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# Dear Reader

The events of September 11 have changed all of our lives profoundly. Several members of our academic community and alumni lost members of their families. To them we extend our condolences and deepest sympathies. For others among us, the terror attacks have caused us to rethink our direction in life and to reexamine what matters to us most.

At Brandeis, we have attempted as a community to enable students, faculty, and staff to come together in a variety of forums to discuss feelings, to pray, and even to protest. I hope that these events have brought our diverse community closer together and provided a safe haven for evaluating the events of the past weeks as they have unfolded.

If anything, the terrorist attacks on America and America's response have only intensified the need to understand the world around us and to find ways to make a difference in an ever-changing environment. That is why a liberal arts education at a university as interdisciplinary as Brandeis is so

important. We cannot afford to look at the problems that face us from the vantage point of a single discipline alone. Our students need and demand much more.

Brandeis students, as you will see in the pages of this issue of the *Review*, are dynamic and involved individuals. They strive to understand and to learn what they can in class and then put that learning to work, whether working side-by-side with a senior faculty member in the laboratory or traveling on a bus throughout the South or becoming an emergency medical technician. These are only a few examples of what it means to be a Brandeis student. Though the times may change and the challenges may be different, the essential Brandeis student remains a determined individual—determined to make the world a better place.

Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72  
President

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September 11, 2001, began "as usual" for the majority of the Brandeis campus. But as staff and faculty trickled into their offices, news of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks rapidly spread.

People quickly huddled around television sets and radios to watch or listen to the events and to provide colleagues with updates. Phone calls to New York-area relatives and friends occupied much of the day for many.

In a message sent to the campus community shortly after the attacks, President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, acknowledged the terrorist acts and stated that the University had increased security measures and was in regular communication with local, state, and federal authorities. Though many area universities closed, Brandeis remained open. Reinharz decided that students needed a place to go where they could discuss the day's events with classmates and professors.

At an afternoon campus vigil on the Library Plaza, hundreds gathered to pray for the victims and to support each other. Later that evening, a teach-in was facilitated by Gordon Fellman, professor of sociology and director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

As the week progressed, various campus departments organized information that aimed to help people understand the events. The Office of Human Resources offered counseling on campus, distributed the signs of post-traumatic stress disorder, and encouraged employees to talk to each other about what had happened and how they felt. Reinharz continued to reach out to the Brandeis community by touring the campus and sending voice- and e-mail messages. He stated, "I am very proud of the Brandeis community and how its members have conducted themselves...I [am] impressed by how calm and sensitive everyone [is] given the enormity of the national tragedy with which we are dealing."

On September 14, another campus-wide vigil was held, which united faiths and diverse nationalities. Representatives from the Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and Islamic faiths addressed those in attendance. "Find ways to invoke peace and goodness," said Protestant Chaplain The Rev. Nathaniel Mays.

In October, the University held community meetings that addressed campus concerns and issues in the aftermath of the attacks.

—Audrey Griffin

## A Letter from Brooklyn Heights

Each day I took the train to Church Street, walked past the Krispy Kreme at the base of the World Trade Center Towers and crossed a pedestrian bridge to my office in the World Financial Center. It was an easy commute—no more than 15 minutes door-to-door from my apartment in Brooklyn Heights. Since September 11, I can conduct this routine only in my memory.

That morning, I was a little late because of a chance run-in with a neighbor who wanted to leave New York and was trying, unconvincingly, to talk me into taking her cat. As a result, I was in a hurry to make an overseas business call—to a bank in Saudi Arabia no less. I was hoping to catch the Saudis before they went home for the day.

Like most people, I prefer my day to unfold according to a schedule that I choose. The New Yorker's mantra has it that unexpected impediments may temporarily block you, but your job is to devise rapid-fire solutions to reach your destination. This is the sensible approach to life in New York City. That morning, however, presented a roadblock with no possible solution.

When I reached Church Street, the first plane had just buried itself in its target, leaving a gaping hole. At the time I had no idea what created

this hole. Truth is, I didn't see the threat. Looking up at the billowing smoke, my immediate reaction was that a terrible accident had taken place, but one that seemed containable and would somehow fix itself. No one could have imagined the collapse of the Towers.

I started to walk west figuring that it would be easier to reach my office from Vesey Street and to loop down into the Winter Garden, a large glass-roofed atrium filled with shops and restaurants. I didn't get very far. This time, when I looked up, I saw people leaping and bodies falling from the upper floors of the North Tower.

I was witnessing a nightmare, and the mantra to forge ahead wasn't working. I was among a moving sea of people, but because of my disbelief and shock, I was in irons and couldn't move. I watched as more took their lives, and I shared the anguish of thousands of horrified onlookers.

My paralysis didn't last. With the second explosion, which was loud, horrific, and mysterious (I couldn't see the plane crash into the second tower), I sprinted north. I was concerned mostly about being hit by falling debris. I suddenly recalled stories of decapitations from falling volcanic rock that I once laughed off when several years ago I climbed Pacaya, an active volcano in Guatemala, for fun. Suddenly the feeling of danger was all too real.



There was no room for foolhardiness now. Fortunately, no debris landed where I was standing, and from the replays on TV, I later saw that most of it, like the Towers themselves, fell straight down.

In the face of this urban Pacaya, the illusion of my orderly day disappeared. There would be no business calls made on this day, or for the rest of the week. A terrible scene of disaster and pandemonium had altered my perceptions. I had an instinctive urge to go home—to get myself across the Brooklyn Bridge, but to do so I needed to turn around and walk towards the Towers.

I made my way east and south, maneuvering against a mass exodus of people heading north. The first tower had already fallen. I walked, moving past vehicles snarled in traffic, up the car ramp to the Brooklyn Bridge. When I reached the top of the ramp, the second tower collapsed, and within seconds an avalanche of smoke and ash overtook me, and hundreds like me—all trying to escape from Manhattan and cross the bridge. Once I realized that the smoke wasn't going to kill us, I stopped running. I decided that it was safer

to walk on the upper deck of the bridge, which is only for pedestrians, rather than with the cars and the risk of getting mauled by an understandably frantic driver. I shimmied up a concrete wall, pulled myself over an iron fence onto the pedestrian pathway, and walked silently home.

In the days following the 11th, I noticed the emergence of a heightened consciousness, one rooted in the recognition of what has always been known rationally, but what is now understood as part of our daily reality: life is a wondrous gift. As a result, September 11 has triggered the realization in many a New Yorker that "I am not my own center," and this awareness is being internalized and translated into spontaneous expressions of true feelings and actions of human love. It's as if the masks have come off. People have been talking and sharing ideas and feelings that never would have come out prior to September 11.

That Friday night, I bumped into a Wall Street colleague and his wife at the Fireman's Monument on 100th Street and Riverside Drive. We were happy—we were more than happy, we were ecstatic—to see each other, to reunite and to celebrate our survival. We spent the night talking and sharing stories. I read somewhere that for those of us who work on Wall Street—this is our Somme. We, like that generation of young soldiers

who witnessed the carnage of their comrades in 1916, have been prone to walking around with blank stares and aimless steps. But I have seen much more. There has been a lot of appreciation. We know how much we owe to good fortune and the bravery of others.

There are many stories of heroism, not only from the rescuers, but also from ordinary New Yorkers. During those four lost trading days, a Wall Street friend of mine spent her free time filling out a missing person's report for a colleague and a family she hardly knows. She hunted down the forensic data—the dental records, hair samples, blood type and medical history information—saving the family from this gruesome task. We all felt the need to help, to reach out and make up for the times when we have been too focused on reaching our own individual destinations.

Today, a month later, from my window in Brooklyn, I stare out at an amputated skyline of lower Manhattan. Since September 11, I have seen greater emotional accessibility from New Yorkers, but it is unlikely to last. The billowing smoke from Ground Zero has stopped, and with it, New Yorkers are still struggling to



integrate the extraordinary events of September 11 with the routines of family and work. Normalcy is the word now. I understand the need for it, even as I cherish the heightened sense of connection and fragility that permeates our smoldering souls.

—Jonah E. Kaplan '92

Jonah E. Kaplan '92 was graduated *magna cum laude* with honors in history and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

## A Moroccan Driver and the Great Experiment

Days after the terror attacks, I flew from Burlington, Vermont, my adopted home, to New York City, where I spent my first 35 years. Although a bit scared to fly, especially with my wife and two small children, I never miss Rosh Hashanah with my parents and did not want to give terror even a small victory.

On the way to the city from Kennedy, I started talking with the driver, a Moroccan Muslim. He took pains to show his sorrow at the terror. I took pains to express my abhorrence

of the attacks on Muslims and Sikhs in the United States. He told stories of Moroccan Jews; I of being a Jew visiting Morocco. I asked him if he felt worried about being an Arab in America. Not in New York City, he said. His brother in Seattle was worried, but New York is used to diversity. At the end of the ride, I said goodbye to the driver, feeling fortunate to be in a city in which diversity trumps terror, even fresh, immediate terror.

New York has always had to balance fear and accommodation. In the 1970s, when many families fled the city's violence and

escaped to the suburbs, mine and others didn't. Those who stayed behind were faced with a city that was impossibly violent but had an unexplainable hope as well. Those who stayed were driven by a stubborn optimism, sometimes misplaced, that we could all somehow live together. New York was, and continues to be the world's greatest experiment in communal living.

My New York was a city in which my black karate teacher would chat in Mandarin to Chinese delivery men. It was a city in which my best friend, a black Jamaican, and I could watch a pick-up basketball game on West 4th Street involving nine blacks and one Orthodox Jew. It was a city in which everyone mingled together: artists, Brazilians, bankers, Italians, doctors, Puerto Ricans, engineers, Madonna, Indians, construction workers. One of my greatest loves has always been walking down New York streets, wrapped in a throng of people from all over the world.

It would be poetic to say that everyone lived together under the shadow of the World Trade Center, but this is not true. The city is so vast that the Twin Towers were never more than a tiny part of it. The terrorists, in destroying them, did far less and far more than they imagined. Far less because those big, dour buildings were shells and will be rebuilt, either there or elsewhere; far more because of the 3,000 killed, but also

The following is the list of members of the Brandeis family who lost loved ones in the tragic attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. The entire Brandeis community mourns their loss:

Scott Saber, brother of Brian Saber '84

Ariel Jacobs, brother of Claudia Jacobs '70

because the terrorists have attacked New York's dream of living together in peace.

During my trip to the city, I lost my wallet. Was it on the street? Was I the victim of a pickpocket? If I left it in the taxi, I told my wife, the driver would return it. The wallet really wasn't a big deal anyway, especially in the face of a city grieving for 3,000. I went to the local precinct to report the lost wallet and saw police officers hunched over desks, reading newspapers. They all looked tired. While filing my report, a policewoman spoke matter-of-factly about her 12-hour days. She lost two cousins in the Trade Center. Later that night as a subway we were taking into Brooklyn crossed the Manhattan bridge, we peered into the bomb site. Illuminated by rescue lights, the black smoke still pluming out of the rubble looked an iridescent and ghostly gray. Against the normally twinkling New York skyline, the buildings



We will continue to update this list as we receive additional names. The Alumni Association asks that you contact them with information, as they are tracking the status of alumni and friends on the secure section of their online directory at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/onlineservices/>.

around the rubble were black silhouettes. And under it all were more than 3,000 lost. Lost from America, but also lost from Britain and Germany, Israel and Egypt, India and Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. The scene said something terrible and special about New York itself.

The essence of New York is an experiment in getting along with others, regardless of race, creed, or color. True, people haven't always been kind to each other, terrible inequities exist, and the city's civility is often fragile and tenuous. At times the tribalism seems to crowd out everything good in the city: the black mobs in Crown Heights, the white mobs in Howard Beach. But, increasingly, New Yorkers were beginning to recoil from such events and the city's tempests had begun to subside. By the end of the 1990s, the city had become much safer and had cut its murder rate by two-thirds. Every day, New Yorkers hurl through the subway tunnels along with representatives of more than 100 countries; the vast majority get to their destinations unscathed.

What the terrorists will never know is how beautiful it is to rise above tribalism. To be a Czech in a Turkish restaurant. To be a Korean

who dates an Irishman. To be a black who loves yoga. To be an Arab who loves bagels and Kafka. To look out from the World Trade Center's observation deck and see in one of the greatest cities in the world, an army of people trying their best to see each other for who they are, not where they're from.

Not that where we're from is unimportant. New Yorkers have all escaped from somewhere. One of my grandfathers escaped from the Cossacks. Another escaped from a Polish shtetl, and then from the Nazis. Whether it's the African American who fled the South in the 1920s, or the Haitian fleeing poverty in the 1980s, they came and they continue to come. They come from Russia for the extra glasnost of Brooklyn. They come from Oklahoma to be gay in Chelsea. They come as outcasts from 10,000 small towns around the world to reinvent themselves in the Big Town.

Can the terrorists blast away New York's fragile trust and humanism? Will we be a society of roadblocks and security checks and preconceived notions? I don't know.



What I do know is that the cab driver showed up at my parents' building with my wallet. Unclear about my address, he had combed the neighborhood asking doormen if they recognized me. The Muslim Moroccan had found a Christian Dominican who recognized the Jewish American. But that night we were just plain New Yorkers.

—David T. Z. Mindich '85

A New Yorker until 1996, David T. Z. Mindich is the chair of the journalism department at Saint Michael's College, Vermont, and is the author of *Just the Facts: How "Objectivity" Came to Define American Journalism*. His articles have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Magazine*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and elsewhere. He visits New York City as often as he can.

## Got Vitamin E?

### Milk with Added Vitamin E Is a Potent Antioxidant Drink, Researchers Find

The health benefits of drinking milk fortified with vitamins A and D have long been known. Now researchers have found drinking milk with vitamin E may be helpful in the prevention of heart disease, certain cancers, diabetes, skin aging, and cataracts. According to Brandeis Researchers K.C. Hayes and

Daniel Perlman, the chemical makeup of milk triggers a unique process during digestion of milk proteins that increases vitamin E levels in the bloodstream two to three times more than vitamin E from capsules.

"We have discovered a simple way to increase the potency of vitamin E by dispersing it in milk," says Perlman, senior research scientist in biology. "Adding vitamin E to milk at a higher level than the current recommended daily intake of 30 International Units (IU) should provide major health benefits for coronary

heart disease (CHD) and a host of other diseases, given its antioxidant activity and its ability to enhance immune function."

The researchers published a study in the August issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, reporting that two, eight-ounce glasses of milk per day, fortified with 50-100 IU per serving of vitamin E, significantly decreased the rate of oxidation of bad cholesterol (LDL) compared to the same vitamin E dose from capsules. The finding suggests a lowered risk of developing hardening of the arteries and coronary heart disease over time.

Vitamin E, also called alpha-tocopherol, is known for its ability to protect body tissue from oxidative wear and tear and may help slow the progression of Alzheimer's and other diseases.

"Milk fortified with vitamin E could have major health implications, not unlike those currently recognized for long-term intake of vitamins A and D or folic acid in flour," says Hayes, professor of biology and director of the Foster Biomedical Research Laboratories. "In addition it's a simple, economical means for reaching all ages of the milk-consuming population, particularly children in which atherosclerosis is thought to begin."

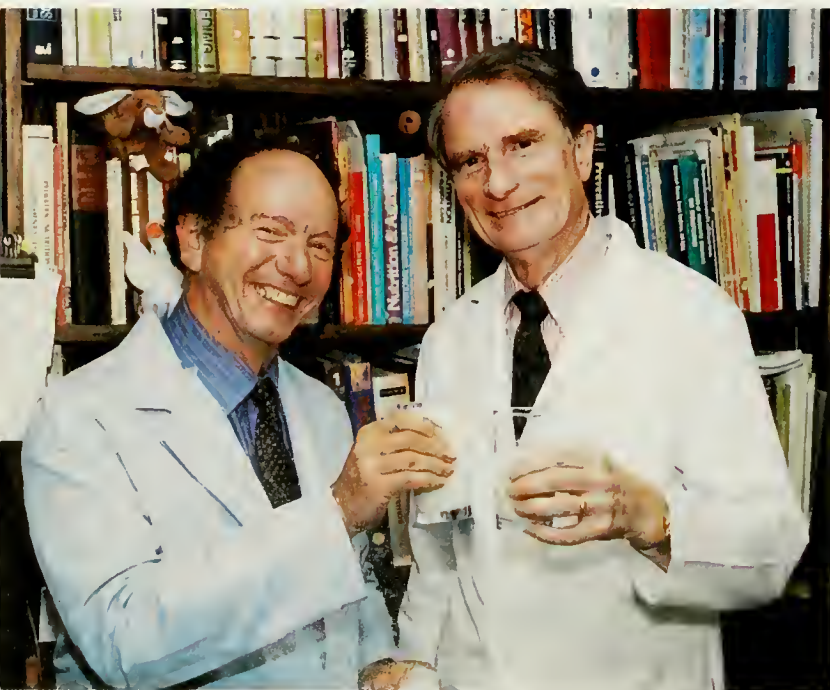
from skim milk, from 1% milk containing either regular milkfat or soybean oil-enriched milkfats, and from orange juice and milks with or without vitamins A and D.

For one month, participants drank two, eight-ounce glasses daily of a particular milk or orange juice with or without vitamin E while avoiding all other sources of dairy fat. Blood samples were taken at two-week intervals to determine the percent increase in vitamin E absorption.

Milk was found to have the remarkable ability to more than double vitamin E absorption compared to capsules, regardless of total fat in milk, the presence of vitamin A or D, and the natural or synthetic form of vitamin E. Orange juice was no more effective than capsules in promoting the absorption of vitamin E; this discrepancy supports the finding that the chemistry of milk uniquely enhances vitamin E uptake.

"The ability to provide an effective delivery system for vitamin E in a widely consumed food product that already provides vitamin A and D is a considerable health benefit," says Perlman.

—Cristin Carr



K.C. Hayes and Daniel Perlman

Sixty-five healthy male and female participants enrolled in the three-part study, which monitored vitamin E absorption from capsules,



## The Class of 2005

### A Report from the Office of Admissions

"The Class of 2005 was selected from the seventh record admissions pool in the past eight years," says Senior Vice President for Students and Enrollment Jean Eddy. "We admitted 40.7 percent of those who applied, the lowest acceptance rate in 30 years. Mindful of the wonderful but quite large class that entered Brandeis in the fall of 2000, we wished to recruit a smaller first year class."

Seven hundred forty-three first-year students arrived on campus for orientation on August 26. They came from 37 states and 25 foreign countries. States sending the most students to Brandeis are New York, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Forty-four transfer students enrolled, with an average GPA of 3.80.

About a quarter of the Class of 2005 enrolled under the early decision plan. One hundred eight were students of color.

Overall quality indicators have increased. The median SAT score for this class was 1330, a rise of 10 points over last year's students. Sixty-

four percent of this class has an SAT score of 1300 or better, as compared to 59 percent of last year's first-year students. The mean SAT score rose by 20 points to 1332. Sixty-five percent of the class was in the top 10 percent of their high school class, and 89 percent were in the top 20 percent—both increases over last year.

But first-year students are more than scores and statistics, they are stories of young and already impressive lives, including:

A young woman who captained her nationally ranked cheerleading team, who was elected as a representative to her district school board and tutored in a bilingual reading and math program. As a facilitator for *The Body Positive*, a program to prevent eating disorders, she was chosen to represent the organization on ABC-TV's *20/20*.

An actor from Vermont whose drama group brought "National School of Distinction in the Arts" honors to his high school. He performed at Scotland's Edinburgh Theatre Festival and at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and was accepted at NeXTech, the national youth technology leadership summit in Texas. In his "spare time," he plays the clarinet, skis, and produces his own maple syrup.

A young woman whose essay for the Japanese Global Writing Contest (for students who study outside of Japan) won first prize and was published in a textbook used in all public elementary schools in Japan. She holds a First Degree Black Belt in Shoto-kan Karate, training three times weekly, was a member of her high school's varsity golf team, and has played classical piano for 13 years.

A musician and future composer who traveled between his native Panama and New York City to study at The Julliard School. Beginning violin lessons at age 5, he became, at age 8, the youngest soloist to play with the Panama Symphonic Orchestra. He taught himself the guitar as a teenager, then began composing music and playing in a rock band as its youngest member.

A Wien International Scholar from Canada who has received numerous awards for her poetry, which has been published nationally and internationally, culminating in the

publication of her first book, *Silver Lining*, in 1999. She was invited by The Tolerance Institute to work in Israel, where she developed programs for Israeli educators and youth. She is also a regular columnist for the Canadian *Jewish News*.

An aspiring broadcast journalist who was selected by the Democratic National Committee as one of 10 youth print reporters to cover the 2000 Democratic National Convention. He worked as a production assistant on several shows at KCRW Public Radio, and volunteered for a Los Angeles city councilman. He served as editor in chief of his high school newspaper and as captain of the varsity tennis team.

A young astronomer who won a silver medal at the Siemens Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition for her research utilizing a star system to trace the evolution of the solar system. She was a semifinalist in Intel's Science Talent Search with her project on the life and death of binary stars, and helped create an astronomy library at Biosphere 2 in Arizona.

## Development Highlights Fiscal Year 2000-01

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am delighted to report that the support of our loyal alumni and dedicated friends continued unabated in fiscal '01. We were able to raise a total of more than \$61 million for the second year in a row. Alumni, friends, parents, Trustees, University faculty, corporations, foundations, and members of the National Women's Committee all played a key role in this accomplishment.

Most importantly, this giving trend bodes well for Brandeis's future. For example, from 1996 to 2001, alumni giving has more than doubled, reaching an all-time high in 2001. Giving from foundations

and corporations has also reached a new peak, growing to nearly \$17 million. This demonstrates a recognition on the part of corporations and foundations of the academic excellence of Brandeis's teaching and research.

Our highest priority as an institution is the recruitment and retention of top-caliber faculty and the best and brightest students. Our commitment to this priority is illustrated by our establishing five new endowed faculty chairs and the raising of significant funds for endowed scholarships during fiscal '01.

We are proceeding toward the conclusion of the "nucleus phase" of our comprehensive fund-raising campaign. Our plan is to publicly announce this campaign next fall. We are encouraged by the leadership gifts we have raised thus far, and we are confident of our ability

to meet and even exceed our overall goal. Many volunteers have enthusiastically assumed leadership roles in this effort.

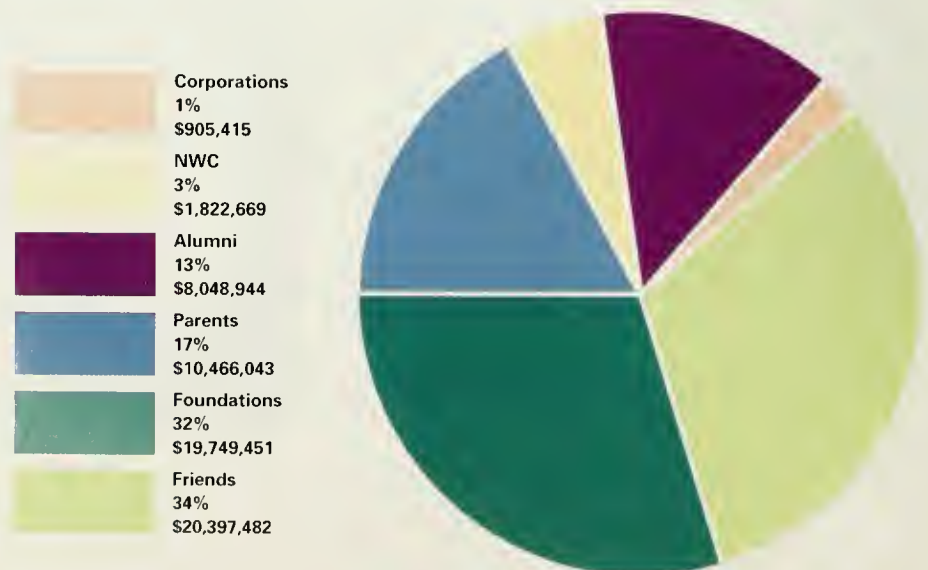
Fiscal '02 will be a watershed year for Brandeis University. For the first time in the University's history we will celebrate a 50th Reunion. Thanks to the opening of the Lois Foster Wing on the Rose Art Museum, the Rose can now appropriately display its magnificent permanent collection of contemporary art. In addition, the entire Brandeis community is eagerly looking forward to the opening next fall of the new, state-of-the-art Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center. It is truly a wonderful time to be part of the Brandeis family.

We are building the Brandeis of the 21st century... ensuring that Brandeis can continue to send out into the world educated graduates committed to social justice, human rights, and to making our world a better place. It is your continued generous support that makes this all possible.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Brandeis's future.

Sincerely,

Nancy Winship  
Senior Vice President  
Institutional Advancement



## Genealogy by Process of Elimination

### Brandeis Duo Travels to Kenya to Help Researchers 'Save the Elephants'

While most summer trips for members of the University focus on the sea and sand, rest and relaxation, one Brandeis couple headed to the wilds of Kenya to become, as Andrew Reed put it, "elephant defecation observation and collection specialists."

Reed, administrative assistant in development, and Allison Kelley, population programs coordinator and graduate student in women's studies and sociology, spent several weeks in Africa to help the founders of Save the Elephants (STE) construct a family tree of hundreds of elephants by collecting samples of their DNA. How does one tackle the task

of collecting elephant DNA? Reed explains, "We learned very quickly [DNA] was going to come from only one source and elephants produce plenty of it. The only problem was that you had to be there to witness the event to be certain from which animal it came."

Reed and Kelley gained entry to the Samburu National Reserve and STE through Larry Wanhg, associate professor of biology. Wanhg met STE's founder, Ian Douglas-Hamilton, after a lecture he gave at Brandeis. According to Reed, "Larry had the idea to utilize sensitive PCR (polymerase chain reaction) techniques used in his lab to contribute to STE's research. We hoped that by analyzing DNA collected in the wild, it would be possible to construct a family tree of the population



During their stay, Reed and Kelley were invited by Douglas-Hamilton to join in STE's radio and GPS collaring operations. Among giraffe, black-backed jackals, dik-dik, and baboons, the Brandeis team participated in the incredible process of anaesthetizing and collaring a 10,000-pound animal. In one collecting attempt, as the researchers were waiting for the darted "bull M-35" to fall from the anesthesia, the duo witnessed a scene of unusual teamwork. "A second, much larger bull began to follow the more moderately sized M-35 closely. Eventually it became aware of the red-tailed dart protruding from its companion's rear flank and, in a display of remarkable awareness, delicately removed the dart with its trunk and discarded it in the brush," Reed says.

"With the drug already streaming through its bloodstream, though, it was a matter of minutes until M-35 collapsed," he continues. "We approached quickly in our vehicle to drive off the companion elephants but, in another display of male-male bonds not often seen in the animal world, the large bull refused to give ground. The researcher driving our vehicle had to hold him at bay until the operation was complete."

Reed recalls the mighty giant: "From the dexterous 'finger' at the tip of the

trunk, to the remarkable structure of the feet responsible for supporting their staggering girth, elephants truly are creatures unlike any other."

While Reed left the Kenyan bush after seven days, Kelley stayed behind to work in a family planning and health clinic adjacent to the Douglas-Hamilton's farm in Naivasha. According to Reed, the clinic "serves between 9,000 and 12,000 patients annually—primarily migrant cash crop workers and their families." Kelley performed triage duties and was grateful for "the opportunity...to interact with the Kenyan people and learn firsthand of the challenges they face in their daily lives," says Reed.

At the end of his journey, Reed met a Kenyan man who owns a farm where elephants often roam and where the people struggle to make a living. The Kenyan urged Reed to tell his experiences to others in hope that elephants and humans might be able to coexist better. Reed and Kelley are happy to fulfill his request. For more information on "Save the Elephants" and more details on the journey to Kenya, visit [www.savetheelephants.org](http://www.savetheelephants.org) or [www.olerai.org](http://www.olerai.org), or contact Allison Kelley at [akelley@brandeis.edu](mailto:akelley@brandeis.edu).

—Audrey Griffin



of 850 elephants known by name to the STE researchers. This tree, when complete, could be invaluable to the elephant behavior research being conducted in areas throughout Africa."

## From White House to Our House

### Consummate Clinton Insider Draws Crowd for Course on Real West Wing

Even before she had uttered a single word in her maiden lecture at Brandeis, Ann F. Lewis, a former aide to President Bill Clinton, generated what likely is one of the most intense pre-enrollment rushes in the University's history.

And why not? Politics 102b seemingly has all the right ingredients, including a catchy name—The Real West Wing: At Work in the White House—a compelling reading list, a few special guests, and a dozen stimulating class topics.



John Lisman

### Mechanisms of Memory Switch Unraveled by Brandeis Scientists

Scientists at Brandeis have moved a step closer to unraveling one of the most fundamental mysteries of the human brain—the molecular basis of memory.

The course's real centerpiece, however, is Lewis herself, a consummate D.C. insider whose long and distinguished career most recently had her in the Clinton White House and sometimes front and center in the media supernovas surrounding its now infamous scandals.

Speaking from her home prior to the start of classes on August 30, Lewis outlined her expectations for the course and discussed her experiences as director of communications for and counselor to President Clinton. Lewis also compared her impressions of working in the White House to the West Wing's depiction in a popular, prime-time network television show of the same name.

Lewis said her course is part personal experience, part historical background about the presidency, with emphasis on how an administration sets its agenda and the White House's interplay with the media. A principal goal is to understand how politics has changed in the past 50 years, according to Lewis, who, as the Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor at Brandeis, follows in the footsteps of former Texas Governor Ann Richards, former New York Mayor Edward Koch, and Pulitzer Prize-winning *Boston Globe* columnist David Shribman. Like her predecessors, Lewis will spend one semester teaching in that capacity.

Lewis departed the Clinton White House to work on Hillary Clinton's New York Senate campaign. She is still working for Senator Clinton, helping her reach out to constituents and build a base via thousands of email messages, "mostly to New Yorkers." Does Senator Clinton have bigger plans? She is going to make a great senator, Lewis responds.

As for working in the White House, next to the white-hot media glare, Lewis said it is true that "everything is in the spotlight."

"The (administrative) agenda keeps changing and the pressure is constant," she said.

Lewis offered pluses and minuses about NBC's *West Wing*. For instance: "The physical layout is not real. It is too large and everyone

## Memorable Find

In the August 2nd issue of the journal *Neuron*, Brandeis scientists John Lisman, professor of biology and the Volen National Center for Complex Systems, and Anatol M. Zhabotinsky, adjunct professor of chemistry, unveiled a new model of the master switch responsible for storing memory.

Through computer simulations, Lisman and Zhabotinsky pinpointed the biochemical interactions

between two key enzymes that form the molecular memory switch. These enzymes—Ca<sup>2+</sup>/Calmodulin dependent protein kinase II (CaMKII) and phosphatase-1—are signaling enzymes located in synapses. They have the power to regulate the activity of other proteins that control synaptic strength, and thereby encode memory. Lisman and Zhabotinsky demonstrate how the enzymes are locked into a structure called a postsynaptic density, a tiny space where an intricate

biochemical balancing act is played out, allowing memory to form and take hold.

Just as understanding DNA revolutionized biology and led to advancements in the treatment of genetic diseases, the Brandeis scientists believe unlocking the molecular basis of memory will have a similar impact on understanding normal brain function and the treatment of memory diseases.

Ann Lewis and  
Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72



has a window." She said it is inaccurate to show a couple of people walking abreast, chatting breezily through the corridors. The work areas and halls are more frenetic and crowded, and people constantly move about.

hard-working people who get up every day and try to do the best they can." And she said the show, even with its inaccuracies, probably is the best thus far in TV or film at depicting what it is like to actually work in the White House.

She said the show's characters do convey a sense of what it's like working at the heart of D.C. politics. "You do get a lot of smart,

Lewis's work in politics spans decades. She was a special assistant to Mayor Kevin White of Boston from 1968 to 1975. She has worked on a number of congressional campaigns and was chief of staff for two

U.S. representatives. She was an election analyst for WHDH-TV, Boston, and in 1988-89 she was national affairs columnist for *Ms. Magazine*.

She was most recently a public policy fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications.

Of course, the public got to know her through her media appearances on behalf of Clinton, to whom she remains steadfastly loyal. "People always knew that he was out there working on their behalf," she said. "I am proud of what we did."

—Dennis Nealon

## Research Alert

### An Estimated One Million Older Women Will Lose Health Coverage Under Proposed Medicare Reform, New Study Reveals

An estimated one million older women will be without vital health care coverage if a proposal to reform Medicare is passed, according to a new study released by the National Center on Women and Aging (NCWA) at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

The proposed change, which would increase the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 years of age, ignores the health care needs of our nation's vulnerable older women, according to the research.

According to Phyllis Mutschler, the principal investigator of the study and executive director of the NCWA, the hardest hit would be those not yet eligible who would not have access to any other form of health care coverage.

The study analyzed a nationally representative sample of women between the ages of 55 to 64 years of age. Arnaa Alcon, associate director of the NCWA, and Ellen Liss, research associate at the NCWA, worked with Mutschler in the data analyses, report writing, and design of the study. Data taken from the Mature Women Cohort of the National Longitudinal Surveys of Labor Market Experience was used to determine the factors influencing health care coverage and the risks associated with raising the age of eligibility.

Prior to Medicare eligibility, most women rely on marriage or employment for health care coverage. The study found that among the 900,000 women ages 65 to 67 who entered the Medicare program from 1992 to 1995, over 80 percent were not working (lack employer-provided coverage) and 30 percent were not married (unable to be covered as a spouse). Increasing the age of Medicare eligibility would deny coverage to these women, jeopardizing their access to care.

"Indeed, higher costs of commercial coverage, higher divorce rates, and lower rates of workforce participation point toward more limited access for older women," says Mutschler. "There are few

reasons to anticipate significant changes that would improve their opportunities to access health insurance coverage." According to the study, Medicare will become increasingly important to women as traditional family patterns decline, as fewer men and women work after age 65, and as the cost of health care and commercial coverage rapidly escalates.

The research was funded by a grant from the Jay and Rose Phillips Foundation. An executive summary of the study, "If I Can Just Make It To 65...Measuring the Impact on Women of Increasing the Eligibility Age for Medicare," is available at: [www.heller.brandeis.edu/national/shelf.html](http://www.heller.brandeis.edu/national/shelf.html).

—Cristin Carr

## Ford Focus

### Chris Ford Named Interim Men's Basketball Coach

Chris Ford, a former head coach and player for the Boston Celtics, and one of the top 50 all-time winningest NBA coaches, has been named interim men's varsity basketball coach at Brandeis.

His appointment was announced October 2 by Director of Athletics Jeff Cohen '64 during a press conference on campus. "Chris is a natural teacher and a great coach," said Cohen.



Chris Ford

Ford, 52, succeeds Ken Still '72, who resigned September 17, after 10 seasons as head coach with the Brandeis Judges to take a position in the Boston school system.

Ford pledged to work full-time to get to know and teach his players during the 2001-02 season. A search for a permanent coach is planned, according to Cohen, and Ford may or may not be a candidate.

The new interim coach said he and Brandeis mutually agreed to a "feeling-out process" for the short term, at least. "I have great respect for Brandeis," said Ford, "and this was an opportunity I chose to pursue. They [players] shouldn't be put off that I'm an NBA guy. I'm a basketball teacher." The players said they were excited that Ford would be working with them.

Ford is the third ex-Boston Celtics player to become head coach at Brandeis, following K.C. Jones (1967-70) and Bob Brannum (1970-86).

As a player, Ford teamed with Nate Archibald in the backcourt in the Celtics' successful 1981 championship season. As an assistant coach under Jones, Ford helped the Celtics to two NBA titles, in 1984 and 1986. Ford won two world championships within his first three years on the

bench. He is one of only four Celtics (Bill Russell, Tom Heinsohn, and Jones) who have earned championship rings as player and as coach.

Ford is a former head coach of three NBA teams, the Boston Celtics (1990-95), the Milwaukee Bucks (1996-98), and the Los Angeles Clippers (1998-2000).

Ford was head coach of the Celtics in January of 1992 when the team moved its practice sessions to the Auerbach Arena at Brandeis University, where the team remained until 1999.

Brandeis began practice on October 15. Ford made his collegiate coaching debut on November 17 against Endicott College in the opening round of the first annual Brandeis Tip-Off Tournament.

Still, coach of the Brandeis men's varsity basketball since 1991, left the University to accept a position as a guidance counselor at O'Bryant High School in Boston.

"All of us at Brandeis wish Ken well in his new endeavors," said Cohen. "It was a pleasure working with him for the past 10 years and I know that he will be successful in his new challenges. We will miss him."

Still's Brandeis teams achieved impressive records. He led his first college team to the ECAC Division III New England men's basketball championship. The Judges won the title by upsetting the three top-seeded teams in succession

on their home courts. The 1991-92 ECAC championship team finished with a record of 18-10, the fourth highest win total in Brandeis basketball history. His 1994-95 team also qualified for the ECAC tourney.

Players under Still's guidance developed well. Nine students earned first team all UAA honors. Forward Rashad Williams '02 was selected for the last three years.

While an undergraduate at Brandeis, Still majored in liberal arts and played for Brannum, the winningest coach in Brandeis history. Still played three years of varsity basketball. During his junior year, he served as captain of the team and averaged just over 15 points per game.

Still holds the distinction of having coached at his two *alma maters*, Brandeis and Boston English High School, where he honed his coaching skills as the head coach from 1983 to 1990. In those eight years at English, Still amassed a 123-46 overall mark. For his athletic and coaching achievements, he was inducted into the Boston English High School's Hall of Fame.

Still was the ninth basketball coach in Brandeis history.

## A Talent for Actin

### Bruce L. Goode Awarded Prestigious Pew Scholar in Biomedical Science

Bruce L. Goode, assistant professor of biology and the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, was awarded the 2001 Pew Scholar in Biomedical Science by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

The prestigious awards are granted to 20 of America's most promising biomedical researchers to encourage scholarly innovation and to help advance research in the

biomedical sciences. The awards support scholars as they establish their research in areas ranging from AIDS to cancer to childhood infectious diseases, and diseases affecting the elderly.

Goode's research focuses on actin cytoskeleton dynamics, filamentous arrays that lie beneath the plasma membrane in cells and form an interconnected network throughout the cell.

"In our lab we are dissecting actin machines using an approach similar to overhauling a car engine,"

stated Goode. "We isolate and dismantle the engine, identify the parts and their physical contacts and rebuild the engine from purified parts."

By exploring the underlying mechanisms of communication, transport, and other essential cell function, Goode's lab will be able to better understand cell movement and how it relates to specific disease states.

This year, nominations from more than 120 institutions were received. The scholars were chosen by a

16-member national advisory committee appointed by the board of directors of The Pew Charitable Trusts and chaired by Dr. Torsten N. Wiesel, president emeritus of Rockefeller University and a 1981 Nobel laureate.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, a national philanthropy based in Philadelphia, support nonprofit activities in the areas of conservation and the environment, culture, education, health and human services, public policy, and religion.

## 2001 New Student Forum

### Danzy Senna, *Caucasia*, Captivate First-Year Students

President Jehuda Reinharz welcomed Boston author Danzy Senna to the ninth Helen and Philip Brecher New Student Forum on August 29 at Spingold Theater. Reinharz commented that Senna's work was chosen because it dealt with issues of race, social justice, and diversity—issues long recognized as important in the life of the University.

Senna congratulated the first-year students as they began their college careers, the first initial "real life" step in a continuing journey of learning and transformation. She spoke of her own long struggle—personal and literary—to find her own identity, a process that inspired her much-praised first novel, *Caucasia*, which the Class of 2005 had read over the summer.

She described the Boston of her childhood during the early seventies as a time "before Benetton commercials," in a city her mother referred to as "the deep North." Born to a father who considered himself black and to a white mother, Senna's biracial background made her yearn to be one race or the other, black or white, to be "real," she put it. She envied the idealized middle-class existence she saw broadcast on contemporary television shows such as *The Brady Bunch*. It seemed somehow superior to her bohemian circumstances with an activist father and a "hippie" mother, in a house with "dog hair stuck to everything."

At about age 12, she began committing her fantasies about middle-class life to paper, but her perfect characters, with their

recipes and furniture gleaming with Pledge™, made for bland fiction. In college, she continued writing, but about flawed, realistic characters, discovering that the "contradictions that make you human" are the very things that make literature come alive.

*Caucasia* is the story of Birdie, a mixed-race Boston girl whose circumstances are an "exaggeration" of the author's own. Senna spoke of two kinds of identities—those we are given and those we choose. Given identities include race, class, family, and so on. Senna, however, believes chosen identities are the more important, citing college as one important choice.

First-year students eagerly questioned Senna about characters' motives, secrets, and politics in *Caucasia*. They wondered about a

possible sequel (none is planned) and whether certain characters' choices were selfish or immoral. Senna spoke of the necessity of allowing a book's characters to define its plot, emphasizing that an author can't impose "politically correct" or "incorrect" views that would violate characters' believability, complexity, limitations, and humanity.

She cautioned against being diverted into politics based solely on race, believing race like gender is a "socially constructed" box. "Do I let my body speak for me or speak for myself?" she asked.

She added, "My race is inspirational, but my physical self is not the whole story. Everyone has surprises. Be open to that."

—Steve Anable

## Birthday Boykan

### Martin Boykan Turns 70! Brandeis Celebrates with Concert

The music world has been celebrating the 70th birthday of distinguished composer Martin Boykan with a series of concerts across the country. On November 17, Brandeis held its own event at Slosberg Recital Hall honoring the beloved professor.

The Irving G. Fine Professor of Composition, better known as Marty, is considered a guru among music students, according to Eric Chasalow, professor of composition and chair of the music department. "He knows more about classical music than anyone I know," adds fellow composer Yehudi Wyner, the Naumberg Professor of Composition.

Boykan began his Brandeis career at a time when the music department was rated among the most prestigious in the country. Noted composers such as Irving Fine, Arthur Berger, and Harold Shapero were here, as were the well-known musicologists Kenneth Levy and Paul Brainard, a Bach

scholar. "Brandeis was extremely hard to get into," recalls Boykan. And he maintains the department to this day remains one of the most distinguished in the nation.

Boykan loves teaching. Over the years he's guided and inspired several generations of students, including well-known composers such as Steve Mackey '85, Peter Lieberman '85, Ross Bauer, M.A. '83, Ph.D. '84, and Marjorie Merryman, M.F.A. '76, Ph.D. '81.

"I really do enjoy it," he says. He sees it as time rewardingly spent, and never at the expense of his art. "If you're not writing a piece, you can't blame it on the teaching. If it's in you, you should be able to write it."

Until the 1970s, Boykan was active as a pianist, playing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and with soloists such as Joseph Silverstein and Jan de Gaetani. He studied composition with Walter Piston, Aaron Copland, and Paul Hindemith, and piano with Eduard Steuermann. In the 1950s, after returning from a Fulbright Fellowship in Vienna, he founded the Brandeis contemporary music series.

Boykan has written for a wide variety of instrumental combinations including a symphony, four string quartets, a concerto for large



ensemble, trios, duos, and solo works, and for voice and piano as well other instruments. His work is widely performed. His symphony was premiered by the Utah Symphony Orchestra and his chamber music has been presented by almost all of the current new music ensembles including the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, The New York New Music Ensemble, Speculum Musicae, the League-ISCAM, Earplay, Musica Viva, and Collage of New Music.

Boykan has received numerous awards for his works, including the Jeunesse Musicales for his *String Quartet No. 1* and the League-ISCAM award for *Elegy*. His most recent recording, *Martin Boykan:*

*City of Gold @ Other Works*, is a presentation of four chamber pieces, one of which was composed in collaboration with his wife, visual artist Susan Schwalb.

"Martin Boykan, more than any other living composer, is able to craft large-scale works with tremendous economy of means—works in which every note and gesture are essential both in the large and in the small," writes Ross Bauer in the liner notes for *City of Gold*.

The concert honoring Boykan was repeated on November 18 by Dinosaur Annex at the First and Second Church in Boston.

—Donna Desrochers

## Wingding

### Rose Art Museum Draws Large Crowd for Opening of New Lois Foster Wing

Ellsworth Kelly was there. So were James Rosenquist and Al Held. The art world luminaries were among the 2,000 people who came to celebrate the grand opening of The Rose Art Museum's new Lois Foster Wing. The occasion also marked the Rose's 40th anniversary and the launching of a new

exhibition, *A Defining Generation, Then and Now: 1961 and 2001*.

To accommodate the crowds, The Rose held its festivities over a two-day period. On September 29, a black-tie gala was held in honor of Henry and Lois Foster, whose generosity made the building possible. Some longtime Rose supporters estimated that the event



## Spotlight on Vienna

### A New Five-Year Project for the Lydian String Quartet

The Lydian String Quartet has launched a new project weaving performances, master classes, lectures, and seminars into a five-year program focusing on Vienna—the unparalleled city of music for more than 250 years.

Vienna and the String Quartet is the Lydian's second major project in recent years. They recently completed *American Originals*, a survey of 20th-century American string quartet literature that saw the group record or perform more than 60 works.

This new project is no less ambitious. Vienna was a magnet for some of the world's great composers, including Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Wolf, Berg, and

Webern. "The Vienna string quartet literature was revolutionary," says Lydian violinist Daniel Stepner. "It's still performed more than any other quartet repertoire."

The Lydian String Quartet, Brandeis's resident artists for more than 20 years, hope to bring to light the revolutionary nature of the music by presenting it in the context of the social, political, and cultural realities in which the string quartet was written. For their opening concerts in October, the Lydians invited prominent speakers such as Leon Botstein, conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra; George Perle, noted composer and theorist; and Brandeis's own Stephen Dowden, associate professor of German, to speak and to give papers as part of the overall presentation. Of special interest was Alban Berg's *Lyric Suite*—a kind of sublimated opera, according to Stepner. Embedded in

the music are details of a love affair the composer had with Hanna Fuchs-Robettin. George Perle discussed how he cracked the code of the piece, which involved birthdays and initials found buried in the musical notations of the last movement.

While some non-Viennese works will show up in their new programming, Vienna will be prominent in each

concert. They will perform in classes in the music and German literature departments and in European history. "We will be focusing on the whole 19th- and 20th-century cultural and historical climate, which Brandeis scholarship has done so much to bring to light," says Stepner.

—Donna Desrochers



The Lydian String Quartet

was one of the most successful in the Museum's history.

The next day, The Rose opened its doors to the public. Director Joseph Ketner expected a large crowd, but not quite as large as the 1,200 that showed up. "It exceeded my expectations," said a delighted Ketner.

A highlight of Sunday's festivities was a seminar with the artists moderated

by Exhibition Cocurator and Rose Founding Director Sam Hunter. The event was standing room only at the Harold Hassenfeld Conference Center. Families, members of the Greater Boston art community, friends of the Rose, and many newcomers arrived to take a look at the majestic new gallery, which is elegantly sited behind the original Museum building.

Earlier in the day, Hunter was given an honorary

Doctor of Humane Letters. "I was very touched," said Hunter.

Galleryists and museum colleagues from the Boston area, such as Malcolm Rogers, director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and Linda Norden, curator of contemporary art for Harvard's Fogg Art Museum, came to congratulate Ketner on the significant achievement of building a new gallery.

The expansion also allows The Rose for the first time to show the Brandeis University Collection on a continuing basis.

Much of the art currently on display at The Rose are pieces drawn from the Museum's holdings. And "they are even stronger than I remembered," said Hunter, who was involved in the acquisition of those early pieces.

—Donna Desrochers

## In Memoriam



Gunnar Dybwad

### Gunnar Dybwad, at 92

Gunnar Dybwad, professor emeritus of human development and renowned international leader of the community living and disability rights movement, died on September 13. He was 92.

For more than 40 years Dybwad was at the forefront of efforts to secure the civil rights of people with cognitive and other disabilities.

Dybwad joined the faculty at The Heller Graduate School in 1967, where he was the first director of the Mental Retardation Policy and Research Training Program and founding director of the Starr Center for Mental Retardation. He retired from Brandeis in 1974 but, according to Marty Krauss, associate dean for the faculty, the John Stein Professor of Social

Rehabilitation, and current director of the Starr Center, Dybwad never really stopped working—his commitment to Brandeis and to the disability rights movement continued.

“Gunnar and his late wife, Rosemary, were highly invested in the values and mission of The Heller School, and deeply engaged in the education and personal development of our students,” said Jack Shonkoff, dean of The Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

Most recently Dybwad worked to foster the principles of self-advocacy and self-determination by people with cognitive disabilities. His early professional work included studies of prisons and institutions for juvenile delinquents. With graduate degrees in law and social work, he championed first penal reform, then child welfare, and finally the disability rights movement. He was the director of the Child Welfare Program in Michigan from 1943 to 1951, executive director of the National Association for Retarded Children from 1957 to 1963, codirector of the Mental Retardation Project of the International Union for Child Welfare in Geneva (with his late wife, Dr. Rosemary Dybwad), and from 1978 to 1982, he was the president of what is now known as Inclusion International. After retiring from Brandeis he taught for another 12 years at Syracuse University.

Dybwad held honorary doctorates from Temple University and the University of Maryland. The recipient (with his wife) of numerous awards from professional organizations, foundations, and international agencies, he was the author of numerous publications.

Drawing an explicit analogy to the black civil rights movement, particularly its victory in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), Dybwad was instrumental in convincing the leadership of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children (PARC) to look to the courts to help improve the lives of their children. The resulting case, *PARC v. Pennsylvania* (1972), established, for the first time, the right of children with disabilities to receive a public education, and it provided the impetus for a quarter century of disability rights legislation, beginning with Chapter 766 in Massachusetts and the federal special education law now known as IDEA. Dybwad contributed directly to 15 federal lawsuits relating to the civil rights of people with mental disabilities, including two that were argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Born on July 12, 1909, in Leipzig, Germany, Dybwad earned his J.D. from the

Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Halle, Germany, in 1934. He is also a graduate of the New York School of Social Work.

He is survived by his sister Gudny; sister-in-law Herta; son Peter Dybwad; daughter Susan Bell; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service was held at Brandeis on November 4. Dybwad’s family encourages friends to make donations in his honor to the Howe Library at The Heller School, or to one of the many advocacy organizations that have benefited from his support and encouragement.

—Cristin Carr

### Joseph S. Berliner, at 79

Joseph S. Berliner, professor emeritus of economics, died September 2, 2001. He was 79.

During his 23 years on the Brandeis faculty, he served twice as department chair and was appointed dean of faculty in 1974. He was a long-time associate and an executive committee member of Harvard’s Russian Research Center, now the Davis Center for Russian Studies. He was elected president of the two major professional associations in his field, the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the Association for Comparative Economics.

Born and raised in New York, he completed two years of study at the Coast Guard Academy and served in the merchant marine during World War II. In 1946 he matriculated at Harvard, where he completed his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate in economics. Early in his graduate career, he was recruited for the newly formed Russian area program and the direction of his future took shape.

Berliner became a pioneer in the field of Soviet studies. He has been described as the founder of Soviet microeconomics, the study of the behavior of Soviet economic institutions during the era of central planning. Berliner's seminal contribution was the volume *Factory and Manager in the USSR* (Harvard University Press, 1957) in which he elaborated the behavior of Soviet managers in their environment of demanding production targets, inadequate and unreliable supplies of materials, and distorting monetary incentives. The book, which grew out of his Harvard doctoral dissertation, quickly established itself as a classic, not only for its substantive content but also for the scholarly objectivity with which the analysis was conducted. With the Cold War at its most intense,

scholarly detachment was often sacrificed by others to ideology and polemics.

His second major work, *The Innovation Decision in Soviet Industry* (MIT Press, 1976), won the prize as the best university press volume in the social sciences in its year of publication. Between and after these major efforts, Berliner produced a stream of journal articles, conference papers, and congressional testimony. Several of his articles are among the most frequently reprinted in Soviet and Russian studies. One in particular, "The Informal Organization of the Soviet Firm," may be in first place for frequency of reproduction.

His last major work, *The Economics of the Good Society: The Variety of Economic Arrangements* (Blackwell, 1999), was intended for the general reader. One theme was the role of values in choosing among different versions of socialism and capitalism: "Objective analysis of system properties," he argued, "could take one only so far."

During a eulogy in Berliner's honor, Anne Carter, the Fred C. Hecht Professor of Economics, attributed the economics department's tradition of amicability, its ideological diversity notwithstanding, to his influence. "For some reason, it wasn't easy to act in a petty or self-interested manner in his presence. This 'Berliner effect' was referred to not long ago by an economist who had

chaired a panel, on which Joe served, that produced a highly controversial report about the CIA's performance in evaluating Soviet economic developments. Whenever the chairman was called before a hostile group for a grilling, he made it a point to get Joe to go with him. The tone of the encounter, he told me, always changed for the better."

A memorial service for Berliner was held on Campus on November 11.

#### **Motorcycle Crash Claims Life of Physics Professor; Department, University Mourn Loss**

Eric Jensen, associate professor of physics, died on September 10, 2001, at Massachusetts General Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Jensen came to the Brandeis physics department in 1985, after conducting research at the University of Pennsylvania and the Brookhaven National Laboratory, with which he continued to stay involved throughout his career. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell in 1982. Jensen's field was experimental condensed matter physics, particularly photoemission spectroscopy of surfaces.

Jensen taught a variety of physics lecture and lab courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He served Brandeis in a number of ways, including participation in the Faculty Senate, the University Curriculum Committee, freshman advising, the Quantitative Reasoning Committee, and as the president of the Brandeis chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He also had strong love of the environment and was an active member of the Town of Carlisle Conservation Committee.

He is survived by his brother Hal and family of Austin, Texas; the parents of his late wife Norene, Dr. Charles and Mrs. Suzanne Lucas, and family; and his sister-in-law, Myrna Jensen, the wife of his late brother Kurt. A service was held on September 13, 2001, at Silver Auditorium in the Sachar Building.



Eric Jensen

## Trading Jobs

### A Run for Congress Puts This Alumnus Back in the News

Ira Shapiro '69 has been so influential in international trade negotiations during the past decade that his portrait should appear on the currencies of the United States, Canada, Japan, and Mexico, at the very least.

Now, Shapiro is hoping to take on another major role, as a member of the House of Representatives for Maryland. He is running for Congress as a Democrat in the 2002 elections, hoping to upset a longtime GOP incumbent. And if he wins, he will be the only Brandeis graduate in Congress.



As general counsel to Mickey Kantor, President Clinton's trade representative, Shapiro was one of the handful of people most involved in the successful completion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the Uruguay Round of global trade talks.

A year later, as chief U.S. trade negotiator with Japan and Canada, Shapiro's nomination to the rank of ambassador was easily confirmed by the Senate. For the next two and a half years, his experience and ability guided the U.S. side through the settlement of a succession of intricate and consequential trade deliberations involving the disposition of lumber with Canada, aircraft with Russia, and automobiles, insurance, and semiconductors with Japan.

Currently an international trade lawyer as a partner at Long, Aldridge and Norman, Shapiro continues to represent U.S. companies in their efforts to gain entry to closed or restricted foreign markets in Europe, Japan, and elsewhere. He is a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank and is also working with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to effect a global tobacco control treaty. Last year he was a member of the task force that chose the vice presidential candidate for the Gore campaign.

Shapiro's deep involvement in government has been lengthy as well as influential. At the age of 29, fresh from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and having earned a bachelor's degree in politics from Brandeis and a master's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, he was appointed staff director of the Special Senate Committee to write the first Senate Ethics code.

A year later, serving as counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs

Committee, he was the chief staff person involved in the passage of a series of other ethics-related reforms, including the Ethics in Government Act, the Inspector General Act, and the Presidential Records Act. While at Governmental Affairs, he was also the main Senate staffer behind legislation to increase the use of flexible working hours and part-time professional job opportunities for the federal government.

During his decades-long immersion in government, Shapiro has worked for such prominent statesmen as Senators Jacob Javits, Gaylord Nelson, Thomas Eagleton, Abraham Ribicoff, and Robert Byrd. He was chief of staff for Senator Jay Rockefeller. He worked on the presidential campaigns of Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, Walter Mondale, Bill Clinton, and Al Gore.

But he has never run for public office himself...until now.

His reason for running after all this time?

"Like others who are drawn to national politics, I have long thought about the possibility of running for Congress," Shapiro explains on his Website. "Many people who see close up what members of Congress must do to win and keep office are turned off. For whatever reason, that didn't happen to me. I always felt that if the right moment came along, I would want to run—and to serve.

"When it became clear in December that George W. Bush was going to become president, it took about two hours for Nancy and me to decide that now was the time to run. I won't stand by while Bush and Cheney reverse four decades of social and economic progress."

The Nancy mentioned above is Shapiro's wife and Brandeis classmate, the former Nancy Sherman '69, who is currently the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University System of Maryland, and the University System's director of K-16 education initiatives.

Asked about the influence of his years at Brandeis on his career, Shapiro says:

"I have always believed that I was indelibly a product of a special place and time: Brandeis 1965-69. My commitment to intellectual engagement and public service, the sense of urgency about the problems facing the country and the world, and the quest for social justice—all come from being at Brandeis during those years of crisis for our country.

"However, over the years, I have met enough Brandeis graduates, with similar outlooks but from other eras, to conclude that Brandeis might have been even more influential than the turbulent times."

Visit [www.irashapiro.com](http://www.irashapiro.com) to read much more about Ira Shapiro's career and Congressional campaign.

—Cliff Hauptman '69,  
M.F.A. '73

## Making the Grade

### Promotions to Associate Professor with Tenure

**Susan Birren's** (biology) post-doctoral research centered on the development of cellular diversity in the mammalian nervous system and on the role of a class of growth factors, neurotrophins, in early neuronal differentiation. At Brandeis she has broadened her approach by establishing neuron/target co-cultures, which address synapse formation and neuronal modulation, and by comparing sympathetic and enteric neuroblasts that arise from a common neural crest-derived migrating progenitor population. Her work on interactions among the various signaling pathways that influence synaptic function is of special significance. Birren has received extensive research support from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Pew Scholars Program, Whitehall Foundation, and other sources such as an Alberta Gotthardt Strage '56 and Henry Strage Award for aspiring young science faculty. She has also been invited to present her research at numerous universities, national and international conferences.

Birren has taught Cell Structure and Function. She has served as coordinator of the Bauer Series.

**Paul DiZio's** (psychology) work on motor control and spatial orientation is of clear importance to the design of manned space flight missions. In pursuing these twin lines of scholarship, DiZio has focused on human reaching behaviors (motor control) and on posture (spatial orientation) in a variety of unusual arenas. His work of the last six years has seriously challenged the equilibrium point theory of planned motions. Most recently, he has built an international reputation as a leading expert in the field of virtual reality technology, confirmed by his appointment to the editorial board of *Presence*. He was also named section editor for the *Journal of Vestibular Research*. He is the principal investigator or coprincipal investigator on several grants from NASA and other funding agencies, and is frequently invited to speak at national and international meetings. DiZio is now working toward a new theory of planned movement.

DiZio routinely teaches three courses. He has administered the rotation program for neuroscience graduate students, a program that constitutes half of the graduate course work in the first year. He advises students, assists with graduate student recruiting, and has served on several University committees.

**Sarah Lamb** (anthropology) is considered one of the leading anthropologists of her generation. Her research covers the areas of aging, gender, and body, with a particular focus on South

Asia. Her critically acclaimed book, *White Saris and Sweet Mangoes: Aging, Gender, and Body in North India* (University of California Press, 2000), is an ethnography about aging in a rural Bengali village that is described by external referees as a major contribution to the field. Lamb is coediting another book, *Everyday Life in South Asia*, which is scheduled for publication in 2002, and has already begun work on a third book, *Aging Across Multiple Worlds: South Asian Indians in/and North America*. Her latest research includes exploration of transnationalism through work with Indian immigrant families in the United States. Lamb has been invited to give talks, to contribute chapters to important volumes, to review grants for other institutions, and to serve as a reviewer for several journals.

In 1998, Lamb won the Michael L. Walzer '56 Award for Excellence in Teaching at Brandeis. Lamb has served as undergraduate advising head and has contributed to the University Curriculum Committee, to the Premedical Advisory Board, and to the Women's Studies Program.

**Faith Smith's** (African and Afro-American Studies/English) book, *John Jacob Thomas and Caribbean Intellectual Life in the Nineteenth Century*, which is currently under contract with the University Press of Virginia, constitutes a significant contribution to the field of Caribbean literature. On the cutting-edge of scholarship in her field, Smith's book on Thomas is eagerly awaited by scholars in a variety of disciplines. She has also published in two respected journals, serving on the editorial board of one (a rare honor for a junior scholar) and as guest editor for a special issue. Her latest project is an extended study of Caribbean women writers. Smith has already attained a position of some stature in the profession, as evidenced by prestigious research fellowships and post-doctoral awards from the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis and the Huntington Library.

Contributing to two departments, Smith offers a wide variety of courses. Smith has served as Brandeis's representative to the Board of the Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies at Radcliffe, as a member of the Board of the Intercultural Center and the Board of the McNair Scholars Program, and as a member of several committees.

**Susan Birren**, second from left, was recently named the 2001 winner of the Third Annual Alberta Gotthardt Strage '56 and Henry Strage Award for Aspiring Young Science Faculty. Pictured here are Professor Gregory Petsko, Birren, Henry Strage, and Alberta Gotthardt Strage '56.



## Showing His Metal

### New Provost Ready to Mix University Elements to Yield Perfect Combination

For Mel Bernstein, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, the rewards of his job become most apparent when he sees the amazing evolution of a student from first year to senior, and feels able to contribute to that development.

As a student attracted to math and science, he found himself drawn to metallurgy and materials science, a field at the interface among engineering, physics, and

chemistry, studying at Columbia followed by a post-doctorate in England. He spent five years in a research lab in Pittsburgh, held positions at Carnegie Mellon and the Illinois Institute of Technology, and was academic vice president and dean of the faculties at Tufts University before coming to Brandeis.

Scientists and engineers are trained problem-solvers, he says, adding that his field prepared him to deal with uncertainty. "I think I am able to balance things that I know with things that I don't know. I'm a consensus builder. I like to really engage people," he says. "I think you want to give everybody the opportunity to be heard. When you say 'the faculty' or 'the students,' it is critical to keep in mind that really there is a complex mix of people, and I see the role of provost as listening to these voices, interpreting them if I can, and paying attention to whatever dissonance there is in the system."

Bernstein tries to build alliances, says he is not afraid to make decisions, and has ultimate confidence in the good will of an institution. "I'm here to help, to work with the community, to understand its values, needs, and issues, to bring a fresh perspective, and then to move Brandeis forward," he explains.

A first-generation American with parents who emigrated from Poland, he grew up with an older sister and younger brother in various neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Queens. Now living in Boston's Back Bay, he confesses to still being a serious New Yorker at heart.

If Bernstein currently seems to be around every corner, it's because he feels that you have to live in an institution to know it. He is engrossed in the process of visiting all the departments, talking with students, asking questions of Brandeis itself: "Who are we? What do we want to be? How do we get to where we want to be?" From the student's perspective, he asks, "Why do you choose a place like Brandeis? What do you hope to get out of it? How are you now going to be best prepared to flourish and lead in a very complex world increasingly filled with uncertainty?" From the faculty's point of view,

he asks, "How can faculty at Brandeis create an effective balance between teaching, scholarship, research, mentoring, and counseling? How can the University help provide an environment to let that develop?" And from a staff point of view, he asks, "How are you part of this community? How do you effectively use your expertise and how is your voice heard?"

These are difficult questions. But Bernstein has experienced the university setting in literally all aspects—as a faculty member, vice chair of faculty senate, and in varied administrative roles in different institutions. And he relishes his chance to find answers. "We have a unique responsibility and opportunity to provide the best quality academic experience and the best environment for the faculty, students, and staff, and that's what excites me about being at Brandeis," he says.

—Marjorie Lyon



Mel Bernstein

## New Faculty

**Arnold Band** (Ph.D., Harvard University), Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of Modern Hebrew Literature. A renowned scholar of modern Hebrew literature, Band is an emeritus professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. At Brandeis during the fall semesters of '01 and '02, he will teach as well as advise graduate students.

**Jeffrey Blomster** (Ph.D., Yale University), Lecturer in Anthropology. Blomster has most recently taught at Muhlenberg College. He has published several reports on his archaeological research in Oaxaca, Mexico, and has secured support from numerous sources, including Mellon and Fulbright Grants.

**Laarni Bulan** (Ph.D., Columbia University), Assistant Professor of Finance. Bulan's research interests include corporate finance, firm investment, capital structure, real options, and risk and volatility modeling. She has received fellowships and scholarships from numerous sources, including Lehman Brothers and AT&T.

**Rafael Campo** (M.D., Harvard University), Fannie Hurst Poet-in-Residence. A practitioner of internal medicine, Campo is also a nationally recognized poet and nonfiction writer about medicine and the humanities. His most recent books are *Diva* and *The Poetry of Healing: A*

*Doctor's Education in Empathy, Identity and Desire*. He has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and the National Hispanic Academy of Media Arts and Sciences Annual Achievement Award and is frequently invited to speak around the country. At Brandeis in the fall 2001 semester, he taught a course on Literature and Healing and a poetry workshop.

**Thomas Cushman** (Ph.D., University of Virginia), Ziskind Visiting Professor of Sociology and Internet Studies. An associate professor at Wellesley College, Cushman has received National Science Foundation and American Council of Learned Societies funds for his work on sociology of culture and on Soviet/Russian society. He is the author of a book on rock music in Russia. Spring semester he will teach *Interrogating the Internet: Sociological Perspectives on a New Medium* and *Sociology of Propaganda*.

**Karla Davis-Salazar** (M.A., Northern Illinois University), Lecturer in Anthropology. A doctoral candidate, Davis-Salazar will join Brandeis after completing a fellowship residency at the Dumbarton Oaks Center in Washington, D.C. Her extensive fieldwork includes over seven seasons of excavation at a significant Mayan site. Her Harvard dissertation, supported in part by the Ford Foundation, focuses on the relationship between sociopolitical complexity, water supply management, and associated religious rituals and symbolism.

**Amanda Ewington** (M.A., University of Chicago), Lecturer in Russian Literature. A Ph.D. candidate and the winner of a Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities and a Fulbright-Hays award, Ewington teaches Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature and Women in Russian Literature.

**Eduardo Febles** (Ph.D., Brown University), Lecturer in French and Spanish. A former Fulbright Scholar, Febles has a special interest in computer-assisted language learning and second language acquisition.

**Ulrich Genick** (Ph.D., Scripps Research Institute), Assistant Professor of Biochemistry. Joining Brandeis following two postdoctoral years at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, Genick is in the forefront of X-ray time-resolved crystallography, having contributed to the technical development and experimental design of an important area of structural biology.

**Anne Gershenson** (Ph.D., University of Michigan), Assistant Professor of Biophysical Chemistry. Gershenson's postdoctoral research at the California Institute of Technology focused on using random mutagenesis and screening to thermostabilize esterases. Her research plans combine directed evolution with time-resolved optical

methods for the study of protein folding and conformation.

**Jody Gittel** (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Assistant Professor in the Management Program at The Heller Graduate School for Social Policy and Management. Gittel joins Brandeis after teaching a variety of courses as an assistant professor of business administration at the Harvard Business School. She has received funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation as well as a National Research Council Fellowship for her research on strategic human resources and organization design, group process, and leadership. She is particularly interested in how coordination affects quality and efficiency performance in time-constrained service settings, such as healthcare and the airline industry.

**Derek Isaacowitz** (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania), Assistant Professor of Psychology. Isaacowitz has been the recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. He has most recently been honored by his selection to present an invited address at the upcoming meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development. His research interests include the prediction and measurement of positive and negative affect in old age, optimism and depression in older adults, and life-span development of Holocaust and other trauma survivors.

**Michael Kleber** (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley), Assistant Professor in Mathematics (non-tenure-track). His research interests include combinatorics in representation theory, quantum affine algebras, and effective computation and computational complexity. Winner of a Sloan dissertation fellowship, Kleber has spent the last three years as an NSF Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT.

**Susan Lanser** (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin), Professor of English and American Literature and Chair of the Women's Studies Program. Lanser comes to Brandeis after more than a decade at the University of Maryland, where she taught English, comparative literature, and women's studies. Earlier in her career she taught at Georgetown University. Her current book project is *Sapphic Subjects and the Engendering of Enlightenment*. She recently coedited an edition of Helen Maria Williams's *Letters Written in France*, and is the author of two influential books, *The Narrative Act: Point of View in Prose Fiction* and *Fictions of Authority: Women Writers and Narrative Voice*. Her extensive scholarly activity is matched by her professional and administrative service and commitment to teaching, all of which are reflected in the awards and fellowships she has received from such organizations as the American Council of

Learned Societies, the Folger Library, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Marya Levenson '64** (Ed.D., Harvard University), Professor of the Practice of Education. Having served as superintendent of the North Colonic Central Schools in New York and as principal of Newton North High School, Levenson now joins Brandeis as director of the Education Program. She is frequently invited to present papers on educational policy and administration.

**Sabine Levet** (M.A., University of Paris, Sorbonne), Lecturer in French. Levet joins Brandeis from MIT, where she has been a lecturer since 1993. In addition, she co-designed multilevel classroom activities to accompany a CD-ROM, *Dans un quartier de Paris*, an interactive multimedia documentary.

**Jill McCorkle** (M.A., Hollins College), Fannie Hurst Writer-in-Residence. McCorkle's novels and short story collections are internationally known. Most recently, she has received acclaim for *Carolina Moon* and *Final Vinyl Days*. She has received the New England Booksellers Award and the North Carolina Award for Literature. A member of the Bennington College writing faculty, and formerly a lecturer in the creative writing program at Harvard, she taught two fiction writing workshops during the fall semester at Brandeis.

**Michael McGrade** (Ph.D., The University of Chicago), Assistant Professor of Music. McGrade has taught most recently at Williams College. A musicologist who specializes in medieval music, he has published several articles and received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. His dissertation is titled, "Affirmations of Royalty: Liturgical Music in the Collegiate Church of St. Mary in Aachen, c1050-1350."

**Janet McIntosh** (M.A., University of Michigan), Lecturer in Anthropology. Trained in cognitive and linguistic anthropology at Harvard, where she is a doctoral candidate, McIntosh has conducted research on the East Coast of Africa and served as a museum consultant. She has published several articles and received a Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching at Harvard, where she has been a preceptor in expository writing.

**Nidhiya Menon** (A.M., Brown University), Assistant Professor of Economics. In addition to teaching and serving as a research assistant while at Brown, Menon has been a research fellow in Bangladesh and a consultant for the World Bank. Her dissertation is titled "An Analysis of the Determinants and Consequences of Nonrandom Program Placement." Her primary interests are empirical microeconomics, economic development, econometrics, economic demography, and labor.

**Andrew Molinsky** (Ph.D., Harvard Business School), Assistant Professor. Molinsky comes to Brandeis from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, where he won the Professor of the Year award. At Brandeis he will teach courses in psychology in addition to GSIEF. His focus on organizational behavior includes the study of cross-cultural code switching and of how managers cope with the ethical and painful dilemmas of "necessary evils."

**Alicia Ostriker '59** (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin), Distinguished Visiting Professor of Women's Studies and English. A full professor at Rutgers, a significant feminist literary critic who is currently engaged in exploring Jewish feminism, and an accomplished American poet, Ostriker has written *Stealing the Language: The Emergence of Women Poets in America*, *Feminist Revision and the Bible*, and *The Nakedness of the Fathers: Biblical Visions and Revisions*. At Brandeis this spring, she will teach a course on American women poets and a course on the Bible.



**Dan Perlman** (Ph.D., Harvard University), Lecturer in Environmental Studies. A broadly trained biologist, Perlman's interests include animal behavior, evolution, and scientific and social environmental issues. He is currently writing an ecology text for undergraduate non-science majors. At Harvard he received the Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

**Neil Printz** (Ph.D., City University of New York), Henry Luce Visiting Scholar in American Art. Printz has held positions as a curator, an editor, and an assistant professor. At Brandeis to work with the Rose Art Museum, he also teaches a course on Andy Warhol.

**Eric Rice** (M.Phil., Columbia University), Assistant Professor in Music (non tenure-track). Rice specializes in historical musicology and has published several articles on music of the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period. His dissertation, "Music and Ritual in the Collegiate Church of St. Mary in Aachen, 1300-1600," reflects his interests in early church music as a scholar and a performer.

**Paroma Sanyal** (Ph.D., University of California, Irvine), Assistant Professor of Economics. Sanyal also holds an M.A. from the Delhi School of Economics.

Her dissertation focuses on research and development and her fields of concentration are industrial organization, empirical microeconomics, applied econometrics, and environmental economics. As an intern at the World Bank, she analyzed the impact of gender on social cooperation and women's political participation. She is also specifically interested in emerging market structure in the U.S. electric utility industry, privatization and deregulation in developing countries, and trade and environment.

**Michael Socolow** (Ph.D., Georgetown University), Assistant Professor of American Studies. Socolow's field of research covers 20th-century U.S. history, with an emphasis on the sociocultural and political development of mass communications in America. His dissertation focuses on the technical, political, and business negotiations that led to the establishment of NBC and CBS radio. He also has considerable experience working in broadcast journalism, and offers courses in the Journalism Program in addition to those in the American studies department.

**Harry Tamvakis** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Tamvakis has most recently worked at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, while holding a National Science Foundation postdoctoral research fellowship. He has

been a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago. His focus is on complex, algebraic and arithmetic geometry, including a particular interest in Arakelov theory and intersection theory.

**Ramie Targoff** (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley), Assistant Professor of English and American Literature. Targoff comes to Brandeis from Yale University, where she has been an assistant professor, specializing in poetry, since 1996. The author of *Common Prayer: Models of Public Devotion in Early Modern England*, just out from the University of Chicago Press, she has also published several articles on the poet George Herbert and on the performance of prayer. She has taught courses on Shakespeare and the Renaissance Lyric as well as general courses on poetry.

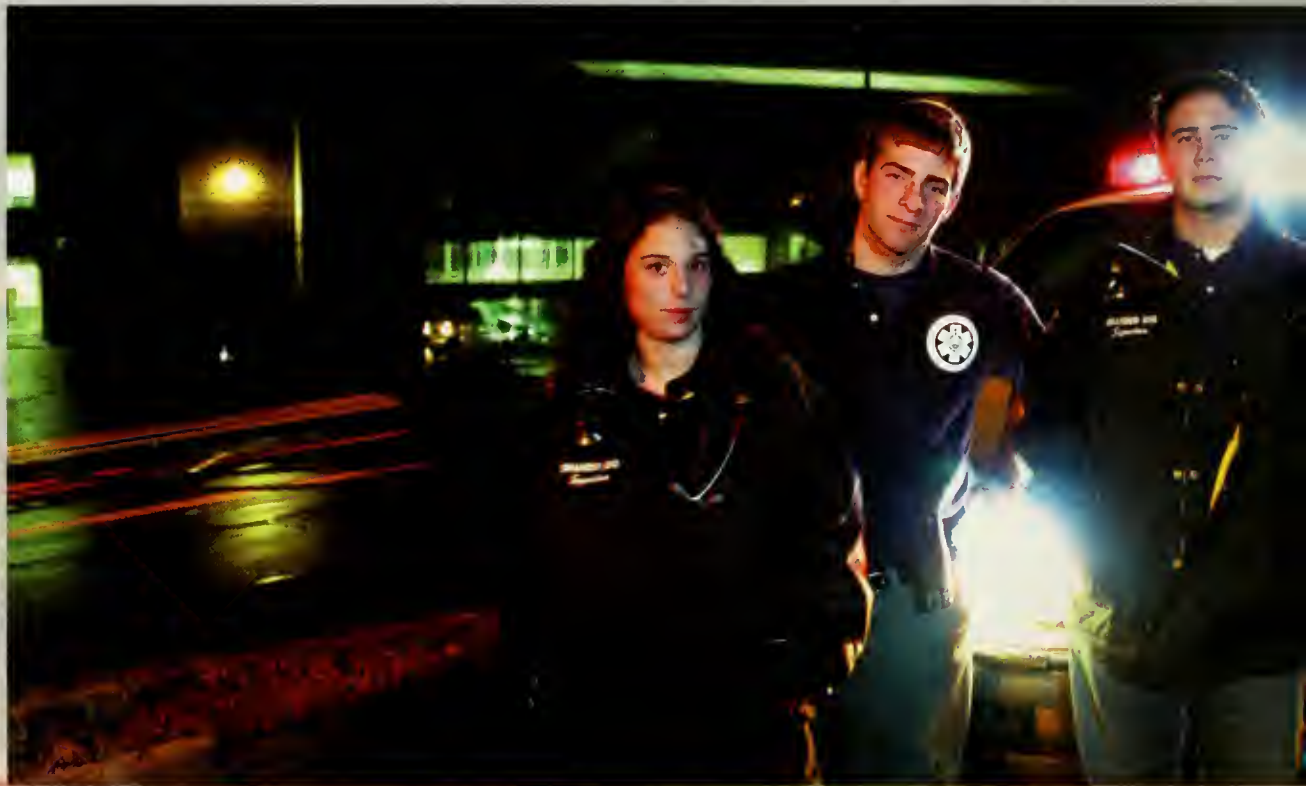
**Eva Thorne** (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Assistant Professor of Politics. Thorne has taught at Tufts, Boston University, and Northeastern as well as MIT.

She was on leave during the fall term in order to work on a Ford Foundation Grant. She specializes in Latin American politics, international political economy, and Third World development and is working on a manuscript, *Protest and Accountability: The World Bank and the Politics of Safeguard Policy*. Her many awards include fellowships from the Institute for the Study of World Politics, the Social Science Research Council, the Inter-American Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education. Thorne has been a consultant for the World Commission on Dams in South Africa and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as the Ford Foundation.

**Jonathan Unglaub** (Ph.D., Columbia University), Assistant Professor of Fine Arts. Unglaub is on leave 2001-02 on a postdoctoral fellowship in the history of art and the humanities from the Getty Grant Program, which will support his research on Poussin. He has taught at Columbia and Washington Universities and has received a Fulbright predoctoral grant as well as other awards. His two books in progress are *Poussin, Tasso, and the Poetics of Painting* and *Ancient Painting and Baroque Poetics: A Convergence in Poussin's Late Works*.

I am in my office in the publications cottage on  
campus, talking with a member of my staff,  
when her irises float up into her brow and  
she keels over like a felled pine.

by Cliff Hauptman '69, M.F.A. '73



# Emergency!!!



Avital Schwartz '02,  
Matt Friedman '02, and  
David Baskin '02

I dial the emergency number, explain the situation, and within minutes—barely more than moments, it seems—a trio of students in blue shirts is reviving the patient on my floor, taking vital signs, asking questions, writing feverishly, rummaging in medical kits.

At first, I am somewhat aghast; this could be a serious medical emergency. Why have they sent me kids playing doctor? Then I watch, and I see that what seemed like a free-for-all is actually a well-choreographed, much-rehearsed performance. One student is clearly in charge. Each knows his or her job. The questioning is deliberate and precise, the facts quickly determined. Medical data are gathered and a course of action is speedily reached. It turns out to be nothing more serious than a dizzy spell accompanying the onset of a cold. Besides, it is well past lunchtime and the patient hasn't eaten in hours. She is soon fully recovered, feels fine, and declines the students' offer of a ride to the hospital for further tests. They agree that there is really no need, pack up their gear, and are gone as suddenly as they arrived. The whole event took 15 minutes, and in that time, their poise and professionalism gained our complete confidence.

Wow! Who are those guys?

They are the Brandeis Emergency Medical Corps, widely known as BEMCo, as the custom graphics on the group's well-equipped but aging Ford Explorer boldly advertises.

BEMCo is a wholly student-run volunteer organization that has been operating on the Brandeis campus since its founding in 1983 by James Meisel '85, M.D., to provide timely and efficient emergency medical care to the Brandeis community. During its 18-year existence, BEMCo has responded to more than 4,000 calls (more than 300 during the eight-month academic year of 2000-01), ranging in kind from the life-threatening to the life-beginning. Ironically, its first call was to aid a woman in labor, but because of limited funding, one piece of emergency medical equipment the fledgling unit had not acquired was an obstetrics kit. At the time, BEMCo's five members were also not yet using pagers, the crews relying on monitoring their radios and telephones. So by the time they responded to the call, the woman was already leaving in an ambulance—an

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inauspicious beginning for BEMCo, but probably fortunate for the woman and her baby.

Later that semester, BEMCo proved its worth. Assessing nearly 50 patients at an overcrowded concert in the gym one night, BEMCo stretched its existing resources to the limit but established itself unquestionably as a viable and beneficial asset to the campus. Soon it began attracting increasing numbers of student volunteers, thus allowing it to expand its budget, upgrade its equipment, and respond at any hour of the day or night with impressive speed and effective procedures.

Today BEMCo comprises more than 60 active members, trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) organized into a carefully regulated hierarchy based on levels of experience. Typically, duty crews consist of three members like the ones who so suddenly sprang up in my office when I dialed 63333. Each crew includes a "primary," who has had extensive off-campus experience either with a

volunteer or paid ambulance service and is considered the crew chief. The primary drives to all calls in the BEMCo truck. The "secondary" has had extensive training, although less than the primary, and is familiar with all BEMCo protocols. In the event that a second, simultaneous call arises, the secondary will break off from the first call to respond to the second. The "tertiary" is a new member who participates fully until he or she is ready for promotion to secondary. The secondary and tertiary respond to the scene on foot, by personal vehicle, or by campus police cruiser if one is available. Although not usually part of the three-person crew, there is also a "supervisor" who is always on duty to respond to simultaneous calls (with the secondary), as well as any call of a serious nature. Supervisors are primaries with extensive on-and off-campus experience and are trained to handle crisis situations.

This year, there will be two supervisors, between five and 10 primaries, about 20 secondaries, and about 30 tertiaries. Duties run in 24-hour shifts, beginning at 5:00 pm. Given the average number of calls, a tertiary may go on one call per month, a secondary on two or three per month, and a primary on one or two per week. One of the two supervisors is on call all the time.

The BEMCo truck, which is always on the scene of a call, is equipped with everything an ambulance carries, except a stretcher. On each call, the crew assesses whether the patient should be transported to one of the two available treatment facilities: the University Health Center on campus, or the nearby Deaconess Waltham Hospital. If the patient is able to be transported in the BEMCo truck—that is, if the patient does not need to be placed on a stretcher or be administered oxygen—the crew will decide on the appropriate facility and drive the patient there themselves. Otherwise, an ambulance will be called, and one of the BEMCo supervisors will assist.

Most patients can be driven in the truck. Prevalent emergencies involve mild asthma attacks and allergic reactions, twisted ankles, skinned knees, broken toes and fingers, sports-related injuries, intoxication, fainting, and diabetic emergencies and seizures. More severe cases—heart attacks, a fall down a flight of stairs, severe asthmatic and allergic reactions, motor



vehicle accidents, anyone needing oxygen—require a call for an ambulance by the BEMCo crew.

Currently overseeing much of this is David Baskin '02, from Ojai, California. He is BEMCo's operations officer, which means that he has not only the normal responsibilities of one of the supervisors—the other supervisor this year is Avital Schwartz '02—but he is also in charge of all medical operations of BEMCo, maintenance of the complex monthly crew schedules, and a list of other administrative and operational duties that he shares with the five other students elected to BEMCo's executive board. He does all this while additionally working off-campus, sometimes all night, for an ambulance company; attending Brandeis as a full-time student, majoring in psychology; and participating in a required, year-long, eight-hour-per-week internship.

Baskin has been in BEMCo for three years, first taking the BEMCo-sponsored EMT course in the second semester of his freshman year and receiving his EMT certification during that summer. He joined BEMCo as a tertiary at the beginning of his sophomore year and has been immersed in it ever since. With his level of involvement in BEMCo and his job with the ambulance service, one would take for granted that Baskin is premed. Yet, he is not.

"Well, I came to Brandeis a psychology major *and* premed..." Baskin explains, "and a bio major, and a neuroscience major (he laughs), thinking that medicine was where I wanted to go. I knew that that *kind* of service was something I wanted to provide, something I wanted to do with my life. You know, you think, 'I want to help people. What should I do? Be a doctor.' I was always interested in medicine—medicine and theater—through high school. But then I just sort of realized that it wasn't for me. I still have the same desire to help people, but I don't think that's the way I want to do it."

Why still in BEMCo, then?

"That's a good question, and everybody asks it," he says. "But I love doing this. It's a great service and one the community needs and has come to expect. I just wouldn't want to make a life of it. I think psychology is more where I want to go."

In fact, about 20 percent of active BEMCo students have no intention of going to medical school. Even among those who do, the prevailing attitude is that being a member of BEMCo is not about getting into medical school; it is about providing a needed service to the Brandeis community, helping people, doing something worthwhile—an end in itself.

For more information about BEMCo, please visit its Website at [people.brandeis.edu/~bemco/](http://people.brandeis.edu/~bemco/). ■

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With the expertise, guidance, and support of a renowned and dedicated faculty, graduate students in American history are encouraged to pursue their interests onto fertile but unbroken ground.

by Steve Anable

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**O**ne week they were there, and the next week they were gone—the erstwhile youngsters who made quite a splash at the first public swimming pool in Brookline, Massachusetts, back in 1897. Brandeis history doctoral student Jeff Wiltse discovered that politics and class prejudice got everybody out of the pool, everybody that is, who couldn't afford an entrance fee specifically designed to keep poor and working class children from disrupting the Victorian sense of aquatic decorum. Two free swim days were discontinued so that everyone would pay and thus "appreciate" the pool, or so the commissioner for public baths maintained. In reality, this segregated the facility so that only the middle class and wealthy could come.

Greg Renoff, who, like Wiltse, is studying for his Ph.D. in history under Jacqueline Jones, the Truman Professor of American Civilization and a 1999 MacArthur Fellow, found that there was plenty happening outside the three rings in the 19th-century circus in Georgia. Religion and race were playing changing roles in this other institution of popular culture. People constructed elaborate systems of

reasoning that allowed them to see certain parts of this Sodom-on-wheels. For example, although the Methodist Book of Discipline forbade the faithful from actually buying a circus ticket, it was permissible to watch the circus animals on parade because the elephants and tigers were "God's natural splendor, what Noah would have put on the ark." Says Renoff, "There was a joke that the short way home from church always seemed to be just past the circus."

When Wiltse first considered researching the social, cultural, and institutional history of public swimming pools in the United States, most people laughed incredulously, but Jones "immediately said 'yes.'"

Wiltse learned that the topic was relatively unexplored, so he ended up hitting the road to consult original sources, city records in places like St. Louis, Chicago, and Newton, Kansas. This has meant that his project has taken him longer than he'd expected, but Jones has been supportive all along: "One of her most outstanding attributes is that she has been unfailingly positive and encouraging," says Wiltse. "The odyssey of writing a dissertation has so many ups and downs. I would go to her early in the process, when I had lots of doubts, and she would completely reinvigorate me. And her expertise in issues of race, class, and gender have been instrumental in helping me refine my own ideas."

**Assistant Professor of History** Michael Willrich, who specializes in the history of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, is the second reader for Wiltse's dissertation. "He's proved to be exceptional, a particularly close reader of the chapters I've given him," Wiltse says. "The combination of Professor Willrich and Professor Jones has proved ideal."

Renoff, too, credits Jones with giving him the freedom to pursue his unorthodox interests. "As a graduate student at Brandeis, you can do whatever you want, focus your dissertation on what attracts you," he says. "There's no effort to push you into a box. For example, Jacqueline Jones didn't try to make me do a paper about auto workers in Detroit, do something that would suit her interest."

Assistant Professor of History David Engerman is giving Renoff additional input. "At Brandeis, everyone on the history faculty has a hand in your project," Renoff says. "Everyone will read it, everyone will comment. That was one of the things that brought me to Brandeis; that this School doesn't have a factory-like atmosphere."

### Swimming through Social Change

The function of the public swimming pool has changed over time, Wiltse has discovered. "In the mid-19th century, city officials began building public swimming pools in the poorest neighborhoods. They were intended to be places for working-class men and women to come and clean themselves. Early pools had no showers, which were considered redundant; people would enter public swimming pools dirty. But, in practice, working men and women didn't come to pools to bathe—their children flocked there to have fun."

