 Book Depot messages can be left at 747-3224. 

## Tucson Chapter Newsletter

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 The newsletter is published from August through April. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. 



# Support Our Friends

The following businesses supported Brandeis University and the Tucson Chapter by advertising in our **Book & Author** Program-Ad Journal. Now it is our turn to support them.

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## We Salute Our Used Book Sale Volunteers

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Suzy and Harvey Wolfe  
Bobby and Sam Wolskey

## Letter From Scholarship Grantee


This school year's recipient of our Tucson Chapter Endowed Scholarship, Luke Teece '12, writes:

Greetings from Waltham! I hope all of you are enjoying the warm climate and being thankful you've wisely chosen to live in a place with less snow than we have here. Although I've only been back for a short period of time, there have already been several great experiences I'd love to share with you. Before I do that, I want you to know that appearing on The "Morning Blend" was a fun and nerve-racking experience, and I was happy to appear on the program. I hope the Book Sale was a marvelous success.

Back to Brandeis. This year and next, I have chosen to be a resident advisor; part of that commitment is arriving back at Brandeis a week prior to the start of classes. During this training period, we were able to volunteer our time at a local food bank and a local nonprofit bookstore, which employs individuals who want to attend college, but need more help than the typical college applicant. I found this experience extremely rewarding and was inspired by the employees I worked closely with, who were making an honest effort to better themselves, to take the next step in their lives.

As far as academics is concerned, I've decided to get the absolute most possible out of school by adding a third major. I intend to graduate with degrees in mathematics, psychology, and now biology. This came about when I found a class that involves computer modeling of biological processes, which counts towards both a math and biology degree. When I checked my course history, I found I was a mere three units away from this major; two of the classes required I had already planned to take. In other news, courses are going well. I'm again taking 5.5 classes and fulfilling as many requirements as I can. Unless something chaotic causes me to alter my plans, the light at the end of the tunnel appears.


This summer, I plan to go back to work in the Biologic Sciences building at the University of Arizona, researching Parkinson's disease. I also hope to get away to California and enjoy some beach time.

In closing, I'd like to say thank you so very much for all the support I've received from you. Thank you for being a large part of what was and will continue to be a wonderful experience. Stay well, and perhaps I will see you this summer. 

## Book & Author *Continued from page 1*

Tucson's own Rhody Cohen wound up the festivities with a fascinating explanation of what went into writing children's books "to order," turning out fiction, nonfiction, and even movie adaptations to fit the demands of various publishers. Who knew you could order a 125-page book the same way you can a prime rib roast or cashmere sweater, and get equally satisfying results?

The previous evening's soiree at the elegant home of Ruthann Pozez gave members an opportunity to schmooze informally with the authors, tap their toes to the renditions of a surprisingly professional trio of teenage musicians from the Tucson Jazz Institute, and resoundingly go off their diets. Each of the authors told us that, rather than a perfunctory promotion chore, the evening was joyful fun.

Those of us who were at the events know how enjoyable they were. As for those who weren't, the burning question is: Why weren't you? If you miss the 2012 events, you'll have no one to blame but yourselves. Don't make the same mistake twice! 



## Learn a New Skill and Have Fun

**Enter data at our Book Depot**

Contact Meg Sivitz, e-mail [megaron3@msn.com](mailto:megaron3@msn.com)

or call 747-3224 and leave a message.

10:00 to noon or noon to 2:00.

Tucson Chapter Calendar April 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 10:00 Books & Bagels	11 12:00 EDF	12 10:00 New Member Orientation 	13 10:00 Page Turners 12:00 Ethnic Lunch	14 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Art Scene	15	16
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24	25	26	27 1:00 Jewelry Making for Novices	28 12:00 Bridge	29	30

Passover First Seder, Monday, April 18; Second Seder, Tuesday, April 19.

## New Members Welcome



The Leadership Council Invites  
**New Members**  
 to Enjoy a Welcoming Breakfast  
 on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.,  
 at the Lovely Home of Meg and Ron Sivitz,  
 6361 E. Valle di Cadore.



Anyone who became a member in the past year, and those who joined earlier, but who never attended a new member coffee, please join us. This is your opportunity to mingle with other new members while learning about all Brandeis has to offer. Refreshments will be served.




# What's New at Brandeis University in Waltham?

[www.brandeis.edu/news/index.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/news/index.html)

## Israeli Parliamentarians to U.S.

Jay Ruderman '88 worries about the bond between the Israeli political leadership and the American Jewish community. In hopes of helping political leaders in Israel develop a deeper understanding about the Jewish community in the U.S., the Ruderman Family Foundation has partnered with Brandeis to bring Knesset members to this country for a week of meetings with leading scholars, community leaders, and professionals.


Says Ruderman, the president of his family foundation, "A surprisingly large number of elected officials in Israel don't have a strong understanding of what makes the American Jewish community tick."

The inaugural class of Ruderman Fellows—Finance Committee chair Carmel Shama and Tzipi Hotovely (Likud), Avi Dichter and Ronit Tirosh (Kadima), and Eitan Cabel and Danny Ben Simon (Labor)—will visit Waltham, Boston, and New York in April. Ruderman says, "We hope this program will enhance their knowledge and decision-making in the Knesset and the government." 

## Brandeis Men's Hoops in ECAC Championship

The Brandeis University men's basketball team earned a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England championship tournament. The Judges finished the 2010-2011 regular season with a record of 16-9, were the sixth seed, and will travel to third-seeded Keene State College.



Brandeis, in its eighth season under head coach Brian Meehan, opened its season with 11 straight wins, the best start in school history. The Judges had two dramatic buzzer-beating wins in the streak, topping Clark University on November 30, 67-65 in overtime, thanks to a length-of-the-court drive, and a 61-59 win on January 8 over New York University. That victory tied the Judges' previous record for best start at 10-0, then they defeated Bates College, 53-50. 

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**Study Group**  
**Guide**

**APRIL 12**  
**New Member**  
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**APRIL 5**  
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