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SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

2019 - BULLETIN

CELEBRATE a HERO

## NOTORIOUS RBG!

The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg

A Special Exhibit at the  
National Museum of American Jewish History  
in Philadelphia on Independence Mall



JOIN OUR BUS TRIP!

**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

**\$70 BUS AND MUSEUM**

**Program # 1101**

## Car Trip to The Met Cloisters

Guided Tour by Met Lecturer

Special Exhibit:

*The Colmar Treasure: A Medieval  
Jewish Legacy - Plus the Unicorn  
Tapestries and the Gardens*

*Optional Luncheon at the New Leaf in Tryon Park*

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**FEE: \$49** Lunch not included in fee

**Program # 0918**



## A Note from Mindy and Nancy



Dear Brandeis Friends

The photo below shows us having a great time at the Somerset-Middlesex BNC Book and Author Luncheon on May 2 -- seems like it was only a few weeks ago. We are now into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Co-Presidents and we are proud to say we have become good friends. Like all successful partnerships must, we have learned to work sharing the load and finding each other's strengths. We share a dedication to our Somerset BNC Chapter and want to do the best we can as your leaders.

We are happy to announce some exciting programs in this 2019 Fall Session:

❖ In **SEPTEMBER:**

- "**THE COLMAR TREASURE: A Medieval Jewish Legacy**" at the **MET CLOISTERS:**

- **Nature Walks at Lord Stirling Park** featuring Birds and Butterflies.

❖ In **OCTOBER** don't miss:

- meeting the *Duchess of South Somerville*

- seeing **Helen Frankenthaler Prints Exhibit** with a docent;

- hearing juicy stories about the exotic residents of *THE PLAZA* from author, **Julie Satow** at JCC;

- going back in time at our **Three Historic Houses Tour**;

- talking to the animals at **Turtle Back Zoo** where we will have a special program for our group.

❖ **NOVEMBER** has:

- a **Bus Trip to "Notorious RBG" the Exhibit** about our legendary Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg), at the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia;

- and a special treat. **"BROADWAY BUSINESS"** with Jessica Genick, a producer of 10 Broadway shows, including *Come From Away*, the revival of *Fiddler*, and *The Heidi Chronicles*.

❖ In **DECEMBER:**

- the life and art of **Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, premier Mexican Artists;**

- see *Leon the Pig Farmer* a 'Deis Flick from Brandeis's film collection;

- and our popular **Latke Party** to bring in the Holiday Season.



Our programs keep our chapter cohesive, and while we were enjoying these programs, we -- our 124-member chapter -- raised \$9,000 in the fiscal year 7/2018 – 6/2019 for Brandeis University! Thank you to everyone who completed the interest survey at our Annual Meeting Lunch. Chris and her committee will research it and, if possible, make it happen. If you would like to get more involved please give one of us a call.

A big thanks and welcome to our new Board Members: **John Clancy, Helen Hoffman, Sue Kaplan, Irna Rosenberg, Pam Teitelbaum, and Gail Zivot**. Also, our gratitude to returning board members taking new positions: **Marilyn Altman, Laura Graumann, and Ellie Goldman**. See a complete list of Board and Committee members on page 4 of this Bulletin. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we hope to see you in our photo gallery soon,

Mindy and Nancy

*Nancy Clancy and Mindy Morris*

Somerset BNC Co-Presidents



Our National Executive Board just announced BNC's new fundraising campaign that will support the Brandeis Library with a focus on Social Justice :

- anti-Semitism
- immigration
- institutionalized sexism

## Honoring our History: Transforming Unique Collections Highlighting Social Justice

Brandeis | EXPLORE  
WITHOUT  
BOUNDARIES

In light of increasing anti-Semitism, restrictions on immigration, and institutionalized sexism, the unique collections at the Brandeis libraries that speak to such topics are more important than ever. Providing electronic access to these materials will help to preserve the originals while inviting new forms of digital scholarship and ensuring global and continuous access to our valuable, one-of-a kind research collections.

There are several ways YOU can CONTRIBUTE to this fund:

- Make a gift, or set up an annuity. – for anything over \$75 please send to the National Board
- Buy Tribute cards or Memorials for loved ones, or to celebrate a milestone.
- And please remember you help raise funds every time you:
  - Enroll in a BNC program
  - Host a program
  - Contribute ideas to the program committee
  - Organize a program
  - Donate refreshments for a meeting or other BNC activities.

Call **Helen Hoffman** for help purchasing cards or tributes  
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To have a tribute or memorial card written and sent for you please call **Pam Teitelbaum**:  
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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 activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, non-sectarianism, and service to the community.