More than 90 percent of the people who used public pools during the late 19th and early 20th centuries were children, mostly adolescent boys. Smaller numbers of adolescent girls and adult men also swam, but virtually no adult women used these facilities. Gangs of young boys became a special problem.



Jeff Wiltse

Think of those Norman Rockwell pictures of the old swimming hole, then subtract the gauzy romanticism by making the swimmers rougher and grubbier. "I argue that there is a long tradition of working class men and boys swimming in urban waters and creating a very boisterous, defiant, roughhousing culture," Wiltse says. "And I argue they transplanted that culture to municipal swimming pools."

The swimming habits of lower-class males had always made the middle class uneasy—boys swimming naked off wharves and bridges. "Nude swimming was common among the working class, but it caused a great deal of conflict in cities. Boston, New York, Milwaukee, and Chicago all passed laws banning municipal swimming during the daylight hours within a mile from shore. This was to protect the visual propriety, the public decency, to keep people from seeing these naked boys." And when these boys were brought into the first public pools, turf wars—or perhaps, surf wars—broke out, as exemplified by the fiasco in Brookline.

Wiltse, who earned his B.A. at the University of Puget Sound, has been encouraged by Jones to try publishing his dissertation with a mainstream press, believing that it can appeal beyond academic circles.

Greg Renoff is investigating circuses in the state of Georgia from the end of the Civil War to the Depression. Renoff is "less interested in the number of clowns circuses had than in people and their reactions to the circus, how ordinary people behaved at the circus, and how race played out as a factor at the circus." He is researching how the national, mega-circuses fared in Georgia, as well as more local, homegrown troupes, "smaller shows with about eight wagons and two or three mangy lions."

The Sparta, New Jersey, native became intrigued by Southern history while studying as an undergraduate at Rutgers, intrigued enough to venture to the Deep South to earn a master's degree in history at the University of Mississippi. Brandeis attracted Renoff because of "the quality of the faculty, because of people like Jacqueline Jones and David Hackett Fischer [the Earl Warren Professor of History]," he says. He considered tackling the history of circuses throughout the South, but Jones advised him to focus on a particular state, to make the project less daunting. "She said, 'Why not try Georgia?' It's worked out well because Georgia includes Atlanta, one of the key cities of the region, plus lots of countryside. In theory, I think I could have studied any state in the South."

Renoff's research, like Wiltse's, has involved consulting original sources, especially newspaper accounts of circus visits to Georgia towns. "Newspapers tended to cover the coming of the circus," says Renoff. "In the counties of Georgia, everyone would show up for the circus, and there would be a



lot of drinking and carousing. This was a huge event, especially in these tiny towns. A town with a population of less than a thousand might have 3,000 people streaming in to see the circus." Renoff has also scanned entertainment magazines, trade publications that covered the circus, plus autobiographies of Georgians. He says, "I'd page through their chapters on childhood, to see if the authors ever visited the circus." Through various contacts, Renoff has been in touch with circus buffs, like an Atlanta man, a retired radio broadcaster, who has collected decades of newspaper clippings concerning circus happenings, everything from "a-good-time-was-had-by-all" to brawls and escaped elephants.

Although the circus attracted a cross-color audience, the few black circuses in Georgia led brief lives. "There was one black circus that lasted a couple of years, but there were not any large-scale black operations," Renoff says, "and there were very few black performers. There was a young boy, a rider, who was African-American, but he was billed as Ethiopian to make him seem exotic."

The circus parade, however, was a democratic, if temporary, public space. "It was open to everyone," Renoff explains. "Many African-Americans did not have a lot of disposable income, so they would go out by the side of the road and enjoy the parade. There, as far as I can tell, there was a kind of suspension of the normal rules so that white and black mixed freely. Race issues didn't vanish, but there was a

Greg Renoff



kind of boisterous democracy of all races and classes. Inside the tents, there was segregated seating, but as far as I can tell, there were no segregated ticket lines at the sideshow, everyone could look at the bearded lady...I'm most interested in finding out why people were willing to suspend the rules of race."

By the early 20th century, the bigger shows began buying up their smaller rivals and the resulting lack of competition engendered an overall blandness to the industry. "The need to be creative lessened," Renoff says. He points to the stagnant state of the circus poster as evidence of this pervasive lethargy. "Circus art never grew," he says, "never showed the influence of modernism, for example. There was a nostalgia element to circus art early on."

Renoff notes that blacks have taken a more central role in contemporary circus life. "There is a very successful black circus that was founded in Atlanta in 1994. The UniverSoul Circus has incorporated hip-hop and African elements into its performances. I tried to go to it last year in Atlanta," he says, "but it was sold out."

"These are wonderful topics, incredibly rich and interesting," says Jacqueline Jones, "and Jeff and Greg take full credit for finding them. Although the American history graduate program at Brandeis is very small, we take pride in letting our students follow their creative impulses wherever those

impulses take them. Jeff and Greg have found primary material related to their topics all over the country, archival material that contains an extraordinarily rich amount of detail. These dissertations will be wonderful human stories and windows into larger social and cultural changes in American history." ■

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#### Editor's Note:

In results released on October 17, 2001, Brandeis's graduate program in American history scored at the top of a list of 60 history programs ranked in a survey of 32,000 graduate students. The survey, conducted by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students, ranked programs according to best practices—breadth of offerings, information provided to students, student-faculty relationships, and other factors. Brandeis's program also tied for first place with the University of Pennsylvania in its level of overall student satisfaction.

Fred Zumbel '07 and  
Professor Michael Wolfe



Imagine the thrill of discovering a piece of scientific knowledge so new that, for the moment, you stand alone in the world and in history as its only possessor. Imagine doing that as an undergraduate. Brandeis students, like these four, can do more than imagine.

by Marjorie Lyon

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# from the Outset

Hunched over a lab bench cluttered from end to end, stacked six layers high with hundreds of test tubes swarming with tiny fruit flies, Kraig Kumfer '02 is absorbed in a silent dialogue. He is posing questions in words; the flies answer by showing him.

His goal is to unravel a mystery: how does movement occur on the cellular level? Kumfer, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, works with Michael Welte, W. M. Keck Assistant Professor of Biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, taking a general phenomenon—likely applicable to many different processes—and studying it in fruit fly embryos, a model system that takes advantage of 100 years of fruit fly genetics and extensive knowledge about their physiology. The answers they find are basic research, but they clearly have importance for human health. For example, Alzheimer's disease may stem from a problem with the delivery of cargoes to the correct location in nerve cells.

All cells specifically move certain cargoes from point A to point B in the cell. They do this by using molecular

motors. "I would like to understand how these motors work inside the cell," explains Welte with leap-out-of-the-chair flamboyance. "But that is not enough. Think of a cell as a city, where things have to go from factories to retail stores. If you just know how a car engine works, it doesn't tell you about traffic in the city. You need to understand the principles that control the traffic, the mechanisms that regulate the motors. It has become increasingly clear, for example, that motors often don't act in isolation, but that several motors work together in any single transport process." Welte analyzes the properties of transport by using an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates tools from genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, and biophysics.

While Welte is asking the subcellular cargoes, "Where are you going? Why are you doing this?" Kumfer is asking related questions of his flies in the lab, and he relishes the opportunity to do so. "I realized that you could actually do science in the laboratory in college—you can learn the things that aren't yet in textbooks because no one knows them," he says, noting that he feels as if he can actually *add* to the knowledge in textbooks. "You can learn things



Professor Susan Birren and Rob Morlend '02

that people didn't know 10 minutes before you ran the experiment. I really like uncovering details." Kumfer, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute undergraduate fellowship recipient last summer, says that he can't imagine *not* doing research—that he views it as literally *getting into* what you are doing, "shedding light" as he describes it, compelling far beyond a classroom lecture. "I've learned that the faculty can be talked to informally, that science is not only in a lecture hall." His personality is well suited to lab work, he says, especially his ability to keep coming back when things aren't working and then figure out *why* they're not working. A science and philosophy major, Kumfer is particularly interested in logical puzzles, translating to science the

aspect of philosophy that dictates there are always alternatives to what you're thinking.

Abundant alternatives confront researchers in the developmental biology lab of Susan Birren, associate professor of neurobiology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems. She asks how cells in early embryos that have the possibility to become many different things—considered multipotent precursor cells—make decisions as to what kind of cells they eventually are going to become. She focuses on nervous systems to understand how cells with multiple potentials develop into neurons. "Once that decision is made, how does the cell then make the decision to become a sympathetic neuron? And then beyond that, how does that sympathetic neuron form functional connections to the heart and how does it then control the function of the heart?" Birren asks, her words high-speed yet distinct. All of this is done *in vitro*—researchers take cells out of the animal and examine them in a dish.

Birren emphasizes that answers open a whole host of new questions—and suddenly she is firing—*rat-a-tat-tat*—one question urgently building on the next with an insistent rhythm: "What *are* those molecules in the environment? What are their identities? Why do the precursor cells respond to them? What is the molecular expression of receptors that permits the cells to respond? How do they change over time? Why is it that a cell is restricted? Is it not responding to the signal? *Why* is it not responding to the signal? Have they changed the expression of the receptors? Or does it just respond to the same signal but do something else?"

Pondering these questions as he plans to head for medical school, Rob Morlend '02 works in Birren's lab. With four years experience as

an emergency medical technician, Morlend, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute fellow last summer, is a member of the Brandeis Emergency Medical Corps (BEMCo). He says that working in the lab provides him with the opportunity to apply the techniques he has studied in class to the questions at hand. Unlike the classroom setting, though, he is not trying to replicate someone else's experiment or get a specific set of predetermined data. "In the lab, there is no way to know if I am doing the experiment correctly or exactly what information the data will yield. And that is what I find intriguing about it: being able to see science unfold right before my very eyes," he says.

Agreeing with Morlend, Birren will tell you that she has extensive experience doing developmental biology in the lab, yet she is still constantly amazed. "I'm always struck and taken aback when I start going through the early developmental processes. What really strikes me is how much has to happen—coordinated, correctly—to actually get a functioning, viable animal in the developmental process. And every time I do this I'm just completely astonished at how often you end up with something that is normal and functioning and everything works perfectly. And so I'm fundamentally interested in the processes that permit that to happen and in understanding why in some cases they don't happen. If you can understand that at a molecular level you will understand how an organism can reproduce, which is fundamentally a fascinating problem."

Asking different questions with the same urgency, Shlomo Meislin '04 ("I was that chain reaction 'why?' kid") was specifically interested in doing research as an undergraduate, and chose Brandeis because it offers the unusual opportunity to participate in a lab as a freshman. That is just what he did, beginning work during the first weeks of class and spending the next summer in the lab on a project, also as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute undergraduate fellow. Now, as a sophomore, he is deeply immersed in further experiments.

Considering his background, that is no surprise. "When I was a kid I always enjoyed trying to find out how things worked," he says in a deliberate, thoughtful manner and Israeli accent, giving his measured words extra clout. "Whatever the research field I choose, the preparation I'm having in the lab will apply to nearly any of my options." And now Meislin is mentoring another freshman. "It is really interesting to be on the other side of a barrage of questions," he says.

Hoping to construct a double major in biochemistry and math, Meislin also finds time to swim and play volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, squash, and to swing dance, not to mention maintain an interest in music (particularly opera). Constantly curious, he mines the experience of older researchers ("They don't hesitate in answering questions, although I am really persistent; I have no doubt some people have sometimes felt like wringing my neck.") Meticulous, patient, and straightforward, Meislin is originally from Israel but has traveled extensively, living, among other places, in Chicago; Geneva, Switzerland; and Brazil, where he was graduated from high school.

Meislin exhibits a severe case of "bitten by the research bug." ("Basically all the time I'm not in class, I'm here. This is home for me.") He is talking about a lab run by Melissa Moore, associate professor of biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute assistant investigator. She explains why research is addictive: "In high school, students are taught what is already known. But while doing basic research, you're discovering something that nobody in the history of the world has ever known before. And so for a few minutes you are the only person that knows this, until you tell somebody else. That's heady stuff, even if it's a little thing." Moore adds that the mission of the lab is to extend the frontier of new knowledge.

Although there is no formal posting for lab jobs, students who are interested can go to [www.bio.brandeis.edu](http://www.bio.brandeis.edu) to find research descriptions of all the faculty members in the life sciences. Moore suggests that students contact three or four professors whose research looks interesting and ask if they have any positions in the lab. Don't put it off until after sophomore year. "To my knowledge, every undergraduate who has wanted to work in a research lab at Brandeis has found a place," she says. "'How can I get a job in a lab if I don't have experience?' ask undergrads. We do not expect you to have experience—that's what we're here for. We want students to explore research. We are really committed to this," answers Moore.

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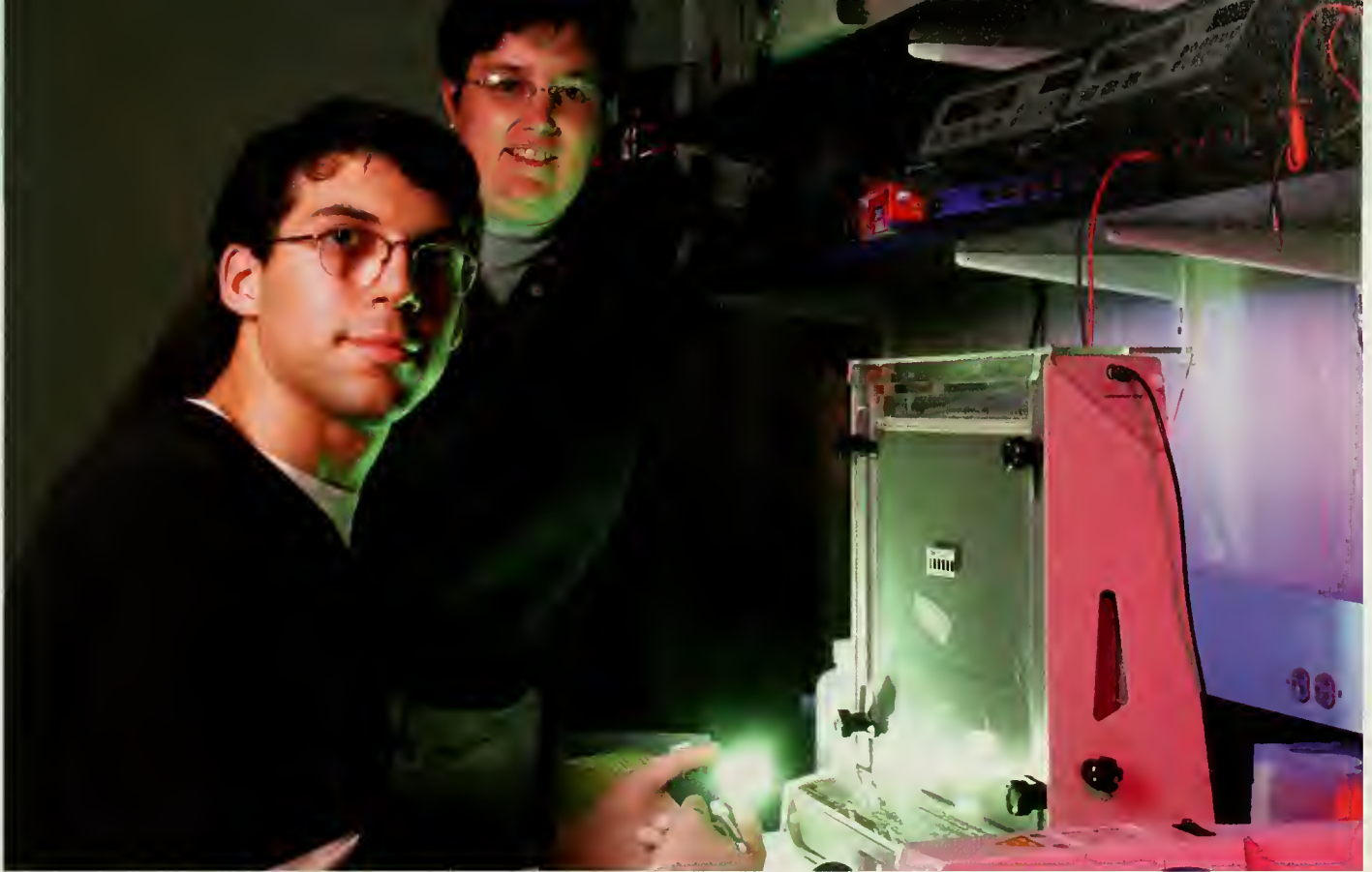
Students often come to the lab to explore if research is right for them, and Moore is heartfelt when she comments that it is just as valuable to find that it is *not* right as it is to get hooked. Indeed, students are exploring the lab—and themselves. They find that it is important to have the right mix of mechanical skills and analytic ability. According to Welte, who explains that for him simply looking at fruit fly embryos is intensely gratifying because they are extremely beautiful, "You need to work hard. You need to have a high tolerance for frustration because 90 percent of the experiments you do fail in some way or another. So you have to be able to relish things when they work, but also to get pleasure out of the journey, without counting on the result that comes at the end." Moore adds that a big insight is rare ("Once you've had one of those, you live for it.") but you get enough satisfying little hits along the way.

Passionate about the research odyssey, Alissa Nelson '03, a neuroscience major interested in genetics, started at the bottom, maintaining fly stocks in the lab of Jeffrey Hall, professor of biology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems. She worked her way up, and last summer got the opportunity to work on her own project. Nelson remembers looking at slides under the microscope as a little girl, later learning basic lab techniques in junior high school for science fair projects from her father, a microbiology professor at the University of Rhode Island, and her mother, a general biologist.

Chief announcer at WBRS last summer and current indie rock show host, Nelson is committed to research, planning to earn a Ph.D. "Research experience is more valuable than the lab classroom because of the hands-on aspect," she says. "You actually have the pressure to do it right. When you're in a lab classroom you don't get any follow-up other than a grade. This way you're actually contributing to the real world, and you're not working in a vacuum. You also have people from all different viewpoints working on the same thing, so you learn a lot from each other," she explains.

Listen to her advisor, Hall, a prominent professor of neurogenetics who specializes in the courtship behavior and biological rhythms of the fruit fly (and also lectures on the Battle of Gettysburg): "An extra benefit is you have a *home* at Brandeis, other than living in the dorms or maybe on South Street. This is a separate place that truly is your home. Undergraduates come here to work, they get to know people here who become their associates, they come here to study, they hang out sometimes. It's a whole separate (dare one say) culture. I tell them, 'I don't care if you are 18, I treat you as an adult. You're an associate, and we encourage you to really dig into the guts of what your research project is about, and to sustain your knowledge—pester us with questions, demand pieces of reading, and that will permit you to do your own research by the time you are a junior, allowing you to make your own independent mark. You plan it; you sustain it.'"

Each lab has a particular atmosphere, and Moore explains, "From my vantage point, I think laboratories are like families, and I'm the mom. The head of the family—or the



Shlomo Meislin '04 and Professor Melissa Moore

lab—sets the tone.” Her style is to motivate students by inspiring passion about science and ownership of their projects. And when they are in the lab, she expects them to be working. But that doesn’t mean Moore is in her office 100 hours a week. She expects students to have a balanced life, as she does. “But I do think about science all the time. I might be taking a shower and something will occur to me,” she says, expecting that her involved students will do that too. “When you are most relaxed, you can think outside the box, and that is when you are most creative,” explains Moore, adding, “One of the things that gives me the most joy is when my students have thought of something that I haven’t. That’s the day when they have made a great leap. They’ve realized that they can think of original things, and that for me is a thrill. I’m very much about empowering— I’m training them to be independent scientists, so I try to make them as independent as possible. That’s one of

my goals.” Moore wants her students to think about questions first, and then solutions. The approach is second.

Learning how to be a researcher is not so much what you know, it is knowing where to look for the answer and then how to find it out. Remembering an early experiment, Meislin says he was wildly enthusiastic. “I thought the result was beautiful, gel stained blue. And at the end I looked at the gel and thought, ‘I don’t understand what this thing is telling me.’” There was the next crucial level: understanding what to do with the results, because the experiments in themselves are not the crux of the matter. The crux of the matter is why you do them and what you get from them.

A maelstrom of questions and answers beget more questions in a never-ending cycle that is pushing—four steps forward and three back—at the precipice of the unknown. At Brandeis, undergraduate students work closely with graduate students, post docs,

and professors, sharing intoxicating breakthroughs and everyday frustrations. A window into the laboratories reveals professors like Birren with her crisp, rapid-fire questions; Moore, guiding students to be self-fulfilled in whatever they choose; Welte with his sparkling enthusiasm and panache; and Hall, fascinated with the fly’s genes that control the daily sleep-wake cycle. Revealed, too, are passionate students like Kumfer with his “Could I take it? Yes—40 hours a week was better than 20—I can’t imagine not doing this”; Meislin, who has found his home in the lab, with his laser-sharp intelligence, eager and patient at the same time; Morlend, honing skills for a career in medicine; and Nelson, committed to research as a Ph.D. They are all fueled by the memory (and hope of repeating) that precious, coveted moment—“Eureka!” ■

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# An Education in Activism:

T e a c h i n g   a n d   L e a r n i n g

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Described  
in a *New York Times* article  
as "equal parts  
Ken Kesey  
and MTV's *Road Rules*, a new  
course at  
Brandeis takes  
students out  
of the classroom  
to experience,  
firsthand, the  
practice of  
social change.

by David Cunningham





Imagine spending a Sunday at the Reverend Al Green's church in Memphis to examine firsthand how religion can empower residents to fight injustice. Or picturing having dinner at a friendly truck stop in Princesville, North Carolina, and an out-of-the-way, family-owned, Cajun restaurant in New Orleans to study the role of food in community life. Or

finally imagine speaking with homeless people to explore how they experience life on the street in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta—all within the same week. A group of 11 Brandeis undergraduates, along with two graduate students and myself, did just that this past summer. As part of the newly developed *Possibilities for Change in American Communities* program, this group from

Brandeis spent a month on the road in a sleeper bus studying social change, activism, and community organization. The journey took us down the East Coast to Florida, across the Deep South to New Orleans, and through the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina before heading back to campus. Along the way, we visited a diverse set of

communities, from cities as large as New York and Atlanta, to planned suburban communities like Levittown, Pennsylvania, and Celebration, Florida, to sparsely populated small towns such as Newbern, Alabama, and Philadelphia, Mississippi. In all, we spent time in 14 states and met with the locals in 23 different communities, providing a rare opportunity to experience the great diversity that America has to offer.

For me, this trip was the realization of an eight-year dream. When I was just a first-year graduate student in sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1993, I came across a book by Doug Brinkley titled *The Majic Bus: An American Odyssey*. The book chronicled a six-week trip across the United States organized by then-Hofstra University Professor Brinkley, in which a set of students learned all about American history—on the road! Immediately, I had the strong regret (which wasn't at all uncommon, I would later learn) that such a program wasn't offered when I was an undergraduate. I feverishly thought about how I could somehow be a part of such an epic journey, until it finally dawned on me that, if

I were really serious about completing the doctoral program in which I was newly enrolled, I could one day hope to teach my own version of this traveling class.

The desire to do this never faded, and six years later, I found myself, Ph.D. in hand, in my first job at Brandeis University. During my first semester here, I had the good fortune of having two amazing teaching assistants, Barb Browning and Cheryl Kingma-Kiekhofer. We worked together wonderfully, and one day I tentatively mentioned the idea for the traveling course, not sure what their reaction would be (people, it seemed, either thought it was really exciting or really crazy—and often both). In this case,

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fortunately, they were immediately enthusiastic, and we now had our instructors in place. The next task was to gain the support of the Department of Sociology, in which I teach, and the Brandeis administration. Not surprisingly, the sociology department, long known for its innovative teaching programs, was immediately agreeable, and I quickly found that this willingness to support the idea extended all the way up to President Reinhartz's office. With the green light to proceed, the key to making the class work was now finding the transportation that would allow us to travel efficiently and economically. As Brinkley had discovered almost a decade earlier, one important benefit of going by sleeper bus was that it would allow us to do all of our long drives at night as we slept, meaning that our waking hours could be spent at each of our destinations. Besides this practical issue, the idea of a bus seemed

to perfectly capture the distinctly American road adventure—from the Freedom Rides during the Civil Rights Movement to Ken Kesey's freewheeling Furthur, buses seemed the archetypal vehicle for exploring the nation.

We managed to find just such a bus, with room for the 14 of us, through the Mountain Coach bus company in Marietta, Georgia. Mountain Coach generally leases its buses to touring bands and theater groups (our particular bus had previously been the home base for The Who, Three Dog Night, and Journey, and our driver Morgan was fresh from a long tour with the cast of *Cats*), but they fit our bill perfectly. During the trip, Barb vividly captured what life was like on the bus:

*Once you step into the bus, you realize how small it is. To the right of the driver's seat is a passenger seat. Behind this seat is a couch that*



At the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where 600 civil rights marchers were met by violence on their way to Montgomery on March 7, 1965



is also one student's bed. During the day until late at night you can find four to five people sitting on it. Across the aisle from the couch is the refrigerator. Since there are 15 of us, we have no leftover policy. All food and beverages must be dated or otherwise they will be thrown out. There is also a table that seats four. Under each of the seats is space to squirrel things away. We also have a microwave. Not that I have been able to figure out how the microwave works; it regularly burns whatever anyone is trying to heat up.

We refer to our sleeping compartments as the catacombs or the coffins. There are 12 sleeping compartments in the middle of the bus. Four are on the floor. For those (un)lucky enough to have them, they have to lie on the floor and then roll into bed. When it is time to get up in the morning, they often cannot come out of their beds because of 16 feet on the floor in the aisle. The middle set

of bunks are fairly easy to get into, although no walk in the park in the squeaking department. Sleeping on the top bunks, however, requires some previous knowledge of acrobatics. For those reading this—lie in your bed tonight and measure eight inches above your nose. We believe it to be approximately two fists. This is how close the ceiling is to us when we sleep in bed. We have two choices: lie on your back or on your stomach. How you get into bed determines how you will sleep. Once you pull the

curtain on the side of your bed closed, you are in complete darkness. You can feel your breath bounce back to you. And, since storage space is scarce, we sleep with our daypacks, change of clothes, and toiletries.

The last space on the bus is the back lounge. It has a couch that is David [Cunningham]'s bed. It also has a TV/VCR/stereo. There is also a small table with two chairs. All in all, in the evenings, we can listen to the stereo in the back and



*watch movies up front... But the bus is in no way a still ride. We bounce constantly, mostly up and down, but often side to side. When we wake in the morning, some of our stuff is in the aisle... Most of the time, I am always a foot away from or leaning on someone else. There is no room.*

Sound unpleasant? It took some getting used to. We had been told by several seasoned travelers that the space quickly seems to expand to fit the group, and we found this to be true. Well before the end of the trip, the bus truly seemed like home to all. And, more importantly, it provided an ideal, if intense, setting to develop a community of fellow travelers.

While the structure of the course would closely follow that of Hofstra's *Majic Bus*, the academic

focus was very different—instead of learning about American history per se, we sought to gain an understanding of how American communities are organized, and in turn, how individuals and organizations within these communities successfully work together to reduce injustice in their local worlds and beyond. In short, we were interested in uncovering possibilities for social change and social justice. We quickly realized we had no shortage of interesting places to possibly visit, nor a shortage of interested students. More than 80 students came to an informational meeting announcing the program a full eight months before our departure, and close to 100 eventually applied for the program. Not surprisingly (this being Brandeis), the pool of applicants was excellent,

and we found that choosing a fraction of these students to participate was our most difficult task to date. Our central criterion was diversity, in several senses—we wanted the students to represent everything Brandeis had to offer, and we also wanted to be sure that each student could contribute something unique to the group. We would not be disappointed with our choices of rising seniors Aaron Kagan, Dan Lustig, Andrew Slack, and Suzy Stone; juniors April Alario, George Okrah, Tameka Pringle, Allison Schechter, and Jasmine Vallejo; and sophomores Adam Brooks, Nicole Karlebach, and Lee Tusman.

The theme of diversity also extended to our choice of route, as we ultimately decided that it was important to experience as wide a range of communities as possible. We knew we had to visit the large cities on the East Coast—New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and Atlanta. And Cheryl and I had a strong interest in suburbia, especially planned communities. That meant that one of the Levittown communities as well as Celebration, Florida, were must-sees. Finally, we all wanted to

experience small, rural areas, especially those in the South, which seemed especially distant from our local worlds. We soon heard about two fascinating small towns. The first was Princeville, located in eastern North Carolina. As the first black-incorporated town in the South after the Civil War, Princeville had a long history of overcoming racism through self-determination. African-Americans were allowed to settle on this particular plot of land since, with its infertile soil and frequent floods, it was commonly known as the least-desirable location in the area. In 1999, the community was devastated by Hurricane Floyd, which flooded the area for weeks and caused the vast majority of the community's homes and buildings to be damaged beyond repair. While it was widely assumed that the community would be abandoned thereafter, residents have undertaken an ambitious effort to rebuild the town from the ground up.

The second rural area that caught our eye was Newbern, in western Alabama. A town of only 231 residents, it had almost literally been put on the map by Dr. Samuel Mockbee, a professor in Auburn University's School of Architecture. In 1993,



At the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and killed in 1968

Mockbee—or “Sambo,” as he is affectionately referred to—founded Rural Studio as a base for Auburn’s Sustainable Architecture program. Though almost 150 miles away from the main Auburn campus, the program attracts over 30 undergraduate and master’s degree students annually, each of whom completes (i.e., builds) a large-scale project in the surrounding community. The program focuses on using innovative materials and methods to build structures that meet the needs of the local community. The program is holistic in the sense that workable solutions to community needs are “forged by real human contact, personal realization, and a gained appreciation for the [local] culture.” To those in the architecture world, its students are best-known for using locally recycled materials—including

glass bottles, bales of cardboard, and automobile license plates—to construct durable structures at low cost. Past innovative projects have included baseball fields, community centers, and an amphitheater.

Our final route included all of these sites, as well as several others in Alabama and Mississippi that played a key role in the Civil Rights struggle during the 1950s and 1960s. The most valuable aspects of our experiences in each of these places often came from unexpected sources, however. In Princeville, for instance, we were able to view firsthand the terrible aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, as well as witness the beginnings of the community’s ambitious rebirth. But what we will always remember about that day was our after-hours meeting with Town Planner Sam Knight. After a hectic workday, Knight generously agreed to speak with us about

the rebuilding effort, and he patiently answered over an hour’s worth of our questions about the decision to rebuild rather than abandon the town, how the local government has effectively dealt with the logistics of having large numbers of displaced residents, how the town has successfully mobilized outside support and funding, and how they go about ensuring equity in the ordering of relocations. We concluded as we always did with our guest speakers, by inquiring about the best local place to eat and then inviting Knight to have dinner with us. After assuring him that we genuinely wanted local food (he first recommended the chain restaurants in Tarboro,

a larger neighboring town), he revealed to us that he owned a truck stop at the edge of town, and that their kitchen/nightclub was going to be opening for the first time that very night! We eagerly followed Knight’s car to the truck stop, where we had a wonderful evening. Lee Tusman ’04 described it in more detail in his journal:

*As we drove up, a large sign with the simple words “GOOD FOOD” stood waiting for us and called out, “This is home cookin.’ Better come eat it up.” Workers hoisted a neon “Open” sign and hastened to clean up the dining room for us. Junk was piled up in the corners. Little kids chattered. Rain started to pour down on us*



At the Auburn University School of Architecture’s Rural Studio in Newbern, Alabama

*and we piled inside. I immediately knew, this was the perfect place for me.*

*We waited in a long line and ordered things like fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, fried fish, rice, candied yams, cornsticks, and french fries. Since I was last in the line, it took about 20 minutes for me to get my grub. But it was worth it! Not only did I get a double dose of mac and cheese, but the fried chicken was delicious. Not yummy-delicious, but greasy-crunchy-flavorful-crispy-delicious!*

*After dinner, we schmoozed away a few hours, reflecting on the day and our trip so far. Eventually, our meal ended and I think it settled into us that this was the best meal we'd had on the trip. We were in for another pleasant surprise: Mr. Knight didn't charge us for dinner, but insisted we come back to visit him in Princeville in the future and challenged us to come back and see how much the town grows in five years!*

As our trip continued, we found that such generous treatment by our hosts was not at all unusual. In Neshoba County, Mississippi, we met Stanley Dearman—

The county itself is perhaps best known as the site of the murders of three young Civil Rights workers—James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman (early in our trip, we had visited Andrew's mother, Dr. Carolyn Goodman, in her New York City apartment)—during Freedom Summer in 1964. Dearman, then a local newspaper reporter with the courage to rightly accuse the Klan of the killings (and now retired and in his mid-eighties), spent the afternoon discussing race relations in Mississippi before treating us to a wonderful buffet dinner. In Memphis, we were tirelessly shuttled around by 79-year-old Ernest Withers, an acclaimed photographer of the early Civil Rights Movement, the Memphis music scene, and Negro League baseball. In New Orleans, Doug Brinkley himself (the "Majic Bus" innovator) supplied us with access to phones, showers, and food, and even organized a night of music and poetry featuring local guitarist Tom Rushton and internationally renowned poet Andrei Codrescu. And in Philadelphia, we enjoyed the hospitality of amazing people working with the Kensington Welfare Rights Organization—



people who, in some cases, rarely had a secure roof over their own heads.

For many of us, these profoundly magnanimous displays were what left lasting impressions—more than a few of us (myself included) began to feel that our faith in humanity had been renewed. But we also learned countless lessons about how our world can often be improved through the actions of small numbers of committed individuals. Such lessons were invaluable, and we plan to apply them on the Brandeis campus and beyond. In the end, we realized the significance of our time together on the bus and the many experiences shared at each destination. Suzy Stone '02 echoed many students' sentiments when she stated that "many times before I have heard the saying: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Before traveling 30 days on this

sleeper bus, I do not think I could see, and therefore fully comprehend, how my freedom is truly caught up, intertwined, and interconnected with the liberation of all people in every location." In the end, it was the totality of the experience that made it meaningful; as Barb Browning remarked in her journal on the final day of the trip, it became clear that "I would not change this experience. Even with the lack of space, I would choose to live on a sleeper bus. I cannot tell you how close-knit this community is. After we have visited unique places and amazing people we come back to the bus to have class discussion. It is during this time that we really talk with each other, listen to each other. We discuss, we debate, we argue, and we learn to understand each other. We also sing, dance, play instruments, cry, and laugh a lot. It is these moments—moments of life on the bus that has been a life-defining experience. The community on the bus has made the trip worthwhile."

## Participants in the Bus Trip

As for the future of the program, during this coming academic year, the bus students will be highly visible on campus, organizing student forums, documentary screenings, photography exhibits, community dinners, and multimedia performances based on material gathered during the trip. The students will also be central participants in a number of campus organizations, including those that seek to fight for social justice in the Boston area and beyond. As for the longer-term, given the program's powerful effect on its participants and ability to broaden students' understandings of the world around them, I hope to institute *Possibilities for Change* as a biannual program, with the next generation departing in the summer of 2003. Our central task over the next year is to raise the funds necessary to allow this to happen. This summer, we enjoyed the generous financial support of the Brandeis administration, but our goal is to raise the funds necessary to establish the program as a self-supporting entity. Based on the excited response I've received from individuals all over the United States—as well as Zimbabwe, Australia, Poland,

Canada, and Korea—who watched or read stories about the trip (we were covered by a variety of media outlets, including CNN, Canadian Public Radio, and *The New York Times*), *Possibilities for Change in American Communities* is an experience that can contribute to Brandeis's well-deserved reputation as a University that develops students who are socially aware as well as intellectually capable. ■

*Since arriving at Brandeis in 1999, David Cunningham has taught courses related to community organization, race and power in social life, social movements, and research design. He has also developed and is currently directing the Possibilities for Change in American Communities program. His research interests include the political repression of protest groups (mostly focused on FBI counterintelligence activities) and youth subcultures in suburbia. His first book, Welcome to the Machine: The FBI's Repression of the Radical Right & Left, is forthcoming in 2002 from University of California Press.*

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You can view student journal entries summarizing daily activities and further information about the participants at [www.brandeis.edu/departments/sociology/bus](http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/sociology/bus).

## Lois Foster Wing Opening Celebrations

For one weekend at the end of September, members of the Greater Boston art community came to Brandeis by the hundreds to celebrate the opening of the new Lois Foster Wing of the Rose Art Museum, sited in a garden setting behind and to the side of the original building. The festive black-tie opening for the arts community and the gala public opening celebrations the next day provided a healing counterpoint to the events of September 11—occasions to rejoice in contemporary American art and culture.

In addition to the opening of the Lois Foster Wing, which was designed by Graham Gund, the weekend marked the 40th anniversary of the Rose Art Museum and the launching of a new exhibit, *A Defining Generation. Then and Now: 1961-2001*. Artists such as James Rosenquist and Al Held spoke about their work at a Sunday symposium moderated by Sam Hunter, the prescient first curator of the Rose. Hunter amassed an astonishing collection of works from the sixties and cocurated a retrospective exhibit of his selections in the original galleries with Joseph Ketner, current director of the Rose. Ketner chose recent large works by many of the same artists

to complement and fill the majestic new gallery space of the Lois Foster Gallery. In the Mildred Lee Gallery, viewers were amazed to see American and European works by such artists as Paul Cezanne, Milton Avery, and Georges Braque, drawn from the Museum's collection, which will now be exhibited regularly in rotation.

"Breathtaking" and "incredible" were words visitors used over and over to describe their initial

reaction to the balcony view of the new, two-story space. Henry Foster dedicated the new gallery to lovingly acknowledge his wife's 30-year passion for contemporary art and her leadership role in the art community. Their sons, John and Jim, also spoke of their admiration for their parents' generosity to the arts community of Boston.



Malcolm Rogers, Ruth and Trustee Carl Shapiro, Jehuda Reinharz



Gladys and Sy Ziv and Nancy Winship





Lois Foster Wing dedication



Lois Foster and Paula Thier



Mel Nessel and Martin Trust



Lois Foster, Michael and Trustee Ronny Zinner



Trustee Hank, Lois, and John '75 Foster



Graham and Ann Gund and Peggy Charren

## Faculty

### Peter Conrad

Harry Coplan Professor of Social Sciences, has published "From Hyperactive Children to Adult ADHD: Observations on the Expansion of Medical Categories," with Deborah Potter in *Social Problems*, "Genetic Optimism: Framing Genes and Mental Illness" in *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, and "Constructing the 'Gay Gene' in the News: Optimism and Skepticism in the American and British Press," with Susan Markens in *Health*.

### Stanley Deser

Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics, was elected Honorary Foreign Member to the Italian Academy of Science at Torino. The Academy was founded circa 1790 and has no more than 10 honorary fellows worldwide. He also received an honorary doctorate from the Swedish Chalmers Institute of Technology (their MIT).

### David Engerman

assistant professor of history, met with George Frost Kennan, the 97-year-old diplomat and historian, earlier this year. It was occasioned by Kennan's rediscovery of a memorandum he had written in 1932—which was reprinted in *The New York Review of Books*.

Scribners' *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*, published earlier this year, included three contributors from Brandeis: Engerman, **Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72**, Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, and Molly McCarthy, a graduate student in American history. Engerman also wrote a foreword for a new edition of *The God That Failed*, originally published in 1950.

### Irving Epstein

professor of chemistry and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, chaired a session at the Gordon Research Conference on Nonlinear Science. He was an invited speaker at the New England Complex Systems Institute executive education program, "Managing Complex Organizations in a Complex World"; a meeting on "Patterns and Waves—Mathematics and Nonlinear Chemistry" in Leiden, Netherlands; the European Science Foundation workshop on "Nonlinear Chemistry in Complex Reactors" in Leeds, United Kingdom; and Faraday Discussion 120 on "Nonlinear Chemical Kinetics" in Manchester, United Kingdom.

### Gordon Fellman

professor of sociology, was the Brandeis faculty liaison at the Global Education Partnership, a joint project with the faculty of education of the University of Haifa, Israel. Israeli Jews

and Palestinians were brought together to explore their respective narratives by using the "cultural work" method and philosophy. The International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life organized Brandeis's part in the project.

### Jane Hale

associate professor of French and comparative literature, facilitated a literature course for men and women on probation in the Framingham District Court. The course is part of the nationwide program Changing Lives Through Literature.

### Peter Jordan

professor of chemistry, has been appointed to the Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Neurosciences Study Section (3), Center for Scientific Review for a four year term. Members of a study section review grant applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), make recommendations, and survey the status of research in their fields of science.

### Michael Kahana

associate professor of psychology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, was appointed as associate editor of the journal *Memory & Cognition*, a premier outlet for original research on human learning and memory.

### Edward Kaplan

professor of French and comparative literature and chair, Program in Religious Studies, was a Coolidge Fellow, part of a research colloquium sponsored by *Cross Currents*, an interfaith journal. His project was volume two of a biography of Abraham Joshua Heschel. Kaplan's article on Heschel appeared in the new edition of *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. He was recently elected to the board of the Howard Thurman Educational Trust at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

### Avigdor Levy

professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, was elected to the executive committee of the International Association for Ottoman Social and Economic History. He also attended the association's international congress in Dubrovnik, Croatia, where he presented a paper on "An Ottoman City under Siege: Daily Life in Edirne During the Balkan Wars, 1912-1913," and chaired a panel on "Family and Gender."

## Staff

### **Marya Lowry**

artist-in-residence in voice, was a contributor to *The Complete Voice and Speech Workout: Book and CD*, published by Applause Books. She also coauthored, with

### **Robert Walsh**

artist-in-residence in stage movement, the article, "Voice and Combat—A Conversation" published in *Voice and Speech Review*, July 2001.

### **Kanan Mohamed Makiya**

adjunct professor of Middle Eastern Studies, has just completed *The Rock: A Seventh-Century Tale of Jerusalem*, published by Pantheon Books in the fall. *The Rock* is a work of historical fiction and tells the story of the building of the Dome of the Rock.

### **Vardit Ringvald**

lecturer with rank of assistant professor of Hebrew, director of the Hebrew and Oriental Language Programs, and director of the Romance Language Instruction, delivered a paper, "For the Hebrew Instructor: How to create exercises which will reflect student needs and

emphasize cultural aspects" at the National Association for Professors of Hebrew meeting held at Hebrew Union College, New York City; conducted two workshops: one on "Proficiency-Based Curriculum" at Charles Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Maryland; and the other on "Proficiency-Based Curriculum" at the Solomon Shechter Day School, Orange County, New Jersey; and was a discussant with actress Gila Almagor on the Israeli film *Dangerous Acts* at the Brandeis University Jewish Film Festival.

### **Amélie Rorty**

professor of classical studies and director, Humanities Center and the Program in the History of Ideas, has been elected Distinguished Woman Philosopher of the Year. Her most recent book, *The Many Faces of Evil*, which traces transformations in the concept of evil in the Western tradition, has just been published by Routledge Press. She was also invited to deliver a lecture, "Whose Mind? Whose Freedom?" at a conference on Spinoza's Ethics held at the University of Bielefeld, Germany.

### **Carmen Sirianni**

professor of sociology, published *Civic Innovation in America: Community Empowerment, Public Policy, and the Movement for Civic Renewal* with Lewis Friedland, University

of California Press (2001). He also received a \$380,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts to conduct a national action research project called the Youth Civic Engagement Project. The team of researchers is interviewing 500 leading practitioners and youth leaders, collecting organizational data on local, state, and national projects and policies, and will convene meetings of leaders in the field to develop strategies to enhance youth civic engagement.

### **Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72,**

Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, delivered lectures on American history and politics in Thessaloniki, Greece; Kairouan and Tunis, Tunisia; and Sirmione, Italy. His most recent book, published by Brandeis University Press, *In Search of American Jewish Culture*, is scheduled to appear in paperback soon.

### **Barbara Schwartz**

administrative assistant, Rose Art Museum, was recognized in the recent issue of *Art on Paper*. The Rose was recognized for the design of the invitation announcing the exhibition *Impostures: Clay Ketter and George Stoll*. Ketter and Stoll's works employ kitchen and housewares, and the invitation design was a yellow card that, when placed in water, expanded to become a sponge, on which was printed the information.

# Books and Recordings

## Faculty

**Marc Z. Brettler '78, M.A. '78, Ph.D. '87, associate ed.**

with Michael Coogan, ed., Carol A. Newsom, associate ed., PHEME PERKINS, associate ed., and numerous contributors. Brettler is Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies.

*The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha*  
*The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version*  
Oxford University Press

The *Annotated* has provided essential scholarship and guidance about the world of the Bible to thousands of students, professors, and general readers for nearly four decades. How could the world's premier *New Revised Standard Version* study Bible be kept fresh and up-to-date? How could it be better? Five years of exhaustive research and reflection went into addressing these topics. The answer to these and many other probing questions was published early this year.

**Ricardo A. Godoy**  
Visiting Professor

*Indians, Markets, and Rainforests: Theory, Methods, Analysis*  
Columbia University Press

Does participation in a market economy help or hurt indigenous peoples, and how does it affect the conservation of tropical rainforest flora and fauna? Godoy's research answers this question by investigating five different lowland Amerindian societies of tropical Latin America. The author uses many techniques to examine the effects of modernization and concludes that the seeds of socioeconomic differentiation may already lie dormant in simple economies.

**Erica Harth, ed.**  
Professor of Humanities and Women's Studies

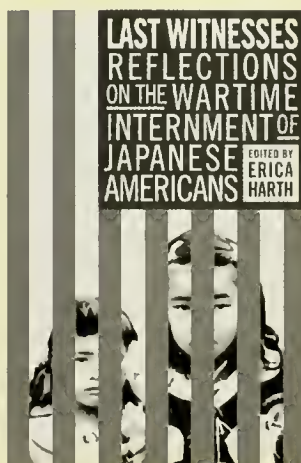
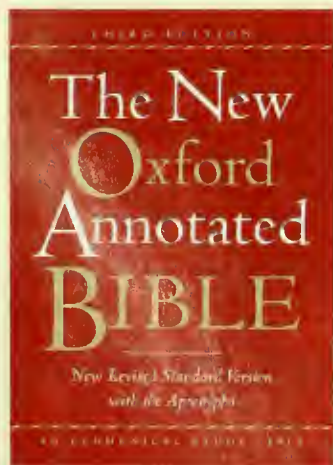
*Last Witnesses: Reflections on the Wartime Internment of Japanese Americans*  
Palgrave—Global Publishing at St. Martin's Press

Surrounded by barbed wire and held in guarded camps, over 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent were detained in government-sanctioned camps after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent issuing of FDR's Executive Order 9066. One question remains unresolved: "Could it happen again?" To the writers in this book, the World War II internment of Japanese Americans in the detention camps is an unfinished chapter of American history. Former internees and their children challenge readers to construct a better future by confronting this dark episode from America's World War II scrapbook.

**Carmen Sirianni**  
and Lewis Friedland.  
Sirianni is a Professor of Sociology.

*Civic Innovation in America: Community Empowerment, Public Policy, and the Movement for Civic Renewal*  
University of California Press

This study examines civic innovation in the United States from the 1960s to the present, with a focus on changing models of community empowerment and democratic policy design. Case studies are drawn from congregation-based community organizing and community development, civic environmentalism, and other forms of community visioning and collaborative problem solving. The book also provides the first in-depth scholarly analysis of the emergent civic renewal movement, and considers various strategies for building this movement in the coming years.



## Alumni

**Robert F. Barsky '84, ed.** with Michel Meyer. Barsky is associate professor at the University of Western Ontario and the University of Quebec and the author of *Noam Chomsky: A Life of Dissent*.

*Philosophy and the Passions: Toward a History of Human Nature*  
Penn State University Press

The subject of the passions has always haunted Western philosophy and, more often than not, aroused harsh judgments. The passions represent a force of excess and lawlessness in humanity that produces troubling, confusing paradoxes. This book offers an explanation that retraces the history of philosophic conceptions of the passions in the work of such thinkers as Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Augustine, Spinoza, Kant, Descartes, Rousseau, and Freud. The translation, preface, introduction, and bibliography are the work of Barsky.

**Murray S. Davis, Ph.D. '69**  
Davis is an independent sociologist who lives in Berkeley, California.

*Aphoristics: How "Interesting Ideas" Turn the World Inside Out*  
SuperiorBooks.com

What makes an idea interesting? In *Aphoristics* the author examines the aphorism—the purest, most elementary form of an interesting idea. He describes its structure, the rules of its construction, the ironic contents that make it provocative, and the linguistic forms that make it memorable. He develops and illustrates his general thesis with hundreds of original aphorisms that collectively compose a new, pointillistic paradigm for revitalizing social and cultural theory.

**Yehuda N. Falk '80**  
Falk is a lecturer in English linguistics at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

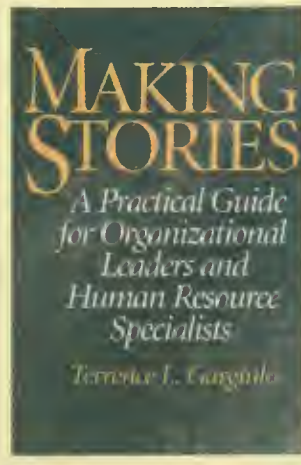
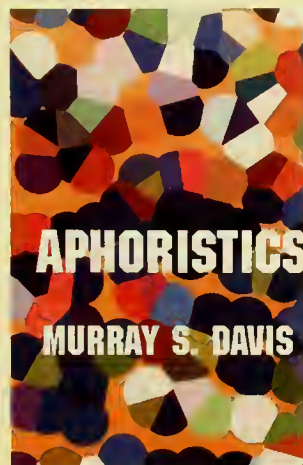
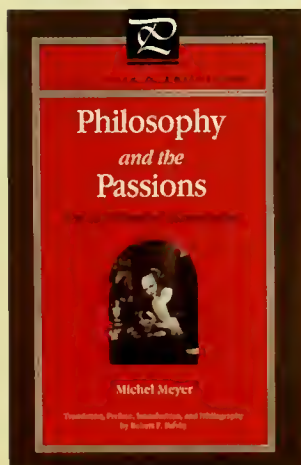
*Lexical-Functional Grammar: An Introduction to Parallel Constraint-Based Syntax*  
CSLI Publications

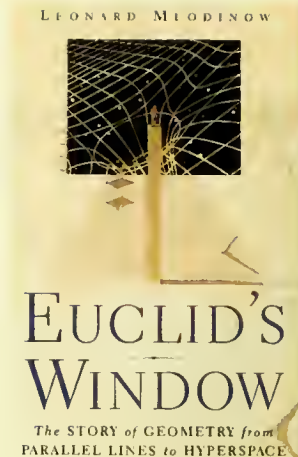
This textbook introduces the syntactic theory of Lexical-Functional Grammar (LFG) to people familiar with derivational theories such as Government/Binding (GB) theory and the Minimalist Program (MP). It introduces the conceptual underpinning of the theory and its formal mechanisms, and develops a portion of a grammar of English. At every step along the way, the LFG approach is contrasted with the GB/MP approach in order to motivate LFG. Constructions covered include passive, dative, unaccusatives, "wh movement," control and raising constructions, and anaphor.

**Terrence L. Gargiulo '90, M.M.H.S. '93**  
Gargiulo is a management consultant, organizational development specialist, and group process facilitator based in San Francisco, CA.

*Making Stories: A Practical Guide for Organizational Leaders and Human Resource Specialists*

Not only do we communicate through stories, we also learn from them. Story making and story telling are skills that can be learned, and the author shows you how to do it. Gargiulo opens with a model of how stories are used and the effects they can have, and with vignettes and other examples, he identifies their common uses. Moving from the conceptual to the applied, Gargiulo presents a model of the "story mind," and closes with a series of exercises to help build a large reservoir of stories for use throughout the organization.





**Rosanna Hertz '75**  
and Nancy L. Marshall, eds.  
Hertz is professor of sociology and women's studies at Wellesley College.

*Working Families: The Transformation of the American Home*  
University of California Press

The dynamics of work and parenthood are in the midst of a revolutionary shift. Focusing on a major factor in this shift—the rise of dual-income families—this volume provides a highly informative snapshot of work and family life in the United States. With selections written by scholars inside and outside academia, *Working Families* offers stories of how families manage and how children respond to the rigors of their parents' lives, as well as broad overviews developed from survey and census data.

**Alan N. Kay '87**  
Kay has been teaching in the public school system for 10 years. He has been awarded "Social Studies Teacher of the Year," is the country coordinator for National History Day, and has written and published award-winning curricula.

*Send 'Em South: Young Heroes of History*  
White Mane Publishing Co., Inc.

This historical fiction novel is set in the years just prior to the Civil War and centers around David Adams, an Irish boy from Boston. His father is an Irish immigrant who is ridiculed and ignored, while his mother is an abolitionist who has dedicated her life to ending slavery. David finds himself an outcast among his friends and even his family. Meanwhile, Lisa has been a slave all of her life. One day she and her father escape north to find Lisa's long-lost mother. In Boston, Lisa befriends David, the one person who is able to stand in the way of the slave catchers who are hot on their trail.

**Sarah Krakauer '72**  
Krakauer is a licensed clinical psychologist, maintaining a private practice in Williamsburg, Virginia, and is a former adjunct assistant professor of psychology at the College of William and Mary.

*Treating Dissociative Identity Disorder: The Power of the Collective Heart*  
Brunner-Routledge

This is a book about the triumph of inner authority over the debilitating effects of trauma and abuse. In a simple and straightforward style, a three-phase model

for treating dissociative identity disorder (previously known as multiple personality disorder) is introduced. Six chapters of case vignettes illustrate therapeutic techniques and show how clients tap into their underlying inner unity to create the conditions for their own maturation, making it safe for their alters to grow, heal, and eventually join the host as a seamless, harmonious whole.

**Charles Klein '73**  
Klein has served as rabbi of the Merrick Jewish Centre in Merrick, New York, for the past 16 years. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and received his master's degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work.

*How to Forgive When You Can't Forget: Healing Our Personal Relationships*  
Liebling Press

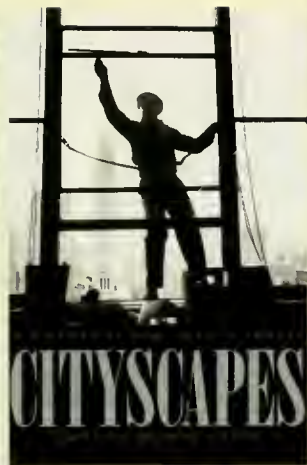
To say, "I'm sorry," is one of the hardest things to do—and it is even harder to forgive someone who has hurt you deeply. Using personal stories and stories from the Bible, the author teaches us to shift our perception. It is a shift

that frees us—it moves us beyond the frozen point in time that says, "I don't need you any more," to a moment that melts away our hardness and allows a voice inside to say, "I want you to be a part of my life again."

**Peggy Levitt '80**  
Levitt is assistant professor of sociology at Wellesley College and associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

*The Transnational Villagers*  
University of California Press

Increasing numbers of migrants continue to participate in the political, social, and economic lives of their countries of origin even as they establish roots in the United States. This book offers a detailed account of how ordinary people keep feet in two worlds and create communities that span borders. Levitt explores the powerful familial, religious, and political connections that arise between Miraflores, a town in the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and examines the ways in which these ties transform life in the home and host country.



**Leonard Mlodinow '76**

Mlodinow was a member of the faculty of the California Institute of Technology before moving to Hollywood to become a writer for numerous television shows including *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *Night Court*.

*Euclid's Window: The Story of Geometry from Parallel Lines to Hyperspace*  
Free Press

*Euclid's Window* leads us on a journey through five revolutions in geometry, from the Greek concept of parallel lines to the latest notions of hyperspace. The author reveals how geometry's first revolution began with a scheme hatched by Pythagoras: his invention of a system of abstract rules that could model the universe. Then, a 15-year-old genius realized that, like the Earth's surface, space could be curved. This revolution reinvented mathematics and physics. Today at universities around the world, scientists are recognizing that all the varied and wondrous forces of nature can be understood through geometry.

**Harvey Meyerson, Ph.D. '97**

Meyerson holds a senior staff position at the Library of Congress's Congressional Research Service.

*Nature's Army: When Soldiers Fought for Yosemite*  
University Press of Kansas

This book celebrates a crucial, but largely forgotten episode in our nation's history—the rescue of our national parks by soldiers with an environmental ethic generations ahead of its time. From 1890 until the establishment of the national Park Service in 1916, soldiers drawn from the so-called Old Army proved to be extremely competent and farsighted wilderness managers who set significant standards for the future oversight of our national parks.

**Howard B. Rock '66 and Deborah Dash Moore '67, eds.**

Rock is a professor of history at Florida International University and Moore is professor of religion at Vassar College.

*Cityscapes: A History of New York in Images*  
Columbia University Press

*Cityscapes* is a visual history of New York that combines a thorough narrative study with illustrations and rare photographs. It tells the story of the city from its origins in the early 17th

century through the end of the 20th century. Through lithographs, paintings, photographs, drawings, and broadsides, New York is portrayed from its rising from a small Dutch outpost to the world economic and artistic capital of the late 20th century.

**Philip Singerman '65**  
Singerman has worked as a journalist, TV producer, advertising copywriter, housebuilder, and bartender.

*Proof Positive*  
Tom Doherty Associates

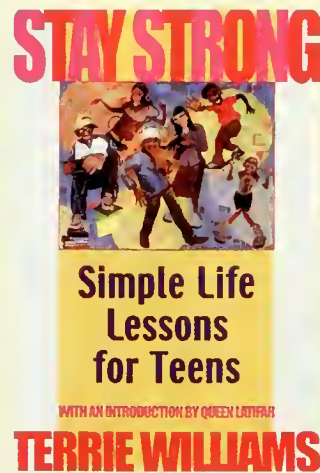
After Roland Troy's long-lost love and new bride is murdered in an Austrian mountain chalet, he quits chasing criminals and retreats to the back woods of Vermont. But when his old friend and former partner travels from Florida to ask a favor, Troy can't say no to the request for help in solving one last homicide. This book takes the reader from rural Vermont to the swampland of Florida and into the mountains along the Austrian-Italian border as the hunt goes on for the truth about one girl's past and the history of an entire nation.

**Steven Soifer, Ph.D. '88**

with George D. Zgourides, Joseph Himle, and Nancy L. Pickering. Soifer is associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work, and president and cofounder of the International Paruresis Association.

*Shy Bladder Syndrome: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Overcoming Paruresis*  
New Harbinger Publications, Inc.

Millions of Americans suffer from an anxiety problem that few know about and even fewer discuss. This social phobia is paruresis. The long-term physical effects of holding one's bladder due to paruresis are not currently known but the emotional pain associated with paruresis is severe and crippling. This book has nine chapters, providing the reader with crucial information about bashful bladder syndrome and other bathroom-related phobias.



**Myron Uhlberg '55**  
Uhlberg, a retired businessman, is the author of *Mad Dog McGraw*, *Flying Over Brooklyn*, and now his third book, *Lemuel the Fool*.

*Lemuel the Fool*  
Peachtree Publishers

Lemuel is a fisherman and a fool. He dreams of building a boat that will take him across the sea to the enchanted city just beyond the horizon. His dream grows stronger, and despite his wife's protests, he sets out on his journey. Disoriented after a storm, Lemuel lands near a strange new village. It seems oddly familiar, from the boats drawn up on the dock to the woman who looks and talks exactly like his own dear wife. "Who is this strange woman who calls me by name?" he asks himself. "Are people the world over all the same?"

**Terrie Williams '75**  
Williams opened The Terrie Williams Agency in 1988 with superstar Eddie Murphy and jazz legend Miles Davis as her first clients.

*Stay Strong: Simple Life Lessons for Teens*  
Scholastic Inc.

As the head of her own public relations firm, Williams worked with some of the biggest names in entertainment—now she's ready to work with you. In *Stay Strong*, she tells the amazing story of her own career. Then she shares the secrets of her success—the same secrets she shares with the stars. Part inspiration, part advice, this book is a guide to reaching for our dreams. The author knows what it takes—and her advice really works.

**Steven K. Wisensale, Ph.D. '83**  
Wisensale is an associate professor of public policy in the School of Family Studies at the University of Connecticut.

*Family Leave Policy: The Political Economy of Work and Family in America*  
M.E. Sharpe

*Family Leave Policy* explores the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of family leave policy in the United States, from its beginnings at the state level in the early

1980s, through the adoption of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (1993), and beyond to the present day. Written from a political economy perspective, the book identifies the major economic and social forces that were, and still are, affecting the family and the workplace. This book's case studies will be of interest to academic and non-academic audiences.

**Manfred Wolf '55, ed.**  
Wolf is professor emeritus of English at San Francisco State University. He has written widely on Dutch literature and translated five volumes of Dutch poetry.

*Amsterdam: A Traveler's Literary Companion*  
Whereabouts Press

The stories in this volume will take you on a personal odyssey through Amsterdam's rich past to its dynamic present. Arranged by the areas of Amsterdam they illuminate, these stories offer up a literary banquet to the traveler who wishes to experience the character and soul of this great city. Join Dutch writers as they lead you along the canals, through the neighborhoods, and from the past to the present in this collection of 20th-century Dutch literature.

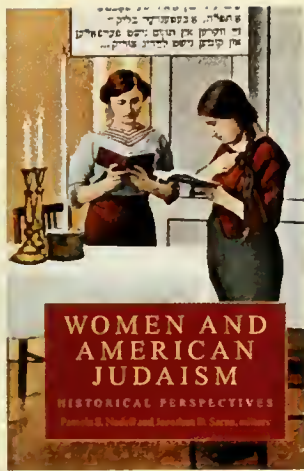
## Recordings

**Dan Mamorstein '76**

*Just Before the Dawn*  
Tutl Records

*Just Before the Dawn* contains two compositions by American-born composer Dan Mamorstein. The Denmark resident also plays the piano on the tracks and is accompanied by the Corona Guitar Quartet. *Just Before the Dawn*, for which the CD is named, consists of tape recordings made on a May morning and a piano improvisation played in response to bird sounds. *Foreplay*, for four guitars, was commissioned by the Copenhagen-based Corona Guitar Quartet.





Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture, and Life  
Jonathan D. Sarna, Editor;  
Sylvia Barack Fishman, Associate Editor

**Steven T. Rosenthal**  
*Irreconcilable Differences?: The Waning of the American Jewish Love Affair with Israel*

From 1948 to the mid-1970s, American Jews and Jewish organizations were virtually unanimous in their support of the Jewish state. But by the 1990s, all this had changed. Rosenthal offers the first full-scale examination of the nature and development of the American Jewish response to Israel. The invasion of Lebanon, the Pollard spy case, the "Who is a Jew?" controversy, and the Palestinian Intifada have shattered American Jewish unanimity, but, as the author notes, dissolution stems as well from a half century of internal changes and the evolution of Jewish identity in Israeli and American society.

Rosenthal is associate professor of history, University of Hartford.

Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture, and Life with the Brandeis Series on Jewish Women  
**Shulamit Reinharz, General Editor, Joyce Antler, Associate Editor, Sylvia Barack Fishman, Associate Editor, Susan Kahn, Associate Editor**

**Jonathan D. Sarna and Pamela S. Nadell, eds.**  
*Women and American Judaism: Historical Perspectives*

At the end of the 20th century Jewish women had redefined how they lived their Judaism. These essays show that women have a long and rich history of imagining and crafting meaningful Jewish lives. Offering a gendered overview of three centuries of American Jewish religious life, they raise key questions about how women from across the nation conceptualized their ideas of Jewish womanhood even as they transformed their roles at home, in synagogues, as volunteers, and in the public eye.

Sarna is the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University and Nadell directs the Jewish Studies Program at American University.

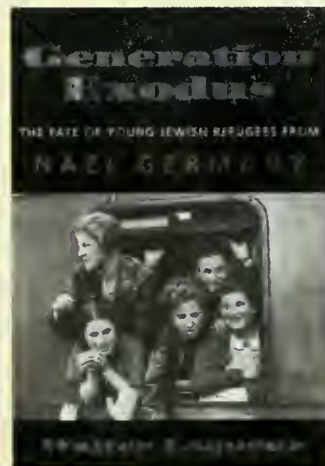


Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry  
**Jehuda Reinharz, General Editor, Michael Brenner, Associate Editor**

**Yigal Schwartz**  
*Aharon Appelfeld: From Individual Lament to Tribal Eternity*

Appelfeld's works have received numerous prestigious literary awards in Israel as well as international critical acclaim. Yet there is a paucity of critical writing about his body of work. The author's study, based in part on interviews with Appelfeld himself, fills this gap. Schwartz organizes his book around three of Appelfeld's major themes: the recovery of childhood and memory, the creation of place, and the religious stance of the Holocaust writer. He sees Appelfeld as a Holocaust writer whose underlying concerns go beyond his experiences as a Holocaust survivor to include larger issues of Jewish identity in the modern period.

Schwartz is director of the Research Center for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture at Ben Gurion University of the Negev.



**Walter Laqueur**  
*Generation Exodus: The Fate of Young Jewish Refugees from Nazi Germany*

Some half a million Jews lived in Germany when Hitler came to power in 1933. Over the next decade, thousands would flee. Among these refugees, teens and young adults formed a generation. Born between 1914 and 1928, they were old enough to appreciate the loss of their homeland and experience of flight, but often young and flexible enough to survive and even flourish in new environments. Many would go on to make great contributions to their new countries and to the world. This is a generational history of the young people whose lives were irrevocably shaped by the rise of the Nazis.

Laqueur, a member of this group of refugees, chairs the Research Council of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

## Alumni Host Faculty throughout the Nation and Overseas



Professor Judith Tsipis and Boston's Downtown Lunch Series Chair Barbara Cantor Sherman '54

The Alumni Association offers the Faculty-in-the-Field program in order to provide Brandeis alumni the opportunity to interact with prominent faculty, meet former professors, and sample the intellectual teaching atmosphere of the University today. If you are interested in becoming involved in your area, contact your club president directly (see page 58) or call Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Club concluded the inaugural year of the Brandeis Breakfast Series on May 8, with Associate Professor of American Studies Jacob Cohen's "Sports in American Culture: What You Can Learn about American Character by Studying American Sports." The series chair is Mitchell Cohen '76. The Downtown Lunch Series also concluded on May 15 with a genetics presentation by Judith Tsipis, professor of biology and director of the Genetic Counseling Program. The series chair is Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Lawrence Uchill '69 hosts the series at his firm Brown, Rudnick, Freed & Gesmer, in Boston.

### Alumni Club of Israel

On May 13 the Club hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Sylvia Barack Fishman, associate professor of contemporary Jewry and American Jewish sociology, who was on sabbatical in Jerusalem. She discussed "Negotiating Our Jewish-Israeli-American Identities" with alumni and guests at the home of Bruce and Edie Maddy-Weitzman '75 in Ra'anana.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On June 4, Michael Murray, the Blanche, Barbara, and Irving Laurie Adjunct Professor of Theater Arts and Director of the Theater Arts Program, and Barbara Cassidy, academic administrator and development coordinator of

the Department of Theater Arts, hosted local theater arts alumni for a cocktail reception at Brandeis House. Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts Marty Halpern was also in attendance.

### Alumni Clubs of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore

On May 6, the Clubs hosted Faculty-in-the-Field events with Professor of Chemistry Michael J. Henchman along with colleague Michael Douma '97. Sharon and Marc '76 Wine of Potomac, Maryland, and Barbara Kirsner Berg '76 of Owings Mills, Maryland, hosted the events. Alumni gathered to hear how a professor of chemistry and a student researched the provenance of two pieces of art, one housed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the other at the Rose Art Museum at Brandeis.

### North Carolina

The Alumni Association invited alumni in the "Research Triangle" of North Carolina to a breakfast with Provost Irving Epstein. The guests enjoyed the update about the University on May 15 at Duke University.

Douglas M. Monasebian '84,  
chair of the Allied Health  
Professionals Group, Alumni  
Club of New York City

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs have recently invited members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. These events provide an opportunity to engage alumni and make them aware of each other's accomplishments and endeavors. If you are interested in sharing your expertise or opening up your home to host a program, please contact your club president directly (see page 58) or call Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Boston alumni enjoyed a gallery talk by artists Amy Kaufman '79 and Natalie Kantor Warshawer '55 at the Depot Square Gallery in Lexington on May 1. The artists discussed their

printmaking work, the cooperative gallery, and the Boston art scene. Judy Liskov Zabin '61 chaired the event.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

Alumni joined the Brandeis University National Women's Committee's Western/Mid West Regional Conference on June 2 at the Westin Hotel, LAX. The Town Forum, "The Digital Dilemma: Just How Much Will the Internet Change Our Lives?" featured alumni panelists James Felton '85, Jay Handlin '81, and Tracey Wise '93 and was moderated by Professor of Philosophy Andreas Teuber.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Arthur Caplan '71, director of the Center for Bioethics and Trustee Professor of Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, presented "Wither the Genetics Revolution: From Dolly to

Genetically Altered Foods" on May 9. Douglas M. Monasebian '84, M.D., D.M.D, chaired the event, which was sponsored by the Allied Health Professionals Group. The Club also hosted a "Bird Walk in Central Park" with Phoebe Epstein '69, owner of the Wild Bird Center in New Jersey on May 11. Then on May 15 alumni and guests heard from Dennis G. Shulman '72, a clinical psychologist, speak on "Psychoanalytic Perspective on the Ancient Text: Implications for Who We Are and How We Change" at Brandeis House. Ruth Abram, M.S.W. '71, daughter of the late President Morris Abram, hosted local alumni



at The Lower East Side Tenement Museum for the second time this year on June 24. Abram is president and founder of the Museum, located in a rehabilitated apartment building on Orchard Street, near present-day Chinatown in New York City. On July 18, Barbara Ball Buff '56, fine arts associate at The New York Historical Society, hosted alumni for the exhibit, *Up on The Roof*, for which she was the curator. The exhibit chronicles and celebrates life on high in New York City.

## Recent Graduates Networks

Many regional clubs host Recent Graduates Network events in order to provide special programming for this constituency. In Washington, D.C., a happy hour was held on May 3 at the Capital City Brewing

Company, organized by Lisa Seperson '99. Also on May 3, the Alumni Club of Southern Florida's Eddie Bruckner '96 and Deborah Brody '91 arranged for a happy hour in Miami Beach. The Alumni Club of New York City hosted recent graduates for a networking

reception at Brandeis House on June 6. Since then, a new committee for the New York City Recent Graduates Network has been formed, cochaired by Erica A. Lowenfels '98 and Bram D. Weber '97.

## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Alumni Network or the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing lists.

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##### **Future Alumni of Brandeis**

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## Upcoming Alumni Events

For the most current calendar of activities, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

#### **Alumni Club of Greater Boston**

Wednesday, January 16  
Downtown Lunch Series  
with Robert Art, Christian  
A. Herter Professor of  
International Relations and  
Director of the Department  
of Politics Graduate  
Program

#### **Alumni Club of New York City**

Thursday, January 24  
"Globalization: Technology  
as an Enabler" by Walter  
Mossberg '69, Technology  
Reporter, *The Wall Street  
Journal*

#### **Alumni Club of Greater Boston**

Sunday, January 27  
Alumni Family Day:  
Brandeis Judges vs. Emory  
University

#### **Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/ Transgender Alumni Network**

Thursday, January 31  
Alumni-Student  
Networking Reception on  
campus

#### **Alumni Club of West Coast Florida**

Sunday, February 3  
Book signing and reception  
with Rita Golden Gelman '58

## Future Alumni of Brandeis

Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB), formerly known as the Student Alumni Association, is the student-chaired arm of the Brandeis University Alumni Association. FAB's steering committee is made up of first-year students through seniors, and is governed by cochairs Maryanne Cullinan '02 and Elida Kamine '03. The student body elects the cochairs as the junior and senior student representatives to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. FAB strives to create and develop lasting relationships between Brandeis students and alumni through networking, educational, and social programs. FAB, in cooperation with the Alumni Association and advised by the Office of Alumni Relations, sponsors and cosponsors activities to foster these interactions.

FAB is pleased to sponsor several "World of" programs which bring professional alumni to campus to speak with students about their careers and life after Brandeis, as well as offer advice and answer questions on what steps students need to take now to follow similar career paths. This year FAB presented the World of Law and Politics on October 25. The World of Business and Technology will be held on February 5, 2002. FAB also hosted with the Alumni Association a Legacy Reception on November 3, as part of Family Weekend, to recognize students who are related to Brandeis alumni. On March 20, 2002, FAB will sponsor the third annual Beyond Peripheral Road, a life skills seminar for seniors, designed to help them prepare for life after college by having presentations on financial planning, repaying student

loans, choosing insurance, and social and business etiquette. Future Alumni of Brandeis also manages the appearances of Ollie the Owl, the official Brandeis mascot. For more information about FAB programming, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4117, email [saa@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:saa@alumni.brandeis.edu), or log on to <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/fab>.

Maryanne Cullinan '02,  
cochair of Future Alumni  
of Brandeis



Elida Kamine '03, cochair of  
Future Alumni of Brandeis

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Tuesday, February 5  
Brandeis Breakfast Series  
with Stephen Whitfield,  
Ph.D. '72, Max Richter  
Professor of American  
Civilization

### Future Alumni of Brandeis

Tuesday, February 5  
World of Business and  
Technology

### Alumni Club of Southern California

Tuesday, February 12  
Reception with President  
Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72

### Alumni Club of New York City

Local alumni joined Best  
Cellars for a "Taste of  
Summer" wine tasting and  
cheese party on July 26 at  
Brandeis House. Six types  
of wine were tasted,  
including sparkling, white,  
red, and dessert. Tania  
Grossinger '56, author of  
*Growing Up at Grossinger's*,  
discussed "Whatever  
Happened to the Catskills?"  
on July 31 at Brandeis  
House.

### Alumni Club of West Coast Florida

On July 25 the Club hosted  
a "Get to Know You"  
meeting for Sarasota-area  
alumni at the home of  
Burt Raimi '60.

## Homecoming 2001 Weekend

Picture it...beautiful fall colors on the trees, the rustle of leaves beneath your feet...a glorious time to return to Brandeis for Homecoming 2001. On the weekend of October 19, 2001, alumni and their family members, students, and prospective students converged on the Brandeis campus to celebrate Homecoming Weekend 2001. Student groups, athletic teams, and alumni collaborated to create this weekend, which resulted in an exciting gathering filled with activities that left the campus buzzing with school spirit and a general feeling of nostalgia.

On Friday afternoon, a crowd of students and alumni gathered to watch the Brandeis men's and women's soccer teams play the University of Chicago. Some alumni chose to take advantage of the Hiatt Career Center services. That evening, a number of tennis varsity players and alumni gathered for an Italian dinner at Vinny Testa's in Brookline where Craig Lambert, a well-known author and tennis enthusiast, was the keynote speaker. Also, a huge crowd turned out to drink and dance at a Stein Night, which was cosponsored by the Alumni Association, the Class of 2002, and student events.



Smiles and fun at the Homecoming Stein Night

One of the special alumni events planned for this weekend was a 37th Reunion for the Class of 1964. The brainchild of host committee members Danny Lehrman '64, Eli Segal '64, Myra Kraft '64, and Jeff Cohen '64, this daylong event was extremely well received by members of their class. The excursion included a canoe trip down the Concord River to Concord's Minuteman National Park. Accompanying the group were David Hackett Fischer, Earl Warren Professor of History, and Brian Donahue, assistant professor of American environmental studies and director, Environmental Studies Program. Donahue guided the group down the river and offered a brief history of the Concord River. At the Old North Bridge in Concord, Fischer, renowned for his book *Paul Revere's Ride*, gave the group a lecture about revolutionary America. Following the afternoon outing, the group

returned to the Brandeis campus to reminisce and enjoy dinner.

On Saturday, the National Alumni Association Board of Directors held their fall meeting to correspond with the Homecoming festivities, and admissions hosted prospective students and their families for a Fall Open House. A number of alumni and student athletics events were held in and around the Gosman Sports Center. Coach Rocky Jarvis and his teams sponsored a tennis round robin, and the men's tennis team played UMass Boston in an afternoon match. The men's soccer team and Coach Mike Coven held a soccer clinic for children of all ages and the women's softball team and Coach Mary Sullivan organized an alumni softball



Meg Dowling '02 enjoys a candy apple at Street Fest

**The Class of 1964 37th Reunion attendees visit the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts**



game. The men's rugby team played a home game, and the women's lacrosse team organized an alumni/student game. The swim team and the fencing team held alumni meets, and a number of alumni and student teams competed in the Intramural 3-3 Basketball Tournament for a chance to win pairs of tickets to the Celtics game of their choice.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was Street Fest, a special event for all members of the Brandeis community, featuring Brandeis student clubs, student performers, music, food, amusement rides, and games. The stage was never quiet with performances by some of the most popular

student groups, including Adagio Dance, Boris' Kitchen, the Lion Dance Troupe, Starving Artists, Company B, and the Brandeis Solo Ensemble. Project Brandeis Spirit, a new student club, organized

a Spirit Trolley that students and alumni could ride around the campus.

Hundreds of alumni and family members attended the annual Friends of Brandeis Athletics (FOBA) Hall of Fame Dinner in Gosman Sports Center. The inductees included: Robert Brannum (golf coach), Dennis F. Donoghue '77 (track and field), Philip T. Goldstein '54 (football), Stanley E. House '90 (basketball), Al Coulthard (track coach and trainer), David J. Perdios '80 (baseball), John Roland Prairie '79 (soccer), Eleena Zhelezov '95 (track and field), and the 1976 National Championship Men's Soccer Team. There were plenty of other evening activities taking place on campus to choose from as well. Some alumni chose to take in the Brandeis Ensemble Theater's production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, while others attended the graduate composers performance featuring new works of the Lydian String Quartet and Boston's finest freelancers. The evening

culminated with a student/alumni dance sponsored by the Hawai'i Ohana Club that was enjoyed by all.

A breakfast sponsored by the athletics department kicked off Sunday morning and was followed by the men's and women's soccer teams' home games against the Washington University. Crowds of students and alumni also traveled to the shores of the Charles River in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to meet the Brandeis crew team and enjoy the Head Of The Charles Regatta. Next year's Homecoming festivities are already being planned.



**Class of 1964 mini-Reunion organizers Eli Segal '64, Danny Lehrman '64, Earl Warren Professor of History David Hackett Fischer, and Jeff Cohen '64**

## Wien Welcome Back Reception

The Wien Alumni Network has been established to keep Wien alumni connected with Brandeis and each other, to celebrate their accomplishments, and to rekindle the founding spirit of the Wien International Students Program, which was founded more than 40 years ago by Lawrence A. and Mae Wien.

On September 9, the Wien Alumni Network held a dessert reception at the Brandeis Faculty Club. Wien alumni welcomed back the current Wien Scholars and greeted the newest members of the program. The 2001-02 academic year has seen five additions to the Wien

International Students Program: Gila Ashtor '05 from Canada, Lacramioara Bintu '05 from Romania, Yanina Seltzer '05 from Argentina, Rumana Sotirova '05 from Bulgaria, and Chandni Valiathan '05 from Kenya.

Welcoming the gathering was Host Committee member Mona Seno '01, whose presence at the event was a testament to the dedication and sense of belonging that Wien alumni feel for the WISP program. Having just started graduate school in Philadelphia, Seno drove up to Boston specifically to attend this event. The other members

of the event's Host Committee included Bhaskar Banerjee '88, Kofi Gyasi '79, Bela Labovitch '87, Janet Akyuz Mattei '65, Andres Santos '00, and Petia Topalova '99.

Director of International Students and Scholars Office and Wien Program Coordinator David Elwell delivered opening remarks and encouraged the WISP alumni and scholars to introduce themselves to the group. He remarked how incredible he found the long-reaching impact of the Wien Program, citing the example of a recent alumnus in London who had called trying to track down one of Lawrence Wien's speeches that he remembered as being particularly meaningful.

Two students added to the excitement of the evening by speaking about the work they had done over the summer break. Mohammad Zulfiquer Hossain '03 from Bangladesh presented some of his research in molecular immunology related to IgG breakdown that he had worked on as a fellow in Associate Professor of Molecular Biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center Neil E. Simister's laboratory. He commented on how exciting he found the opportunity to apply the concepts learned in his Brandeis classes in a research laboratory setting. Trang Nguyen '03 recounted her experience as a member of the Brandeis new students' Orientation Core Committee. Although she found the volunteer position to be more challenging than she had expected, she was amazed at how rewarding

it was and encouraged her fellow Wien Scholars to "reach out beyond the academic door" and get involved in campus life.

Dan Terris, director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, addressed the group about the ways in which the Center's work extends the ideals of the Wien Program and Brandeis University. Using three individuals' experiences in separate parts of the world—a volunteer at the National Peace Council in Sri Lanka, a judge in the Hague, and an American student in Cape Town, South Africa—Terris gave examples of the Center's work of asking intelligent questions and seeking answers. When he spoke about the Center's Ethics and Coexistence Fellows, Terris pointed out Wien alumnus Manual Costescu '99, who had spent a summer abroad with the program. Julie Smith-Bartoloni '90, associate director of university relations, closed the evening by thanking the alumni and the students for their time and encouraging them to treasure their connections to Brandeis University and the Wien Network.

Many of this event's participants commented on how strong the spirit of Brandeis was this evening and how exciting it was to be a part of this incredible group of people. Another Wien Alumni Network event will be held on campus in the spring.



Wien Alumni Host Committee  
Bhaskar Banerjee '88, Petia Topalova '99,  
Janet Akyuz Mattei '65, Kofi Gyasi '79,  
Andres Santos '00, Bela Labovitch '87, and  
Mona Seno '01



Laurie, Jacqui '05, and David Goldman of California

## New-Student Send-Offs

The Alumni Association and the Alumni Admissions Council sponsored New-Student Send-Offs for the Class of 2005. In addition to introducing the students to fellow classmates and upper-class students, this event helps us to educate them early about the University and its alumni. This is the first step toward their realization that the Brandeis University community is large and supportive and special. We thank all of the alumni who attended with offers to help the students and their families during this major transition.

The Alumni Association also recognizes the generosity of the following hosts: Toronto Club President Mark Surchin '78; Arizona Club President Ron Lowe '69; California hosts Ike and Jeanette Winston Goodman '54 and Jeff '79 and Tsilah Solomon '80 Burman; Colorado's hosts Stuart and Trudi Linas, parents of Beth '04; in Connecticut, Michael Kligfeld '63; South Florida hosts Gil '79 (Club President) and Linda Moskowitz '80 Drozdow; Chicago/Milwaukee's hosts Sheila and Harvey Medvin, parents of Arla Medvin Silverstein '88; Baltimore Club President Barbara Kirsner Berg '76; Massachusetts's hosts



Steven '82 and Lori Berman '83, M.M.H.S. '86, Gans, and Cindy and Doug Pollard, parents of Andrew '05; in Minnesota, JoAnn and Eric '70 Pasternack; Northern and Central New Jersey's hosts Larry and Margie Rachelson Samuels '75; New York City's hosts Danny Lehman '64 and Vic Ney '81;

Long Island Club President Jaime '86 and Stacey Ezratty; Westchester County's hosts Denise and Gary Rosenberg, parents of Janna '02; Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's hosts Kenneth '77 and Eileen Schnall '78 Winter; Texas hosts Mark E. Jacobs '78 and Jerrad and Sara Castle Bloom '94; in Washington, D.C., Janice Rovner Feldman '85; and in Seattle, Beth Linder Weisberg '61.

## Former Wien Scholar Appointed Turkish Ambassador to the United States



President George W. Bush welcomes Turkish Ambassador O. Faruk Logoglu '63 and his wife, Mimi, to Washington, D.C.

O. Faruk Logoglu '63 became the new Turkish ambassador to the United States on September 27.

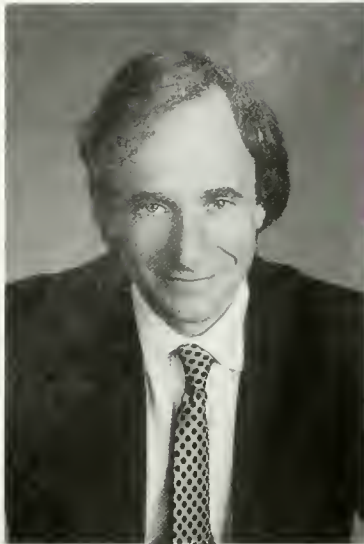
Logoglu earned high marks at the Turkish Foreign Ministry, where he was undersecretary. According to the *Turkish Daily News*, "Logoglu was a perfect choice for the top Foreign Ministry job and performed well in critical times. He was in charge of a very successful ministry, which [had] to handle serious foreign policy challenges in a volatile region."

In his statement to President George W. Bush, Logoglu conveyed the sadness of the Turkish

people over the September 11 attacks, and reaffirmed Turkey's cooperation in the fight against terrorism. President Bush then welcomed Logoglu to Washington, and cited the longstanding friendship of the two nations.

Logoglu studied at Brandeis as a Wien Scholar from 1960 to 1963. He majored in political science. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton.

For more information on Logoglu and Turkey, go to [www.turkey.org](http://www.turkey.org).



Alan N. Braverman '69

## Braverman '69 Named Deputy General Counsel of The Walt Disney Company

Alan N. Braverman '69 was named deputy general counsel of The Walt Disney Company in August. Braverman has been executive vice president and general counsel of Disney-owned ABC, Inc. since May 2000, and continues to hold that position.

In his new position of deputy general counsel, Braverman oversees Disney's legal interests in intellectual property, music, and real estate, and assists in the administration of the legal department. As general counsel of ABC, he continues to oversee

the legal affairs of the ABC Broadcast Group, ESPN, ABC Cable Networks Group, and Walt Disney Internet Group.

Said Louis Meisinger, executive vice president and general counsel of Disney, "Alan is a lawyer's lawyer and a superior administrator. He has done an outstanding job heading the legal affairs of ABC, and has in-depth legal and practical knowledge of our businesses. We look forward to his contributions to the legal affairs of The Walt Disney Company."

Braverman joined ABC in 1993 as vice president and deputy general counsel, was promoted to vice president

and general counsel in 1994, and has since moved through a series of increasingly responsible positions at ABC. Previously, he was a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.

A native of Boston, Braverman holds a B.A. degree from Brandeis University and a J.D. degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where he graduated *summa cum laude* and was editor in chief of the *Law Review*.

## Former GSIEF Graduate now Bulgaria's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy

Nikolai Vassilev, M.A. '97, was recently named Bulgaria's deputy prime minister and minister of the economy. He now serves as part of the cabinet of King Simeon II, who, in June, won a decisive victory to become Prime Minister of Bulgaria.

At only 31, Vassilev is now one of the most powerful men in Bulgaria. He gained recognition in the country over the past two years, according to an article in *The New York Times*, "through a program in which Bulgarians working abroad commented on government reforms." He, along with his fellow members of the newly appointed cabinet, has adopted the tough task

of reforming the Bulgarian economy and improving its standard of living.

Before his return to Bulgaria, Vassilev was a senior vice president with Lazard Capital Markets in London. In addition to his master's

degree from Brandeis, he holds three bachelor's degrees: one in economics from the University of Economics in Budapest, Hungary; and two, in business administration and in finance and economics, from SUNY, at Oswego, New York. He also studied specialized tax policy and finances at the Keyo University of Tokyo, Japan.

## Former Santa Claus Job Helps Rabbi Alum Gain Appearance on 'The Weakest Link'

Rabbi Mark Covitz '92, a Judaic studies and Hebrew teacher at Theodor Herzl Jewish Day School in Denver, Colorado, was a recent contestant on NBC TV's *The Weakest Link*. According to Covitz, what catapulted him onto the show, besides his aptitude for answering test questions, was his admission that while in college, he worked as Santa Claus in the Mall at Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts. "The TV

show producers thought it was a great juxtaposition to have a Santa turned rabbi on their show," Covitz said.

In June 2001, Covitz was one of about 250 people who auditioned for the show at the Oxford Hotel in Denver. After the show's producers reviewed the tape of his audition, he was called to Los Angeles, California, and eventually selected to appear on the program. Covitz was one of two finalists for the big prize, but lost in the show's last round. The program aired September 10.

Covitz confesses that he is not a big television watcher and was unfamiliar with game show television until he decided to audition for *The Weakest Link*. The experience has not turned him into a game show addict, he said, although family members clearly have other ideas. "I love my job and my career," he said. "But my mother-in-law is working hard to get me on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*."



Mark Covitz '92

## 2002 Alumni Travel Program Will Visit Europe and Cuba

Following an extremely successful first year, the Brandeis University Alumni Association is pleased to announce its 2002 Travel Program that will include trips to the Swiss Alps, Greece, and Cuba.

The Swiss Alps Young Alumni Ski Trip to Meiringen, Switzerland, will kick off the 2002 Travel Program. Meiringen, a typical Swiss village surrounded by the majestic Swiss Alps, is full of friendly people who love to share their traditions, folklore, and culture. There will be

multiple departures between January 19 through March 16, 2002. No faculty host will accompany these six-night trips that boasts an extremely low price including airfare from Boston.

Join President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, on our Alumni Campus Abroad in Greece excursion that is scheduled for June 25-July 4, 2002. Based on the beautiful island village of Poros, located just off the coast of Athens, you need only unpack once as all of your excursions and activities begin and end at the first-class Hotel New Aegli. This all-inclusive cultural immersion is an unprecedented opportunity

to experience the local culture and people of Poros and the surrounding region. A very low price including airfare from Boston will assure that this trip will sell out fast!

Explore and discover Cuba, a culturally and historically rich country that has been closed to the U.S. traveler for 40 years. This six-day, five-night cultural exchange program features accommodations at Parque Central in the center of old Havana. Worldguest operates our study program with a license from the U.S. Department of Treasury to promote cultural exchange and

people-to-people contact. The trip is scheduled for October 25-31, 2002, and space is extremely limited. This is a unique experience that you won't want to miss!

Additional information for these trips may be found on the alumni Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. To reserve your space or for more information about one of these trips, call Alumni Holidays at 800-323-7373 or Julie Smith-Bartoloni '90, associate director of university relations, at 800-333-1948 or email [travel@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:travel@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## A Report from the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

In Fiscal 2001, Brandeis experienced yet another year of positive operating results. Significantly, these positive results were achieved while the University made progress on many important initiatives designed to strengthen its financial condition and address strategic objectives. These initiatives include: reducing the endowment spending rate, increasing gifts to the endowment while reducing the reliance on gifts for operations, improving faculty salaries, and making much needed investments in academic programs, student life, and the physical plant. Further, these positive results were achieved in a difficult environment, in which the University saw substantial increases in the cost of utilities and fringe benefits and a modestly negative return on its investments.

In my reports over the past several years, I noted that the economy has been a major contributor in enabling the University to improve its financial condition. During the period from 1995 to 2001 the value of the endowment doubled, annual fundraising increased by 253%, the undergraduate discount rate declined from 45% to 33%, and costs were contained more effectively. Although much progress has been made in improving the University's financial condition and addressing some of its strategic needs, many challenges remain, and the likelihood of a continued economic expansion is uncertain.

Armed with a heightened ability to budget and forecast, particularly as a result of the PeopleSoft administrative systems implementation together with a newly developed integrated resource planning model, the University is analyzing its operating structure so that resources will exist in the future to allow for further strengthening of the academy and student services while ensuring that there will be adequate financial flexibility during uncertain times.

While the University clearly faces challenges, great strides are being made, and significant new initiatives

and projects are generating a great deal of excitement on the Brandeis campus.

Construction on the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center continues on schedule, and construction should be complete in late spring 2002. During the summer of 2002, the interior of the building will be furnished. The building will be ready for full use beginning with the start of the academic year in fall 2002. We look forward to having this extraordinary new facility available for the entire community.

Another project identified by President Reinharz and the University Trustees as a top priority for Brandeis is the new undergraduate residence hall now being designed. Building on extensive input from students, staff, and faculty, the project team has been working closely with the Offices of Students and Enrollment, Student Life, and Residence Life, to ensure that the new residence hall will

effectively meet the needs of the Brandeis community. In particular, a variety of social and common spaces are planned for inclusion in this building. The physical opening planned between two of the building's three "modules" will also function as the main pedestrian gateway into the Brandeis campus.

The inaugural opening of the Lois Foster Wing addition to the Rose Art Museum took place on schedule in late September. This magnificent new addition to the Rose doubles the available exhibition space and provides the Museum with one of the premier spaces in the country for exhibitions of contemporary art. I hope that next time you are with us on the Brandeis campus, you will make a point of visiting the expanded Rose Art Museum and will also have an opportunity to see the other exciting works-in-progress on campus.

I look forward to reporting to you in the future on the University's success in dealing with the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Peter B. French  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Operating Officer

## Brandeis University Financial Highlights

Years Ending June 30	2001	2000	1999
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$186,617,118	\$178,013,695	\$163,430,238
Total Unrestricted Expenses (A)	175,932,405	165,136,928	158,995,843
<b>Principal sources of unrestricted revenue</b>			
Net tuition, fees, and auxiliary enterprises	78,904,738	75,757,005	70,584,240
Contributions	9,938,721	7,345,433	8,276,402
Sponsored programs, grants, and contracts	46,735,300	43,973,698	44,763,580
Net assets released from restrictions	41,691,329	32,732,600	29,448,038
<b>Principal uses of unrestricted expenses</b>			
Educational and general	152,071,458	143,846,049	136,577,389
Auxiliary enterprises	22,660,826	20,454,857	21,291,900
<b>Pooled Endowment Funds</b>			
Book value	355,433,443	350,547,565	295,761,740
Market value	371,693,618	378,586,443	327,655,530
University Debt	115,388,870	115,599,200	112,384,446
University Assets	676,978,308	675,050,748	576,094,635
University Liabilities	170,013,170	167,077,582	156,849,229
<b>University Net Assets</b>			
Unrestricted	57,956,095	47,271,382	35,681,004
Temporarily Restricted	160,168,320	200,623,011	151,439,383
Permanently Restricted	288,840,723	260,078,773	232,125,019

(A) Operating expenses before extraordinary items.

Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we may edit entries for brevity. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. You are encouraged to send in photos, especially wedding pictures with Brandeis alumni in attendance, with the names of those in the photograph. Please provide a daytime telephone number in email submissions. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the *Brandeis Review* will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

### '52

**50th Reunion—  
May 24-26, 2002**  
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**Phylis Levins Acker** and **Max Perlitsh** are Gift Committee cochairs for the Class of '52's 50th Reunion, scheduled for Commencement weekend, May 24-26, 2002. **Julian Koss** and the rest of the Program Committee are working hard to make sure a good time will be had by all. We hope you are able to join us back on campus!

### '53

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**Ike** and **Jeanette Winston Goodman** hosted a New-Student Send-Off in their home in Atherton, CA, on August 19, 2001.

### '55

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**Lucille Weinstein Newman** retired in November 2000, and is trying to adjust to being at home. She and her husband, Burt, went on a cruise to Southeast Asia in December 2000, and traveled to Nice, France, in May 2001.

### '56

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**Barbara Ball Buff** hosted participants at an Alumni Club of New York City event on July 18, 2001, at the New York Historical Society, where she is a fine arts associate. **Tania Grossinger** spoke about her experiences and book, *Growing Up At Grossinger's*, at an Alumni Club of New York City event at Brandeis House on July 31, 2001.

### '57

**45th Reunion—  
June 7-9, 2002**  
Wynne Wolkenberg Miller,  
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**Ruth Porter Bernstein** retired in June 2001 from her career as a guidance counselor in the Winthrop Public Schools in Massachusetts. **Robert "Robin" Brooks** retired in April 2001 after 37 years at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he served in a number of student affairs administrative positions and at the time of retirement was director of visitor relations. He was the Commencement coordinator for many years as well as being responsible for the university's visitor's center, which he helped to establish. In 1998 he was presented the "Citizen of the Year" award by the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his volunteer services to the community. In retirement, he works with the director of guest services at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA, and with the local chamber of commerce. **Lawrence Kane** is the Program Committee chair and **Richard Kaufman** is the Gift Committee chair for the Class of '57's 45th Reunion, June 7-9, 2002. Please plan to join us and reconnect with old friends! Speaking of old friends, I, **Wynne Wolkenberg Miller**, enjoy keeping in touch with my old classmates and



Lenora "Leni" Winn '57, Beverly Sachs Silpe '56, Wynne Wolkenberg Miller '57, Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt '55, and Annette Liberman Miller '58 in 1991.

roommates, including **Lenora "Leni" S. Winn**, **Beverly Sachs Silpe '56**, **Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt '55**, and **Annette Liberman Miller '58**. We recently had a picture taken of us and compared it to a picture we had taken 10 years ago. How time flies!

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*Soap Opera Digest* featured **Stuart M. Damon** in an article concerning raising grandchildren. Stuart and his wife, Deirdre, adopted their grandson, Alexander, who has been living with them since birth. **Lenore Edelman Sack** reports, "Wow! I've retired after eight years in higher education and almost 20 years with the Department of Defense as a senior manager of education and training programs. Retirement is wonderful! The alarm is turned off. No more waking up at 5:30 am." Lenore works part-time at a new center for the University of Maryland helping to develop a strategic plan and various policies. She continues to take tap dancing and has added an acting class. She and her husband, Marty, travel abroad and also visit their blended family of seven children, spouses, partners, and grandchildren, who live around the United States. She adds, "It's hard to believe our next Reunion is the 45th."

### '59

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After serving as visiting professor of constitutional law at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, **Philippa Strum** is director of the Division of United States Studies at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

### '60

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**Burt Raimi** hosted a "Get to Know You" meeting at his home in Sarasota, FL, on July 25, 2001, for the Alumni Club of West Coast Florida.

### '61

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**Ron Carner** was elected vice president of Maccabi World Union (MWU), the international movement spanning five continents and more than 50 different nations. MWU, a Zionist, nonpolitical organization, is dedicated to the furthering of education and athletics, as well as the promotion of Jewish identity and traditions through cultural, social, and educational activities for youth and adults alike. The

organization is best known for its involvement in the presentation of the World Maccabiah Games, the quadrennial, Olympic-style competition for Jewish athletes of all ages throughout the world. The 16th World Maccabiah Games were held in July 2001 in the State of Israel. Ron served, for the United States participation in these games, as national sports chairman. **Neil L. Friedman** writes a relationship advice column as "Dr. Neil" at [www.relationship-talk.com](http://www.relationship-talk.com). He has answered over 1,200 questions from around the world and is compiling a book of his quotes. **Beth Linder Weisberg** hosted a New-Student Send-Off in her home in Seattle, WA, on August 14, 2001. **Baila Milner Miller** moved back to the Chicago area after spending five years in Cleveland. She retains her professorship at the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University and continues funded research in gerontology on a half-time basis while working out of her new home in Lincoln Park. Her husband has retired and together they are enjoying a more relaxed pace of playing with their three grandchildren and attending the many artistic and poetic diversions in the city.

## '62

**40th Reunion—**  
**June 7-9, 2002**  
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**Ira Shoolman** and **I, Ann Leder Sharon**, are cochairs of the Program Committee and **Sidney L. Boorstein** and **William S. Singer** are cochairs of the Gift Committee for the upcoming Class of 1962's 40th Reunion, June 7-9, 2002. We hope many of you are able to make the trip back to campus to be part of the fun!

## '63

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**Michael Kliefeld** hosted a New-Student Send-Off at his home in Woodbridge, CT, on August 5, 2001. **Bernard J. Lind** delivered the commencement address and received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Schiller International University in London. He is still active as a consultant to clients in Central Europe and Africa and he joined the board of LBS Bank, New York, as a non-executive director. **Bernard** and his wife split their time between London and Cap Ferrat in the south of France, where they purchased an apartment.

## '64

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**Danny Lehrman** Alumni Admissions Council chair for New York City, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at Brandeis House on August 9, 2001. **I, Shelly Wolf**, have changed jobs and now work for Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia.

## '65

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## '66

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**Gwenn Karel Levine** is an independent consultant working for nonprofit agencies in Paterson, NJ, and hospital systems around the state. Her areas of expertise are community building, health planning, and regulatory affairs. **Gwenn** is a member of the board of CUMAC, a large food pantry, thrift shop, and job-training site in Paterson. She is also a member of the board of Passaic County Vision 2020; a group dedicated to the economic development of Passaic County. In addition, she is a serious amateur photographer.

## '67

**35th Reunion—**  
**June 7-9, 2002**  
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**Arthur Finstein** and **Lois Saval Finstein '70** are very proud to announce that their son, **Joshua Finstein '01**, received a B.A. from Brandeis last May. **Josh** joins his sister **Amy Finstein '98** as another of several Brandeis alumni from the Finstein/Saval families. **Lois** and **Art** also celebrated their 30th anniversary in August 2000. **Eve Hlavaty Cimmet** is the Program Committee chair and **I, Anne Reilly Hort** and my husband, **Robert Hort** are the Gift Committee cochairs for the Class of '67's 35th Reunion, to be held June 7-9, 2002. **Ira N. Rosenholtz** was chosen to receive the Trevor Evans Prize of the Mathematical Association of America for his article "ONE Point Determines a Line—A Geometric Axiom of Choice," which appeared in the November 2000 issue of

*Math Horizons*. Northeastern University Press published **Judith Segel Graham's** book, *Puritan Family Life: The Diary of Samuel Sewall*, in 2000.

## '68

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After spending 20 years in the South, **Stephen M. Abelman** has returned to the Northeast. He and his wife, **Robin**, have relocated to Westchester County, NY, where **Steve** has begun a new career with the March of Dimes. **Mark Simon** is a partner of Centerbrook Architects and Planners in Centerbrook, CT. **Renee Tankenoff Brant** was honored for her work on behalf of sexually abused children as one of eight "Women Who Dared" at a dinner sponsored by the Jewish Women's Archives and Hadassah Boston. She and her husband, **Jonathan Brant**, were two of the subjects of a piece of "spatial" music written by **Jonathan's** 87-year-old uncle and composer **Henry Brant**. The piece is "The Four Doctors," named after four members of the Brant clan who have doctorates, and had its world premiere at a concert of **Henry Brant** music presented by the Harvard Wind Ensemble. Each of the four doctors was represented by a six-foot heraldic trumpet

## '69

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**Ron Lowe**, president of the Alumni Club of Arizona, hosted a New-Student Send-Off in his home in Paradise Valley on August 12, 2001. His son, **Michael**, is a member of the Brandeis Class of 2005.

## '70

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**Elliot Bruce Asarnow** was appointed global head of research at Barclays Capital, the investment banking division of Barclays PLC. **Elliot** is based at Barclays Capital's headquarters in London, and is a member of the firm's management committee. **Paul Fleisher's** latest book, *Gorillas*, was published by Marshall-Cavendish in 2001. *Gorillas* is one of five titles in *AnimalWays*, a new series for upper elementary and middle school aged readers. **Paul** teaches gifted students at Birtford Middle School in Richmond, VA. He has taught in the Richmond Public Schools since 1978. **Eric Pasternack**, along with his wife, **JoAnn**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off on August 21, 2001, in their home in Mendota Heights, MN. **Lois Saval Finstein** and **Arthur Finstein '67** are very proud to announce that their son, **Joshua Finstein '01**, received a B.A. from Brandeis last May. **Josh** joins his sister **Amy Finstein '98**, as another of several Brandeis alumni from the Finstein/Saval families. **Lois** and **Art** also celebrated their 30th anniversary in August 2000.

## '71

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**Daniel Maverick Falkoff** moved back to his family home in Hopkinton, MA, with his children after a divorce. He is working "as always" in electronics. After working as an investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, **Phyllis J. Kayten** went through a major career change and now works as a reference specialist at Stanford University's Green Library, Humanities and Social Sciences. She writes, "I don't get to call myself a librarian

because I don't have an M.L.S. degree, but I sit at the reference desk and answer questions on doing research, finding documents, books, and journals, using indexes, and finding one's way on campus and in the library. I am having the best time. It's what I was meant to be." She is still living in Palo Alto, CA, with her husband, **Steve Weinstein** and daughter **Carly Laurel P. Steinberg** enjoys life in deep South Texas and taking care of her two great kids, **Rosalie** and **Jonathan**. She teaches Hebrew school, is president of the local chapter of Hadassah, and is doing part-time landscape architecture work.

## '72

**30th Reunion—**  
**June 7-9, 2002**  
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*Four Hands One Heart: Ed and Mary Scheier*, produced by **Ken Browne Productions** and **Ken Browne** in collaboration with the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, NH, went into national distribution on PBS stations in the fall of 2001. The film chronicles the artistic career and the marriage of America's first couple of studio pottery, **Ed and Mary Scheier**. In 1991, **Ken Browne Productions** entered the field of educational technology training, providing creative services for all staff development and marketing videos for the Optical Data Corporation, based in Warren, NJ. **Ken** traveled throughout the country documenting model teaching using new technology in elementary school classrooms. **Ken Browne** videos have also supported the arts and health. **Stephen Cohen**, a guitarist, composer,

songwriter, visual artist, and performer, had two of his songs released in the United Kingdom this year by Ethno Music of London. Last year, **Stephen** received an award at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas. He would like to hear from you! Visit his Website at <http://home.cdsnet.net/~stephco/>. **Michael Hammerschmidt** is the Program Committee chair and **Meyer Koplov, Marty Gross**, and **Linda Yale Zlotof** are the Gift Committee cochairs for the Class of '72's 30th Reunion, June 7-9, 2002.

## '73

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**David C. Ash** is chief operating officer and general counsel of Sam Ash Music Corporation and Samson Technologies Corp., a nationwide 30-store chain of musical instrument retailers and a manufacturer of electronic musical products. He acquired the world famous Manny's Music of 48th Street in New York City in which **David** "had the pleasure" of working with **Mark Tulis '72**. **David** has been married to his wife, **Karen**, for 24 years, and together they have two daughters, **Kim** and **Danielle**. **Jakki Koufman** lives in Santa Fe, NM, with her husband, **Jonathan Sperber**. She teaches independent painting workshops nationwide. She shows her paintings at Ventana Fine Art ([www.ventanafineart.com](http://www.ventanafineart.com)) in Santa Fe and at Artique Ltd., in Anchorage, AK. **Barry Weintraub**, a national spokesperson for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, was featured in a cover story in the *New York Post* relating to the dangers of undergoing serious cosmetic surgery in places outside the United States such as Central and South America. He was selected to appear on *MDTV News Now* as a valuable resource to the public in the field of plastic surgery.

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1963 1972	Peter D. Magnus Stephen Kelley	Samson Angelo Juliette Vanessa Jake Berger Asher Lloyd	September 8, 1999 December 15, 2000 October 25, 1995 May 28, 2000 January 28, 2001
1981	Michael Goldman Helen J. Levy-Meyers Marlene R. Mlawski Linda Sweet Marks	Julian Max Spencer Ashton Alessia Casson Luca Casson	April 17, 1998 December 15, 2000 May 2, 2000 December 1, 1997
1982	Andrea Casson Milstein and Glen Milstein '83	Avi Max	June 18, 2000
1983	David Muller	Ian Kessler	September 28, 2000
1984	Anthony W. Buchsbaum	Isaac Seth	July 6, 2001
1985	Marlene Kern Fischer and Mark D. Fischer '83		
1986	Arieh Siegal Lori Bernstein Callun  Shari Beth Gersten	Elijah Ranen Jared Marc Matthew Scott Jonathan Adam Zeke Benjamin Arielle Gilat	August 23, 2000 February 22, 2001 May 2, 1997 September 22, 1995 February 7, 2001
1987	Robert S. Kamanitz Nina E. Brand Gustavo Gelpi Sidney B. Hellman Laurie Millender Levine and Bruce Levine	Callie Ann Cole Benjamin Oiego Rafael Golda Sylvanna Sari Lynn	April 27, 2001 January 22, 2001 March 12, 2001 October 12, 2000 March 20, 2001
1988	Allison Barazani Cetta Susan Fellman Beth Fleischman Zweibel and Steven L. Zweibel Michael J. Ramer	Jake Gabrielle Liana Joshua Miles	March 23, 2001 January 10, 2001 March 11, 2001
1989	Renee Reich Steinlauf and Adam Steinlauf '87 Julie Rosenblatt Zielf Alicia Schreibstein Alicia Litwin Stillman Michele Shoueka Perlstein Melissa Benenfeld and Jeffrey Merovitz '91 Michelle Lydeen Rutherford	Max Joseph Ethan Alexander Shane Jarret	July 16, 2000 August 27, 1998 October 2, 2000
1990	Andrew M. Stern Kerith Stern Rudnicki and Philip Rudnicki	Emily Lauren Lance Michael Benjamin Grant Abigail Eliza Matthew Ezra	April 5, 2001 June 11, 2000 July 29, 2000 May 12, 2001 June 12, 2001
1991	Heather Eckerling-Mandel Ruth Liebschutz Rockaway	Anna Marie Sarah Jayne Owen Daniel Jared Austin	November 22, 2000  February 9, 2001 March 9, 2001
1992	Joshua A. Pesikoff Audrey Sobel and Jeremy Pressman Stephen Treiman Meredith Adams Garrah Eve Rudin Weiner Michelle Berk Gold and Eric Gold	Ashley Rose Benjamin Samuel Jacob Jonah Oliver Noah Jacob	June 22, 2001 March 31, 2001 March 31, 2001 March 31, 2001 April 17, 2001 November 20, 1999
1993	Sara Chandros Hull Catherine Decter Sim Audrey R. Frankel Bonnie Grumet Rubenstein Bradley Foster Rothenberg Sharon Laves Wenger Keren Ophir Gilbert Melissa Palat Murawsky	Eden Grace Kayleigh Blaise Emma Mollie Brian Hayden	March 23, 2001 July 6, 2000 August 21, 2000 April 24, 2001
1994	Elise Senter Ackerman and Armando "Ari" Ackerman Melissa Saunders Katz "Mimi" Steinberg Pomeranz Allyson Allfano and Aaron See '93 Howard Jeruchimowitz Melinda Weinblatt (M.A. '95) and Benjamin Resnick Sandra Machtiger Katz and Ilan Katz	Samuel David Lucas Xavier Joshua Dean Pagan Danielle Rebecca Jacob Edward Jonathan David Sophie Leah Jessica Brooke Samantha Michelle Dalya Rose	December 14, 2001 April 29, 2001 January 17, 2001 April 12, 2000 July 20, 2000 January 27, 2001 November 26, 2000 February 7, 2001 May 5, 1999 March 5, 2001
1995	Jennifer Panichelli Barzeski Carrie Waxler Singer and Eugene Ryan Singer	Michael Saunders Sophie Ann Molly Nicole Emily Rose Caylie Madeline Jacob "Coby" Leor	May 21, 2001 March 23, 2001 October 16, 2000 July 10, 1998 January 13, 2001 December 5, 2000
1996		Joshua Zackary	March 25, 2001
		Eitan Nadav Michelle Adrienne	August 8, 2000 April 11, 2001

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**Steven S. Greene** has traveled in many circles since his Brandeis days, most of which were in synagogue work. Currently, he is president and executive producer for Dalmatian Productions, Inc., based in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Wilmington, DE. The company produces reality, entertainment, and educational television programs. Their show, *Rescue Heroes*, is on the air across Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle and Far East, and has begun to branch into the United States. You can learn more about Dalmatian Production's programs at the Website [www.rescueheroes.tv](http://www.rescueheroes.tv). Steve spent three weeks in Israel in the summer of 2001 shooting video with the Magen David Adom, various Israeli fire brigades, and Hatzoloh. While there, he visited fellow Brandeisians, **Sam Cohen** and **Todd Miller**. Steve has been married for almost 27 years and has two daughters. **Robert L. Jalle** adapted and performed ...and then you go on. *An Anthology of the Works of Samuel Beckett* at the Unicorn Theatre at the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge, MA, in May and June 2001. The show had its premiere in January 2000 at the Perishable Performing Arts Center in Providence, RI. **Sandra Saltzer-Ouzak** was appointed vice president of human resources at Benchmark Assisted Living in Wellesley, MA, in March 2001.

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**Devorah Jacobson** was named rabbi and director of pastoral care for Jewish Geriatric Services in Longmeadow, MA

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**Amanda E. Annis** is a figurative clay sculptor who casts into bronze working from the nude and doing commissioned portraits. She is represented by the Lyman-Eyer Gallery ([www.lymaneyerart.com](http://www.lymaneyerart.com)) in West Newton, MA. In addition, Amanda teaches sculpture and drawing to adults at her studio and at the Boston Center for Adult Education. **Scott Edelman** is deputy principal officer at the American Consulate in Adana, Turkey, where he is responsible for political and economic relations in Adana's consular district. The district, covering southeastern Turkey, includes NATO's Incirlik Air Base, the Turkish borders with Syria, Iraq, and Iran, and Turkey's Kurdish region. **Barbara Kirsner Berg**, president of the Alummi Club of Baltimore, hosted a New-Student Send-Off in her home in Owings, Mills, MD, on August 8, 2001. **Terry Sochat Scheier** is an attorney and is working toward an M.B.A. in nonprofit management at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. **Bari Stauber Adelman** of Pine Brook, NJ, is happy to report that with her three children fully occupied in school, she is now actively involved in her freelance writing/editorial career and welcomes fellow alummi as clients. She works with corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations that need business materials such as speeches, articles, brochures, press releases, or grant proposals. **Richard A. Zucker** opened his own general law practice in Natick, MA

**'77**  
**25th Reunion—  
June 6-9, 2002**  
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**I. Fred Berg**, along with **Steven London** are cochairs of the Program Committee and **Jay Pabian** is the Gift Committee chair for the Class of '77's 25th Reunion,

June 6-9, 2002. We hope to see you there! **Kenneth Winter** and his wife, **Eileen Schnall Winter '78**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Cherry Hill, NJ, on August 13, 2001.

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**Mark E. Jacobs** hosted a New-Student Send-Off at his home on August 19, 2001, at his home in Dallas. **Mark Surchin**, president of the Alummi Club of Toronto, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at his home in Ontario on August 14, 2001. **Eileen Schnall Winter**, Alummi Admissions Council chair of Philadelphia, and her husband, **Kenneth Winter '77**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Cherry Hill, NJ, on August 13, 2001.

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**Jeffrey Burman** and his wife, **Tsilah Solomon Burman '80** hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Woodland Hills, CA, on August 5, 2001. **Gil Drozdow**, president of the Alummi Club of Southern Florida, and his wife, **Linda Moskowitz Drozdow '80**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Golden Beach, FL, on August 5, 2001. **Yaakov Har-Oz (Steven Harris)** writes, "Hard to know where to start, since I've been out of touch for over 29 years. I went to law school, got married, and had three kids, who are the delight of my life. We moved to Israel almost 10 years ago, which was the reason for the name change. I'm now vice president and general counsel of a Nasdaq-listed company located, to my delight, in Beit Shemesh, less than 10 minutes from my house, and, incredibly, for those who remember me, president of my shul! If you'd told me 20 years ago that I'd be who and where



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I am today. I would have told you you're insane. I'd have been wrong." **Norma Richman Vogel** "at long last" is a high school English teacher, teaching American literature in Framingham, MA.

## '80

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**Linda Moskowitz Drozdow** and her husband, **Gil Drozdow '79**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Golden Beach, FL, on August 5, 2001. **Tsilah Solomon Burman** and her husband, **Jeffrey Burman '79**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at their home in Woodland Hills, CA, on August 5, 2001. A profile of "Brooklyn Bluegras Maestro," **Orrin Star**, appeared in an issue of *The Sounding Board*, Martin Guitar Company's official newsletter. Orrin also recorded an instructional video based on the bluegrass rhythm guitar workshops he's been giving around the country for *Flatpicking Guitar Magazine* ([www.flatpick.com/ostar](http://www.flatpick.com/ostar)).

## '81

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**Darcy Buchwald Bloch** lives in Norfolk, VA, with her husband, Robert, and four children, Elisa, Hilary, Perry, and Ely. She welcomes any Brandeis alumni to visit "this great area." **Gail Goichman Sillman** is happily married with three children, ages 8, 10, and 13. She is a health care lawyer/consultant in Sudbury, MA. **Helen J. Levy-Myers** sold her equity in New Town Publications and is trying to decide what to do with the rest of her life. She had a third son in January 2001. **Vic Ney**, president, Alumni Club of New York City, hosted a New-Student Send-Off at Brandeis House on August 9, 2001. **Karen Palmer** is still living in

Arlington, VA, and is a senior fellow at Resources for the Future in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Phillip Twomey, have two children, Josie (6), and Thomas (2). She says, "It's easy to stay in touch living in the Washington, D.C., metro area because everyone wants to come and visit. Boston and Maine are still in our blood, though, and we enjoy annual summer and winter visits to New England to see family and friends." **Meryl Resnick Moser** and **Stuart W. Moser** are still living in Edgemont, NY, with their four children, Sharon, Benny, Jack, and Harry, who are getting "bigger and bigger." Meryl is a per diem registered nurse, and Stuart is a cardiologist in private practice. **Bruce Zamost** was married for a second time in September 2000. He is a trial lawyer.

## '82

**20th Reunion—June 7-9, 2002**  
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**Lisa Arons Potter**, **Sharon Handwurger Kleban**, **Janice D. Paul**, **Audrey Hemmat Taffet**, **Leslie Farber Hershey**, **Susan Kerman Adry**, and **AnnMarie Errico Dixon**, acknowledged their turning 40 and still together as "Rent-A-Crowd," by getting together for an all-

girls weekend on Sanibel Island, FL. **Steven Gans** and his wife, **Lori Berman Gans '83** (M.M.H.S. '86), hosted a New-Student Send-Off on August 21, 2001, at their home in Newton, MA. **Lisa Field** is Program Committee chair and **David Abelman** and **Gary Edelson** are Gift Committee cochairs for the Class of '82's 20th Reunion, to be held on June 7-9, 2002. **Daniel A. Lynn** is an attorney specializing in workers' compensation law and was made a partner in the firm of Braff Harris and Sukoneck. He lives in Randolph, NJ, with his wife, Cheryl, and his two children, Jessica and Michael. **Raphael "Ralph" Strauss** and **Mindy Frankel Strauss** live in Plainview, NY, with their three children, ages 10, 8, and 4. Ralph is an allergist and Mindy is an attorney

## '83

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The year 2002 is already upon us and our 20th Reunion is only a year away. Twenty years! I'm not sure if the milestone impresses or depresses me. It happened in what seems like the blink of an eye, and yet so much has happened to shape and color our lives. With each new issue of the *Brandeis Review*, we



**Lisa Arons Potter**, **Sharon Handwurger Kleban**, **Janice D. Paul**, **Leslie Farber Hershey**, **Audrey Hemmat Taffet**, **Susan Kerman Adry**, and **AnnMarie Errico Dixon**, all Class of 1982

gain more insights into the interesting turns that our classmates' lives have taken. Please take a few minutes to write or email me with some of the news of your life, and be a part of the Class of 1983 "college collage." Here's a little news to start you off. My husband, **Steven Gans '82**, and I hosted a wonderful New-Student Send-Off on August 21, 2001, at our home in Newton, MA. **Perrine Robinson-Geller** reporting in from her new home in Millburn, NJ, where her daughter, Hannah (4), already considers herself a

"Jersey girl," is working toward her Ph.D. in adult literacy education at Rutgers University. Kudos to **Leigh Witchel** who was honored with a 2001 Guggenheim Fellowship for his work as a choreographer for Dance as Ever, the dance company he founded. He is the first choreographer concentrating in classical ballet to receive this honor in more than a decade. Described in reviews as "rare," "sophisticated," and "really gifted," Leigh has received other honors as well and has worked with dancers from the finest companies in the country. Congratulations are in order for **Glen Milstein** and his wife, **Andrea Casson '82**, and their son, Luca Casson Milstein, and for **David Muller**, his wife, Joyce, and children, Jacob, Rachel, Rebecca, and Izy on the arrival of their newest family members (see "Births and Adoptions" in this section).

## '84

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**Robert F. Barsky** is the author of two new books, a translation of Michel Meyer's *Philosophy and the Passions* (2000) and *The Chomsky Approach* (2001). Robert is also writing a biography of Zellig Harris. **Steven E. Bizar** (M.A. '87, History) resigned as a partner at the Philadelphia law firm of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads in March 2001 to accept a position as a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll Professional Corporation's Philadelphia office. Steven continues to concentrate his practice in complex commercial trials, including trials in securities, intellectual property, antitrust, and class action cases. **Anthony "Tony" Buchsbaum** is head of the creative group at Gillespie, a large New Jersey advertising agency. From 1991 to 2001 **Bruce A. Levy** served as a federal prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. For six years he also served as New Jersey's criminal health care fraud coordinator and the leader of the Justice

# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1974	Julie Steres to Jack Connella	April 14, 2001
1981	Bruce Zamost to Donna Cross	September 17, 2000
1988	Julie Brenman to Irwin Schreiman Robert Todd Fleisher to Gretchen Camille Stover	August 12, 2001 April 30, 2000
1989	Eilat Larisa Gubbay to Jerald Abrams Jeanne Korenberg to Allen Shapiro Ellen Seidman to David Smokler	July 1, 2001 February 24, 2001 January 14, 2001
1990	Terrence Gargiulo, M.M.H.S. '90, to Cindy Jo Brodsky Jonathan Lass to Kari Schlessinger	January 14, 2001 July 1, 2001
1992	Meredith Adams to Michael Garrah Gregory B. Bland to Stephanie Weiss Robert S. Lebowitz to Yael Federbush	September 7, 1997 November 11, 2000 March 25, 2001
1993	Karen Chambers to Timothy Farrell Beth J. Kaufman to Rick Snyder Bradley Foster Rothenberg to Zdenka Klimtova Heidi A. Osgood to Ari Kaufman	June 16, 2001 December 3, 2000 June 6, 1999 November 25, 2000
1994	Allyson Alfano to Aaron See '93	August 13, 1995
1995	Daniela Gil to Avi Rosenblatt '96 Tamara Wainer to Victor Pontes	July 4, 2001 August 5, 2000
1996	Melissa Dion to Elliot Frome Elaine Baron to Brett Garver Megan Healy to Ronald James Raye Jinmei Xu to David Kircheis	June 4, 2000 March 31, 2001 July 29, 2001 May 1, 1999
1997	Bari Kleiner to Eytan Elias Jeffrey R. Rosenfeld to Mindy Charski	March 11, 2000 June 10, 2001
1998	Amy M. Goss to Dave Smalzarz	May 6, 2001
1999	Laura D. Hacker to Adam Greenwald Bethany Weinstein to Joel Friedlander '98	August 12, 2001 June 17, 2001



Hedy Cardozo '89,  
Ellen Seidman '89, and  
Wendy Reimer '89



Aron Weber '90, Judy Libhaber Weber '90,  
Jonathan Lass '90, Kari Schlessinger,  
Steven Simmons '89, and Barbara  
"Barbie" Scharf-Zeldes '90



(standing) Aaron Milchman '88,  
Maccabee Levine '00, Estelle  
Milchman Davis '86, Matthias  
Mitra '98, Jodi Eichler '00,  
Seth Spergel '99, Adam M.  
Greenwald '98 and Laura D.  
Hacker Greenwald '99,  
Brian Irwin '98, Melissa Bank '99,

Reuben Liber '98, Elizabeth Herr '99,  
Tammie Min '99, Amy Lipton '98,  
Cindi Eckstein Menasof '98, Cheryl  
Greenwald '01, Erica Lowenfels '98;  
(seated) John Serra '98, Kerri  
Berney '97, Adam Lieb '01, Dan  
Tilton '02, Daniella Tobin '98

Department's Health Care Fraud Task Force for New Jersey. In 2001 he entered private practice and is now Of Counsel at Gibbons Del Deo Dolan Griffinger & Vecchione in Newark, where he will concentrate on health care fraud and compliance matters as well as health care litigation. Bruce lives in New Jersey with his wife, Leslie Antin Levy, and their two sons, Jacob and Aaron. Robert A. Strickland is chief executive officer of Xperts, a technology consulting and staffing provider based in Richmond, VA, with several offices around the country. Joel Waldogel lives in Philadelphia, where he is a professor of business and public policy at the Wharton School. Hayley Wiseman Arone is a critical care unit registered nurse at a Boston hospital. She enjoys her days off with her husband and two beautiful children

## '85

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Mark E. Beeman moved to Philadelphia, where he spends as much time as possible with his wife, daughter, and son. When he is not with them he does research and teaches at the University of Pennsylvania in the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience. He writes, "Finally gave up trying to race, but I still run, okay jog, a little." Steven A. Bercu lives in Cambridge, MA, with his wife, Leslie, and their three children, Julian, Toby, and Chiara. He works as legal counsel for Infogrames Interactive, Inc. a Beverly, MA, publisher of interactive computer and video games.

He writes "Kids, profession, and maintaining a strong marriage make for a fulfilling, if rather consuming, life. I also like to write children's books and, for fun, play acoustic guitar. Classmates and acquaintances are welcome to contact me at sbercu@us.infogrames.com." Daphne Blutinger Carmeli is chief executive officer of Metreo (www.mtreo.com), a high-tech company that delivers e-business software that enables suppliers to evaluate customer sales requests and recommend profitable responses. Metreo is based in Palo Alto, CA. Daphne is married and has two sons. Cerise Cameron-Grice is an attorney living in Northern California with her husband and two children. Sharon Sue Kleinman is an assistant professor in the School of Communications at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. Her research and teaching focus on the social implications of old and new communications technologies and on anthropology in cyberspace. Her hobbies include hiking and mountain biking in the parks near the university. She has the proverbial skinned knees to prove it! Janice Rovner Feldman hosted a New-Student Send-Off in her home in Potomac, MD, on August 5, 2001.

## '86

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Jaime Ezratty and his wife, Stacey, hosted a New-Student Send-Off in their home in East Rockaway, NY, on August 16, 2001. Charles R. Fox was appointed a visiting associate professor at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. During his three-year appointment, Charles will teach in the Department of Psychology as well as in two interdisciplinary programs, the Biological Basis of Behavior, and the Scientific and Philosophical Study of the Mind. Charles, who is also an optometrist, closed his Baltimore practice in July but continues his consulting work as a medical advisor to the Social Security Administration and Prevent Blindness America. Shari Beth Gersten resides in Woodside, CA, with her husband, David, and twins, Zeke and Arielle. Shari works for Realnames Corporation, a global infrastructure provider

of Keywords, which replaces complicated URLs with simple names and brands, and works in the consumer's native language, making the Internet easier to use. Robert "Bob" Kamanitz lives with his wife and daughter in Southborough, MA.

## '87

15th Reunion—  
June 7-9, 2002  
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Adam D. Shames is a facilitator, songwriter, and founder of the MultiArts Creativity Network (www.creativity.net). He gives creativity workshops primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he has lived since graduation. Gustavo Gelpi was selected to become a United States Magistrate-Judge on March 14, 2001. Michael Kivort was the high bidder in an online charity auction and won tickets and backstage passes to see the GoGos in concert. He was also the recipient of an



Michael Kivort '87,  
a friend, and all five  
members of the GoGos

autographed copy of the Belinda Carlisle *Playboy* issue, given to him by a representative of the GoGos record label. Michael is also busy as president to the Alumni Club of Houston and Program Committee chair for the upcoming Class of '87's 15th Reunion, to be held June 7-9, 2002. Karen Weinberg Drogin and Phillip Drogin live in Purchase, NY, with their two daughters. Phillip is president and owner of Park Lane Foods, a supermarket chain, in Astoria. Karen has given up practicing law and is now an award-

Waldenbooks best-selling author for Harlequin Books, St. Martins Press, and Warner Books. She writes under the pen name Carly Phillips, and information on her releases can be found at [www.carlyphillips.com](http://www.carlyphillips.com).

## '88

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Where does the time go? It's the end of 2001 already, the Class of 2005 has entered their first year, and 2002 is quickly approaching. Much has occurred in the personal and professional lives of 1988 alumni, and they wanted to let their Brandeis friends know. **Susan Steinberg Bornstein** was married to Douglas Bornstein shortly after graduation (October 1988). They live in Canton, MA, and have a 9-month-old daughter, Emily Brooke, who was born August 27, 2000. **Julie Brenman** was married in August 2001. Adding more good news to that, she will graduate in December 2001 with an M.B.A. from Boston University. **Neil Bromberg** was elected partner in his law firm, Spriggs & Hollingsworth, in February 2001, where he specializes in toxic tort and pharmaceutical products liability litigation. Neil was also appointed to the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Washington, D.C. Bar Board of Governors. **Peter D. Carmen** is a partner and member of the executive committee of Mackenzie Hughes LLP, one of the largest and oldest law firms in Syracuse, NY, where he specializes in litigation and labor law. He was recently honored as a "40 under 40" recipient by the *Central New York Business Journal*, a recognition awarded to 40 top business and

community leaders under the age of 40 whose leadership and contributions make the Central New York community a better place to live and work. He and his wife, Mary Beth, have a daughter, named Maggie, who turned 2 years old in May 2001. **Kevin Costello** obtained the largest jury verdict ever in Cape May County, NJ, when his client was awarded \$7.8 million. The law firm also expanded with a new partner and is now called Lutz, Levow, Costello & Mullen, in Cherry Hill, NJ. **Susan Fellman** has had a big 2001 so far! Her daughter, Gabrielle Liana Witkowski, was born on January 10. On May 5, she graduated from The University of Nebraska's medical school (not bad for an English major who had to go back for premed five years after graduation from Brandeis!). She intends to begin a residency in pediatrics, but has postponed it for a year in order to stay home with her baby girl for her first year. **Kenneth S. Fink** and **Jacqueline H. Simons** reside in North Woodmere, NY, with their two children, Jacob (4), and Harry (1). Kenny is a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Cheriff, Cheriff & Fink, P.C., where he specializes in civil litigation. Jacqui is an orthodontist with practices in Floral Park, Oceanside, and Woodmere, NY, and is a director of the Joseph and Esther Mandel Foundation, Inc., a charitable organization. **Robert T. Fleischer** married Gretchen Camille Stover on April 30, 2000. **Douglas Blecher**, Paul "G" Goldberg, and **David Hollander** served as chuppah holders. Other Brandeis friends in attendance were **Jill Schnurmacher Blecher**, **Matt and Allyson Abrams Bergman**, **Jonathan Rosenthal**, **Peter and Abigail Aloni Moroh**, and **Adam Dubow and Bonnie Guth**. **Michael J. Ramer** (M.A. '89, International Economics and Finance), who was graduated in the first class of Brandeis's GSIEF, is now a national trainer for the search and placement industry. Mike's firm, Ramer Search Consultants, is located in West Orange, NJ, and is in its third year. He married Amy Brothman on September 14, 1997, and they have two sons, Ethan Alexander and Max Joseph.

## '89

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**Micki Barnett Jacobs**, her husband, Ron, and their daughter, Madison, have left the East Coast and now reside in Bell Canyon, CA. Micki owns 4 Bucks Media, Inc. **Eric Haber** lives on Long Island with his wife, Stacey, and their 2-year-old daughter, Ashley Brooke. **Jeanne Korenberg** was married to Allen Shapiro on February 24, 2001. Celebrating at the wedding were **Janet Weinberg**, **Lisa Goldstein**, **Jennifer Sacon**, **Catherine Rothman-Brous**, and **Adam Sattler**. **Daniel Levin** lives in Takoma Park, MD, with his wife, Gemma, and son, Noah. He teaches high school biology and chemistry while pursuing a Ph.D. in science education curriculum and instruction. **Stephen Krause** is a technical writer for a software company in Georgia. He and his wife, **Allyson Guy Krause '91**, have a beautiful 1-year-old son named Conor. **Geoffrey Schnirman** began his postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at Massachusetts Mental Health Center/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School. **Michelle Weisberg Cohen** was promoted to Of Counsel status at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker in Washington, D.C., where she practices telecommunications law. Michelle lives outside Washington with her husband, **Robert R. Cohen '88**, and sons, Mikey and David. **Sienho Yee** is coeditor of the *International Law in the Post-Cold War World: Essays in Memorial of Li Haopel*, published by Routledge in 2001.

## '90

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**Terrence Gargiulo** (M.M.H.S. '93) and **Cindy Jo Brodsky** were married on January 14, 2001, at the Lyman Estate in Waltham, MA. Terrence's Heller School classmate, **Alan Piccin** (M.M.H.S. '93, Human Services Management) made the night "hop and bop" with his jazz combo. Terrence and **Cindy** live and work in San Francisco. Terrence is a facilitator and organizational development consultant. His book, *Making Stories: A Practical Guide for Organizational Leaders and HR Managers* was published in November 2001, by Greenwood Press/Duorum. **Jon Lass** married **Kari Schlessinger** on July 1, 2001, in Tarrytown, NY, with several Brandeis graduates in attendance. Jon teaches fifth grade at Harbor Hill Elementary School in Roslyn, NY. **Kevin Neuschal** is a principal at Avis Capital Partners, a Swiss-based merchant bank, in New York City. **Alex Paley** lives with his wife, **Beth Gordon Paley '91**, and their 5-year-old twins, Hannah and David, in Wayne, NJ. Alex took a new job as director of strategic project management with Schwartzberg Associates, a national owner and manager of long-term healthcare facilities. He did this after leaving his role as vice president of the medical software company that he and Beth founded and sold three years ago. **Adrienne Roston Greenheart's** first novel, *Making Scenes*, was published in 2001. She writes under the pen name **Adrienne Eisen** and resides in Brooklyn. **Adrienne** won a *New Media* magazine award for her writing and was nominated for a **Henfield Award**. *ArtByte* magazine called **Adrienne's** writing "erotic and at times hilarious." **Sharon L. Roth** relocated to Phoenix, AZ, where she is the director of Temple Beth Israel's Chanan Preschool in Scottsdale. **Michelle Delin Salinas** lives in Austin, TX, and loves being a stay-at-home mom to her daughter, Emma Lucia. Previously, she was an English as a Second Language teacher in New York, and before that, in Madrid, Spain, where she met her husband, Carlos

## '91

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**Wayne E. Cousin** and his wife, Laura, purchased their first home in Manalapan, NJ. Wayne is an associate at the New York City law firm of Marshall, Conway and Wright (unfortunately for him, it looks as if the music career was put on the back-burner). **Allyson Guy Krause** was graduated from Emory Law School in Atlanta in 1994 and has lived there since. After working as an assistant district attorney and then in private practice, she now serves as assistant attorney general for the State of Georgia. She and her husband, **Steve Krause '89** have a beautiful 1-year-old son, **Conor Jonathan C. Hamilton** is an attorney with the international law firm of White & Case. He relocated from the New York City office to the Mexico City office of the firm in 2000. He remains active in politics and is the chair of a Democratic political action committee. **Ariel Kahn Wallen** was graduated from Boston University in 1994 with an M.S.W. and spent seven years working with families and children. Ariel married **Adam Wallen** in December 1999; they moved to Buffalo, NY, and adopted a Siberian Husky, **Kayla**. Ariel is an elementary school social worker at a new charter school in Buffalo. **Bethany Joseph**, happily living in Brooklyn, returned to school to pursue a master's of social work at New York University. **Ilana Manspeizer** was graduated from Columbia Business School in 1997. She is a vice president at Citigroup Private Bank in New York City, where she manages a team of customer service officers. **Lisa Stein Fybus** left employment at the Genesee Country Village & Museum and returned to her journalism roots as a copy editor at the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*. She continues to live in the Rochester, NY, suburbs with husband, **Scott Fybus '92**.

and their "baby," **Freckles**, a 5-year-old Brittany pooch. **Samantha Supernaw** reports that she works as a clinical specialist at an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children. She also passed the Texas state advanced clinical licensure exam for social workers, and now has an LMSW-ACP, allowing her to open a private therapy practice if she chooses. She does freelance writing in her spare time, which she says "is great for my self-esteem and the spare change ain't bad either." She was able to attend our 10th Reunion and had such a great time that she can't wait for our 15th!

## '92

10th Reunion—  
June 7-9, 2002  
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**Meredith Adams Garrah** lives with her husband, Michael, and daughter, **Kayleigh**, in Columbia, MD. **Vanessa S. Cahm** is the chief occupational therapist at Cabrini Medical Center in New York City. She completed a master's degree in occupational therapy at New York University in 1994. She resides in New York City and "enjoys random and periodic Brandeis alumni sightings!" **Robert Lebowitz** is the vice president of operations for America To Go, an Internet company that does online food ordering. He lives with his wife in New York City. **Jeffrey Peters** lives and works in Washington, D.C. He is an attorney at the firm of Arent Fox, specializing in health care regulatory issues. He was married in March 2001, and his groomsmen included **Jin-Wook "Jay" Kim** and **William Friedman**. **Eve Rudin Weiner** received rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and now serves as the director of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. She and her family live in Katonah, NY. **Charles and Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz** are Program Committee cochairs and **Adam Sheer**, **Yaron Dori**, **Erica Dominitz**, and **Scott Kessler** are Gift Committee cochairs for the upcoming Class of '92's 10th Reunion, scheduled for June 7-9, 2002.

## '93

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**Armando "Ari" J. Ackerman** and **Elise Senter Ackerman** are new parents and live in Hollywood, FL, where Ari is global services marketing manager. Latin America, for IBM, and Elise is a college advisor and history teacher at North Broward Prep School. **Karen L. Chambers** married Timothy Farrell in Sterling, MA, in June 2001. **Bethany Joseph '91** and **Jennifer Neuman '92** were bridesmaids. Other Brandeisians in attendance were **Lauren Perlmutter** and **Iris Golus** Women's softball coach, **Mary Sullivan**, was also present for the ceremony and celebration. **Brian Feldman** completed a combined M.D./Ph.D. at Stanford Medical School and returned to Boston for a position at Harvard/Children's Hospital Boston. Brian would enjoy reconnecting with Brandeisians in the area, especially tennis players (brianfeldman@tch.harvard.edu). **Betsy B. Goldkrand** celebrated her first wedding anniversary in April 2001 and reports, "Married life is great!" She lives in Manhattan on the Upper East Side and is a fourth-year associate at a firm specializing in workers' compensation law. **Paul J. Greene** (M.A. '94, History of American Civilization) was honored as Maine's SportsCaster of the Year for 2000 by the Associated Press. It's the second time Paul has received the award, which he also won in 1998. Paul is the sports director at WPXT-TV, the Fox affiliate in Portland. **Lawrence "Larry" Hiltzenrath** completed an M.B.A. at Emory University in Atlanta. He works for an investment fund in Atlanta,

where he lives with his wife, **Amy Douglas S. Kaplan** lives in Tokyo and is vice president of Concord Movado Japan Co., Ltd., the Japan office of Movado Group, distributing Concord, Movado, and Coach Watches. Douglas writes: "If anyone is interested in learning about working in Japan, contact me at dkaplan@movadogroup.com."

**Beth J. Kaufmann** is an attorney with the law firm of Batt, Kaufman & Gross in Philadelphia. She was married in December of 2000. **Keren Ophir Gilbert** is an associate in the executive compensation department at Brobeck Phleger & Harrison in Palo Alto, CA. She and her husband, Matthew, have a daughter, Sophie Leah. **Jason Pachman** completed a four-year residency in internal medicine at New York's Beth Israel Medical Center, where he is now an attending physician in the Department of Occupational Medicine and Faculty Practice. **Bradley Foster Rothenberg** married his wife, Zdenka, in her hometown of Plzen, Czech Republic, in 1999. The wedding took place in the Grand Synagogue of Plzen, the second largest synagogue in Europe. It was the first wedding held in the synagogue since the Holocaust. Bradley practices securities law in Palm Beach, FL, and specializes in taking small companies public. **Melissa Saunders Katz** and her husband, Brad, moved from Antwerp, Belgium, in March 2001, to Bucks County, PA, in time for the birth of their first child. Melissa is director of public relations for Johnson & Johnson. **Aaron See '93** works for McNeil Consumer Healthcare, a division of Johnson & Johnson, in Fort Washington, PA, and lives with his wife, **Allyson Alfano See '94**, in Flourtown, PA. **Ania B. Siwek** received a doctorate in school clinical child psychology from Yeshiva University in New York City and works at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. **Carla C. Smith** was graduated from Emerson College with a master's degree in visual and media arts. She moved to New York City to pursue a career in television

production. **Michael Stanger** was ordained as a rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary on May 17, 2001, and is the assistant rabbi at the Westchester Jewish Center, a conservative synagogue in Mamaroneck, NY

## '94

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Hi Everyone! Hope all is well. Just a quick note, if you sent me some information over the past few months and it has not made its way to the Review, please feel free to send it to me again. There have been many changes, including a recent move to Danbury, CT, that may have caused the information to be misplaced. Hope to hear from you soon! **Alisa S. Albert** lives in Philadelphia, where her husband, **Nelson Figueroa '98**, is a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team. **Allyson Alfano See** works for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Philadelphia and lives with her husband, **Aaron See '93**, in Flourtown, PA. **Jerrad Bloome** and **Sara Castle Bloome** hosted a New-Student Send-DtT in their home in Houston on August 12, 2001, for the Alumni Club of Houston. **Adam Jonathan Falk** clerked last year on the Arizona Court of Appeals. He returned to Boston to complete a master's degree in public health at Boston University and then moved to Washington, D.C., to begin work as an attorney in the Antitrust Division's Health Care Task Force at the U.S. Department of Justice. **Bryan A. Stetzer** was graduated with a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Memphis in August 2000. He was promoted to lab director at Weaver and Associates, a cultural resource management firm in Memphis, TN

## '95

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**Daniela Gil** lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, **Avi Rosenblatt '96**. Daniela teaches high school English at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

## '96

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**Megan Healy** married Ronald James Ray on July 29, 2001, at the Harding-Allen Estate in Barre, MA. Fellow Brandeisians in attendance were maid of honor **Suzanne Casey**, **Steven '90** and **Julie Susman '91 Lichtman**, **Jonathan Rothberg '92**, **Raphael Levavy '94**, **Adam Levin '94**, **Melissa Morrow '94**, **Cynthia So Myers '95**, **Matthew Titelm**, **Laura Nell Hodo**, **Amelia McKinney**, **Brian Eisenstein '97**, **Elena Memberg '97**, **Deborah Melkin '97**, **Isaac Slepner '99**, and **Dalia Kalan '00**. **Avi Rosenblatt** lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, **Daniela Gil '95**. Avi is a student in Georgetown University's M.B.A. program, where he received the M.B.A. scholar award.

## '97

**5th Reunion— June 7-9, 2002**  
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Plans are underway for the Class of '97's 5th Reunion, the weekend of June 7-9, 2002. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date with Brandeis so we can make sure you don't miss out. See your friends, walk your old halls, and hang out in Usdan. **Ruth Jacobs**, **Michael Saivetz**, and **Adam Ritkin** are cochairs for the

Gift Committee. Contact Program Committee cochairs **Stacy Norden**

(stacydana@hotmail.com) or **Leigh Kessler** (leigh@mojadesign.com) for more information or to volunteer. **Yevgeny Bendersky** works for Conflict Management Group, a Harvard Law School-based think tank that assists young leaders and organizations around the world in acquiring leadership and negotiation skills necessary in transforming their countries to more democratic and open societies. He currently works with the countries of the former Soviet Union. **Elise Block** was graduated from the Boston University School of Social Work with an M.S.W. She plans to remain in Boston. **Heather Chaletzky Cole** is a senior technical recruiter at Summit Systems Consulting in the Greater Boston area. She and her husband, **Jason**, are living in Newton. **Ruben Cohen** spent the past summer interning at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, focusing on craniofacial biology. **Rachel Grandberg** is a second-year student at the Boston University School of Social Work. **Bari Kleiner Elias** lives in Netanya, Israel, and works as a technical/marketing writer for SAP-DFEK Ltd. in Herzilia, Israel. She is finishing an M.A. in Jewish education from Hebrew University. **Alisa Nell Zelman** was accepted as a dean's scholar in the master's of public administration program at the Wagner School at New York University, where she will concentrate on public and nonprofit management and policy. Alisa also serves as a graduate assistant for the finance program, where she provides administrative support to members of the faculty. She also works part-time as a youth group advisor for middle schoolers at a synagogue in Westchester.

## '98

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**Shana E. Brickman** is working on her master's degree in the ocean policy program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She works as a graduate assistant at the University of Hawaii's Institute of Marine Biology. Shana also works for the State of Hawaii's Department of Aquatic Resources in their marine parks department. **Stephanie A. Bruce** is a student at Harvard Law School. She is interested in pursuing a career in labor and employment law and was awarded the Peggy Browning Fund Scholarship, which allowed her to work at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2001. **Samantha Elster Rainer** is a student at the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago. She was awarded a Schweitzer Fellowship for a project to research the use of movement with music to help children who are in rehabilitative therapy. After having three big league starts as a pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, **Nelson Figueroa** was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies in July 2000. He and his wife, **Alisa S. Albert '94**, live in Philadelphia. **Joel Friedlander** and **Bethany Weinstein '99** were married in West Hills, CA, on June 17, 2001, in the presence of **Dan Stux**, **Leo Eliezer Fuchs**, **Gabriella L. Soble**, **Benjamin Kantor**, **Matthew Kirschen '00**, **Joshua Turnot**, **Joshua Helman**, **Brian Messinger '00**, **Elissa Abrams '00**, **Amy Lipton**, **Alayne Manas '00**, and **Daniel Birnhak '00**. **Neil C. Gallegos-Rodriguez** and his wife, **Melissa Reedy '01** returned to Alaska, where Neil works as a research analyst for the Alaska Division of International Trade and Market Development. **Kimberly Gazes** was graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in May 2001 and is working in Manhattan. **Amy M. Goss** was married on May 6, 2001, to Dave Smalarz, whom she met in Waltham while attending

Brandeis. She was married in Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA. She writes, "We surprised our family by inviting them to a 'picnic' and we showed up, me in my wedding gown and Dave in his tuxedo. We were happily married on a beautiful spring day by the ocean!" **Jennifer A. Gruda** was graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center, *magna cum laude*, in May 2001, and was elected to the Order of the Coif. She is an associate with the Washington, D.C., law firm Crowell & Moring. **Shana Levinson** completed a master's degree in social work from New York University and then received a license in social work. While living in New York, she ran the 1999 New York City Marathon and raised \$4,000 for the Leukemia Society. Shana is now a crisis counselor and substance awareness coordinator for five elementary schools in Livingston, NJ. She also volunteers as a family support counselor for The Mental Health Association of Essex County. **Sam A. Merabi** enjoyed the past two years as a mental health specialist working with abused and neglected children in a residential unit of Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton, MA. He began his first year at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in the fall of 2001. **Audrey N. Rosenberg** is a copy writer for *CNN Headline News*. **Marina Sokolinsky** is pursuing an M.A. degree in international relations at American University in Washington, D.C. She works as a pro bono coordinator at the law firm of Shearman & Sterling. **Katarina Stern** attends business school at Cornell University and is studying for an M.B.A. degree. After traveling through Asia and the South Pacific with **Aaron Cohn**, **Nicolas Currier** began an

M.D./Ph.D. program at Boston University in the fall of 2001. **Rina A. Zelen** works as a marketing communications specialist in the areas of Web and multimedia for the Internet telephony firm, iBasis, located in Burlington, MA. Her work was seen on ABC's *BusinessNow* news program and at a number of venues worldwide.

## '99

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More than two years have now passed since graduation, and already our college lives may seem like fading memories. Change is inevitable for growth, but growth also comes from keeping alive the best parts of our past. That's why we have to keep sending in our Class Notes and sharing them with friends across the country and around the world. Who else is going to remember Hector and Jerry Cohen? If we need to remember **Jennifer Braun**, all we may have to do is turn on the television: she is currently living in New York City, pursuing her acting career, and just recently got the lead role in *Concrete Jungle*, a TV pilot, which began filming this fall and will be pitched to HBO and Showtime. Let's hope it gets picked up! Jennifer is also part of The Absolute Theater Company with which she just finished performing in the play, *Pirates, One of These Days*. Behind the scenes is **Dani Ackerman**, at BSMG Worldwide Public Relations in Manhattan, in the Consumer Division. BSMG has worked with Maybeline and the Special Olympics. **Ivy Michelle Brown** finished her master's degree in political management at George Washington University and is now an associate at Winning Strategies Washington, a lobbying and government affairs firm in downtown Washington, D.C. **Allyson L. Zykorie** received her master's degree in human resource management in May 2001, from Texas A&M University. Allyson currently works as a human resource analyst

at Enron Corporation in Houston. My old suitemate, **Renee Becker**, writes, "Well, after two long, long years of enough finance, math, statistics, and business processes, I'm an M.B.A.! Technically I have my Information Age M.B.A. (IAMBA) with a focus in operations and technology, but that's the long version. Now I've been graduated from Bentley and Brandeis!" Our old friends on the path through law school include **Yehuda Buchweitz**, who completed his second year at Fordham Law and worked this past summer as a summer associate at the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York. **Robert Lang** also finished his second year at Tulane School of Law, and worked as a summer associate for Smith, Gambrell, & Russell, LLP in Atlanta. **Samara Taher** worked for a year as a research assistant at the Boston Children's Hospital and just finished year one of medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. I ran into **Hazel Lema** back in my hometown, who told me she plans to pursue optometry school in Puerto Rico. Also working and degree seeking is **Matthew Hugger**, a software architect and engineer for a defense contracting firm (General Dynamics Defense Systems) in Pittsfield, MA. Matt is in the process of completing a master's program in computer science at RPI in Troy, NY. Also working on his master's is **Carlos Pires-Salvestrini**, a graduate student in Milan, Italy, pursuing a degree in small business administration. Speaking of Milan, I had the good fortune to be traveling through Rome back in July, when I stopped into a synagogue only to find **David G. Salama '00**. We reminisced about old times on *the Justice* and wondered just how the world could be so darned small. Working to save that world is **Sat**

## In Memoriam

**Joan Carroll Scurlock '64**, died on August 19, 2001, at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Maryland after a four-month battle with cancer. During her professional career, Joan worked for several agencies of the federal government and formed the firm Scurlock and Scurlock with her husband, Herbert, and had contracts with the Departments of Navy, Transportation, and Interior, as well as the Library of Congress, as management consultants. She was a historical researcher, concentrating on the study of slaves and free African-Americans in colonial Annapolis, MD. She wrote the book, *The Bishops of Annapolis*, and did groundbreaking research for the Annapolis Maritime Museum and the Banneker-Douglas Museum of African-American Life and History. Joan is survived by her husband, Herbert, a son, David Anthony Durham, a daughter, Jocelyn Olmstead, her mother, Helen "Daphne" Carroll, a sister, Madeline Carroll, and two grandchildren.

**Jiwan Khalsa**, a membership and marketing intern at the Center for a New American Dream, "helping people consume responsibly to improve our quality of life and protect the environment." Sat also worked as a camp counselor on Cape Cod for two months, and is currently living in Washington, D.C. Sometimes the world changes just because of meeting that one special person. **Bethany Weinstein** and **Joel Friedlander '98** were married in West Hills, CA, on June 17, 2001, in the presence of **Dan Slux '98**, **Leo Eliezer Fuchs '98**, **Gabriella L. Soble '98**, **Benjamin Kantor '98**, **Matthew Kirschen '00**, **Joshua Turnof**, **Joshua Helman '98**, **Brian Messinger '00**, **Elissa**

Sara Ann Grayson '00



**Sara Ann Grayson '00**, 23, of Shelburne, VT, died after a struggle with depression on September 24, 2001. Sara is survived by her loving parents, Jane and Reid Grayson; her younger sister and best friend, Erica, and her grandmother, Shirley Grayson. Sara was captain of the ski team at Brandeis and best female racer in her league. She enjoyed the a capella group, Up the Octave, which released a CD in her senior year. Acting, singing, and dancing were perhaps her greatest joys. After college, Sara worked at the law firm of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC in Boston with plans to attend law school. Sara left a mark on everyone she met. She was a beautiful person. To learn more about Sara and share your thoughts with others, please visit [www.Saragrayson.com](http://www.Saragrayson.com). **Eric Pedersen '87** died on June 30, 2001. He was a broker for Mortgage Resource, Inc., in Rochelle Park, NJ. **Wyatt S. Pillsbury '99**, a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania, died of accidental causes on July 11, 2001, while vacationing on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar. Wyatt was seven months into his first year as an environmental

**Abrams '00**, **Amy Lipton '98**, **Alayne Manas '00**, and **Daniel Birnhak '00**. My old colleague at Feldberg, **Deena Zhelezov**, is a senior consultant for Casewise Systems in Waltham, MA. **Rhiannon Thompson** relocated to Washington, D.C., and is currently working as the corporate relations coordinator of the National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Finally, there's me, **David Nurenberg**. I survived my first year teaching high school English in Concord, MA. From advising the student

volunteer. He was involved in organic gardening, household nutrition, a school community library, and a series of seminars for farmers on effective agricultural techniques. He also worked with children at a primary school on environmental education. His home and gardens had become a focal point for village youth and farmers to visit to learn agricultural techniques. **Rosalie S. Wolf** (Ph.D. '76, Social Policy) passed away on June 26, 2001, after an illness. She was an active researcher and worker in the fields of elder abuse and prevention and gerontology. Since 1990, Rosalie was executive director of the Institute on Aging at UMass Memorial Medical Center, and assistant professor of family medicine, community health, and psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

newspaper to chaperoning the junior prom, and (after a summer which included two weeks in England, France, and Italy), I am heading back for more. I'm still writing a monthly column for my hometown newspaper (you can check out my last four at any given time by surfing over to [www.gazettenet.com/columns/nurenberg/index.html](http://www.gazettenet.com/columns/nurenberg/index.html)), still trying to get my novels published, and always awaiting class notes submissions. Write, call, email, or send carrier pigeons. I want to hear from you, and share all the old 'Deis memories, good and bad, that only you and I will understand. Yes, Brandeis creates a common language between all students and graduates, but let us never forget the special dialect that only we share.

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**Ksenia Babich** moved to Tokyo, Japan, in August 2000. She then moved to rural Japan and teaches English at a public junior high school. It is with sadness that I report the news that **Sara Ann Grayson** passed away in September. Please read more about her in the "In Memoriam" section of these "Class Notes." If you would like to learn more about Sara or share your memories of her with her family, please visit the Website dedicated to her, [www.saragrayson.com](http://www.saragrayson.com). The Class of 2000 would like to express its utmost condolences to Sara's family. She was a true contributor to the Brandeis community as an athlete, scholar, and performer. She will be missed by all of us. **Scott A. Josephson**, artistic director and founder of SOM Productions, Inc. directed a new drama, *Desolate METROPOLIS*, this past summer in New York City. *METROPOLIS*, which was also penned by Scott, mocks the fashion industry, set in 2005 Greenwich Village. The show was performed in front of the Arch in Washington Square Park, July 5-27, 2001. **Sarah B. Kahn** moved back to her home state of Vermont a year ago and works at Annie's Naturals. She writes, "I would love to get email from people I've lost touch with. My address is [sbkahn@aol.com](mailto:sbkahn@aol.com)." **Richard Prenetta** is director of marketing and sales in athletics at the University of Hartford. After a stint at Lake Snell Perry & Associates, a Democratic polling firm, **Stephen Rabin** has joined the national staff of Common Cause, a nonprofit public interest lobby in Washington, D.C.

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Greetings from your class correspondent, **WenLin Soh**, in sunny Singapore; evidence that Internet technology is here to stay! **Josh Hill** and I have moved to the equatorial island state after graduation. I'm currently writing for the "Money" section of *The Straits Times*, the national news daily here, while Josh is developing the open source community for a small and aggressive software company called Extropia. While the heat after this long Singapore winter is welcome, Josh and I envy those who experienced another lovely New England fall this year. **Beth Schatzel** is researching the dynamics of creativity at Harvard Business School. **Aaron Shirmoff**, who, after a lovely vacation in Japan, is settling down and running his own company selling software solutions to financial companies. **Catherine Bernard** got to meet Sister Wendy in the fall while doing development at WGBH, the PBS station in Boston. **Joanna Nadler** had a six-month stint in swinging London. **Andrew Urbanetti** is cooking up a storm at a downtown Boston restaurant, Icarus. **Emily Silver** is currently on the campaign trail for Steve Grossman, gubernatorial candidate for Massachusetts and former Brandeis Board of Trustees chair. **Andres Garzon** is pursuing an accelerated master's degree in accounting at Northeastern University in Boston. **Meera Bhalotra** recently got to put a Viper to the test and is a consultant at Lexecon in Cambridge, MA. **Ben Schiffrin** is a student at Harvard Law School. **Beth Botti** and **Matt Argersinger** still grace the Brandeis campus with their presence while completing the Lemberg Program. Of course, we also miss those who are lucky enough to get to navigate the glorious urban jungle of New York City. **Jesse Friedman** is learning how to manage assets at CIBC; **Lyonel Jean-Pierre** began studies at Cardozo Law School this fall;

and **Dan Fisher** is providing tech support at Kaplan. **Jake Axel** will hopefully stop by Singapore on his way to Melbourne, Australia. But the ones I miss most are the ones I haven't heard from. The last time I saw you was when we filed out of Gosman in our caps and gowns. Where are you and what are you doing now? I, and the rest of our cohorts, can't wait to find out! Drop me a note at 2001notes@alumni.brandeis.edu so I can include you in the next issue of the *Brandeis Review!* Cheers! —WenLin

## Grad

**Susan E. Bell** (M.A. '80, Sociology, Ph.D. '81, Sociology) was named the first A. Myrick Freeman Professor in Social Sciences at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. Susan specializes in sociology of health and illness, and her research involves the experience of illness, women's health, and visual and performative representations of the politics of cancer, medicine, and women's bodies. **Steven E. Bizar** '84 (M.A. '87, History) resigned as a partner at the Philadelphia law firm of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads in March 2001 to accept a position as a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll Professional Corporation's Philadelphia office. Steven continues to concentrate his practice in complex commercial trials, including trials in securities, intellectual property, antitrust, and class action cases. **Terrence Gargiulo** '90 (M.M.H.S. '93, Human Services Management) and Cindy Jo Brodsky were married on January 14, 2001, at the Lyman Estate in Waltham, MA. Terrence's Heller School classmate, **Alan Piccin** (M.M.H.S. '93, Human Services Management) made the night "hop and bop" with his jazz combo. Terrence and Cindy

live and work in San Francisco. Terrence is a facilitator and organizational development consultant. His book, *Making Stories: A Practical Guide for Organizational Leaders and HR Managers*, was published in November 2001 by Greenwood Press/Ouorum. **Nancy Susan Goldstein** (M.A. '91, English and American Literature, Ph.D. '95, English and American Literature) began a new position as the manager of educational resources for a nonprofit organization called GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), the fourth largest LGBT rights organization in the country ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)). She develops educational resources and manages initiatives that support the inclusion of LGBT themes in school practice and programming, including some much-needed materials for school-based anti-bias trainings. **Paul J. Greene** '93 (M.A. '94, History of American Civilization) was honored as Maine's Sportscaster of the Year for 2000 by the Associated Press. It's the second time Paul has received the award, which he also won in 1998. Paul is the sports director at WPXT-TV, the Fox affiliate in Portland. **Louise Kaplan** (Ph.D. '92, Health Care) was elected as president of Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA). She brings with her over 20 years of nursing and WSNA experience. Louise is a family nurse practitioner at The Clinic at Elma and a nurse consultant with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. **Damir Mirkovic** (M.A. '68, Sociology) retired as professor of sociology in September 2000, after teaching at Brandon University in Manitoba, Canada, for 31 years. He received the title professor emeritus in February 2001. In 2000 Damir wrote articles published in *Journal of Genocide Research* and *The South Slav Journal*. **Michael J. Ramer** '88 (M.A. '89, International Economics and Finance), who was graduated in the first class of Brandeis's GSIEF, is now a national trainer for the search and placement industry. Mike's firm, Ramer Search Consultants, is located in West Orange, NJ, and is in its third year. He married Amy Brothman on September 14, 1997, and they have two sons, Ethan Alexander and



Max Joseph. **Patricia DeBerry Siplon** (Ph.D. '97, Politics) was selected by the graduating class of 2001 at Saint Michael's College to receive a Reverend Gerald E. Dupont Award. The award, named for a former president of the college, is given for dedication to the ideals of courage, vision, devotion, and faith upon which Saint Michael's was founded. A resident of Burlington, VT, Patricia has been on the faculty of Saint Michael's for three years. Former United States Assistant Secretary for Aging, **Jeanette C. Takamura** (Ph.D. '85, Heller) was appointed to the Edward R. Roybal Endowed Chair in Gerontology and Public Service at California State University, Los Angeles. During Jeanette's tenure as assistant secretary, Congress reauthorized the Older Americans Act and established the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Under her leadership, federal Older Americans Act programs and services also received the largest funding increases since 1972. **Ronald Robert Thomas** (M.A. '78, English and American Literature, Ph.D. '83, English and American Literature) was appointed to serve as Trinity College's interim president. Ronald is a former chair of the English department and presently serves as vice president and chief of staff.

# coHORTs for Brandeis: Anne Reilly Hort '67 and Robert Hort '67

of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York



**Vital Dimensions:** Anne, director of the Annual Fund at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx, and Robert, CEO of Enterprise Press, a Manhattan commercial graphics communication and printing firm, are the parents of three, Benjamin '91, Daniel '93, and law student Katie. Anne and Robert, after receiving their bachelor's degrees in history, further pursued their educations. Anne holds a master's degree in library sciences from Queens College. Robert, just two years ago, earned a J.D. from Cardozo School of Law.

**On Their Enduring Commitment to Brandeis:**

"We met at Brandeis during our sophomore year, dated in our junior year, married in our senior year...Brandeis has been a real focal point in our lives. It has given us common experiences, common associations. Several of our closest friends are Brandesians...It is a physical reference point. When our two boys went off to Brandeis, we could picture where they were. It was comfortable, like family, like our neighborhood. It was the right place for both of our kids, one very different from the other. They, too, have developed lasting Brandeis friendships."

**Favorite Brandeis Diversion:** The Hort-Acultural Society was established by Robert in 1965 as the antidote to the cerebral business of Brandeis. By 1967, the Society claimed 25 members, its own logo emblazoned on specially commissioned sweatshirts, and a repertoire of weekend activities spanning circus-going to Cape Cod excursions!

**Reasons for Embracing Brandeis in Their Estate Plans:**

"We believe education is the best way we can spend our money...We hope our gift will help ensure that Brandeis, which has been our family's home, will have the resources it needs to become for others what it has been for us. Small classes, faculty accessibility, and the intellectual value placed on inquiry and social action are principles we wish to perpetuate."

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# Dear Reader

The movie *A Beautiful Mind*, which won four of the eight Academy Awards for which it was nominated, depicts the story of mathematician and Nobel Laureate John Nash and his lifelong battle with paranoid schizophrenia. Unfortunately, Nash's time at Brandeis was metaphorically left on the cutting room floor.

From 1965 to 1967 Nash was invited by the Brandeis math department to spend some time here in the unusual position (for Brandeis) of a researcher without teaching responsibilities. Fortuitously, I was also at Brandeis during those years as a student without *any* responsibilities. In the movie, that period, as near as I can figure, coincided with the stretch during which Nash spends most of his time sitting on his porch in his Mr. Rogers cardigan, dutifully sedating himself with prescribed medications.

According to Richard S. Palais, professor emeritus of mathematics at Brandeis, who still keeps in touch with Nash, "At first it looked like he was making excellent progress towards recovery during his year at Brandeis...In fact he wrote an excellent paper that appeared in the *Annals of Mathematics*, usually considered the most prestigious of all mathematics journals. Unfortunately, towards the end of the academic year he decided that he did not want to continue taking the

medicines that had been prescribed to ameliorate his mental problems, and after that he rapidly went downhill."

I wonder if I ever saw him. You would think that if I had, I would remember a man obsessively working out endless fenestral calculations and railing at imagined oppressors. Yet...how shall I put this?...there were, during those years, so many Brandeisians displaying...ah... unique behaviors.

There was the fellow who was never seen, in or out of class, without his seven-foot staff; the young woman who routinely frolicked barefoot about campus dressed in a diaphanous gown, scattering rose petals in her wake; the young man who each day crumbled a package of crackers into a glass of milk, added several teaspoons of sugar, covered the concoction with a napkin and cached it in the back of a cubby to be consumed when it had attained the proper ripeness; the student who obsessively rescued earthworms from puddles (although now that I think of it, he may have been the same guy with the milk); the diabetic student who periodically allowed himself to go into insulin shock as recreation; the student who raised a flock of chickens in his suite in East until the health department cooked his goose; and the two roommates who spontaneously launched into bizarre psychodramas while passing to class, one lying in the snow while the other stood

over him barking, "Get up, soldier! Get up, soldier!" Those are among the ones I personally encountered on a regular basis.

In addition, a quick and imprecise survey of other alumni/staff members at Brandeis revealed that eccentrics populated the campus during most decades of the University's existence. There was the fellow who wore only shorts and a T-shirt, indoors and out, with no regard to the brutality of the weather; he even gave admissions tours of the campus dressed that way in the dead of winter. There was the young man who was often seen at night, reading under a tree in near-total darkness. Some may recall the student who would use only one particular bathroom on campus, no matter what. Another student specialized in balancing umbrellas on his face. Many alumni will remember the fellow who, having lost the use of his window shade, meticulously covered every square-inch of his panes with black marker, thereby rendering the entire dorm nearly uninhabitable for a week, due to the overpowering stench of marker fumes.

There were no doubt others, including faculty, and it might be fun to share your memories of other beautiful minds at Brandeis. I would prefer emails, but if you must submit your recollection written on a window, please make it a small one.

Cliff

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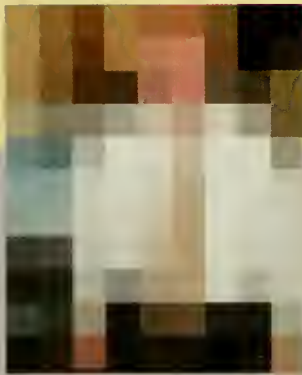
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## The Course of Tragedy

### September 11 Attacks, Aftermath Are Focus of New Course

Kanan Makiya, the Iraqi dissident whose denunciation of Saddam Hussein reverberated around the world in the 1980s and 1990s, is coteaching a course at the University this spring on the terrorist attacks and aftermath of September 11, 2001. The new course, September 11: Roots and Aftermath, unveiled by the University four months to the day after the attacks, is believed to be one of the first of its kind to be officially incorporated into a university curriculum in the United States.

President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, said the University hopes the course will provide a detailed contextual base for studying

the tragedy. "Future generations will ponder these cold-blooded attacks much in the same way people have examined earlier world-altering calamities," said Reinharz. "This course and others can play an important role as we attempt to more fully comprehend the horror of that tragic day."

The course was created after students expressed interest in having an academic means of addressing myriad questions and concerns left in the wake of September 11.

Makiya, adjunct professor of Middle Eastern Studies, brings his own distinct perspective to the course. He was born in Baghdad and is the author most recently of *The Rock: A Seventh Century Tale of Jerusalem* (See "Books" section). Published in November, the book examines the roots of the relationship between

Arabs and Jews. It is centered on the building of the Dome of the Rock, one of the world's most bitterly contested pieces of real estate and the locus of the common ancestry of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Makiya also wrote *Republic of Fear: The Politics of Modern Iraq* (1990) and *Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny, Uprising and the Arab World* (1983). The latter, highly critical of Hussein's regime, brought Makiya international acclaim.

Makiya is coteaching the new course with Daniel Terris, director of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life. According to Terris, the course is an exploration of the antecedents, meaning,

and possible future repercussions of what happened on September 11, through the perspectives of politics, history, literature, the arts, religion, regional studies, and other disciplines.

The course is a combination of lectures and discussions, with guest speakers from the Brandeis faculty and from outside the University.

Topics include September 11 and its aftermath, loyalty and dissent in wartime America, the terrorist mindset: perspectives from literature, Islam and its radical variants, civil liberties and homeland security, and artistic responses to catastrophe.

## Digitizing Daumier

### Libraries Receive Grant

The Brandeis University Libraries have received one of 18 prestigious 2001 National Leadership Grants awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library

Services for Preservation or Digitization projects.

The Brandeis Libraries project will create a digital image collection of nearly 4,000 lithographs originally created by Honore Daumier (1808-79). The images will be fully cataloged and

searchable via the Brandeis online catalog.

A related Website will put the lithographs into their historical and sociological context for students and scholars throughout the world.

## Live from Brandeis

### CNN's William Schneider Named Visiting Professor; Teaching Course on American Politics

William Schneider '66, senior political analyst for CNN, is at Brandeis this semester as the newest Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor.

Schneider is teaching undergraduates in *The American Voter*, which will examine changes in the nation's electorate since 1960, particularly the sources of unity and division in the country.

"I want to try and communicate a sense of excitement about politics," said Schneider, "the same excitement I felt at Brandeis as an undergraduate in the sixties."

Topics scheduled for discussion are: taxes, spending and the deficit; race and affirmative action; religion, abortion and single-issue politics; the gender gap; foreign policy; and the 2000 election (how divided is America?); the war on terrorism (how united is America?).

Students will prepare issue briefs, evaluate campaigns, and analyze elections.

Schneider is one of the country's leading political commentators. He joined CNN in 1991 and is regularly featured on the network's *Inside Politics* program. He coauthored *The Confidence Gap: Business, Labor and Government in the Public Mind* with Seymour Martin Lipset. He has written on politics for some of the country's major periodicals, including *The New Republic* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, and is

a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. He is also a contributing editor to the *Los Angeles Times*, *National Journal*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*.

In addition to his bachelor of arts degree from Brandeis, Schneider has a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University, where he taught in the Department of Government. He held an International Affairs Fellowship from the Council on Foreign Relations and a National Fellowship from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. From 1990 to 1995 he was the Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.

William Schneider '66



Visiting Professor of American Politics at Boston College.

Others to hold the Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professorship at Brandeis are Ann Lewis, the former director of communications and counselor to President Bill Clinton; *Boston Globe* columnist David Shribman; former New York Mayor Edward Koch; and former Texas Governor Ann Richards. Each has spent a semester teaching in the Department of Politics.

## A Sound Decision

### Chasalow Receives Fromm Commission

Eric Chasalow has been awarded a Fromm Music Foundation commission for 2001.

The chair of Brandeis's music department was selected among a pool of more than 200 applicants nationwide. A total of 13 composers were chosen. The commission is designed to "strengthen composition and to bring contemporary concert music closer to the public," according to the Foundation at Harvard University.

Chasalow, who teaches composition and also directs BEAMS (Brandeis Electro-Acoustic Music Studio), says he will use the award to write an orchestra piece for the Boston Modern Orchestra Project. Best

known for his compositions that combine live soloist with electronic sounds, his work has previously been recognized by the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters, among others.

—Donna Desrochers

## Rising to the Occasion

### Petsko Elected to IOM

Gregory Petsko, the Gyula and Katica Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Chemistry, and director, Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, is



Gregory Petsko

one of 60 newly elected members of the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine (IOM). The IOM was created in 1970 under the congressional charter of the National Academy of Sciences.

This is a distinguished honor for Petsko, who was also elected to the NAS in 1995. As an associated organization of the NAS, the IOM identifies concerns in medical care, research, and education and secures the services of members of appropriate professions to examine policy matters relating to public health. New members are elected by active members and are chosen for their major contributions to health and medicine or to related fields

such as social and behavioral sciences, law, administration, and economics.

Petsko, whose research involves three-dimensional structures of proteins and their biochemical function, is currently working on a collaborative project studying the evolution of enzymes, proteins made of chains of building blocks called amino acids, which harness the power of chemical reactions. They accelerate and facilitate tasks that would otherwise require an enormous amount of energy.

By using yeast genetics and biochemical techniques, Petsko has helped to discover that most related enzymes catalyze similar chemical reactions.

"Yeast has a system which is similar in most higher

organisms and it evolves faster," said Petsko. "What takes nature to evolve in 2,000 years in higher organisms like mammals, we can accomplish with yeast in two months."

Petsko's research offers insight into how enzymes evolve and provides a better understanding of how an organism adapts to natural variations. Researchers involved in the project include Dagmar Ringe, the Lucille P. Markey Professor of Biochemistry and Chemistry; Patricia C. Babbitt, an associate professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of California at San Francisco; and John A. Gerlt, an enzymologist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

—Cristin Carr

## Nouvelle Vague

### Scientists Discover New Wave Pattern, Opening New Realm in Non-Linear Chemistry

Brandeis scientists have discovered new wave patterns when the Belousov-Zhabotinsky (BZ) reaction, one of the most studied oscillating systems, is introduced into a "reverse microemulsion," a mixture of oil, water, and a surfactant. Research by

Irving Epstein, professor of chemistry and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, and Postdoctoral Research Associate Vladimir K. Vanag, published in the October 26 issue of *Science*, reveals an inwardly rotating spiral wave in this modification of the BZ reaction.

These phenomena provide insights into periodic waves of chemical activity, which parallel biological phenomena such as nerve

impulse transmission, circadian rhythms, or the beating heart. Since periodic phenomena in living systems are chemical in nature, studying these reactions provides a better understanding of the chemical and neural oscillators in organisms. Previous research found only outwardly rotating spiral waves.

By studying variants of the BZ reaction, Epstein and Vanag have opened a new realm in non-linear chemistry that may lead to a better understanding of patterns in physical, chemical, and biological systems. "It's been about 30 years since the discovery of spiral patterns in the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction," said Epstein. "Since then rotating spirals and waves have been observed in a variety of physical, chemical, and biological reaction-diffusion systems."

## Honor of a Lifetime

### Shonkoff Appointed as Prestigious National Associate of the National Academies

Jaek P. Shonkoff, M.D., dean of The Heller School for Social Policy and Management and Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy, has recently been named to a lifetime appointment as a National Associate of the National Academies. This prestigious honor was created by the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to recognize individuals whose

contributions to the work of the Academies are considered "truly extraordinary." Shonkoff is one of the 325 selected for the inaugural group of honorees from among thousands of distinguished scholars and public leaders who have served on the boards, committees, and studies of the National Academies.

At its meeting on February 7, 2001, the Council of the National Academy of Sciences initiated a new "National Associates" program to recognize extraordinary contributions to the National Academies through pro bono service to National Research Council and Institute of Medicine programs.

Many dedicated individuals serve without compensation on committees of the National Academies. The work of the Academies in advising government and the public would not be possible without this dedicated commitment of experts. The purpose of the National Associates designation is formally to recognize the extraordinary service of some of these individuals.

Shonkoff served as chair of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families at the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council/National Academy



of Sciences from 1997 to 2000. He also has served as a member of the Panel on Child Care Policy, the Steering Group for the National Forum on the Future of Children and Families, the Committee on the Assessment of Family Violence Interventions, and the Roundtable on Head Start Research. Most recently, he chaired the Committee on Integrating the Science of Early Childhood Development, which produced the widely acclaimed, landmark report, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods*.

—Cristin Carr



An antispiral in the BZ reaction

"By creating a variation of the BZ reaction we have been able to produce stationary patterns called Turing structures as well as several kinds of patterns and waves not previously observed in simpler

chemical systems," stated Epstein. "Several of these patterns are thought to play a role in biological development."

The "Turing structures" involve a form of "nanotechnology," whereby droplets of water smaller than biological cells and

containing the components of the BZ system including only a handful of catalyst molecules, were dispersed into the oil and stabilized by the surfactant to form the microemulsion. Epstein and Vanag were able to control the variety of patterns by tweaking the concentration and size of the water

droplets. Epstein explains that the water droplets enclosing the BZ reactants diffuse much more slowly than molecules in the oil, which provides a mechanism for making these patterns. The interaction between the nanodroplets plays an important part in the behavior of the reaction and results in the inwardly rotating spiral waves.

—Cristin Carr

## Feverish Search



Donald S. Shepard

### Researchers' Vietnam Trip May Lead to Development of a Pediatric Vaccine for Deadly Tropical Virus

Brandeis University health economists Donald S. Shepard and Jose Suaya traveled to Vietnam during the first week of December in an effort to accelerate the development of a pediatric vaccine for dengue fever, a sometimes deadly tropical virus.

Each year tens of millions of new cases of dengue infect people living in tropical developing countries. Once known as "break bone fever," dengue is an excruciatingly painful and sometimes fatal mosquito-born virus. Although new research is encouraging, there is no vaccine. In addition, current vaccine research is not aimed at the billion-plus, at-risk children worldwide.

"One of the challenges in making policy around the disease is that some countries have the substantial burden of an imperfect health care system," said Professor Shepard, director of the

cost-effectiveness group in the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. "Many cases are not treated or reported, which makes it even more difficult to estimate the worldwide burden of this disease."