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\*new board member

\*\*old board member in new position on the board

## ATTENDANCE, REFUND, & TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

*Our Somerset BNC Chapter raises money for Brandeis University Research on Neurodegenerative Diseases by adding a donation amount to the actual cost of each event. You will find the tax-deductible amount indicated in parenthesis next to the fee for each program*

### REFUND POLICIES

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EVENTS YOU DO NOT ATTEND.**

**IF AN EVENT IS CANCELLED OR YOU ARE CLOSED OUT OF AN EVENT, YOU WILL BE FULLY REIMBURSED.**

**If you are not able to attend an event:**

1. Notify the Registrar and Facilitator as soon as possible. If there is a waitlist, you will be replaced by a member from the waitlist and your replacement will send you a check.
2. **If there is no waitlist**, you may find your own replacement to pay you the fee for the event and notify the Registrar who is replacing you. In either case your check will be cashed.
3. If there is no replacement for you, you will NOT receive a refund and your check will be cashed.

### ATTENDANCE

Paid-up BNC members are eligible to enroll in events anytime from the time the Bulletin listing events is published until the listed *Enroll By* date for that event as long as there is room. If events are not fully subscribed, enrollment will be open to others. Non-members may attend 2 events as guests as long as all members have been accommodated. Non-members will be charged \$5 more than members. To enroll in BNC, type [www.brandeis.edu/bnc](http://www.brandeis.edu/bnc) in your search engine and click on “get involved.” BNC annual membership fee is \$60 per year and runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

### TRANSPORTATION

**TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS IS BY CAR UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

1) Members must arrange their own carpools. Check the list of others attending and call someone you feel comfortable with. **WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ARRANGE CARPOOLS due to insurance liabilities.** Thanks for your cooperation.

2) **If there are Bus or Van trips** a separate bus/van waiver will be emailed to you and it must be signed once a year for participation in all bus trips. All Brandeis members in every chapter must adhere to this rule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please stay up to date by regularly checking your emails from Stephen Levine who sends out all of our reminders, etc. Stephen uses: [Brandeis.Somerset.Chapter@gmail.com](mailto:Brandeis.Somerset.Chapter@gmail.com) for BNC mailings.

And, be sure to follow #1 and #2 in the Refund Policies above by remembering to make the necessary calls if you are unable to attend an event.

(Revised Apr. 9, 2019)

# Somerset BNC Programs – Sept. – Dec. 2019

TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS IS BY CAR UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

Programs are open to enrolled Members only – if you would like to join BNC please enroll on our national website [www.Brandeis.edu/bnc](http://www.Brandeis.edu/bnc) and inform one of our Membership Chairs that you have joined:

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PROGRAM 0911-A 4 Wednesdays: 9/11, 10/23, 11/20, 12/4, 2019 7:00 PM

## The Director's Cut

It's hard to select movies sometimes. Everyone has their favorites. With this in mind we have selected four of our favorites for you.

- ❖ *The Last September* Wed., September 11, 2019
- ❖ *A Private Function* Wed., October 23, 2019
- ❖ *Spellbound* Wed., November 20, 2019
- ❖ *Advise and Consent* Wed., December 4, 2019

The first movie will be at the home of Chris Retz, 212 Sherwood Ct., Somerset. Other movie locations to be announced.

Start time is 7 PM sharp

PROGRAM 0911-A MOVIE CLUB – Choose all 4 Movies listed above and save \$5

Facilitator: Chris Retz, 732-748-7657

Fee: \$35 for all movies (Any amount over \$2 is a charitable donation to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

Enroll By: September 7, 2019

Can you help? 3 Movie Hosts are needed. Host must have a DVD player. Please call Chris Retz if you can host 1 night.

PROGRAM 0911-B Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 7:00 PM



## MOVIE: *The Last September*

Set in the 1920s, Sir Richard and Lady Myra reside in their country estate in Ireland with their high-spirited niece, Lois, and their nephew Laurence during the twilight of the Anglo-Irish gentry. They are joined by the Montmorency's who hide the fact that they are presently homeless. Lois is being courted by a soldier stationed in Ireland. The arrival of Marda Norton causes an upheaval amongst all in the house as does an escaped Irish nationalist being hunted by the British soldiers. Maggie Smith leads a fine ensemble cast in this exquisite movie. (Maggie Smith and Michael Palin)

Facilitator: Chris Retz, 732-748-7657

Location: Home of Chris Retz, 212 Sherwood Ct., Somerset, Run

Fee: \$10 (Any amount over \$2 is a charitable donation to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

Limit: Min: 8 Max: 15

Enroll by: September 7, 2019

## The Colmar Treasure: A Medieval Jewish Legacy

*Plus the Unicorn Tapestries and the Garden Tour.*

A Met Lecturer will give us the Guided Tour

**11:00 AM AT THE MET CLOISTERS**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**



A first for the Cloisters - a Jewish exhibit from Medieval times. This will be a unique opportunity to have Met lecturer, Esther Goldman, guide us through the special Colmar exhibit as well as the historic Tapestries Room and the Gardens.

The Colmar Treasure, a cache of jeweled rings, brooches, and coins—the precious possessions of a Jewish family of medieval Alsace — was hidden in the fourteenth century in the wall of a house in Colmar, France. Discovered in 1863 and on view in an exhibition at The Met Cloisters, the Colmar Treasure revives the memory of a once-thriving Jewish community that was scapegoated and put to death when the Plague struck the region with devastating ferocity in 1348–49.