Shepard and Suaya, a Ph.D. candidate at The Heller School, traveled to Ho Chi Minh City as part of an international conference. Convened by The Rockefeller Foundation and the International Vaccine Institute, the conference was hosted by the Children's Hospital number one in Vietnam and the Pasteur Institute of Ho Chi Minh City.

Another challenge involves the ever-increasing costs of developing and licensing pharmaceutical products. This demands that private companies focus their efforts on markets that provide commercial returns. Yet, with private and public support, research efforts may be harnessed to develop vaccines for poor children.

"Yes, it takes money to develop a vaccine, but our analysis suggests the return would be a reasonable investment," said Shepard.

Shepard, chair of the pharmacoeconomics group for the conference, presented the estimated

costs and potential social and economic returns of developing a pediatric dengue vaccine for Southeast Asia at the meeting. Other members of the pharmacoeconomics group included Suaya and officials of the World Health Organization, Rockefeller Foundation, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

This year certain regions in Asia have experienced high incidences of dengue fever that may be caused by optimum mosquito breeding conditions. The need for a vaccine has never been greater.

"Dengue infection can progress from a mild fever to dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) or dengue shock syndrome (DSS), conditions that may be fatal," said Shepard. Southeast Asia, a region with twice the population of the United States, is particularly affected. "Each year, within Southeast Asia 350,000 children develop DHF and 20,000 die."

—Cristin Carr



## Success by Design

### Karl Eigsti Relies on Power of Passion to Produce Successful Theater Design

Karl Eigsti is putting a key in the door and turning it. There is no key. There is no door. Eigsti, the Charles Bloom Adjunct Professor of the Arts of Design and director of Brandeis's Theater Design Program, wants you to imagine for a moment how audiences see.

"In film, you can direct the audience's attention to whatever you want to show them. You want to show the hand turning the key in the door—you focus on the keyhole, the hand, the key, the door opening. On the stage, you have to do it by

shifting the focus visually, with light, actors, and with movement and shape."

The point he's making about film's ability to control an audience's focus is something many theater professionals struggle with. Theater, with its sets made of cardboard, plywood, and steel, can seem less real to audiences who grew up watching TV and movies. Eigsti says it means theater has to be "that much more engrossing and compelling in order to compete with the more polished fictional experience offered by the movies."

Despite film's allure, the theater still holds a great deal of magic for people. Enough to keep dozens of theater programs across the

Over 90 percent of Brandeis's set, costume, and lighting design graduates are working successfully on- and off-Broadway, a statistic that continues to delight Eigsti. "When I first came here, I really thought I'd be training designers who would work in regional theater. It's been a big surprise to me they've almost all ended up in New York."

The Brandeis design program is a conservatory program. Principal designers on the faculty are all working professionals, including Jennifer von Mayrhauser, adjunct professor of costume design, who has worked in film and theater and is the costume designer for TV's *Law and Order*. Classes are small, with students receiving personalized attention. All graduate design students have a chance to be involved in production work as assistants or designers during the course of the program.

Eigsti became director of theater design at Brandeis in 1989, during a successful career in New York designing 10 to 15 plays a year. He is one of the country's most revered theater professionals and educators. His scenic design work, which spans four decades, is described in Arnold Aronson's book, *American Set Design*. For 19 years, he taught part-time in NYU's design program, where he formed his ideas about design education. Eigsti's approach focuses less on art skills than it does on training students to collaborate with a stage director.

It's not that we diminish art, he says. "It's very important.



Karl Eigsti

It has to be skillfully done, but we recognize that if you can just paint a pretty picture and you can design a beautiful set, that's not a guarantee you're going to be a successful designer. Designers don't work for themselves. They work to serve the director's idea of what a play should look like." He admits you need to love the theater to be able to have a passion for someone else's vision. "That's one of the first things I look for when I interview students," he says.

Eigsti's "passion first, art second" approach makes him something of a renegade in the world of design education. Most programs, if not all, focus on the portfolio. Not surprisingly, Brandeis, has become a kind of haven for students (often former actors) whose love and aptitude for the theater went unrecognized during a portfolio interview.

A walk through the design studios of the Spingold Theater Center reveals Eigsti's philosophy at work. Small sketches taped on the walls of individual studios reveal a range of drawing skills, from basic to more advanced. Models of sets resting on stands are lovingly detailed, yet fragile—tiny works of art designed to serve a larger vision.

—Donna Destochers



Eigsti, second from left, surrounded by second-year M.F.A. design students Carrie Mossman, Gian Downs, and Maggie Lee-Burdorff

country in business, including Brandeis's program, which was rated one of the "best graduate programs" by *U.S. News and World Report*.

## She Dreamed of Africa

**Lucy Steinitz, M.A. '74, Battles "Midlife Crisis" with Move to Africa, Work to Stop AIDS Epidemic in Namibia**

Slides show wide-open spaces, no pollution, clear skies, seals tumbling over one another, strolling elephants, clusters of zebras looking surreal. Amid this gorgeous, abundant, wild nature is an AIDS epidemic of horrifying proportions. On December 4, Lucy Steinitz, M.A. '74, Ph.D., held the audience rapt as she talked about the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Steinitz speaks from firsthand experience—she has worked for the past

three years for Catholic AIDS Action in Namibia, Africa, which ranks as one of the most HIV/AIDS-affected countries in the world. Steinitz received a master's degree from the Brandeis Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

How did a nice Jewish girl from New York end up in Namibia, Africa? "Namibia was a solution for my midlife crisis," explains Steinitz with earnest exuberance, gesturing in front of a packed Napoli Room in Gosman, her confidence suffused with warmth. "I was turning 45; I had worked for 15 years as executive director of Jewish Family Services in central Maryland. It was a great life, a great job. I had a wonderful family. But two cars, a dog, and a house in the suburbs just didn't do the same thing for me anymore. Moving to Africa was always a dream of mine."

Steinitz took an opportunity to go to Africa with her family, first for three months, then back for a year that became two, then three, and she is now a permanent resident. Her job at Catholic AIDS Action—since its founding in 1998,



the first national church-based response to HIV/AIDS in Namibia—gives her the opportunity to live in a country twice the size of California that is home to 1.8 million people. Catholic AIDS Action has grown to become Namibia's largest and most effective nongovernmental organization in the AIDS field.

Southern Africa is the most AIDS-infected, Steinitz explains, and in Namibia, HIV spreads rapidly. In fact, one out of four or five pregnant women who test in the first prenatal visit are HIV positive. That translates into a huge number of future orphans.

Her boss, a nun and a physician for 20 years, came to Namibia in 1972 and realized there was a growing problem of HIV infection. She felt that the ubiquitous churches could have an impact in the communities, because people trusted them. In 1998 she convinced the bishops to undertake a Catholic response to the AIDS problem, and Steinitz, in town working on a UNICEF study, asked to volunteer. Catholic AIDS Action was born.

They started with two volunteers in a complete vacuum—"The desert is a

metaphor that goes much deeper than the landscape," says Steinitz. Now Catholic AIDS Action has recruited and trained over 600 volunteers who provide assistance to over 2,500 clients monthly in their homes. Catholic AIDS Action incorporates AIDS-education and prevention into all of its work, running behavioral-change courses across the country in schools, community centers, and churches, teaching in English although about 11 languages are spoken. An 84-hour training course over six months includes classroom training plus experience in the field. Volunteers visit people who are ill, providing home-based family care and counseling.

Although Steinitz and her colleagues are making headway, there is much to be done. "The challenge is not to establish other NGOs but to get for-profit organizations, government ministers, and businesses to take on the HIV issue as part of their agendas," Steinitz emphasizes.

—Marjorie Lyon



The Catholic AIDS Action organization in Namibia

## In the Best of Health

### Council on the Economic Impact of Health System Change Receives \$1.7 Million Grant

The Council on the Economic Impact of Health System Change received a three-year, \$1.7 million renewal grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"We are pleased that The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has again showed its confidence in the value of our work," said Council Chair Stuart H. Altman, the Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health

Policy. "With this grant, we intend to expand our unique role of identifying emerging health policy concerns and providing policymakers and the public with authoritative political and economic analysis of developments in this area."

The Council, based at the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, is an independent, nonpartisan body of experts in economics and health policy. It focuses on the economic impact of changes occurring in the U.S. health care system. Council members

include nationally recognized health economists as well as leaders in business and the health care industry.

The Council sponsors original research on health policy, conducts seminars and conferences on health-related policy issues, including the annual Princeton Conference, and disseminates its work through books, journal articles, testimony, and reports. Further information on the Council may be obtained at [sihp.brandeis.edu/council](http://sihp.brandeis.edu/council).

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, New Jersey, is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grant-making in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to basic health care at reasonable cost; to improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse—tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

—Cristin Carr

## Space Program

### New Dorm to be Built

University officials expect to break ground this summer for a new, 220-bed residence hall for undergraduates.

This facility, to be located nearby the Ziv Residence Halls in the Ridgewood Cottage area, will help the University realize its goal of housing 90 percent of Brandeis undergraduates on campus and reduce the need for off-campus travel.

"The new residence hall will better accommodate our student body," said Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Peter French. "I believe this building will enhance the undergraduate living experience."

According to Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment, the hall will also help to alleviate the burden on the city of Waltham's housing stock. "New campus housing is also a community-building tool," she added, "which can help to bring people together and facilitate the creation of a feeling of belonging on campus."

The architect for the project is Kyu Sung Woo, whom French described as one of the premier designers working today. He has worked on residence halls for several colleges and universities recently.

Woo's plans include carefully situated common spaces that will support many kinds of activities, from quiet and group study to social halls. Single- and double-room configurations will be arranged in suites for small numbers of students. Each floor will have lounges, as well as common areas and study rooms for each cluster of bedrooms.

An extensive planning process allowed for input from students, student life and residence life staff, and faculty and administrators. The facility is being designed to promote a high level of social interaction and will provide cocurricular spaces for students in other residence halls.

The building will parallel South Street and conform to the slope of the hill descending from the Slosberg Music Center. Construction will require the relocation of offices in three cottages that house the Lydian String Quartet, the Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, and Publications, Photography, Media Relations, and Web Services. Those offices will be relocated to other campus buildings, most likely the Usdan Student Center after the Shapiro Campus Center is complete by late summer 2002.

According to Ed Adelman, associate vice president for capital projects, the current project schedule calls for a construction start in early summer, and occupancy in the fall of 2003.

## Waltham's Finest



Duojin Wang '05 and  
Bryan Rautenberg '05

### 2001 Stroum Scholars Start First Year at Brandeis

Every year, through the generosity of Althea and the late Samuel Stroum, Waltham High School students are awarded scholarships to attend Brandeis. This year's winners were Bryan S. Rautenberg and Duojin Wang.

Bryan Rautenberg '05 applied early decision to Brandeis. A pianist since the age of 5, Bryan performed in the Show Band and the Jazz Band at Waltham High School, and accompanied the Kennedy Middle School Chorus for six years. Captain of the tennis team, he worked at the Waltham Athletic Club, stringing

tennis racquets. During the summer of 2000, he worked for the City of Waltham/Wires Department doing electrical repairs.

This National Honor Society member also worked in public relations for Guardent, an Internet security company. Bryan intends to major in computer science at Brandeis. He produced a commercial Website for one of the teachers at Waltham High School, and has been a technical resource for another teacher's students. He is the son of Arlene and Thomas Rautenberg.

Duojin Wang '05 intends to study international business and computer science at Brandeis. A member of the National Honor Society, Duojin's many extracurricular activities at Waltham High School included participation in

Academic Decathlon, the Bio-Chem Club, Environmental Club, and French Club. In addition, she sat on the Tufts Teen Advisory Council, served as a math tutor, and was a member of the Asian Culture Club.

Duojin received honorable mention in the 1998 Boston Globe photography contest, was commended in the National Merit Scholarship program and earned a Daughters of American Revolution Award. Duojin also held a part-time job at the Waltham Public Library and did a food project for community service.

Born in Beijing, China, Duojin is the daughter of Xiaoping Ding and Chienru Wang, M.A. '93, Ph.D. '97.

## Pioneer Endowment

### Stoll Gift Establishes First Chair in Israel Studies in the United States

The Stoll family has established the first chair in Israel studies in the United States at Brandeis.

The Karl, Harry, and Helen Stoll Chair in Israel Studies is being created to develop

an accurate historical understanding of the origin and development of the state of Israel. According to Harry Stoll this chair is "even more critical after the terrorist attacks of September 11 and the continued violence in Israel and the Middle East."

President Jehuda Reinharz said the Stoll Chair will enable the University to take a leading role in "an unbiased academic study

## Purging Poverty

### Oxfam Challenge Clicks with Students

Andy Warhol once said, "They say that time changes everything, but really you have to change things yourself." This statement could well be the philosophy of Ben Brandzel '03, who is crusading against global poverty.

He came up with the idea for the Collegiate Click Drive, and, with the help of many others, wrote proposals and facilitated negotiations that led to acceptance of the idea. He is coordinating a group of over 50 volunteer Brandeis students to support and administrate the contest. The pilot run launched March 11, 2002, and the first full run will take off in the fall. The primary sponsor is Oxfam America, arguably America's best-

respected and most effective international development organization. It is also cosponsored by almost a dozen of the nation's largest and most respected college level activist organizations.

Here is how it works: the Oxfam Collegiate Click Drive is a national competition hosted on PovertyFighters.com, a click-to-donate site that sends all proceeds to support Micro Credit-based anti-poverty efforts around the world. The competition will last several months, challenging students to generate as many donations as possible on behalf of their schools. The donation totals are ranked by school and displayed daily, and participants communicate through bulletin boards and newsletters. At the end of the year the contest winner will get one of a number of possible rewards, including a big-name-band benefit concert and speakers

event, celebrity appearance, or a featured spot in a popular media venue.

Oxfam also has a collegiate leadership program called the CHANGE Initiative. Participating students, called CHANGE Leaders, serve as Oxfam ambassadors on their respective campuses. Brandzel is one of two at Brandeis.

No one who knows Brandzel is surprised at his zeal.

"My consuming passion in life is the elimination of global poverty, and I have a profound belief in the ability of college students to change the world," he says. "My time at Brandeis has made me believe in that power."

Growing up in Berkeley, California, the Brandeis junior is a *Simpsons* fan, plays the harmonica, loves good vegetarian food and



Ben Brandzel '03

enjoys playing squash. A major influence in his life is his mother, "for her tireless devotion to simple goodness," he says, as well as Mohamad Yunnus, founder of the Grameen Bank and Micro Credit, "for exemplifying how one idea and a devotion to justice can change the world."

Brandzel emphasizes that this is a collective effort and more volunteer help is needed to make this a success. "If you would like to help out, or have connections to an intercollegiate association, media outlet or notable individual who might be interested, please email [clickdrive@brandeis.edu](mailto:clickdrive@brandeis.edu) to lend a hand," he says.

—Marjorie Lyon

and understanding of Israel and its place in the world." He added that Brandeis is well suited for such a chair with its expertise in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies as well as its strength in international politics.

The endowed chair is also a tribute to the Stoll family. Harry and Karl Stoll came

from Bavaria, attended school in Berlin, lived on a kibbutz in Palestine, and eventually came to America, where they established successful businesses in metal displays. Harry and Helen Stoll's grandson is currently a student at Brandeis University.

Harry Stoll said he is pleased to be able to establish this chair at Brandeis, a University "that

was founded 53 years ago by the American Jewish community in the same year that the State of Israel was established and with the motto 'truth even unto its innermost parts.'"

—Donna Destochers

## Centerpiece

### Mandel Gift to Establish Center for Studies in Jewish Education

Brandeis is establishing a Center for Studies in Jewish Education, thanks to a gift from the Mandel Supporting Foundations of Cleveland, Ohio. The center is dedicated to advancing



Sharon Feiman-Nemser

knowledge, improving practice and developing outstanding professionals for Jewish education.

"Drawing on the considerable expertise of Brandeis University in Judaic studies and education, this innovative new venture will become a leading center for research and professional development by combining systematic study of Jewish education with model programs for Jewish educators," said President Jehuda Reinharz. "The Mandel brothers, Jack, Joe, and Mort, have once again demonstrated their profound vision and hope for Jewish education in North

America." The center will build on the Mandel Chair in Jewish Education, currently held by Sharon Feiman-Nemser. The chair was established at Brandeis and is the first of its kind at a nonsectarian institution of higher education in America.

"The field of Jewish education needs a place where scholars and practitioners, researchers and educational leaders can come together to study, invent, and assess powerful educational programs and practices linked to compelling visions of Jewish education and informed by new understandings of teaching and learning. This is my vision for the center," said Feiman-Nemser.

The establishment of the center comes at a critical

time for Jewish education. Besides a nationwide shortage of qualified Jewish educators at all levels, there is a pressing need for basic knowledge about the character, quality, and impact of Jewish education and the professional development of Jewish educators.

The center will, among other things, conduct studies of teaching and learning in Jewish education; develop model programs for Jewish educators, and stimulate discussion and debate about the purposes, processes, and outcomes of Jewish education broadly defined.

—Donna Desrochers

## Letter to the Editor

I very much enjoyed reading about Dr. Cunningham's bus trip in the recent issue of the *Brandeis Review*.

In 1965 about 20 Brandeis undergraduates spent the summer working in a Southern Christian Leadership Conference voter registration project in the deep south. We took commercial buses south to

Atlanta for a two-week orientation (where we met Dr. King) before spreading out to rural counties throughout South Carolina for the rest of the summer, a 12-week period.

Four of us were assigned to Kershaw County, a rural area about an hour east of Columbia. We stayed in homes of local people, supported indirectly by a black church in the county seat of Camden. Aside from registering voters, we

integrated a theater and a restaurant in Camden, were run out of two small towns by county sheriffs, ended up in jail a few times, were shot at by a car full of white folks, and learned a tremendous amount about community and racism. During that summer—the first year in which the Voting Rights Act was in effect—more than 1,000 county residents

registered to vote for the first time. We went door to door working to promote this effort.

For most of us this was our first direct interaction with racism and poverty and a pivotal experience in our lives. I would be interested to hear from anyone who participated in that summer's events.

Sincerely,

Bill Kornrich '67  
akclinch@naxs.com

## Scoreboard Roundup

### Men's Basketball

Forward Rashad Williams '02 has been selected as a first team member of the ECAC Division III New England team. He was also named as a D3Hoops.com All-Northeast Region Team first team member.

Williams, an American studies major, is the all-time leading scorer in Brandeis basketball history with 1,928 career points, shattering a mark that had stood since 1958. He was named as a first team All-Association selection for the fourth consecutive season by the head coaches in the University Athletic Association. He averaged 21.9 points and 6.1 rebounds.

He was also one of 10 national finalists for The Jostens Trophy, which honors the Division III men's basketball player of the year. The Jostens Trophy recognizes outstanding players who exemplify the Division III philosophy of the well-rounded student-athlete. Players are chosen not only for their athletic ability but also for their excellence in academic and community service.

### Baseball

Brandeis used a seven-run second inning to power by Emory University, 9-3, in Sanford, Florida. In doing so, the Judges won the University Athletic Association (UAA) outright. It is the first time Brandeis has been champions of the conference since 1997. Brandeis was co-champions of the UAA in 1999 and 1994.

Centerfielder Jim Freethy '02 was honored as the UAA MVP and was a first team All-Association selection. Joining him on the first team were starter Tom McShane '03, third baseman Mike Dowdy '02, and first baseman Dan Macintosh '04.

### Cross Country

The women's cross country team capped off an exciting season earning entry to the NCAA Division III National Cross Country Championships at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, in November. It was only the third time in the University's history that the women's cross country team qualified for nationals, and the first since 1992.

Leading the team to its 13th-place finish were Mariko Tansey Holbrook '03 and Heather Davidson '02. The two outstanding athletes earned All-American honors for their efforts. Tansey Holbrook finished 17th overall, while just one second later Davidson crossed the finish line, finishing in 20th place.

Rounding out the team's finishers were Amanda Keyes '02, Caitlin Malloy '03, Katrina Managan '03, Gretchen Chick '04, and Samantha Miller '04.

Twenty-four teams and 213 runners competed at the meet.

On the men's side, Matthew Griego '05 finished a respectable 54th out of 211 runners. During the previous week, at the University Athletic Association (UAA) Men's Cross Country



Championships at Emory, Griego was the individual medalist. He covered the 8K course in a time of 25:08, besting the second place finisher by 21 seconds in a 78-man field. Griego was only the second Brandeis runner in the 15-year history of the UAA Cross Country championships to win the race.

### Women's Indoor Track

At the NCAA Division III Indoor Track Championships at Ohio Northern University, Mariko Tansey Holbrook '03 finished runner-up in the 5,000 meters and Jessica Curlew '03 was sixth in the 400 meters.

Both won All-American honors. It was the first All-American honor for Curlew and the fourth All-American honor for Tansey Holbrook, but her first in indoor track.

### Swimming and Diving

Hannah Johnson '02 earned All-American honors in the one- and three-meter diving events and Maya Marx '04 earned All-American honors in the 100 breaststroke at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Wooster College.

Marx, in her first appearance at the NAAs, swam a time of 1:07.20 in the

preliminaries to qualify for the finals. She placed fifth in her consolation final to earn a 13th place overall finish and garner her first All-American honor.

Johnson, a three-time All-American, placed 11th in the one-meter dive and 13th in the three-meter dive. The school record holder in both events and the top UAA finisher at the NAAs, she earned All-American honors in the three-meter dive last season.

On the men's side, Nick Pai '05 qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 200-meter backstroke, but was unable to compete due to an illness. At the UAA championships, Pai was second in the 100 back and third in the 200 back. Pai led Brandeis to the New England Championship.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team won its first ECAC tournament on December 10. The team advanced to the semi-finals by defeating MIT, but lost to eventual championship victor Elmira College.

It was the first ever ECAC win for Brandeis in their third straight appearance in the post-season. The performances of graduate student Natalia Zubko and Theresa Ceriello '03 earned UAA honorable mention honors.

Susan Lanser



## A Wealth of Feminist Scholarship

### New Chair of Women's Studies Looks to Deepen Program's Interdisciplinary Roots

"Women's Studies has a special mission to change the world. If the field is to work, it's because it makes change—not only for women, but for all people."

Meet Susan Lanser: professor of English and comparative literature, affiliate member of the Department of Romance and Comparative Literature, and Brandeis's new chair of women's studies.

Lanser replaces sociology professor Shula Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, who headed the program for nine years and is the founding director of the Women's Studies Research Center (WSRC),

which houses the Women's Studies Scholars Program and the Hadassah International Research Center on Jewish Women. The Program and the Center are distinct entities, says Lanser, but share a common mission. "The program is the degree-granting unit, while the Center does more outreach. But we're both committed to inclusive and transformative scholarship."

At the moment, the program offers joint master's degrees with nine different departments as well as an undergraduate certificate. Last year, a graduate colloquium series was launched, and the Hewlett Foundation issued a grant to create a faculty seminar that will shape the women's studies core curriculum.

In the months ahead, Lanser hopes to lay the groundwork for strengthening the

program's interdisciplinary roots. "Brandeis has a superb faculty with extraordinary strengths in feminist scholarship. I hope to bring people together from all disciplines, so we can have sustained conversation, and sustained curriculum and research," she says.

Lanser was one of the first scholars to teach women's studies at the University of Wisconsin. She helped establish the field at Georgetown University, and was on the women's studies faculty at the University of Maryland while she directed that school's Comparative Literature Program.

Lanser's publications include *The Narrative Act*, which applies feminist theory to the analysis of narrative form, and *Fictions of Authority: Women Writers and Narrative Voice*, an exploration of the strategies in women's novels across three centuries. She's edited three other volumes, including a special journal issue on *Disciplining Feminism: The Future of Women's Studies* and an edition of *Helen Maria Williams's 1790 letters on the French Revolution*. Her latest work examines female intimacies in the 18th century.

—Donna Desrochers

## Subscription Drive

### NWC Supports Research with "Year of the Journal"

The National Women's Committee, which has raised more than \$70 million for Brandeis and its Libraries since the University's founding, has mounted a special drive to support research journal subscriptions for the libraries this year. "The Year

of the Journal" campaign will raise operating funds for this purpose and augment a \$2 million endowment the organization has established through its Journal Guarantor Fund.

Journals are the primary method of communication among researchers. The Brandeis Libraries subscribe to 4,000 print titles and 16,000 electronic journals. "I very often read an article in a scientific journal that gives me a new idea about

how a brain process might work," explains John Lisman, professor of biology and member of the Volen National Center for Complex Systems. "To follow up on this idea, there will inevitably be 10 key articles that I have to read. With luck, these might provide the key clue that will tell me whether I am on the right track. At times such as these, it



## Look Me in the IQ

### Are You As Smart As You Look Or Do You Look Smarter Than You Are?

Can you judge how intelligent someone is from his or her appearance? The surprising answer is "yes" according to a study reported in the February issue of *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, published at the University of Iowa, conducted in part by Leslie Zebrowitz, the Manuel Yellen Professor of Social Relations.

Using a data archive that had photographs of people at several ages across the life span as well as their IQ test scores, psychologists Zebrowitz, Judith Hall and Nora Murphy of Northeastern University,

and Gillian Rhodes of the University of Western Australia, found that people were able to judge the relative intelligence of strangers. Although accuracy was far from perfect, it was above chance when judging individuals in childhood, puberty, and their 30s.

How did this happen? The judges were cued by attractiveness, which was positively related not only to how intelligent individuals were perceived to be, but also to their actual IQ scores.

The positive relationship between attractiveness and perceived intelligence is consistent with the well-known "attractiveness halo effect," which concludes that humans assign positive traits to attractive people.

How can the more surprising positive relationship between attractiveness and

actual IQ scores be explained? For individuals in puberty or their 30s, the relationship was partly explained by socioeconomic status (SES). Those from lower SES backgrounds were less attractive and had lower IQ test scores, which could be the result of factors such as poor nutrition and health care. Biological factors also seemed to play a role in puberty. Those with facial qualities that have been theorized to signal "good genes"—faces that are more symmetrical or more similar to the typical face—were more attractive and had higher IQ test scores.

Finally, a self-fulfilling prophecy effect played a role for adolescent boys and women in their 50s.

Males considered highly attractive as children showed a positive change in IQ at adolescence. Similarly, females considered highly attractive as adolescents showed a positive change in IQ when they reached their 50s. These results suggest that, over time, the positive expectations held for attractive boys and adolescent girls are self-fulfilling.

But caution is advised when judging if the person before you is an Einstein or an idiot. Although people were able to judge intelligence more accurately when they used attractiveness as a guide, the method is not exact. Attractiveness is only modestly related to intelligence, and the process failed with judging 18-year-olds. This may be due to the fact that many adolescents artificially enhance their attractiveness.

is wonderful to go to the library and find exactly the articles one is looking for."

The National Women's Committee has recognized the importance of journals to the faculty from the University's earliest days, but rapidly rising costs have made it difficult for the libraries to keep up with the need. Science journal prices increase about 10 to 12 percent per year,

for instance, while the acquisition budgets of academic libraries rarely increase more than five to eight percent. The growing number of print journals and explosion of electronic journals further stretches the budget.

Journal Guarantor and Learned Research Journals (LRJ) are the National Women's Committee's primary vehicles for journal support. The latter are particularly popular because a modest gift to LRJ (\$25-50) is recognized with a small, handsome folio bearing a personalized inscription of the donor's or honoree's name. Thousands of LRJs are presented yearly to

program speakers and to friends and loved ones to mark a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or other occasion.

For information on how to make a gift to Journal Guarantor or Learned Research Journals, contact Bonnie Lieberman (781-736-4163; [blieberman@brandeis.edu](mailto:blieberman@brandeis.edu)).

## Tree House

### Alumna Sculptor Chosen to Create Ornament for White House Tree

When Maine artist Deborah Klotz Paris '84 received an envelope from the White House in November, she set off on a brief, but intense research experience that culminated in the creation of a very special Christmas ornament. The envelope contained an invitation for Klotz Paris to share her artistic talents with the country by designing an ornament that would hang from the White House Christmas tree.

The catch? Klotz Paris would have to produce her work of art in less than two weeks in order for it to be in the mail by the

White House's Thanksgiving deadline. Other artists had received their notices as early as September.

This year's White House Christmas tree theme was "A Home for the Holidays," selected by First Lady Laura Bush. Klotz Paris scoured the Maine Historical Society and the Portland Landmarks Society to find an historic Maine home to portray in miniature, and found the perfect choice in a small pamphlet.

Located on Munjoy Hill in Portland, an area in which Klotz Paris herself had lived in the 1990s, the house was built in 1845 by a mariner named, ironically enough, George Bush. What struck Klotz Paris more than



David Paris '85, Laura Bush, and Deborah Klotz Paris '84

Top right: Klotz Paris's ornament that is now part of the White House's permanent art collection

the name, however, was learning his race—that Bush was a pre-Civil War, African American landowner. She also enjoyed learning that the later owner of the house, John Curtis, made and sold spruce gum in a successful business; the popular history surrounding the home gave it extra appeal.



With the aptly named Bush-Curtis house as her model, Klotz Paris went about creating a miniature. Her ornament features the house front in three images, transferred onto fabric which was then sewn and stuffed into a tiny house-shaped pillow. She formed an outer shell by using salvaged pressed tin to "house" the pillow on three sides and the top, leaving the bottom open so that viewers could look up to see the suspended pillow.

Klotz Paris's final touches included small magnets on the tin shell featuring the house's trademark spruce tree and a depiction of John Curtis. Perhaps the most important addition to the ornament is the secret note written by Klotz Paris's 8-year-old daughter, rolled up and stuffed into the house pillow before it was sewn shut.

On December 3, when the Christmas tree was unveiled, Klotz Paris attended a reception at the White House with her husband. Following its display on the White House Christmas tree, Klotz Paris's meaningful ornament has now become part of the White House's permanent art collection.

Klotz Paris teaches at the Maine College of Art and spends one day a week teaching at the Massachusetts College of Art, where she received her B.F.A. in sculpture and her M.F.A. in three dimensional fine arts. She says her experience in researching historic homes for her ornament made her fondly recall her days developing critical thinking skills and revisionist research attitudes at Brandeis. Says Klotz Paris, "When I received the White House invitation to depict a 'historically prominent' house, my seemingly dormant research inclinations woke up; the results are in Washington."

—Emily Dahl '04

## Art Beat

### Brandeis Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Creative Arts Festival

Each spring Brandeis holds an arts festival full of drama, comedy, dance, art exhibitions, poetry readings, and music. But this year's celebration is different. It lasts all year long and honors Brandeis's 50-year legacy of support for the arts.

The logo, with its stylized Brandeis owl mascot signifying strength, wisdom, and flight of imagination, will highlight events already

planned across campus, including student-sponsored performances, Rose Art Museum exhibitions, Spingold Theater productions, and Slosberg concerts. Anyone interested in listing their events as part of the 50th anniversary festival should contact Barbara Cassidy, arts project coordinator, Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences. For more information, visit [www.brandeis.edu/arts50](http://www.brandeis.edu/arts50).

Brandeis was only four years old when it launched its first creative arts festival. Leonard Bernstein lent his creative genius to organizing the program, which turned out to be an enormous success, featuring two world premieres: the Brecht-Weill *Three-Penny Opera* and

Bernstein's own *Trouble in Tahiti*. Other performances included Stravinsky's *Les Noces*, choreographed and danced by Merce Cunningham, poetry readings by Karl Shapiro and William Carlos Williams, a jazz festival, art films, and an exhibition of Rose Art Museum acquisitions.

A committee, established under the guidance of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, is working on the final details of a special 50th anniversary program of events planned for September 2002. It will

include the art of film, electroacoustic and popular music, dance, poetry, and fiction. Lisa Long, library archivist, is planning a photo exhibit of those early, heady days when Brandeis established itself as a school committed to the creative arts. In organizing the event, she said, "I wanted the students to feel the same 'Wow!' feeling that I do when I look at the photos of Leonard Bernstein rehearsing for *Trouble in Tahiti*. And to be inspired to think about the legacy of creative energy that we have at Brandeis."

—Donna Desrochers

## A Ray of Brilliance

### Ray Jackendoff, himself

Ray Jackendoff, professor of linguistics and the Volen National Center for Complex Systems, was recently elected vice president/president-elect of the Linguistic Society of America, founded in 1924 for the advancement of the scientific study of language. The Society serves its nearly 7,000 members through scholarly meetings and publications, and seeks to

acquaint the general public with linguistic perspectives on matters of language.

Jackendoff's newest book is *Foundations of Language: Brain, Meaning, Grammar Evolution*, published by Oxford University Press in early 2002 (See "Books" section). The psychologist Steven Pinker calls it "the most important book in the sciences of language to have appeared in many years...a compelling new view of language and its place in the natural world." Jackendoff wrote this book, his 10th, while a Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg

(Institute for Advanced Study) in Berlin during 1999-2000.

Jackendoff is also the author of *Patterns in the Mind* (Basic Books, 1994), *Consciousness and the Computational Mind* (MIT Press, 1987), *Semantics and Cognition* (MIT Press, 1983), and, with composer Fred Lerdahl, *A Generative Theory of Tonal Music* (MIT Press, 1982). He was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in



1999 and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2000.

Jackendoff has also been known to the Brandeis community over the years as a classical clarinetist. While at the Wissenschaftskolleg he met and performed with the Romanian pianist Valentina Sandu-Dediu. Last summer the duo recorded a CD of Romanian clarinet music in Bucharest. Its release is eagerly awaited.

## A Marriage Made in Golding

When Nicole Umemoto '93 wrote in her chatty 1997 New Year's letter that given the arid landscape of her current love life, she was "taking applications" for a boyfriend, she was making a joke. Well, sort of.

Not one to advertise, or to accept a blind date for that matter, she was intrigued when Don Hindley, professor of politics (a.k.a. Cupid) who taught her Southeast Asian politics some 10 years ago, responded to her request. He described Tom Wingfield '88 as "one of my best students, and one of the best human beings I know. Was she interested?" Talk

about safe—Wingfield lived in England and Umemoto lived in Burma/Myanmar. "So I agreed because, after all, you never know," she says with an infectious laugh. "Because it was Professor Hindley, I was tickled. I was simultaneously curious and cautious."

According to Hindley, Tom Wingfield really stood out—"his elegance, his interests, and his iconoclasm." After graduation, he went to London University, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) to earn a master's degree. Coincidentally, after five years working as a journalist in Southeast Asia, Wingfield went on to accept a position lecturing at the University of Leeds in northern England, the same place

Tom Wingfield '88, Professor of Politics Don Hindley, and Nicole Umemoto '93



that Hindley earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate teaching diploma. Wingfield's dad is Art Wingfield, Brandeis professor of psychology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, and his stepmother is Brandeis professor Eve Marder, Victor and Gwendolyn Beinfeld Professor of Neuroscience and Volen National Center for Complex Systems.

When Umemoto fired up her laptop one evening in Yangon, she found an email with the subject line: "Hindley the matchmaker???!?" Wingfield at the time was teaching Southeast Asian politics at the University of Leeds, surrounded by the

hills and dales of northern England. That might be hopelessly far away, except that he was running a distance-learning master's program for students in Singapore, which brought him to Asia every three months.

From the first email moment they got along very well. "It got to the point where we were writing almost every day, but at the same time I was hesitant," says Umemoto. (Who is this guy?) After about a month, Wingfield mentioned that he was traveling to Southeast Asia, and could make a small detour to Burma.

## Extra Credit

### Giddon Scholars at Brandeis

Two Newton students are enrolled at Brandeis University this semester as recipients of the 2000-01 Ruth, Franklin and William Giddon Scholarships. The scholarships, which allow exceptional high school students to take a course in the field of choice at

Michael Zaplin, Dr. Donald Giddon, Robert Gondola, Jr.

Brandeis, are given annually to up to two students each from Newton and Wellesley high schools.

This year's recipients are Robert Gondola, Jr. and Michael Zaplin of Newton. Robert is taking Beginning Sculpture, and Michael is enrolled in Introduction to Afro-American History.

The Giddon Scholarships were established at Brandeis by Donald Giddon, Ph.D. '61,



who received his second doctorate, in psychology, from the University, and his wife, Phoebe Rothman '56 Giddon. He is currently a professor at Harvard and in private practice in Wellesley. The Scholarship honors Giddon's mother, a national vice president and honorary board member of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee; his father,

William; and his brother, Franklin, who also attended Brandeis.

In addition to this scholarship, Donald and Phoebe Giddon have been generous supporters of the Women's Studies Program at Brandeis and of the Giddon Women and Health Initiative.



No, they did not exchange photographs. What should she look for? He painted a neutral picture of himself: he would be pale and jet-lagged, the one that doesn't look like a backpacker or businessman. She explained that despite her family name, she doesn't look very Asian. An American born and raised in Southeast Asia while her father worked for UNICEF, Umemoto has only one family member who is ethnically Japanese—her Hawaiian-born grandfather.

When she went to pick Wingfield up at the airport, Umemoto managed to stay cool as a cucumber. Well, not quite. "First I locked myself out of the house. I wasn't sure if I got the time right. I rushed over and hastily parked the car, noticing some street kids who wanted to watch it for a tip. Tom and I were walking back to my car, and I fumbled for the car keys. They were not in my bag, or my pockets—I was horrified that I couldn't find them. Until we arrived at the car. The car door was locked, the keys were in the ignition and the engine was

humming. The kids were miraculously able to use a twig to pop up the lock. That was our introduction," explains Umemoto, abashed but undaunted. "On the one hand I felt like I knew him, but face to face, he was a stranger." Wingfield had joked with his friends that he was looking forward to meeting Nicole—if he didn't have a coronary first before he got off the plane. Despite his last unanswered email question (are you as nervous as I am?) he figured he would be there for four days, and maybe something might work out.

Meanwhile, back at Brandeis is Hindley. "I don't know how many months later I got a postcard from Nicole from a beach in northern Malaysia, saying 'I've been to a conference, and I really need some relaxation.' Two days later I got a postcard from Tom saying, 'Oh, boy, I need some relaxation.' *Same beach.*"

Cupid's pair subsequently met in Thailand, London, Ireland, France, and the romantic English village where Wingfield lived, Saltaire. "Having been raised as a tropical Asian girl, it's things like English cobblestones and the green, rolling dales that I find really exotic," says Umemoto. "Life is too short not to take risks," Wingfield counseled her, and in December 1999, they moved to the United States to live together in Washington, D.C. Umemoto is in the field of international health; Wingfield continues to write

on Southeast Asian politics and international development. After some time to find jobs and settle into a new city, a marriage proposal—she asked him—was accepted. Of course, they asked Hindley to officiate.

Aaah, the wedding, on August 18, 2001. A little town called Frisco nestled at 9,100 feet in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, an open-air ceremony in the woods on a gorgeous day, guests from Brandeis, Britain, Burma, and literally from around the globe. And there is Hindley, officiating with a script that he wrote, with suggestions from the bride and groom. "This was a real high point in my life," he says, beaming. "It was gorgeous. They rented a huge house for 50 or 60 guests for three days. They put us up in a little inn. The ceremony drew from various influences in their lives: Nicole's mother made her dress from Burmese fabric, the groomsmen dressed in Hawaiian shirts in honor of Nicole's late grandfather, and Tom's brother-in-law read the Jewish wedding prayers in Hebrew. It turns out Nicole and Tom have some Jewish heritage. "People said they had been to many weddings but they had never been to one like this," adds Hindley, delighted. His ceremony

was appropriately irreverent—lots of political jokes but also very profound on the meaning of love and marriage.

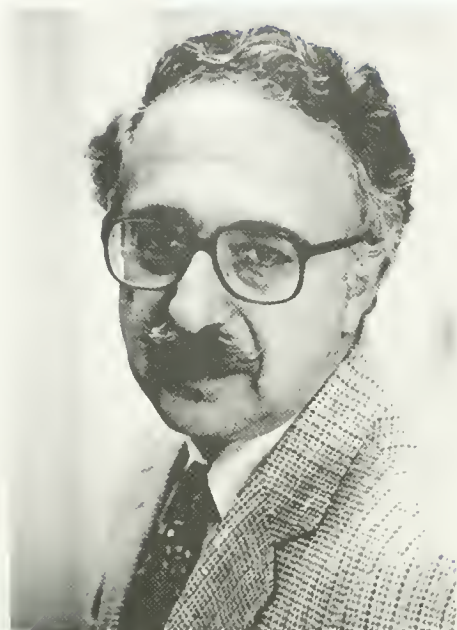
And the bride and groom? "The event truly was the happiest day of our lives." They will also forever be grateful for the intervention of their unlikely cupid. Says Wingfield, "Donald has introduced me to the two great loves of my life: Southeast Asia and Nicole."

—Marjorie Lyon



Tom Wingfield '88 and Nicole Umemoto Wingfield '93

## In Memoriam



Jack S. Goldstein **Former Faculty Dean**  
**Jack S. Goldstein Dies at 76**

Jack S. Goldstein, professor emeritus of astrophysics, died on December 3, after a long illness. He was 76 years old.

In a letter to the Brandeis community. President Jehuda Reinhartz, Ph.D. '72, stated, "Jack was a towering figure at this University for almost four decades...He was not only an outstanding scientist but the quintessential good citizen."

A resident of Newton, Massachusetts, Goldstein joined Brandeis University in 1956 as a visiting assistant professor, and in

1966, was appointed full professor. He served as dean of the Graduate School from 1972 to 1974, when he became dean of faculty, the chief academic officer of the University. He remained in that position for seven years. Goldstein also served as chair of the Department of Physics twice; from 1967 to 1969 and again from 1983 to 1985. He retired from the University in 1992 but continued to teach as a visiting professor through late 1999, creating courses that included "science for non-scientists" and the management of technological risk.

A native of New York City, Goldstein did his undergraduate work at the City College of New York and earned his master's degree in physics from the University of Oklahoma. He was awarded a Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1953.

Prior to his Brandeis appointment, he worked at a number of institutions, including the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in Ithaca, New York; the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston; and Baird-Atomic in Cambridge.

For 10 years, starting in 1964, he traveled extensively throughout Africa as cochair of the African Primary Science Program, an international group of scientists and educators devoted to improving the standards of teaching science in public

school systems for 10 African countries. From 1967 to 1974 he was a consultant to the UNESCO Division of Scientific Education in Israel, Brazil, Senegal, Ivory Coast, and Togo.

Other work outside of Brandeis included two Fulbright Grant scholarships, first at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth, Israel, in 1960-61, and at the Laboratorio di Astrofisica, University of Rome, Italy, in 1966-67; for this latter appointment he also received a Guggenheim Fellowship. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi in Kenya in 1969, a guest scholar at the University of Kyoto in Japan, 1982, and a visiting scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1988-89. He lectured at a number of institutions in Europe, Japan, Africa, and India.

Goldstein was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He served a three-year term on the Advisory Board of the National Science Resource Center. He also served as a governor of the Brandeis University Press, as chair of the Faculty Senate, and as a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees.

In addition to being published in many professional journals, in 1992 he wrote *A Different Sort of Time*, a biography of Jerrold R. Zacharias, a seminal organizing figure in the development of 20th-century science. An avid photographer, Goldstein's work was the subject of several gallery exhibitions, and hangs as part of the permanent displays in the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Boston; the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University; and the women's health associates office at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

He leaves his wife of over 50 years, Nita, and children Philip (a.k.a. Max Maven), Sara, and Naomi, plus a half-dozen grandchildren and many, many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Brandeis University Libraries. A memorial service will be held at Brandeis at a later date.

**John-Edward Hill,  
Dies at 54**

John-Edward Hill, 54, general manager of Spingold Theater, died at his home in Millis on January 18 after a year-and-a-half struggle with hepatitis C. Since 1974 Hill managed almost 200 departmental and outside productions at Spingold's three theaters.

"Few people have had such a significant effect on a program at Brandeis as John-Edward Hill did on our theater," said President Jehuda Reinharz. "His skill at managing and producing shows was extraordinary, and his thoughtful relations with his colleagues and students will be long remembered."

Hill was a coproducer of the off-Broadway musical, *Personals*, created by Marta Kauffman '78 and David Crane '79, who both went on to later renown with the television programs *Dream On* and *Friends*. *Personals*, which started as a Brandeis undergraduate production, toured European military bases under USO auspices. The New York production, starring Jason Alexander, received the Outer Critics Circle award and a Drama Desk nomination. *Personals* was also produced in London.

In 1977 and 1978 Hill was involved in summer productions that brought acclaimed actresses Jean Marsh and Irene Worth to "Broadway at Brandeis."

At Brandeis, Hill could be called upon by students and others to find the most obscure prop, script, or any other need almost instantaneously. Hill was also known by his resonant telephone voice, which could be heard on the University voice mail system.

While an M.F.A. student at Yale, he served as assistant managing director for Yale Repertory Theatre and was general manager for Yale Cabaret Theatre working with the generation of actors then coming out of Yale Drama School such as Christopher Durang and Sigourney Weaver. As an undergraduate at Northwestern University, he served as general manager for the Northwestern University's Gilbert and Sullivan players.

As an actor, he played major roles with The People's Theater in Cambridge, with the Northwestern University Players, the Evanston Children's Theatre, Northwestern Opera Workshop, Cheektowaga Civic Theatre, and the Lackawanna Civic Theatre, among others. He was a news director and radio personality at WXRL in Buffalo. At Brandeis he played the role of the Mikado.

Hill was active with the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) and with Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatres (EMACT), and Paulette's Dance Studio,

facilitating their productions on and off of the Brandeis campus.

Hill received a B.S. from Northwestern University in 1970, and an M.F.A. in administration from Yale University in 1974.

A memorial service was held on January 21 in Spingold Theater. Among the tributes were loving remembrances by Arthur MacKenzie, concert pianist and theatrical, television, and concert producer; former Brandeis colleagues Rabbi Al Alexrad, John Bush Jones, and Theodore Kazanoff; and Hill's father and sister.

In his eulogy, Michael Murray, the Blanche, Barbara, and Irving Laurie Adjunct Professor of Theater Arts and director of the Theater Arts Program, said "[John-Edward's] sense of the priorities for theater arts went much deeper than the typical manager because of his background of training at Northwestern and Yale, his extensive entrepreneurial ventures in New York, and at Brandeis his deep attachment to this University, his firm personal belief that we were doing important work, and his conviction that there was always an answer, whatever the challenge might be.

"There is no question that theater has survived and grown at Brandeis through many challenges over 25

years, in large measure because of his skill and commitment. We will miss him."

He is survived by his son David, a junior at the Rivers School, his father John Vernon Hill, sisters Linda Hill and Cindyann Hill and brother-in-law Jed Harris. John-Edward's wife, Barbara Harris, died in November 2000. Contributions can be made to the John-Edward Hill Theater Fund at Brandeis University, 415 South Street, Waltham, MA 02453-2728.



John-Edward Hill

## Making the Grade

### Recent Faculty Promotions to Full Professor

#### Creative Arts Music

Professor of Music **Eric Chasalow** has made his principal mark as an electronic composer; much of his work combines computer-generated sound with live performers. He is equally sophisticated in the technological and the musical aspects of computer composition. His work is eclectic, showing an ability to make use of popular music and a deep knowledge of the western classical music tradition. In combining acoustical instruments with computer generated sounds, he has been able to create an authentic musical language that also integrates the nature of the sounds each is capable of creating. His work is performed somewhere almost every month, including venues in Italy, Germany, France, Sweden, Canada, China, and Korea. Others in the field of composition, and especially electro-acoustic music, view Chasalow as an innovator and leader, calling him one of the top composers of electro-acoustic music in the country. Chasalow has completed, with Barbara Cassidy, a compilation of digitally recorded video interviews with some of the most prominent composers and researchers in the field, *The Video Archive of Electro-Acoustic Musicians*. This project is likely to have an important and long-lasting impact in the area of electronic music.

He is a founding member of the CyberArts Festival. As chair of the music department, he has been active in development, staffing, and student recruitment, focusing much of his attention on the undergraduate population and on improving the department's facilities.

Professor of Music **David Rakowski** is regarded as one of the most gifted and productive composers of our time. In the last two years, he has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in music, and received the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award. He writes in a wide variety of media, from voice and intimate chamber ensembles to band and full orchestra. His work is widely and frequently performed to great acclaim. Senior colleagues call him "brilliant," "truly inspired," "fantastically productive." His work is original, made with the highest levels of craftsmanship and invention, and always superbly scored. His technique is mature, sophisticated, and resourceful, and his music is strongly expressive and satisfyingly varied, characterized by elegant counterpoint, a long-term linear structure, complexity, intellectual depth, and abundant imagination. Recent recordings include *Attitude Problem* and *Hyperblue*, three songs on *Poems of Louise Bogan*, and *Nocturnal*. He has received two substantial commissions from the Network for New Music and the U.S. Marine Band, and has served as composer in residence at the Bowdoin Summer Festival and the Composers Conference at Wellesley College.

Rakowski is a charismatic teacher who engages and inspires his students. He teaches the core course for undergraduate concentrators, an undergraduate composition course, and the graduate seminar in composition, as well as independent studies for graduate and undergraduate students and senior honors courses. Rakowski's contributions include administration of the Brandeis Contemporary Chamber Players, and service as undergraduate advising head and as a member of the Concert Committee. He has also participated in the Committee to Review the Cluster Requirement and in the Interdisciplinary Consilience Seminar.

#### Theater Arts

Professor **Robert Moody** is recognized as one of the major scenic artists in the theater profession. He has been praised for his wide-ranging knowledge of graphic and historical styles and for his mastery of all aspects of scenic painting from the old school to the most current techniques. One senior colleague has said that he "draws like Raphael, drafts with the finesse of a Canaletto, and paints with the vigor of a Caravaggio." His pen and ink drawings of complicated subjects are technically excellent, and his watercolors demonstrate a gift for quickly expressing color. His technical proficiency is all the more impressive when viewed on the scale of stage drops measuring 18 by 20 feet.

His artistic peers consider him to be at the top of his profession, describing him as a "custodian of standards and traditions" and "an acknowledged master of the scenic arts," who "ranks with the very few great scenic artists." Moody also enjoys an excellent reputation among directors and designers. Since 1979, he has served as scenic artist on over 80 theatrical productions at Brandeis and on nearly 70 productions outside the University. He is invited to present teaching and lecture demonstrations on scene painting across the nation.

Moody teaches courses in drawing, set rendering, scene painting and scenic crafts. Several students have said that he is the best teacher they have had at Brandeis, and many use the word "mentor" to describe his role in their educational growth. He has also participated in the Brandeis University Education Program's Secondary School Visiting Program for many years.

#### Social Science Anthropology

Since receiving tenure, Professor of Anthropology **David Jacobson** has published two books and 17 refereed articles. *Reading Ethnography*, published in 1991, was the first book to engage the postmodernist critique of traditional ethnography—a task that few anthropologists were willing to undertake at the time. It is widely read in anthropology courses, which testifies to its importance and contribution to the field. Jacobson's second book, *Spying without Spies* (coauthored with Charles



Ziegler and published in 1995), draws upon recently declassified documents of the U.S. Government to narrate the “origins of America’s secret nuclear surveillance system.” Most recently, Jacobson has addressed a ubiquitous phenomenon in modern life—cyberspace, by seeking to explore how users represent others and how these conceptions are structured.

Jacobson has offered a wide array of courses on 18 different subjects over the past two decades; these courses vary from mandatory courses for graduate students to large courses for a diverse undergraduate audience. He has served as departmental chair and undergraduate advising head, and participated on more than 20 committees, many of critical importance to the planning and operation of the University.

### **Sociology**

A sociologist, Professor **Carmen Sirianni’s** research focuses on organizational studies and participatory democracy. His latest book, *Civic Innovation in America*, coauthored with Lewis Friedland was published by the University of California Press, and is a major contribution to the current social scientific discussion of democratic participation in contemporary American life, a central issue in modern political sociology. Other books published since his tenure at Brandeis include *Working in the Service*

*Society*, edited with Cameron Macdonald (one of his Ph.D. students, now on the faculty at the University of Connecticut); a revised and expanded version of his earlier work, *Critical Studies in Organization and Bureaucracy*, edited with Frank Fischer; and a coedited volume, *Working Time in Transition: the Political Economy of Working Hours in Industrial Nations*. Sirianni also serves as editor for the Civic Practices Network and coeditor of an influential series of 43 monographs on “Labor and Social Change” for the Temple University Press. His next project on “Leadership Networks for Civic Renewal,” sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trust, will use network analysis to identify emergent leadership and action models in highly diversified community and institutional settings.

Sirianni teaches Order and Change, as well as the introductory course for Heller School doctoral students and courses including Community Empowerment and Civic Democracy, Organizations and Social Change, Political Sociology, and The Work of Citizens. He has served on the Educational Policy Committee, and chaired his department’s Graduate Committee, Graduate Curriculum Revision Subcommittee, and Graduate Admissions Committee. He has also served as an advisor to or on the advisory board of many institutions related to civic innovation, such as the Kettering Foundation Board of Trustees and the National Commission on Civic Renewal.

### **Science**

#### **Mathematics**

**Bong Lian** has been promoted to a full professor of mathematics. His early work in mathematic conformal field theory is still held in high regard, but his recent proof, with K. Liu and Shing-Tung Yau, of the mirror conjecture is considered one of the milestones of contemporary mathematics. Using an array of tools from algebraic geometry, complex analysis, and topology, Lian’s work has resulted in an impressive series of papers on the foundations of mirror symmetry, a mathematical distillation of a fundamental principle of duality in mathematical physics. Lian also publishes papers in vertex operator algebras. His accomplishments since tenure are viewed as highly innovative and as establishing him as a mathematician of the first rank. His research is at the interface of mathematics and theoretical high-energy physics, and physicists and mathematicians speak of Lian with the same respect and appreciation for his accomplishments. Lian has been invited to lecture at 30 or more conferences, workshops, colloquia, and seminars in the last few years; his work has been supported by a National Science Foundation grant for the last five years.

Lian’s teaching assignments have included undergraduate and graduate courses in many topics. He authored an advising handbook for undergraduates, has served the department as colloquium chair, and will serve as graduate advisor in the coming year.

### **Physics**

**Bulbul Chakraborty**, professor of physics, research interests concern two theoretical subjects: glass transitions and kinetics of ordering in metal alloys. Her scholarship, which reflects a high level of expertise in the analytic and numerical methods of statistical physics, is motivated by a desire to understand experimentally observed phenomena, an important aspect of research in condensed matter physics. Her work encompasses basic theory and computer simulations. Chakraborty’s work provides new insight into the origin of glassy behavior in physical systems without quenched disorder. She has also pioneered the use of sophisticated energy calculations based on quantum mechanics to develop effective free energy functionals.

Chakraborty has published extensively and has a continuous record of grant support from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy. She has taught courses in statistical mechanics and condensed matter physics, at the undergraduate and graduate level. She has served on a number of University and departmental committees, participated in the Summer Odyssey Program, and advised first year students. She currently serves as the graduate advisor to her department and a member of the interdisciplinary Consilience Seminar. She has also been instrumental in leading several local seminars on statistical physics for faculty in the Boston area.

Knowledge Advancing

# Social Justice

by Cristin Carr



**Documenting the newest scientific knowledge on early childhood development, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods* is being universally hailed as the most potent ammunition of the past quarter-century to influence national policy that promotes the well being of children.**



**T**he very morning of the September 11 attacks, Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D., dean of Brandeis's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, was headed to the United States Senate to deliver testimony addressing early childhood policy. Although his message was not heard by the Senate that day, the urgency to ensure a promising future for all children echoed throughout our nation as it lifted itself from the terror—a future Shonkoff continues to advocate.

Shonkoff's commitment to the health and development of our youngest children is reflected in his work as chair of the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Integrating the Science of Early Childhood Development at the National Academies.

Recognized recently by the Academies with a lifetime appointment as a national associate, he was honored for his extraordinary contributions in advising the government on advancing the well-being of our nation's children.

"The time has come to stop blaming parents, communities, business, and government—and to shape a shared agenda to ensure a rewarding childhood and a promising future for all our children," said Shonkoff, who is also the Rose B. Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy at Brandeis. "When our public policies

dismiss or ignore the science of early childhood development," Shonkoff notes, "our children pay the price and we miss an opportunity to address the underlying roots of many important national concerns."

As chair of a committee of distinguished scientists who conducted a critical analysis of current knowledge about development in the first five years of life, he coedited the widely acclaimed report, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*, which was cited by the outgoing president of the IOM as one of the most important reports issued by the Institute in the last decade.

"*From Neurons to Neighborhoods* is a significant breakthrough," said Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) "This report translates the science of early childhood development into a clear and understandable vision for the nation's youngest children."

The report calls for a new national dialogue focused on rethinking the meaning of shared responsibility for children and strategic investment in their future. All of the committee's conclusions and recommendations were subjected to the rigorous review standards of the National Academies.

"The fact that all of this comes out under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences cannot be underestimated," said Deborah A. Phillips, chair of the Department of

Psychology at Georgetown University and coeditor of the report. "This is the first major report to look so comprehensively at the earliest years of life, to integrate basic and applied science, to ask what develops and what influences development, and to direct this science towards a set of very clear recommendations for policy and research."

Edward Zigler, one of the nation's most respected senior child policy experts and the founding director of Head Start in 1965, further emphasized the report's significance in rediscovering the integration of emotional, social, and intellectual development.

"This is the most significant report in the area of child development in the last 25 years," stated Zigler, the Sterling Professor of Psychology and director of the Bush Center in Child

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**Jack Shonkoff, M.D.**



Development and Social Policy at Yale University. "It rediscovers the 'whole child approach' instead of looking at a child as a disembodied, cognitive computer that we're supposed to program with instructions."

*From Neurons to Neighborhoods* documents the extraordinary burst of scientific knowledge that has been produced about development from birth to age 5, notes the dramatic social and economic changes that have affected family life in recent decades, and comments on the extent to which current policies do not fully capitalize on the available knowledge base.

"There is a compelling need for more constructive dialogue between those who support massive public investments in early childhood services and those who question their cost and ask whether they really make a difference," said Shonkoff. "Advocates of earlier and more intervention have an obligation to measure their impacts and costs. Skeptics, in turn, must acknowledge the massive scientific evidence that early childhood development is influenced by the environments in which children live."

Shonkoff cites four major conclusions from the report that set a context for a series of recommendations for policies and services to address the needs of young children.

The first major conclusion indicates that human development is determined by nature and nurture.

"Molecular biologists at the forefront of the Human Genome Project and leading behavioral scientists agree that each of us is the product of a unique genetic endowment and the influence of our personal life experiences," said Shonkoff. "For young children, beginning at birth, the question is not *whether* early experience matters but rather *how* early experiences shape individual development."

According to Samuel J. Meisels, president of the Erikson Institute, an independent, academic institution that prepares child development professionals for leadership roles, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods* sends an important message about the multiple forces that influence development.

"This report takes the issue of nature vs. nurture and asks us to question genetic endowment and examine how it is expressed," said Meisels. "It also asks us to consider intellectual and social development, which is very relevant when designing policies that can have an impact on children's development."

A second major conclusion reached by the committee is that human relationships are the "active ingredient" of environmental influence on child development.

"Children's early development is influenced most significantly by the health and well being of their parents," said Shonkoff. "It is also affected by the quality of their relationships with the other important people in their lives, who increasingly include non-family providers of early care and education."

He notes further that these relationships define the cultural context within which core values are transmitted from one generation to the next.

A third core conclusion of the report indicates that the early emergence of intelligence, emotional regulation, and social skills are highly interrelated and that the development of competence in each is closely intertwined with the others. According to Shonkoff, before their first birthday, children can feel the exhilaration of mastering a challenging task as well as the deep and lasting sadness that results from serious trauma, loss, or early personal rejection. As their brains mature, their ability to master new skills grows, and these emerging learning abilities are linked closely to their capacity to regulate their feelings and control their own behavior.

The fourth key conclusion is that early childhood programs that deliver carefully designed services by well-trained staff can have significant positive impacts on young children with a wide range of developmental difficulties. Interventions that work are rarely simple, inexpensive, or easy to implement, however, and poorly

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**Edward Zigler**



designed programs with inadequate funding are unlikely to produce significant benefits.

"There are no magic bullets or quick fixes for addressing the complexities of human development," said Shonkoff. "However, state-of-the-art services that are funded sufficiently are a wise public investment that is likely to return short-term developmental dividends and long-term human capital gains."

The committee's findings emphasize that in order to secure the economic and political future of our nation we must invest wisely in the health and development of all our children, well before the start of school. In addition, we must learn from rigorous evaluations of those investments, and focus on the return in long-term growth rather than short-term savings.

"The gap between what we know and what we do to promote the well being of children is unacceptably wide," said Shonkoff.

In his dual roles at Brandeis, Shonkoff illustrates leadership through his passionate commitment to beneficial social change—a core value of The Heller School.

"Many of our public policies and human services are markedly inconsistent with state-of-the-art science," said Shonkoff.

"Just like the incredibly talented and hard-working committee that produced *From Neurons to Neighborhoods*, The Heller School is dedicated to closing that gap."

A board-certified pediatrician with two decades of practical experience in the delivery of health care and early childhood intervention services, Shonkoff brings a longstanding, personalized approach to addressing the physical, emotional, and social needs of children.

"Jack's interested in making an impact," said Zigler. "As a pediatrician he has taken his knowledge about children and applied it to social policy."

Through his writings and presentations at numerous public forums, Shonkoff continues to be influential as he communicates the need for a sense of shared public responsibility for our youngest children. This is also exemplified by his contributions to many professional and public interest advisory boards, including recent service on the Governing Council of the Society for Research in Child Development and membership in the scientific core group of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Early Experience and Brain Development.

An author of more than 120 publications, Shonkoff also was the principal investigator of the Early Intervention Collaborative Study, the

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largest and longest-running longitudinal study of developmentally vulnerable children and their families in the United States. The time and expertise he has invested in the future of our nation's children provides a model of how we can close the gap between what we know and what we do. "Bridging that gap—mobilizing knowledge to advance social justice," says Shonkoff, "is what The Heller School at Brandeis is all about."

"As editor of the report and chair of the Committee on Integrating the Science of Early Childhood Development, Jack Shonkoff, dean of The Heller School at Brandeis, has done an outstanding job in helping to shape more effective national policy for America's children," said Senator Kennedy.

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# Peace Scholars:

What is Their Role in a

# Culture of Conflict?



Michael Bavly '00 and former Peace Scholar Forsan Hussein '00 at their WBRB radio show in 1999

"No one ever became tolerant because they were told to do so. Tolerance comes from shared activities, shared failures, and shared successes. The appreciation of diversity springs from sharing."

—Peter Cookson Jr., President, Teachers College Innovations, Columbia University

The steady spirit in the Peace Scholars's passionate voices at Brandeis offers a reprieve from the staccato gunfire and explosions in their native Israel. They speak of coexistence, commonalities, and understanding pain rather than the intransigence and enmity that many others view as defining features of current Israeli-Arab relationships. The four Peace Fellows on four-year scholarships at Brandeis—two Palestinian Israelis, one Jewish Israeli, and one Jordanian—and two Brandeis graduates who were Peace Fellows—a Palestinian and Jewish Israeli—have different heritages and often divergent political perspectives. But all uphold the singular vision of finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Middle East.

These expressions of a handful of people hardly register through the din of war. Their message and strategies aren't heard by political leaders or detailed on editorial pages. Yet even as the violence in Israel has escalated, the Peace Scholars have remained resolute. "It's important now that people hear our voices," says Maisa Khshaibon '03, a Palestinian Israeli in her junior year as a Peace Fellow. Khshaibon's family has lived in the village Kfar Kana near Haifa since before Israel's statehood. "We need to show people that after living in a region where violence is accepted, we still believe there's a better solution. Others need to see that those of us from Israel believe in peace even though the situation isn't promising."

The opportunity for Peace Scholars to have an impact increases when conditions between Jews and Arabs are poor, says Alan B. Slifka, New York-based investment manager and philanthropist whose family funded the scholarships. The scholarships

are named for his parents, Joseph and Sylvia Slifka. "Newspaper headlines and tensions engender fear. There's much stereotyping and dehumanization during these times, so it's dramatic when those involved break down initial barriers to discover that the people they were demonizing are human beings."

Being a Slifka Peace Scholar dismantled stereotypes for Taher Baderkhan '03, a Brandeis junior from Amman, Jordan: "Before I came to Brandeis I'd never met a Jew or an Israeli. Coming here was a big adventure. I'd heard stories from people in the community that prompted me to create a different view than the reality. Now I've had a lot of opportunity to talk with Jews and hear their points of view, and that has changed my ideas about Israelis and Jews.

"In the same way, many people I meet have crazy ideas about Arabs from the media or from other people, but they've never met an Arab. I hear those views and offer my perspective. I encourage those people not to create their images from one source but to investigate, to look for other sides of the story."

The two-way street that Baderkhan describes is part of the infrastructure the Slifka Peace Scholarship Program aims to build. The scholarship program has two facets: it enlightens Israeli students about coexistence and informs American students about the nature and depth of Israeli society. Slifka explains, "Because Israel is the homeland to the Jewish people, it is essential that the state retain its character. At the same time it's imperative that Israel conducts its affairs so that its 20 percent Arab minority—which was a majority prior to Israel's creation in 1948—feels that its members are equal, respected citizens treated by the state with dignity and civility.

"In order to create a culture of coexistence, you have to create leadership of young people who know and respect each other," Slifka

continues. "Bringing an Arab and Jew from Israel to Brandeis every four years will, in time, produce a cadre of people with shared experience that will enable them to inform and empower others. It's also important that Jewish students at Brandeis meet Israeli Jews and Arabs. Meeting Israeli Jews fosters identification with Israel and interest in visiting the Jewish homeland. Getting to know Israeli Arabs helps American Jews recognize that part of their responsibility in supporting Israel is ensuring they don't foster an Arab underclass by ignoring Israel's Arab citizens."

Applicants for Slifka Peace Scholarships go through a selection process in Israel that considers their high school grades, recommendations, English exam, and interviews. Political views are not a consideration in the selection process. While most Peace Scholars don't enroll at Brandeis as emissaries of Israeli-Palestinian coexistence, their involvement in Arab-Jewish dialogue groups and coalition-building retreats fuels their advocacy of a peaceful solution in their homeland.

Maisa Khshaibon '03 says that when she began her fellowship at Brandeis, she knew she would be working with students. "But I never knew I'd become so involved. My coexistence work has become a major part of my life at Brandeis. It's what I work for and believe in. When you realize the resources Brandeis makes available to help you, you develop more courage."

"We have open doors to support our efforts," notes Peace Scholar Marina Pevzner '04, a Jewish Israeli who emigrated from Estonia to Israel at 10 years old. "The directors of the campus Coexistence Center, the Women's Studies Center, the Ethics Center—they encourage us and provide funding and guidance for programs we develop."

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One such program is the Arab-Israeli Dialogue Group, started by former Peace Scholar Forsan Hussein '00 and his close friend at Brandeis Michael Bavly '00, a Jewish Israeli. Hussein came to Brandeis from Sha'ab, a small Arab Israeli village in the Galilee, and now works as a communications associate at The Abraham Fund in New York, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting coexistence between Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens. Alan Slifka is cofounder of The Abraham Fund.

Hussein explains the Dialogue Group's inception: “Michael and I realized early in our friendship that I had to learn the Jewish narrative and his perception of me and of the conflict, and he needed to understand mine. As an Arab, I have different stories of heritage and different views than he does. These stereotypes and opposing views make the conflict so huge.

“Through dialogue we could begin walking on the right path because listening is the beginning of peace, to quote world peace scholar Elise Boulding. It's only when you listen to every word and try to relate to someone's narrative that you decide not to dehumanize the other, to look at him in the eye as an equal partner who wants to make peace with you.”

Hussein continues, “When we started, we wanted to know more about each other, to know each other's stories. And we had fun. Initially there were several men and we talked about girls and food, then we talked about the conflict. We weren't interested in reshaping the Middle East and resolving issues of borders and refugees but rather why, for

instance, most people haven't heard of the Al-Naqba Palestinian catastrophe in 1948.”

Dialogue Group cofounder Bavly, not a Peace Scholar but highly involved in conflict resolution, talks of the group's commitment. “What made it last was the realization that no matter how strong the disagreements, we would stick with the effort. Even when people called Zionism a disease, we would not leave the room but would listen to their reasoning and then explain why that attitude is hurtful. The dialogue isn't about convincing others about right or wrong but about understanding and listening. You have to step away from the ping-pong of mutual blame.

“The debates were amazing. We shouted, argued, and explained. And we always had food on the table, our native foods like hummus and labene (Middle Eastern yogurt). When you have food in your mouth you can't talk. You have to listen.”

Palestinians, Israeli Jews, Jordanians, Lebanese, Syrians, and American Jews compose the current Dialogue Group. “It's one of the most important things we do,” notes current Peace Scholar Khshaibon. “People from the Middle East and the United States come together and believe in change. We discuss explosive topics from the safety of our group. After a heated discussion, someone can say, ‘Although I don't agree with you, I understand your point.’”

“We don't agree on many things,” says Pevzner, “but we're able to trust each other so we try to understand and learn from each other. Sometimes you have this ‘wow’ feeling that's created in a setting where so many different people come together. It's a microcosm—by seeing it in our group, we see that it is possible on a larger scale.

“This work needs to occur on two levels—a grassroots level and a political level. I think it's more rewarding to work at the grassroots level but more effective on the political level. Maybe if you put Arafat and Sharon through the process we're starting, have them play silly games, smile at each other, and be nice to each other, they will establish trust through which they can see each other not as enemies with a winner and loser but as people who can gain from finding common ground. It's not necessary to reach political agreement on everything but it is possible to come to a place where both parties' most important needs are satisfied.”

Pevzner's perspective on conflict resolution grew not only out of her involvement in the Dialogue Group but from her civil service work after high school with Arab and Israeli youths. “I came from a background of work in coexistence. Since the intifadas started, I've struggled between my desire for personal growth and my need to be in Israel working for change in a peaceful way.”

This summer Pevzner returned to Israel to conduct research on women's role in the peace process. Peace Scholar Khshaibon also spent time in Israel as



Maisa Khshaibon '03 and Marina Pevzner '04



part of her study to promote coexistence. Pevzner and Khshaibon, best friends, buoyed each other back home as both were shaken by the violence and transformation they witnessed in Israel.

"Haifa used to be a place where people wouldn't look at you differently if you were an Arab," Khshaibon describes. "But this summer when I traveled by bus and spoke Arabic, people stared. In Jerusalem I didn't feel safe speaking Arabic on the street. Many of my Jewish Israeli friends made me feel suddenly less welcome. And my views were strikingly different from those of my Arab friends as well."

As a Jew with left-wing politics, Pevzner faced a different brand of antagonism. "I was working in a women's peace organization and wearing a shirt that says in Hebrew 'Daughter of Peace.' I went to buy a falafel and the vendor said, 'You're not ashamed of yourself wearing this shirt?' Another day I was standing in a silent demonstration and was called every curse you could hear.

"Women in Israel play an important role in trying to mobilize objection to the one-sided consensus. We engage in peaceful activities like going to checkpoints. Our presence influences soldiers to be more sensitive.

"In my work this summer, I found that it's the Palestinian and Jewish women working together, not the men, engaged in peace work. While women were giving speeches in peace demonstrations, you heard bombs dropping in the background. Maybe it's because in Israeli society the men focus on the army.

"But my views still are different from those of the average Jewish Israeli woman," Pevzner continues. "Maisa has an easier situation. Society allows her views because of her Arab background. I'm more alone with my politics in Israeli Jewish society. Now, though, with the country resorting to

violence, it's easier for me to make my argument. Every day there is suffering on both sides, the hatred and gap between Palestinians and Jews has grown. So I argue, 'Show me how your way has made things better. You can't.' People can not live with this approach of not negotiating."

Coexistence is the drumbeat sounded by Peace Scholars, supporters, and many academics in the field. "Coexistence work frees leaders to move through conversations at all levels of society," according to Mari Fitzduff, professor of conflict studies and director of the Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity of the University of Ulster and the United Nations University. "Coexistence efforts give people space to deal with each others' fears and anger."

"Peacebuilding is about duality, about Arab and Jew brainstorming, doing the work together based on mutual interests," says former Peace Scholar Hussein. "While the Israeli Declaration of Independence guarantees me full equality, the mindset of the people perpetuates ignorance, superficiality, and arrogance. Arab friends back home see discrimination every day. It makes them bitter. The only way for us to be equal citizens in Israel is to reach out to the other side, to destroy what we've all created through decades of intolerance.

Khshaibon relates, "Much of the world tells Marina and me that we're supposed to be enemies. But if I'm upset about what's going on in Israel, Marina is the first one I talk to. She understands what I'm going through, and vice versa. We may disagree on specific issues but we always find common ground."

"We connect because of our commonalities," Pevzner adds. "And the fact that we're best friends is a mirror of our message," a message that Pevzner and Khshaibon communicate in speeches about coexistence through the year. Former Peace Scholars Hussein and his close friend Yoav Borowitz '00, originally from Tel Aviv



Taher Baderkhan '03

and now working in New York, also remain involved in coexistence initiatives.

Pevzner says, "Much of the coexistence work done during the years of the Oslo peace negotiations stopped. The system created to support the work wasn't strong enough to withstand more serious challenges. When we create new coexistence educational programs, we need to consider how to enable them to withstand moments where the relationship between Arabs and Jews is not good. If you come from a basic attitude that violence is wrong, you can sustain a commitment to coexistence efforts."

Scholarship benefactor Alan Slifka holds that every child in Israel should receive a coexistence education, "which along with government policies furthering socioeconomic equality can go a long way to promote tolerance and respect." He explains, "Terrorism arises in part from people feeling impotent, humiliated, disrespected, and unseen. Enhancing coexistence programs like the Peace Scholarships is part of the solution to creating a society where there is respect for difference." ■

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# Cybersleuth

**Pandemic viruses that rage across the Internet make the headlines, but a constant rash of nameless, more parochial crimes are committed daily throughout the ether, crimes corporate and personal, leaving new kinds of evidence for a new kind of private eye.**

by Marjorie Lyon

**T**hink “detective” and the first image that comes to mind may be a tightly wound character in a trench coat, crouching, face obscured by his hat brim shadow, sneaking around barricades brandishing a gun. But not so fast. In today’s Internet-dominated, complex arena of commerce, crime follows the marketplace, and detection of that crime demands a whole new mindset.

secrets, Internet-launched smears and sexual harassment, cyber-extortions, anonymous postings of inside information on Internet chat boards, and electronic fabrication of evidence in litigations. The firm also consults to detect and prevent the risk conditions that lead to such incidents, and forensically examines hard drives and media in criminal and civil investigations.

source of an attack, and then actually putting a person at that keyboard. For example, as a prosecutor I had a case where the evidence leading to a search warrant indicated the dad was launching an attack from his home computer, and as we started to put cuffs on the dad, the son confessed to launching the attack. It was the dad’s computer, and the dad’s account, but the son was getting on during the day.”

Enter Eric Friedberg ’78. A former lead computer crimes prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn, Friedberg and his partner Edward M. Stroz (the founder and former head of the FBI’s computer crimes squad in New York) have brought their law enforcement orientation, investigative expertise, and dedication to truth-finding to a consulting practice, Stroz Associates, LLC, that is focused on responding to live incidents of computer crime. Most of these incidents are perpetrated by corporate insiders, and involve data sabotage, computer-enabled theft of trade

“You can’t address computer crime just with technical solutions. You have to have a multidisciplinary approach—employing gum shoe investigative techniques, forming trusted relationships in the community, utilizing behavioral scientists to assess the level of threat, using psychology to profile the perpetrator’s personality,” explains Friedberg.

A more complex case: an introverted, asocial, very smart man develops a crush on a pretty secretary at his firm and is rebuffed. He starts harassing her in minor ways at the company. As a result, he is fired. And that is when the trouble really starts. As an IT employee, he has access to the names and passwords of all the users in the company. Using extensive knowledge of the company’s network, he breaks into its computer system from the outside. Assuming the identity of four people, he makes veiled threats against the company and against the secretary via the Internet.

He breaks into an email account she has at Columbia University (she used the same password), and starts rummaging through her email looking for embarrassing material. Then he sets up phony Yahoo and Hotmail accounts to look as though they are her accounts. He takes her stolen emails from Columbia, transfers them to the fake accounts and then sends them back to her bosses at the company, making it look as though she is engaged in inappropriate behavior.

But he slips up when he sends an email to the company's Website, lodging a complaint against his victim. The firewall at the Website captures the originating address—the IP address of his new place of employment. But that still only leads the detectives to a building. Now the issue is: how do you get from the building to the person? "This is where the issue of trust comes up, and how trusted relationships are critical to solving computer crimes," says Friedberg.

To narrow the hunt from the building to the person, Friedberg cold calls the CIO of the perpetrator's new employer, explaining, "I believe there is an attack coming from your system." He persuades the CIO to agree to meet in person, rather than talk about it on the phone. "I'm taking a certain amount of risk in giving him my information. Because if he goes off half-cocked and confronts the perpetrator right away, since there is potential violence involved, I've put my client at risk. So there is a huge amount of trust and interpersonal relationships that go into it. If I give you this information, do I trust you enough that we can work it out in a way that protects both of us?" explains Friedberg.

They meet in person, discovering that the company's deputy of security and Friedberg have many mutual friends, and a basis of trust is established. At night, when the perpetrator isn't there, Friedberg forensically images his hard drive. He finds imprints of the perpetrator uploading stolen information from his A drive, and

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1,800 emails that he has stolen from the victim's Columbia account, which is very incriminating.

Through interviews Friedberg establishes a motive—the perpetrator was rebuffed by the victim. In tandem with the technical evidence, circumstantial evidence starts to build up. "He also slips up by using a stolen two-way pager during the night to threaten her, and during the day to apply for jobs, sending his real name to prospective employers," Friedberg explains. "In that case we did a criminal referral so we were able to leverage our investigative power; through the subpoena power of law enforcement, we obtained the paging company's logs, which revealed the job applications. That put the perpetrator 'at the keyboard'"

Often a company does not want to get law enforcement involved because law enforcement has a slightly different agenda. Tremendous leverage is gained, but the price

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to the corporation can be a degree of loss of control. Friedberg helps ameliorate that loss of control, through a solid understanding of how the process works and through personal relationships with people involved. When a client refers the case to law enforcement, Friedberg works with either the FBI, the NYPD's computer crimes squad, or the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force in New York, a multidisciplinary and technically sophisticated local, state, and federal corporate task force that is based on widespread information sharing.

Another case in point: one of the largest independent Internet securities trading firms has been targeted for two days by denial-of-service attacks. This form of sabotage involves the sending of huge packets of data from a remote location that cause the firm's servers to crash for hours at a time. A prolonged denial-of-service cripples a firm. The target company suspects a database programmer who is disgruntled by his severance negotiations. Friedberg is called in. The attack is traced to a PC at a Kinko's copy shop in Manhattan. The IP address of the attacking computer isn't transmitted in a form that can be captured, but is visible during the attack, allowing the company to locate the Kinko's machine in real time.

Then the perpetrator slips up. The IP address is linked to a computer in the library of his college. Friedberg has by this time worked with the trading firm to make a criminal referral to his former colleagues at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and the U.S. Secret Service. Within a half hour of the attack, a Secret Service Agent arrives in the library. The perpetrator is gone. But the agent learns the identity

of the former student from a librarian who recognized him. “What was he doing while he was launching his attack?” explains Friedberg. “Stupidly, he was reading his emails from his personal email account. So when agents seized the computer from the library and did the forensics, they could recreate his sessions, in which he was checking his email. That proved his identity.” The suspect was arrested, detained without bail, and later indicted. He pleaded guilty to launching the attacks in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and was sentenced to eight months in prison.

A philosophy major who played varsity soccer for three years at Brandeis, Friedberg earned a law degree at Brooklyn Law School and worked at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York for six years, growing increasingly interested in public service in the form of criminal prosecutions. Friedberg, who writes poetry, remembers that when he left private practice, taking a \$90,000 pay cut, he was happy to make decisions based on the right thing. “I went from shopping at Barneys to shopping at the Gap. And it was totally worth it. They were the best years of my life,” he says of his 12-year career beginning in 1989 as a prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. Focusing on South American drug trafficking and narco-terrorism, investigating and prosecuting importation, hostage-taking, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO), and murder-for-hire cases, Friedberg investigated and tried the case against six conspirators responsible for the Cali-Cartel-ordered assassination of Manuel de Dios Unanue, the former editor in chief of *El-Diario*, New York's largest Spanish-language daily newspaper. He began investigating

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computer crimes cases, becoming the computer and telecommunications coordinator at the office. He investigated and prosecuted cases involving computer intrusions, denial-of-service attacks, criminal trademark and copyright infringement, computer hardware and software counterfeiting, e-commerce fraud, telecommunications billing fraud, illegal electronic surveillance, and Internet-related trade secret theft.

A third case: an outnumbered voice in a boardroom doesn't like a particular corporate decision and decides to get even with the company. He leaks news about a stock the company is about to issue by posting sensitive information on Yahoo Finance. The company comes to Friedberg to ask: “Can you find out who is making these postings?” They don't want a prosecution, they want to keep it low profile.

“Since 80 percent of computer crime comes from the inside,” explains Friedberg, “your first thought is maybe the person is sloppy enough to be making his postings from work.” Friedberg can set up search parameters, “sniffer” programs, or other kinds of investigative tools that allow him to actually see the information going out of the client's network on an ongoing basis. If the client stores email—let's say they have 10,000 employees—a huge amount of Web traffic is going out to the Internet during the day. Friedberg has tools (such as Silent Runner developed by Raytheon) that will search through 50,000 emails in five minutes looking for that Yahoo Finance address. “What if that guy uses the same screen name

was dealing with secretaries and middle managers, and now he is dealing with guys with raid jackets, guns, and battering rams. That usually causes people to be a little more candid.”

There are ways to monitor network use. Friedberg lets the network itself define what is normal. “Let’s say you are in a hospital, and surgery begins between 7:00 and 9:00 am,” suggests Friedberg. “There’s a lot of activity at a certain time that includes similar data. We can cluster that data and segregate it on one side of the screen. If at 2:00 in the morning there is a 20-meg file transfer to Thailand, that pops up as aberrant behavior. We let the network define what is aberrant, and then drill down into the aberration. We may find that once a month a report goes to the parent company in Thailand, and then we reprogram the interface to call that normal. And we can also use it in reverse. What if 20 people in your company are operating an Amway distributorship during company time? (A true story.) All of that data is going to look similar, but not like anything else.”

In hot pursuit of those who are technically savvy, just plain mad, or both, Friedberg loves his job. (“What boy doesn’t grow up wanting to play cops and robbers?”) “I like it because I left civil practice to do public service, and to be on the right side of issues, not just on the side of issues that a client wanted me to be on. Forensics allows me to continue that because forensics isn’t a question of advocacy. When I prosecuted, I was trying to achieve justice, not achieve a particular result. I’m still basically searching for

the truth. And then let the chips fall where they may. I still feel people need the information in a clear objective fashion, whether it’s good news, bad, or inconclusive. We leave it to the advocates or the lawyers to make whatever arguments or take whatever position they want based on that data,” explains Friedberg.

Advice? Give IT managers of a global company, who essentially have the keys to the kingdom, a top-of-the-line thorough background check. And if sensitive information is stored on a computer, keep an “air gap” between it and the Internet—don’t hook it up. Take care choosing and guarding passwords. Not only do people often use one password in more than one place, but a little casual information goes a long way in terms of discovery. “If I get to know your anniversary, if I get to know your kids’ names, if I know what their birthdays are, I now have all the data necessary to try to crack your password by trial and error,” says Friedberg.

Then there are the kids, called script kiddies. “The serious hackers post all their exploits on the Internet,” explains Friedberg, “and 14-year-old script kiddies who couldn’t write the code if their lives depended on it, download that code and use those tools to launch attacks. Now instead of one person having this exploit, thousands of people have it.” There is a race for corporations to make sure their systems are patched in a way that as soon as an exploit is discovered and disseminated within the hacker community, patches are written and distributed within corporations that defeat that exploit. If not, and things get unpleasant, they call Eric Friedberg. ■

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in a searchable Internet chat room? Or we have had cases where somebody uses that same screen name while engaging in other activity on the Internet, and then we can search the Internet for that screen name,” says Friedberg. Sometimes he can lure the suspect from a chat room into making certain technical decisions that make it easier to identify him. For example, Friedberg establishes an undercover dialogue and sends the suspect a piece of HTML mail that he asks him to open. The protocol will send back a record of the suspect’s IP address.

But a sophisticated person is probably not going to chat with somebody he doesn’t know. If he does, he is not going to open up anything he doesn’t have control over. If he does have control over it, he is not going to open it up from an IP address that is actually associated with where he really is. In other words, he may access his mail from someplace like Kinkos. But let’s say the suspect is sloppy, and he has a cable modem. Cable modems have fixed IP addresses that actually correspond to the owner’s house. If he identifies himself in that fashion, he has basically led somebody right back to his house.

Luckily for corporations, many internal crimes are committed by people who are simply aggravated and frustrated by workplace situations. Their level of frustration is so high that it clouds whatever ability they might have to technically cover their tracks. And when law enforcement is called in, they are ill equipped to cope. “When the basic IT guy gets a bunch of people busting down his door, he realizes he has just dropped into a different league,” says Friedberg. “Before, he



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**Where better to probe themes  
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by Patricia A. Johnston

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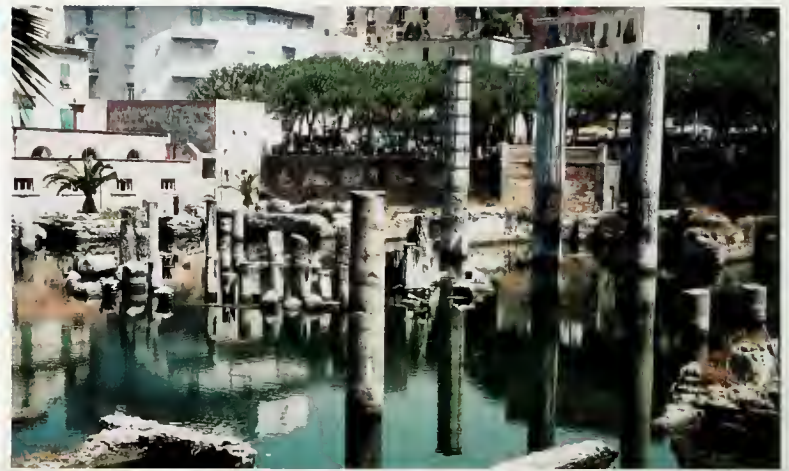
The first time I visited the Sibyl's vast trapezoidal cave, I had difficulty believing this was really the place where Vergil's Aeneas and his fellow Trojans landed in Italy, after the fall of Troy, and from where the Sibyl then led Aeneas down into the Underworld to consult the spirit of his dead father.

The Sibyl's cave is located at Cumae, on the western coast of Italy near modern Naples. It is visited year round by countless Italians as well as foreign visitors. Nearby, on the site of an ancient temple of

Mercury, the Villa Vergiliana, built early in the 20th century, is the European base of the Vergilian Society of America, which sponsors regular tours of the area for teachers, scholars, and persons interested in ancient historical and archaeological sites of southern Italy. It is also the annual site of an international interdisciplinary symposium that has been regularly cosponsored by Brandeis.

In the distance towers Mt. Vesuvius, looming over the Bay of Naples and surrounding cities, including Pompeii and Herculaneum, which it simultaneously destroyed and preserved when it erupted in 79 A.D.

In 1995, as president of the Vergilian Society, I organized the first of the interdisciplinary scholarly symposia now held annually at the Villa Vergiliana. The topic of the first symposium was "The Cultural Response to the Volcanic Landscape," and was concerned with the way societies have adapted to life in that environment. Since then, topics have spanned a wide range of subjects relevant to the classical, medieval, and modern world, with particular emphasis on



The Ancient Marketplace in Pozzuoli has risen several feet since 1960 (right) when it was covered with water. By 2000 (left), it was completely dry.

**The Bay of Naples itself is a gigantic volcanic crater, formed in an eruption millions of years ago, and the islands and peninsulas that surround the Bay are the remnant of the rim of that crater.**

antiquity. In each case the volcanic landscape has been an inescapable factor.

Southern Italy, especially the area around the Bay of Naples, is geographically defined by its volcanic landscape. The numerous lakes that dot the landscape are essentially the craters of inactive volcanoes. The Bay of Naples itself is a gigantic volcanic crater, formed in an eruption millions of years ago, and the islands and peninsulas that surround the Bay are the remnant of the rim of that crater. The area continues to be known by its ancient name, the "Campi Flegrai" ("the fields of fire" or "the Flegraeon Fields"). It is part of a larger nested caldera that includes the city of Naples, the volcanic islands of Procida and Ischia, and the northwestern part of the Gulf of Naples. Here was said to be the

entrance to the Underworld, and thus Vergil's Aeneas descended here, at Lake Avernus, as did the Italian poet Dante, many centuries later, guided by his mentor, Vergil, into the Inferno.

The Campi Flegrai caldera is inhabited by about 1.5 million people. Over the past 30 years, it has shown frequent signs of unrest, with two bradyseismic events that have generated a maximum net uplift of 3.5 meters around the town of Pozzuoli, which lies between Cumae and Naples. "Bradyseism" refers to the movement of individual plates of the Earth as they rise or fall in response to the pressure building in the caldera. Consequently, fishermen in the town of Pozzuoli began to notice that they could no longer tie their boats to the docks, which were rising above sea level, and ferryboats could no longer unload their passengers on these docks (the former hooks are still visible today,

at eye level and higher). New docks had to be built, houses in Pozzuoli began to crumble, and whole populations had to be moved inland for their safety. The intense urbanization and the very active short-term deformations have therefore made the volcanic risk very high.

Volcanism and the manner in which local populations have dealt with its risks and benefits over the centuries were a suitable topic for the first of our symposia, "The Cultural Response to the Volcanic Landscape," held in October 1995. Discussion of the long-overdue eruption in the Flegraeon Fields was a major topic of discussion in this gathering of volcanologists, geologists, engineers, archaeologists, art historians, and classicists.

Before Vesuvius's eruption in 79 B.C., it was not thought to be



an active volcano, and consequently its famous eruption came as a surprise and caused considerable loss of life and destruction to the surrounding area. Today a much larger population occupies the area surrounding the volcano. Emergency planning is now underway for removing people from the path of the next great eruption. Neapolitans have tended to repress anxiety about this impending eruption, although an article in the local newspaper about emergency planning at the time of our symposium generated a flurry of anxious telephone calls, interrupting Luisa Civetta, the director of emergency planning, while she was giving her presentation about the current situation.

Mt. Vesuvius, and the surrounding Flegraean Fields, however, is but one of many volcanic regions whose impact we considered. Mt. Etna, in Sicily, has been

continuously active over most of the past 400 years. Evidence from field investigations and early historic records indicate that Etna has been active as far back as the fifth century B.C. Records suggest that the city of Catania was partly destroyed by lava in about 693 B.C., and again in 425 B.C.

The Sikels, early inhabitants of Sicily, worshipped the goddess, Hybla, whose temple has been found at Paternò, at the southwest margin of Etna, and there was a temple to the fire god, Hadranus, near Adrano. Water, which in itself is very important in prehistoric ritual, when taking on an "abnormal" condition such as bubbling or being gaseous, enhanced the holiness of some of these sites, such as the boiling Naphthia Lake, which was sacred to the Sikel divinities, the "Palikoi." Recent excavations have confirmed a monumental cult-center to the Palikoi here from the seventh century B.C., and have demonstrated that the site was continuously occupied from the Neolithic Period through the Roman Empire.

The Sikel legends became incorporated into subsequent Greek, and then Roman mythology. In Greek mythology, the giant Typhoeus rebelled against the rule of Zeus, was defeated, and was placed in the Underworld with Mt. Etna on top of him to pin him down. The rumbling earthquakes that precede eruptions were attributed to an uncomfortable Typhoeus shifting about underground, while the violent eruptions themselves were interpreted as an angry reaction by the same giant. Another myth held that the noise and activity were the output from the forge of the god of fire; the giant, one-eyed Cyclopes worked the forge, creating the lightning bolts with which Zeus (Roman Jupiter) ruled the universe. The volcanic island Vulcano, just off the coast of Sicily, was one of the sites identified as the location of Vulcan's forge.

The philosophers Empedocles (c. 473-433 B.C.) and Lucretius (94-55 B.C.) sought "scientific" explanations for volcanism. Their ideas about its causes, however, were highly speculative since they were based on limited observation and little documentation. Empedocles, according to one tradition, was said to have committed suicide by jumping into Etna, intending that his followers would believe, when they could not find his body, that he had been taken up to join the gods. But the volcano, the story goes, spewed out one of his sandals, thereby revealing his true fate. The natural phenomena of Etna's activity were not systematically observed and recorded until the 16th century.

In Mexico, the volcano Popocatepetl has long been active. At least twice in the last 2,000 years it has had major eruptions that devastated the settlements on its slopes, and there is fear that it may soon do so again, having renewed activity in 1994. In the first century B.C., a

village at Tetimpa, Puebla, was buried under one to two meters of pumice. Although the inhabitants of Tetimpa had time to flee, they left many of their belongings behind as their houses collapsed under the weight of the accumulating tephra. The excavators of Tetimpa presented various items, along with a number of altars and shrines, shedding light on Prehispanic life there in the shadow of the volcano.

In Turkey, the mushroom-shaped, so-called "Fairy Chimneys" of Cappadocia now house



Solfatara, a continuously active volcano

a variety of underground settlements that have probably been in use since the early centuries of the Christian era. Here the most important buildings are the many Byzantine rock-hewn churches, which originally numbered several hundred and are notable for their iconoclastic and Christian mural decorations. Other underground structures include cliff dwellings, cone settlements, and underground towns and villages. A major concern at this session was the damage to these structures, which has been accelerating due to a combination of tourism and geological/environmental factors, and measures being considered to reverse these destructive trends.

Volcanoes, however, bring more than danger. The lava breaks down into rich soil, yielding precious crops, such as grapes. Geothermal springs give rise to health spas that rely on the healthful minerals and heated waters. On Ischia

today, a visitor to approved spas will even receive medical receipts for income tax purposes. The unique springs of Paternò, near Catania in Sicily, at the base of Mt. Etna, yield precious mineral waters with natural effervescence. Here, a huge Neolithic wall was discovered, revealing efforts in prehistoric times to channel the flow of lava from Etna. Such attempts during the historic period have resulted in a 200-year-old law in Italy that forbids the redirecting of lava flows, since lava diverted from one town would merely destroy another town in its new path. At Paternò an ancient spa, with health bar included, has now been discovered.

The discovery of volcanic stone or tufa as a building material had a major impact on the development of the shape of cities, from the bedrock that provides the infrastructure of the city, to the curious dwellings on Sardinia known as *Nuraghi*, to Rome's city walls and monuments. The volcanic materials, whose chemical structure makes it possible to identify the eruption that produced them, provide additional historical information about the

evolution of human technology at a number of sites, including those in Sicily, Naples, Sardinia, and Rome.

Pozzolana, the tufa from the region of Pozzuoli, was found in antiquity to have special properties enabling it to be used in underwater structures or formed into previously unavailable architectural shapes, such as domes. That opened the way to major new architectural designs. Thus, at Baiae (outside Pozzuoli) early domed buildings are found that appear to have been experimental predecessors of such structures as the domed Pantheon at Rome. One of these structures at Baiae was too steep, and consequently broke in half, while another, the Baths of Mercury, which has the same proportions as the Pantheon, is still intact.

This fertile topic of volcanoes, which occupied our premiere session of the Vergilian

The Villa Vergiliana, as seen from the Cumae Amphitheater



## docks, which were rising above sea level.

Society, was followed in subsequent symposia by a wide range of related topics. The rich volcanic soil was good for agriculture, including the cultivation of the vine, and the growing of grapes and the production of wine in antiquity was a natural subject for the 1998 symposium. Scholars from across Europe, America, and Australia gathered to pursue the archaeological, epigraphical, and literary evidence of viticulture's origins, development, and influence in ancient cultures, and to sample the increasingly prized wines of southern Italy.

In July 2000, the volcanic landscape again influenced the symposium topic, "Philodemus and Vergil," since it focused on the decipherment of a large collection of papyrus rolls discovered at Herculaneum. In particular, the symposium focused on the newly recovered lost works of the Epicurean philosopher Philodemus of Gadara (in ancient Palestine). The decipherment of these works made it possible to reevaluate the impact on Vergil of the Epicurean school at Naples, and

the Herculaneum papyri have confirmed numerous connections between the school of Philodemus and the circle of poets that included Vergil. In a keynote address to the symposium, the now-late Professor Marcello Gigante, director of the Philodemus Library at Naples, traced the history of efforts to decipher the papyri, and summarized recent scholarly research on the complicated question of Vergil's relationships with the Epicurean circle at Naples and new theories about the impact of Epicureanism on the poet's life and work.

Ancient and modern spas, the symposium topic in 2001, are and were dependent on the volcanic processes that provided the healthful waters. Roman baths can be linked to the art of healing because they were frequented not only for purposes of maintaining health and hygiene, but also for their therapeutic and medicinal virtues.

Every year I have had the privilege to be involved with another group of specialists on topics that are similarly relevant to the understanding of the classical world. Classics, after all, is really a comparative discipline, reaching into a wide range of fields, and is basic to subsequent literatures, arts, and sciences. In modern science, fundamental concepts (including those no longer accepted) are reflected in the formation of new concepts, at the very least in its terminology. In history, philosophy, and religion early concepts have a way of recurring, and these have emerged in a number of ways. One symposium dealt with the development of the Ruler Cult, particularly under the early Roman Empire. The tribes of early Italy have been another symposium topic, and in 2002 the topic will deal with the mystery cults of Southern Italy, including Sicily.

Each of these symposia, particularly because of their interdisciplinary nature, has brought together specialists in ordinarily disparate fields, with rich results for the participants and for me. Interested observers, as well as those presenting papers, participate in these symposia. Future topics will include the cults of Magna Graecia (2002), Greco-Roman Myths and the Native Cultures of Magna Graecia (2003), underwater archaeology in the Bay of Naples, and ancient architects and their creations. The Villa Vergiliana provides the perfect setting for interactions and discussions that persist long after the symposia have ended. ■

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## Brandeis University Visits Palm Beach in January 2002

Brandeis University held what has come to be known as a weekend of events for benefactors, friends, and alumni January 12-13. Participating in the activities from campus were President Jehuda Reinharz and Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement Nancy K. Winship, and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Mel Bernstein.

On Saturday evening, major supporters of the University enjoyed the black-tie dinner at the Palm Beach Country Club, where Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, Ph.D., was hooded as a Fellow of the University.

Renowned author and professor Deborah E. Lipstadt, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '76, was the featured speaker at the ninth annual Norman S. and Eleanor E. Rabb Seminar held at Temple Emanu-El in Palm Beach on Sunday.



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Fellow Milton Gralla and Rabb Seminar Speaker Deborah Lipstadt, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '76



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Trustee Stanley and Teddy Feldberg



Fellows Thelma Linsey and Marilyn Cohen, with Stephen and Roberta Weiner



Newly Hooded Fellow Milton Wolf and family: Steve and Karen Wechsler, Wolf, Sherri Wolf, Nancy Wolf, Eric Greenfield



Mort and Barbara Mandel



Mel Nessel, Gail Abraham, Fellow Herb Lee, and President Jehuda Reinharz



Robert and Ellen Jaffe, *Palm Beach Daily News* Society Editor Shannon Donnelly, Nancy K. Winship, Ruth and Trustee Carl Shapiro



Fellows Gladys and Sy Ziv with President Reinharz



Howard and Michele Kessler with President Reinharz



Shula Reinharz, Harry and Helen Stoll

## Brandeis Night 2002 in Florida

On January 15, Richard and Colleen Fain, parents of Sara Fain '98, generously hosted a reception with President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, in their home in Coral Gables, Florida. Brandeis Nights allow greetings from campus to alumni, parents, Fellows, and friends in various cities around the country. His

talk, "Brandeis University—A Jewel in the Crown of American Higher Education," gave examples of the innovative and exciting program of learning at Brandeis that emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge and the solution of real-life problems.



President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, Sara Fain '98, and Colleen and Richard Fain

## Newly Elected Fellows

In October 2001, the Board of Trustees voted to elect Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, Ph.D. (Cleveland), Charles B. Housen (Boston), and Anna Cheskis Gelman (New York) as members of the Board of Fellows. Each of these new Fellows will serve a three-year term through Commencement 2004.

Ambassador Milton A. Wolf has been the chair of Milton A. Wolf Investors, a private investment group, since

1980. He had been the chair of Zehman-Wolf Management Inc., a real estate management and development firm, from 1948 to 1976, before serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Austria from 1977 to 1980. Ambassador Wolf was an early supporter of the University's Cleveland campaigns and has been a member of the GSIEF Board of Overseers since 1998.

Charles B. Housen is chair and CEO of Erving Industries, Inc., a Massachusetts firm that manufactures paper

products from recycled waste paper. At Brandeis, Housen has been a President's Councilor since 1976 and is the immediate past chair of the GSIEF Board of Overseers. He and his wife, Marjorie Grodner Housen '56, a Brandeis Trustee, have two named designations: Housen Neurobiology Suite in the Volen National Center for Complex Systems and the Housen Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

Anna Cheskis Gelman is the cousin of the late Joseph Cheskis, a professor at Middlesex University in the late 1930s and 1940s who became a Brandeis professor of romance languages and eventually chair of the School of Humanities until his retirement in 1967. Gelman retired from Columbia University in 1980 as assistant professor of public health/epidemiology after 40 years as a faculty member. Gelman has written a memoir of Joseph Cheskis for the Robert D. Farber University Archives.

## Board of Fellows Events

### Second Annual Fellows Breakfast

Florida Fellows, Trustees, and their guests gathered for a breakfast at the Temple Emanu-El in Palm Beach, Florida, on January 12.

Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman warmly welcomed Fellows and introduced Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Mel Bernstein, who discussed "Brandeis University: Looking Towards the Future." This was the second time a Fellows breakfast preceded the annual Norman S. and

Eleanor E. Rabb Seminar. This year's Rabb Seminar speaker was Deborah E. Lipstadt, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '76, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies and Director, Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University.

### New York

On October 22, 2001, Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman organized a luncheon meeting at Brandeis House for New York Fellows. Participants discussed the future role and programs for the group, and met Mel Bernstein, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

### New York Cocktail Reception

A cocktail reception was held at Brandeis House on October 22, 2001, to introduce Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Mel Bernstein to Brandeis supporters in the New York City area. Trustee Robert

### Florida

Fellow Judith Yohay Glaser '59, parent of Risa Beth Glaser '85 and Jodi Glaser Rutstein '88, graciously opened her home in Delray Beach, Florida, for a Fellows reception on February 13. This informal gathering offered an opportunity for South Florida Fellows to meet and share thoughts for further enhancing the role of Brandeis Fellows and to listen to Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies Nahum M. Sarna, who spoke about



his recent research. Born and educated in England, Sarna joined the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies in 1965 as the Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies, and served for six years as department chair. He retired in 1985. Sarna has recently been named the Gimelstob Eminent Scholar and Professor of Judaica at Florida Atlantic University.



Rosalind Chaikin and Betty Heller

## Brandeis Night 2001 Chicago

Brandeis Night 2001 in Chicago was held on October 30 at the Park Hyatt Hotel. More than 110 alumni, parents, friends of the University, and members of BUNWC were treated to the political insights and commentary of William Schneider '66. President Reinharz addressed the gathering, bringing greetings and a

campus update. Thomas and Margot Pritzker, P'02, sponsored Brandeis Night. Club president David Desser '90 and members of the Alumni Club of Chicago steering committee served as greeters and hosts for the evening.



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President Reinharz, Margot Pritzker, William Schneider '66

## Other Events



Joan and Mark Warshaw receive the Sachar Legacy Society certificate from Provost Mel Bernstein and Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement Nancy K. Winship on October 11, 2001. The Sachar Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have included Brandeis in their estate plans.



President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, with Ruth '80 and Jonathan Fain at their Rhode Island home where they held a reception for alumni, parents, and friends.



# Brandeis Faculty Notes

## Faculty

**Marc Brettler '78, M.A. '78, Ph.D. '87,**

Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies, has been named chair of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

## Stanley Deser

Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics, had his three-year grant from the National Science Foundation extended by two years. This "special creativity extension" is based on outstanding scientific progress achieved under the grant to date, and this amounts to a total award of five years. Also, he was elected to the editorial board of the *Journal of Mathematical Physics*, of the American Physical Society.

## Gordon Fellman

professor of sociology, co-led a workshop on social transformation, based on the work of musician and cultural worker Jane Sapp, at the University of Haifa. He has been added to the boards of Neve Shalom/Wahat as Salaam, an Arab-Jewish peace village in Israel and the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, Massachusetts.

## Jacqueline Jones

Truman Professor of American Civilization, delivered the winter commencement address at her alma mater, the University of Delaware, in January. She is the author of, most recently, *Creek Walking: Growing up in Delaware in the 1950s* (University of Delaware Press, 2001).

## Edward K. Kaplan

professor of French and comparative literature and chair, Program in Religious Studies, published two articles, "La Religion écologiste de Michelet: catéchisme, hagiographie, communion," in *Cahiers romantiques* (University of Clermont-Ferrand); "Heschel as Philosopher: Phenomenology and the Rhetoric of Revelation," in *Modern Judaism*; and during a trip to Paris, he was interviewed by Victor Malka for a radio broadcast. He presented two papers: "From Bachelard to Barthes: Phenomenological Readings of the Feminine in Michelet and Marceline Desbordes-Valmore," at the Annual 19th-Century French Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin, and "Garments of Insight: Abraham J. Heschel's Poetic Rhetoric," at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver. He also organized a conference of Thomas Merton and Judaism, held in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Sarah Mead

artist-in-residence in music and concert coordinator, taught classes at Trinity College of Music in its new home at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. Also, this spring she is coteaching a graduate seminar, Topics in Performance Practice: Applied Renaissance Theory, at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, in conjunction with Timothy Aarset.

## Shula Reinharz, Ph.D. '77

Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology, has been elected as one of two public directors of the Boston Society of Architects. The

HIRIJW, which she directs, held a symposium, "Jewish Women in Muslim Societies Analyze 9/11 and its Aftermath" with women from Turkey, Morocco, Iran, Egypt, and Lebanon. The WSRC, which she also directs, put on two major art exhibits: *Helene Aylon: My Notebooks* and *The Intimate Lives of Trees*, featuring work by Associate Professor Emerita of English Karen Klein and Resident Scholar Marguerite Bouvard.

## Aurora M. Sherman

assistant professor of psychology, had her paper "Social Relations and Depressive Symptoms in Older Adults with Osteoarthritis" accepted for publication in the journal *Social Science and Medicine*.

## Caldwell Titcomb

professor of music emeritus, has written the foreword to the recently published new edition of Lucien Price's *Dialogues of Alfred North Whitehead*. He is the author of "The Earliest Black Members of Phi Beta Kappa," which appeared in the autumn 2001 issue of *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*. His interview with drama critic Elliot Norton, founding president of the New England Theatre Conference, leads off the just-published *NETC 50 Years: A Commemorative History* (this interview was excerpted in the fall 2001 issue of *New England Theatre Journal*). He has also written 45 biographical articles for the two-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre*, to be published in 2003 by the Oxford University Press.

## Leslie Zebrowitz

Manuel Yellen Professor of Social Relations, has published and edited an interdisciplinary book with Gillian Rhodes: *Facial Attractiveness: Evolutionary, Cognitive, and Social Perspectives*. This book is the first volume in the *Advances in Visual Cognition* series published by Ablex.

## Staff

### Susan Kahn

senior research director of the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women, has won the 2001 Eileen Basker Memorial Award for her book, *Reproducing Jews: A Cultural Account of Assisted Conception in Israel*. The award is made annually by the Society for Medical Anthropology. The book has received two previous awards: the prestigious National Jewish Book award and the Musher Prize by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

### Ora Gladstone

associate director of Brandeis Hillel, was named one of eight Exemplars of Excellence by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. The award, which is the organization's highest honor, was presented at the Schusterman Hillel International Professional Staff Conference in Princeton, New Jersey, in December. Gladstone joined Brandeis Hillel in 1981. A graduate of Brooklyn College and Northeastern University, she is a licensed music therapist.

## Faculty

### Silvia Marina Arrom

Associate Professor of Latin American History on Jane's Chair and Director, Latin American Studies Program

*Containing the Poor: The Mexico City Poor House, 1774-1871*  
Duke University Press

In 1774 Mexico City leaders created the Mexico City Poor House—an experiment to eliminate poverty and impose a new work ethic on former beggars by establishing a forcible internment policy for some and putting others to work. In this book the author tells the saga of this ill-fated plan. Arrom also links the Poor House's transformation with other societal factors as well, such as Mexican women's increasing impact on social welfare policies.

### Rafael Campo

Fannie Hurst Poet in Residence

*landscape with human figure*  
Duke University Press

Campo writes candid poems from outside the academy, poems that arise from a bleak Boston tenement or a moonlit Spanish plaza, poems that remain unafraid to explore and celebrate his identity as a doctor and Cuban-American, gay man. Campo's poetry reminds us of the necessity of poetry in our increasingly fractured society; his writing brings us together into the warm circle of community and connectedness.

### Ray Jackendoff

Professor of Linguistics and Volen National Center for Complex Systems

*Foundations of Language: Brain, Meaning, Grammar, Evolution*  
Oxford University Press

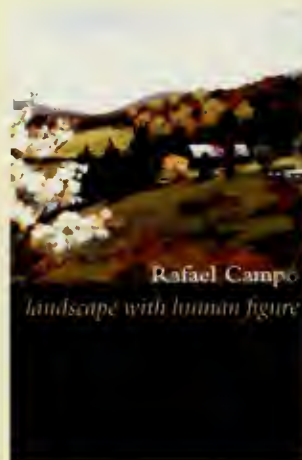
*Foundations of Language* opens up new perspectives on every major aspect of language and communication: grammar, vocabulary, learning, origins of language, and the relationship of language and thought to the real world. It puts linguistics at the center of the search for understanding human nature and human cognition. This book makes connections with psychology, neuroscience, biology, philosophy, and evolutionary theory.

### Kanan Makiya

Adjunct Professor of Middle Eastern Studies

*The Rock: A Tale of Seventh-Century Jerusalem*  
Pantheon Books

Whose rock is enshrined inside the golden Dome of Jerusalem? The rock of Moses or the rock of Muhammad? The author gathers together the stories, legends, and beliefs that define the Rock—and transforms them into a narrative of novelistic depth and drama. Makiya gives us a meditation on the common terrain of the world's three great monotheistic religions and a remarkable investigation into what the Rock symbolizes—beyond its various stories and names, beyond even the three faiths at whose heart it sits.



## Alumni

**Antony Polonsky, ed.**  
Albert Abramson Professor  
of Holocaust Studies

*Polin: Studies in Polish  
Jewry, Volume 14—Focusing  
on Jews in the Polish  
Borderlands*

The Littman Library of  
Jewish Civilization

The partition of Poland at the end of the 18th century and the subsequent struggle to regain Polish independence raised the question of what the boundaries of a future state should be, and who qualified as a Pole? When Poland became independent after World War I more than a third of its population were Ukrainians, Germans, Belarussians, Jews, and Lithuanians. The core articles in the volume focus especially on the triangular relationship among Poles, Jews, and Germans in western Poland, and among the different national groups in what are today Lithuania, Belarus, and Ukraine.

**Nicholas Dagen Bloom, Ph.D. '99**  
Bloom is a visiting assistant professor of history at Tulane.

*Suburban Alchemy: 1960s  
New Towns and the  
Transformation of the  
American Dream*  
Ohio State University Press

*Suburban Alchemy* examines the “new town” movement of the 1960s, which sought to transform American suburbs by showing that idealism could be profitable. Case studies of three of the more famous examples illustrate how innovative planners mixed land uses and housing types; refined various aspects of design; offered well-defined town centers; and pioneered institutional planning. Though efforts were not always successful, residents have kept the new town ideals alive and produced a vital form of suburban community that is far more complicated and interesting than the early vision.

**Edmund Case, M.A. '99, M.M.H.S. '99**  
and Ronnie Friedland, eds.

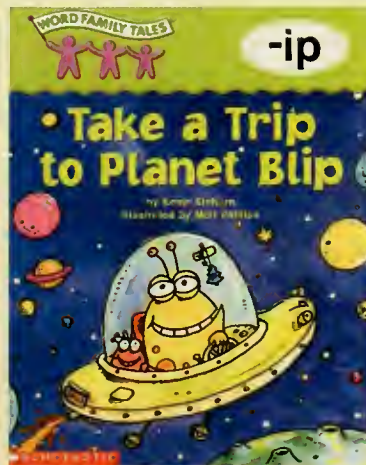
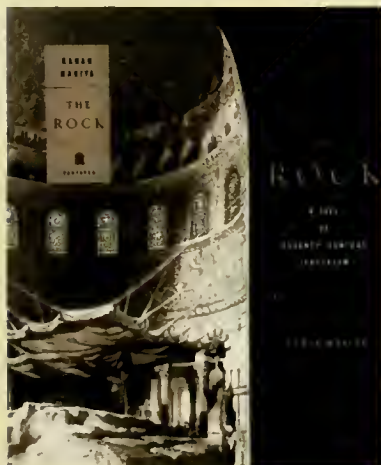
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InterfaithFamily.com  
Handbook*  
Jewish Lights Publishing

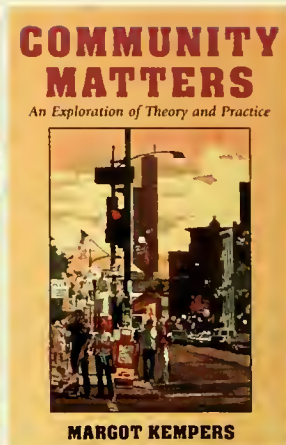
Issues such as which holidays to observe and how, locating an officiant for a wedding, or celebrating the birth of a child take on additional meaning, and potentially more divisiveness, when one partner is Jewish and the other is of a different religious tradition. *The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life* is the first of its kind resource where Jewish and non-Jewish members of interfaith families—as well as the professionals who work with them—offer their own personal experience and advice on these issues.

**Edward Dolnick '74**  
Dolnick is the former chief science writer for *The Boston Globe*.

*Down the Great Unknown:  
A Reckless Ride through the  
Grand Canyon*

Dolnick's book is the latest one to recount the adventures of John Wesley Powell's endeavor to map the Green and Colorado Rivers, along with the canyons that cradle them. Powell's group included six other Civil War veterans, one of them his brother. Five of the group were hunters and trappers, but none were expert boatmen. Their 99-day trip was filled with enormously dangerous rapids. This is a book about the exploration of two rivers, not why they were explored.





**Kama Einhorn '91**

Einhorn is an editor at Scholastic, developing materials for use in early literacy programs.

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**Sue Pekarsky Gary '60**  
 Gary has been a garment manufacturer for eight years and is a teacher of fashion studies curricula at California colleges.

*Cover Yourself: Adventures in the Rag Trade from Start-Ups to Stars*  
 GarmentoSpeak

This trade book incorporates the stories, from interviews, of 45 people involved in all aspects of the clothing industry, from fashion illustrator to space suit designer for NASA. Most

books about the garment industry are case studies, how-to stories, or surveys in industry information. This book is different. It tells the stories of the people who get the goods from idea to hanger.

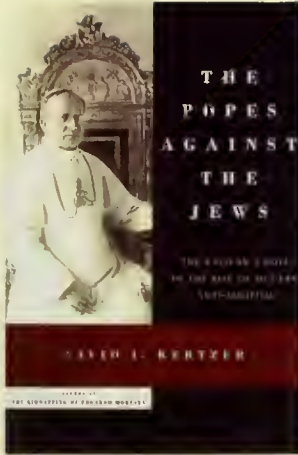
**Frederick E. Greenspahn, Ph.D. '77**  
 Greenspahn is professor of religious studies at the University of Denver.

*An Introduction to Aramaic*  
 Society of Biblical Literature

This book is a basic introduction to biblical Aramaic for beginning students who are already familiar with Hebrew. All Aramaic passages in the Old Testament are included, along with an introduction to other Aramaic texts, such as ancient inscriptions, Dead Sea Scrolls, rabbinic literature, and quotations in the New Testament. There are also paradigms, a complete glossary, and a list of resources for further study.

**Daniel J. Guhr, M.A. '95**  
*Access to Higher Education in Germany and California*  
 Peter Lang

In his comparison of access to higher education patterns in Germany and California between the 1970s and 1990s, the author demonstrates that upward educational mobility was rather limited in Germany despite marked changes in general socioeconomic composition. Conversely, strong participation shifts occurred in California based on changing ethnic composition. He also analyzes the at times drastic impact of educational policy-making tools such as affirmative action and need-based funding.



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# All Grown Up

Living Happily Ever After with Your Adult Children

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**Margot Kempers '74, M.A. '83, Ph.D. '86**  
Kempers is an assistant professor of sociology at Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

*Community Matters: An Exploration of Theory and Practice*  
Burnham, Inc.

This book responds to the question, what is community? It is also a response to what the author perceives to be contradictions between recent academic thinking about community and communities as they are lived. Debates have challenged the likelihood of genuine community life vs. numerous examples of contemporary communities—dynamic and providing the desired qualities of shared existence.

**David I. Kertzer, Ph.D. '74**  
Kertzer is Paul Dupee, Jr. University Professor of Social Science and a professor of anthropology and Italian studies at Brown University.

*The Popes against the Jews: The Vatican's Role in the Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism*  
Alfred A. Knopf

This historical study based on documents previously locked in the Vatican's secret archives graphically

shows how the Catholic Church helped make the Holocaust possible. The author shows why all the recent attention given to Pope Pius XII's failure to publicly protest the slaughter of Europe's Jews in the war misses a far more important point. What made the Holocaust possible was groundwork laid over a period of decades. This book seeks a balanced judgment and an understanding of the historical forces that led the Church along the path it took.

**Neil J. Kressel '78, M.A. '78**  
and Dorit F. Kressel. Neil Kressel, a social psychologist at William Paterson University of New Jersey, has taught at Harvard, New York University, and elsewhere.

*Stack and Sway: The New Science of Jury Consulting*  
Westview Press

A new and largely hidden profession has emerged during the past three decades. Drawing on the techniques of modern social science, psychology, and market research, its practitioners seek to remake the way we pursue justice in the United States. Trial consultants help lawyers to

pick juries predisposed to render the "right" verdict. What are we to make of this new industry? Is this a new form of high-tech jury-rigging, not much more acceptable than cruder forms of jury tampering? This book will reveal the "tricks of the trade."

**Lance Lee '64**  
Lee is a dramatist, novelist, and writer.

*Becoming Human*  
Authors Choice Press

*Becoming Human* is Lee's second book of poetry. His work covers various topics, including childhood, wildlife, and the self. Martin Bax, editor of *Ambit*, England's leading arts quarterly, calls it, "[a] splendid new collection. Lance Lee knows what it takes and proves it skillfully..."

**Roberta Maisel '55**  
Maisel trained as a sociologist and is now a mediator specializing in community conflict resolution and peacemaking within families.

*All Grown Up: Living Happily Ever After with Your Adult Children*  
New Society Publishers

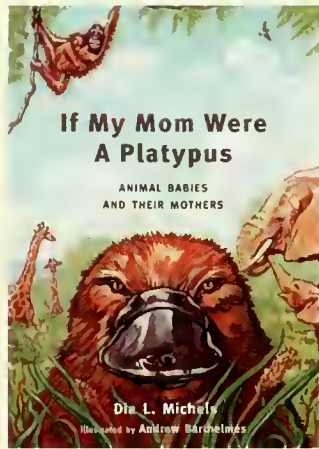
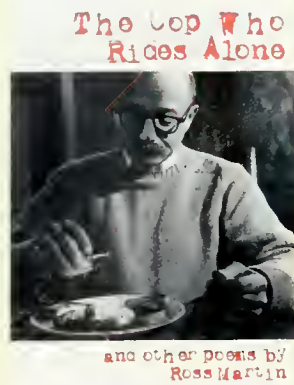
For the baby boom generation, the joy of

becoming grandparents is often tempered by ongoing uncertainty about how to be parents to their grown up children—especially since increased health and longevity means they could share as much as 40 years together as adults. *All Grown Up* shows how mid-life parents and their grown children can celebrate this new lease on life together.

**Ross Martin '95**  
Martin is the poetry editor for *Nerve Magazine* and *nerve.com*.

*The Cop Who Rides Alone and other poems*  
Zoo Press

This is the first collection of Martin's poems. The volume offers mature wisdom and a lively, confident playfulness rarely seen in many first books. At once urbane and sad, funny and erotic, the poetry's prosody is deftly handled and apropos, its themes uniquely fondled by Martin's agile, creative, and often apparently off-handed though frighteningly precise wit.



**Dia L. Michels '80**  
 Michels is a writer of books for adults and children. She makes her home in Washington, D.C., with her husband and their three children.

*Look What I See! Where Can I Be! In the Neighborhood*  
 Platypus Media

In photographs and simple words, young readers share a guessing game with a baby. Accompanied by her family, Baby finds herself waking up in seven neighborhood situations. At first, she focuses on a detail, but then, as the page turns, an entire scene is revealed.

*If My Mom Were a Platypus: Animal Babies and their Mothers*  
 Platypus Media

Mothers and babies. Babies and mothers. They are everywhere—in caves, burrows, dens, fields, kitchens, and bedrooms. All

babies have to eat, learn, grow, and mature. Each one must embark on the journey to maturity, but the path varies depending on the young mammal.

*Zack in the Middle*  
 Platypus Media

Any 7-year-old boy—like Zack—can tell you that having one sister is plenty. So what is a boy to do when he is surrounded by sisters? With a busy and bossy big sister ahead of him, and a mischievous and messy little sister behind him, Zack learns to love being surrounded.

**Dia L. Michels '80, ed.**  
*Breastfeeding Annual International 2001*  
 Platypus Media

Anyone can change a baby's diaper, rock a baby to sleep, and take a baby for a walk, but only a woman can provide that child with the perfect food: breast milk. Breastfeeding is a perfectly natural act, but like other natural events, it may prove more difficult for some women than others. Nevertheless, it is always worth the effort because of its overwhelming benefits to both mother and baby.

**Dia L. Michels '80**  
 and Cynthia Good Mojab,  
 with Naomi Bromberg  
 Ba-Yan

*Breastfeeding at a Glance: Facts, Figures, and Trivia about Lactation*  
 Platypus Media

In today's day and age, a breastfeeding mother in America can sometimes—and even often—feel quite isolated. She might be the first woman in her family to nurse a child in several generations. But throughout history and around the world, breastfeeding is and has been a source of connection and community as women share their knowledge and experience with each other.

**Paul Monaco, Ph.D. '74**  
 Monaco is professor of cinema/video and the head of media and theater arts at Montana State University, Bozeman.

*History of the American Cinema: Volume 8 The Sixties, 1960-1969*  
 Charles Scribner's Sons

An ever-diminishing audience led to a post-World War II low in production of feature films in 1963. The studio system that controlled the careers of major stars and theater chains finally gave way to a new business environment. The Production Code that had monitored the content of American film for decades was overwhelmed and replaced by a ratings system. Nonfiction film in the 1960s did not engage the social dynamic of the decade to the extent that might have been expected.

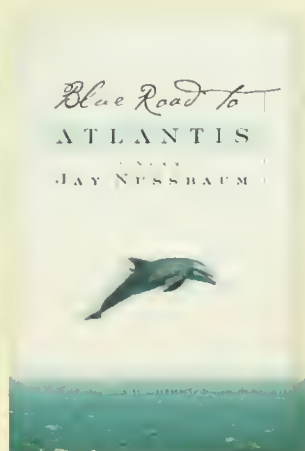


**Nancy Nager '73**

and Edna K. Shapiro, coeditors. Nager is a developmental psychologist on the graduate faculty of the Bank Street College of Education.

*Revisiting a Progressive Pedagogy: The Developmental Interaction Approach*  
State University of New York Press

This book reviews the history of the developmental-interactive approach, a formulation rooted in developmental psychology and educational practice. The conceptualization is identified with—but not restricted to—Bank Street College of Education. The book describes and analyzes key assumptions, and assesses the compatibility of new theoretical approaches, and examines teacher education, giving close attention to the personal and professional development of teachers.



**Jay Nussbaum '82**

Nussbaum is a lifelong martial artist who has trained and taught all over the world.

*Blue Road to Atlantis*  
Warner Books

With a vision about living courageously, this story is as wise as it is compelling. In it, a huge marlin, called the Old Fish, has long escaped capture by the fishermen of the Caribbean. He is a samurai of the deep; amid deadly sharks and viperfish, a warrior grown wise in the ways of survival. Now the Old Fish is traveling to Atlantis just ahead of a murderous Red Tide. His desperate hope is to save the sea, yet awaiting him is his ultimate opponent, who is to be his greatest teacher or his doom.

**Eric Kline Silverman '84**  
Silverman is an associate professor of anthropology at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

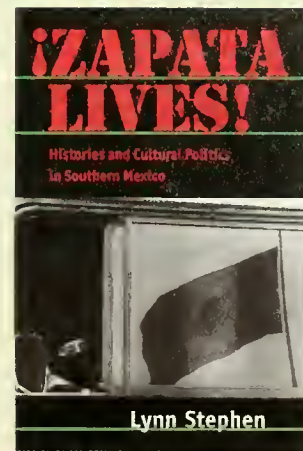
*Masculinity, Motherhood, and Mockery: Psychoanalyzing Culture and the latmul Naven Rite in New Guinea*  
University of Michigan Press

Silverman's latest work is an ethnographic analysis of motherhood in one Melanesian society, examining the relationship between masculinity and motherhood in an Eastern latmul village along the Sepik River in Papua, New Guinea. It focuses on a metaphorical dialogue between two countervailing images of the body, the "moral" and the "grotesque."

**Lynn Stephen, Ph.D. '87**  
Stephen is professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon.

*Zapata Lives! Histories and Cultural Politics in Southern Mexico*  
University of California Press

This book is the first study to examine contemporary Mexican Zapatismo comparatively, with an eye to regionally varying histories of peasant and indigenous relations to the national state. Analyzing the mosaic experiences of



agrarian reform in the heartland of the Zapatista rebellion in eastern Chiapas and central Oaxaca, the author clarifies how Zapata arose and lives on as a powerful symbol for the equity and social justice that men and women of Mexico's rural south demand of their government.

**Miriam Weinstein '67**  
Weinstein is a freelance journalist whose features have won several awards from the New England Press Association.

*Yiddish: A Nation of Words*  
Steerforth Press

This history of Yiddish reads like a biography of the language. Once upon a time Yiddish was the glue that held a people together. Impoverished and disenfranchised in the eyes of the world, Yiddish speakers created their own alternate reality. They were a people's home. The tale, which has never before been told, is nothing short of miraculous—the saving of a people through speech. This book requires no previous knowledge of Yiddish or of Jewish history—just a curious mind and an open heart.

## Making a Difference

### **Arlene Goldsmith '59: Changing the Prospects for Children with Disabilities**

Arlene Goldsmith '59 sits poised behind her desk, tanned from a recent vacation to the Galapagos Islands and smiling warmly, without a trace of the anxiety that one might suspect from an agency director who is juggling several emergencies at once.

Goldsmith is executive director of New Alternatives for Children (NAC), New York City's only social service agency whose exclusive mission is to serve children with severe disabilities and chronic illnesses. NAC was founded in 1982 to find homes for disabled "boarder babies"—children who were residing in New York-area

hospitals long after they were medically ready for discharge because their biological families were unable to care for them. NAC and Goldsmith are widely thought to have revolutionized the prospects for hospitalized children with disabilities—while saving millions of dollars in medical costs.

Since its founding, NAC has provided services to more than 1,500 children whose diagnoses include cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, spina bifida, severe asthma, AIDS, cancer, and congenital birth defects. The vast majority of NAC's families live below the poverty level and often lack the resources to negotiate the maze of health and social services their children require. Many of these families have devastating social problems,

such as homelessness, domestic violence, or mental illness. By uniting social work, health and mental health services, education, and recreation under one roof, Goldsmith has created a "one-stop-shopping" atmosphere for families who otherwise would receive extraordinarily fragmented services in the community.

Today, Goldsmith has learned that a major state grant will be delayed—just as she has hired three new social workers. She sighs, letting this news sink in. Overcoming obstacles is her specialty.

Goldsmith's interest in social service began at 16, when she worked at a camp for children with cerebral palsy. Her memory of teaching a 12-year-old boy how to tie his shoes—much to his mother's disbelief—remains fresh in her mind. But her path was cemented in her junior year at Brandeis, when she took a tutorial with Professor of Sociology Maurice Stein, which led her to work with severely mentally ill patients at Metropolitan Hospital in Waltham. "The medicines that we have now were not available," she says, "so there were many hospitalized mentally ill people, and I would go and talk with them. It was then that I decided I wanted to be a social worker."

At Brandeis, Goldsmith took courses with Max Lerner, Herbert Marcuse, Robert Manners, Abe Maslow, and Irving Howe. "I loved Brandeis with a passion,"

she says. "The quality of my education was amazing." As a sociology and anthropology major, she developed the conviction that an understanding of culture is critical to providing quality services to people. (The clients NAC serves are predominantly African-American and Latino, and NAC has strived to employ a staff that reflects the ethnic diversity of these families.)

Between her education at Brandeis and the founding of NAC, Goldsmith received a master's degree from Columbia University and began work on a Ph.D. at Fordham University—all while raising twins. Her Ph.D. research focused on the qualities of people who become foster parents to children with disabilities. In the course of her research, she joined with several colleagues who recognized that children with disabilities were languishing in hospitals and little effort was being made to identify foster (and eventually adoptive) parents for them. With Goldsmith at its helm, NAC was founded to find homes for these children.

According to Catherine Dunham, director of The Access Project, a national health advocacy center based at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis, "Part of what distinguishes



Arlene Goldsmith '59 with one of the hundreds of children she has helped



Goldsmith  
and friends

Arlene is that she left a very secure and responsible position at the Council on Social Work Education to undertake what appeared to be an impossible task. Taking on a system that was abandoning children to institutions could only be accomplished by someone with her seniority and sophistication. This is exactly the way that these problems should be championed, but it's almost never done."

NAC was started on a shoestring but soon became a driving force in moving children out of the hospital. Goldsmith's approach was, and remains, deceptively simple: she believes that every child is adoptable—if, of course, a reunion with the biological family is not possible. In addition to having placed hundreds of children in permanent adoptive homes, Goldsmith has developed comprehensive services for biological families recognizing that, with the right kind of support, most families who thought they could not bring their children home can care for them with great success.

She is an especially hands-on manager, who is often stopped in the hallway by children visiting the agency—indeed she knows all of their names. Yet she acknowledges that fund-raising takes up an inordinate amount of time. NAC is able to provide many services that other agencies don't—from helping to remodel a home to accommodate a new wheelchair to sending

disabled children to camp—through private fund-raising. NAC must raise about \$2 million of its annual \$8 million budget; the rest is provided by city, state, and federal contracts.

"We have to raise significant private funds," says Goldsmith, "but it's what has enabled me to hire only M.S.W.s who truly understand how to help families. These funds also enable us to lower their caseloads and to obtain things that the children really need but that Medicaid won't pay for. Just building ramps can mean that kids can go outside and really feel like they're part of this world."

In 1994, Goldsmith was among the second group of recipients of the \$100,000 Community Health Leadership Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—a program administered by Catherine Dunham. Says Dunham, "What Arlene has done is show that one of the most difficult, dysfunctional systems in the country can be turned around to support families and children with very difficult and complex problems. Having demonstrated it in the most complicated system in the country should give hope to other communities where children are still trapped as boarder babies."



Goldsmith's accomplishments were further acknowledged in 1998 by two highly prestigious awards: the Lewis Hine Award, presented to her by the National Child Labor Committee, and the Hero's Award from The Robin Hood Foundation.

She is considered by her own staff and others in the child-welfare community to have a special vision for disabled children, seeing the *abilities* of children with *disabilities*, unhindered by their physical or financial constraints.

Goldsmith's philosophy is personified in Tayo, an 18-year-old boy with cerebral palsy. Tayo had spent his first eight years of life in a hospital because his parents were unable to care for him. The staff at NAC believed that his hospitalization was

medically unnecessary and that he would be far better off living outside of the hospital. They initiated proceedings to make him eligible for foster care and then recruited a wonderful, caring woman to become his foster, and eventually adoptive, mother. Over the years, NAC has provided intensive medical support and counseling, as well as recreational activities, to Tayo and his family. In the spring of 2001, he graduated as valedictorian of his Long Island high school and received \$10,000 in scholarship funds to attend Hofstra University, where he has been accepted. "That's what it's all about," says Goldsmith, beaming.

—Barbara Kancelbaum

*Barbara Kancelbaum is a freelance writer living in Brooklyn, New York.*

## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Alumni Network or the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing lists.

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## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities and all details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

#### **Alumni Club of Greater Boston**

Sunday, May 5  
Alumni Matinee at Spingold  
"City of Angels"

Wednesday, May 15  
Downtown Lunch Series:  
"The Science Behind Art:  
Did van Eyck use lenses and  
Picasso neuroscience?" with  
Michael Henchman,  
Professor of Chemistry

#### **Alumni Club of Chicago**

Friday, May 10  
Milwaukee Brewers vs.  
Chicago Cubs Baseball  
Outing

#### **Alumni Club of Israel**

Sunday, May 12  
Reception with President  
Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72  
in Jerusalem

#### **Alumni Club of Arizona**

Sunday, May 19  
Philadelphia Phillies vs.  
Arizona Diamondbacks  
Baseball Outing

#### **Alumni Club of Westchester County**

Sunday, May 19  
"Reflections on Aging: Our  
mothers, fathers, ourselves"  
with Irene Anderman  
Guthcil '66, Professor,  
Graduate School of Social  
Service, Fordham  
University, in White Plains

#### **Alumni College**

Friday, June 7

#### **Alumni Reunion**

Friday, June 7-Sunday, June 9

**Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey President David Spiler '86, hosts Sharon and Kenneth '74 Fried, and Professor Gordon Fellman**

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### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

On November 8, Alumni Night at Spingold hosted alumni and guests for *Summerfolk*, a Maxim Gorky play. They enjoyed a dessert reception with members of the cast and crew in the Dreitzer Gallery before the show. The event chairs were Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Melissa Bank '99. The Downtown Lunch Series kicked off on November 14 with a wonderful presentation by David Cunningham, assistant professor of sociology, Ph.D. candidates Barb Browning and Cheryl Kingma-Keikhofer, and Aaron Kagan '02. They shared some of their experiences and research from the course that culminated on a 32-day bus trip around the east and southeastern part of the country: "Brandeis on the Road: Possibilities for Change in American Communities." Learn more at [www.brandeis.edu/](http://www.brandeis.edu/)

departments/sociology/bus (See *Brandeis Review*, Fall/Winter 2001/02). Larry Uchill '69 hosts the program at his firm Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP in Boston and Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 chairs the series.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

Stephen and Laurie Slater '74 Albert hosted a "Sunday Jazz Brunch" that featured The George Kahn '73 Quartet. Local alumni enjoyed the sounds and gathering at the Alberts' home in Malibu on September 9.

### Alumni Club of Israel

The Club hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Jonathan Sarna '75, M.A. '75, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, who was in Israel on sabbatical. He discussed "Jewish Lessons from the 2000 U.S. Presidential Election" with alumni and guests on November 3.

### Alumni Club of Long Island

On September 6, alumni gathered to watch the U.S. Open Tennis Championships-Quarterfinal Matches at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, New York. The event chair was Risa Beth Glaser '85.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Alumni enjoyed a Multi-Ethnic Eating Tour of the Lower East Side, Chinatown, and Little Italy on October 14. On October 16, Yonina Weiss '79 chaired a program with Michael Roshash, professor of biology, Howard



Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, who spoke on "Behavioral Genetics: Our Bodies, Our Cells" at Brandeis House. Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman spoke with alumni of the sixties and seventies at Brandeis House on October 29 about today's students and activism.

On November 7, Victor R. Ney '81, president of the Alumni Club of New York City, and Adam J. Sheer '92 cochaired "Conflict Management in Family Enterprises," at Brandeis House. Local alumni attended the seminar featuring Mark Rubin, founder, senior consultant, The Metropolitan Group LLC, a family business consulting organization. Rita Golden Gelman '58, author of *Tales of a Female Nomad*, gave a reading and discussed her new book on November 15 at Brandeis House. Gelman is also the author of more than 70 children's books. "Hedge Funds: Do They Really Protect Your Money?" was the topic of a panel discussion moderated by Eric Weinstein '76 of Larch Lane Advisors. The November 27 event at Brandeis House featured panelists Martin Gross '72, Sandlewood Securities, Jason Mandel '96, Himelsein Mandel Advisors, and Jonathan Olesky '78, Solstice Equity Management.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

On October 28, Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman spoke about his book, *Rambo and the Dalai Lama: The Compulsion to Win and Its Threat to Human Survival*, and the effects of the September 11 terrorist attack at the home of Dr. Kenneth Fried '74 and his wife, Sharon. On November 4, Dan Morgenstern '57, director of the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University, welcomed local alumni to the Institute in Newark. The group visited the research and archival stacks and viewed personal items of some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world.

### Alumni Club of Southern New Jersey

The Club held its inaugural event on November 5 in Cherry Hill. Michael Bogdanow '76 of Lexington, Massachusetts, gave a talk at Temple Beth Shalom, where his *Visions of Torah: Contemporary Paintings Inspired By Ancient Texts* were on exhibit. Bogdanow discussed his inspiration for the paintings and then took the group through the exhibit and explained each piece in greater detail. The local alumni enjoyed the chance to get together at the club's first event and are planning more.

Massachusetts State Representative Jay Kaufman '68 speaks with students at the World of Law and Politics event

## Alumni Events

### Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

On November 4, the club hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Judith Tsipis, professor of biology and director, Genetic Counseling Program. Jan Solomon '73 hosted the event in her home in Washington, D.C., for the local alumni and their guests.

### Alumni Club of Westchester County

Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman spoke about his book, *Rambo and the Dalai Lama: The Compulsion to Win and Its Threat to Human Survival*, and the effects of the September 11 terrorist attack on October 28 at the home of Susan Epstein Deutsch '62, president of the Alumni Club of Westchester County, in Hastings-on-Hudson.

### Recent Graduates Network

The Recent Graduates Network of Boston sponsored a Wine Tasting Class on September 12 at Best Cellars in Brookline. Wendy Morris '95 organized the event. On October 24 the Recent Graduates Network of New York City hosted a social gathering and networking event at Session 73 restaurant/lounge on the Upper East Side. Erica Lowenfels '98 and Bram Weber '97 serve as cochairs for the committee. If you would like to help with the Network in your city, contact your local club president (see page 56) or call Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Future Alumni of Brandeis

The World of Law and Politics was held on October 25. Massachusetts State Representative Jay Kaufman '68 gave the keynote address. Other



alumni guests included Susanna Chilnick '99, student, Boston College Law School; Mitchell Cohen '76, attorney, Gordon Brothers Partners, Inc.; Miniard Culpepper '77, assistant general counsel for New England, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Gail Kleven Gelb '69, partner/attorney, Gelb & Gelb, LLP; Juan Marcel Marcelino '78, district administrator, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Nancy Brunell Mitchell '75, attorney, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Management; Wendy Morris '95, attorney, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP; and Lawrence Uchill '69, attorney, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP. The

alumni guests had dinner with Elida Kamine '03, Gregg Leppo '03, and Adam Perlin '03, the members of the Future Alumni of Brandeis who helped organize the event. After the keynote address, the invited alumni gave a brief introduction about their careers and areas of expertise. They were then seated so students could speak with them and ask questions.

### Family Weekend Legacy Reception

On November 3, the Alumni Association and Future Alumni of Brandeis hosted a Legacy Reception in the Faculty Center recognizing current students with family ties to Brandeis alumni as part of Family Weekend. David '73 and Phyllis

## Reunion 2002

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the family and enjoy a very special Brandeis weekend.

Truly relive your college experience by taking advantage of our on-campus housing option—now available without parietal hours. Or you may choose to stay at one of the area hotels. The Westin Hotel (781-290-5600) and the DoubleTree Guest Suites (781-890-6767) are offering special Brandeis Reunion rates.

Registration materials will be mailed in the spring, but don't wait! Information is now available on the Web at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2002>.

\*The Class of 1952 will celebrate its 50th Reunion on the weekend of May 24-26. See page 61 for details.

## Louie-Net

The Alumni Association now offers its members new online services through its Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. Alumni may register on this secure site for a username and password to access Louie-mail® and an alumni online directory. While you are there you may also update your contact information with the University, submit a Class Note, view a schedule of upcoming events, and more!

*Heroes*, a photographic exhibit by Carl Van Vechten. Keiler, author of *Marian Anderson: A Singer's Journey*, held a lively discussion about Anderson's life and work. The New York City Network also hosted Keiler in February. The Washington, D.C., Network also plans for a spring program. If you would like to become

Louie-mail® is a special Brandeis email address you may keep forever! This forwarding email address will follow you as you change Internet service providers, jobs, etc.

Find and contact former classmates through the Online Directory! Only Brandeis alumni who register will be able to access this information on our secure Website. Alumni will have the option to show or hide their contact information. A terms and conditions agreement that each registered user accepts protects you from directory misuse.

involved or to be included on the mailing list, please email [man@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:man@alumni.brandeis.edu) or call 781-736-4100.

### G/L/B/T Alumni Network

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (G/L/B/T) Alumni Network is growing in number with more than 350 self-identified members. The network is looking to develop programming and networking events in the Boston, New York City, and San Francisco areas, as well as to foster a stronger relationship with students by working with student organizations such as Triskelion (The GLBTQSA Alliance), BiSpace, Queers United Against Defamation (QUAD), and Shalem (Jewish G/L/B/T Group). If you are interested in joining

To register, just point your Web browser to <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> and in the menu bar go to Louie-Net and then Registration. Complete the fields with your first and last names, the school from which you received your first Brandeis degree, your class year, and the last four digits of your social security number, and you are ready to go! Should you have any questions, please contact Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 781-736-4041 or email [louienet@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:louienet@alumni.brandeis.edu).

the G/L/B/T Alumni Network and/or helping with programming, please email [gibt@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:gibt@alumni.brandeis.edu), or call Karen Cirrito, assistant director of alumni relations, at 781-736-4055. Please indicate whether you would like your name listed on the "open mailing list," which will be distributed only to other members of the G/L/B/T Alumni Network, as well as telling us what, if any, G/L/B/T groups you were affiliated with while you were a Brandeis student.

Brenner '75 Coburn, parents of Avi Coburn '04, gave a brief welcome to the Brandeis families in attendance, and then opened the reception up for guests to meet and reunite with one another.

### Minority Alumni Network

The Minority Alumni Network (MAN) promotes unity and networking among minority alumni through educational, career development, community, and social events. The Network provides a link and support mechanism to the greater Brandeis community of students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni clubs and organizations. Chaired by Joseph Perkins '66, the Boston Network met on campus on November 18 for a fall reception, with Allan Keiler, professor of music. The group viewed 'O. Write My Name': *American Portraits-Harlem*



Minority Alumni Network Chair Joseph Perkins '66 and Professor Allan Keiler in the Dreitzer Gallery on campus

Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, and President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72

## Travel Opportunities

With the goal of providing lifelong learning opportunities, the Alumni Association has partnered with Alumni Holidays' Alumni Campus Abroad program to offer an educational experience in an international environment conducive to learning, recreation, and fellowship. Following a successful first season with trips to Provence and Tuscany, the Brandeis University Alumni Association is pleased to announce trips to Greece and Cuba in 2002.

### Greece

On June 25-July 4, 2002, President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, will host an extraordinary, all-inclusive trip to Greece. Based on

the beautiful island village of Poros, located just off the coast of Athens, you need only unpack once as all of your excursions and activities begin and end at the Hotel New Aegli. This cultural immersion will offer an unprecedented opportunity to experience the local culture and people of Poros and the surrounding region.

### Cuba

Rediscover Cuba, a culturally and historically rich country that has been closed to the U.S. traveler for 40 years. Scheduled for October 25-31, 2002, this seven-day, six-night cultural exchange program features accommodations at the Parque Central, located in the center of old Havana. Our study program is operated by Worldguest with a license from the U.S. Department of Treasury to promote cultural exchange



and people-to-people contact. Our trip to Cuba will feature numerous excursions, as well as presentations on the country's history and culture. Don't let this rare educational travel opportunity pass by.

Trips are open to all members of the Brandeis community and space is extremely limited, so an early reservation is essential. To reserve your place, call Alumni Holidays at 800-323-7373. For additional information, check the Brandeis Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-746-4100, or email [travel@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:travel@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## Be a Part of the Connected University

### Alumni Mentor Program

This program is a new initiative intended to provide interested first-year students with an alumni mentor who they can contact for resource information, perspective about the University, and to generally assist with their overall adjustment to university life. The mentor program was conceived by President Reinharz and is intended to enhance the development of the "Connected University."

As an alumni mentor, you will be asked to:

Participate in a training program to receive information about the mentor role and the expectations for the relationship with your Brandeis first-year student;

Provide a welcome to your student through a note or phone call;

Meet with your student on campus at least once each semester;

Consider inviting your student off-campus to a family gathering, meal, community program, etc.;

Attend a special year-end dinner on campus.

Some allowances may be made for qualified mentors who do not live in the Greater Boston area.

If you are interested in being considered for this special role, please contact Michele J. Rosenthal, associate dean of undergraduate academic affairs and first year services, at 781-736-3470 or [mrosenth@brandeis.edu](mailto:mrosenth@brandeis.edu), or Jennifer Lewis, coordinator of the Women and Health Initiative and health professions advisor, at 781-736-3470 or [jlewis@brandeis.edu](mailto:jlewis@brandeis.edu).

## Alumni College 2002: Shaping the Future

**Friday, June 7, 2002**

Experience once again the excitement and challenge of a Brandeis classroom at Alumni College 2002: Shaping the Future. This daylong academic adventure for Brandeis alumni, their families, and friends of the University features Brandeis faculty members and alumni. The only prerequisites for participation are curiosity, imagination, and a desire to learn! [Please note: Classes and speakers are subject to change.]

Choose among classes in which you can...

Discuss the future of immigration, ethnicity, and race in the United States with **Lawrence H. Fuchs**, Meyer and Walter Jaffe

Professor of American Civilization and Politics, who is retiring from Brandeis after 50 years on the faculty;

Examine perceptions of America from home and abroad with **Wellington Nyangoni**, professor of African and Afro-American studies, **Linda Scherzer '82**, senior partner, Scherzer, Dubin and Associates, former Middle East correspondent for CNN and Israel Television, and **Stephen Solarz '62**, senior counselor at APCO Associates, former congressman, and special envoy to the Far East under President Clinton;

Consider the reinvention of the CIA with **Ted Gup '72**, Shirley Wormser Professor of Journalism at Case Western Reserve University, former investigative reporter, and

author of *The Book of Honor: Covert Lives and Classified Deaths at the CIA*;

Delve into issues of privacy with **Mary Davis**, adjunct associate professor of American studies, and **Margaret Salinger '82**, author of *Dream Catcher*, a memoir about life with her famous father, J.D. Salinger;

Tackle issues of the future of wireless communication with **Jordan Pollack**, associate professor of computer science and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, whose COLEM Project on evolutionary robotics made headlines in 2001;

Discuss the present state and future direction of media and the arts with **Michael Murray**, the Blanche, Barbara, and Irving

Laurie Adjunct Professor of Theater Arts and director, Theater Arts Program, film director and producer **Sam Weisman, M.F.A. '73**, and Arnie Reissman '64, writer/producer/performer and Brandeis lecturer;

Explore possibilities for change in American communities with **David Cunningham**, assistant professor of sociology, and Brandeis students who will share experiences from their course that culminated in a 32-day summer trip on a sleeper bus.

For more information about Alumni College 2002 or to register, please see the Alumni Relations Website at [alumni.brandeis.edu](http://alumni.brandeis.edu), or call Julie Smith-Bartoloni '90, associate director of university relations, at 781-736-4045.

## Welcoming Back the Pioneers...

This year we honor the first graduating class from Brandeis. We look forward to welcoming back the graduating Class of 1952.

During the weekend of May 24-26, 2002, the Class of 1952 will return to campus to re-live their pioneering days on campus. The first class to graduate from Brandeis University marched down the aisle, into graduate schools all

over America, and into the world. They have proudly represented Brandeis for the last 50 years, and will join the Class of 2002 to celebrate with them their entrance to the world beyond Brandeis.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations now for the Class of 1952 Reunion weekend, May 24-26, 2002, at the Westin Hotel (781-290-5600).



Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we usually are unable to print lists of classmates who attend each other's weddings or other functions. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the *Brandeis Review* will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

## '52

**50th Reunion  
May 24-26, 2002**  
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**Julian Koss**, Class of '52 Reunion Program Committee chair, writes, "During the weekend of May 24-26, the Class of 1952 will celebrate its 50th anniversary. On June 16, 1952, the first class to graduate from Brandeis University marched down the aisle, into graduate schools all over America, and into the world. Of the 107 who matriculated in 1948, 101 graduated. We have proudly represented Brandeis for the last 50 years, and will proudly join the Class of 2002 to celebrate with them their entrance to the world beyond Brandeis. I would like to urge all of my fellow classmates to join in the celebration. Come to Reunion weekend May 24-26, 2002. Welcome back!" Visit our Website to see who plans to attend at alumni.brandeis.edu

## '53

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Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N. Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069  
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**Henry Braun** (M.A. '57, English and American literature) writes poetry in the woods of Maine. **Susan Lackritz Kaplan** has been consulting in organization

development since retirement two years ago. She and her husband, Dick, have enjoyed traveling to Africa, Australia, China, England, and many U.S. spots over the last two years. Their grown children bring them much joy and they are looking forward to being grandparents. Susan writes, "Dick and I very much enjoyed the last Reunion and look forward to the 50th!" Two of **Sandra Siegel Cohen** paintings were exhibited at the Sonoma Museum of Visual Art. The show was juried by Kenneth Baker, *San Francisco Chronicle* art critic. The exhibition ran from October to December 2001.

## '56

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**Alberta Gotthardt Strage** hosted the 14th Annual Thanksgiving Tea, on November 25, 2001, in London, for the Alumni Club of England.

## '57

**45th Reunion  
June 7-9, 2002**  
Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468  
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Hello classmates, I guess the events of fall 2001 have reminded us that each moment and person in our lives is more precious than ever. Well, the time is coming soon when we can revisit our Brandeis experience and see those more and less familiar faces (none of which will have changed since 1957!). Are you ready? We are! Meanwhile let's whet everyone's appetite for Reunion and send news.

**Joan Lapedos Braun** is a marriage and family therapist with an office in Farmington, ME. **Moriei Schlesinger Weisberg** enjoys retirement. She is involved in book discussion groups while writing book reviews for local publications. She is the chair of the Adult Education Committee for Temple Beth David, which creates special events, such as the Annual Scholar-in-Residence

weekend. She is very active musically: singing in two choruses, playing chamber music and orchestra, and is on the board of an arts council. She is promoting the compositions of **Simon Sargon '59** in all her groups. Her four grandsons are the frosting on the cake.

## '58

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The Alumni Club of New York City held a book signing and reception at Brandeis House with **Rita Golden Gelman '58**, author of *Tales of a Female Nomad: Living Large in the World*, in November 2001, as part of her national book tour.

## '59

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## '60

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## '61

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**Robert Mouthrop** has been national director of communications for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in New York City since 1999. JDRF's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

## '62

**40th Reunion  
June 7-9, 2002**  
Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070  
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**Ira Shoolman**, Class of '62 Reunion Program Committee cochair, writes, "As the old saying goes, 'One brand won't burn in an oven, but two will burn in an open field.' So make each other happy by contributing the spark of your presence to the Class of '62 40th Reunion. The quality, as well as quantity, of spiritual warmth and chemistry we generate will be increased exponentially by each additional one of us who comes back!" **Susan Epstein Deutsch** hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event featuring Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman in October 2001 for the Alumni Club of Westchester County. She is also serving as the club president as well as a member of both Reunion committees. **Roger Wertheimer** was appointed distinguished chair in ethics of the United States Naval Academy, 2001

## '63

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## '64

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## '65

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**Joel Perlmutter '65** and his wife, **Janet Strassman-Perlmutter '80**, practice psychotherapy in Worcester, MA, where they relocated last year.

## '66

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**Mark Kramer**, formerly writer-in-residence and professor of journalism at Boston University, moved to the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University to start and direct a "center for narrative journalism," where he will teach an in-house weekly seminar to the Niemans. **Barry Pomerantz** appeared in the Provincetown Fringe Festival production of *The Letters of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg* in the summer of 2001. During the winter season Barry appears regularly as a therapist in Newton, MA. **Bill Schneider**, senior political analyst, CNN, gave the address for Brandeis Night 2001, held on October 30 in Chicago.

## '67

**35th Reunion  
June 7-9, 2002**  
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**Eve Hlavay Cimmel**, Class of '67 Reunion Program Committee chair, writes, "Where else can you have fun with a bunch of people, all of whom are guaranteed to be smart, to know what 'parietal hours' means, and to know how old you are? Don't miss our 35th Reunion!"

## '68

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# '69

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# '70

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**Roy L. DeBerry, Jr.** (M.A. '78, politics, Ph.D. '79) is vice president for economic development and government affairs at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS. Lerner Publications published **Paul Fleisher's** book *Ice Cream Treats: The Inside Scoop*. The book is written for upper elementary and middle school aged readers and follows the entire process of manufacturing Good Humor ice cream bars. Lerner Publications has also just released *Secrets of the Universe* a five-volume re-issue of Paul's first book. Paul teaches gifted students at Binford Middle School in Richmond, VA. **William "Bill" Lebovich** had his first Internet article published in the July 25, 2001 issue of ArchitectureWeek.com. The article and his accompanying photographs detailed the restoration of the Virginia Executive Mansion, the oldest residence for a governor in the country dating to the beginning of the 19th century. **Jaqueline McDonald Martin** lives and works as a registered nurse in Wisconsin's Great Northwoods.

# '71

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**Djessan Philippe Djangone-Bi** is the new permanent representative of Cote d'Ivoire to the United Nations. Prior to his current appointment, Djessan served from 2000 to 2001 as head of the International Cooperation Division in his country's Ministry for Higher Education and Scientific Research. He is also a senior lecturer in the Department of English, University of Cocody, Abidjan.

# '72

**30th Reunion  
June 7-9, 2002**  
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**Michael Hammerschmidt** Class of '72 Reunion Program Committee chair, writes: "Thirty years ago we were part of the class that didn't trust anyone over 30. Now we're over 50! Let's get together and see if we can figure out who we should trust now! Hope to see you at Reunion." **Nancy Katzen Kaufman** received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Northeastern University in June 2001. She has gained national recognition for her work in support of social justice. Nancy has served as the executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Boston for over 10 years. **Michal Regunburg**, vice president of public affairs at Brandeis, is also a Brandeis alumni mentor. The mentor program was created in order to enable alumni to provide practical guidance to first-year students, thereby reinforcing their own connection to the University.

# '73

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**George Kahn** took the summer off from "gigging" and has been focusing on writing material for his next CD, which he hopes to record in early 2002. George performed with the George Kahn Quartet, at a jazz brunch for Brandeis alumni in Malibu, CA, on September 9, 2001. **Darlene Green Kamine** is serving as a Brandeis alumni mentor to a first-year student. **Charles Klein** received the Rabbi of the Year Award from the New York Board of Rabbis, the oldest and largest board of rabbis in the United

States. Of being chosen for the award, he says, "They've seen the work I've done there over 24 years. We try to offer programs that touch every person in our congregation and community on a weekly basis." Charles also represents the Jewish point of view on "Circle of Faith," a Telecard religious roundtable. For the past 10 years he has worked on pastoral care in hospitals, prisons, and developmental centers throughout New York State. **Jakki Kouffman Sperber** lives in Santa Fe, NM. She shows her paintings in Santa Fe at Ventanna Fine Art, in Taos at Horizon Fine Art, and in Anchorage, AK, at Artque Ltd. One of her paintings was chosen by the New Mexico Committee to be included in the National Museum of Women in the Arts show at the Harwood Museum in Taos. The Studio of Creative Movement, owned and operated by **Joanne Peros Sinerate**, celebrated 25 seasons of dance education in Waltham, MA. Joanne and five other instructors see over 400 students weekly, pre-school through adult, for jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical swing, hip-hop, and belly dance. She also contributes choreography to local school productions, choreographs and codirects summer youth theater, and presents movement workshops. She lives with her husband, John, and two daughters, Jesse and Dana. **Joel Reich**, senior vice president for medical affairs, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, received the Habitat Haverim Chapter outstanding volunteer award, given by Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity at a ceremony in October 2001. Joel volunteers regularly with the nonprofit organization as a construction crew leader. He is an advocate for the economical housing program in the Jewish community and was selected as this year's recipient for his contributions to Habitat's mission. **Jan Solomon** hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event featuring Professor of Biology and Director of the Genetic Counseling Program Judith Tsjips in November 2001 for the Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

# '74

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**Michael J. Brooks** was appointed district court judge for the Natick, MA, District Court by former Governor Paul Cellucci. He writes, "I am basically riding the circuit and mostly sit in Worcester, Marlborough, Framingham, Woburn, and occasionally even in Natick. The job is interesting and exciting and I am thoroughly enjoying it." Mike and his family relocated to Concord,



Kathryn M. Dion

MA, in September of 2001. **Kathryn M. Dion** was promoted to senior vice president at Banknorth Investment Management Group, NA, in Portland, ME. As senior investment manager, she is responsible for overseeing all investment management activities in Maine. Kathryn joined Banknorth Investment in 1977 and has more than 15 years in investment management experience. She previously served as a vice president, regional investment manager, and portfolio manager. She is a certified financial advisor and is a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society and the Association for Investment Management and Research. **Susan Kay Feigenbaum** was named by the late Governor Mel Carnahan to serve as a

trustee of the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Board, which makes decisions about medical insurance for state employees. She also assumed the responsibilities of chair of the economics department at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. **Kenneth Fried** and his wife, Sharon, hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event featuring Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman in October 2001 for the Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey. **Heidi Raven** (M.A. '74, history of ideas, Ph.D. '84, history of ideas) was promoted from associate professor to full professor in the religious studies department at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY. Heidi, who joined the Hamilton College faculty in 1983, teaches Jewish studies, Hebrew Bible, and the philosophy of religion. Her fields of interest are Jewish philosophy, feminist ethics, and G.W.F. Hegel. Her edited volume, *Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy*, was published by SUNY in 2001. **Steven Ruby** was elected to the international board of directors of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). JDRF gives more money to diabetes research than any other nonprofit, nongovernmental health agency in the world. **Laurie Slater Albert** and her husband, Stephen, hosted a Sunday jazz brunch featuring **The George Kahn '73** Quartet, on September 9, 2001, for the Alumni Club of Southern California.

# '75

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I, **Barbara Alpert**, joined the 2001 class of New York City Teaching Fellows in May 2001, began work on my master's degree at Lehman College in June, and started teaching summer school in July. After surviving and passing two teacher certification tests (the LSAT and CST) more than 25 years after I took the SATs(!), I now teach elementary school at PS 277 in the South Bronx. After 20 years as an editor and writer, I decided to help "grow" the next generation of readers, writers, innovators, activists,

and caring individuals who will shape the future. **Phyllis Brenner Coburn** gave the welcoming remarks for the Brandeis University Family Weekend Legacy Reception on November 3, 2001. Many legacy alumni and students were in attendance including her husband, **David H. Coburn '73**, and their son, **Avi Coburn '04**. **Jay S. Pepose** (M.A. '75, biology), director of the Pepose Vision Institute in St. Louis, MD, founded the Midwest Cornea Research Foundation, with a goal of fostering new innovations in the treatment of corneal disease. His institute was the first nationwide to receive the Bausch & Lomb Excellence in Vision Correction Award. Jay was recently recognized in the first edition of *America's Top Doctors*. While on sabbatical, Brandeis Professor **Jonathan Sarna** (M.A. '75, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) was the guest speaker at a Faculty-in-the-Field event in November 2001 in Jerusalem for the Alumni Club of Israel. **Terrie Williams** adds to her resume as public relations whiz, lecturer, and author with her newest book, *Stay Strong: Simple Life Lessons for Teens* (Scholastic), which includes an introduction by Queen Latifah. She is also the author of *The Personal Touch: What You Really Need to Succeed in Today's Fast-Paced Business World*.

# '76

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**Michael Bogdanow** of Lexington, MA, was the featured artist at an exhibit, talk, and reception in November 2001, for the Alumni Club of Southern New Jersey. **Benjamin Gomes-Casseres**, associate professor of international business in the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance at Brandeis, received the Decade Award from the *Journal of International*

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1973	Clayton M. Austin	Brandon Laimer Salvatore Giavoni	June 21, 2001
1983	Caren Fierwerker Boroshok Amy Oshansky Knopf	Tyler Matthew Theodore Isaac	June 21, 2001 September 26, 2001
1984	Gil Anav	Deborah Guadalupe	July 20, 2001
1985	Christopher Bean	Alexander Charles Jacob Bradbury Michael David Lawrence	June 6, 2001 March 23, 2001 January 3, 2000
1986	Seth Harris Grae Marc D. Mitkoff and Eric N. Lutsky '84	Adam Ethan Eric Matthew	May 2, 2001 October 6, 2000
1987	Lisa R. Rynston-Lobel Amy Schoenblum Jennifer C. Braimon Michelle A. Hollander and John F. McCarthy	Jordan Elana Rebecca Susan Miranda Geraldine	October 26, 2000 July 26, 2001 January 11, 2000
1988	Cheryl Goren Robins Deborah Rosen Fidel	Nina Alexis Joshua Aaron	July 13, 2001 June 14, 2001
1989	Stephanie Gruber Rippis David A. Klein	Ethan Joel Samuel Joseph Evan Paul Rena Bruk Stephen Matthew	January 26, 2001 July 27, 2001 January 7, 1999 September 17, 2001 October 20, 2000
1990	Robert Levy Laura Benall Rabin and Michael Rabin '91 Melissa Benenfeld and Jeffrey Merovitz '91	Matthew Ezra	June 12, 2001
1991	Lisa Brenner Cheri Grossman Belkowitz and Harold Belkowitz '89 Amy Meyerson Friedman and Saul Friedman '90 Tracy E. Love-Geffen and Marc A. Geffen '89 Andrea L. Pass and Alvin Marcovici Rachel Remler Audrey Sobel and Jeremy Pressman Jonathan A. Tabachnikoff	Benjamin Owen Samuel Joshua Zachary Evan Alyssa Leah Ansel Leighton Oliver Joseph Noah Jacob Zachary Micah Harrison Mitchell	August 25, 2001 May 4, 2001 March 24, 2000 April 11, 2000 April 9, 2001 August 27, 1999 March 24, 2000 November 20, 1999 April 29, 2001 May 31, 2001
1992	Shira Linker Berger and Garry A. Berger '91 Debra Mandel Johnson Tracy Markhoff Coe and Brian J. Coe '91 Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz and Charles Tanowitz	Aurora Caillia Jason Andrew Benjamin Spencer	May 16, 2001 July 17, 2001 December 7, 2001
1993	Debra Bernstein Gertler Sara Chandros Hull Melissa Palat Murawsky and Nathan M. Murawsky '92	Michael Samuel David Jessica Brooke Samantha Michelle Benjamin Kiva	May 31, 2000 December 14, 2000 February 7, 2001 May 5, 1999 April 11, 2001
1994	Barbara F. Berwald and Andrew T. Dietz '92 Jonathan Leiken Shira Mermelstein Rothschild Robyn Welfeld Hartman	Caleigh Alexa Rachel Bailey Reese Addison Matthew Sara Nell	September 11, 2001 July 11, 2001 January 5, 2001
Grad	Crystal Fleuty Isola '83		February 27, 2001

*Business Studies* for his article concerning the dynamics of bargaining between multinational enterprises and the governments of the countries in which they invest funds.

## '77

### 25th Reunion June 6-9, 2002

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Our 25th Reunion is almost upon us! We hope you are able to come back to campus, reconnect with old friends, and even meet new friends you never knew were your Brandeis classmates.

**Gabor Galambos** is the author of *Stealing Pike's Peak*, a globe-hopping tale of kidnapping that revolves around the abduction of all-star football player, Zach Pike, by Islamic terrorists. The book holds an unexpected relevance in the wake of the September 11 attacks on America. **Carol Sarshik** and **Larry Backman** celebrated their 23rd anniversary in August 2001. Carol, Larry, their daughters, Jenna (15) and Allie (12), and their dog, Shadow, spend lots of time in Falmouth, MA, during the summer. Please email sarshic@polaroid.com if you're visiting Cape Cod in the summer. **Donna Spiegelman**, associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Harvard School of Public Health, was named a fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA) in a presentation ceremony during the ASA Presidential Address at the joint statistical meetings in August 2001 in Atlanta.

capacity, Marc founded and operates a nonprofit called CAVNET (Communities Against Violence Network), which addresses violence against women. He formerly served as special counsel to the Violence Against Women Office at the Justice Department. He can be reached at mdubin@pobox.com

**Kenneth Paul Rosenberg** won a Peabody Award for his role as an executive producer of a cable documentary health program. He also presented two papers at the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting on his research on sexual disorders. Ken's daughter, Claire, is 6, his son, Alexander, is 12, and they are living in "that lovely hamlet of Scarsdale, NY." He also writes, "No more films or research projects for the time being, with two college tuitions on the way, I'm working solely on my psychiatric practice in Manhattan." **David Segal** (M.M.H.S. '83, human services management) was promoted to senior vice president of operations at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Massachusetts.

pediatrics at the University of Rochester, in New York. He was appointed a member of the Public Health Service U.S. Preventative Services Task Force. In June 2001, **Evan J. Krame** opened a new law firm, Altman & Krame, in Rockville, MD. The firm's practice areas are estate planning, probate, and guardianships. Evan works extensively on estate planning for persons with disabilities.

## '80

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Actress **Stephanie Clayman** earned high praise from national critics for her comic turn in MGM's film, *What's the Worst that Could Happen?*, starring Martin Lawrence and Danny DeVito, and directed by fellow Brandeisian, **Sam Weisman** (M.F.A. '73, theater arts). **Lila J. Feingold** runs a resource and study center for immigrant children at Amherst Regional High School in Massachusetts. She works with kids from 23 countries who speak 18 different languages. She writes: "Arm-chair travel has never been so much fun!" **Nancy Hochman**, of Portland, OR, visited **Jennifer Roskies**, who lives in Jerusalem, in February 2001. This was the first time they had seen each other since 1980! **Peggy Levitt**, assistant professor in the sociology department at Wellesley College and an associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, is the author of a new book, *The Transnational Villagers*, published by the University of California Press. **Janet**

## '79

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**Eric R. Braverman** serves as the medical director of the Place for Achieving Total Health (PATH) Medical Clinic in New York City. He has published several articles in the *Journal of Molecular Psychiatry* and his newest book on the topic of brain health will be released in 2002. **Jonathan Klein** is an associate professor of

## '78

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**Marc Oubin** is a senior trial attorney in the disability rights section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C., where he is responsible for enforcing the Americans With Disabilities Act on behalf of the U.S. In his private



Jennifer Roskies and  
Nancy Hochmann

**Strassman-Perlmutter** has published feature stories in *New England Travel and Life* magazine including stories on Nantucket, Boston's North End, and biking New Hampshire's White Mountains. Her travel writing on river rafting with a preschooler appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*. In addition to traveling and writing, Janet and her husband, **Joel Perlmutter '65**, practice psychotherapy in Worcester, MA, where they relocated last year.

together to make sure you're doing great and just catch up. I am sure we all have some wonderful news to share. I know that some of you were promoted, some got married, some had kids and yes, even twins, some of you may have gotten a book or an article published, some of you might have traveled to interesting places both near and far, and I am sure that a few of you have even learned some really wonderful new things. So please email me or drop a card to let me/us know. **Barry H. Bloch** was appointed general counsel for the North Carolina Board of Mortuary Science on September 7, 2001. The board is responsible for the administration and regulation of the profession of funeral service in North Carolina. It reviews license applications, administers examinations, licenses qualified applicants, and regulates the professional practice of the licensees throughout the state. As general counsel Barry will supervise investigation of complaints and prosecute those requiring further action. **Lisa Field**, Class of '82 Reunion Program Committee chair, writes, "20 years. It's time to revisit the place where you grew up. I mean the place where you learned to live on your own, stay up all night, wash when you wanted and study or not study...where you first became master of your universe. Brandeis was a safe place to do that. I'd like to see how the campus feels now, surrounded by the same people from the Class of '82. See you at Usdan, I hope. Bring pictures!" **Mitchell Friedman** was named a guest expert in public relations by workz.com, a community and information resource for small ecommerce businesses. The site has received top honors from Forbes.com, inc.com, and *Fortune Small Business* magazine. As a guest expert, Mitchell contributes a monthly column addressing the challenges of practicing public relations online. **L. David Rubinowitz** lives in Houston, TX, and practices bankruptcy law.

'83  
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I've heard from a few of you and it's great to be able to pass along this news from the following classmates: **Diane Cohen Nataf** has lived in Jerusalem, Israel, for the past six years where she teaches at Midreshet Rachel College of Jewish Studies for Women and is in-house editor for Feldheim Publishers. Her four kids and husband keep her very busy, she writes, but she is trying to enjoy her midlife crisis as best she can. Note to Diane from all of her 40ish classmates: aren't we all? **Iris B. Kliman Bloom** is serving as a Brandeis alumni mentor. The mentor program was created in order to enable alumni to provide practical guidance to first-year students. **Alan Heideman** lives in Edison, NJ, and is a radiologist at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center where he serves as director of the Departments of Diagnostic Imaging and Magnetic Resonance Imaging. He and his wife of 13 years have just welcomed a fifth child to the family. Their son, Dorit, joins his three brothers, Matthew, Jason and Aaron, and his sister, Sari. **Lance A. Kawesch** joined the Boston office of Schnader Harrison Goldstein & Manello as a corporate lawyer specializing in equity financings, mergers and acquisitions, and public company securities law. **Adam Field** reports that after five years teaching social studies at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, MD, he now teaches social studies for the Montgomery County Public Schools at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD. **Oavid Lewis** is president of Manchester Trade Ltd., an international business advisory firm in Washington, D.C., whose work centers on trade and investment advisory services to companies, governments, and international organizations in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and the United States. He was recently invited to Brandeis to present a lecture on "Hemispheric Integration and Free Trade in the Americas: A New Development

Paradigm?" cosponsored by the Latin American Studies Program and the Sustainable International Development Program. **Marc Rothenberg** resides in Cincinnati, OH, with his wife Joy and their three daughters. Marc is director of the allergy/immunology division at Children's Hospital Medical Center and leads a major research program focused on allergy problems. He would love to hear from classmates at rothenberg@echmcc.org **Richard Grant** has recently signed on with the IT strategy consulting and systems integration firm of ADS Financial Services™ as senior vice president, sales. Exclusively serving the financial services industry, Richard will be responsible for driving the company's sales and business development strategy nationwide, spearheading sales growth efforts and managing ADS's sales team and administrative operations. **Penny Jean Culliton** writes in that she is teaching English and American literature at a regional high school in New Ipswich, NH, where she also advises the school's human rights and diversity clubs and the Gay-Straight Alliance. She has been married to Randy Wright since 1987. Since receiving his 2001 Guggenheim Fellowship, **Leigh Witchel** has premiered four new ballets including a new solo performed by New York City Ballet principal dancer Peter Boal to traditional Japanese Koto music played by Masayo Ishigure for his dance company, Dance as Ever. **Alon Kapen** reports that in October 2000 he joined the Uniondale, NY, law firm of Farrell Fritz, P.C., as a partner and last March married Amal Raad. **Robert Baker** is an ophthalmologist and newly elected president of the New Rochelle Lions Club. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Purchase, NY, with their two American Eskimo dogs, Shakespeare and Mozart, and their Papillon, Ginger. Shakespeare is the top winning American Eskimo dog in the history of the American Kennel Club. Thanks for all the updates everyone, and to the rest of you...keep the news coming!

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'81  
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**Jeffrey Menkin** ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on October 28, 2001, raising over \$2,500 for the Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown Hospital. Jeff is a senior trial attorney with the Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations, which investigates and deports Nazi war criminals living in the United States. He has also been performing with ComedySportz, a professional improv troupe in Washington, D.C., since 1992.

'82  
**20th Reunion**  
**June 7-9, 2002**  
Ellen Cohen, Class Correspondent, 1007 Euclid Street, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90403 1982notes.alumni.brandeis.edu

I know it's been (wow, I can't even choke out the number) it's been a long time since that day in May when we flung our hats high in that rainy Waltham sky. But sometimes, it feels like it was just a few years ago. Some days I think of all of you that I knew in college, all my friends, roommates, suitemates, teammates, classmates, and just plain old mates and I can't believe that I haven't spoken with most of you in years. With all the troubles in the world now, I think of all the people I've spent really great times with and wish I could gather us all

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# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1966	<b>Michael J. Gundle</b> to Nina Schorr	June 24, 2001
1982	<b>L. David Rabinowitz</b> to Lena Yakubfeld	July 14, 2001
1986	<b>Daniel C. Thomas</b> to Susanne Boesch	August 25, 2000
1983	<b>Alon Y. Kapen</b> to Amal Raad	March 31, 2001
1987	<b>Jessica Anne Schwartz</b> to Michael Goodman	June 25, 2000
1990	<b>Hope Berger Levav</b> to Melanie Kohler	August 20, 2000
	<b>Lee Ryan Miller</b> to Beth Au	July 10, 2001
1992	<b>Suzanne I. Cohen</b> to David Goldstein	October 21, 2001
	<b>Alison Felix</b> to Mark Berger	October 20, 2001
	<b>Dylan Kaufman</b> to Dawn Paxson	November 11, 2000
	<b>Marilyssa A. Landesman</b> to Mitchell Langberg	September 23, 2001
	<b>Mikhal Stein</b> to Ron Bouganim	July 1, 2001
	<b>Rebecca Tuchinsky</b> to Brian Morris	April 30, 2000
	<b>Stephanie Zaref</b> to Antony Morales	July 22, 2001
1993	<b>Beth Berman</b> to <b>Steven S. Wechsler</b>	September 3, 2000
1994	<b>Leslie Effron</b> to Jason Levin	December 2, 2000
	<b>Tara M. Madden</b> to <b>Robert H. Hughes</b>	June 2, 2001
	<b>Tanya Malinsky</b> to David Siff	June 25, 2000
1995	<b>Julie Blasbalg</b> to Andrew Manilow	August 19, 2001
	<b>David Esterman</b> to Lori Marks	May 20, 2001
	<b>Joshua Konigsberg</b> to Danielle Haberman	June 30, 2001
	<b>Jenifer Silver</b> to Scott Madison	September 30, 2001
1996	<b>Eddie Bruckner</b> to Debra Swotinsky	December 29, 2001
	<b>Jessica Tamar Charish</b> to Jay Lampert	August 12, 2001
	<b>Alissa DuBrow</b> to Jonathan Meltzer	July 15, 2000
	<b>Rachel Marie Gans</b> to <b>Peter M. Boriskin '95</b>	July 1, 2001
	<b>Nathaniel Jason Goldberg</b> to Maria del Rocio Chavez	August 19, 2001
	<b>Jordana F. Grand</b> to <b>Andrew H. Levine '98</b>	June 9, 2001
	<b>Karine Shemel</b> to <b>Joshua David Rosenberg</b>	June 17, 2000
1997	<b>Anna Kagan</b> to Sean Isaac Savitz	September 30, 2001
	<b>Miriam "Mimi" Ruth Sager</b> to Marc Joel Yokowitz	June 24, 2001
1998	<b>Danielle E. Auslander</b> to <b>Christopher "Jed" Fluehr</b>	September 21, 2001
	<b>Deborah L. Bartelt</b> to <b>Andrew A. Guillen, Jr.</b>	June 24, 2001
	<b>Jacqueline Braun</b> to Justin Garrod	March 17, 2001
	<b>Shana E. Brickman</b> to Matthew Scott Dukette	May 18, 2001
	<b>Mara Hope Gustman</b> to <b>Robert S. Sherman</b>	July 15, 2001
	<b>Irina Kotovskaya</b> to Michael Fazio	May 27, 2000
	<b>Wendy S. Stein</b> to Scott Harsfield	June 24, 2001
	<b>Randi E. Thayer</b> to Douglas E. Horton	October 20, 2001
	<b>Daniella Tobin</b> to <b>Reuben Liber</b>	October 21, 2001
	<b>Robyn Whipple</b> to Geoffrey Diaz	July 27, 2001
1999	<b>Sara Schatz</b> to <b>Kenneth Goldstein</b> (M.F.A. '00, Theater Arts)	August 5, 2001
2000	<b>Michael H. Conn</b> (M.A. '01, International Economics and Finance) to <b>Cara Ann Aisley</b>	June 30, 2001
Grad	<b>Samuel Elihu Simon '94</b> (M.A., Psychology) to <b>Jill Robin Zimmer</b>	June 2, 2001



The wedding of **Leslie Effron '94** to **Jason Levin**

## '84

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## '85

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You may be too busy to read the newspaper or what used to be your favorite magazine, but you cannot possibly be too busy to read "Class Notes" in the *Brandeis Review*. We know that this section is what you turn to first to find out what our friends are doing, where they are living, and what celebrities they are dating (okay, that might be going a little bit too far—you can read *Star Magazine* for that). Anyway, this section only works with your help. Inquiring minds want to know. With all of these references to the entertainment business, you would think I live in southern California. It just takes a minute, and with email even less. Let me know how you are so that I can share it with everybody else. Here are the most recent submissions for your reading enjoyment.