Marilyn is making reservations at the lovely New Leaf Restaurant for the optional lunch. Call her if you are coming,

**Facilitator:** Marilyn Altman, 732-868-5463 or mtguss@gmail.com  
**Location:** The Met Cloisters Museum, 99 Margaret Corbin Road, N Y, NY  
**Transport:** Car

**Time:** Leave Somerset at 9:15 AM for 11 AM tour

**Optional Lunch:** At the New Leaf in Fort Tryon Park

**Fee:** \$49 per person, Lunch is not included in the fee  
 (Any amount over \$44 is a charitable deduction to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Limits:** Min: 10 Max: 25  
**Enroll by:** September 4, 2019



## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY EXPLAINED

Speaker: Joel Dorfman

Designed for beginners, and as a refresher for you know-it-alls.  
*What every computer user should know.*

Before you start looking for help with your various computer programs such as email, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, you need to understand the basics - what the computer is and how it is structured. Do you understand the different types of programs on your computer? Or the different kinds of files? What is booting? What is the operating system? What are bytes, RAM, or Gigabytes? Where do my files go when I download from the internet? Where is the internet? What is "The Cloud," where is it, and how can you use it? This program will give you a better understanding of that powerful tool sitting on your desk.

Our Presenter, Joel Dorfman, has spent 50 years in data processing and information technology (computers, data, etc.), owned a computer services company, ran MIS for international market research, and consulted.

**Facilitator:** Nancy J Clancy, 973-886-3158

**Location:** Home of Judy Dorfman, 658 Post Lane, Somerset Run

**Fee:** \$15 (Any amount over \$10 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund.)

**Limit:** Min: 6 Max: 20

**Time:** 1:30 PM

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## 2019 FALL MAGAZINE DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Mondays – Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

*Program numbers and all discussion dates are listed below*

Love to read but don't have time for a book club? Join our very popular Magazine Discussion Group to read and discuss timely, interesting magazine articles. You will be informed of the article at least 2 weeks before the discussion date. You may enroll in a package of all THREE for a reduced rate or select individual sessions to join.

Package of Monday Sessions: \$25 – includes all three sessions (reduced rate):

**Program 0923-A-** All 3 afternoons (1:30 PM) Dates: 9/23/19, 10/28/19, 11/25/19

Or Individual Sessions: \$10 per session:

**Program 0923-B** – Only Sept. 23 at 1:30 PM

**Program 1028** - Only Oct. 28, at 1:30 PM

**Program 1125** - Only Nov. 25, at 1:30 PM



**Facilitators:** Mindy Morris H: 908-647-6603

**Location:** Mindy Morris and other participant homes, 444 Crossfields Lane, Somerset Run

**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$0 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Limit:** Min: 5 Max: 15 **Enroll by: SEPT. 10, 2019**





## Birds and Butterflies



We have planned a wonderful morning program for you. We will start with an easy hour's hike along established trails at the Somerset County Environmental Center in beautiful Basking Ridge.

We'll explore the beauties of nature, looking especially for the birds of the season.

After a short brown-bag lunch we will have a talk on butterflies. What makes a butterfly a butterfly and not a moth? Are all butterflies beautiful? They are thought to be charming little critters that harmlessly flit and float from flower to flower seeking nectar. Is this true? With many interesting physical and behavioral adaptations, these little insects are more complex than you might think.

**Facilitator:** Chris Retz, (H) 732-748-7657 (C) 732-690-6621

**Rain Date:** September 26, 2019

**Location:** Somerset Co. Environmental Center, 190 Lord Stirling Rd.  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Fee:** \$15 (Any amount over \$8 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Limit:** Min: 8 Max: none

**Enroll by:** September 10, 2019

## Helping Women and Girls Perform When it Counts



Sian Beilock, Cognitive Scientist & President of Barnard College of Columbia University  
Princeton Public Lecture Series

A cognitive scientist by training, Dr. Beilock studies how people crumble or do well under pressure, and what psychological tools help them perform at their best.

In her research, Beilock focuses specifically on success in math and science for women and girls, and how performance anxiety can either be exacerbated or alleviated by teachers, parents, and peers.

She explores the brain and body factors that influence skill learning and performance, as well as how simple psychological strategies can be used to ensure success in high-stakes situations ranging from test-taking and public speaking to athletics.

Dr. Beilock, President of Barnard College, has a bachelor's degree in cognitive science from the University of California, San Diego, and doctorates in kinesiology and in psychology from Michigan State University. She has written two books, published more than 100 papers and has received funding from the National Science Foundation.

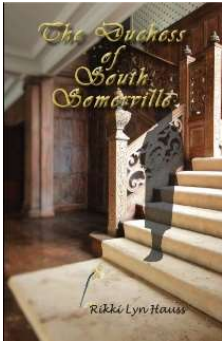
**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158; [njc.brandeis@gmail.com](mailto:njc.brandeis@gmail.com)

**Location:** Princeton University, 50 McCosh Hall, on the Princeton Campus next to the Chapel

**Time:** 6 PM

**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$0 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Enroll by:** September 20, 2019



## *Duchess of South Somerville* – by Author, Rikki Lyn Hauss Doris Duke, Heiress to the Vast Duke Estate

Imagine yourself encompassed in thousands of acres of open space, surrounded by pleasant faces of a small community, natural beauty across all seasons, stately buildings from a bygone era, and a 67,000-square-foot mansion. Such was the home of Doris Duke, the “richest girl in the world” thanks to her father’s tobacco empire of the 1800s. She became the Duchess in Somerset County and enchanted the world with her constant charity and eccentric, fascinating, life.

Author Rikki Lyn Hauss-McCarthy has prepared a wonderful slide show that will give us a firsthand glimpse into a world long gone by. Ms. Hauss-McCarthy is a pronounced Somerset County historian whose debut as a social advocate began at age 9. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing. They are \$20 each.

**Facilitator:** Chris Retz  
**Location:** The Wilf Campus, 350 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ  
**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$6 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Min: 10 Max: 30 **Enroll by:** September 20



## Julie Satow – Author of

### *THE PLAZA:*

*The Secret Life of America’s Most Famous Hotel*  
Author, Julie Satow



Join us at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC to learn about the glamour on the surface and strife behind the scenes of the Plaza Hotel. Julie Satow will share how one hotel became a mirror, reflecting New York’s place at the center of the country’s cultural narrative for over a century.

The Plaza evokes images of F. Scott Fitzgerald frolicking in the Pulitzer Fountain or Eloise pouring water down the mail chute. Hear about Truman Capote’s Black and White Ball and the Beatles’ first stateside visit, but also follow the money trail. Learn how rich dowager widows became the financial lifeline that saved the hotel during the Great Depression, and how today foreign billionaires transformed iconic guest rooms into condominiums that shield their ill-gotten gains

**Facilitator:** Mindy Morris, 908-647-6603  
**Location:** JCC, 775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, NJ  
**Time:** Noon  
**Fee:** \$25 Includes lunch (Any amount over \$18 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Max: 30 **Enroll by:** September 16, 2019



Wyckoff-Garretson House, Somerset

TOUR of

## 3 Historic Houses All in a Row

Not for nothing is New Jersey, and especially our area, called the “Crossroads of the Revolution.”

On this glorious autumn day we are going to visit 3 historic houses in our vicinity, with refreshments at 2 of them. Our docent-led tours start at the Wyckoff-Garretson House in Somerset, which dates to 1730.

Next stop is the Abram Staats House in South Bound Brook, c. 1740. Not only is it charming in and of itself, but it was home to General Baron von Steuben during the Middlebrook encampment, 1778–1779.

Our exciting, informative morning will conclude at the newly restored Buccleuch Mansion in New Brunswick. The house was originally built in 1739 by Anthony White, son-in-law of Lewis Morris, a colonial governor of New Jersey. White built the house for his bride Elizabeth Morris. Their son Anthony Walton White sided with the revolutionaries against the King in the American Revolutionary War. The house is decorated with Federal and Victorian furnishings, many of which belonged to the Scott family, owners during much of the 19th century.



Baron von Steuben  
1730 - 1794



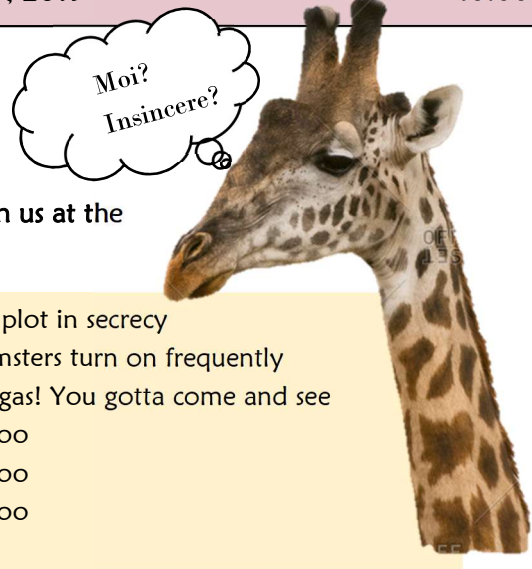
Abram Staats House, South Bound brook  
Home to Baron von Steuben 1778-79



Buccleuch Mansion in New Brunswick

- Facilitator:** Chris Retz, (H) 732-748-7657 (C) 732-690-6621  
**Location:** Wyckoff-Garretson House, 215 S. Middlebush Rd. Somerset  
 Staats House, 17 von Steuben Ln., S. Bound Brook  
 Buccleuch Mansion, 200 College Ave., New Brunswick  
**Time:** 10 AM  
**Fee:** \$25 Includes light refreshments  
 (Any amount over \$20 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Min: 8 Max, 20  
**Enroll by:** October 1, 2019

## At the Turtle Back Zoo



Do you remember the Simon & Garfunkel song "At the Zoo?" Join us at the Turtle Back Zoo to learn if ...