**Ellen Joy Baker Awrich** is a trademark attorney at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and lives in Gaithersburg, MD, with her husband, 8-year-old son, and 6-year-old daughter. Last spring, her family traveled to the Beaches Resort in Turks and Caicos. **Mark Beeman** teaches and performs research at the University of Pennsylvania in the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience. His wife, 3-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old son moved to Philadelphia. **Cerise Lynn Cameron Grice** is an attorney living in northern California with her husband and two children. **Daphne Blutinger Carmeli** received her M.B.A. and C.M.U. degrees, is married to Alon Carmeli, and has two boys, Ariel (9), and Oren (6). **Aaron Finkel** is an executive editor in the newsletters division of *Institutional*

*Investor* magazine. He and his wife, Emily Alejos, have a 3-year-old daughter, Daniela, and a 6-month-old son, Enrique. **Shira Sanders** will be living in Ithaca, NY, from August 2001 to August 2002, while her husband, Raphael, completes his post-doctoral degree at Cornell University. Shira had been living in Israel. **Katherine A. Schuman**, after living in Europe for almost seven years (Germany and London), moved back to New York to become the artistic administrator of Carnegie Hall.

## '86

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**David Bergman** celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of his law firm, Frydman & Bergman. David concentrates in plaintiff's commercial and securities litigation. **David Brensilber** and **Bonnie Gittleman Brensilber '87** moved out of New York City and bought a house in Old Westbury, Long Island. They have been living there this past year with their two daughters, Jamie (6) and Carly (3). **Tamira A. Goodstein** moved to Fredricksburg, VA, in August 2000 to work as director of student activities and community services at Mary Washington College. She is responsible for leadership development, programming, large campus events, advising student groups, and working on community service programs. She writes: "Mary Washington College is a small, liberal arts institution outside of a major metropolitan area. In other words, it has some similarities to Brandeis. I love the students, the staff, and the college. I also really like the community. I have been involved with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation as a volunteer and it is very rewarding." **Lisa Rynston-Lobel** and her husband, Scott Lobel, had an eventful year in 2000. They moved into a house in Lisa's hometown of Port Washington, NY, and had a son, Eric, in October. Lisa left her job as a social worker at Arms Acres Outpatient Services where she worked for five years as a case manager, and is staying at home with Eric for a while before returning

to work. Eric was born into a family of Brandeis alumni; in addition to his mother, his aunt, **Lori Lobel Underberger '82**, and his uncle, **Gregg Lobel '88**, are both Brandeisians! **Daniel C. Thomas** is assistant professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. During 1998-1999, he was Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. He is the author of *The Helsinki Effect. International Norms, Human Rights, and the Demise of Communism*. Through this book, Daniel shows that the norms established by the Helsinki Final Act undermined the viability of one-party Communist rule and thereby contributed significantly to the largely peaceful and democratic changes of 1989, as well as the end of the Cold War. Drawing on both governmental and nongovernmental sources, he offers a powerful Constructivist alternative to Realist theory's failure to anticipate or explain these crucial events. Daniel was married in Thun, Switzerland, in 2000.

## '87

### 15th Reunion June 7-9, 2002

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**Bonnie Gittleman Brensilber** and **David Brensilber '86** moved out of New York City and bought a house in Old Westbury, Long Island. They have been living there this past year with their two daughters, Jamie (6) and Carly (3). **Michael Kivort** 15th Reunion Program Committee chair, writes: "Wow. Fifteen years. Do you realize that's 105 in dog years? Kinda puts things in perspective, I think. As someone who, for various reasons, was not able to

attend our 5th or 10th Reunions. I am especially excited about our 15th. I and the rest of the Program Committee are working hard to make the weekend both stimulating and relaxing, giving you plenty of time to just hang out with your friends while at the same time providing activities that will hopefully remind you why it was you chose to attend Brandeis in the first place. I hope to see all of you in June. **Michael J. Ramer** (M.A. '89, International Economics and Finance) is a national trainer for the search and placement industry. His firm, Ramer Search Consultants, in West Orange, NJ, is in its third year. In addition to his undergraduate degree, Mike was graduated in the first class of Brandeis's Graduate School of Economics and Finance (GSIEF).

## '88

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Apparently GOOD things do come in threes. Both **Roger and Sue Feldstein Frankel** and **Deborah Rosen Fidel** welcome their families' third child. **Cheryl Goren Robins** and **Aaron Greenberg** also announce the births of their newborns. Look for their news in the "Birth and Adoptions Section" of this Review. In other news, **Adam Brauer** is still in California where he is now senior producer on the daytime talk show, *The Other Half*. (If you work, you probably will never see it.) He's been nominated for two Emmys. When not working, he spends his time in New York with his children, Josh, who hits a baseball further than he admits he ever could, and Sarah, who has him wrapped around her finger. Anyone who would like to chat can reach him at [ajbrauer@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ajbrauer@ix.netcom.com). When **Cheryl Goren Robins** is not taking care of newborn, Nina, and 2-year-old Kimberly, she practices periodontics and implant dentistry in Millburn, NJ, where she is a partner of Suburban Periodontics and Implants, LLC. In her spare time, she teaches part-time as an assistant clinical professor at New York University College of Dentistry in the Department of Implant Dentistry. **Rex Soloman** is the executive

vice president of Houston Jewelry Inc., Houston's largest independent jewelry and fine gift store. Over the last four years, the company has developed its e-commerce division, [www.1WeddingBand.com](http://www.1WeddingBand.com), into one of the leading online providers of wedding bands. This division is now 30% of the business and it continues to grow. Rex has also just completed serving a two-year term on the board of trustees of the JCC of Greater Houston. **Franco Uccelli** is a Latin American economist at Bear, Stearns & Company in New York, where he is a member of the firm's global high yield sovereign research group. Having spent the last 11 years in Dublin and London, **Joshua Van Raalte-Kaulman** has moved to Oxford. He is director of a large public relations consultancy based in London and Oxford and spends most of his spare time teaching his two boys the core skills needed to excel in rugby. As a full-time mother to newborn Joshua, Matthew (6), and Noah (4), **Deborah Rosen Fidel** feels she has the perfect job. Deborah, husband, Bobby, and their sons live in Pittsburgh, close to both their extended families and old friends and count their blessings daily.

## '89

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This seems to have been a quiet fall for our class. What's new? Let us know about personal and professional milestones. It's our best means of keeping in touch with fellow classmates. My own personal news is that I have secured a job managing public relations and advertising for Millipore, a biopharmaceutical and life sciences company. Transitioning from high tech to the sciences is a bit of a switch but a fun challenge. If any of you are gurus in this field, drop me a line with advice and suggestions.

**Harry Grossman and Ilene Fox Grossman** reside in Voorhees, NJ, with their three children, Jacob, Molly, and Isaac. Harry is a general ophthalmologist in Marlton, and an attending physician at Willis Eye Hospital. Ilene is enjoying her stay-at-home mom status but plans to resume her career as an optometrist in a few years. They live six houses down the street from **Jim Weiss '88**, who they see regularly. Congratulations to our Class of '89 new parents, **Stephanie Gruber Ripp**, **David A. Klein**, **Robert Levy** and their families (see "Births and Adoptions" section). Keep those updates coming!

## '90

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Hello 1990 Alums! Aron and I and our now 3-year-old daughter, Jocelyn, (time flies) send our best wishes for a happy 2002. I was honored this past year by the New York State Psychological Association with the Clinical Division President's Early Career Recognition Award. I also received the "Love of a Lifetime Award" from the Lower New York State Region of Hadassah. What has been going on in your neck of the woods? Your fellow classmates love hearing about what you have been doing. Please take a quick moment to drop me a line so I can pass on your info to the rest of our class. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes, Judy. **Hope Berger Levav** is living in Brooklyn, NY, where she teaches middle school humanities at the Hannah Senesh Community Day School (Yes, AMSTD did pay off!). Last year she was honored to have **Riqi Kosovski '91**, **Daniel Shapiro '91**, **Julie Fisher Jolene Risch-Minsky**, **Julie Smith-Bartoloni**, **Melinda Panken**, **Andy Vogel**, **Abby Reiken '92**, **Wendy Rapport** (M.A. '97, Jewish Communal Service), and **Stephanie Rotsky** (M.A. '88, Jewish communal service) participate in and celebrate at her wedding. **Elise Golden** whose plans changed at the last minute, was sorely missed. Hope and her partner, Melanie, legally changed their last names to Levav, which means heart in Hebrew. **Renee Edelman** is a rabbi

and was featured in an article in the August 2001 issue of *Glamour Magazine*, speaking about optimism. **Saul Friedman** is currently living in Atlanta with his wife, **Amy Meyerson Friedman '91**, and their son, Zachary, where they have started their own real estate development company. Since receiving his Ph.D. in political science from UCLA in 1996, **Lee Miller** has taught at a number of colleges in California, Nevada, and Japan. In August 2001 he began his second year as assistant professor of political science at Cypress College, in Cypress, CA. After a courtship stretching over many years, he and Beth Au decided to elope in July 2001. The ceremony took place at sunset on Butterfly Beach in Santa Barbara, CA. He and Beth live in Redondo Beach, CA. In August 2001, **Mike Podol** married Tracy Lang of Boston at the Bradley Estate in Canton. They live in Boston's South End. The ceremony was attended by many close Brandeis friends: **David Liss**, **Daniel Korschun**, **Beth Kaufman**, **Sarah Lindsey Rogovin**, **Peter Rogovin '88**, **Arlene Selmonsky Miller**, **Michelle Minoff**, **Eileen Weissmann Simon**, **Eva Lefkowitz**, **Neil Jacobson**, **Lisa Drafé Jacobson**, and **Heidi Osgood Kaufman '93**.

## '91

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After a somber fall, it seems our alumni opted for a quiet winter. With the coming arrival of spring, the season of hope and new life, let's take the opportunity to reconnect with our classmates. Many of you are able to get together at our regional alumni club events or through personal visits with one another. Let's include everyone in our good news by passing along our updates through the Class Notes! **Lisa Brenner** and her husband, Patrick Owen Brenner, live in Denver with their newborn son,

Benjamin. Lisa has been working as a staff psychologist at the Denver VA Medical Center and was recently promoted to serve as the psychology training director for the Denver VAMC. **Amy Meyerson Friedman** lives in Atlanta, GA, with her husband, **Saul Friedman '90**, and their son, Zachary, where they have started their own real estate development company.

## '92

### 10th Reunion June 7-9, 2002

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**Lara Alper** was graduated from the Law School at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She writes the Bar admission exams and articles for a law firm in Toronto. **Aaron D. Bannahum** is a fourth-year English teacher and lives in Los Angeles. **Dawn L. Cohen** was graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 2000 and is a second-year family practice resident at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. **Alison Felix** is a transportation planner for the city of Boston. She was married in October 2001. **Lisa Davidson Fiore** is an assistant professor in the education department at Curry College in Milton, MA. **Dylan Kaufman** is a principal consultant for Extensity, Inc., in Emeryville, CA, designing and implementing JAVA customizations for their workforce optimization software (expense reports, time sheets, etc.). The company is very busy, which is great given the recent market conditions. He was married in 2000. **David Keleti** is pursuing a Ph.D. at University of Pennsylvania after over five years working at Human Genome Sciences,

a biotechnology company. **Benjamin Morse** is married and lives in Japan. **Leo Diper** is with the Leo Burnett advertising agency. He has worked in their Mexico office and is currently in Chicago, doing advertising and marketing for clients who direct their efforts to the Hispanic market in the United States. **Deborah Schneider** moved to London to pursue travel writing and communications. She had been living in New York for eight years, completing her M.A. in modern Jewish studies and working as a journalist and an educator. **Mikhail Stein Bouganin** started her own financial communications business over a year ago, and works primarily with foreign public companies. She lives in Miami Beach, with her husband, Ron. **Rebecca Tuchinsky Morris** relocated to Dallas, TX, with her husband and works for Fidelity Investments doing project management for IT systems development. **Abigail Weiner** was graduated from the Harvard University Extension School with a certificate in museum studies. One of the course requirements was an internship, which she fulfilled at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in the Art of the Ancient World (Classical) department. **Stephanie Zaref Morales** is teaching sixth grade math, science, and social studies in Clifton, NJ.

## '93

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**Beth Berman Wechsler** and **Steven Wechsler** were married in September 2000. Helping celebrate at their wedding were **Richard Belkin**, **Joel Bloch**, **Marcy Felsenfeld**, **Jodi Bell Gorelick '94**, **Steven Gorelick**, **Michelle Blasbalg**, **Scott Hammer**, **Stephanie Lehman**, **Sara Meyers '92**, **Josh Savitz**, **Jeremy Schulman**, **Jonathan Schulman**, **Ilan Simon**, **Sandi Arnowitz Stern**, **Alex Stern**, and **Deborah Wechsler '91**. Steven was promoted at Rabobank and he and Beth moved from New York City to London in September

2001. **Douglas S. Kaplan** lives in Tokyo, Japan, and is vice president of Concord Movado Japan. In this position he is responsible for the sales and marketing for Concord, Movado, and Coach watches. **Hildy S. Karp** left the reproductive rights community and is now the senior associate at Cause Effective, a management consulting firm for nonprofits. She would love to connect with other Brandeis alumni who are doing progressive nonprofit work. You can email her at [hildyk@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:hildyk@alumni.brandeis.edu). (If you would like an @alumni.brandeis.edu forwarding email address, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> and register for Louie-Net services). **Sydra L. Mallery** is happy to report that she is safe and lives in Brooklyn, NY. She teaches second grade at PS 230 Annex in Kensington, Brooklyn. Sydra would like to reconnect with Brandeis friends and asks that you "please send her some email!" **David Solomon** joined Microsoft's consulting division in Kansas City, MO.

## '94

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To all my classmates: I hope that this note finds you and your family and friends safe and well. I know that many alumni are anxious to hear of their classmates' whereabouts, especially with the recent events in the country, so I encourage each and every one of you to send me a quick note as to what you have been up to. Over the past few months, I have received a record number of updates. Congratulations on all the wonderful accomplishments, thanks for all the great notes and I look forward to receiving many more emails (hint, hint). Please all keep

safe and I hope to hear from you soon. **Urmila Bajpai** was graduated from Tufts University's Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences with a Ph.D. in immunology in 2000. She is a second-year medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and she spent this past summer in India working with the ImpactIndia Foundation, which provides free healthcare in rural parts of the country. **Bari Nan Cohen Rothchild** moved to Park City, UT, after living in New York City for eight years and is enjoying the adjustment to a "mountain lifestyle." She left her post as entertainment editor at *Self* magazine and now has a freelance writing/editing/consulting business while also continuing to spend time working for *Self* as editor-at-large. She is working on a variety of special projects for *Self*, some related to the entertainment industry, and some related to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. **Mark Crowley** is working with Verizon as a senior staff consultant in their eBusiness group. The office is located in Waltham, so he might just head over to Sherman for lunch one day. **Lauren Erica Dardick** was graduated from the Yale School of Management, where she received her M.B.A. and is now working at American Express as a marketing manager. **Leslie Eifron** married Jason Levin on December 2, 2000. In attendance at the wedding were **Jennifer Haaz '97**, **Laura Gilman**, **Stephanie Lehman '93**, **Michelle**

**Eifron Levine '99**, **David Ailtman '92**, **David Levine '98** and **Mark Lehman** (see picture in "Marriages and Unions" section). **Michael J. Frey** is the chief resident in the OB/GYN program at North Shore Hospital on Long Island. He is also working hard to produce his original play, *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, on Broadway for the Fall 2002 season. **Jonathan Leiken**, currently an associate with Skadden Arps in New York City, accepted an offer from Manhattan U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White to serve as an assistant United States attorney in the criminal division for the Southern District of New York. **Daniel Levine** appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* last season and performed on the 2000 Tony Awards (being nominated for best revival of a musical). Since then, Daniel performed in *Mamma Mia!*, a new musical based on the music of ABBA in Los Angeles. Daniel is now back on Broadway in the *Rocky Horror Show* with Anna Gasteyer, Luke Perry, and Dick Cavett playing "Phantom" as well as understudying the part of "Riff-Raff." **Mark Tyler Nobleman** is a freelance cartoonist ([www.mincartoons.com](http://www.mincartoons.com)) and writer. His single-panel cartoons have appeared in over 70 publications including *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Barron's*, and *Good Housekeeping*. He's still trying for *The New Yorker*. He has also written children's books for publishers including Scholastic and Dutton, as well as for magazines including *Nickelodeon*. After a five-year career as a rock and roll photographer, **Lisa E. Pollack** decided to put down the camera and get a "real job" (whatever that is) and is now doing spin control (not that it is very necessary) in the press office of the Mayor of Boston. **Michelle Sheffer** completed two years of teaching English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Eforie Sud, Romania, and returned to Washington, D.C. **Dominic Thomas** is in Georgia working on a Ph.D. in MIS after six years in Asia. He was in Japan for three years teaching English and coordinating international

relations activities, and in Nepal for two years as a Peace Corps teacher trainer. **Michael Villanueva** is working at The Women's Center in Fullerton, CA, providing OB/GYN services along with routine pediatric care to underprivileged families. **Betsy Wakefield**, who left Brandeis the fall of her senior year, returned to Brandeis after many years of working in the catalog industry as a product manager and graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in history. She is now living in Portland, ME, working as a group underwriter for UnumProvident, and after the events of September 11, has been increasingly thinking of her old classmates. **Jill Weinstein Dokson** was graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in 1998 and University of Florida School of Mass Communications also in 1998. (This joint-degree program allowed her to receive an M.A. and a J.D.) She is working as a litigation associate with the law firm of Broad and Cassel, which has seven offices throughout Florida. She and her husband currently reside in Hollywood, FL. **Carolyn Weisel** lives in New York City and works as a registered dietitian.

## '95

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**Warren Bloom** lives in Lenox Hill in Manhattan and is studying Web development at The New School and musical theater composition with the BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theater Workshop. **Alejandro Caminos** is a

financial advisor to public agencies in California. A board member of the Latino Film Festival of the San Francisco Bay Area, he chaired a youth in video program at the festival. **Manuel Comras** is a practicing attorney with the law firm of Vernis & Bowling doing commercial and insurance defense litigation in West Palm Beach, FL. **David Esterman** married Lori Marks in May 2001. The couple owns a co-op in Forest Hills, NY. David works as an associate in real estate litigation at Rosenberg & Estis, P.C. in New York City. **Sarah Fine** lives in New York and works as a technical writer for a software company. **William Hurley** joined the senior management team of YottaYotta, the Yottabyte NetStorage company. YottaYotta is a well-funded storage system start-up, which integrates storage, optical networking, massively parallel computing, and intelligent caching into one, three-dimensionally scalable system. William was appointed information architect and his responsibilities are to define and develop key messaging for customers and investors. William relocated to Seattle from Boston, where he had been a program manager with the analyst firm The Yankee Group. **Joshua Konigsberg** married Danielle Haberman on June 20, 2001. Brandeis alumni in attendance were: **Joshua Keter**, **Jennifer Yelin Keter '94**, **Stacy Barrow**, **David Schwartz**, **Beth Lorell**, **Hillary Wells**, **Joshua Blumen**, **Jonathan Borg**, **Steven Dstrawer '94**, **Melissa Kottlow Dstrower**, **Eric Richman '94**, **Brad Adler '94**, **Nancy Duke Harris '96**, **Lauren Sloane '96**, and **Wayne Mandel '97**. **Yaifa Landis** lives and works in Jerusalem as the quality assurance manager for the Atomic Corporation. Zoo Press ([www.zoopress.org](http://www.zoopress.org)) published *The Cop Who Rides Alone*. **Ross Martin**'s first book of poems. Ross is also executive producer of *Nerve*, a special, which aired on HBO in January 2002. He lives in New York with his wife, **Jordana Munk Martin '94**. **Wendy Morris** was the event chair of a wine-tasting class for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston Recent Graduates Network in September. She also was a guest on campus at the

Future Alumni of Brandeis World of Law and Politics event in October. Wendy is an associate at the Boston law offices of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP. **Lauren Osornio** has done some play directing at the community level in the Concord-Acton area. She founded the Bacchanal Players, a Concord-area troupe of adult actors, and directed a children's play for the First Parish church in Concord, MA. She is enrolled in a master's program for the teaching of Spanish, that is located in Morelia, Mexico, where she spent two months during the summer of 2001. **Gregory J. Solof** was graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in May 2001. He and his wife, **Sandy Kirschen Solof '94** and their daughter, Lindsey (future Brandeis Class of 2022 grad) moved to Danbury, CT, where he is a general practice resident at Danbury Hospital. **Amy Rosentfeld** attended the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University in Israel from 1998 to 2001 and received an M.D. degree. She is in a pediatric residency at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO. **David Twombly** has lived in the Boston area since graduation (with a short hiatus in New York City). He worked for four years as an account manager for Forrester Research. He writes, "Currently, I live in the People's Republic of Cambridge and am working towards opening a fair trade coffeeshop here. That's all the news that's fit to print." **Rachel Zimmerman** works at The Planetary Society in Pasadena, CA. She is the education projects coordinator and international development coordinator for the society.

# '96

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**Ofir Baruk** received his D.D.S. degree from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in June 2001. He is now a resident at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. **Eddie Bruckner** married Debra Swotinsky on December 29, 2001, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. Fellow Brandeisians in attendance were brother **Marc Bruckner '90**, **Debbie Rabitz '95**, **Jennifer Farber Wind '95**, **Sherri Culp '95**, **Galit and Roi Raz**, **Robyn Friedman**, and **Roger Khazan**. The couple celebrated their honeymoon traveling throughout Australia. Eddie recently launched his new Website devoted to fine art, [www.EBFineArt.com](http://www.EBFineArt.com). **Jordana Grand** writes, "Andrew Levine '98 and I wanted to let Brandeis know that we got married on June 9, 2001, in the Berkshires (a good reason to have missed Reunion!)." There were many Brandeisians in attendance, including nine alumni in the wedding party alone. Best man was **Daniel Levine '94**, Andy's brother. His groomsmen included **Shail Mehta '98**, **David Jo '98**, **Aaron Lipskar '98**, and **Jeb Chard '98**. The bride's party included **Jennifer Muhrad**, **Karine Shemel**, **Jill Van Denberg '97**, and **Allison Levine '01**. Andy's sister. Others in attendance included **Melissa Federman**, **Julie Broude**, **Joshua**

**Kaplan**, **Philip Schanzer**, **Ilya Brand**, **Jonathan Ross**, **Leah Benson Lipskar '97**, **Leigh Graham '97**, **Adam Gerson '97**, **Thanos Karaindros '97**, **Jonathan Borg '95**, **Gauri Ponappa '00**, **Bonnie Berreta '98**, **Eric Richman '94**, and **Jennifer Kleeman '97** (M.M.H.S., Heller). **Jessica Tamar Charish Lampert** received a master's in social work in 2000 and works in a psychiatric rehabilitation program. **Erika Karnell** left her positions as executive assistant and office manager for The Gage Group Talent Agency and as secretary of the National Association of Talent Representatives (NATR), in order to pursue a master's degree in cinema studies at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She is working at Metropolitan Research Associates, a clinical research organization, as office manager and business development associate. **Martin Lieberman** is a managing editor at Pohly & Partners, a custom magazine publishing company in Boston. He works on publications for Continental Airlines and Western Union. **Martin** also created a Website of photos from the Class of '96 Reunion last June ([www.geocities.com/brandeis1996](http://www.geocities.com/brandeis1996)), and he invites all his classmates to visit the site and say hello! **Gregory Litt** left Texas to work for a judge in New York City. He lives in the "Brandeis section" of Manhattan, but spent his first three weeks in the city living on the couch of his Brandeis roommate, **Jeremy Markowitz**. **Matthew Ohlson** is the technology director at the Patrick Lyndon School in West Roxbury, MA. He also completed a master's degree in instructional technology. **Joshua Rosenberg** is a medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His wife, **Karine Shemel**, is completing her master's in speech pathology at New York University. **Paul Shipper** writes, "After working as a guitar tech for Everclear, I decided that I didn't like the direction my life had taken, so I quit and took the LSATS. I'm now a first year law student at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School."

# '97

**5th Reunion**  
June 7-9, 2002  
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Reunion is just around the corner, so we hope that all of you reading this will be able to join your classmates the weekend of June 7-9 for what promises to be an incredible weekend. In the wake of the tragedy and uncertainty our country faced on September 11, we hope that you can come reconnect and experience something comforting and familiar. —Josh and Pegah. **Leigh Kessler** and **Stacy Bess Norden**, Class of '97 Reunion Program Committee cochairs, write "Class of '97, you've given the real world a try. Now it's time to come back to college! (At least for a weekend). Eat with your friends in the Boulevard. Hang out by Massell Pond. Have a beer at Stein Night Play softball on Chapels Field. Join the friends you see and the ones you don't at Reunion on June 7-9, 2002. Log on to <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> to fill out the Class of '97 questionnaire and see the schedule of events. **Elise Block** was graduated from the Boston University School of Social Work with an M.S.W. Her focus is working with Latino children and families in the Boston area. **Nieta Michelle Green** received a doctor of medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson

Medical College, Philadelphia, in June 2001. **Jean Hilaire** is a system engineer in New York City, working for Macgregor, an order management system software maker and consulting group catering to the financial world. **Lisa Jukelevics** became a full-time student at Pepperdine's Graziadio Business School in the fall of 2001. **Ariel Yehudah Margolis** started his second year teaching at the South Area Solomon Schechter Day School in Stoughton, MA, teaching grades six through eight in science, math, and Bible studies. His wife, **Elana Horowitz Margolis**, who passed the bar, is the special assistant to the director of the Office of Consumer Affairs of Massachusetts. **Caryn Mark** was graduated from Brooklyn Law School in May 2000. She moved to Washington, D.C., where she is employed by the Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor. She works in the tax division, prosecuting criminal tax cases. **Joshua Henry Namias** received a doctor of medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in June 2001. **Kristine Quinto** is enjoying her first year as a dental student at Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, PA. **Olga Rodshteyn Rodstein** is a litigation attorney at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe in Palo Alto, CA. **Jared Rose** is the senior vice president of the Dpal Financial Group, Inc., a company that produces educational conferences for the institutional investment community. He lives in Gramercy Park in Manhattan, and is also nourishing an amateur exhibiting photographic career. **Ron Sandel** relocated from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., where he will work at Ciena Corporation as a market research analyst. **Meredith Harman Stewart** was admitted to the California bar. **Bram Weber** is a cochair of the Alumni Club of New York City Recent Graduates Network.

# '98

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**Jocelyn Auerbach** completed her first year at Northeastern School of Law, Boston. She worked in the field of immigration law for two years after graduating from Brandeis and spent the summer of 2001 working for a civil rights firm that handles race discrimination class action suits. **Danielle E. Auslander** and **Christopher "Jed" Fluehr** were married on September 21, 2001, in Providence, RI. Brandeisians in attendance included **Matthew Levin**, **Philip Meer '99**, and **Tiffany Ciccarelli**. Speaking of Tiffany, she is a Brandeis alumni mentor. The mentor program was created in order to enable alumni to provide practical guidance to first-year students. **Deborah Bartell** completed a master's degree in counseling and works as a guidance counselor in Falls Church, VA. She married **Andrew Guillen** in June 2001. **Jacqueline Braun** was married in March 2001 and graduated from Fordham Law School in May 2001. She is a first year associate at Rosenman & Colin LLP. **Ilena Ginzburg** was graduated from Fordham University with a master's degree in education. She moved to Maine, lives with her boyfriend, and is a fourth grade teacher. After working at Brandeis University for more than three years, **Adam Greenwald** changed jobs and is director of alumni affairs for the Furkauf Graduate School of Psychology and Worzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University in New York City. **Mara Hope Gustman** and **Robert Scott Sherman** were married on July 15, 2001. Mara is a sales manager for a Boston-area hotel, and Rob is a computer network architect. The couple live in Framingham, MA. **Irina Kotovskaya** works for Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., a biotechnology company in Cambridge, MA. **Alex Greenberg** (M.A. '01, international economics and finance) is enjoying London while working for Lehman Brothers in their investment

banking division. **Andrew Levine** and **Jordana Grand '96** got married on June 9, 2001, in the Berkshires. There were many Brandeisians in attendance, including nine alumni in the wedding party alone. Best man was **Daniel Levine '94**, Andy's brother. His groomsmen included **Shail Mehta**, **David Jo**, **Aaron Lipskar**, and **Jeb Chard**. The bride's party included **Jennifer Muhrad '96**, **Karine Shemel '96**, **Jill Van Denberg '97**, and **Allison Levine '01**. Andy's sister. Others in attendance included **Melissa Federman '96**, **Julie Broude '96**, **Joshua Kaplan '96**, **Philip Schanzer '96**, **Ilya Brand '96**, **Jonathan Ross '96**, **Leah Benson Lipskar '97**, **Leigh Graham '97**, **Adam Gerson '97**, **Thanos Karaindros '97**, **Jonathan Borg '95**, **Gauri Ponappa '00**, **Bonnie Berreta**, **Eric Richman '94**, and **Jennifer Kleeman '97** (M.M., Heller). **Erica Lowenfelds** is a cochair of the Alumni Club of New York City Recent Graduates Network. **Eric Pressman** works at Macromedia's Boston office, where he is a usability engineer concentrating on improving the product usability and initial user experience for Flash, Dreamweaver, and ColdFusion. **Neil Raphael** was graduated from New York University School of Law in May 2001. He is a first-year associate at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault in Boston. **Daniella Rubin** was graduated from New York University School of Law and is a lawyer at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood. **Wendy S. Stein** married **Scott Harshfield** on June 24, 2001. Members of the bridal party included **Zachary Greene '96**, **Amy Bernstein**, and **Samantha Inzetch '99**. **Katarina Stern** is an M.B.A. student

at Cornell University. She will graduate in May 2003. **Jessica Temkin** lives in Brookline, MA, and is an investment research analyst at the mutual fund company State Street Research. **Daniella Tobin** and **Reuben Liber** were married in Northampton, MA, on October 21, 2001. In attendance were **Adam Greenwald** and **Laura Hacker Greenwald '99**, **Erica Lowentels**, **John Serra**, **Brian Irwin**, **Randy Levitt**, **Marina Mazor**, **Jeff Fishman '97**, **Adam Rifkin '97**, and **Todd '96** and **Tiffany '96 Kaplan**. The couple resides in Los Angeles, CA, where Daniella works as a special education teacher and Reuben is a development and production executive at an independent motion picture production and distribution company. **Dmitry Troyanovsky** was graduated with an M.F.A. in directing from the American Repertory Theater/Moscow Art Theater Institute for Higher Theater Training. Since then he has directed the Russian language premier of Shepard's *Fool for Love* at the legendary Pushkin Repertory in Moscow and several new plays in New York. Most recently, Dmitry finished working on *The Goldberg Variations* at the American Theater of Actors. He is also a visiting professor at Bard College, teaching theater.

blue marker. "Today is Tuesday, September 11, 2001," I said softly. "Today, the world changed. You will remember this day for the rest of your lives." Finally, after years of aimless frustration, our generation suddenly found some great historical moment to claim as our own. Be careful what you wish for. My best wishes and hopes go out to you all in this time of fear and unease, in our country and around the world. May we all find support in our own pain, and some active role in helping to ease the pain of others. Now, more than ever, we need all the connection we can get, so please send in class notes updates to help strengthen our alumni community. In a continuing affirmation of life, our class keeps on reporting weddings. **Elana Rosenfeld** became Elana Ben-Tor on August 26, marrying Barak Ben-Tor in Los Angeles. The two now live in Queens, NY. **Rhiannon Thompson**, has relocated to Washington, D.C., and works as the corporate relations coordinator of the National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. **Diana Meltser** and **Aaron Waxler**, are both living in Westchester, NY. Diana attends a graduate physician assistant program, while Aaron works as a patent agent for Philips Electronics and attends his third year of law school at night. Speaking of law school, several '99 alums continue the "Louis Brandeis tradition" of pursuing careers in law. **Daniel Yunger** is a second-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania, and **Matt Sugarman** is a first-year student at University of Southern California Law School, studying entertainment law. **Bijan Arman Ali Vivek Pingili** completed a summer associate internship at the Boston law firm of Foley Hoag LLP, and accepted an offer of full-time employment following graduation from Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, in May 2002. **Michael Feinberg** writes, "I am currently at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, where in addition to the standard coursework I will soon be conducting research on the constitutional framers' intentions and the law of contracts. This summer I will be in Washington, D.C., working for the Institute

for Justice, a libertarian think tank and legal clinic." From the courtroom to the stage, my old freshman hallmate **Tara Wasserman** received her master's degree in theater management from Wayne State University. Tara worked for the Williamstown Theater Festival before accepting a position in the marketing department of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York. **Glenn Eftman** finished his self-described "brief stint in the New York Theater scene," and has gone back to pursue his original intention, studying to be rabbi at Hebrew Union College. **Hazel Lema** moved all the way to Puerto Rico to enroll in optometry school. Closer to Brandeis, **Dan Berlin** works in Maynard, MA, for SeaChange International, which makes video servers for cable companies. "Currently," he writes, "I am connecting hundreds of servers across the country via satellite. Hopefully, grad school will ensue soon." After working for two years for the County of San Diego enforcing environmental regulations, **Kalla Hirschbein** has also decided to go to graduate school. Kalla moved to Baltimore with her cat, Indie, to pursue a master's in public policy at Johns Hopkins University. **Lindsay Goldwert** completed grad school at New York University, earning her master's in journalism. She works at *Marie Claire* magazine. Finally, **Amy Schacter** lives in Atlanta and works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a job that has taken on drastically renewed importance in this day and age.

## '00

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**Arudra Burra** is glad to be back in the United States after a year home in India. She began the J.D. program at Yale Law School, and is hoping to combine it with

a Ph.D. in philosophy along the way. **Ariel Chesler** is a second year law student at Brooklyn Law School. He is on the *Journal of International Law*. **Amy Fisher** received her M.A. in student personnel administration from Teachers College, Columbia University, and is pursuing an Ed.M. in higher education administration. She is also working part-time in residence life at Barnard College. **Alex Greenberg** (M.A. '01, international economics and finance) is enjoying London while working for Lehman Brothers in their investment banking division. **Lynne Feibelmann** was graduated from Boston University with a master's in journalism in the spring of 2001. She is a reporter for a weekly Boston newspaper. **Mathew S. Helman** lives in Arlington, VA, where he is a few months away from receiving his master's degree in public administration from George Washington University. Mat has also held positions with the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and the NAACP. **Kaukab "Koki" Jhumra** left her dotcom job in Boston in May 2001 and moved back to her native Karachi, Pakistan, in June. She teaches English literature and language to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders at Karachi Grammar School, and is in charge of its Dramatics Club. **Emily Kargauer** is a second-year law student at Boston College. **Ahu Karan** is a student at New York University's Graduate School of Arts and Science to pursue an M.A. in economics. **Vamsi Koneru** spent the last year in Quito, Ecuador, as a Peace Corps volunteer, working at a daycare center. **Eddie Molot** spent the summer of 2001 traveling in Western Canada, Israel, Germany, and Belgium. During the fall of 2001 she worked in the Environmental Programmes Division of Transport Canada. **Sherrie Neustein** moved back to Boston after working for NBC in New York City and is a first-year medical student at Tufts University School of Medicine. After completing a year of service for the AmeriCorps VISTA program, **Tywanna L. Taylor** is a graduate student at

the University of Delaware. Admitted as one of five presidential scholars, she's working on a master's in public administration with a specialization in community development and nonprofit leadership. **David Salama** is a second-year student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in Biddeford, ME, where he was recently elected president of the medical school's student government, and thus serves as a representative to the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents. **Sara Shapley** is acting in Los Angeles and works as a graphic designer. **Matthew Noah Sugarman** is a student at the University of Southern California Law School studying entertainment law. **Madhavi "Maddy" Tandon** is a business analyst for Capital One in Washington, D.C. She is soaking in the culture of the nation's Capital. **Alaric Toy** is coteaching three theater college courses at two community college campuses, Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, and Contra Costa College, San Pablo, all in California. He played "Murphy," the lead character in the premiere of the new Asian American Play *Achievers*, by Michael Golamco. He also starred as "Bishop" in *Cold Nine*, an independent film. **Rebekah Wright** completed her first year in the University of Southern California's graduate film production program.

## '01

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## Grad

**Barbara Bamberger** (M.A. '01, sustainable international development), a Ph.D. candidate in School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University and former environmental resource manager for the city of Chula Vista, California, is among 20 outstanding young environmental leaders recognized with the 14th annual Switzer Environmental Fellowships. Barbara is among the 2001 winners which include 13 women and seven men chosen from universities throughout New England and California to receive the fellowships, one of the



nation's most prestigious awards for early career environmental leaders. Barbara has worked in the field of environmental policy for many years. She has consulted internationally with the United Nations Development program and completed a graduate fellowship at the Woods Hole Research Center. **Henry Braun '55** (M.A. '57, English and American literature) writes poetry in the woods of Maine. **Ross Brown** (M.S.F. '00, finance) joined SAS, a business-intelligence software and services company, enabling customers to turn raw data into usable knowledge, as a senior account executive. Ross and his family returned to Brooklyn after four years in Massachusetts and reports, "Being back home in Brooklyn is even better than we'd hoped." **Roy L. DeBerry, Jr. '70** (M.A. '78, politics, Ph.D. '79) is vice president for economic development and government affairs at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS. **Ruth L. Deech** (M.A. '66, contemporary Jewish studies) was appointed a pro-vice-chancellor (vice president) of Oxford University. She recently completed her third term as chair of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority of the United Kingdom. This body regulates all embryo research and IVF treatment in the country and gives advice to the government on new issues arising therefrom. **Ashok Kumar Gangadean** (Ph.D. '71, philosophy) is the host of *Philly LIVE: Your International Connection*, an award-winning live call-in television talk show that gives a forum to people in the forefront of international news, events, and issues. An accomplished author, lecturer, and philosopher, Ashok has worked with numerous organizations such as UNICEF and the United Nations. He was the first director of the Margaret Gest Center for Cross-Cultural Study of Religion

at Haverford College. He has appeared on *NBC News*, and *CNN Headline News*, in addition to being a guest on the national series, *Thinking Allowed*. *Philly LIVE* is broadcast on public television in Philadelphia, and also airs on most cable systems throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. **Aziz S. Giga** (Ph.D. '75, chemistry) was elected vice president of strategic planning at PPG Industries in Pittsburgh, PA, a global supplier of coatings, glass, fiberglass, and chemicals. Aziz became director of corporate planning at PPG in 1988 and assistant treasurer, global finance, in 1992. He was named controller and director of new business development, chemicals, in 1995, and became strategic planning director in 1997. **Alex Greenberg '00** (M.A. '01, international economics and finance) is enjoying London while working for Lehman Brothers in their investment banking division. **James Michael Lurie** (M.M.H.S. '82, human services management, Ph.D. '86, human services management) is the author of chapters in two recent books: "Children's Rights in Child Protection after Passage of the Law on Child Protection Services. Is Today's Practice in Conformance with the Law's Intentions?" in *Social Work - Reflections and Recent Research*; and "Child Protection Services Work with Cases for the Regional Council" in *Child Protection and the Regional Council*. Both books are Norwegian publications. **Edward Prince Morgan** (M.A. '73, politics, Ph.D. '76, politics) is professor of political science and a 25-year faculty member at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. He is also the author of numerous articles written for professional journals in political science, history, sociology, and education. Edward has taught 20 different courses in the political science department, has developed a number of in-class simulations and other educational innovations, and has been actively involved in local political issues. **Jay S. Pepose '75** (M.A. '75, biology), director of the Pepose Vision Institute in St. Louis, MO, founded the Midwest Cornea Research

Foundation, with a goal of fostering new innovations in the treatment of corneal disease. His institute was the first nationwide to receive the Bausch & Lomb Excellence in Vision Correction Award. Jay was recently recognized in the first edition of *America's Top Doctors*. **Michael J. Ramer '88** (M.A. '89, international economics and finance) is a national trainer for the search and placement industry. His firm, Ramer Search Consultants, in West Orange, NJ, is in its third year. Mike was graduated in the first class of Brandeis's Graduate School of Economics and Finance (GSEF). **Heidi Raven '74** (M.A. '74, history of ideas, Ph.D. '84, history of ideas), was promoted from associate professor to full professor in the religious studies department at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY. Heidi, who joined the Hamilton College faculty in 1983, teaches Jewish studies, Hebrew Bible, and the philosophy of religion. Her fields of interest are Jewish philosophy, feminist ethics, and G.W.F. Hegel. Her edited volume, *Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy* was published by SUNY in 2001. **David Segal '78** (M.M.H.S. '83, human services management) was promoted to senior vice president of operations at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Massachusetts. Following many years of university-level teaching and academic-administration, including a position as provost at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ. **Helen L. Stewart** (Ph.D. '80, sociology) has founded the University for Metaphysical Studies (UMS) in Santa Fe, NM. An online as well as onsite university. UMS is a pioneer institution with a vision to become the finest source of metaphysical education and research in the world. For UMS, reason and intuition are equal partners in the learning process, which will ultimately be anchored in world class metaphysical library research in consciousness studies.

**Susan Krassner Abusch '63** passed away from cancer on September 9, 2001. She is survived by her husband, Tzvi. **Tamsey K. Andrews** (M.A. '72, Mediterranean studies, Ph.D. '94, classical and Oriental studies) died September 21, 2001, after a brief illness. Tamsey was an expert in the use of technology in higher education and a scholar in the field of classical archaeology. At the time of her death, she was director of proposal development at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Previously, Tamsey had served as director of grants at Ferris State University in Michigan. She also worked at Harvard University in Widener and other libraries for 15 years. She was a long-time resident of the Boston area. She is survived by her sister, Sydney Andrews. **Marc D. Braunstein '81** died on November 8, 2000, of an aneurysm. Marc was a physician who maintained a general practice in Laguna Beach, CA. He had always wanted to be a doctor and worked in hospitals as an orderly and served on a volunteer rescue squad during summers while attending Brandeis. Marc is survived by his wife, Lynette; and two daughters, Aliza and Cassandra. **Paul J. Clancey** (M.M.H.S. '83, human services management) died of cancer September 25, 2001, at age 54. Paul was an advisor to Boston mayors Raymond Flynn and Thomas M. Menino. He previously was an advisor to the mayor of Erie, PA, and executive director of the Peninsula Consortium of six local governments in southern Virginia. He served in the Department of Labor during the Carter administration. Paul was most recently manager of workforce training for the Boston Private Industry Council. An avid sailor affectionately known as Pablo, he raced sailboats out of Marblehead, MA, for many years. He leaves his wife, Sarah Smyth-Clancey, and two brothers, Richard W. Clancey and Timothy J. Clancey of Erie, PA. **Donald J. Cohen '61** passed away from ocular melanoma, a rare form of cancer, on October 2, 2001. Donald was a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst who, as the director of Yale University's renowned Child Study Center, reshaped the field of child psychiatry. He was known for

his scientific work, including fundamental contributions to the understanding of autism, Tourette's syndrome, and other illnesses, and for his leadership in bringing together the biological and the psychological approaches to understanding psychiatric disorders in childhood. Donald wrote more than 400 books and professional articles. Among many other positions he was president of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions and vice president of Yale's board of governors. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, four children, Matthew, Rebecca, Rachel Goldstein, and Joseph; his mother, Rose Cohen; and five grandchildren. **Robert T. Griffin '54** passed away September 8, 2001, at Wesley Long Community Hospital, Greensboro, NC. He began his IBM career at their corporate offices in New York City. After 31 years of dedicated service he retired as a corporate executive. Later he taught business administration at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and Bennett College, Greensboro. As a member of Memorial United Methodist Church he served as a trustee, lay leader, and was a member of the United Methodist Men, Chancel choir, and the adult Sunday school class. He entered the ministry and served on the Rameur Circuit which included Cox and McCrarys Chapels and Shady Grove United Methodist Church. For the past three years he has pastored at Raleigh's Cross Road United Methodist Church in Greensboro. He is survived by his wife, Shirley M. Griffin, two sons, Michael Griffin of Greensboro and Norvel (Shelley) McDonald of Los Angeles, a daughter, Julie Griffin of High Point, NC; three granddaughters and a sister. **Leslie Weiner Parker '72** died at her West Hartford, CT, home on June 3, 2001, from a brain tumor. Leslie had a 23-year career at CIGNA in Bloomfield, CT, where her last position was assistant vice president in the underwriting department. Leslie is survived by her husband, Donald Parker, her son, David Parker, her father, Robert A. Weinerman, as well as a sister and a brother. **Debra Cohen De Rothschild '81** passed away on November 13, 2001. A dedicated attorney in public and private practice, Debra pioneered the defense of battered women and was universally respected by

colleagues, adversaries, and jurists. Debra was an adjunct professor of law at Emory, Pace, and Cardozo law schools and was a trustee of Miss Hall's School. She is survived by her husband, Robert de Rothschild, son, Jacob Alain de Rothschild, parents, Leonard and Ileen Cohen, and brother, Joel M. Cohen. **L. Anthony Sutin '81** died on January 16, 2002, after a shooting on the campus of the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, VA, where he was dean. He was praised by faculty and students as a dedicated pioneer at the school, a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School who had served as acting counsel for the Democratic Party, was a lawyer for the 1992 presidential campaign of Bill Clinton, and specialized in legislative affairs for former Attorney General Janet Reno before turning to the school as a fresh adventure. He is survived by his wife, Margaret and two children. **Sandra Emily Tishman** (M.M.H.S. '81, human services management) passed away at her home in Boston of gastric cancer on November 5, 2001. Sandra was a retired administrator with the state Department of Public Welfare. She joined the welfare department as a case worker in 1970. She was the agency's assistant director for education and training for 12 years before retiring in 1995. She was devoted to Boston and its cultural institutions. She was the former president of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay. She leaves her husband, Maynard; two daughters, Shari and Andrea, two brothers, and four grandchildren. **Robert Waxman '66** passed away on November 2, 2000, at Shands Jacksonville Hospital in Florida. Robert was a professor of humanities at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL. He was a dedicated and creative teacher who was deeply committed to the humanities and to interdisciplinary learning. For many of his students, his courses were a transforming experience, giving them an appreciation and understanding of the humanities that would last a lifetime. He is survived by his sister, Eugenie Parker, a brother-in-law, Patrick; and two nephews, Mark and Keith. The Robert Waxman '66 Humanities Scholarship was funded by a gift he left to the University

# The First Occasional Brandeis Trivia Quiz

1. The architect who designed the Brandeis Chapels also designed what major international building?
2. Which professional basketball team used to practice at Brandeis?
3. In which sport does Brandeis have more All-Americans than any other school in New England?
4. Which member of the Brandeis faculty was a key member of President's Clinton's cabinet?
5. Which member of the Brandeis faculty served on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States?
6. Who are the two Brandeis alumni who are the producers of the television show *Friends*?
7. Name five other members of the University Athletic Association (UAA) to which Brandeis belongs.
8. Which "First Lady" was a member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees?
9. Name the three Brandeis professors who are recent recipients of the MacArthur Fellowship.
10. Which was the first dormitory built at Brandeis?
11. Which of Leonard Bernstein's operas held its world premiere at the first Brandeis Creative Arts Festival in 1952?
12. Name the Brandeis mascot.
13. Who was the first official Brandeis photographer?
14. What on-campus building is named for the inventor of the Q-tip?
15. Which Brandeis faculty member founded the American studies department?
16. What school was located previously on the present-day Brandeis campus?
17. What is the title of Abram Sachar's book about the founding of Brandeis?
18. For whom was the Brandeis coffeehouse named?
19. What springtime celebration named for a professor of fine arts is held on campus annually?
20. Which scientist lent his name to the original development plan for Brandeis?
21. What remarkable feat did the Brandeis library accomplish in 1996?
22. Which popular student club was founded in 1966?
23. In 1993, an archives was established for the personal papers of which late Nobel laureate?
24. Name the seven presidents of Brandeis.
25. What academic achievement did Brandeis attain in 1961?
26. What was the University's tribute to Louis D. Brandeis on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth?
27. What Hollywood director played varsity basketball during his Brandeis undergraduate days in the sixties?
28. Which former member of the Boston Celtics was recruited to coach varsity basketball at Brandeis in 1966?
29. What Brandeis alum known for prominent involvement in the Black Nationalist movement ran for U.S. Vice President in 1980 on the American Communist Party ticket?
30. The 2000 release of *Steal This Movie* recounts the life of what Brandeis alum?
31. What Brandeis alum is currently starring in the NBC sitcom *Will and Grace*?
32. What is a unique characteristic about the architecture of the three chapels at Brandeis?
33. What is the Brandeis motto that is incorporated into the University seal?
34. Where was the inauguration of Brandeis University held?

—Compiled by Julie Smith-Bartoloni '90 and Matt Weinstein

11. *Trouble in Tahiti* 12. Ollie 13. Ralph Norman  
14. Gerstenzang 15. Lawrence (Larry) Fuchs  
16. Middlesex Veterinarian University 17. *A Host at Last* 18. Chomondeley, Ralph Norman's dog  
19. Bronstein Weekend 20. Albert Einstein  
21. It added its one millionth volume 22. The Wallham Group 23. Andrei Sakharov 24. Abram Sachar, Morris Abram, Charles Schotland, Marver Bernstein, Evelyn Handler, Samuel Thier, Jehuda Reinharz  
25. Phi Beta Kappa accreditation 26. Installed the

1. The United Nations or Lincoln Center in New York  
2. The Boston Celtics 3. Track 4. Robert Reich  
5. Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72-6. David Crane '79  
and Marta Kauffman '78-7. Rochester, NYU,  
Johns Hopkins, Emory, Washington, Case Western,  
Carnegie Mellon, and University of Chicago  
8. Eleanor Roosevelt 9. Gina Turrigiano, Jacqueline  
Jones, and Bernadette Brooten 10. Ridgewood



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# Dear Reader

I recently enjoyed the peculiar pleasure of accompanying my daughter to her first college interview, which just happened to be here at Brandeis. It occurred during a spring deluge so symmetrically analogous to my own 1965 visit in a late-fall blizzard that I could not help but be delighted. Most poignant, though, was that she was interviewed by a man who, by the time you read this, will have left the University after 35 years of service—not counting his four as an undergraduate—and whose intellect and heart have been so assiduously devoted to Brandeis and the recruitment of exceptional undergraduates that I will be forever honored by his resolve to interview my offspring as one of his final official tasks before his retirement from the University.

Michael Kalafatas '65 came to campus in the fall of 1962, received a bachelor's degree, went off for two years to earn an advanced degree in education at the H place in Cambridge only because the program was not available here, and quickly returned to Brandeis to take a

position as an admissions counselor, never to stray again. Twenty-three years ago, in 1979, he became director of admissions, and that is the whole story, except for this:

To have heard Mike speak about Brandeis is to have been transformed. Of course, not every prospective student to whom Mike has spoken came to Brandeis. But thousands have, often, there is no doubt, because of Mike's infectious passion for this place and the unmatched eloquence with which he communicates that passion. Only the most recalcitrant mouth-breather, dragged to Brandeis under extreme duress by a perversely determined parent, could return home entirely unswayed by an information session given by so fervent and compelling an orator.

The inexhaustible reserve of facts obscure and fascinating, apt quotations, anecdotes, and bon mots, and the beauty, brilliance, and delight with which he wove his erudition and eloquence into a tapestry embodying the University's essential character are going to be deeply missed. So will his boundless joy for his task. Attracting remarkable students to Brandeis gave Mike such continual pleasure that he often prematurely

interrupted a relaxing and enjoyable lunch by bounding out of the restaurant booth and exclaiming, "Gotta get back and admit some more great kids."

Michael Kalafatas, paradoxically, is one whom the University will not see the likes of again, yet is a perfect example of the kind of alumnus Brandeis produces with regularity.

I wish him the very best.

Cliff

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## Academy Awards

### American Academy of Arts and Sciences elects two Brandeis University scholars

Jacqueline Jones, the Truman Professor of American Civilization at Brandeis, and Gregory A. Petsko, the Gyula and Katica Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacodynamics, and director of the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center at Brandeis, have been named to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A full list of new members is available on the Academy Website at [www.amacad.org](http://www.amacad.org).

With the selection of these newest members, Brandeis has 23 fellows in the academy.

This year's class also includes novelist Milan Kundera; Nobel Prize winning author Kenzaburo Oe; Lord Anthony P. Lester, president of the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights; and Fritz W. Scharpf,

director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.

"The academy is pleased to welcome these outstanding and influential individuals to the nation's most illustrious learned society. Election to the American Academy is the result of a highly competitive process that recognizes those who have made preeminent contributions to all scholarly fields and professions," said Academy President Patricia Meyer Spacks. Leslie C. Berlowitz, the Academy's executive officer, added, "The American Academy is unique among America's academies for its breadth and scope. Throughout its history, the Academy has gathered individuals with diverse perspectives to participate in studies and projects focusing on advancing intellectual thought and constructive action in American society."

New fellows and foreign honorary members are nominated and elected by current members of the academy. Members are divided into five distinct classes: mathematics and physics; biological sciences; social sciences; humanities and arts; and public affairs and business.



Jacqueline Jones



Gregory Petsko

The unique structure of the American Academy allows Members to conduct interdisciplinary studies that draw on the range of academic and intellectual disciplines.

The Academy was founded in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock, and other scholar-patriots "to cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people." The current membership includes more than 150 Nobel laureates and 50 Pulitzer Prize

winners. Drawing on the wide-ranging expertise of its membership, the American Academy conducts thoughtful, innovative, nonpartisan studies on international security, social policy, education, and the humanities.

This year's new Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members will be inducted at the annual ceremony in October.

## Board Feat

### Board of Trustees Approves FY03 Budget

The FY03 budget approved by the Board of Trustees at its March meeting includes a 4.4 percent increase in billed charges, which includes a 4 percent tuition increase.

This is generally at or below the range of published tuition increases at peer institutions, according to Peter French, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The budget also includes a 3 percent merit-based faculty and staff salary pool



## Flight Attendance

### Ph.D. candidate 'majors' in the United States Air Force

Call her Student Major. Lori Davis Perry is an oddity at Brandeis. A U.S. Air Force major, she believes she is the first active-duty military officer to study at the University. And while it would be difficult to say unequivocally that she is the first, she certainly is not the average Brandeis student.

Davis Perry's academic focus is unusual as well. She's researching the life's work of the English poet Elizabeth Singer Rowe (1674-1737), who wrote poetry and epistolary fiction in a wide range of styles, but who was particularly famous for her religious verse, according to Davis Perry.

"She appeals to me because she's an important woman writer who has been relatively neglected by

modern critics, partly because she does not fit easily into popular literary categories. As a result, she can be difficult to account for," she says.

Davis Perry's long-term goal is to publish an authoritative edition of Rowe's poetry. But first the Ph.D. candidate must fulfill her part of a deal with the USAF. The Air Force paid for Davis Perry's degree at Brandeis so that she could return to teach literature at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Her previous education includes an M.A. in literature from Iowa State University and a B.A. from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. She has already spent four years teaching at the Air Force Academy as an assistant professor.

Davis Perry chose Brandeis because of the quality of its program and the chance to work with her dissertation advisor, Susan Staves, the Paul Prosswimmer Professor of Humanities.

The budget also provides additional funds for deferred maintenance spending.

"This was a challenging budget year," French said. "We developed the FY03

In 2006 her 20-year stint with the Air Force will be complete and Davis Perry will retire, ready to begin her second career in the teaching profession.

The Air Force trained Davis Perry as an intelligence officer. And judging by her impressive rank, she has done well thus far. Her first assignment was in search and rescue and special operations, where she flew as an intelligence crewmember, and attended the special operations Combat Aircrew Training School in Las Vegas. She then spent two years in the Republic of Korea conducting theater-level analysis of North Korean military capabilities and working as the command briefer for the air component commander (a three-star general) and his staff. Her last intelligence assignment was at Hanscom Air Force Base, where she was the operations officer and a division chief for acquisition intelligence.

budget mindful of risks related to the economy and considered choices involving faculty size and costs, number of students and billed charges, endowment draw, and deferred maintenance spending," he said. "Operating expense



Lori Davis Perry

Davis Perry describes herself as someone who prefers the challenges and surprises offered by the "road less traveled," such as joining the Air Force. Her family has no history of military careers. The Air Force attracted her because it would give her educational opportunities and allow her to travel. Today she says she wouldn't change a thing about her career.

"It has been great for me and I have absolutely great things to say about the military." She said she would highly recommend it, particularly for women and minorities who otherwise might not get the opportunities she has enjoyed, for education, training, management, and leadership.

—Dennis Nealon

and a 1 percent market and equity pool for faculty, French said. The budget makes progress at reducing the endowment draw percentage and includes funding to open and operate the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center.

reductions initiated in FY02 in response to the changes in the economy have reduced the University's base budget helping to keep the FY03 billed charges increase as low as possible and provide funding to continue to improve faculty salaries," French said.

## A Wealth of Scholars



Jonathan Scarsic

### Scarsic '03 awarded Truman Scholarship; Fourth consecutive year that a Brandeis student is honored

Before he was even eligible to vote, Jonathan Scarsic '03 began working on a number of political campaigns in the Boston area. In fact, he was only 15 years old when he began working in Congressman Joe Moakley's (D-Mass.) office as a summer intern. Scarsic, a political science major, just received another career boost as the recipient of this year's prestigious Truman Scholarship.

This is the fourth consecutive year that a Brandeis student has won the distinguished award. The scholarship, a \$30,000 merit-based grant for graduate study, is awarded to college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit sector, or elsewhere in public service. As a Truman Scholar, Scarsic will participate in leadership development programs and receive special internship opportunities with the federal government.

Scarsic has interned at Senator John Kerry's (D-Mass.) Boston and Washington D.C. offices and managed a successful campaign for State Representative Frank I. Smizik (D-Mass.). He founded the Lincoln-Sudbury Young Democrats Club, a grass roots organization that encourages democratic involvement and organizes state and

local party activism. At Brandeis, Scarsic has been especially active. He was vice president of the Brandeis University student body, served as a senator for the class of 2003 for two years, and was a resident advisor. He balanced these duties while serving as a Board of Directors member for the Young Democrats of Massachusetts, the official umbrella organization for young democrats in Massachusetts.

Scarsic plans to pursue a master's degree in public policy and would like to run for elected office. He recently was elected in Sudbury, Massachusetts, as a delegate for the democratic convention.

"My education at Brandeis has had a strong emphasis on social justice and policy," stated Scarsic. "I have a better understanding about how government[...]can help people and it has inspired me to become more involved in public policy and encourage more people to become active in government."

**Brandeis's second Churchill Scholar makes a memorable connection**  
Within less than a millionth of a second, a computer can search through millions of bytes of data and accurately respond to a query. It can also be used to simulate the elaborate patterns of biochemical and electrical activity in the brain.

Just ask Daniel Abadi '02, who has been awarded the prestigious Churchill Scholarship. With a double major in computer science and neuroscience, he is conducting groundbreaking research that has led to a computer simulation of biological memory storage and a new debugger for a programming language used in data retrieval in databases. It also led to the scholarship, which will enable him to pursue a M.Phil. in engineering at Churchill College, Cambridge University, England. He is only the second student to receive the award at Brandeis.

Junior year, Abadi became fascinated by the molecular basis of memory, during the course Introduction to Neuroscience, taught by Professor of Biology John Lisman. After Lisman described evidence for the involvement of the protein CaMKII in memory, Abadi had the insight to make a computer program that helps people visualize the biochemical reactions involved in the formation of a memory switch.

Abadi's work in creating a computer model for memory has contributed to his success using a different kind of network of recall in the field of computer science.

Working with Mitch Cherniack, assistant professor of computer science, his research has helped create a new tool to assist with the development of database software. The tool was constructed within

Margaret Pawlowski '03 and  
Shlomo Meislin '04

the context of the COKO-KOLA project, whose purpose is to assist database system developers in building a query optimizer: that part of the database that efficiently retrieves data in response to a user request.

This June Abadi and Cherniack will present their research at SIGMOD: the Special Interest Group for Management of Data Conference, the most prestigious forum for database researchers.

"Dan's work on the COKO-KOLA project is an important contribution demonstrating that formal methods tools can indeed be used to develop "real" software systems," said Cherniack. "It is an extremely impressive feat for an undergraduate to present work at this conference."

A Jerome A. Schiff Fellow, Abadi's research with query optimizers was supported in part by Brandeis. As part of the fellowship, he instructed a course with Cherniack, which introduced students to techniques used to build modern database systems.

Abadi is one of 10 to receive the Churchill Scholarship, awarded to outstanding American students, to

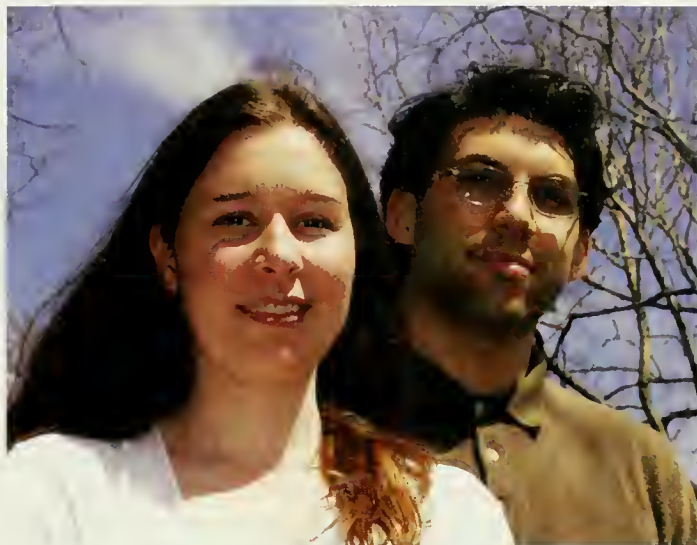
pursue one year of graduate work at Cambridge University within engineering, mathematics, and the physical and natural sciences. The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States was established in 1959 as an expression of American admiration for one of the great leaders of the free world. It was founded to encourage the exchange of knowledge and the sharing of ideas in science and technology between the United States and Great Britain.

—Cristin Carr

**Double the concentration:  
Two undergrads win  
Goldwater Scholarships**

Margaret E. Pawlowski '03 knew she wanted to major in biochemistry long before enrolling at Brandeis University. As an undergraduate researcher in the lab of Chandler Fulton, professor of biology, and Elaine Lai, research associate, her work determining the mechanisms of a particular enzyme may lead to the development of a chemotherapy drug.

For Shlomo H. Meislin '04, interest in research also began at an early age, far before becoming an undergraduate at Brandeis. His work within the lab of Melissa Moore, associate professor of biochemistry and Howard Hughes Associate Investigator, has exposed him to groundbreaking research involving RNA splicing, a crucial step in gene expression.



Pawlowski, a double major in biochemistry and chemistry, and Meislin, a double major in biology and biochemistry, have proven that focus and determination can lead to opportunity. They are recipients of this year's prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Awards. The two students were among 309 students chosen from 50 states and Puerto Rico to receive the scholarship, which covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500.

Pawlowski's career at Brandeis has been a delicate balancing act of coursework and other responsibilities. Also a recipient of the Jerome A. Schiff fellowship, she is a teacher's assistant for an introductory biology course. As the undergraduate department representative for the biochemistry department, she serves as a liaison between students and faculty. She is also a member of the varsity softball team.

Pawlowski will continue her work with Fulton and Lai this summer with support from a Howard Hughes fellowship. Her work is also being sponsored by Pfizer, a leading research-based global pharmaceutical company.

Meislin threw himself into a research environment freshman year, starting work in Moore's lab. By the end of second semester he was offered the opportunity to continue working in Moore's lab as a Howard Hughes summer intern. This summer his work will again be funded by The Howard Hughes Medical Institute but as a sophomore he has been awarded a research fellowship.

Meislin, a Justice Brandeis Scholar, who is also working towards a degree in mathematics, is a member of the Swing Club and enjoys classical music, ultimate Frisbee, swimming, and playing squash.

Both scholars plan to pursue Ph.D. programs and although they have not decided whether they will continue research careers in industry or academia, judging from their impressive achievements determination will lead the way.

—Cristin Carr

## Polly Want a Thesaurus?

### **“Bird brains” may not be complete featherheads after all Brandeis researcher reveals remarkable intellectual capabilities of Grey parrots**

Being a “birdbrain” isn’t so bad after all—especially if you’re a bird brain in Brandeis researcher Irene Pepperberg’s lab. Pepperberg, research associate professor of psychology and avian expert at Brandeis University, has proven that birds have remarkable cognitive abilities that surpass mimicry.

Her work provides evidence that Grey parrots have the ability to combine objects and sounds in specific orders. The phenomenon indicates that the avian brain, although considerably

different from that of mammals, can process information in similar ways.

“We have shown that despite having a walnut-sized brain, and one that is organized very differently from that of a human, parrots are capable of learning very simple syntactic patterns,” said Pepperberg. “Our research, furthermore, shows that learning such elements proceeds in ways similar to those of humans.”

Internationally recognized for groundbreaking research on communicative and cognitive functions in parrots, Pepperberg released her most recent findings at The American Association for the Advancement of Science’s annual meeting. At the conference she introduced the extraordinary behavior of Griffin, a 7-year-old Grey parrot who

recently began linking words in a specific order to express a particular thought, combinatorial acts paralleled by young children first learning language.

“Griffin is combining labels in very simple ways, something that children do at an early stage of language acquisition, usually at about 22 months of age,” said Pepperberg. “At this stage a child not only says ‘mommy’ or ‘cookie’ but also begins expressing that they ‘want more cookie.’”

Griffin demonstrates this ability by forming simple sentence structures to communicate his desires. For example, he will say, “want a green grape” or “want yellow corn” to

specify what he would like to eat. Other examples of Griffin’s cognitive and communicative abilities include his ability to identify objects and materials. He is also learning to identify shapes and colors.

“Griffin has a clear understanding of what his labels represent,” said Pepperberg. “It’s not a stimulus response.”

Griffin has also begun to manipulate and stack different-sized bottle caps in the correct sequence, placing the smaller bottle cap inside the larger bottle cap.

“This pattern of development or stacking usually occurs in children around the same time that they begin to combine labels,” said Pepperberg.

## Achievement and Promise

### **Two receive Guggenheims**

Mary Campbell, professor of English, and Jennifer Nuss, artist-in-residence in fine arts, have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowship Awards for 2002. Campbell and Nuss were selected from over 2,800 applicants—artists, scholars, and scientists.

Guggenheim Fellows are appointed on the basis of distinguished achievement

in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment. Campbell was honored for her work in dream and metaphor in early modern literature, science, and personal life. Her latest book, *Wonder and Science: Imagining Worlds in Early Modern Europe*, received two awards: the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Languages Association and the Suzanne M. Glasscock Humanities Book Prize for Interdisciplinary Scholarship from the Center for Humanities Research at Texas A&M.

Her forthcoming works include essays in the *Cambridge Companion to Travel Writing* and in the *Cambridge History of Science*, vol. 3, and a new book of poems, *Trouble*.

Jennifer Nuss, who has been teaching printmaking and drawing at Brandeis since 1994, has had several exhibitions of her work at galleries in the United

States, Austria, and Japan. A past recipient of the Joan Mitchell Memorial Award and of the Mazer Research Award, Nuss says her work “deals with mythical female figures. They are characters who often fall between human and animal. They are witches, acrobats, circus freaks. They entertain the possibility of ritual and rebirth.” (*New York Foundation for the Arts*) Nuss is currently on leave from teaching at Brandeis and is living and working in New York City.



Irene Pepperberg with Alex, Wart, and Griffin

According to Pepperberg, this type of behavior is a precursor to serialization knowledge, a trait that was once believed to be exclusive to primates and a precursor of syntax.

"The fact that we have shown the simultaneous emergence of vocal and physical combinatorial behavior in animals so far removed from primates is extraordinary," said Pepperberg.

Because the avian brain lacks a Broca area, the region of the brain in humans where language develops, Pepperberg's

research raises some interesting questions. Given the structure of the avian brain, does combinatorial behavior evolve separately in birds and primates or was it inherited from a distant common ancestor? Although this question remains a mystery, her research with the Congo African parrot has provided important insights to how such behavior has evolved.

In 1977, she began her research with Alex, a 25-year-old parrot who shares Pepperberg's lab with Griffin and a younger clan member, Arthur (a.k.a., Wart), 3 1/2 years old. Alex, the oldest, has a more advanced understanding of object labels and can identify concepts about 50 different

object labels-matter, color, size, and shape. He also has concepts of bigger and smaller, same and different, category, absence, and concepts of numbers.

Wart, whose name was carefully chosen to match Merlin's nickname for young Arthur in *The Sword and the Stone*, is just beginning his apprenticeship and is just beginning to grasp the concept of labels.

The training methods she uses facilitate the Grey parrots' ability to learn from each other and from humans in the laboratory,

teaching them to acquire simple vocal syntactic patterns and referential elements of human communication through social interaction. These techniques have begun to lead to special programs for teaching language to disabled, autistic, and developmentally delayed children.

Pepperberg coauthored the study on Griffin with Heather R. Shive, University of Arizona and North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, "Simultaneous Development of Vocal and Physical Object Combinations by a Grey Parrot," which was published in December of 2001. Twenty years of work with Alex is also chronicled in the critically acclaimed book, *The Alex Studies*.

—Cristin Carr

## Corralled by Back Bay

**Professor of Music Jim Olesen, director of the University Chorus and Chamber Choir since 1972, has been named artistic director of the Back Bay Chorale**

An active figure in the Boston-area music community, Olesen has guest conducted for Emmanuel Music, Boston, in its ongoing series of Bach cantatas. He has also served as guest conductor for the Griffin Ensemble, Boston, in music of Mario Davidovsky

and Allen Anderson, and for the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra. He has also prepared choruses for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Prague Philharmonic, and the Boston Philharmonic.

The 100-member Back Bay Chorale gives four professional concerts a year in Boston of major choral repertory, which Olesen says will allow him to work on the large works for chorus and orchestra

as well as give him more opportunity to conduct 20th-century repertory. It will also give him an association with one of Boston's important community choral ensembles.

At Brandeis, Olesen will continue to lead student singers in a vast repertory of music, ranging from Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven, to folksongs, art songs, and songs of the Great American Musical.



Jim Olesen

## An Excellent Prognosis

### Four Brandeis seniors accepted to Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Four Brandeis students have bypassed the decision making process that usually defines senior year. Long before graduation, they were selected by Mount Sinai's Medical School as part of an early acceptance program. The highly selective program allows undergrads to pursue a diverse study in humanities and social sciences and assures matriculation into Mount Sinai's medical school upon graduation.

Among 13 students chosen from 80 applicants, they were admitted into the university's exclusive Humanities and Medicine Program, designed for liberal arts students who demonstrate the promise of becoming compassionate, humanistic physicians. The program, originally open to students from six northeastern schools,

including Brandeis University, Amherst College, Princeton University, and Williams College, expanded its application pool in November 2001 to include all universities nationwide.

During sophomore year, Stephen Berns '02, biological anthropology major, Jonathan Dworkin '02, a European cultural studies major, and Rachel Goldstein '02, a sociology major, received admission into the program. Karina Gritsenko '03, a European cultural studies major, gained acceptance during her junior year.

Students accepted into the program are not required to take physics and organic chemistry as part of undergraduate curriculum. Instead, as juniors, they are required to participate in an on-campus summer program at Mount Sinai consisting of classroom study in physics

and organic chemistry along with an introduction to various clinical disciplines through weekly rotations.

"This program has allowed me to look at medicine holistically," said Berns. "My education at Brandeis has paved the way to a career as a doctor—a career that will uniquely combine the science of medicine with the science of people." Berns created an independent concentration while at Brandeis, devising the major of biological anthropology. During freshman and sophomore year Berns was a member of the crew team until he sustained a knee injury. He also was a member of the core committee for freshman orientation, a student representative to the University curriculum committee, and chair of the senior class gift committee.

"A lot of what you learn outside of the classroom is just as important as what you learn in the classroom," stated Dworkin. "My experiences at Brandeis have molded me as an individual and have provided me with qualities that have better prepared me to be a well-rounded individual and doctor." Dworkin was cofounder of Students for a Just Society, an organization created to raise awareness about the extent and impact of social injustice worldwide.

"Mt. Sinai's program allowed me to take a different route to medical school," said Goldstein. "It enabled me to look at medicine as a social science—to look at a patient as a whole, not

just as a set of symptoms." Goldstein's ability to balance school work with a rigorous training schedule as captain of Brandeis's swim team and work as a writer for *the Justice* have prepared her well for the demands of medical school. As a volunteer for Brandeis's freshman Orientation program, Goldstein has also helped introduce incoming students to college life, making the transition easier for newcomers.

"Often doctors live in a technocratic bubble where sociological aspects don't exist," said Gritsenko. "I want my career as a doctor to be more than just the science of medicine, I want to include more humanistic aspects as well." While at Brandeis Gritsenko was manager of Starving Artists, a Brandeis a cappella performance group, and founded "Swingers," the first swing dance group at Brandeis. She also helped to organize Science on Saturdays, a mentor program with Brandeis students and the Boys & Girls Club of Waltham, and was president of the KaBH, a club at Brandeis that brings students together in an international theatrical competition deeply rooted in Russian culture.

—Cristin Carr



Jonathan Dworkin '02, Stephen Berns '02, Karina Gritsenko '03, and Rachel Goldstein '02

## Drug Story

### Pharmaceutical research gains speed from Chemist Li Deng's catalyst discoveries

According to Thomas Pochapsky, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department, "the work that Li Deng and his group are doing is absolutely groundbreaking. He has changed the way that people approach this area of research."

Deng and researchers at Brandeis have developed several new catalytic asymmetric reactions that will help the development and production of drugs.

It is a well-known phenomenon that most drugs possess two forms that are "handed" or chiral, similar to our two hands that mirror each other. Over the last several years, however, making molecules with only one desired shape or "handedness" has become a challenge and a necessity for the pharmaceutical industry.

"Since the two mirror image forms of a chiral drug molecule interact with the drug targets differently, right- or left-handed versions of the molecules can have vastly different effects," stated Deng, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry. "One hand, called an enantiomer, might interact with a cell to produce a beneficial therapeutic effect, while the other might have

no effect or may even produce a harmful effect. Therefore it is crucial for drug development and manufacturing to develop new and practical methods to produce only the desired mirror image form of the molecule."

The newly developed catalytic asymmetric reactions, which use a catalyst to selectively produce one of the two enantiomers in excess over the other, provide access to a wide variety of versatile chiral building blocks that can be further assembled to form a drug or a drug candidate of the correct mirror image form, which will interact with its target to give the desired biological activity.

"The most important feature of these new reactions is that it only takes a small quantity of the catalysts to direct a reaction to create large amounts of a desired product with minimum or no waste," said Deng.

"Prior technologies involved in creating these chiral molecules were expensive, wasteful, and time consuming."

The new catalytic reactions developed by Deng's group are also potentially important for commercial



Li Deng

manufacturing of drugs, because the catalysts, made from abundant natural products, are highly accessible, inexpensive, and fully recyclable.

Last year the National Institutes for Health awarded Deng a \$1.15 million grant in support of his research of catalytic asymmetric synthesis. The latest new reaction developed by Deng and a graduate student, Liang Tang, was published as a communication in the March issue of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. This is the fifth communication published in the last two years by Deng's group in the journal, which chronicles his groundbreaking work with asymmetric catalysis.

"To fully capture the potential of the post-genomic era, we must dramatically enhance our ability to rapidly make chiral molecules to match the increasing pace of drug-target identification" said Deng. "Catalytic asymmetric catalysis allows us to meet this challenge and accelerates the discovery of new, small-molecule drugs—a necessity in the pharmaceutical industry."

Adds Pochapsky, "We are pleased and excited that this work is taking place here at Brandeis."

—Cristin Carr

## Motion Detectors

### Brandeis scientists pinpoint how a cell's tiny motor runs

Three Brandeis scientists have pinpointed the crucial mechanism of kinesin, a motor protein that powers the world's tiniest engines of life-cells.



The controversial finding, reported in the Feb. 1 issue of *Science* by Brandeis researchers, Wei Hua, Johnson Chung, and Jeff Gelles, provides a new model of motion for kinesin, as it propels enzymes and other chemicals along pathways known as microtubules.

The three scientists discovered a new inchworm mechanism used by kinesin's two leg-like "heads," which crawl along the microtubule pathway pulling the precious cargo needed to keep the cell's metabolism running.

"Our finding upsets the widely accepted 'hand over hand theory,' which proposed that kinesin's two heads moved symmetrically," said Gelles,

professor of biochemistry and Volen National Center for Complex Systems at Brandeis University. "Previously, it was believed that kinesin's two heads or two identical protein subunits functioned identically, alternately moving past each other like the feet of a person walking."

By using single molecule light microscopy, a unique technique that allowed them to look at single enzyme molecules individually, the scientists were able to track the motion of each kinesin molecule measuring 70 nanometers in length.

"We conclude that these two identical subunits actually perform different tasks," said Gelles. "While one of the two heads functions as an active motor, the other serves as a crutch for the active head to push against as it is moving forward."

Understanding how the motor protein kinesin functions is essential to gaining a full understanding of how nerve cells keep their distant parts alive and functioning. This knowledge may ultimately be helpful for treating a large class of motor neuron diseases including Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

"ALS and other motor neuron diseases seem to be associated with defects in transport-down neurons" said Gelles. "By studying kinesin, a key component of transport, we hope to learn more about what causes these diseases and how they might be prevented."

—Cristin Carr

## New Prez in Paradise

### Carol Kern Elected 25th President of National Women's Committee

Carol Kern of Paradise Valley, Arizona, the newly elected president of the 45,000-member Brandeis University National Women's Committee (NWC), joined the organization in Westchester County, New York, in 1975. She and her

friend Carole Elias '64 were looking for the intellectual stimulation for which NWC was renowned, so they hired babysitters and joined a study group. The National Women's Committee offers its members 80 study groups based on syllabi written by Brandeis faculty. A partner with Brandeis University since its founding in 1948, the National Women's Committee has raised more than \$77 million for the University and its Libraries.

Kern and her family moved to Arizona in 1983 where she became a leading force in the Phoenix Chapter, one of the founding chapters of the National Women's Committee.

During her first year in Phoenix she led a book discussion group and soon became study group vice president. When she was



Dorothee Kern

## Track Stars

### Researchers unveil inner workings of key protein essential in HIV

Three Brandeis researchers have mapped out the dynamic processes of a key protein required for the human immunodeficiency virus type-I HIV to enter into human cells.

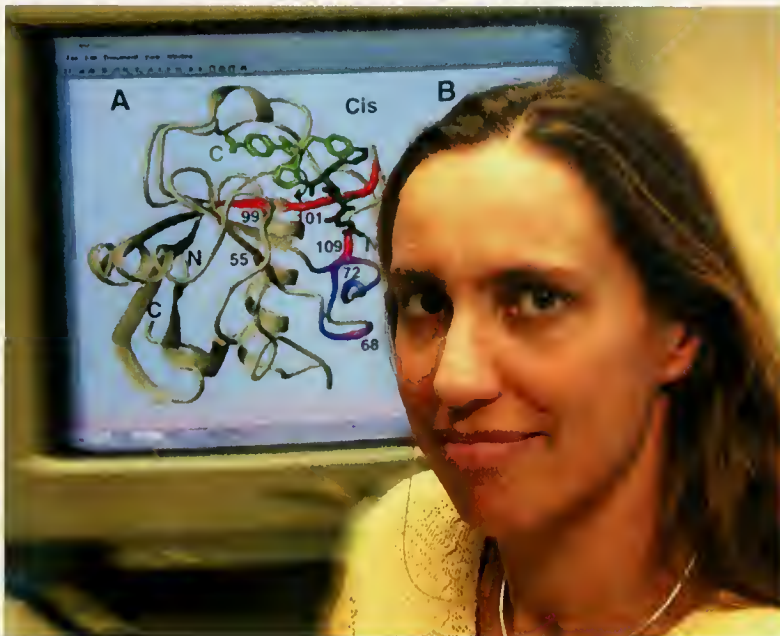
The research, published in the Feb. 21 issue of *Science* by Brandeis scientists Elan Zohar Eisenmesser, Darly A. Bosco, Mikael Akke, and Dorothee Kern, tracks the chemical mechanisms of human cyclophilin A, an enzyme that accelerates HIV virus replication in human cells.

"Our research characterizes the motions of cyclophilin A (CypA) during catalysis and

provides insight into how HIV uses this host enzyme to replicate itself," says Kern, assistant professor of biochemistry. "Although the three-dimensional structure of CypA, an enzyme that is highly abundant in all cells, is known, its biological functions and mechanisms of action are not well understood."

By using nuclear magnetic resonance, an innovative spectroscopy technique that allows researchers to observe proteins in their natural state, they were able to pinpoint the motion of CypA at many atomic sites simultaneously. Tracking the motions of an enzyme in its working state is novel because it goes beyond the current understanding of enzymes, which has been based on static pictures.

"We have tracked the force dimension of CypA, which enables us to better



understand how proteins change over time," said Kern. "We are not just looking at the three-dimensional figure but we're looking at the kinetics of the protein—how fast the atoms on the protein are moving while it's working."

Tracking these dimensions has enabled the researchers to reveal exactly which areas of the protein are moving during catalysis.

Characterizing these motions may help scientists better understand CypA's interaction with the virus capsid protein, a key protein that binds with CypA and enables the virus to release its genetic contents.

Identifying the role of CypA in promoting the assembly of viral proteins into infectious HIV particles could ultimately lead to the development of drug targets that interfere with CypA's function. This may prevent the HIV virus from infecting new cells.

—Cristin Carr

chapter president in 1990, this once-sleepy chapter was awarded the prestigious NWC Chapter of the Year Award for the first time in its long history. Kern also started the Phoenix Book and Author Luncheon, now in its 12th year. This event attracts top authors and an audience of almost 1,000 people each spring and has raised as much as \$60,000 per year. The Chapter has grown from 350 to 1200 members, including three satellite groups.

In addition to her effective fund raising for Brandeis and the National Women's Committee, Kern and a partner established an endowed hospice fund in memory of her sister, Barbara Moss, and a very good friend, Ellen Woodnick, who was her mentor in the National Women's Committee. Through garage sales that mushroomed into a small business and an annual art auction Kern

and Woodnick's sister raised \$250,000 over a nine-year period.

Kern is also active in the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix for which she established Women's Education Day...Women's Works, an education day involving most of the Jewish women's organizations in the area.

Kern studied at Brooklyn College, City College, the New School of Social

Research, and the New York School of Interior Design, but her heart is with Brandeis. As the 25th president of the National Women's Committee, she wants members to be engaged in the National Women's Committee's mission. "I want our members to feel connected to Brandeis University and the part it plays in preparing students to take their place in creating a more understanding, peaceful, and tolerant world," she says.

## Computer Program

### Leaving a lifetime of subsistence labor in Uganda, freshman studies hard for poor back home

By his own estimation, Jeremiah K. Kasigwa '05 could be "fishing his life away" back home with thousands if not millions of others in his native Uganda. He would be leading an acceptable, normal life that way.

But instead, the 19-year-old freshman is being classically educated at Brandeis, which doubles for him as a base to help promote learning for the children and young adults in villages of his home.

Poised and articulate, Kasigwa recently got Brandeis to give him eight used computers, which he shipped to Uganda for use in village schools. He initiated the project by himself and took three months shepherding it through stages ranging from working with supportive University administrators to getting the

Student Senate to allocate \$2,100 to transport the equipment to Uganda.

Kasigwa, who is majoring in economics, said he had three goals: to show villagers what a computer really looks like, what it is like to use one, and by doing so, to inspire them to pursue learning as an alternative to a life of farming and fishing, devoid of formal education.

"Through that, I hoped, they will go back home and encourage their parents to send them to school," said Kasigwa.

During December break, Kasigwa returned home to ensure the computers arrived safely and to plan their distribution. He said one or two will be used for administration while the remaining ones are housed, one each, in separate schools. That way, villagers young and adult alike will be able to share them.

## There's Always Room for Cello



Joshua Gordon

### The Lydian String Quartet announces new cellist

After a six-month international search, Brandeis resident artists, the Lydian String Quartet, have announced the selection of Joshua Gordon as the group's new cellist.

Considered one of New York's most versatile cellists, Gordon was among 80 musicians to apply for the coveted position following the resignation last year of Rhonda Rider, a founding member of the critically acclaimed quartet.

A graduate of The Juilliard School, Gordon has performed around the

world and worked with many of America's leading composers, including John Cage, Ronald Caltabiano, Elliott Carter, and Chen Yi. In New York, he has played with the New York Chamber Soloists and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, among other groups.

Quartet member Mary Ruth Ray said his submitted recordings made "it immediately evident he is an excellent player with all the technical skill and musical sophistication required for the position." And in each subsequent audition, "his sound was always beautiful, with a great range of color, and dynamic."

Gordon officially joins Mary Ruth Ray (viola), Daniel Stepner (violin), and Judith

Eissenberg (violin), in the fall 2002 semester at Brandeis, where the Lydian String Quartet has been in residence since 1980. His first public appearance as a member of the group took place at Brandeis on June 15 during the group's summer Chamber Music Festival.

Applicants from around the world applied for the position, including Finland, Mexico, Japan, and Canada, offering experience in a variety of professional musician situations, including symphony orchestras and chamber music groups.

—Donna Desrochers

Jeremiah  
Kasigwa '05



Unlike a great many others in his country, Kasigwa went to some of the best schools in Uganda and received a terrific education, thanks to his parents' hard work and persistence. "I've been lucky in life," he says. His father is a printer and his mother works as an assistant in the prime minister's office. The couple has five children, three of whom are going to college.

But while his intellect is engaged here, Kasigwa says his heart is back home, and he is hoping to do much more there than send a few computers to schools.

With other volunteers in Uganda, Kasigwa has drafted the proposal "Educating the Disadvantaged Poor in Bugungu Region," that aims to raise \$25,000 in one year. The group is looking for donors in the United States and abroad. The project is based in the Hoima District, in the sub-county of Kigorobya in Western Uganda.

According to Kasigwa, that is an area that is particularly lacking in education programs, infrastructure, and socioeconomic development because it is isolated by natural geographic features.

Kasigwa said the group he is working with in Uganda is hoping for sustained

fundraising over the next five years, with a goal of ultimately raising \$250,000.