The monkeys stand for honesty  
Giraffes are insincere  
And the elephants are kindly but they're dumb  
Orangutans are skeptical  
Of changes in their cages  
And the zookeeper is very fond of rum  
Zebras are reactionaries  
Antelopes are missionaries

Pigeons plot in secrecy  
And hamsters turn on frequently  
What a gas! You gotta come and see  
At the zoo  
At the zoo  
At the zoo

Join us at the Turtle Back Zoo for a dynamic and fun education program that *is focused on animals, conservation, and stewardship*. The animal ambassadors program goes deeper than just feeding and cleaning! Participants in this program will engage in a discussion about the history of zoos and Turtle Back Zoo; the evolution of TBZ conservation, education, and research mission; and what the zoo does to protect and serve wildlife locally and globally.



**Facilitator:** Mindy Morris - 908-647-6603  
**Location:** Turtle Back Zoo - West Orange, NJ  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Fee:** \$30.00 includes zoo admission (lunch not included)  
(Any amount over \$23 is charitable donation to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Limit:** Min: 12 Max: 35  
**Enroll by:** September 16, 2019



## Helen Frankenthaler Prints: *Seven Types of Ambiguity*

Docent-Led Tour of Art Exhibit at Princeton U. Art Museum

Helen Frankenthaler was among the most influential artists of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Frankenthaler was influenced by Abstract

Expressionist painting practices, but developed her own distinct approach to the style. She invented the "soak-stain" technique, in which she poured turpentine-thinned paint onto canvas. This new approach gave rise to the Color Field Painting movement in American art: marked by airy compositions of pure color which gave an entirely new look and feel to the surface of the canvas. In the late 60s Frankenthaler began working at a printmaking workshop on Long Island and she turned her attention to print media, most notably woodcuts, in which she achieved the quality of painting, in some cases replicating the effects of her soak-stain process. This exhibit marks the progress of her work during her time working at the workshop.

We will meet for an optional lunch at Mediterra Restaurant at 11:30 AM. Museum Tour at 1:30 PM.

**(Please call to add your name to the lunch reservation)**

**Facilitator:** Nancy J Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Locations:** Mediterra Restaurant, 29 Hullfish St., Princeton, NJ – **at 11:30 AM**  
Princeton U. Art Museum, Chapel Dr., Princeton, NJ – **at 1:30 PM**  
**Fee:** \$16 (Lunch not included) (Any amount over to BNC Honoring our History Fund)

**Limit:** Min: 8 Max: 30  
**Enroll by:** September 15, 2019



The Princeton University Richardson Players Present

## Clara Schumann at 200

(1819 - 1896)



In an era when women, apart from singers, almost never performed in public or composed, Clara Schumann did both. She was a child prodigy who developed into a virtuoso pianist. She distinguished herself as the foremost interpreter of her husband Robert's work, but she was also a primary force in reintroducing eighteenth-century keyboard music to the public.

She was the first musician to play by memory which has become the standard. With Robert, the great love of her life, she had eight children and her performing career supported the family throughout their marriage. Robert's composing took precedence over her's. Thus, her compositions remained unknown until the second half of the twentieth century. Many are still unpublished and owned by private collectors, so we still cannot appreciate the full extent of her compositional achievements. The Program includes musical works composed by Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, and Johannes Brahms who was a dear friend to Clara after the early death of her husband.

**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Location:** Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall, Princeton Univ. Campus  
**Time:** 3:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$22 (Any amount over \$15 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit** Max: 10  
**Enroll by:** September 15, 2019



## MOVIE: *A Private Function.*

In a small Northern English town in 1947 the citizens endure continuing food rationing. Some local businessmen want to hold a party to celebrate the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip and illegally decide to raise a pig for that occasion. However, the pig gets stolen by Gilbert Chilvers (Michael Palin), who was encouraged to do so by his wife Joyce (Maggie Smith). Meanwhile a food inspector is determined to stop activities circumventing the food rationing.

**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Location:** Home of Jeanne Tudor, 625 Viscaya Court, Somerset  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$2 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit** Max: 12  
**Enroll by:** September 30, 2019





## Coping with Eyesight Changes as We Age



Jill Feigelis will speak on adjustment to low vision, tips on living with low vision, answering your questions on macular degeneration, which is so common in seniors, as well other eye diseases. She'll also discuss safety tips to prevent falls with low vision, and answer questions regarding vision loss as well. Our speaker worked 20 years at the NJ Commission for the Blind as an Orientation and Mobility instructor working with the blind and visually impaired population from infants to seniors. She works at the Department of Veterans Affairs for 13 years as a Blind Rehab Therapist. For the past 4 years she also has her own private practice as well, doing blind rehabilitation and low vision therapy.



**Facilitator:** Chris Retz, (H) 732-748-7657 (C) 732-690-6621  
**Location:** Wilf Center, 350 DeMott Ln., Somerset  
**Time:** 1:30 PM  
**Fee:** \$12 (Any amount over \$8 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Min: 8 Max: 30  
**Enroll by:** October 3, 2019



## The Social Justice Committee Report

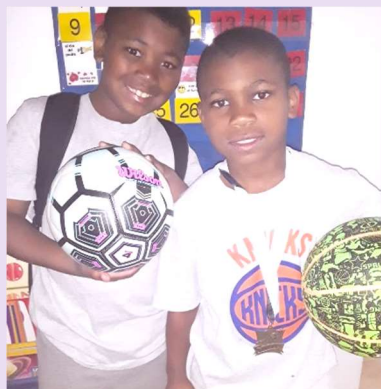
The Somerset Brandeis National Committee had a busy few months partnering with Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon and supporting their June Healthy Harvest activity, picking produce at a local

farm for families in need and continuing support to our JFS Giving Circle family. Photo right: Margo with 15 Mothers' Day gift bags we provided to Safe + Sound, a local Battered Women's Shelter.



### ***Want to Get Involved? Please contact Margo Sirotz***

Email: Margobob1@verizon.net Phone: 973-366-4883



***Our Giving Circle*** family is doing well. The children adjusted to their new community and school. Mom reported her daughter was graduated from high school and plans to continue her education in a local community college. Her oldest son will be receiving special services and qualified for an extended school year. Her youngest son did well in school. JFS is looking for a male mentor to spend outdoor time with the boys as well as long-term support services through the Multiple Sclerosis network.

< Mom supplied this picture of the boys with the soccer balls we provided.

**BUS TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA****NOTORIOUS RBG****The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg***An Exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History***Friday, November 1, 2019**

Please join us as we travel to Philadelphia to see this fascinating exhibit that takes us on a deeply personal journey through historic change with an entertaining yet rigorous look at the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) and the Supreme Court. The exhibit examines her varied roles as a student, life partner, mother, change-making lawyer, judge, women's-rights pioneer, and pop culture icon.

Lunch will be on your own when we arrive and the docent-led tour of the exhibit is scheduled for 1:30 PM.

<b>Facilitators:</b>	Chris Retz (H) 732-748-7657 (C) 732-690-6621 Ann Smith (H) 908-658-4612	<b>Transport:</b>	Passaic Coach Bus
<b>Location:</b>	National Museum of American Jewish History 101 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia	<b>Time:</b>	9 AM at the Shop Rite
<b>Fee:</b>	\$70 includes BUS, Museum Admission and Tour Guide (Any amount over \$64 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)	<b>Limit:</b>	Min; 35 Max: 54
		<b>Enroll by:</b>	9/27/19

**Jessica Genick, Broadway Producer*****The BROADWAY BUSINESS***

What Is It Like to Produce a Broadway Play?



Our guest today, Jessica Genick, Theatrical Producer of 10 Broadway shows including *Come From Away*, *Fiddler* revival, and *The Heidi Chronicles*, is coming from New York City to tell us firsthand stories of her involvement in these plays. What is involved in putting on a musical as opposed to a drama? How are things different today? Listen to tales of behind the scenes drama. How did she get started? We all have loads of questions.

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Judy Stein, 732-421-8547
<b>Location:</b>	Wilf Education Ctr, 350 DeMott Lane, Somerset
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Fee:</b>	\$22 (Any amount over \$18 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)
<b>Limit:</b>	Min: 17 Max: 50
<b>Enroll by:</b>	October 25, 2019





## Lunch at King Tut

### IN SOMERVILLE

Established in 2018, in Lebanon, NJ, King Tut brings the taste of real homemade Middle Eastern recipes (each one is unique and tells a story of the past) to Somerville, NJ. From their food to their atmosphere, Kal's (the owner) goal is to give customers the genuine Mediterranean experience. Join us for salad, plated lunch (3 choices - chicken, fish or vegetarian), dessert and coffee/tea and learn how Kal made this a 5-star Yelp restaurant.



**Facilitator:** Mindy Morris - 908-647-6603  
**Location:** 6 Main Street, Somerville, NJ  
**Time:** 1 pm  
**Transport:** Car  
**Fee:** \$35.00 (Any amount over \$30 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Min - 12, max 25  
**Enroll by:** September 16, 2019



Princeton Public Lecture Series Presents ~  
 Brandeis University Professor  
**Anita Hill**

A chance to hear Brandeis's Anita Hill speak in person.

Presenting a lecture on a topic from her Social Policy, Law, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 732-886-3158  
**Location:** Richardson Hall at Alexander Auditorium, Princeton Univ. Campus  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$0 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Enroll by:** September 25, 2019



## Smartphone How-to Workshop

Presenter: Julie Crithary



Smartphones, those little powerhouses that reside in our purses, or in our pockets; never far from our fingertips can also be a mystery and frustrating at times. Got some questions you want to ask someone who knows all about those little gadgets. Julie can answer all your questions: What is this? What does that do? How do I ....? Need help with settings? Prior to the workshop you will be emailed a questionnaire to see what you know, what you would like to know. We will try to make the program meet your needs.

Julie was 2018 valedictorian of her class at NYU's College of Global Liberal Studies. Media and communications were a focus. Today she works for a marketing firm in a Manhattan. Having grown up in a tech-savvy family surrounded with the latest in technology in her home, she is very expert with phone technology. Julie is my go-to phone guru.