He hopes that others might have the opportunity he has had to learn at institutions like Brandeis, one of two schools recommended to him by an education counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Uganda.

—Dennis Nealon

## A Righteous Gift

Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation has donated \$500,000 to Genesis, Brandeis's summer program for teenagers. The program integrates Jewish studies, the arts, humanities, and social action.

The gift completes a three-to-one challenge grant made by the foundation. Under terms of the agreement, the Spielberg organization promised to award \$500,000 if the University raised \$1.5 million. Brandeis met the

challenge, thanks to the generous contributions of friends of the University.

The gift brings the foundation's total giving to Genesis to more than \$2 million.

"This gift is gratifying on two levels. On the one hand, it demonstrates a strong show of support for Genesis from friends of the program. On the other, the generosity of Steven Spielberg and the Righteous Persons Foundation will ensure the future of Genesis as a renowned program of Jewish education and help educate and train the next generation of Jewish leaders," said President Jehuda Reinharz.

The Genesis Program received its initial funding from the Righteous Persons Foundation, an organization the filmmaker established after completing *Schindler's List*. The foundation provides funding for special nonprofit organizations to pursue distinctive proposals.

A nationally recognized model for Jewish adolescent education, Genesis has been a leader in educating and training a new generation of Jewish leaders. Founded in 1997, the program serves approximately 75 students each year. To date, 350

Jewish high school students have participated in Genesis.

During the four-week program, students attend challenging classes created and taught by a team of experienced faculty. In addition to their coursework, participants investigate the meaning and implications of living in a diverse Jewish community. They design and lead weekly Shabbat observances, and participate in two weekly community projects that exemplify the value of Tikun Olam (repairing the world). Genesis has a powerful and long-lasting impact on its students.

—Donna Desrochers

## Senior Class

### Waltham Group volunteers form deep bonds with elders

Every Wednesday, Aarti Daswani '03, a psychology and economics major, gets together with Phyllis. Like most good friends they sit around and talk, share a few laughs, maybe a meal. Daswani, a native of India

who grew up in Thailand, says Phyllis has become a great companion away from home. "She looks out for me. She gives good advice."

Phyllis is 75 years old and lives in a nursing home. Daswani says their relationship is one of the

and other opportunities to work with children. These are the big draw for college volunteers, says Brandeis Community Services Director Diane Hannan. But for years, the organization has also had a small, dedicated group of volunteers for Companions to Elders, a program that works through local agencies and nursing homes, matching students as weekly visitors and companions with seniors.

Liz Kurs '02 joined shortly after arriving at Brandeis. She says she understands why students might overlook seniors. "It's hard to be in a nursing home setting" because volunteering in that capacity can be more demanding and isn't always easy.

"It's also hard to establish a relationship with someone and not know what will happen," she adds, recalling Eugene, a 77-year-old resident of the Leland Home in Waltham who died last winter break. He was a jazz musician who'd played with some of the greats, including John Coltrane, and he was full of stories, says Kurs, a sociology student. "The knowledge that the friendship won't last—that's tough."

But Kurs adds she wouldn't have it any other way. "I've always loved seniors," she says.

It is a sentiment that many program volunteers share. They relish the chance to be with people outside their age group. They enjoy the wisdom and experience of elders and understand the value of friendship at

any age. Hannan says all volunteers receive basic training to help get past common problems, such as communicating with someone who might be vision or hearing impaired. "I tell them, just because there's a hearing problem, you don't need to talk loud. Annunciate well, that's helpful." The first meeting is critical. It should be brief, says Hannan. "Talk about yourself, relate yourself as part of your life story, who your family is. Ask general questions."

It takes courage to begin a friendship you know may be brief. But the rewards seem well worth the risk, according to Danielle Breslow '02. She was matched with two companions at Leland, including Sybil, a career librarian who never married and traveled the world. "I very much respected Sybil and looked up to her. She taught me a lot about being an independent woman." Sybil died this past February and the nursing home asked Breslow to deliver the eulogy, an experience she says was therapeutic. "It allowed me to tell people about the woman I knew."

Breslow graduated in May—a year early, with a major in psychology and English. She plans to work with a community program for kids. But she expects to volunteer again with seniors. "I feel a connection to the elderly I can't really explain. I think that some things about myself and my values are old fashioned. In that sense I can relate to them. I also think they have a lot to offer."

—Donna Desrochers



Phyllis with Aarti Daswani '03

best things to happen to her since arriving at Brandeis and volunteering for the Waltham Group.

"Both of my grandparents lived in India, so I never got to make that connection with them," adds Daswani. "With Phyllis, I talk about my problems. I learn through her life experience."

The Waltham Group has a number of community service programs, including Big Siblings, Afternoon Enrichment (a program for middle school kids)

Robert Reich and  
Joshua Peck '02



## And the Winner is...

### Reich hosts First Annual Teaching Award Teach-In

Robert Reich, renowned nationwide for his political insight and charismatic personality, recently received proof of just how highly Brandeis students value him as a professor.

Reich, University Professor and the Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy, is the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award, presented by the Student Union to the teacher whom students have

voted the most dedicated and enthusiastically involved in the profession. On March 5, along with a plaque and a check for \$500, he was given the opportunity to host the First Annual Teaching Award Teach-in.

Yoselin Bugallo '03, student union coordinator of community resources and planner of the event, introduced Reich to a crowd of students, faculty, and members of the Brandeis community who had gathered in the International Lounge to hear him speak on a subject of his choice.

"I love to teach," Reich began, leaving the podium empty in favor of strolling

the aisles next to the seated audience. He informally discussed the feelings of "powerlessness" he feels are prevalent throughout the nation regarding citizens' "alienation from the democratic process." Using several anecdotes from his time as secretary of labor under President Clinton, Reich explained the ways in which the government tends to be "out of touch" with the people. He noted how the government's

interpretations of laws sometimes neglect community values, thereby inflaming people's views of the government as a distant, unfeeling entity.

At the conclusion of the teach-in, Student Union President Joshua Peck '02 expressed the student body's appreciation for Reich's work at Brandeis. Reich replied, "I have absolutely loved and will continue to love teaching here. It is an honor and a privilege for me."

—Emily Dahl '04

## A Program Reborn

### Brandeis planning to offer master's degree in coexistence

With a gift of \$5 million, Brandeis University will establish The Alan B. Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence. When fully implemented, the program will offer the master's degree in coexistence, according to Daniel Terris, director of Brandeis's International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life (EJPL), under whose auspices the new program will be run.

Named for the foundation that provided the funding, the program is the successor to the three-year Brandeis

Initiative in Intercommunal Coexistence. Its goal is to create understanding, acceptance, and cooperation among individuals and groups who historically have opposed each other in conflict regions around the world.

The University will begin an international search later this year for a senior scholar-practitioner to design, win faculty approval for, and lead the new program. The program will be targeted to experienced coexistence practitioners who, perhaps for reasons of historical circumstance, find themselves engaged in strengthening intercommunal relations as part of their lives as professionals, activists, and citizens.

More immediately, the funds will be used to enhance Brandeis's undergraduate offerings in coexistence, and for continuing the global outreach work of the EJPL. Outreach programs will develop the partnerships the center has been establishing with grassroots organizations around the world, particularly in Sri Lanka, South Africa, Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Guatemala, and in the United States. That component of the program will be directed by Cynthia Cohen, Ph.D.,

the Ethics Center staff member who has directed the Brandeis Initiative in Intercommunal Coexistence for the last three years.

All three components of the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence will emphasize the ethical dimension of coexistence work, and will highlight the particular contributions of the arts and humanities to peace-building practice. Through collaborations between scholars and practitioners, in and out of the classroom, Brandeis University will become a focal point for generating and disseminating knowledge in these two areas.

## Undercover Student

### Pakistan's mysterious religious schools

To enter the madaris of Pakistan, the schools where the Taliban studied, Muhammad Anjum must have a solid reference from someone connected to the religious leaders who run them. That assurance is the only thing that will get him in to speak to the students upon whom his research for the Sustainable International Development program (SID) at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management depends completely.

The one thing he must not do is let the heads of the madaris know that he is after information as part of fieldwork for a U.S.-based university. That would most certainly kill any chance of speaking to the students. The privacy and autonomy of the schools are zealously shielded from outside interference, government, or otherwise.

Such is the world into which Anjum, a 36-year-old former commercial bank worker in Pakistan has immersed himself. The father of four young children in Pakistan, where he was born and grew up, is completing his two years of study in SID and finalizing a report based on visits he made to 41 madaris

(plural for madrasah) and interviews with 241 students in them. In that report Anjum says that the "madaris of Pakistan are widely considered (by the West) the hatcheries of extremists, especially after the Taliban regime's controversial role in Afghanistan."

Although one should not confuse the madaris of Pakistan with the military-like al-Qaeda training camps of Afghanistan, there is one main similarity, according to Anjum. Both thrive on anti-Western sentiment if not outright hatred for anything resembling English or British imperialists.

And that most certainly includes the United States, Anjum says. And for the madaris and training camps, religion—that is, one religion, Islam—is the center of the universe. Further, the Taliban that stood accused of harboring Osama bin Laden's legions has had a major presence in the religious schools of Pakistan. According to Anjum's research, 64 percent of the madaris belong to Pakistan's Deobandi sect, to which the Taliban all belong.

Unabashedly, Anjum says the madaris, with their "narrow and rigid approach," are "damaging the face of Islam" by stressing intolerance and teaching

## Faculty on the Move

**Caren Irr** (English) was recently promoted to associate professor with tenure. Irr's ample publication record and work-in-progress indicate a wide range of intellectual concerns. Her first book, *The Suburb of Dissent: Cultural Politics in the United States and Canada During the 1930s*, combines a broad sense of cultural history with detailed and persuasive readings of an impressive array of literary texts. Her published essay on Leslie Marmon Silko's *Almanac of the Dead* is an example of Irr's work

at its best. Irr's current book project, *Women's Infringements: Gender and American Property in the Global Economy*, continues her tendency to take risks by arguing that there has been a specifically gendered component to intellectual property law in the United States and, consequently, around the globe.

Irr has participated energetically in her department, serving as Undergraduate Advising Head and taking an active role in the restructuring of the English major. She has designed and taught an unusually large number of courses since arriving at Brandeis in fall 1999.

**Timothy Hickey** (computer science) has been promoted to full professor. Hickey's post-tenure research focuses on interval arithmetic and its applications to constraint logic programming. He has also worked on the development of declarative languages for internet programming. Hickey has published two papers in the flagship journal of computer science, and has also published in top-level conference proceedings, an esteemed form of publication that those in computer science rely

heavily upon to share new ideas quickly. Additionally, he has a prestigious and highly competitive ITR award from the National Science Foundation.

An effective and committed teacher, Hickey's strong mathematics background and interest in the practical aspects of building systems make him an invaluable resource for many students. He interacts with a wide variety of students, from those he teaches in large introductory courses to seniors working on their theses, and volunteers for many departmental duties.



a form of the religion that is not “the true,” more tolerant Islam.

Ironically, Anjum undertook his fieldwork 10 days before September 11. He conducted his fieldwork planning and interviews until December, after which he returned to campus to write his report and look forward to receiving his master’s degree in May.

Anjum plans to stay in the United States for practical training for 18 months after graduation. Then he will return home to Pakistan

and his family. But before he does that, he will put his findings into a report for the SID Program, which he hopes to publish, as well.

What he discovered about the madaris can’t exactly be characterized as overwhelmingly positive, Anjum says. He said the students, who spend as much as eight years in the schools, leave with no skills or knowledge to help them find work or sustain themselves. Rather, many stay tied to the madaris themselves. Some teach in them and others work for the mosques that run the schools. Anjum says that the madaris teach strictly

sectarian thoughts and are a way to keep millions functionally illiterate and religiously zealous. The typical student is between 17 and 27 years old, comes to the madaris with no education, and is fed a steady diet of what Anjum says is a twisted version of Islam. The schools use the same texts that were used in the mid-18th century, and Anjum describes the curriculum as “ancient.”

According to Anjum in Pakistan there are about 1.4 million students in 45,000 madaris, which are supported by private money. Each mosque has at

least one. The schools are not subject to government oversight or any rule of law.

So what has Anjum concluded? “These madaris are not serving Islamic society,” he says. He would like Pakistan to provide a more mainstream, quality education. He said the country is in an ongoing crisis of education because the public schools are grossly inadequate. Private schools are too costly. That drives more and more youths into the madaris, which offer free education, food, and shelter—somewhere to go for millions who have nowhere else to turn.

—Dennis Nealon

**Ricardo Godoy** (The Heller School of Social Policy and Management) has been appointed as a full professor (nontenured). Godoy will teach in the M.A./Sustainable International Development Program (SID), where he has shown himself to be successful and uniquely prepared to instruct, through his well-organized courses and emphasis on pedagogy and group participation.

The author of three books and more than 50 articles in refereed journals, Godoy has received 23 grants. He is a productive and sophisticated researcher who has had an impact on policy in the international arena.

Throughout The Heller School, Godoy is known as a supportive and helpful colleague and collaborator. He has demonstrated enthusiasm for serving at Heller, particularly in helping students from around the world adjust to a new cultural and academic environment, enabling them to feel comfortable and able to participate in a classroom setting.

**Mel Bernstein**, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been appointed as a full professor in the Department

of Chemistry. Bernstein is a leading authority in the field of materials science, recognized nationally and internationally as a superb scholar with an impressive record of funding, publications, and awards. He has contributed significantly to the understanding of how hydrogen affects structures and mechanical properties of several classes of materials. Bernstein’s work is frequently cited because he has used his extraordinary analytical and modeling skills to understand problems with widely recognized relevance.

As the author of over 150 scientific and technical papers and coeditor of four books, he will be a distinguished addition to the Department of Chemistry. Bernstein is well known for his generosity as a mentor of graduate students, many of whom are now successful in the field of materials science. For close to 25 years, Bernstein has held administrative positions in which he has strengthened departments and research programs. His extensive and comprehensive service makes him a unique resource for any department.

## In Memoriam



### Ernest Grunwald

Ernest Grunwald, professor emeritus of chemistry, died on March 28, 2002. Known as "Ernie" by faculty and friends, he was a nationally and internationally famous scientist. A member of the National Academy of Sciences, his pioneering work involving NMR techniques enormously influenced physical organic chemistry.

According to Colin Steel, professor emeritus of chemistry, Grunwald was one of the most unassuming men. "What drove him was the fun of doing research and finding out something new," said Steel.

Although Grunwald was a versatile scientist with accomplishments in many different fields, there was an underlying unity to his intellectual endeavors. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Los Angeles, he first studied physics, but soon became attracted to the study of how organic chemical reactions occur. He remained at UCLA

for his doctoral studies in chemistry, which were completed in 1947. His doctoral thesis, when published, and his early research at Florida State University established him as one of the leaders of a new field of chemistry, called physical-organic chemistry, which deals with the physics and chemistry of organic molecules, mainly in solution. His peers recognized this early achievement as being exemplary, and in 1959 Grunwald received the Pure Chemistry Award of the American Chemical Society, at the time the highest honor that could be presented to a young chemist in the United States.

In the 1950s, a new technique, called Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) became available. Grunwald realized that this technique could do more than convey a static picture of a molecule in solution; he realized it could show scientists how that picture changed as a molecule reacted. In 1961 he resigned from Florida State University, where he had been distinguished professor of chemistry and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow, and joined Bell Labs in Murray Hill, New Jersey, one of the few places with the necessary resources to carry out such studies. There he helped develop the fundamentals of dynamic NMR in collaboration with world-renowned physicist Saul Meiboom.

In 1964 Saul Cohen persuaded Grunwald to join the Brandeis Department of Chemistry, where he became the Henry F. Fischbach Professor of

Chemistry. "Already well established in his current area of applying NMR techniques to physical organic chemistry, most people would have simply chosen to coast along on the strength of such a reputation; but not Ernie," said Steel. "He had read of an experiment in which a Russian physicist had been able to isolate an isotopically pure version of a compound by irradiating a mixture with a powerful carbon dioxide laser. Soon we had such a laser at Brandeis and Ernie began to see if organic chemists could carry out very selective synthesis using such tools. This was pioneering work at the time, and caused great interest."

From 1977 to 1981 Grunwald was associate editor of *The Journal of the American Chemical Society*. Retiring from Brandeis in 1989 allowed him to start work on a new book, which examined thermodynamic techniques of solvents and the behavior of organic molecules in solution. Grunwald wrote several influential books including *Rates and Equilibria of Organic Reactions* and *Thermodynamics of Molecular Species*.

"He was particularly fascinated by that most anomalous of solvents, water, and its structure in the liquid phase," stated Steel. "As usual, he brought his unique perspective to a subject, and it will doubtless take the rest of us some years to catch up with him."

When Thomas Pochapsky, professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department was hired, Grunwald had retired. However, Pochapsky notes, "Despite his retirement, he was scientifically involved in the department and very interested in the things going on in my laboratory. A lot of our interests overlapped, and I spent many useful and interesting hours talking about science and life with Ernie in my first years here. All of us will miss him."

### Carmine J. Cacciatore

Carmine J. Cacciatore, who worked at the University for 36 years, died suddenly on May 7, at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He was 66.

Cacciatore had the distinction of serving each of the Brandeis presidents. From 1964 to 2000, he held a variety of positions at the University including Manager of Audio-Visual Services, Courtesy Transportation Supervisor, Coordinator of Transportation Services, and Assistant Director of Public Safety for Transportation. He drove many famous people including Leonard Bernstein, Former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, John Glenn, and Ann Richards.

A lifelong Waltham resident, Cacciatore was also well known throughout Massachusetts for his love of sports, especially baseball. He served as president of the Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association, the College Baseball Umpire Association, and the Eastern New England Baseball Umpires Association. At the time of his death, he was



secretary of the Eastern New England Baseball Umpires Association.

Cacciatore also fought for the United States, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Vietnam War. He was past commandant of the Lt. Henry J. Kelly Jr. Detachment.

"He had a heart of gold and everyone who knew him well knew that his bark was worse than his bite," said President Jehuda Reinharz. "Carmine was widely known and well-liked on campus, and he will be missed by all of us."

Donations may be made in his memory to the Dana Farber Cancer Research Center, 75 Binney St., Boston, MA 02210 or to the Beth Israel Hospital, Medical I.C.U., 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

#### **Walter A. Rosenblith**

Brandeis Trustee Walter A. Rosenblith died on May 1 of prostate cancer at the Miami Heart Institute. He was 88.

Rosenblith's career included significant accomplishments in the sciences, technology, education, international cooperation, and public policy. Born in Vienna, Rosenblith was graduated from the University of Bordeaux in 1936 and the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité in Paris in 1937, receiving degrees in communications engineering. In 1939, he came to the United States as a research assistant in physics at New York

University. When the outbreak of World War II prevented him from returning to France, Rosenblith remained in the United States, teaching at the University of California at Los Angeles and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

In 1947, Rosenblith joined the Harvard University Psycho-Acoustic Laboratory, pursuing a long-standing interest in how the body responds to noise. While a research fellow at Harvard, he helped found the Eaton Peabody Lab for Auditory Physiology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Rosenblith began teaching as an associate professor of communications biophysics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951. In 1957 he was elevated to full professor, and was named Institute Professor in 1975. Rosenblith was involved with MIT for over three decades, during which time he established the Laboratory of Communications Biophysics, was elected chair of the faculty, followed by becoming associate provost, and ultimately served as provost from 1971 to 1980.

Not one to limit himself to a single university, Rosenblith became involved with many while maintaining his positions at MIT. He was a research associate in otology (1957-69) then lecturer in otology and otolaryngology at the Harvard Medical School. Lecturing widely in the United States and abroad, Rosenblith served

as the Inaugural Lecturer at India's Tata Institute for Fundamental Research and Weizmann Lecturer at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, in 1962. During the summers of 1965 and 1966, he was a visiting professor at the Technical University, Berlin, and later at the Institute of Biophysics, University of Rio de Janeiro in 1971, 1973, and 1976.

Rosenblith was made a knight of the French Legion of Honor by Francois Mitterrand in 1982, in recognition of his work in fostering intellectual and scientific exchanges between MIT and France. He served from 1977 to 1986 on the International Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, and was named a consulting professor at the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China in 1988. Rosenblith also served on the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute, and was a member of the President's Board on Foreign Scholarships (Fulbright) from 1978 to 1986, chairing the Board from 1980 to 1981. Additionally, he was a member of the USIA Advisory Panel on International Educational Exchange from 1982 to 1986.

Upon hearing of Rosenblith's death, U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) said: "Walter Rosenblith was one of the most influential leaders of the international scientific community during the last 50 years.

From his service as Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences and his participation with the World Bank in strengthening Chinese universities after the Cultural Revolution, to his awards like the French Legion of Honor, the German Alexander von Humboldt Medal, and the esteemed Japanese Okawa prize, Walter Rosenblith built bridges to the world through science. I am grateful for his personal support and friendship."

U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said, "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Walter Rosenblith. He was a brilliant scientist who devoted his life to developing groundbreaking scientific research. He will be missed."

Rosenblith received an honorary Sc.D. degree from Brandeis in 1988. He also received honorary Sc.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (1976), the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1980), and the University of Miami (1992). In 1976, he was designated an honorary alumnus by the MIT Association of Alumni and Alumnae, and was also awarded the Doctor Honoris Causa from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

Rosenblith leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Judy Francis, professor emerita of psychology at Wheaton College, of Marstons Mills, MA, and Miami, FL; a daughter, Sandy, of Chevy Chase, MD; a son, Ron, of McLean, VA; a brother, Eric, of Newton, MA; and three grandchildren.

### Three milestones marked; Koppel tells grads: honor thy elders

Three major firsts went into the history books at the University's 51st commencement May 26—the first Posse graduated (see story, page XX), the event marked the 50th anniversary of the first graduation at Brandeis (see story, page XX), and the 2002 exercises were the first post-September 11.

While the September terrorist attacks shocked the nation and significantly dimmed senior year for members of the Class of 2002, the ceremony marking their departure from Brandeis stayed upbeat. It was muted a bit to be sure, but the joy was evident nonetheless in the form of smiles, hugs, cheers, and happy tears.

Delivering his keynote address, TV journalist and *Nightline* host Ted Koppel struck a theme that might best be paraphrased as, "Young people, honor your elders, and elders, don't try to be forever young." Koppel told the 815

graduating seniors to avoid the "traps" of previous generations by talking to older people before taking over their roles in society.

"It is your turn in the barrel," Koppel said. "Your chance to break new ground; or, at the very least, to remedy some of the dreadful mistakes that we committed in our misbegotten efforts to remake the cesspool we inherited."

In an aside, Koppel drew laughter when he assured the audience that his hair is real.

He warned of an obsession with youth that, while not "shocking" to him, could prevent the young from learning from the old.

"Society," said Koppel, is "tilted too far in the direction of impetuous youth."

"You can consult one another and fall into the same traps we did; or you can talk to us."

President Jehuda Reinharz offered well-earned congratulations, but cautioned the graduates, telling them they are entering "a strange world" of "ambiguity, irrationality, and disregard for human life."

An estimated 7,000 attended Commencement in the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center, where the University awarded 371 master's degrees and 102 Ph.D.s.

Senior speaker Nakisha Evans '02 told the audience her class earned a reputation for fearlessness. "If we are to make this world a better place," she said, "we must be fearless and this class has already proven it can be."

Honorary degrees were presented to Koppel and to Stephen Breyer, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Father Robert F. Drinan, the Catholic priest, former five-term Congressman, and public advocate; Lawrence H. Fuchs, the Meyer and Walter Jaffe Professor of American Civilization, an expert on immigration history and policy, and founder the University's American studies department; Frank Gehry, the internationally recognized architect; Richard Goldman, the San Francisco philanthropist who has given millions of dollars for environmental causes; and Joan Steitz, the acclaimed Yale University biochemist.

—Dennis Nealon





Undergraduate speaker Nakisha Evans '02



Graduate speaker David O. Greven, Ph.D. '02





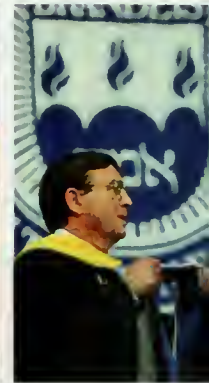
Ted Koppel



Stephen Breyer



Lawrence H. Fuchs



Richard N. Goldman

## Honorary Degree Recipients

### **Stephen Breyer Doctor of Laws**

Stephen Breyer was appointed the 108th associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1994 by President Clinton. Upon graduating from Harvard Law School, he clerked for Associate Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and helped draft the *Griswold v. Connecticut* opinion, which established the right to privacy. Early on, he became known for his ability to apply his scholarly abilities to the issues of federal regulatory law. In 1973, he was named as an assistant special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation and then special counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked to deregulate the airline industry. He was also instrumental in establishing federal sentencing guidelines as part of the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 1985. He was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, where he served from 1980 until 1994. Since his appointment to the Supreme Court, Breyer has been known as a consensus builder, and has gained a reputation as someone who can bridge the ideological divide. He is also thought of as a "dedicated pragmatist" who looks for common sense solutions.

### **Robert F. Drinan, S.J. Doctor of Humane Letters**

The Reverend Robert Drinan, S.J., is an ordained Jesuit priest, a lawyer, and a former member of Congress from Massachusetts's Fourth Congressional District, serving five terms before Pope John Paul II decreed it inappropriate for priests to hold elective office. He is a member of the faculty at the Georgetown University Law Center and the former dean of Boston College Law School. While in Congress, he chaired the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the House Judiciary Committee. Long an activist in the cause of human rights, he serves on the boards of the International League for Human Rights, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, and Americans for Democratic Action. His books include *The Mobilization of Shame:*

*A World View of Human Rights, The Fractured Dream, Stories From the American Soul, Cry of the Oppressed: The History and Hope of the Human Rights Revolution, Beyond the Nuclear Freeze, and America's Commitment to Israel.* He is one of the founders of the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control and the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry.

### **Lawrence H. Fuchs Doctor of Humane Letters**

Larry Fuchs is Meyer and Walter Jaffe Professor of American Civilization and Politics at Brandeis University and founder of the University's American studies department. A member of the Brandeis faculty since 1952, he is an authority on immigration, ethnicity, and race. His eight books include *The American Kaleidoscope: Race, Ethnicity, and the Civic Culture*, which won three national awards, and *Beyond Patriarchy: Jewish Fathers and Families*, a sequel to his *Family Matters*. He was a speech

writer for President John F. Kennedy, and a member of JFK's civil rights advisory commission. Kennedy also chose him to be the first director of the Peace Corps in the Philippines. President Jimmy Carter appointed him executive director of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. He served as vice chair of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform between 1991 and 1997. He is a member of the boards of the Mexican-American Legal and Education Defense Fund, the Massachusetts Congress on Racial Equality, and the Facing History and Ourselves Foundation, which awarded him for his humanitarian activities.

### **Frank O. Gehry Doctor of Humane Letters**

Frank Gehry is design principal for the architectural firm of Frank O. Gehry and Associates, which he founded in 1962. Born in Toronto, Canada, he moved at an early age with his family to Southern California, where he was strongly influenced by the area's culture. His early works introduced his collage approach and the use of unconventional exterior materials. The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, is among his work, which is recognized for its originality and impact, and has earned



Robert F. Drinan, S.J.



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Frank O. Gehry

him the most significant awards in the field of architecture, including the Pritzker Architecture Prize, considered the Nobel Prize of architecture, the Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize in Architecture from the Wolf Foundation, and the Praemium Imperiale Award of the Japan Art Association. He is the first recipient of the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Award for lifetime contribution to the arts, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, a trustee of the American Academy in Rome, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has held professorships at Yale and Harvard Universities.

**Richard N. Goldman  
Doctor of Humane Letters**

Richard Goldman is chair of Goldman Insurance Services and a philanthropist who has donated millions to support environmental protection, enhance Jewish life, and support health care and educational institutions. Together with his late wife, Rhoda, he first established the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Environmental

Foundation in 1951 to support environmental and other causes. In 1990 the Goldman family established the Goldman Environmental Prize, given annually to six "environmental heroes." It has become the largest prize in the world for grassroots environmentalists. He is a leader in the San Francisco community, serving as past president of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, as well as on the boards of numerous organizations, including the American-Israel Friendship League, the League to Save Lake Tahoe, and the National Institute for the Prevention and Control of Violence and Extremism. Recipient of an honorary degree from San Francisco State University in 2001, he also was honored with the National Geographic Society's Chairman's Award for his generosity and commitment to conservation.

**Ted Koppel  
Doctor of Humane Letters**

Ted Koppel is the anchor of ABC's late-night news program *Nightline* and one of the most respected journalists in the world. He has won every major journalism award including 37 Emmys, six George Foster Peabodys, 10 duPont-Columbia Awards, two George Polk Awards,

and two Sigma Delta Chi Awards. In 1994 he was named a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from the Republic of France and in 1992 he was inducted into the TV Hall of Fame. He began his career in radio and joined ABC news in 1963 as one of the youngest news reporters to work for a network. He quickly rose through the ranks, covering the Vietnam War, and becoming chief diplomatic correspondent. What began in 1979 as *The Iran Crisis: America Held Hostage* soon became *Nightline* with Koppel as its anchor. His style of hard-hitting interviews on controversial subjects has brought him to the heart of world conflicts. He also has a softer side, as witnessed by millions in the interviews he aired with Brandeis's late Professor Emeritus Morrie Schwartz, where the nation and the world learned the "Lessons of Morrie," or how to die with dignity.

**Joan Argetsinger Steitz  
Doctor of Science**

Joan A. Steitz, Ph.D., is the Henry Ford II Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University, where she has been a faculty member for more than 30 years. She is also a Howard Hughes Medical Investigator. Her studies have defined the role of small RNA particles, which play a key role in some of the most basic biological processes and may help in the diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune diseases. As a graduate student at Harvard, she studied under James Watson, who with Francis Crick discovered the double helix of DNA. Before joining the Yale faculty, she spent three years at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England. She is considered a pioneer for pursuing the study of science when there were very few women in the field. Among her numerous awards are the National Medal of Science, the Warren Triennial Award, the Christopher Columbus Discovery Award in Biomedical Research, and the UNESCO-L'Oreal Women in Science Award. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society.



# Unlimited Possibilities

Remember your close friends in high school—peers who share a common experience and have nurtured a longstanding mutual trust? Suppose when you went away to college, instead of arriving on campus alone and homesick after saying goodbye to those cherished buddies, you brought them with you.

Now they are graduates. The first Posse Scholars arrived on the Brandeis campus from New York City four years ago—talented, articulate, ambitious, creative students with varied backgrounds—chosen through a rigorous process that focuses on leadership potential. The Posse Foundation uses an innovative alternative testing process to identify those that might be missed using traditional admission policies.

Talk about competitive. Brandeis gets its Posse Scholars from New York City, and this year in New York City alone there were 1,400 nominations for 90 scholarship slots. Candidates go through large group and individual interviews over three months, enduring a process of elimination. Posse President and Founder Deborah Bial '87 designed an alternative to a paper and pencil test, an assessment tool used by evaluators who observe students in a dynamic setting. Students participate in activities while "raters" score individuals in categories that include such traits as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills.

How do you define leadership? Bial defines it as someone who can answer questions like: How do you promote dialogue? How do you get people to engage in conversations that they don't normally engage in? How do you move an agenda forward? How do you build bridges between communities?

When Brandeis finally picks its 10 Posse Scholars, it is a very special honor. Four years ago, that honor was bestowed on these Posse Scholars who graduated in May: Priscilla Araya, Jenell S. Clarke, Sophia Moon, Natalee N. Graham, Marco Barreto, Kenroy G. Granville, Kate Trambitskaya, Esther M. Obuabang, and Abbas Qureshi.

In the past 13 years the Posse Program has placed 531 students into top colleges and universities. These students have won over \$44 million in scholarships from Posse partner universities and are persisting and graduating at 90 percent, a rate higher than the national averages at institutions of higher education. This year there were 172 Posse scholars chosen nationally in Boston, Chicago, and New York City.

Bial's vision was born out of her anguish when she watched exceptional students go off to top-notch schools with scholarships and, within six months, drop out. The impact of culture shock for a New York City student who finds himself on an affluent, monochrome, rural campus can be devastating. "'Posse' was a hip word in the youth culture meaning 'my friends,' the people who back me up. Why not send a posse together to college so they could back each other up?" explains Bial.

Posses arrive on campus with extensive preparation. Students go through 34 weeks of training, meeting every week for a two-hour workshop after school during their senior year in high school to prepare themselves not only academically, but psychologically. They bond with Posse peers who make the leap into college together, and when they get there, they have mentors who meet with them on campus. Posse scholars are trained to act as agents for social change promoting dialogue in the dorms, in the cafeteria, and in the classrooms.

Does Posse work? "Absolutely," says David Gould, associate vice president for students and enrollment. "We have a 90 percent graduation rate here with this group, and that beats just about any cohort of students that you can name. And in addition to graduating, they've made significant contributions to the life of the campus—they've been active, conscientious citizens, involved in significant outreach to other students."

The Posse Foundation budget in 2001 was \$1.5 million, and Posse leveraged \$17 million in leadership scholarships from their partner schools. This year the budget has grown to \$2.8 million and Posse has 15 partner colleges and universities. Posse just received a \$1 million grant from The Goldman Sachs Foundation to open a program in a fourth city, so they launched a Los Angeles Posse program in May. "It means we will be on the West Coast," exults Bial. "We're on the verge of a national phenomenon. If we can recruit powerful youth leaders from many more urban, public school systems, we can really make an impact in colleges and universities all over the United States. We have 15 colleges this year, within the next five years there could be 30," she adds. Brandeis president Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72 has just agreed to sign on for another five posses.

Who are these students?

Red cap jammed on backwards, his easy walk quickens and warm smile widens as he approaches his posse, assembled on this day for a photo. Kenroy Granville '02 relishes the kind of reception—hugs, exclamations—that would be nice after a year away. Truth is, they have probably seen him yesterday.

A computer science major who mentored Waltham High School students, Granville has been accepted for a Ph.D. at Brandeis in computer science. ("My goal is to be a professor.") From Harry S Truman High School in Bronx, New York, Granville is an only child whose parents, both from huge families, are his inspiration. "My parents are the hardest-working people I know," he says. "When I think about my homework I say it's nothing compared to what my parents do just to help me. When I was graduating from high school, I was focused on going to college, but thinking about money."



Posse One in New York, on their way to Brandeis in 1999: Mimi Arnstein (mentor), Sophia Moon, Natalee Graham, Esther Obuabang, Janell Clarke, Emroid Nicholas, Marco Barreto, Kenroy Granville, Priscilla Araya, Kate Trambitskaya, and Abbas Qureshi

Getting a Posse scholarship changed everything. I can't picture where I'd be now without it. The thought of my dropping out after getting a Posse scholarship was just ludicrous. When given an opportunity, you have to take advantage of it," he says in a relaxed, confident, soft-spoken compelling manner.

"You'll always find a Posse student in front of the class asking questions—that's a given—you don't disappear into the class. Making a difference on campus, as Brandeis's first Posse, we felt enormous pressure to do something," he adds. "We organized a Posse retreat that was wonderful. Every year each Posse Scholar invites other people (we had 60 or 70 people), to participate in a Posse workshop weekend. We talk about what's going on on campus, and how we can change things. Faculty come also, and we get an understanding of what can be accomplished, and make friends."

Wired, exuding a high-energy, upbeat manner, fast-talking, enthusiastic, confident, Abbas Qureshi '02 gives new meaning to the word "outgoing." Extremely well known on campus,

he has claimed the limelight as an emcee on the stage, running events and, as he describes it, "making a fool out of myself." He won an award for community service for all four years at Brandeis. A resident advisor and disc jockey, he also has run the escort safety service for the last three years with his roommate Steven Phillips '02, a time commitment of two or three hours every day. Qureshi and a friend started the Muslim student association freshman year, and now it is fully fledged.

Qureshi grew up speaking English, Urdu, and Punjabi, and also speaks Spanish, Hindi, and a little bit of Arabic. Majoring in biological anthropology and European cultural studies, he stayed on a premed track, planning to take more courses next year in New York and apply to medical schools with the goal of becoming a pediatric surgeon, his dream since he was a small child. "With kids, there's never a dull moment."

Busy? Yes. "I had no choice but to manage time, and I realized that is a key in life. I wake up every day, and run through the day in my head, and see what has to be done. Classes are always a priority—that's set in stone. Then in whatever open time slots I have, I do what needs to be done." He attributes his success to his parents. "My parents are my guiding light. They always pushed my sister and me to believe that we can accomplish anything as long as we set our minds to it. Getting an education is the key to opening any door in the world."

Energetic, vocal, focused, a disciplinarian with a sense of humor, warm, confident Posse Scholar Priscilla Araya '02 has a contagious laugh. A time manager who sets priorities, one of four girls whose parents came here from Costa Rica, Araya majored in sociology and minored in Spanish and Latin American studies. "Posse made Brandeis so much easier—I could discuss social, personal, and academic things with them," she says. A McNair Scholar junior year, working with abused teenage girls as a counselor part-time senior year, Araya is planning to work in New York and then go to graduate school for a master's degree, possibly in counseling.

Janell Clarke '02, a deliberate, thoughtful, ambitious perfectionist ("I'm really driven—if I set my mind on something I can't quit, I've got to do it.") holds her faith in God as her anchor and cherishes the values her parents have instilled in her. She describes herself as a cautious introvert, who yet enjoys spending time and having fun with her friends. Clarke majored in psychology and sociology, and minored in African and Afro-American studies. Accepted by the University of Michigan doctoral joint program in social work and social science, she credits Posse with "easy access to an awesome group of people I have grown so familiar with. My fellow Posse Scholars are a part of my family, and this is especially important to me as an only child."



Sophia Moon '02 makes a decision with utmost confidence and puts all her eggs in one basket. Indeed, even with the enormous competition for the few Posse slots, she decided that it was what she wanted and applied only to Brandeis as a Posse Scholar. It worked. "At that time I said to myself, 'I think I have what it takes to be a Posse leader, and I didn't want to expend my energy in many different ways. I don't want to be another face or another number, I want my experience to be distinct.' It was a leap of faith."

She describes the first Posse meeting as a group of very independent students. "Somewhere along the lines of training we realized we were individuals, yes, but also a team. A lot of our training dealt with team building and communication—how to support each other. A Posse that doesn't support each other is not a Posse, it's just a group of 10 leaders who don't know how to follow. We all needed to learn to work as a dynamic group, and create one entity that we call our Posse. We all had to adjust to not being the superstar." They did just that, and when each is asked about the others, the reply is identical: "I love them."

A sociology major who loves to sing, Moon is competing for Miss Massachusetts this year. She competed for Miss Teen New York State in high school, and won. She went on to the international pageant and placed fourth. ("I love being in the spotlight, I love to perform.") She is now Miss Eastern Massachusetts. Moon wants to earn a Ph.D. and teach eventually. As a McNair Scholar junior year, Moon did research on Cambodian refugees and is now hoping to land a job in community organizing, youth development, or teen empowerment.

Esther M. Obuabang talks fast, infused with passion. Growing up in Ghana, West Africa, she slammed into a huge culture change when she arrived in New York in 1995, at the age of 15,

to live with her mother who had been here for four years. In Ghana she was born and raised on an estate, because her grandfather worked with Ghana's first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. She contrasted a communal atmosphere filled with friendly, fun-loving cousins in a huge house to her little apartment in New York City, by herself behind a locked door while her mother worked long hours.

The senator for racial minority students on campus, Obuabang is passionate about her mission. "We are here to increase diversity and leadership among the student body and one way of fulfilling that among others is my position as senator," she says. "I'm trying to accomplish my platform: to increase students and faculty of color; to increase the number of classes in the African and Afro-American studies and Latin American studies departments; to establish an Asian-American studies department; and to establish a diverse curriculum across the board. I hope to include workshops to deal with stereotypes. I want you to see that I'm black, but not the first thing you see, or the last thing you see."

An intern with Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Medical, a volunteer at Deaconess Waltham Hospital last spring, Obuabang wants to be a pediatrician. She is spending the summer in a special program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, and applying to medical school in a year. "My aim is to go back to Ghana and open a clinic. I'm very much a planner. I demand so much of myself, it's hard at times for me to divert away from my plan."

Think about it: 1,400 nominations for 90 slots. That is 94 percent rejected. A mere six percent accepted—considered not because of answers to test questions, but because of the way they interact with the world around them. Talk to all of the Posse Scholars, and the impression is indelible: they are charismatic young people, armed with a Brandeis education, destined for extraordinary accomplishments and meaningful contributions. ■

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Among the Posse One graduates are Kenroy Granville, Priscilla Arraya, Marco Barreto, Sophia Moon, Esther Obuabang, Janell Clarke, Natalee Graham, and Kate Trambitskaya

# The First Fiftieth

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Excerpted from essays by  
David Van Praagh '52 and  
Marilyn Bentov '52

Five years ago, when the Class of 1952 became the first at Brandeis to celebrate a 45th Reunion, the Class of 1999 interviewed the members of that pioneer class. The result was a booklet, *New Worlds to Create: The First Brandeis Graduates*. Here, in celebration of the historic 50th anniversary of that first class' Commencement, are the conflated excerpts of two essays from that work.

Members of the Class of 1952  
rehearse *Lysistrata*



When Brandeis was founded on October 16, 1948, on a spartan campus outside Waltham, Massachusetts, as the first Jewish-sponsored, nonsectarian university in the United States, World War II and the Holocaust were not long in the past for young and old alike. But just three years after the end of the bloodiest human conflict in the world's history and the most savage atrocity, the Cold War was getting underway with the Berlin Airlift in 1948, followed by creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949 against the threat of Soviet aggression. Establishment of the State of Israel coincided, emotionally, with the founding of Brandeis University.

As the distance since 1952 has lengthened, the independent, nonconformist spirit of the first Brandeis graduates has served them well in often

remarkable careers in the professions, the arts, education, and business. Over nearly 50 turbulent years they have made an impact individually, as the University has made an impact as a growing but still small, unique, important institution.

Who were the students who came to this nonaccredited institution (a fact of which many were unaware)? And why did we come to Brandeis? We had chosen Brandeis for a variety of reasons, some confused, some sensible, some idealistic or even naive.

#### **Why We Came**

Eugene and Joan Saklad have retired to Cape Cod where they are leaders in a Havurah (informal Jewish congregation), Am HaYam, The Sea People. Their perspective on Brandeis's beginning year is unromantic.

"Most of us were there because it was a school that accepted us. Some people were paid good scholarship money because the University needed a class to begin. We knew nothing about the programs, or the professors, or what kind of education we were going to get there."

Judith Marks Kass, Diana Laskin Siegal, and others had been active in Zionist youth groups that emphasized ideals of social justice. Diana

sought a college at which Hebrew was taught. Brandeis's mission gave such students hope that its creation was a strong statement that the status quo could not survive.

Sanders Acker was already enrolled at the University of Indiana. His father, however, after hearing a talk by his friend, George Alpert, suggested Brandeis for his son's consideration. Sandy came because "it sounded exciting and demanding. I liked the idea of taking a chance, pioneering."

Marvin March, a Hollywood set decorator nominated for five Academy Awards, "trusted Brandeis because it was Jewish." But, although "I had other options," Marvin chose Brandeis because of the novelty. "We were going to be in the first class of a new university. It was kind of nice getting in on the ground floor. My family expected me to go to college. I think if I'd had enough conviction, I'd have joined the Merchant Marines for two years. But I was frightened that then

I'd never go to school. That's another reason I went to Brandeis."

Eleanor Baron Timberman selected Brandeis for its liberal arts program, hoping to find a major in her special interest, theater. She would later move from theater to publishing to television directing to executive positions at three major networks, including that of vice president. She also became a social worker and trained in psychoanalysis. Originally, Eleanor had hoped to study law, but law schools also had a quota for women. The idea of legally banning sex discrimination had yet to be born. Ahead in line were a series of critical upheavals and innovations in American society.

#### **To Change the World**

At the first Commencement in 1952, in his address as class valedictorian, Gustav Ranis lamented what seemed to him the world's having quickly forgotten the horrors of World War II as it headed again toward global confrontation. The tone he set was so despairing that Eleanor Roosevelt departed from her prepared text as Commencement speaker to express confidence



that those who deplored the state of the world would end up changing it for the better. She declared: "The world is hungry for freedom...this struggle (for freedom) depends very largely on what we in the United States do."

What Gus as one Brandeis graduate did was to become a renowned professor of international economics at Yale University and a consultant to poor countries struggling to bring their economies [up to date]. He sees the transformation of many non-Western nations as the most signal change of the second half of the century. Yet, he is concerned about people spending less and less time interacting with each other, about "what interests the average American—sex, scandal, and local crime," and

about the United States not living up to its full potential at a time of growing globalization.

Jack Barber, a successful businessman, regards globalization of the American economy as a necessity, especially in manufacturing. He also notes that computers and the Internet have given businessmen more leisure time and mobility. But Jack cautions that the growing disparity between haves and have-nots "plagues America's prosperity," and he suggests that better urban education is "the key to narrowing the gap that has created an underprivileged class."

For "large pockets" of the world, emphasizes Stanley Chyet, "life remains a shipwreck." A Reform rabbi and professor of Jewish history and literature at Hebrew Union College, Stan identifies disturbing problems: "A truly peaceful world is still a utopian dream...Race remains a serious

malaise in American society though at least it no longer has the legal backing it had 50 years ago. Religion has tended in recent decades to shift to the right everywhere in the world, and liberal religion increasingly finds itself under challenge."

Lora Levy Heller recalls that when fighting broke out after Israel was created in 1948 and she was a student in the first class at Brandeis, "We never could have imagined it happening, that anyone would challenge the State of Israel after the terrors of World War II. At the time we all thought the land was ours, and so we were very vengeful toward the Palestinians."

A continuing link between the meaning of Brandeis since its inception and "self-actualization" of individuals as students and as citizens is

described by Robert Shapiro, a businessman and family therapist whose father, Abraham Shapiro, was a member of the original Brandeis Board of Trustees.

Robert remembers Dr. Abram Sachar, the first President of Brandeis, as "an extraordinary man of courage, imagination, and determination who shared a vision with many Jewish immigrants of giving something back to the community: an institution of higher education." At the time, as other members of the Class of 1952 also point out, quota systems kept many Jews out of established universities. Together with academic freedom, Robert stresses, Brandeis stands for religious freedom. He cites the example of Valya Shapiro, who came to Brandeis from the predominantly Muslim country of Turkey, received a degree in 1961, and later became his wife: "Brandeis provided a safe haven where she and everyone around her did not have to apologize for who they were."

As a student, Paul Levenson probed much deeper into the work and words of [Oliver Wendell] Holmes than the justice's advice on sharing "passion and action." With the guidance of Professors Lerner and Leonard Levy, he wrote a senior honors

paper tracing some of the opinions of Holmes as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court from his earlier decisions on the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

As a successful lawyer—and, like Gus Ranis and Robert Shapiro, a member of the Class of 1952 who has been appointed to the Brandeis Board of Trustees—Paul recalls his having helped start the student newspaper, *the Justice*, and student government. He also remembers his acceptance by several prestigious law schools when he, like many of the first students, feared rejection by graduate schools because Brandeis was not yet accredited.

“The one thing I am really proud about,” observes Paul, “is that despite its success, the values are still there. The one thing that I learned to appreciate about Brandeis is the fact that it has a social conscience. We have stuck to equalized admissions, we have scholarships, we try to have a diverse student body, we stand by social values that are attached to intellectualism...We need to remember who we were when deciding what we are to become.”

### “Growing up at Brandeis”

Helene Dembitzer Lambert, following her career as a librarian, has vivid recollections of growing up at Brandeis. For one thing, “There was no sense of permanency. Everything was in flux. Now that gives you a mind set, which is very American, of change. All things were possible...I had grown up in Brooklyn, where I used to long for some sort of change in the family. When I got to this school, we wished there had been a path for us to follow. But there wasn’t, so we had to make some of our own traditions, and our own excitement, and our own celebrations.”

Many of the first Brandeis students, Judith Marks Kass recalls, “felt powerless in the political realm” But by the mid-fifties, Judith notes, “The silence of the silent generation was changing...Political activism and change became the norm.” She joined the anti-nuclear movement, worked to strengthen social justice, and in the sixties fought for civil rights in the South and took part in an Arab-Jewish dialogue.

Max Perlitsh compares development of Brandeis with Israel and, before he became a dentist, his experience in Antarctica as a member of a military unit: “During the first years of Brandeis,

there was instability and uncertainty as to what the future would be. However, so many obstacles have been overcome and today Brandeis is considered an excellent university. While there has been great progress in Israel as well, many of the problems that plagued the country at its start were never resolved, and the conflicts that exist today still threaten the existence of a stable nation.”

Peter Kessner, a successful businessman, felt lucky to be a member of the first class: “Brandeis gave me a sense of who I am and who we were.”

The first Brandeis years had several impacts on Marvin March: “It was kind of nice getting in on the ground floor...Most of the people were Jewish and you felt very comfortable...I was very proud when Israel was created: on the American calendar, Israel ‘started’ on my birthday, May 8.” When he participated in the first Brandeis Creative Arts Festival during graduation week and met people from the Yale School of Drama, Marv was launched on a career that led to his becoming a noted Hollywood set decorator.

Herbert Bloom, a retired literary editor whose specialty is the early

modernist author Marcel Proust, views the second half of the 20th century as much more positive than the first half. He observes that the civil rights movement against racial inequality in the United States created “more participatory democracy” and widened recognition of the country’s diversity. He says protests against the Vietnam War forced the government to “recognize the authority of public opinion.”

### Personal Meanings

In a special way, the first Brandeis years produced lasting personal meaning for many members of the Class of 1952. They led to the marriages of Sanders and Phyllis Levins Acker, Larry Nigrosh and Anne Addis Nigrosh, Eugene and Joan Feldman Saklad, and Carl and the late Audrey Wine Werner. Moreover, many members of the class chose brides from the Class of 1953: Alexander Banks and Ruth Shiller; Eli Factor and Rhoda Lemelman; Paul Goldstein and Diane Rafael; Donald Gordon and June Caplan. Larry Shotz married Judith Butman, a member of the Class of 1954. Gus Ranis married Ray Lee Finkelstein, a member of the Class of 1956. Robert Shapiro married Valya Kazes, a member of the Class of 1961. In 1996 Marvin March married Rita Jean

Sacks, a member of the Class of 1964. Leonard van Gaasbeek met his wife, Christine, at Brandeis. Also, the late Pearl Finstein married Brandeis Assistant Professor Paul Firestone.

As the first Brandeis student to have been accepted at medical school—Boston University, his first

choice—Carl Werner is still mindful of the advice of his favorite Brandeis professor, Saul Cohen: “Don’t screw up at medical school or you might ruin Brandeis’s reputation.” As an obstetrician, he has delivered 11,000 babies.

Gene Saklad, a biochemist, and Joan, a librarian, who were

wed in their senior year, recall: “Brandeis was really a dream situation but we did not realize it at the time. We did not know how Brandeis would be accepted when we were graduated. As it turned out, more or less everyone who wanted to go on to graduate school was able to go on to the schools of their choice. The graduate schools really thought more of us than we thought of some of us.”

Paul Goldstein, a dentist, emphasizes with his wife, Diane, that Brandeis was “a small and serious place” where the first students worked very closely with their professors and could help set goals and shape the University. There is a “true Brandeis family”: their daughter Lee ’76, was the first child of two alumni to attend Brandeis.

Alan Serman is one of the 1952 graduates who developed at Brandeis not only intellectual curiosity but also his desire to live life to the fullest. He did this for 15 years with Outward Bound, working on lifeboats off the coasts of Florida and Maine, teaching teenagers academic and life skills. Since then, Al has lived in a lakeside home on Cape Cod, staying fit by kayaking and working out, and exploring spirituality through Buddhism.

Leonard Van Gaasbeek also established a strong individual image at Brandeis—as, in his words, a “token non-Jew.” He received the first varsity letter from the University, in soccer. After graduation, Lenny served for 12 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

As a Brandeis student, I, David van Praagh, was a “Maxist”—one of the devotees of Max Lerner—and the first editor of *the Justice* as a weekly. My closest associate on the student newspaper was the late Burton Berinsky, a photographer who was caught up in timely issues as long as he lived.

As a journalist for more than 40 years, I’ve been engaged with actions and passions, particularly those that have exploded in Asia, where I’ve spent 10 years as a correspondent.

### Creating Pathfinders, Pathbreakers, and Thinkers

Many of us had entered into the Brandeis experiment with questioning, adventurous, pioneering attitudes. Those attitudes were ingrained and reinforced during our student years by the faculty, which guided us with exceptional expectations and learning experiences. And, importantly, we



The Class of 1952 as students, top, and at their 50th Reunion, bottom

were the oldest siblings, always the senior class, always the pathfinders and pathbreakers.

"Since Brandeis, I've been a pioneer in almost every job I had, everything I undertook in my life," says Diana Laskin Siegal, who coauthored the landmark book, *Ourselves, Growing Older*. "At Brandeis, I became adept at writing bylaws and have continued to found new organizations wherever I've lived."

Indeed, the first-time-ever, building-from-scratch skills that the first class at Brandeis inevitably learned were especially invaluable for young people whose adult lives would span the second half of the 20th century. Nearly five decades of accelerating change—in the economy, politics, technology, popular culture, social structures, and social relations—would demand that we rethink and even remake ourselves, again and again.

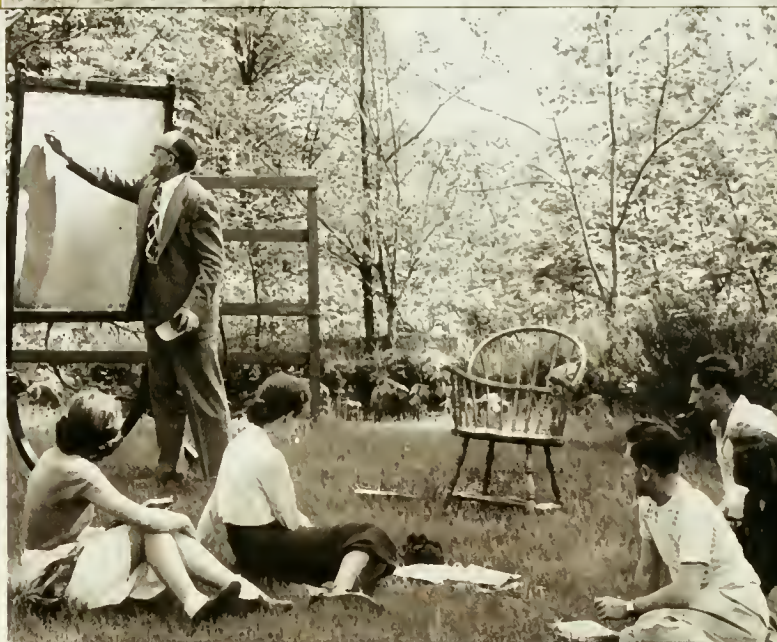
Helene Dembitzer Lambert felt that the Brandeis environment engendered that mind-set in students. "All through the 20th century there's been an expectation that change means progress...going uphill to something better. It was in the air, in the whole 20th century. And we were living in this place

where it was changing right before us all the time."

"Thinking for yourself" was stated, in interviews, repeatedly, as a major value of having attended Brandeis. Paul Goldstein, now a dentist, and his wife, Diane '53, "liked the fact that Brandeis was a small place where we could help set goals and shape the University." Phylis Acker says, "Going to Brandeis made me take chances and have faith in myself."

"The faculty treated the students as thinking human beings," says Bernice Spector Duhl, who became a family therapist, earning her doctorate in 1982, in part "to fill the holes in my head." Brandeis's legacy to Eugene and Joan Saklad was "mature thinking; don't believe everything that you read in print or what people tell you. That's something we learned at Brandeis. That was a lasting value. Question the sources. We came away with a healthy disrespect. Nothing is as simple as it seems."

Many people, like Diana Laskin Siegal and Inge Fleischman Fowlie, value Brandeis for personal friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Sandy and Phylis Acker feel



that those friendships "have sustained us. You can't let go of people with whom you shared such unique experiences."

Eleanor Baron Timberman recalls that, "Whatever the students wanted to learn, the University would provide a teacher for the subject. There were marvelous individuals in the faculty, which made Brandeis an exciting place to be. Teachers were like friends, and you could speak your mind."

Members of our class repeatedly refer to General Education S, organized in our senior year by Max Lerner, as one of the most influential experiences of their education. General Education S was a course with penetrating power. It gave us young people an opportunity to meet some of the greatest thinkers, innovators, artists, and leaders of

the 20th century. They spoke about their careers, their passions, their successes and failures, their intellectual and moral struggles—and we listened. And questioned, questioned, questioned long into the evenings of their talks (in the Castle Commons Room). The following morning, the speakers would meet with students who wanted to continue the questions and discussion. It was positively heady to have this exchange with such luminaries as Leonard Bernstein, Margaret Mead, Lewis Mumford, Sydney Hook, Alexander Meiklejohn, and many others of their stature. ■

*The Brandeis Review congratulates the Class of 1952 on the occasion of this landmark celebration and thanks its members for their pioneering spirits and enduring support of our University.*

An outdoor class, circa 1950

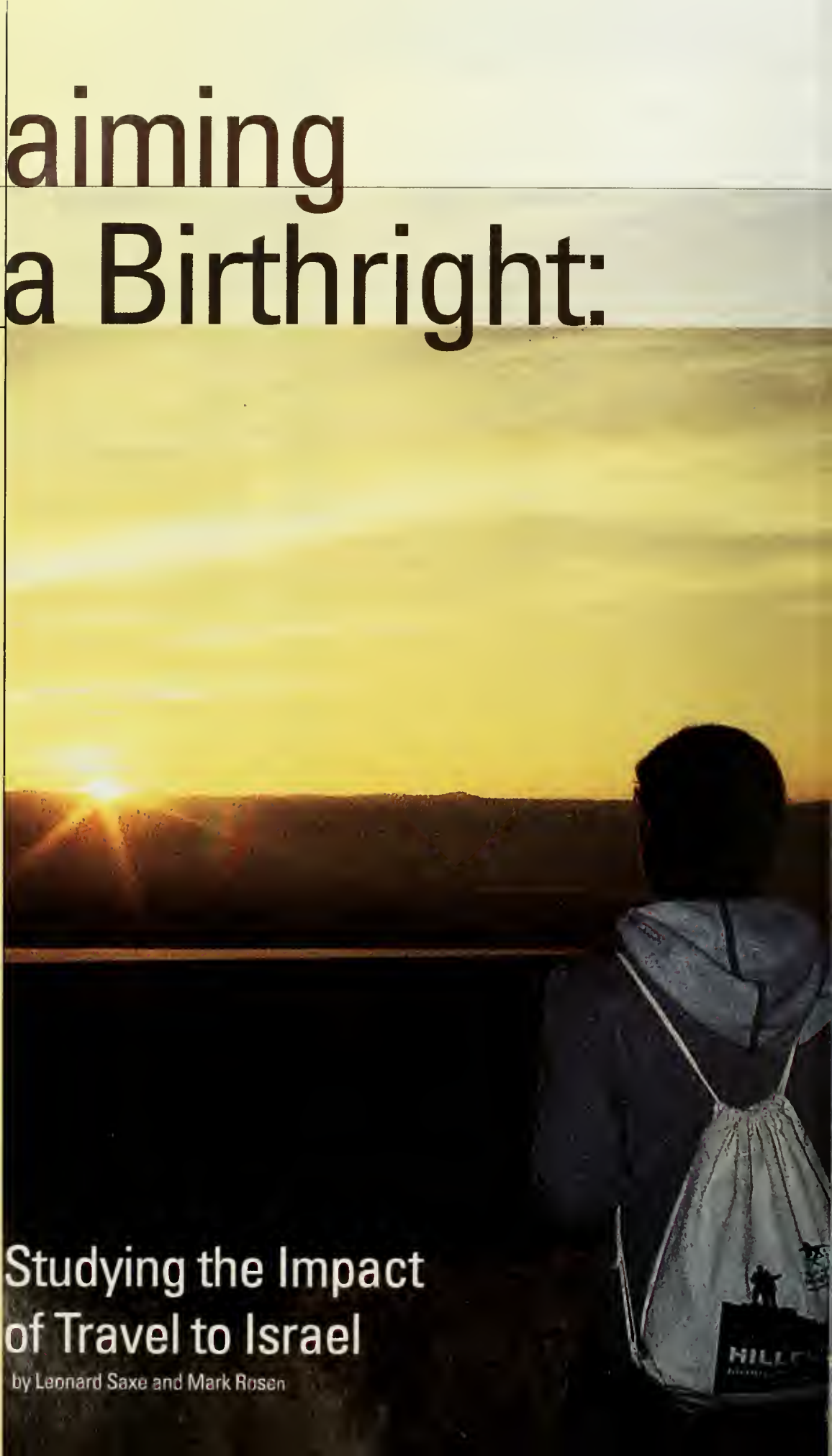
# Reclaiming a Birthright:

*Applying cutting-edge social science research methodology to an interest in 21st-century American Judaism, the Cohen Center at Brandeis has taken on one of the most fundamental questions concerning the development of Jewish identity in young adults: Does a visit to Israel make any lasting difference?*

Sunrise from the top of Mt. Masada

## Studying the Impact of Travel to Israel

by Leonard Saxe and Mark Rosen





## *Could a 10-day trip really have an impact on how they felt about being Jewish?*

The Israeli sunset over the Galilean hills was the perfect backdrop for the rendezvous of our research group at a restaurant in Tiberias, an ancient city on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was January 2000, and there were six of us from Brandeis, each traveling around Israel with a busload of American college students. These young adults, part of a group of almost 6,000, were participating in a newly launched educational program called birthright israel (see box next page). They had elected to spend their winter break in Israel, accepting a "gift" from philanthropists and Jewish organizations who initiated the 10-day program out of a concern that young Jews were not embracing their tradition.

We were there as social scientists, in the role of participant-observers, to study these students. Four of our group were Brandeis graduate students—from The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, the Hornstein Program, and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies—and two were faculty researchers from the Marilyn and Maurice Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. Over hummus and schnitzel, as the sky filled with stars, we compared notes. We were trying to understand how participants were reacting to their experiences, and we wanted to get a better sense of how immersion in the program was affecting their ethnic



Rapelling at Mitzpe Ramon, above  
At the top of Mt. Masada, below

identities. Could a 10-day trip really have an impact on how they felt about being Jewish?

Earlier in the day, several of the researchers had traveled throughout the Galilee and the Golan Heights. Their day had been filled with natural beauty, science, ancient and modern history, culture, and geopolitics. First, the groups visited Har Bental, an extinct volcano and strategic promontory overlooking the deserted city of Kunetra. Then there was a debate with kibbutzniks about whether residents of the Golan Heights should give up the homes and farms they had worked so hard to create in exchange for a peace agreement with Syria. En route to Tiberias, the buses had skirted the border with Jordan along a steep, perilous road with agonizing switchbacks, passing bunkers and rusted artillery from the 1967 war.



Finally, there was a stop at a cemetery overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where a tour guide read dramatically from the writings of a Zionist pioneer known as Rachel the poetess (see accompanying essay on page 37).

Our research team shared questions and observations. To what extent were participants engaged? Which experiences seemed to be generating the greatest impact? Gradually, it

## About the birthright Israel Program

The initial idea for birthright Israel came from Yossi Beilin, Israel's former minister of justice. He wanted to restructure how Diaspora Jews and Israelis related and proposed that young Jewish adults be brought to Israel to reclaim their "birthright." Philanthropists Michael Steinhardt, a Brandeis Trustee, and Charles R. Bronfman, gave the idea structure and start-up capital. It is now a \$250 million project, supported by a consortium of philanthropists, the State of Israel, and worldwide Jewish communities. birthright Israel hopes to engage 100,000 young adults. The trip is a gift to participants and targets anyone who identifies herself or himself as Jewish and has not previously been on an educational trip to Israel. The largest trip organizer is the Hillel Foundation, and most students, including those from Brandeis, go with others from their campus. But there are dozens of other trip organizers.

Extensive information about the 40+ different trip organizers, variety of emphasis and philosophy among available trips, registration, and a great deal more can be found at [www.birthrightisrael.com](http://www.birthrightisrael.com).

dawned on us that we too had been drawn into this dramatic trip, the desire for "objectivity" notwithstanding. The goal of birthright Israel, to connect young Jews to their past and to one another, seemed to be working so well that we had become part of the process. Like the participants we were studying, we saw and touched our own history. In reflecting on the debate with kibbutzniks, we noted that we had also just heard over the radio that President Clinton was meeting with Prime Minister Barak and representatives of Syria's President Assad. History was being made and it felt as if we were part of it.

Dinner discussion shifted toward how to gain perspective. We talked about how to "bottle" what we had just seen, and to capture our observations using laptop computers and tape recorders. What we were doing, from a social science perspective, was called ethnography. While it has a distinguished tradition, it is very different from research that tests *a priori* hypotheses. Ethnography is inductive, not deductive, and it requires the researcher to take the perspective of those being observed. Our job was to shed our expertise as Jewish graduate students and scholars in order to better understand what it felt like to be a participant. Unlike us, most of the young adults we were studying were visiting Israel for the



Overlooking Jerusalem from Mt. Scopus

first time, and had not come on the trip with a strong connection to their tradition. The fact that the trip was a free gift seemed to have drawn many of them.

### Long-Term Research Strategy

This ethnographic aspect of our research strategy was fascinating, but it was only one component. Although essential for providing in-depth understanding, it was not a practical way to acquire systematic insights into the overall impact of the program or to determine if the program had a lasting effect. For these research aims, we collected survey data. Prior to coming on the trip, we had asked the students to answer a series of questions via the Internet. Our plan was to track them over time by inquiring about attitudes and behaviors before and after the trip.

Changes in attitudes and behaviors could only be assessed meaningfully if there was a comparison group—students of similar ages and backgrounds who had not gone on the trip. Fortunately, such a group existed

## The Cemetery at Galilee

It was approaching sunset as we pulled up to the cemetery overlooking the Sea of Galilee, which Israelis call the *Kinneret*. As we filed off the bus and into the courtyard of the cemetery, we were awestruck by the beauty of the scenery. Below us was the Kinneret. Sunlight was playing off its gentle waves in a series of blues, greens, and purples. Surrounding us were palm trees with giant green fronds, and in the distance we could see the neat rows of crops belonging to the kibbutzim that dot the Galilean hillsides. One of the participants turned to me and said, "I can see why you would want to build a cemetery here. It's like spending eternity in paradise."

We gathered in a semi-circle in the cemetery courtyard to hear the stories of the people who were buried in this place. What we heard were not the stories of great ancient rabbis or talmudic scholars, but the stories of the first Zionist pioneers, many of them younger than the trip participants, and how they risked their lives to turn the marshes and swamps of the Galilee into the luscious

farmland around us. The stories we heard had little to do with religion and everything to do with ethnic identity, culture, and the miracle of the transformation of Israel into such a fertile land.

The pioneers' dreams of a Jewish state and their deep attachment to the land, concepts that today are the subject of tremendous conflict, were the aspect of the trip that truly captivated the group. Hearing about sisters who vowed never to speak to each other until they could speak in Hebrew, hearing about young people who preferred to die from malaria rejuvenating this land than to stay in Europe or go to America—it was this kind of Zionism and patriotism that brought tears to our eyes. We were told that if we remembered nothing else from these stories, we should remember the words of the poet Rachel: "I came to this land to transform the landscape and in doing this I transformed my soul." Sitting there we knew that being in Israel, being in the midst of the transformed landscape these pioneers had worked so hard for, had also transformed our souls.

As the sun set, we walked among the graves of the pioneers. I looked around and saw one of the men from our trip looking away from the

cemetery toward the Kinneret below. He seemed to have tears in his eyes as he spoke. "My father fled the Nazis in Poland and came here to fight in the War of Independence. I never really understood what he was fighting for until now."

This man later shared this story with the rest of our group, and others shared their own. Tear-filled moments at the Western Wall, saying a last good-bye to a grandparent who had passed without the time to say good-bye, friends who had dropped out of school and joined the Israeli army—all of these stories, and so many more, had the effect of weaving our group together. Each person's individual experience added to the experience of the whole. The group's experiences linked us to the Biblical land, to Zionist dreams, and to the State of Israel, but also to the pain of the current, seemingly insoluble dilemma.

—*Isabel de Koninck '04, participant-observer*

*The goal of birthright israel seemed to be working so well that we had become part of the process.*

without our having to create it. Not everyone who applied for the launch trip actually went to Israel, enabling us to employ these non-participants as a control group. Thus, we were able to use a quasi-experimental design for our longitudinal study.

When the trips were over and students had returned to school, we began to examine the hundreds of pages of ethnographic field notes we had generated. Then, three months after the trip, we administered a second survey. We could now draw some early conclusions, with the ethnographic data enriching and informing the survey data.

What we found can be summarized by the most frequently used participant adjective, “amazing.” However, even though these preliminary findings were extremely positive, we were cautious—

would the results be replicated after more time had passed? Was the experience just a good time that would eventually be forgotten, or did it have an enduring effect on ethnic identity?

To answer these questions we needed to gather data yet again, so more than a year after the trip, we contacted participants and non-participants and asked questions that were similar to those they had answered earlier. We were now ready to draw some more definitive conclusions. The resulting report, *A Mega-Experiment in Jewish Education: The Impact of birthright israel*, was published in January 2002, approximately two years after the first planeload of students had landed at Ben Gurion Airport.

The consistency of reactions, and their stability over time, surprised us. Educational interventions, even good ones, often have a relatively short “half-life.” Yet from the perspective of more than 15 months after the trip, participants continued to view the experience as meaningful and it appeared to have affected their Jewish identities and their attitudes toward Israel, Judaism, and the Jewish people. It is rare in social science research to find interventions where attitudinal change is sustained over time.

The vast majority of participants described their experience in extraordinarily positive terms—as meaningful, as educational, and as fun. Even after a year, the memories seemed surprisingly fresh. They talked about their time at the Western Wall (see accompanying story on the next page) as if it had just taken place. The Temple Mount, adjoining the Western Wall, is the traditional site of the biblical story of the binding of Isaac by his father Abraham. This image was used intentionally by program educators as a metaphor for the connection between the participants and the generations that had preceded them, generations that could only, with great difficulty, make the pilgrimage they were now on.

Our research revealed striking differences between participants and non-participants. Participants developed a stronger sense of Jewish identity than those who did not go on the trip. They felt more connected to the Jewish people and to Israel, and were more likely to indicate they had begun to explore Judaism upon returning home. Participants were also more likely to feel it was important to remember the Holocaust, to care about Israel and to support Jewish organizations.

For some, apparently, a single visit was not enough. Several hundred returned to Israel after their initial trip. And nearly 100 percent of those who went encouraged friends and relatives to apply for a subsequent trip.

Even though our survey data has measured the impact of the trip, personal stories and anecdotes still punctuate and enhance our insights.

## The Western Wall

It was late at night when our birthright israel group first arrived in Jerusalem. Instead of sending us to bed, our tour guides brought us directly to the Old City to see the *Kotel*, the Hebrew term for the Western Wall. But we weren't told that this was our destination—they were very secretive about where we were going. It added to the mystery.

We walked quietly and anxiously through the Old City, passing many religious men and women. The city was silent, and none of the shops or restaurants was open. All the street merchants had gone home, and there was tension in the air. Everyone on the trip was aware of the ongoing violence, and many times we felt as though there was a very large, black cloud hovering over the country. At any point, a terrorist attack could happen without warning.

We walked until we reached a set of stairs leading into the darkness. Jerusalem stone surrounded us, and we were all hesitant to move on. Our tour guides told us to get into a single line, place our hands on the shoulders of the person in front of us, and close our eyes. Once we had done this, the line slowly began to trudge forward. I could feel my roommate, Beth, grab my shoulders as we marched ahead. Suddenly, the train of students stopped, and everyone bumped into one another. A nervous but relieved laugh swept through the crowded group. Then, our guides arranged us into a configuration we could not yet see and instructed us all to face in one direction. We appreciated what it was like to be lost and disoriented in a foreign country.



At the top of Mt. Masada

We were instructed to keep our eyes closed and to be patient. Once everyone was lined up appropriately, we were allowed to open our eyes and turn around. I saw the by now familiar and comforting sight of the *Kotel*. I had been there before, but many of the students were seeing it for the first time. It was, for them, perhaps the single most important symbol of the Jewish people and the Jewish religion. I heard a slight gasp of awe as those around me took in the view. It seemed as though their eyes were working twice as hard in order to take it all in. We looked at each stone and plant, trying to absorb every inch.

Minutes went by, but time seemed to stand still. Finally, one by one, students began to walk down to the *Kotel* and get their chance to touch thousands of years of history. Overcome with emotion, a few students did not step forward. They squinted through their tears. An inexplicable connection to Israel and Judaism had just come into being for them, and they simply could not yet understand it.

Later, some of them told me that seeing the *Kotel* and being in Israel had touched a place within that had

never been touched before. They cried because they felt a new calm inside. They also told me that they were starting to recognize their spiritual side and to get in closer touch with a faith that they reluctantly were learning to trust. This was especially meaningful for those who had not grown up in a Jewish setting and had not been surrounded by Jewish culture. For them, seeing the *Kotel* gave them the opportunity to experience Judaism in its "natural" setting, in a city that is 3,000 years old in the Jewish homeland. Just a few minutes at the holiest site of the Jewish religion entirely changed their perspective on a religion that had previously not been very meaningful or important to them. ■

—Eszter Lengyel '04, participant-observer

## *We have learned that bonds forged through tradition are very powerful.*

For example, one Brandeis participant, in a conversation with a faculty researcher several months after his trip, related that he was experiencing “withdrawal” and was having trouble doing his schoolwork. Each time he sat at his computer, his email and Instant Messaging programs kept beeping with messages from his birthright israel group. It became clear that the program was providing a powerful group bonding experience. The effects of the trip were not just individual, but collective, and the experience of being in a group with other Jews turned out to be very meaningful. In a culture that emphasizes individuality, and whose common elements are hip-hop music, sports teams, and clothing labels, it was a profound experience to bond with others in the land of, and in the context of, a 4,000-year-old tradition.

### **Another Rendezvous**

This year, also in January, another rendezvous took place in Israel. This time, our Brandeis research group, which included two faculty members, a graduate student, and several undergraduates, met at Jerusalem’s Convention Center. The climax of a birthright israel trip is a huge gathering—a “mega-event”—where thousands of participants hear from dignitaries and celebrate with music and song. At that night’s “mega,” they heard from Prime Minister Sharon and saw performances from top Israeli singers and dancers.

The setting and the circumstances were quite different from those in Tiberias two years earlier. Instead of a quiet traditional Middle Eastern restaurant, we were in a modern, security-scrubbed facility surrounded by the noise of thousands of young people, amplified by an Israeli rock band. And, in contrast to the discussion we had then about the possibility of a peace agreement between Israel and Syria, the Prime Minister’s talk we had just heard reminded us of the dark clouds that were obscuring hopes for peace.

Nonetheless, our research experiences were very much the same as they had been at the earlier meeting. In our roles as participant-researchers, we were just as caught up in the power of the experience as we had been in 2000 and were again striving to maintain objectivity. Even though security concerns and the political situation were an ever-present reality, participants, who had chosen to come despite the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict, still used the word “amazing” to describe their trip experiences. The conflict did not seem to diminish the experience and birthright israel had implemented extraordinary safety efforts to alleviate their concerns.

Since the start of the program, more than 25,000 young adults from all over the world have participated in birthright israel. The Cohen Center has now gathered data from more than 10,000 of them, and more than 20 Brandeis participant-observers have accompanied trips. Studying the impact of birthright israel has become one of the Cohen Center’s most visible research projects, and we will continue to track birthright israel participants over the next few years. It is an unprecedented opportunity for researchers to learn about the evolution of Jewish identity and the lives of young adults.

*Pirke Avot*, a Jewish book of wisdom, asks, “Who is wise?” and answers “One who learns from everyone.” By following thousands of young people involved in birthright israel, we are becoming wiser, learning from each of them. We have learned that they yearn to be part of a community and to feel a connection to others, and that bonds forged through tradition are very powerful. These lessons are important for all of us who work with college students, as we give thought to the ways we socialize and educate a generation that will soon be responsible for shaping history.

For more information about the Cohen Center, and to obtain the reports described in this article, visit [www.brandeis.edu/cmjs](http://www.brandeis.edu/cmjs). ■

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Camel riding, top  
Posing at the Knesset Menorah, above

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Henry Kissinger, left, and Eleanor Roosevelt with Fuchs at Brandeis in 1960, prior to the broadcast of "Prospects of Mankind"

# Farewell to Larry Fuchs





**Only four classes in the history of Brandeis University have been without the option to experience the passion of his teaching and the influence of his acquaintance. Now, on his retirement, tribute is paid by a colleague in the department he founded.**

by Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. '72

After exactly half a century, Lawrence H. Fuchs, the Meyer and Walter Jaffe Professor of American Civilization and Politics, retired from Brandeis University at its Commencement exercises in May. For five decades the University was his sole employer, except for interruptions in public service and a visiting professorship in

Hawaii. His participation in virtually all phases and levels of academic life—teaching, administration, and community service—is also nearly continuous with the entire history of Brandeis University itself. Thus his absence from the campus is especially poignant.

Four sorts of achievements—four features of the legacy of Larry Fuchs—can be identified.

#### **Teaching**

Fuchs was exceptionally devoted to pedagogy. Thousands of students could testify to the curiosity and seriousness that he could awaken, to the loyalty and love that he inspired, and to the excellent papers and projects that his own imagination and example brought to life. His classes were usually seminars, which was the right size for

the sort of instruction in which Brandeis University has always taken special pride. The opportunities for intellectual engagement and personal interaction were thus maximized. At a farewell banquet for him on May 1, a number of former students testified with heart-felt gratitude to Fuchs for the influence he has exerted in their lives.

His career began in the Department of Politics, with a focus on electoral behavior and on public institutions (such as a famous seminar that he cotaught with Eleanor Roosevelt on international

organization). But in 1970 Fuchs founded the Department of American Studies, because his own interests shifted to the pressures upon the American family, as traditional structures clashed with individualist ideals of emancipation, and to questions of national character, as reflected in *e pluribus unum*, which drove his teaching more toward immigration history and policy. At Brandeis he had introduced the first course on the black experience in America; the last

course he inserted into the curriculum was on Asian-American life. As the questions animating him pushed him from political scientist to Americanist (but always with a grounding in the social sciences, making him something marginal to American studies), he brought his Brandeis students—and some faculty colleagues—along with him.

#### Scholarship

Fuchs's first book, *The Political Behavior of American Jews* (1956), has endured as the standard work in Jewish political studies, the starting point for anyone wishing to grasp the enduring appeal that

progressive beliefs have exerted upon American Jewry. His revised dissertation made culture rather than class decisive in explaining the voting patterns that have shown persistent allegiance to the Democratic Party. Fuchs realized that Jews tended to entwine their ideals with their interests, in a way that sensibility has mattered more than status and ethical ideals more than expediency. In this emphasis, he may have been under the influence of Yogi Berra's dictum that "90 percent of this game is half-mental."



Fuchs in seminar, 1971

When Fuchs came to Brandeis, the public culture exalted "the American way of life" (in the singular). When he retired last month, homogeneity was hardly celebrated; and a tectonic shift in the nation's very structure and ethos had occurred. A recognition of plurality—and its value as a source of cohesion—are what Fuchs devoted his scholarly vocation to

fathoming. At least as powerful as his determination to trace the implications of diversity was a yearning to vindicate it, to see differences not in terms of the risks of divisiveness but as a way of strengthening and improving our society, indeed as a way of enriching life itself. Six of his eight books are studies in the persistence of all sorts of distinctive ethnic habits and religious impulses. The most important was

an ambitious synthesis published in 1990; *The American Kaleidoscope* won three national awards, including the most important book prize awarded by the American Studies Association.

Had the author only recorded the eclipse of the melting-pot ideal, it would have been achievement enough. But he has also insisted

upon the allure of the civic culture itself, the autonomous ideals and the public institutions that have attracted so many millions of immigrants and refugees. *The American Kaleidoscope* made the case as persuasively as anyone has on why the United States faces no threat of disintegration or fragmentation. Its author thus helped shape the conversation over American identity itself. But he has done

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much more than write about the evolution of democracy, or teach it. He has also practiced it, and he has promoted it.

#### **Community**

It is impossible to tabulate how frequently Fuchs exercised initiative and leadership at Brandeis, whether in formal service—such as committee work—or in informal ways, because his judgment was so often sought by presidents, Trustees, deans, and other professors. Under President Abram Sachar, Fuchs served as dean of faculty; and he fulfilled four terms as the faculty's representative to the Board of Trustees. He chaired the 50th Anniversary Committee, persuaded a family in Florida to establish a

chair in environmental history, originated the program of study groups of the National Women's Committee, promoted expansion of the library, and was an enthusiastic friend of the athletic program. No future historian will succeed in retracing Fuchs's operating methods, however, since he was especially adept at coming in under radar. When a proposed business school was under consideration, he orchestrated the opposition that scuttled this ill-advised distortion of the University's liberal arts mission. His judgments of people were especially keen, and many members of the community have owed their livelihoods to Fuchs's sense of their suitability for the positions that they have occupied. No one served longer as chairperson of the Department of American Studies than its founder; and largely because of the personnel decisions he helped to make, no department was more immune to personal friction.

#### **Public Service**

To the wider world, he was Citizen Fuchs, though space permits the highlighting of only a tiny few of the causes and organizations that tapped his exceptional talents.

In 1956, among the readers of *The Political Behavior of American Jews* was Senator John F. Kennedy, who had his own reasons for assessing the viability of religious identity in a society that was then officially committed to the goal of amalgamation. On Capitol Hill and then in the White House, Kennedy enlisted Fuchs in several liberal causes, ensuring that he would be not only a scholar of Jewish liberalism but an active exemplar of it as well. He drafted a version of Senator Kennedy's



book, *A Nation of Immigrants*, and did speech-writing for him as well, most importantly in 1961 in preparing the Presidential address to the United Nations urging arms control, under the shadow of the "nuclear sword of Damocles." Holding ambassadorial rank, Fuchs became the first director of the Peace Corps program—then its largest—in the Philippines. Immediately after November 22, 1963, Fuchs proposed the memorial of a domestic peace corps for Massachusetts, an idea that was realized as the Commonwealth Service Corps.

In 1979 he was appointed the executive director of President Jimmy Carter's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, which entailed relocation to Washington until 1981. The recommendations of the Commission became the origins of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Immigration Act of 1990. When the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform was in business, from 1991 until 1997, Fuchs served

as its vice chairperson. In 1972 he also managed to find time to chair the Massachusetts Democratic primary campaign of Senator George McGovern, who went down to resounding defeat that November. Nevertheless the only state that the party's candidate did carry was the one where Fuchs had laid such careful groundwork.

In such manifold activities, whether as academic or as citizen, he proved himself to exhibit uncommon skill and savvy—yet without ever paying the price in a loss of humane and decent instincts. His catholicity and his tolerance, his attentiveness and sensitivity exemplified what the religious thinker Martin Buber had formulated as the I-thou relationship. Throughout that vacuum-packed half-century of working at Brandeis, Fuchs remained a liberal and a Democrat; he has been a democrat as well. The result has been an amazing intimacy and range in the character of his friendships. With abiding caring and conscientiousness, Fuchs has kept up with hordes of former students as well as scholarly colleagues in his own various professional sub-fields, plus vast swaths of humanity in general.



Fuchs, right, with Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Kissinger, and Adlai Stevenson at Brandeis, 1960

Having pursued so rich a career as a volunteer and an activist, he has known just about everybody; and they have testified to feelings of admiration and affection for him that are genuine. I have a vision of him showing up one day on the Vatican balcony overlooking its huge piazza, accompanied by the Pope. But among the crowd can be heard voices saying: "I see Larry up there. But who's the guy next to him?" ■

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# Development Matters

## Commencement 2002 Festivities

In conjunction with Commencement 2002, a reception was held on May 24 for the graduates of the class of 2002, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the class of 1952, who were celebrating their 50th Reunion. At that event, members of the senior class presented President Jehuda

Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, with the senior class gift. The next evening, more than 300 people attended the Commencement Dinner, a black-tie gala held on campus. On the morning of May 26, Honorary Degree Recipient Associate Justice Stephen Breyer was the featured speaker at the Fellows Breakfast. This was followed by Robing for the Academic Procession and the Commencement Ceremonies.



Board of Trustees Chair Stephen Kay, Sandra Farris, and Trustee Barbara Rosenberg



Sharyn T. Sooho '69 is hooded as a Fellow

## Brandeis University Board of Fellows

### South Florida Fellows Reception

Fellow Judith Yohay Glaser '59 and her husband, Allan, graciously opened their home in Delray Beach, Florida, on February 13 for a Fellows reception. This informal gathering gave Fellows in South Florida an opportunity to meet each other socially and discuss plans for the Board of Fellows. Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman hosted the event. As an added feature, the Fellows also had the opportunity to listen to Professor Emeritus

Nahum M. Sarna speak about his latest research, which delves into the return of the Jews from Babylonian exile under King Cyrus of Persia. Sarna is the Brandeis parent of David Sarna '70 and Jonathan Sarna '75, M.A. '75, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braum Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis.

### Sharyn Sooho '69 Hooded as a Fellow

President Jehuda Reinharz inducted Sharyn T. Sooho '69 as a member of the Fellows



Lois Foster, Trustee Henry Foster, and Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology Shula Reinharz, Ph.D. '77



Honorary Degree Recipient Richard Goldman and President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72



Robert Kraft, Trustee Myra Kraft '64, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Peter French



Thomas Pritzker, Margot Pritzker, University Professor and the Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy Robert Reich, and Honorary Degree Recipient Frank Gehry



Trustee Rena Joy Olshansky '56, Honorary Degree Recipient Ted Koppel, Trustee Henry Foster, and Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy and former Dean of The Heller School Stuart Altman

at the March 16 meeting of the National Alumni Association Board. Lauding the spirit of caring and compassion that Sooho brings to everything she does, Reinharz presented her with a commemorative plaque as current Alumni Association President Paul Zlotoff '72 placed the Fellows hood around her shoulders. A Fellow since May 2001, Sooho is an attorney specializing in family/divorce law with Sooho & Frolin, LLP of Newton. A member

of the National Alumni Association Board since 1995, Sooho stepped in to assume the presidency following the death of Richard Saivetz '69 in 2000.

**Stephen G. Breyer Speaks at the Fellows Breakfast**

As the University prepared for Commencement festivities, Fellows, Trustees, and their guests gathered for the third annual Fellows breakfast

on May 26. This event provides a venue for Fellows to come together with President Jehuda Reinharz and other Inner Family members before marching in the Commencement processional. A highlight of the Fellows breakfast is the opportunity to meet several of the honorary degree recipients who are invited as special guests of the Fellows.

Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman welcomed the

gathering and recognized the honorary degree recipients. President Reinharz introduced the keynote speaker, Stephen G. Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court associate justice and Brandeis 2002 honorary degree recipient.

Following Justice Breyer's presentation, the Fellows and Trustees were robed in their ceremonial caps and gowns for the Commencement processional.

# Books and Recordings

## Faculty

### Thomas Doherty

Associate Professor of Film Studies (on the Sam Spigel Fund)

*Teenagers and Teenpics: The Juvenilization of American Movies in the 1950s*  
Temple Press

*Teenagers and Teenpics* tells the story of two signature developments in the 1950s: the decline of classical Hollywood cinema and the emergence of the American teenager. In this edition the author argues that Hollywood's discovery of the teenage moviegoer initiated a progressive "juvenilization" of film content that is today the operative reality of the American motion picture industry. Also included is an expanded treatment of teenpics, especially the teenpics produced during the age of AIDS.

### Paul E. Jankowski

Associate Professor of History

*Stavisky: A Confidence Man in the Republic of Virtue*  
Cornell University Press

Stavisky, a confidence man with a long police record—who had escaped trial because of the influence of his powerful friends—saw his final get-rich scheme collapse in 1933. The author's investigation of these events includes research in police and judicial archives that were opened for the first time. Stavisky was a man who instigated a crisis that lay bare the strains and tensions in France's democratic institutions.