**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Location:** Home of Nancy Clancy's 364 Windfall Lane, Somerset  
**Time:** 1:30 PM  
**Fee:** \$12 (Any amount over \$7 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit** Max: 12  
**Enroll by:** October 16, 2019



## Movie: *Spellbound*

This American film, a noir psychological mystery thriller, was directed by Alfred Hitchcock. It tells the story of the new head of a mental asylum who turns out not to be what he claims. The film stars Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck, Michael Chekhov and Leo G. Carroll. Bosley Crowther of *The New York Times* wrote that "the manner and quality of its telling is extraordinarily fine ... the firm texture of the narration, the flow of continuity and dialogue, the shock of the unexpected, the scope of image—all are happily here." *Variety* wrote that Peck "handles the suspense scenes with great skill and has one of his finest screen roles to date."



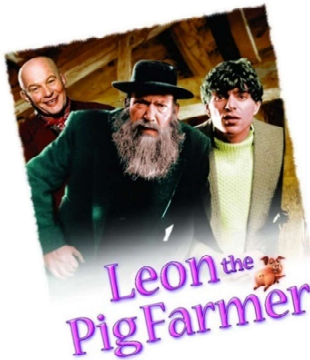
**Facilitator:** Dorothy Gitter, 732-537-0880  
**Location:** Home of Dorothy Gitter, 324 Biltmore Lane, Somerset  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$2 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit** Max: 12  
**Enroll by:** November 9, 2019

## Movie: *Advise and Consent*

American political drama film is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Advise and Consent* by Allen Drury. Senate investigation into the President's newly nominated Secretary of State gives light to a secret from the past, which may not only ruin the candidate, but the President's character as well. The movie was directed by Otto Preminger. The ensemble cast features Henry Fonda, Charles Laughton, Don Murray, Walter Pidgeon, Peter Lawford, Gene Tierney, Franchot Tone, Lew Ayres, Burgess Meredith, Eddie Hodges, Paul Ford, George Grizzard, Inga Swenson, Betty White and others.



**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Location:** Home of Barbara Klausner, 162 Stone Manor Drive, Somerset Run  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$2 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Max: 12  
**Enroll by:** November 25, 2019



(Not part of the Movie: Club)

## **‘Deis Flick: *Leon the Pig Farmer***

‘Deis Flick is a name for films chosen from Brandeis’s Jewish film collection

An irreverent comedy from the production company of Monty Python's Eric Idle, "Leon the Pig Farmer" is considered a cult classic in Europe. The movie's zany story is set in motion when Leon Geller (Mark Frankel), a sensitive Jewish boy from London, accidentally learns that he is the product of artificial insemination

**Facilitator:** Nancy Clancy, 973-886-3158  
**Location:** Home of Nancy Clancy, 364 Windfall Lane, Somerset Run  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$10 (Any amount over \$3 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)  
**Limit:** Max: 12  
**Enroll by:** November 22, 2019



## ***Festival of Lights***

Many cultures around the world have a holiday that celebrates the life forces surrounding light and the winter solstice. Please join us in learning about one of the most ancient Festivals of Lights, Hanukkah. This holiday commemorates the commitment to religious freedom and tolerance for all. It is an appropriate message that should never be silenced.

We will light the candles, eat latkes, salad, and dessert while we enjoy good conversation and camaraderie with friends.

**Facilitators:** Tassie Becker, 908-294-8845 and Margie Weinfeld 732-560-0710

**Location:** Home of Mindy Morris, 444 Crossfields Lane, Somerset Run

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Fee:** \$15.00 (Any amount over \$ is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Limit:** Min: 5 Max: 20 **Enroll By:** November 15, 2019

## **Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera - Mexico's Art Couple**

– An Art in the Afternoon Presentation by Clancy & Retz

Frida Kahlo (1907-1954), daughter of a Mexican woman and a German Jewish immigrant, was born before her time. Feminist, political activist, and daring artist, she pushed the boundaries of her day in her art. Her life was fraught with difficulties; polio at age 9 which withered one leg, and as a college student she suffered a horrible accident in which she was impaled by a rail during a bus and trolley crash. These misfortunes and their continuing effects greatly influenced her life and her painting. Today she is considered the greatest Mexican Artist. She used the symbolism and style of the indigenous Mexican culture and transformed it to her purposes. Kahlo's husband, Diego Rivera (1886–1957) is a loud presence on the art historical stage. With devout political principles and a turbulent romantic history, he was at once husband and paladin of Frida Kahlo, advocate and adversary of Stalin's Soviet Union, and liberator and traitor of Leon Trotsky.

At this informative afternoon session, Chris Retz and Nancy Clancy will go beyond what we learn at art exhibits to an in-depth overview of these important mid-century artists. We will be viewing a terrific DVD about Kahlo and see slides of some of her paintings.

**Facilitator:** Chris Retz, (H) 732-748-7657 (C) 732-690-6621

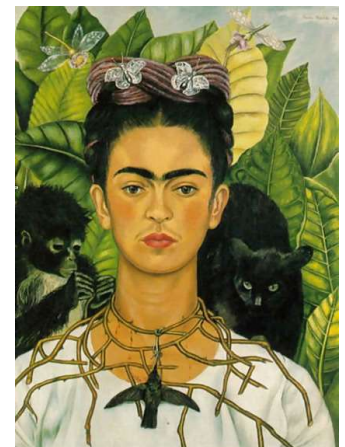
**Location:** Wilf Ed. Ctr., 350 DeMott Lane, Somerset

**Fee:** \$15 (Any amount over \$7 is a charitable contribution to BNC Honoring Our History Fund)

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Limit:** Min: 7

**Enroll by:** November 15, 2019



Frida Kahlo – Self Portrait 1940



*Day of the Dead, c. 1923.* Note Frida Kahlo in mid-canvas.

*Let's Eat Out for Brandeis !!! Bring this coupon to*



311 Amwell Road, Hillsborough, NJ

Phone: 908-281-1288

**Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 11:30 AM to 9 PM**

The Landing will donate 10% of your bill for food to BNC Honoring Our History Fund\*.

Master Card and Visa accepted.

For a table of 6 or more please make a reservation and tell them you are Eating out for Brandeis;

**Facilitators:** Joyce Biegen (732) 873-0788 and Toby Marks (732) 873-0148 will be managing this program and finding restaurants for tasty breakfasts, lunches, or dinners.

\*BNC's new campaign - Honoring our History: Transforming Unique Collections  
Highlighting Social Justice

SOMERSET CHAPTER OF BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

## BNC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER THRU DECEMBER 2019 PROGRAMS

If you can't attend an event, you have signed up for, please call the Registrar: Ellie Goldman, 732-356-1362 [AND](#) the event Facilitator.

Program	DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	AMT	✓
0911-A	Wednesday, 9/11 at 7 PM	Movie Club – All 4 movies	\$35	
0911-B	Wednesday, 9/11 at 7PM	Movie: <i>Last September</i>	\$10	
0918	Wednesday, 9/18 at 11AM at the Met Cloisters	The Colman Treasure: A Medieval Jewish Legacy	\$49	
0920	Friday, 9/20 at 1:30 PM	Computer Technology Explained	\$15	
0923-A	Mondays, 9/23,10/28, 11/25 at 1:30 PM	Magazine Disc. Group- Package of all 3 Sess.	\$25	
0923-B	Monday, 9/23 at 1:30 PM	Magazine Disc. Group- This Session Only	\$10	
0925	Wednesday, 9/25 at 10:30 AM	Nature Walk – Birds & Butterflies	\$15	
1002	Wednesday, 10/2 at 6:00 PM	Helping Woman & Girls Perform... Princeton Univ.	\$10	
1004	Friday, 10/04 at 1:00 PM	Duchess of South Somerville (Doris Duke) (WILF Ctr)	\$10	
1010	Thursday, 10/10 at NOON	Julie Satow author of The Plaza (Hotel) at JCC	\$25	
1011	Friday, 10/11 at 10:00 AM	3 Historic Houses Tour – self drive	\$25	
1015	Tuesday, 10/15, at Turtle Back Zoo at 10 AM	At the Turtleback Zoo – Behind the Scenes	\$30	
1017	Thursday, 10/17 at 11:30 AM	Helen Frankenthaler Prints-Seven Types of Ambiguity	\$16	
1020	Sunday, 10/20 at 3 PM	Concert: C. Schumann – Richardson Hall	\$22	
1023	Wednesday, 10/23 at 7 PM	Movie: A Private Function	\$10	
1024	Wednesday, 10/24 at 1:30 PM	Coping with Eyesight Changes as We Age (WILF Ctr)	\$12	
1028	Monday, 10/28 only at 1:30 PM	Magazine Disc. Group-This session only	\$10	
1101	Friday, 11/1 at 9 AM BUS TRIP	Notorious RBG :BUS TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA	\$70	
1107	Thursday, 11/7 at 1:00 PM	THE BROADWAY BUSINESS (WILF Ctr)	\$22	
1111	Monday, 11/11 at 1:00 PM	Lunch at King Tut	\$35	
1114	Thursday, 11/14 at 6 PM	Anita Hill: Lecture at Richardson Hall, Princeton Univ.	\$10	
1116	Saturday, 11/16 at 1:30 PM	Smartphone How-To Workshop	\$12	
1120	Wednesday, 11/20 at 7:00 PM	Movie: Spellbound	\$10	
1125	Monday, 11/25 only at 1:30 PM	Magazine Disc. Group-This session only	\$10	
1204	Wednesday, 12/04 at 7:00 PM	Movie: Advise & Consent	\$10	
1211	Wednesday, 12/11 at 7:00PM	Deis Flick; Leon the Pig Farmer	\$10	
1217	Tuesday, 12/17 at 6:30 PM	Festival of Lights	\$15	
1220	Friday, 12/20 at 1:00 PM	Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera – Art Couple (WILF Ctr)	\$15	

Make checks payable to Brandeis University and send a **separate check for each program**. Be sure to include this registration form. Please mail or drop off checks and form to Ellie Goldman, 378 Windfall Lane, Somerset, NJ. 732-356-1362. You should receive a reminder a week before the event.

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