## Alumni

### Phil Brown, Ph.D. '79, ed.

Brown is a professor of sociology and environmental studies at Brown University.

*In the Catskills: A Century of the Jewish Experience in "The Mountains"*  
Columbia University Press

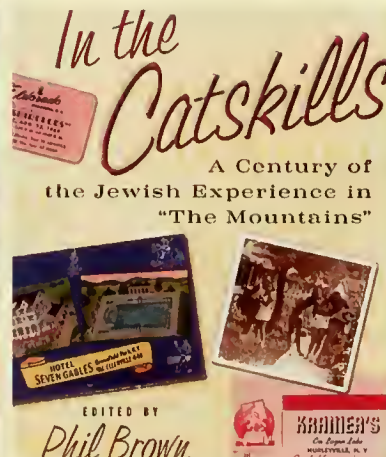
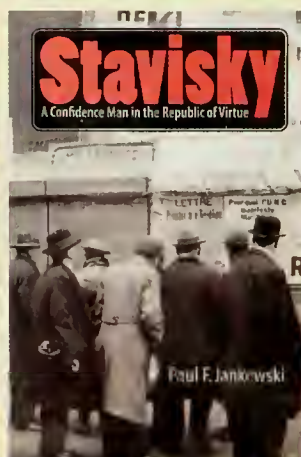
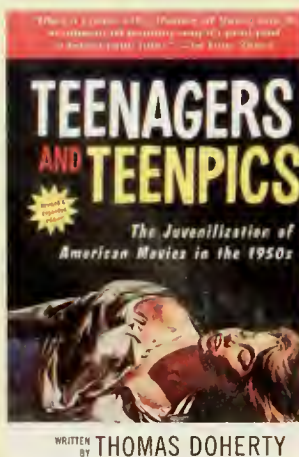
Bringing together an eclectic medley of fiction, memoir, photography, art, postcards, menus, song lyrics, and travel brochures, *In the Catskills* captures over a century's worth of vacationing in America's famous "Borscht Belt." At the height of its popularity during the 1950s and 1960s, the Catskills were one of the nation's premier summer destinations. Whether describing the history and landscape of the Catskill region, the culinary inventions, or the legendary entertainment, this anthology evokes all the flavors and memories of a bygone era.

### Alyssa Dinega '90

Dinega is the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Assistant Professor of Russian Language and Literature at the University of Notre Dame.

*A Russian Psyche: The Poetic Mind of Marina Tsvetaeva*  
The University of Wisconsin Press

Russian poet Marina Tsvetaeva's powerful poetic voice and her tragic life have often prompted literary commentators to treat her as either a martyr or a monster. Dinega shows that Tsvetaeva was troubled from an early age by her de facto exclusion from the traditional, male-centered myth of poetic inspiration. The author argues that, ultimately, Tsvetaeva rejects poetic solutions suggested by each of her interlocutors and comes instead to define her own mission as the renunciation of all human companionship in favor of a leap of faith into the abyss.





**Adam J. Fein '89**

Fein is the founder and president of Philadelphia-based Pembroke Consulting.

*Facing the Forces of Change: Future Scenarios for Wholesale Distribution*  
Distribution Research and Education Foundation

This book comprises four challenging scenarios, each of which presents a distinct and comprehensive forecast across diverse lines of trade. It offers strategies and tactics that are intended to be used to pinpoint strategies for building business among a company's specific customer groups; discover the power of scenario planning to make accurate guesses about the future business climate; and create scenarios and get company-wide buy-in for new thinking.

**Richard Godbeer, Ph.D. '89**

Godbeer is associate professor of history at the University of California, Riverside.

*Sexual Revolution in Early America*  
The Johns Hopkins University Press

Historian Richard Godbeer reexamines the place that sex occupied in the moral and cultural architecture of early American society. His study encompasses two centuries and a vast territory stretching from New England down to the southern colonies and outward to the West Indies, and includes discussions of marital and premarital sexual activity, homosexuality, and adultery, as well as sexual coercion and violence. The author writes of the ongoing struggle to define sexual morality; and the interplay of sexual and political revolution in the late 18th century.

**Arlene Hirschfelder '65**

Hirschfelder has spent the past 30 years teaching and writing about Native American histories, cultures, and contemporary issues.

*Photo Odyssey: Solomon Carvalho's Remarkable Western Adventure 1853-54*  
Clarion Books

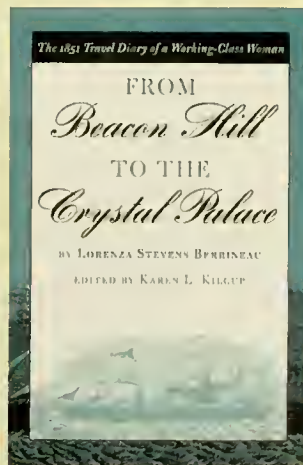
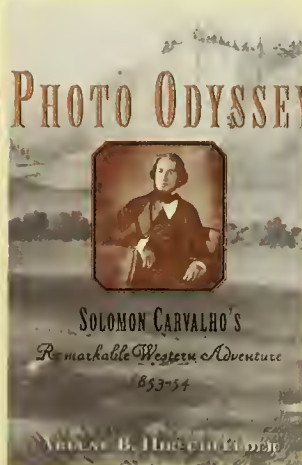
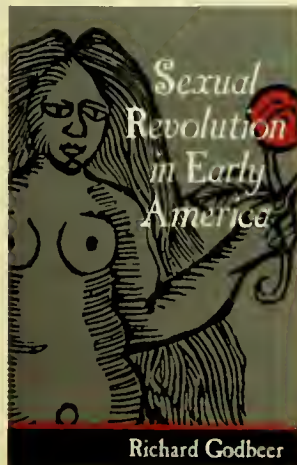
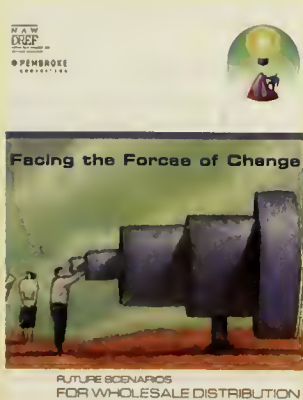
This biography of Solomon Carvalho (1815-97), a daguerreotype photographer recruited by explorer John Charles Fremont to document a railroad survey expedition, offers a true-life survival adventure story in the American West. Carvalho was unprepared for the hardships of the journey. Not only was he challenged by the physical strain, but as an observant Jew he also struggled to maintain his commitment to his religion. The author quotes Carvalho's own words, from his journal and from his letters.

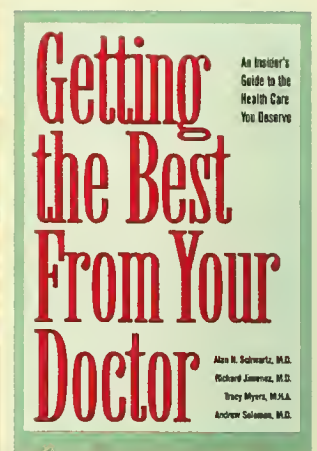
**Karen L. Kilcup, Ph.D. '86, ed.**

Kilcup is professor of American literature at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Named U.S. National Distinguished Teacher in 1987, she was recently the Davidson Eminent Scholar Chair at Florida International University.

*From Beacon Hill to the Crystal Palace: The 1851 Travel Diary of a Working-Class Woman*  
University of Iowa Press

One of the very few surviving working-class travel diaries, Lorenza Stevens Berbineau's diary provides readers with the perspective of a domestic servant to a wealthy Lowell family in Boston. Staying in luxurious hotels and caring for her young charge, Eddie, during her six-month grand tour, Berbineau wrote detailed entries about the people and places she saw. Berbineau's narrative reveals an outlook on her own life and the activities, places, and people she encountered.





**Jacob Meunier, Ph.D. '01**  
Meunier is a transportation analyst at Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

*On the Fast Track: French Railway Modernization and the Origins of the TGV, 1944-1983*  
Praeger Publishers

This book traces the history of French high speed rail, situating it in an economic and social context that underscores the role of contingency in its development, while addressing the following questions: What conditions made it possible for the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français (SNCF) to pursue its research into high speed rail? What pressures, if any, did the SNCF face to move its program from the drawing board to the real world?

**Millete Shamir, Ph.D. '96**  
and Jennifer Travis, eds.  
Shamir is lecturer in American literature at Tel Aviv University.

*Boys Don't Cry? Rethinking Narratives of Masculinity and Emotion in the U.S.*  
Columbia University Press

We take for granted the idea that white, middle-class, straight masculinity connotes total control of emotions, emotional inexpressivity, and emotional isolation. This collection challenges our entrenched ideas about male emotion. Through readings of works by Thoreau, Lowell, and W.E.B. Du Bois, and of 20th-century authors such as Hemingway and Kerouac, this book questions the persistence of the emotionally alienated male in narratives of white, middle-class masculinity and addresses the political and social implications of male emotional expression.

**Alan N. Schwartz '73**  
with Richard Jimenez, Tracy Myers, and Andrew Solomon  
Schwartz specializes in diagnostic cancer radiology at Stevens Hospital in the Seattle area.

*Getting the Best from Your Doctor: An Insider's Guide to the Health Care You Deserve*  
Chronimed Publishing

Each chapter in the book represents a stage of the medical journey. Beginning with patient/doctor communication, the reader is taught how to communicate effectively with the doctor in order to improve care. Next, the reader learns how to maximize the effectiveness of appointments. From there, managed care systems and insurance coverage are discussed. Also included are over 40 exercises and recordkeeping forms.

**Rhona Silverbush '88 and Sami Plotkin '88**  
Silverbush is an acting coach and adjunct faculty member at Columbia University. Plotkin is an actor, playwright, and screenwriter.

*Speak the Speech! Shakespeare's Monologues Illuminated*  
Faber and Faber, Inc.

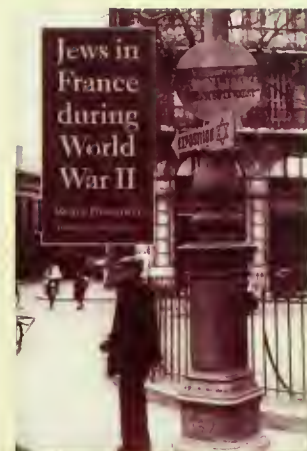
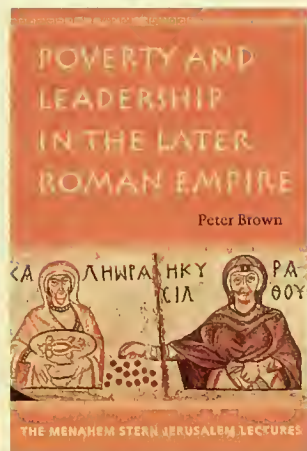
A guide to approaching Shakespearean text, *Speak the Speech!* contains everything an actor needs to select and prepare a Shakespeare monologue for classwork, auditions, or performance. Included are over 150 monologues; each one placed in context with a brief introduction, punctuated in the manner

that best illustrates its meaning, and annotated. This book is also an entertaining resource that will help demystify Shakespeare's language for the student and theater lover alike.

**Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, C.S.W. '75**  
with Rabbi Aaron M. Lever  
Weintraub is Rabbinic Director of the National Center for Jewish Healing

*Guide Me Along the Way: A Jewish Spiritual Companion for Surgery*  
National Center for Jewish Healing

This first book of its kind integrates ancient and contemporary prayer, personal narratives, guidance, poetry, folktales, and more, for patients, family members, friends, clergy, and health care professionals. It moves from the time before surgery, through surgery, recovery after surgery, returning home, returning to the community, and integrating surgical experience into life stories.



**Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture, and Life**  
**Jonathan Sarna: Editor**  
**Sylvia Barack Fishman: Associate Editor**

*Diaspora and Zionism in Jewish American Literature*  
 Ranen Omer-Sherman

This interdisciplinary study explores the evolving representations of Diaspora and Zionism in Jewish American writing from 1880 to the late 20th century. Beginning with the proto-Zionist verse of Emma Lazarus, through the urban and Holocaust-inflected lyrics of Marie Syrkin and Charles Reznikoff, to the post-assimilationist novels of Philip Roth in the 1990s, Omer-Sherman analyzes literary responses to the competing claims on the self experienced by people who lived and wrote in the United States but felt the pull of Israel.

Omer-Sherman is assistant professor of English and Jewish studies at St. Louis University.

*Jews of Brooklyn*  
 Ilana Abramovitch and Sean Galvin, eds.

Brooklyn and American Jewry grew up together in the 20th century. From the first documented settlement of Jews in Brooklyn in the 1830s to the present day,

Jewish presence—always between a quarter to a third or Brooklyn's entire population—has been key to the development of the borough. In *Jews of Brooklyn*, over 40 historians, folklorists, museum curators, musicians, and ordinary Brooklyn Jews present a living record of this cultural heritage.

Abramovitch is manager of curriculum in New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage. Sean Galvin is project director of the Liberty Partnership Program, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY.

**Brandeis University Press**

*Poverty and Leadership in the Later Roman Empire*  
 Peter Brown

In these essays, one of the world's scholars of the society and culture of late antiquity explores the emergence in late Roman society of "the poor" as a distinct social class, one for which the Christian church claimed a special responsibility. It is the story of how a society came to see itself as responsible for the care of a particular class of people—a class that had not previously been cared for—and of who benefited from that shift in interests.

Brown is Rollins Professor of History at Princeton University.

*The Roman Republic in Political Thought*  
 Fergus Millar

It is a fact that the very long-lived Roman Republic has consistently played a surprisingly slight role in political theory and discussions about the nature of democracy, forms of government, and other matters, particularly when compared to the enormous attention paid to fifth-century BCE Athenian democracy. The author re-opens the issue of how the Roman Republic was understood and used by political thinkers from the Ancient World to the present.

Millar is Camden Professor of Ancient History at Oxford.

**Brandeis Series on Jewish Women**

*Jewish Portraits, Indian Frames: Women's Narratives from a Diaspora of Hope*  
 Jael Silliman

This book is a family portrait of four generations of Jewish Indian women. It offers a personal and social history of the author's great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother—Bathdadi Jews who lived most of their lives in the Jewish community in Calcutta. The final sketch is of Silliman herself growing

up in a cosmopolitan and Indian world, rather than a Baghdadi Jewish one.

Silliman is currently an assistant professor in the women's studies department at the University of Iowa.

**The Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry**  
**Jehuda Reinharz: General Director**  
**Sylvia Fuks Fried: Associate Director**

*Jews in France during World War II*  
 Renée Poznanski

The author presents a panorama of Jewish daily life in occupied and Vichy France, as well as of Jewish life in French camps. Poznanski relies on non-published sources to build a collective portrait of Jewish suffering and survival. Even more than this, she uses these sources to illuminate "the rhythm of French and German persecution, the reactions of Jewish and non-Jewish opinion, and the various strategies of the Jewish victims."

Poznanski, born in France to Holocaust survivors, was graduated from the Sorbonne and emigrated to Israel where she is currently Professor of Holocaust Studies at Ben Gurion University.

## Alumni Clubs Host Faculty



Boston Downtown Lunch Series Chair Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 with Provost Mel Bernstein

The Alumni Association offers the Faculty-in-the-Field program in order to give Brandeis alumni the opportunity to interact with prominent faculty, meet former professors, and sample the intellectual teaching atmosphere of the University today. If you are interested in becoming involved in your area, contact your Club president directly or call Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948.

### Alumni Club of Arizona

On January 9, the club hosted Robert Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations and director of the Department of Politics Graduate Program, for a Faculty-in-the-Field program on "America's Foreign Policy since September 11." David Tierney '62 hosted alumni at his office in Scottsdale.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Club kicked off this year's Brandeis Breakfast Series on December 4, with "Programming the Web: A New Approach" by Tim Hickey '77, associate professor of computer science and director, Internet Studies Program. The second session welcomed Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, Max Richter Professor of American Civilization. His talk about "Broadway's Jewish Music-Makers" enlivened this morning group, which meets on campus. The series concluded on April 8, with

a presentation on "Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cells" by Susan Birren, associate professor of neurobiology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, and Larry Wangh, associate professor of biology. Mitch Cohen '76 chairs the series. On January 16, the club hosted a session of the Downtown Lunch Series with Robert Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations and director of the Department of Politics Graduate Program. Art shared his view on "America's Foreign Policy since September 11." The series continued on March 13 with Provost Mel Bernstein and "A Vision of Brandeis's Future." The series chair is Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and the host is Lawrence Uchill '69 of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels in Boston.

### Alumni Club of Long Island

The Club hosted Robert Art, the Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations and director of the Department of Politics Graduate Program, at the home of Roberta Weinstein-Cohen and Mark Cohen '79. Art spoke to Long Islanders about "American Foreign Policy since September 11" on December 9.

### Alumni Club of Toronto

On April 14, "America's Foreign Policy since September 11" was presented by Robert Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations and director of the Department of Politics Graduate Program, as part of the club's Faculty-in-the-Field program this spring. Anne Stilman '78 hosted alumni and guests at her home in Toronto.



Professor Bob Art and former student Leroy Ashwood '71 at the Boston Downtown Lunch Series

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs have recently invited members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. These events provide an opportunity to engage alumni and make them aware of each other's accomplishments and endeavors. If you are interested in sharing your expertise or opening up your home to host a program, please contact your Club president directly or call Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

On March 25, the Club hosted an Evening with Bill Schneider '66, CNN senior political analyst, at a local restaurant. Schneider is one of the country's leading political commentators and analysts and is regularly featured on CNN's *Inside Politics*. He was also serving as the Fred and Rita Richman Visiting Professor at Brandeis during the spring semester 2002.

### Alumni Clubs of Cincinnati and West Coast Florida

The Clubs each hosted an Alumni Author Book Signing with Rita Golden Gelman '58, author of *Tales of a Female Nomad*, as she makes her 50-state book tour. The West Coast Florida Club hosted an event in Sarasota on February 3. On March 3, the Cincinnati Club copresidents Chuck and Darlene Green Kamine '74 hosted an event in their home.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On January 18, Jane Loebel Adlin '68, exhibit curator, Department of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, hosted alumni for *A Century of Design, Part IV: 1975-2000* at the Met. At Brandeis House on January 24, the Club hosted a reception and discussion with Walter Mossberg '69, creator and author of the weekly *Personal Technology* column in *The Wall Street Journal*. Mossberg's presentation "Technology: The Internet Beyond The PC" focused on the future of personal computers in light of the Internet Age and the wireless technologies that are either here or right around the corner. Barry Kaplan '77, a member of

the board of overseers for the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF), served as the event host for the evening while Ira Shapiro '69, another GSIEF board member and Mossberg's roommate at Brandeis, made the trip up from Maryland to deliver a personal introduction of his friend.

### Alumni Club of Westchester County

The Club sponsored "Life on the Frontlines: From Platoon Commander to Ambassador" with Ambassador Haile Menkerios '70. This Wien Scholar has worked directly on the liberation of his country, Eritrea, from Ethiopia, served as its first ambassador to Ethiopia, and is now working for the United Nations with recent assignments in Zimbabwe

and Afghanistan. His talk, which focused on the liberation of Eritrea, was threaded with the message about the debilitating effects of colonialism and how to resolve the conflicts within these countries today. Karen and Lewis Porter, Ph.D. '83, hosted the event at their home in Larchmont, New York, on December 9.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston and Wien Alumni Network

In conjunction with the National Jewish Film Center, local alumni and citizens gathered on campus on March 14 for the Boston premiere of the film *Desperate Hours* and for remarks by Osman Faruk Logoglu '63, Turkish Ambassador to the United States. The film recounts the little known story about Turkey and the Holocaust. The sold-out event was held in the Edie and Lew Wasserman Cinematheque in the Sachar International Center. (See photo on page 60.)

Ed Goldberg, Justin Goldstein '94, Deborah Dragon '95, guest speaker Bill Schneider '66, Laura Gilman '94, Shana Aelony '94, Gail Posner '57, Immediate Past Club President Albert Spevak '73, and Club President Laurie Slater Albert '74 in Los Angeles



## Annual Alumni Events Not to Miss



Members of the Alumni Club of Greater Boston enjoy a reception in the new Lois Foster Wing of the Rose Art Museum

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

On December 9, alumni and guests gathered for a 40th anniversary celebration of the Rose Art Museum. President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Rose Art Museum Director Joseph Ketner made remarks. It was the final day of the exciting exhibit *A Defining Generation: Then and Now, 1961 and 2001*. The event chairs were club copresidents Ellen Beth

Lande '73 and Detlev Suderow '70 who hope that this second annual event remains a club tradition. On January 27 the Club hosted alumni and family members for the reception at the Brandeis vs. Emory University men's and women's basketball games and a chance to visit with our mascot, Ollie the Owl. The event chairs were Leonard and Amy Greenberg Bard '79.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Alumni, parents, students, and friends enjoyed the annual Brandeis vs. NYU basketball game on January 12. Danny Lehrman '64 served as host. The coaches, Carol Simon and Chris Ford, were excited to have the opportunity to meet alumni and provide a place for players and family members to gather after the games.

### Alumni Club of Chicago

On January 12, the Club hosted its Annual Alumni and Student Broomball Game for alumni, students, and their family members. The event chair was Marci Sperling Flynn '85.

## Online Developments

The Alumni Association now offers its members special access to Louie-Net online services through its Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. Alumni may register on this secure site for a username and password to access Louie-mail® and an alumni Online Directory. While you are there you may also update your contact information with the University, submit a class note, view a schedule of upcoming events, and more!

Besides Louie-mail®, a special Brandeis email forwarding address, the Online Directory is an invaluable resource to help you stay in touch with fellow Brandeisians. Now, users may search for classmates by name or browse lists of alumni by class year, home town/state, or a combination! Only Brandeis alumni who register will be able to access this information on our secure Website. Alumni

will have the option to show or hide their contact information. A terms and conditions agreement that each registered user accepts protects you from directory misuse.

Be the first to learn about the enhancements we make to Louie-Net by signing up today! To register, just point your Web browser to <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> and in the menu bar go to Louie-Net and then Registration. Complete the fields with your first and last names, the Brandeis

school from which you received your first Brandeis degree, your class year, and the last four digits of your social security number, and you are ready to go! Should you have any questions, please contact Autumn Haynes, associate director of alumni relations, at 781-736-4041 or email [louienet@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:louienet@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## FAB Brings Alumni and Students Together

On February 5, the Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB) hosted the World of Business and Technology for students to talk with alumni: Mark Crowley '94 of Verizon; Mark Eskandar '00 with IBM; Brian Moore '92 of Saucony; Eric Pressman '98 with Macromedia; Peter Schilling '87 with Authoria; and Detlev Suderow '70 of FLIR Systems, Inc.

Members of the Class of 2002 enjoyed Beyond Peripheral Road on March 20. Brandeis alumni and other professionals were on campus to speak with students and answer questions about how to survive life after college including discussions on finding a great apartment, renting vs. buying, planning a budget and investing money in today's market, and proper etiquette in business and social settings. Two Class of

2001 graduates also spoke about what the transition into the "real world" has been like from the professional and graduate school perspectives. Guests included: Jessie Glasser '01, student, Tufts Medical School; Lee Goldstein '01, assistant director of annual giving, Lasell College; Julian Hyman '78, senior vice president of investments, Smith Barney; Sara Rosenfeld '81, senior vice president, Hunneman Co. and Coldwell Banker Real Estate; and Alec Riveros, maitre 'd, Aujourd'hui, Four Seasons Hotel Boston. Representatives from the Brandeis University Alumni Association, Hiatt Career Center, Student Loans Office, and Senior Class Gift Committee were also on hand to provide information and answer questions about their groups and services.



Together with the education department and the Alumni Club of Greater Boston, FAB hosted alumnus Michele Vickers Forman '67, who is currently finishing up her duties as National Teacher of the Year 2001, on April 24. Exactly one year prior, Forman was presented with the honor at the White House by President George W. Bush. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and

Jessie Glasser '01, a graduate student at Tufts Medical School speaks with graduating seniors about life after Brandeis

local educators learned about Forman's teaching experiences and witnessed the presentation of the inaugural Harry S. Levitan Remedial Reading and Education Prize, awarded to a deserving "alumnus who during his/her career has furthered the goals of education through involvement in research, teaching, motivating, or volunteerism." FAB is pleased to be able to bring alumni to campus for students to meet.



Dr. Joseph S. Levitan, Michele Vickers Forman '67, and Marya Levenson '64 who holds the Harry S. Levitan Chair in Teaching Education at Brandeis

Alumni Club of Southern California President Albert Spevak '73, Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Alumni Association Member-at-Large Jay Handlin '81



## Other Special Events for Alumni

### Alumni Club of Southern California

On February 12, the Club welcomed local alumni, President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, to a reception graciously hosted by Marta Kauffman '78 in her home in Los Angeles.

### Alumni Club of England

On March 14, the Club hosted its members for discussion of the first 10 years of the EBRD by Gideon Schurr, member of the European Bank for Reconstruction Board of Directors, as arranged by Effy Ritter '99, M.A. '00. Club President Joan Givner Bovarnick, Ph.D. '69, hosted the event with her husband Arthur '58 at their home in London.

### Alumni Club of West Coast Florida

On January 17, the Club hosted a "Get To Know You" meeting for alumni in Naples.



Marta Kauffman '78 (seated on sofa left) hosts fellow alumni in her home for a reception with President Reinharz

### Alumni Club of New York City

Alumni and their children attended a brunch program at Brandeis House on January 13 with Michael Kalafatas '65, Brandeis director of admissions (who recently retired). Kalafatas spoke candidly with the group about the admissions process, how the selective schools narrow down their field of prospective applicants, and what parents and children should be thinking about when it comes to college selection and applications. Danny Lehrman '64, NYC Alumni Admissions Council chair made introductions. On January 29, alumni met at Brandeis House for a reception and discussion with Lawrence J. Epstein, professor of English at Suffolk County Community College and author of *The Haunted Smile: The Story of Jewish Comedians in America*. Epstein provided an overview of the numerous contributions Jewish comedians have made to American life and culture. He also discussed the reasons why Jewish humor was so readily accepted by American audiences. Epstein's publisher, Peter L. Osnos '64, made the evening possible.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

On April 13, the Club hosted a "Cholmondely's Night" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The group enjoyed the time to meet each other in an intimate setting at one of the area's newest treasures.

### Minority Alumni Network

The Minority Alumni Network (MAN) promotes unity and networking among minority alumni through educational, career development, community, and social events. The Network provides a link and support mechanism to the greater Brandeis community of students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni clubs and organizations. Chaired by Joseph Perkins '66, the Network seeks to expand its programs to members in New York City and Washington, D.C. If you would like to become involved or to be included on the mailing list, please email [man@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:man@alumni.brandeis.edu) or call 781-736-4100. Members of the Network were recently invited to the 10th anniversary celebration of the Intercultural Center on March 16-17. The campus community enjoyed the annual student production of Culture X, an international show of music, dance, and culture in the Spingold Theater Center. They also celebrated with an intercultural dinner and Dance Party. Sunday was the Interfaith Chapel Celebration and a discussion and lunch for alumni and students before the Maggie Cooks Gospel Extravaganza in Sherman Function Hall.

### G/L/B/T Alumni Network

Students and alumni gathered on a snowy January 31 for a special Alumni-Student Networking Reception in the Rapaport Treasure Hall of Goldfarb Library. Jason Pierceson, doctoral candidate in the politics department at Brandeis University and instructor of political science at UMass Boston, presented "Recent Developments on the Same-Sex Marriage Front" to the attendees. The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (G/L/B/T) Alumni Network continues to grow and is fostering a stronger relationship student organizations such as Triskelion (The GLBTQSA Alliance), BiSpace, Queers United Against Defamation (QUAD), and Shalem (Jewish GLBT Group). If you are interested in joining the G/L/B/T Alumni Network and/or helping with programming, email [glbt@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:glbt@alumni.brandeis.edu), or call Karen Cirrito, assistant director of alumni relations, at 781-736-4055. Please indicate whether you would like your name listed on the "open mailing list," which will be distributed only to other members of the G/L/B/T Alumni Network, as well as telling us what, if any, G/L/B/T groups you were affiliated with while you were a Brandeis student.



Walter Mossberg '69, Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Laurence Lipnick, P'01, '05

## Brandeis Night 2002

### Washington, D.C.

On March 11, Laurence Lipnick, Brandeis parent of Marnie '01 and Scott '05, and the St. Gregory Hotel graciously hosted a reception with President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72. Alumni, parents, Fellows, BUNWC members, and supporters of Brandeis had the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the University and to hear from distinguished alumnus Walter Mossberg '69.

Mossberg is an author and the creator of the weekly Personal technology column in *The Wall Street Journal*, which has appeared every Thursday since 1991. He was awarded the 1999 Loeb Award for Commentary, the only technology writer to be so honored. Multiple publications have named Mossberg as the most influential journalist writing about computers. His talk, "Beyond the PC:

The Internet Gets Real," provided firsthand insight into several innovative, emerging technologies and their potential, exciting uses. Mossberg was introduced by his classmate, Ira Shapiro '69, who is currently a Democratic candidate for Congress in Maryland's hotly contested eighth district.

Exactly six months earlier, the Brandeis Night in Washington, D.C., had been cancelled due to the horrific events of September 11, 2001. As he welcomed the gathering, Lipnick asked everyone present to join him in observing a moment of silence to honor those who perished in the September 11 attacks, to those who died trying to save them, and to those who have now placed themselves in harm's way in defense of our country.



### Philadelphia

Kenneth '60 and Susan Kaiserman hosted Brandeis Night 2002 in Philadelphia on April 22. Alumni were joined by parents and friends of the University at a wine and cheese reception at the Pyramid Club. Members of the Brandeis community were welcomed by Tamara Chasan '91, Alumni Club of Philadelphia president. Ken Kaiserman extended greetings on behalf of his family and introduced President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, who addressed the participants.

Brandeis Nights offer opportunities for President Reinharz to bring greetings from campus to alumni, parents, Fellows, and friends in various cities around the country. Brandeis Night 2002 in Chicago is planned for October 16, 2002.



President Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement Nancy Winship, Tamara Chasan '91, and Trustee Kenneth Kaiserman '60, chair of the Brandeis University Annual Fund

## Baseball Diamond Dedicated in Memory of Morry Stein '58

Under a bright, spring sky, members of Morry Stein's family and almost 20 baseball and football teammates from the 1950s dedicated the Brandeis baseball diamond in loving memory of Stein '58, who died tragically in a 1994 plane crash.

Members of the Stein family and several friends, including Richard Bergel '57 and Sidney Boorstein '62, contributed to the complete renovation of the ballfield, making it one of the finest in New England, according to Director of Athletics Jeffrey Cohen '64. Stein's son, Tony, threw the ceremonial first ball in the game against Babson College.



George Stein, Amy Stein Horvitz '59, Tony Stein, Jeff Cohen '64, athletic director, Pete Varney, head baseball coach, and senior baseball captain Jeremy Taro '02

## Wien International Scholars Program



Wien alumni visit with President Reinharz and Turkish Ambassador O. Faruk Logoglu '63 (far left)

Since its founding by Lawrence A. and Mae Wien in 1958, the Wien International Scholars Program (WISP) has provided more than 730 international students from over 100 countries with access to a first-rate education at Brandeis University. By offering each Wien Scholar the cultural and academic advantages of foreign study and the opportunity to participate in all phases of American campus life, WISP has aimed to foster mutual understanding among nations. In turn, the Program has promoted the rich diversity of campus life that is one of the true hallmarks of a Brandeis education.

On April 22, WISP alumni and current scholars gathered together in the Faculty Center for a reception coordinated by the Wien Alumni Network. This alumni group has been established to keep WISP alumni connected with the University and each other, to celebrate their accomplishments, and to continually rekindle the founding spirit of the Wien program. Chair Janet Akyuz Mattei '65 welcomed the large gathering, and Jane A. Hale, faculty chair of the

## Reception for Alumni on Staff/Faculty at Brandeis

Brandeis currently employs more than 1,500 faculty and staff members. Of that group, more than 11 percent are Brandeis alumni. On March 16 the Office of Alumni Relations held a wine and cheese reception to recognize these alumni who have chosen to work at their *alma mater*.

The reception offered an opportunity for alumni who work in various

departments and offices across campus to meet and share ideas. Paul S. Rosenstein, assistant vice president for alumni and University relations and the annual fund, encouraged the alumni in attendance to get as involved as possible in alumni and campus life by attending events, becoming a mentor for undergraduates, and by contributing to the annual fund. A highlight of the gathering was a performance by the student a cappella group *Starving Artists*.



Faculty and staff alumni reconnect at Brandeis

Wien Selection Committee and associate professor of French and comparative literature, encouraged the group to get to know each other more personally.

Highlights of the evening were the moving presentations by Wien scholars and a recent Wien graduate. Gila Ashtor '05 of Canada gave an eloquent talk, "Where the Wien Program is Taking Me," in which she remarked on the unique Brandeis culture of truth into its innermost parts, "Where everyone teaches and everyone learns." David Dagan de Picciotto '02 of Germany spoke about "What the Wien

Program Has Meant to Me," remarking that although he will be graduating this year, he is certain that he will be learning from his Brandeis experience for the rest of his life. In his remarks, "Where the Wien Program Has Taken Me," Manuel Costescu '99 of Romania encouraged Wien scholars to worry less about their G.P.A. and to enjoy their time at Brandeis more. Continuing a tradition begun in 2001, David Elwell, director of the international students and scholars office, presented the first-year students with



a copy of a video, *Lawrence Wien: His Life...His Legacy*.

**Wilfred Chilangwa '91,  
Provost Mel Bernstein, Bhaskar  
Banerjee '88, and Maciej  
Gadamski '92**

Another Wien alumni program will be held on campus on October 6, 2002 to welcome new students, reconnect with continuing Wien scholars, and maintain the alumni connection. For more information about the Wien Alumni Network, please email [wien@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:wien@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## Travel To Cuba

### A Cultural and Historical Exchange

Cuba has been out of reach for American travelers for two generations. As a result, its exhilarating history, exotic landscapes, and rich culture have been accessible only through movies and the media. Experience Cuba firsthand with Brandeis travelers on our seven-day adventure, scheduled for **October 25-31, 2002**. This program, combining excursions with commentary, will unravel

for you the mysteries and contradictions of this intriguing Caribbean nation.

Our home base for this program is Havana, the lively capital city where Cuba's cultural and political heritage is concentrated. Expert lectures explore Cuba's captivating history and provide new insights into present-day Cuba. Professionally guided tours give us access to an array of landmarks from opulent Spanish colonial palaces to austere monuments that salute the 1959 revolution. Excursions into Cuba's spectacular countryside include a visit to Pinar del Rio and its thriving tobacco industry, and the charming provincial village of Cojimar, still haunted

by Hemingway who made Cuba his home for 22 years. In seven days, you will delve deeply into the delights and the struggles of Cuba and her people.

Operated in accordance with a special license issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury, this exclusive program opens the door to a neighbor country long closed to American travelers. Every measure has been taken to ensure your comfort and convenience throughout your visit to Cuba. Be a part of a pioneering cultural discovery enriched by

informative lectures and presentations.

The Brandeis Alumni Travel program will offer two trips in 2003: a cruise through the Panama Canal (January 21-February 1, 2003) and an Alumni College in Spain (July 8-16, 2003). Trips are open to all members of the Brandeis community and space is extremely limited, so an early reservation is essential. To reserve your place, call Alumni Holidays at 800-323-7373. For additional information, check the Brandeis Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4100.

## Fall Fest 2002 Homecoming/ Family Weekend

What are you doing  
Columbus Day Weekend?

Plan to return to campus for  
Fall Fest 2002!  
October 11-14, 2002

Two great weekends in one! Come back to campus this fall to share in the fun. Picture it...beautiful fall colors on the trees, the rustle of leaves beneath your feet...a glorious time to return to Brandeis for an exciting weekend filled with activities for alumni, students, and their families. Campus will be buzzing with school spirit and a general feeling of nostalgia.

Fall Fest 2002 Highlights include an alumni/

Celebrate Brandeis!



Fun for all ages at  
Street Fest

student Stein Night, faculty presentations, an alumni legacy reception, a networking event, mini-Reunions, open classes, student/alumni performances, and an all-campus BBQ and Street Fest!

Special Sunday evening highlight: Jazz Concert and dancing with the Dick Hyman Trio!

Fall Fest 2002 is cosponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Student Activities. For more information about Fall Fest 2002, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4100 or check our Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>.

## Heller Alumni Association

Bryna Sanger, Ph.D. '76, introduces Frances Hesselbein, at The Heller Alumni Association's Annual New York lecture at Brandeis House on April 18. Hesselbein, executive director of the Girl Scouts for 14 years and chair of the Peter Drucker Foundation for 12 years, spoke on Leadership Imperatives in a Changing World.



Natalie Austrian, M.M.H.S. '78, with Frances Hesselbein at the Heller Alumni Association's annual lecture "Leadership Imperatives in a Changing World," that was held on April 10 at the Brandeis University Faculty Club.

## Alumni College 2002: Shaping The Future

Enthusiastic alumni and friends of the University gathered on campus for the Brandeis University Alumni Association's annual Alumni College, which was held on June 7, in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. Alumni College is a daylong academic adventure for Brandeis graduates, their families, and friends of the University. This year's program, Shaping the Future, featured classes and panel discussions with Brandeis faculty members and prominent alumni addressing important, current-event issues such as privacy, immigration, wireless communication, and America's place in the world.

Well-attended morning classes included a discussion about contemporary dilemmas around the issue of privacy featuring **Mary Davis**, adjunct associate professor of American studies, and **Margaret A. Salinger '82**, author of *Dream Catcher: A Memoir* and daughter of J. D. Salinger. Davis considered issues centered on the

changing legal standards and cases regarding privacy, while Salinger focused on the perpetration and perpetuation of domestic tyranny and abuse.

**Lawrence H. Fuchs**, Meyer and Walter Jaffe professor of American civilization and politics, reflected on the future of U.S. immigration, ethnicity, and race. The former vice chair of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform (1992-97), Fuchs has been a Brandeis faculty member for 50 years and received an honorary degree from Brandeis during Commencement 2002 (see page 20).

Alumni College participants had the opportunity to explore the future of wireless communication and convergence with **Jordan Pollack**, associate professor of computer science and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, who pondered whether the end of

telephone tag threatens to change humanity or merely provide hot investment areas. **Ted Gup '72**, a professor of journalism at Case Western Reserve University and former investigative reporter for *The Washington Post* and *Time* magazine, led the session After the Cold War: Reinventing the CIA. Gup is author of *The Book of Honor: Covert Lives and Classified Deaths at the CIA*.

After a relaxing picnic lunch, attendees returned for afternoon sessions. Turbulent Times, Turbulent Nations: Perceptions of America from Home and Abroad featured a panel discussion with **Wellington Nyangoni**, professor of African and Afro-American studies, **Linda Scherzer '82**, senior partner at Scherzer, Dubin & Associates, and former CNN correspondent and reporter for Israeli television, and **Stephen Solarz '62**, senior counselor at APCO associates, former congressman, and former chair of the House Committee on Asian and

Pacific Affairs. Assistant Professor of Sociology **David Cunningham** and his students shared experiences from their yearlong course about social activism that included a 30-day odyssey through 17 states aboard a 40-foot sleeper bus in Brandeis on the Road: Possibilities for Change in American Communities.

The day culminated in a passionate discussion about the present state and the future direction of media and the arts, Mass Appeal: The Cultural Hypnosis of Popular Culture. Featured panelists were **Michael Murray**, the Blanche, Barbara, and Irving Laurie adjunct professor of theater arts and director, theater arts program; **Arnie Reisman '64**, a writer/producer/performer working in commercial and public TV, corporate video, journalism, and film; and **Steve Vineberg '72**, professor of theater at the College of the Holy Cross.

## Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

The spring business meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors was held on campus on March 16. In addition to a full meeting agenda the board members were treated to a hardhat tour

of the Shapiro Campus Center, scheduled to open in August, a lecture and tour of the Rose Art Museum and the new Lois Foster Wing by director Joe Ketner, and remarks by senior administrators President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, Provost Mel Bernstein, and Senior Vice

President for Institutional Advancement Nancy K. Winship. President Reinharz also hooded immediate past Alumni Association president Sharyn Sooho '69 as a Fellow of the University (See page 48.).

## Alumni Association Elections

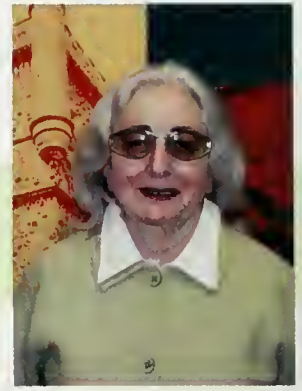
In accordance with the bylaws of the Alumni Association one-half of the Members-at-Large are to be elected each year for a two-year term. A committee chaired by Sharyn Sooho '69, immediate past national Alumni Association president, has nominated the following individuals.



**Paula Apsell '69**  
 Newton, MA  
**Personal:** Married to Sheldon Apsell, Ph.D. '72  
**Professional:** Director of the WGBH-TV science unit and executive producer of the long-running science series *NOVA*. Her honors include eight Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, a Dupont-Columbia Award, and an Academy Award nomination in 1996 for Special Effects  
**Education:** B.A., psychology  
**Brandeis Activities:** Alumni Achievement Award recipient, 1999, Alumni College speaker, and current member of the Science Council



**Stanley Brooks '79**  
 Los Angeles, CA  
**Personal:** Married to Tanya Lopez Brooks, two children  
**Professional:** Once Upon A Time Productions, an independent film production company, member of Board of Governors, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, faculty member, American Film Institute  
**Education:** B.A., psychology  
**Brandeis Activities:** Alumni Admissions Council, frequent lecturer in film, 50th Anniversary Film production



**Barbara Krasin Kravitz '57**  
 Hampton, NH  
**Personal:** Married to S. Wendell Kravitz, one child  
**Professional:** Former Governor, Societe Bankhouse  
**Education:** B.A., American studies  
**Brandeis Activities:** Fellow, Greater Boston Alumni Leadership and host of numerous JBS events, 30th Reunion Program chair, 35th Reunion Gift cochair, member-at-large and member of executive committee National Alumni Board 1965-1967, 2002 yearbook chair for 45th Reunion, Alumni Service to Association Award 1973

## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities or for more details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

### Alumni Club of Long Island

Thursday, August 15  
 New-Student Send-Off

Thursday, September 5  
 U.S. Open Tennis Championships-Quarterfinal Matches

### Alumni Club of Houston

Sunday, August 18  
 New-Student Send-Off Brunch

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

Sunday, August 18  
 New-Student Send-Off Barbecue

### Alumni Club of Chicago

Sunday, August 18  
 New-Student Send-Off

Wednesday, October 16  
 Brandeis Night 2002 Reception with President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and keynote address by Christie Hefner '74

### Alumni Club of Southern California

Sunday, August 18  
 New-Student Send-Off Barbecue

### Alumni Club of Cincinnati

Tuesday, August 20  
 New-Student Send-Off

### Alumni Club of Colorado

Wednesday, August 21  
 New-Student Send-Off

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Tuesday, August 20  
 Recent Graduates Network Kick Off Happy Hour

Wednesday, September 11  
 Downtown Lunch Series

Tuesday, October 8  
 Brandeis Breakfast Series

### Future Alumni of Brandeis

Tuesday, September 24  
 World of Education and Public Service



## Official Ballot

### Brandeis University Alumni Association Board of Directors

For a term expiring  
May 31, 2004:

I approve the slate  
as nominated.

I do not approve the slate.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Brandeis University  
Alumni Association Elections  
Mailstop 124  
P.O. Box 549110  
Waltham, MA 02454-9110

Or FAX to 781-736-4101

#### Lauren Small '78

Baltimore, MD

**Personal:** Married to Donald Small '78, three children

**Professional:** Novelist/  
Writer

**Education:** B.A.,  
comparative literature,  
Ph.D., Johns Hopkins  
University

**Brandeis Activities:** Alumni  
Club of Baltimore past  
president and national board  
of directors member 1998-  
2001

#### Clare Tully '80

Camden, ME

**Personal:** Married to Richard Podolsky, three children

**Professional:** Former senior  
vice president, marketing  
and communications,  
National Audubon Society

**Education:** B.A., politics and  
sociology; J.D., University of  
Michigan Law School

**Brandeis Activities:** Creator,  
Brandeis entertainment  
industry trade alumni group,  
Reunion Gift committee  
1990, Reunion Program  
Committee 1995, current  
member-at-large

#### Fall Fest 2002 Homecoming/Family Weekend

Friday, October 11-Sunday,  
October 13

#### Legacy Reception

Saturday, October 12

#### Alumni Club of Westchester County

Sunday, October 20  
Alumni Author Event  
with Gil Schwartz '73, aka  
Stanley Bing

#### Alumni Club of New York City

Thursday, August 15  
New-Student Send-Off

Thursday, August 22  
Recent Graduates Network  
Happy Hour on the Hudson

Wednesday, September 18  
Young Lawyers Network  
presents "Due Process  
after 9/11" with Michael  
Ratner '66, Center for  
Constitutional Rights, and  
Eric Friedberg '77, former  
lead computer crimes  
prosecutor, U.S. Attorney's  
Office, Brooklyn

Tuesday, September 24  
Allied Health Professions  
Network presents "Status  
of Health Care in the  
U.S." with Stuart Cook '57,  
President, University of  
Medicine and Dentistry of  
New Jersey

Tuesday, October 8  
"Bush, the War on Terrorism  
and Israel" with Scott  
Lasensky, Ph.D. '01,  
Fellow, Council on Foreign  
Relations and Assistant  
Director, U.S./Middle East  
Project

Thursday, November 14  
"Jewish Voices" with Daniel  
A. Harris, Bildner Center  
for the Study of Jewish Life

and Professor of English  
and Jewish Studies, Rutgers  
University

Wednesday, November 20  
Young Lawyers Networking  
Reception

#### Alumni Club of England

Sunday, November 24  
15th Annual Thanksgiving  
Tea with Ruth Deech,  
M.A. '66, Principal, St.  
Anne's College, University  
of Oxford

## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Alumni Network or the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing lists.

### Alumni Club of Southern California News

Alumni Association President Paul Zlotoff '72 has appointed Laurie Slater Albert '74 as the new president for the Alumni Club of Southern California. She took the helm from Albert Spevak '73 on April 1. Thank you to Albert and welcome to Laurie. Should any southern California alumni be interested in helping with the club activities, please contact Laurie at southcalifornia@alumni.brandeis.edu.

### Domestic

#### Arizona

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#### Baltimore

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Detlev Suderow '70  
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#### Southern California

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Madans '53  
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### Affinity Groups

#### Alumni Admissions

#### Council

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#### Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/

#### Transgender Alumni

#### Network

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#### Future Alumni of Brandeis

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Emily Meltzer '04  
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#### Wien Alumni Network

Janet Akyuz Mattei '65  
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## Alumni Club of Chicago

On Saturday, January 12, the club hosted its Annual Alumni and Student Broomball Game for approximately alumni, students, and their family members. The event chair was Marci Sperling Flynn '85.



Class Photos



Class of 1957



Class of 1962



Class of 1967



Class of 1972



Class of 1977



Class of 1982



Class of 1987



Class of 1992



Class of 1997

## Class of 1952



Max Perlitz and Phylis Levens Acker present President Reinharz with the Class of 1952 Reunion Gift



Carl Werner and Harvey Liberman



The Class of 1952



Shulamit and Jehuda Reinharz with Arnold Schlager, and June Saftel Goldman

## Leadership Reception



Provost Mel Bernstein presents Alumni Achievement Awards to Stephen J. Solarz '62, far left, and Nancy Katzen Kaufman '72, left.

Richard and Myrna (Mimi) Kaplan Bergel '57 receive the Alumni Service to Association Award from Nancy K. Winship, Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, right.



Richard Kaufman '57 proudly presents a check on behalf of all Reunion alumni donors to Bernstein and Winship, far right.



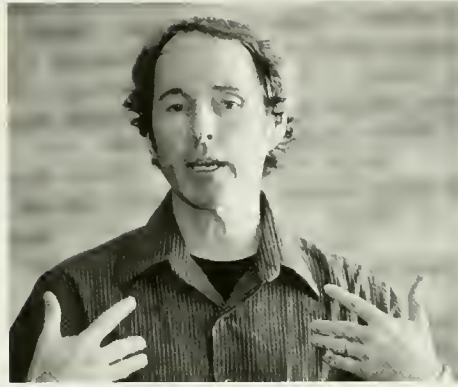
## Alumni Authors and Artists Receptions Alumni Art Appreciation



## Alumni College 2002



## Faculty Presenters

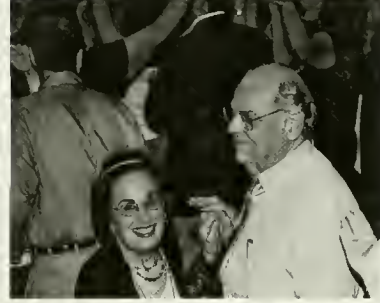


## Ralph Norman Barbecue





# Saturday Night Dinner Extravaganza



## Reunion 2002 Candid





### Faculty

#### **Karl Eigsti**

Charles Bloom Adjunct Professor of the Arts of Design, was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award in Scenic Design by the United States Institute for Theater Technology (USITT). The award was presented at USITT's Annual Conference and Stage Expo, where a retrospective of his work was also on display. Eigsti had previously received the Los Angeles Dramalogue Award and the Helen Hayes Award for his work in the resident professional theater.

#### **Robert Greenberg**

associate professor of philosophy, delivered a paper, *The Role of Sensation in Kant's Transcendental Idealism*, at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, in Chicago. The paper will receive a critical comment. At the same meeting he will also chair an "Author Meets Critics" session on a book about Kant's theory of nature.

#### **Jacqueline Jones**

Truman Professor of American Civilization, was chosen for the University of Delaware's Alumni Wall of Fame this spring.

#### **Edward K. Kaplan**

professor of French and comparative literature and chair, Program in Religious Studies, participated in several events in February 2002: the opening plenary address, "Under my Catholic Skin..."; a paper on *Revelation and Commitment: Abraham J. Heschel's Situational Philosophy* at an International Conference on Jewish Philosophy in the 20th century at the University of Naples, Italy; presented a videotaped interview with Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, founder of Jewish Renewal movement; and in March "Thomas Merton's Opening to Judaism and the World," and a workshop on Merton's conversions at a conference of the International Thomas Merton Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

#### **Joan Maling**

professor of linguistics, was the featured speaker at the Eighth Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference held at Indiana University. In her plenary address, "From passive to active: a syntactic change in progress," Maling discussed the results of a nationwide survey of 1,731 10th graders, which represents 45 percent of all Icelandic students born in 1984. The study was conducted in collaboration with Sigrur Sigurjónsdóttir at the University of Iceland.

#### **Amélie Oksenberg Rorty**

professor of classical studies and director, humanities center and the Program in the History of Ideas, received an Honorary Research Fellowship at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

### Staff

#### **Charles Dunham**

associate director of publications and design director, recently received honors from the New England Museum Association. His design of the Foster Wing Opening Invitation earned him a second place award in the Invitations: Exhibitions category.

#### **Charles Fremault**

a painter in facilities services, was recently honored with the Louise and Helen Zirkel Award, which is given to a service employee who has made a significant contribution and/or has demonstrated consistent effort to improve the services and operation of his/her department and of the University. Fremault, who has worked at Brandeis for 25 years, was selected as the eighth annual award recipient.

#### **Ralph Szymczak**

reference librarian in government documents, received the sixth annual Lou Ennis Award, which honors a member of the administrative staff who has demonstrated loyalty and dedication to Brandeis and to its mission, who is professional, helpful, and friendly, and who is known to consistently treat all members of the community with respect and dignity.

# Brandeis Class Notes

Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we usually are unable to print lists of classmates who attend each other's weddings or other functions. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the *Brandeis Review* will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

## '52

June Goldman, Class Correspondent, 15 Preston Beach Road, Marblehead, MA 01945  
1952notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Those of us who were able to attend had a wonderful time at our 50th Reunion during Commencement weekend. All of our planning paid off and it was a treat to reconnect with so many friends. Program Committee chair **Julian Koss**, Gift Committee cochairs **Phyllis Levins Acker** and **Max Perlitsh** and their many committee members deserve a heartfelt thanks for all of their hard work which made the weekend possible.

## '53

**50th Reunion  
May 16-18, 2003**  
Abraham Heller, Class Correspondent, 1400 Runnymede Road, Dayton, OH 45419  
1953notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Joan Amy Greenberger Gurgold** is keeping very busy. She is copresident of the Brandeis University Alumni

Club of West Coast Florida, president of the Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood, and treasurer of her condo association. She is also a board member and facilitator of Sarasota Study Circles to Fight Racism. In her spare time she enjoys tennis, theater, lectures, and, of course, being a mother and grandmother.

## '54

Sydney Rose Abend, Class Correspondent, 304 Concord Road, Wayland, MA 01778  
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Attention Class of 1954! We are looking for anyone who is interested in serving as the Class Correspondent. Do you like to keep in touch with your classmates? This is the perfect way to keep your class together! For more information, contact Karen Cirrito, assistant director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, or email cirrito@brandeis.edu.

## '55

Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069  
1955notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

After decades of teaching math, **Risa Hirsch Ehrlich** returned to art, a very old interest. Her recent ceramics are shown at the Ute Stebich Gallery in Lenox, MA, and Mo-Tian Studio in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Two pieces were included in the March 2002 "Vases" show at the Peck Gallery in Providence, RI. **Ruth Saltzman Albert** organized a "get to know you" meeting on January 17, 2002, for alumni who live in the Naples area for the Alumni Club of West Coast Florida.

## '56

Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741  
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## '57

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468  
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We hope everyone who was able to attend enjoyed coming back to the Brandeis campus for our 45th Reunion. A special thanks goes out to **Lawrence J. Kane**, Program Committee chair, **Richard Kaufman**, Gift Committee chair, and all of their committee members for all of their hard work making the weekend so memorable.

## '58

**45th Reunion  
June 20-22, 2003**  
Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021  
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**Ruth Fink Grant** hosted an event at her home in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, for the Alumni Club of Westchester County, on February 10, 2002.

## '59

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, 87 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880  
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**Jim Shapiro** was elected president of the Association for Car and Truck Rental Independents and Franchisees (ACTIF). He is the owner and operator of American and Payless operations in Central Florida and has been in the car rental industry for 20 years. In addition, Jim received two industry honors at the Car Rental Show in Las Vegas in April 2002: Auto Rental News Executive of the Year Award and ACTIF's President's Award. **Philippa**

**Strum** is director of the Division of the United States Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. Her responsibilities include bringing scholars and policymakers together for discussions to stimulate research and reflection on the problems of American society, politics, and culture. The conferences held or planned for her first year include *The Black Family in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, *Litigating for Gender Equality*, *American Arabs (Identity, Demography, Religion, and Gender)*, *The Impact of Migration on U.S. Public Policy*, and *The Workforce of the 21st Century*. **Philippa** is also an author whose most recent books are *When the Nazis Came to Skokie: Freedom for the Speech We Hate* (1999) and *Women in the Barracks: The VMI Case and Equal Rights* (2002).

## '60

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**Galia Greene Golan-Gild** retired as Darwin Professor of Soviet and East European Studies after 35 years in the political science department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She moved from Jerusalem to Ra'anana and is professor of government and dean of the Recanati International School, at the Interdisciplinary Center, Hershli'a. Galia still lectures and writes books about Russia. She reports that her third grandchild was born last year, and her four children are all doing well. **Suzanne Hodes Linschitz** completed a painting commission for the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, *Visions of Boston*. Her work is shown at the Copley Society of Boston on Newbury Street, the ARTANA Gallery in Frammingham,

MA, and can be seen at [www.suzannehodes.com](http://www.suzannehodes.com). **Kenneth Kaiserman** and his wife, Susan, hosted a wine and cheese reception with President **Jehuda Reinharz** (Ph.D. '72, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) at the Pyramid Club in Philadelphia in April 2002.

## '61

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**Paul Zonderman** was sworn in as Town Justice, Niskayuna, Schenectady County, NY. The town justice presides over a night court with civil and criminal jurisdiction. He continues his day job as a full-time labor arbitrator. After graduating from Brandeis, Paul was graduated from Cornell Law School and spent three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam with the third Marine Division. He practiced law in the Boston area until relocating to upstate New York in 1976. He is married with two grown children.

## '62

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Our 40th Reunion was a great success, and it wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Program cochairs, **Anne Leder Sharon** and **Ira Shoolman**. Gift Committee cochairs **Sid Boorstein** and **William Singer**, and all their committee members. We hope everyone who was able to come back to Brandeis enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and classmates.

**Margo Lederer Howard** writes the "Dear Prudence" advice column for *Slate* magazine. She was recently married and dropped the announcement into her response to a question about people keeping secrets from best friends. **Barbara Levine Hassenfeld-Ruberg** retired from her full-time job as an U.S. administrative law judge. She lives with her husband,

Marty, in Florida and Massachusetts, and mediates for the Massachusetts Court of Appeals when she is in the state. **Barbara** writes, "I just bought a young registered Hanoverian horse for showing in dressage. Horses have been my passion for over 30 years. My granddaughter loves to visit us in Florida and swim in the pool and get rides on the horse. It's great to be semiretired!" **David Tierney** hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event featuring Professor Robert Art, at his law office, Sacks Tierney P.A., in Scottsdale, for the Alumni Club of Arizona on January 9, 2002.

## '63

**40th Reunion  
June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Rita Brickman Effros**, professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, was appointed to the Elizabeth and Thomas Platt Chair in Gerontology. This is a five-year term endowed chair whose recipient conducts research and education activities related to aging and longevity in the fields of molecular biology, neuroscience, and immunology. Rita has received numerous awards and honors, including the 1998 UCLA Woman in Science. She is a member of the Molecular Biology Institute, the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and serves as director of the Human Tissue Research Center. **Osman Faruk Logoglu**, Turkish ambassador to the United States, gave remarks at a screening of the film *Desperate Hours*, for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston on March 14, 2002.

## '64

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Lucy Kraus, who majored in music at Brandeis, joined the New York Philharmonic as a publications editor.

## '65

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A Minor Planet 11695 was named "Mattei" in honor of Janet Akyuz Mattei, an astronomer and the director of the American Association of Variable Star Observers. Melanie Rovner Cohen hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event, featuring Professor Robert Art, at her home in Glencoe, IL, for the Alumni Club of Chicago on February 24, 2002.

## '66

**35th Reunion**  
June 8-10, 2001  
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Paul Bloom is the coeditor of the book *Language, Logic, and Concepts*, a wide-ranging collection of essays inspired by the memory of the cognitive psychologist John MacNamara. The areas covered by the essays include the foundations of language and thought, cognitive and linguistic development, and mathematical approaches to cognition. Paul is an associate professor of psychology at Yale University. Bill Schneider, political analyst, CNN, spoke to Brandeis students and members of the Alumni Club of Southern California in March 2002.

## '67

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A great time was had by all who were able to travel to Brandeis to attend our 45th Reunion. A special thanks goes out to Program Committee chair **Eve Hlavaty Cimmet**, Gift Committee cochairs **Robert and Anne Reilly Hort**, and their committees for their hard work in making the weekend such a success. We hope that those of you who weren't able to join us will write in and tell us what you are up to!

Deborah Hannes Gordon's first nonfiction book, *How to Help Students with AD/HD Succeed—In School and in Life*, was published in November 2001. The book was written with Linda L. Ramer, a speech pathologist and mentor teacher, and is based on Linda's middle-school program. Deborah has published 28 novels as Brooke Hastings and Deborah Gordon. Deborah's husband, **David W. Gordon**, has been the superintendent of Elk Grove Unified School District in Sacramento, CA, since 1995. He was recently appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education. Dave and Debbie have a married daughter and two granddaughters nearby, and often visit New York to see their newlywed son. **Larry D. Gruenwald** opened a new pediatric practice in Millburn, NJ, and was named a "Top Doc" in a 2001 edition of *New Jersey Monthly* and the 2001 edition of the *Castle-Connolly Guide*. **Yona Nelson-Shulman** reports that while her older daughter was accepted early decision to Cornell, her younger daughter would like to attend Brandeis. Yona continues to work as a training and human resource consultant. She lives with her husband and family in Colts Neck, NJ. **Howard D. Scher** was appointed vice chair of the Philadelphia office of the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll's litigation and healthcare sections. Howard concentrates his practice on complex litigation for business clients and the

efficient resolution on complex business problems. He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, as well as all subordinate courts. **Michele Vickers Forman** received the first Harry S. Levitan Remedial Reading and Education Prize on April 24, 2002, at a presentation at Brandeis University. Michele was the National Teacher of the Year 2001, and spoke about her experiences to the Brandeis community.

## '68

**35th Reunion**  
June 20-22, 2003  
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Jane Loebli Adlin, exhibit curator of the Department of Modern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, hosted the Alumni Club of New York City at the museum on January 18, 2002.

**Dorothy Rosenthal Bishop** is celebrating the December 2001 release of *Cello Dreams*, a one-hour CD of original, unaccompanied cello music for relaxation and healing. She is a freelance cellist with the Allegra String Quartet, herbalist, Reiki master at Wild Rose Wholistic Clinic in Calgary, Canada, and teacher of "Listening Hands" healing. Marquis Who's Who selected **Pisith Vorasingha's** biographical profile for inclusion in the sixth edition of *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*, which chronicles the world's most accomplished scientists and engineers who will be at the center of 21st century innovation. Pisith is a physicist in Thailand whose achievements include research in the motion picture model of physics laws.

## '69

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**Jerry Green** has been named 2002's New England Regional Boxing Champion, for his age group, defeating two-time winner Orlando Perez with a knockout in the fourth round. **Walter Mossberg**, personal technology columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*, spoke to the Alumni Club of New York City at Brandeis House on January 24, 2002. **Dina Tanners (Dale Nelson)** moved back to Seattle in August 2001 and married Howard Cockerham at Congregation Beth Shalom in December of the same year.

## '70

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**Jeffrey Alan Foust** was given the doctor of divinity degree, *honoris causa*, during the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's annual Founder's Day ceremonies in March 2002.



Jeffrey Alan Foust, left

Jeffrey, a rabbi, was honored for 25 years of distinguished service to the Jewish people. Ambassador **Haile Menkerios**, immediate past permanent representative of the State of Eritrea to the United Nations, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of Westchester County on December 9, 2001. **Detlev Suderow**, senior vice president of human resources at FLIR Systems, Inc., in Billerica, MA, spoke to current Brandeis students at World of Business and Technology, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, on February 5, 2002.

What are you doing Columbus Day weekend?

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1977	Mark Ford Pomerantz	Siena Rose	May 1, 2001
1979	Lisa Levine Levheim	Max Reuven	October 23, 2001
1980	David S. Rapkin	Dayna Lauren	October 9, 2000
1981	Howard S. Wiseman	Shirley Marie	December 25, 2001
1982	Deborah Lewisohn Aikman Janice D. Paul Mark Slade	Ariana Belle Andrew Bailey Jakob Dylan Julia Emily Gerson	October 18, 2001 December 4, 2001 March 1, 2002 September 10, 2000
1983	Howard Friedman	Sydney Rae	May 21, 2001
1984	Lewis Michael Krata Michele Silber Kaish Alan Schlein	Harrison Madison Rose and Max Franz	June 16, 2000 September 19, 2001
1985	Gail Glickman and Ken White '83 Susan Hurowitz Fink Rachel Nemeth Cohen Marc Sperling Flynn Debra J. Stogel-Walker	Elisha Gavriel Mira Nicole Ruby Charlotte Seth David Brian William	April 9, 2001 July 20, 2001 March 22, 2000 January 29, 2002 December 1, 2001
1986	Deborah Gordon Bernstein Jon D. Lichtenstein	Sarah Haley Jackson Henry	November 25, 2001 May 7, 2001
1987	Rachel Garshick Kleit Andrew B. Gelman Debbie Moeckler Berman Howard Moyes	Miriam Leah Yael Anna Louis Manny Nicholas James	December 19, 2001 January 6, 2002 December 27, 2001 November 16, 2001
1988	Ellen Jawitz Naomi Lax Katz Yitzchak (Adam) Moskowitz Erin Robinson-Lis and Craig Lis	Noah Oren Orli Yaffa Sarah Avigayil Jordan Arnele Marin Cait	October 21, 2001 December 19, 2001 January 21, 2002
	Nancy Sender Linden Harold Simansky Carole Zebow Flegel and Jason S. Flegel	Haley Nicole Aaron Jeremy Dylan Zachary Brooke Zoe	August 7, 2001 July 18, 2001 May 25, 2001
1989	Micki Barnett Jacobs Lisa Goldstein Elizabeth A. Hoffman Michael Katz Peter B. Richman Elisabeth C. Rosenberg	Alexandra Taylor Joshua Max Dilvia Rae Emerson Esther Chana Cara Jared Ezekiel Draken Matan	February 19, 2002 July 22, 2001 October 27, 2001 August 25, 2001 November 20, 2001 April 30, 2001
1990	Darin Correll Jodi S. Freedman	Darin Jude II Matthew Alexander Margil Carly Rose Shoshana Bracha Julia Elizabeth Max Elliot	August 27, 2001 January 9, 2002
	Jay M. Green Marc Meisler Victoria Pelycyger Segal Debbie Pinnas Freidman and David Friedman Hilary Shein Rothman Kerith Stern Rudnicki Michelle Dalin Salinas	Daniella Kayla Jared Austin Matteo Andrew Emma Lucia Shira Frances Grinker Ethan Jonah Sarah Gabrielle Benjamin Paul Nathan Michael	February 11, 2002 January 18, 2002 November 23, 2001 August 8, 2001 September 15, 2001 March 9, 2001 August 4, 2001 December 19, 1999 August 13, 2001 November 13, 2001 December 24, 2001 December 28, 1998 October 19, 2001
1991	Sharon Lerner Bradley Pinsky Nicole Apton Farber		
1992	Karen Gever Kirschner and Brian Kirschner		
1993	Michael Bruckheim Karen Beth Farkas Cohen Lori Richmond-Gershon Michael Stanger	Hannah Evelisse Shoshana Miriam Zachary Daniel Arielle Mia	July 28, 2000 November 9, 2000 February 27, 2002 January 9, 2002
1994	Elizabeth Rachel Arnold Spevack Wendy F. Becker Darin Correll Cheryl Kaplan Stehle	Eytan Yair Jonah Samuel Darin Jude II Joshua Thane Rebecca Ellie Sophie Liat Abigail Jean Shoshana Bracha Julia Elizabeth Daniella Kayla Kalista Marie Ari Moses Sophia Adina Maya Alexa	January 4, 2002 October 26, 2001 August 27, 2001 October 14, 2001 July 1, 2001 January 18, 2002 November 23, 2001 September 15, 2001 March 16, 2002 January 29, 2002 November 29, 2001 January 11, 2001
1995	Deborah Karmin Rose and Robert Rose '92 Marc Meisler Victoria Pelycyger Segal Hilary Shein-Rothman Richard C. Benton Risa Soble Carp and Noah Carp Gladys Keren Deliman Teitel Beth Drapkin-Greene and David Greene Michelle Saar Weiss and Amir Weiss	Gabriel	August 14, 2001
1996	Sara Benjamin Sara Winkleman Greene and Avi Benjamin Greene, M.A. '97	Elisheva Yael	September 4, 2001
1997	Lorie Barr Greenberg and David Scott Greenberg Sarah Sernoff Abrams and	Samuel Alexander Chana	September 11, 2001 February 28, 2001

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**Judy Kaplan** is a public health editor in the Boston area. She is the coeditor of *Red Diapers: Growing Up in the Communist Left* (University of Illinois Press, 1998). **Deborah Tellerman Berkowitz** was named partner in the Ft. Lauderdale office of the firm Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, P.A. as of January 1, 2002. Deborah concentrates her practice in intellectual property, including its development, acquisition, registration, protection, licensing, and enforcement in the United States and abroad.

## '72

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I hope everyone who was able to join us for our 30th Reunion had a great time catching up with old friends and seeing all the changes on campus. **Michael Hammerschmidt**, Program Committee chair, **Marty Gross**, **Meyer Koplow**, and **Linda Yale Zlotoff**, Gift Committee cochairs, and all of their committee members should be commended for a job well done.

## '73

30th Reunion  
June 20-22, 2003

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## '74

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After 12 years as our class correspondent, **Betsy Sarason Pfau** has decided to turn the position over to me. She remains devoted to Brandeis, but at this time, obligations to her family, including husband **Dan Pfau '73** and their two teenage sons, have to take priority.

I can't wait to reconnect with all of you, and I hope I can do as well as Betsy has done in keeping us updated and generating enthusiasm for Brandeis. You haven't heard too much about me since college. After earning my M.B.A., I was primarily a commercial banker financing leveraged buyouts, with short detours into management consulting and retailing. For 12 years, I've been raising two daughters with my husband, Bob, volunteering at our local hospital and elementary school and keeping my computer and photography skills sharp. I love getting email, so please let me know what you're doing these days, and in particular, how you are celebrating turning 50 this year! **Christie Heiner**, former Brandeis Trustee, was featured in the January 21, 2002 issue of *Forbes*, in an article about Playboy Enterprises. "The Unhappy Hawker." The reporter noted that Christie "graduated *summa cum laude* in English and American Literature from Brandeis University. Playboy was supposed to be a pit stop on the way to law school. She never left." The article describes some of the tough issues Christie faces at the helm of the company, which has a market capitalization of nearly \$300 million. **Hillel Korin** received a doctor of Jewish communal service degree honoris causa from Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in March 2002. **Ralph Martin II**, a Brandeis Alumni Term Trustee since 2000, resigned as Massachusetts's Suffolk County District Attorney after nearly 10 years, to join the Boston-based law firm Bingham Dana LLP. Ralph is a consultant in Bingham Consulting Group, which contains a group of former high-level public officials. He is also a partner in the firm's litigation department. Appointed by former Governor Weld in 1992, Ralph won reelection in 1994 by a nearly 40 percent margin, becoming the first African-American and Republican District Attorney ever elected to that position. Ralph was formerly an adjunct associate professor of legal studies at Brandeis University and was a lecturer in Civil Trial Practice at Northeastern University School of Law in March 2002. The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus honored Ralph with a "Good Guy" award for his contributions in the fight for equal political, economic, and social rights for women. **Marcia Bowling**, M.D., gynecological oncologist in Cincinnati, is being honored in 2002 by the organization Speaking of Women's Health for her commitment to "enhance the quality of life for the women of Cincinnati." Marcia, who was graduated from University of Massachusetts Medical School, did her residency and fellowship at Massachusetts General and has lived in the Cincinnati area for many years. She has a 7-year-old son. In February, I dropped in to see **Sam Brett** in Bloomingdale's (Town Center, Boca Raton, FL). He graciously interrupted his busy schedule to meet in the women's shoes department! Sam's been with Bloomingdale's for 26 years and is an operating vice president. He and Jill moved to Florida in 1984 to "beat everyone else that may be thinking of retiring!" He still sees **Alan Rosenberg**, who opened up a law practice with his wife, Priscilla, in Melbourne, FL, and is doing very well, he reports. Alan says Sam hasn't changed a bit since college, although I noticed he had shed his glasses, mustache, and a lot of weight! Sam reports that Alan stopped playing golf with him, because "he always would lose." Sam and Alan each have three daughters, and both have promised to be at our next Reunion in 2004. **Robert A. Creao**, arbitrator and mediator, gave advanced meditation training in Rome, Italy, in June 2001, a negotiation lecture at the Donetsk National University Economics and Law facility in Ukraine and at the National Schevchenko University in August and December 2001. Robert also returned to Italy, but this time to Milano and Palermo, to conduct mediation training in February 2002. **Susan Landau**, who is long overdue for a vacation, heads Thompson Street Entertainment, a production/management company that represents writers, directors, and actors, and has many projects in development with major studios and networks, including Warner Brothers, Showtime, and PBS. She is executive producer of "The Great American Songbook," a three-hour documentary for Warner Brothers detailing America's love affair with

its songs and songwriters, hosted and narrated by Michael Feinstein. She was executive producer of *All Over The Guy* (2001) and producer of *The Perfect You* (2001) featuring Jenny McCarthy, which screened recently at the Santa Barbara Film Festival. Susan was executive producer of Miramax's *An Ideal Husband* (1999) with Cate Blanchett, Minnie Driver, Julianne Moore, and Rupert Everett, which was nominated for two Golden Globe awards. She was the executive producer of *Culture* (1998), nominated for an Academy Award in the Live Action Short Film category and awarded first prize at the Chicago Film Festival. And I left out half of the projects she's worked on in the last few years! I love to read about people I used to know and hope to see again soon. I encourage you to drop me a line, even if it's not something earth shattering or award-winning. Don't be shy!

## '76

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Now that summer is about over its time send us a note or email about the latest in your life. Your Brandeis classmates want to know how you are and what you're doing! We're looking forward to reading about you in the next Class Notes.

**Mark Kornblatt** is a playwright, storyteller, and children's book author. This past year he earned a teaching certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and now teaches fifth grade for the Madison School District. The Association of Jewish Libraries named his novel, *Understanding Buddy*, a notable children's book of Jewish content for 2001.

## '75

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**Malka Alpert Young** was appointed director of Healing Partners, a program of Jewish Family Service of MetroWest in Framingham, MA. She was on two panels at the biennial national conference of UAHC, the Synagogue as a Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness and the Synagogue as Healing Center. She writes, "Yoga has become my exercise of choice and helps in parenting two active teenage girls." **Terrie Epstein** (M.A. '83, history of American civilization), assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Hunter College, City University of New York, was the recipient of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) 2001 Exemplary Research in Social Studies Award. This award acknowledges and encourages scholarly inquiry into significant issues and possibilities for social studies education. **Paul E. Linet** announced his candidacy representing the Democratic party for Massachusetts State Representative for the 37th Middlesex District including portions of Acton, Lancaster, Boxborough, Harvard, Lunenburg, and Shirley.

## '77

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Members of the Class of '77 who were able to return to campus for Reunion 2002 in June had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends and experiencing a taste of campus life for the weekend. Thanks to Program Committee cochairs **Fred Berg** and **Steven London**, Gift Committee chair **Lisa Field**, and the committee members for their work in putting together a great weekend of events. All of you who were not able to attend were missed and we hope you will be able to join us in five years for our 30th Reunion!

**Lisa Finkel Bouchard** lives with her husband, Peter Hollands, and sons, Sam and Gray, in Melrose, MA. She writes, "I retired from community municipal government to pursue

my dream and opened an antiquarian bookstore in Melrose, Bookmarkit Books LLC, and an Internet antiquarian book business, www.bookmarkitbooks.com. My son, Gray, will be going to college in 2003. I hope he chooses Brandeis!"

**Donald Forest**, a computer science major, invented a computer interface for severely disabled individuals with cerebral palsy, enabling these individuals to access a computer. Since cerebral palsy frequently results in impaired speech, the primary purpose of computer access is to generate speech using a speech synthesizer controlled by the computer. Don has patented the invention in the United States and United Kingdom, and has received grants from the National Institutes of Health to support further research and development. **Rick Gold** has lived in Washington, D.C., for three years with his wife, Bouchra Chati, and children, Sarah (9), and Adam (7). He is in his 22nd year with the U.S. Agency for International Development. After working in the Philippines, Mali, Morocco, and Senegal, he now oversees development programs in the former Soviet Union as well as reconstruction activities in Afghanistan. **Andrew M. Gross** is a physician and attorney and owns a firm specializing in medical negligence law in Dallas. He has a wife, Ann Margot, a 17-year-old daughter, Rachel, and 11-year-old twins, Michael and Dana. **Tim Hickey**, associate professor of computer science and director of the Internet Studies Program at Brandeis University, was the faculty speaker at the Brandeis Breakfast Series for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston in December 2001. **Lori H. Lelkovitz** published a new collection, *Shaping Losses: Cultural Memory and the Holocaust* (University of Illinois Press), coedited with Julia Epstein. She was also appointed to the newly established Sadie Gottesman and Arlene Gottesman Reff Kolot Chair in Gender and Judaism at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where she also serves as academic director of Kolot. The Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies. She has a partner, Leonard Gordon, and their daughters, Ronya (14), and Samara (9). **Zeva Delbaum** announces the publication of her line art photography book, *Flowers in Shadow: A Photographer Rediscovered a Victorian Botanical Journal*, by Rizzoli

International Publications. Her photographs have been published in many sources, including *The New York Times Magazine*, *Metropolitan Home*, and *House Beautiful*. Her work is in numerous museums and private collections including the Brooklyn Museum and the Polaroid Collection. Her photographs are represented by Bonni Benrubi Gallery, NYC. Details about her book are available on her Website, www.zevaphoto.com. She lives with her husband and children in Montclair, NJ. **Robert Russman Halperin**, vice president and COO for Harvard Business School Interactive, was selected to represent the New England region as an Eisenhower Fellow in 2002. Robert will be looking at issues that are critical for the successful development of New England, focusing on information technology, particularly on technology-enabled executive education. He was selected for this fellowship based upon proven leadership and success in his profession, his potential for continued development, and his long-term commitment to the New England region. **Jan B. Sandberg** is a contributing writer for *The Buffalo News*, writing mostly movie reviews. She was a production assistant and stills photographer for the independent feature film, *Manna From Heaven*, shot in Buffalo by Five Sisters Productions.

## '78

**25th Reunion June 19-22, 2003**  
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**Mazelle Abton** writes, "On my last day of being 44 years old, I sold my cheesecake and desserts business and I retired! I began my birthday and a whole new life the next day!" **Mark S. Cohen** and his wife, **Roberta S. Weinstein-Cohen '79**, hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Professor Robert

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# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1962	Margo Lederer Howard to Ronald Weintraub	December 23, 2001
1969	Dina Tanners (Dale Nelson) to Howard Cockerham Allyn C. Shephard to Robert M. Peters	December 23, 2001 October 20, 2001
1974	Judith Tolnick to Kermit Champa	May 31, 2001
1979	Lisa Levine Levheim to Deborah Feldheim Levheim	March 2, 2001
1986	Daniel Thomas to Susanne Boesch Jennifer Rosenberg to Dan Greenberg	August 25, 2000 October 7, 2001
1988	Erica Bunwasser to Peter Thompson	February 4, 2002
1990	Darin Correll to Kaveri Klia Victoria Pelcyger to Bruce Segal Paul Ruggerio to Nina Bosch Elizabeth A. Sheehan to Joaquim Fernando Guedes	November 11, 2000 May 14, 1998 July 15, 2001 November 11, 2001
1991	Ilna Manspeizer to Joseph Englander Melissa Telzer to Alexander Milne-Pott	November 11, 2001 January 2, 2002
1992	Adam Bernstein to Lisa Sugarman Miriam Livner to Matthew Askin	July 21, 2001 August 19, 2001
1993	David J. Schwartz to Paige M. Rothbard Etan D. Spierer to Rivka Madhala	September 2, 2001 June 27, 2001
1994	Rachel M. Loonin to Joshua R. Steinerman Barbara Tarter to Michael Hirsch Leah Blumenthal to David Boonin	December 9, 2001 September 15, 2001 March 25, 2001
1995	Shari B. Glazer to Mark Schweitzer Nicole H. Horberg to Jonathan Dexter Samara Robbins to Peter Bober Jessica R. Sobczak to Sanjoy Mukherjee	October 21, 2001 September 17, 2000 November 17, 2001 October 6, 2001
1996	Erika L. Lovejoy to Robert J. Wharton Amanda Scampolo to Dennis Bray	September 29, 2001 June 24, 2000
1997	Dawn Michelle Carter to Eric Michael Pasternak Meredith D. Harman to David Steward Eryn Klenetsky to William Lewis Jennifer L. Rosenberg to Dan Greenberg Linda Ellen Rost to Gregory Friedman	August 11, 2001 September 2, 2001 April 21, 2001 October 7, 2001 October 7, 2001
1998	Bonnie M. Beretta to Jeb E.B. Chard Jennifer Lipman and Mark Shinnars Audrey N. Rosenberg to Patrick Dulmage Leslie A. Coleman to Glenn Harrison Shelley Saber and David Lieberman	January 12, 2002 August 25, 2001 September 1, 2001 February 10, 2002 October 13, 2001



The wedding of Jennifer Lipman '98 and Mark Shinnars '98  
Back row, left to right:  
Brian Tockman '97, Michelle Borrus '97, Matt Mitchell '97,  
Jennifer Lipman '98, Mark Shinnars '98, Christine Manavian '97; front, Jeff Rice '97



The wedding of Miriam Livner '92 and Matthew Askin '92 (full list of alumni pictured in '92 Notes section)



Classmates from 1979 and 1980 gather in North Miami Beach, FL

Art in December 2001 for the Alumni Club of Long Island. **Julian Hyman**, senior vice president of investments at Salomon Smith Barney in Boston, spoke with students at Beyond Peripheral Road, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, in March 2002. **Marla Kaufman** hosted a reception with President **Jehuda Reinhartz** (Ph.D. '72, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) at her home in Los Angeles on February 12, 2002, for the Alumni Club of Southern California. **Anne Stillman** hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event, featuring Professor Robert Art, at her home in Toronto, for the Alumni Club of Toronto, on April 14, 2002.

## '79

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**Leonard and Amy Greenberg Bard** served as event chairs for Alumni Family Day, where alumni came out to cheer on the Brandeis Judges men's and women's basketball teams, for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston on January 27, 2002. **Cheryl Hashman Sheinman** and **Steven Sheinman**, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Zachary, in North Miami Beach, FL, on September 1, 2001. In addition to the Saturday morning service and Kiddush luncheon, the festivities included a beachside barbecue, a late night Brandeis alumni poker game, brunch at the home of **Gil and Linda Moskowitz '80 Orozow**, a reception at Turnberry Isle Country Club, and a Labor Day poolside brunch at Steve and Cheryl's Golden Beach home. A fun time was had by all! Additional Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Alberto Kriger**, **Barry Margolis**, **Laura Moskowitz**, **Judy Rubman Ehrlich**, **Mark Ehrlich**, **Herb Lazarus**, **David Kessler**, **Lori Klienhammer Petchers '80** and **Neil Petchers '80**, **Roberta S. Weinstein-Cohen** and her husband, **Mark S. Cohen '78**, hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Professor Robert Art in December 2001 for the Alumni Club of Long Island.

## '80

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**Scott Corwin** led A.T. Kearney's recent study with the New York City Partnership to evaluate the economic impact of the September 11 tragedy on key economic sectors in New York. The study was prepared with the assistance of seven major consulting firms and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The economic impact study has provided a baseline of the economic impact and defined private sector requirements to accelerate economic recovery. A copy of the study can be obtained at [www.nycp.org](http://www.nycp.org). **Deborah Cummis Sandlauer** lives in West Orange, NJ, with her husband, Douglas, and her son, Sam. In addition to her work for Grotta Glassman & Hoffman, advising employers on labor and employment issues, and litigating those issues on their behalf, she is also teaching as an adjunct professor of law in the legal writing and research program at Seton Hall University Law School in Newark.

## '81

**Laura Duhan Kaplan**, professor at University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC), was named one of four U.S. Professors of the Year by two national higher education associations. The annual award recognizes outstanding teaching. Laura came to UNCC in 1989 from graduate school, choosing it because she knew it emphasized students and allowed professors to try new things. She has taught more than 20 different courses in the last decade. Often, she has combined philosophy with other disciplines and created classes such as Women in Judaism, Feminist Philosophy, and Philosophy of Body, which uses the practice of Yoga to teach philosophy. **Lauren Levy Miller** was appointed to a newly created seat of the Circuit Court of the

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**David Allon** and his wife, Andrea, attended the last four days of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, including the closing ceremonies. They have lived in Wayne, PA, for a decade, and enjoy raising two boys. **Seth Arenstein** continues to play trumpet (he played in the original Brandeis Jazz Ensemble) in jazz and symphonic settings in the Washington, D.C., area, where he works as a journalist writing about cable television. **Sol W. Bernstein** joined the law firm of Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP as a partner in May 2002. He practices in the firm's transactional banking, corporate, and



Sol W. Bernstein

real estate group. Sol has lectured extensively on loan documentation issues before the Business Law section of the American Bar Association and other groups. **Rafael DeLeon** is the associate general counsel, Civil Rights Law Office, Office of General Counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he supervises a staff of attorneys who provide legal and policy guidance and advice to agency officials. **Shari Goodstein** was elected to partner at Shipman & Goodwin LLP. She practices in the areas of employment and intellectual property litigation and employer counseling, and is resident in the Stamford, CT, office. She represents corporations in a wide range of employment-related litigations, arbitrations, mediations, and administrative proceedings including discrimination, wrongful discharge, breach of employment contract, non-competition, trade secret, and business tort cases. **Lauren Levy Miller** is a circuit court judge in Naples, FL. She had her investiture on February 2, 2002, with over 300 people in attendance, including many judges from all over the country. Jackie Gleason's Ralph Cramden character always threatened to send his wife to the moon, and **Michael Lyon** may do that, too. He works in Washington, D.C., for the company that sent millionaire Dennis Tito to the Russian Space Station in 2001. **Sara Rosenfeld** senior vice president and comanager of the Brookline, MA, office of Coldwell Banker Hunneman, spoke with students at Beyond Peripheral Road, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, in March 2002. **Marlene A. Finn Ruberman** acquired a state license to practice professional counseling in Connecticut. She specializes in grief and loss counseling and education under the auspices of her private practice, Kadisha Healing Services in Wallingford. Jewish healing and Reiki healing comprise other parts of her practice. She and her husband, Harris, enjoy

watching their son, Arthur, cox on the crew team at Choate Rosemary Hall. **Silvia Tenenbaum Schneider** lives in Kfar Adumim, Israel, with her husband, Alan and their four children, Gilad (12), Ynatan (10), Hadas (6), and Moriah (1). She is a clinical psychologist specializing in learning disabilities and doing psychotherapy with adolescents. Anyone visiting Israel is welcome to call or visit.

## '82

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I hope everyone who was able to attend our 20th Reunion celebration in June had a great time reconnecting with old friends and classmates. Special thanks to **Lisa Field**, Program Committee chair, **David Abelman** and **Gary Edelson**, Gift Committee cochairs, and their committees for their work helping to prepare for the weekend.

**Pamela L. Scheinman** is the mother of three, Sam (6), Jonathan (5), and Lauren (3). She works part-time in the Department of Dermatology at New England Medical Center, where she is the director of the Contact Dermatitis and Occupational Dermatology Unit. **Michael Sisselman** is president of Wireless Associates, a telecommunications consulting firm. He and his wife, **Karen Dahlman '84**, live in New York City with their children Jeremy (16) and Rebecca (11). Jeremy just toured Brandeis and will apply next year!

## '83

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**Mark E. Healy** was appointed chief technology officer at Clark/Bardes Consulting in Chicago, a national firm focused on helping companies keep their best people by providing a full array of executive compensation and benefit solutions. In this position, Mark will spearhead company-wide technology initiatives to institute a

common framework to coordinate and support the unique technology needs of all Clark/Bardes Consulting operations and continue to integrate new acquisitions. More Brandeis news from the world of entertainment! He did us all proud on *Jeopardy* some years back, now he's on to other things! Aside from contributing songs for the films *The Tao of Steve* and *Happiness*, **Eytan Mirsky** has put out three CDs of his own music, including the most recent, *Was It Something I Said?* He encourages us all to look out for his performance in the upcoming HBO film *American Splendor*. Eytan also works as a motion picture sound editor. **Mark J. Schlickman** is the co-owner and medical director of Apogee Integrated Mental Health Services Inc., with offices in Worcester and Sturbridge, MA. He is also a certified instructor and teaches aerobics at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester. **Ken White** and **Gail Glickman '85** announce the birth of their fourth child, Elisha Gavriel, who joins brother, Avishai Ezra, and sisters, Adina Shira and Liora Sophie. Ken and Gail live in the gorgeous Jerusalem suburb of Efrat where Ken is a freelance photographer. They love guests and invite any Brandeisians who are interested in visiting to get in touch (kgwhite@netvision.net.il). What else is new? Let me hear from the rest of you!—Lori

## '84

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**Steven E. Bizar** (M.A. '87, History), a shareholder in the Philadelphia office of the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll, addressed a meeting of the Chemical Industry Lawyers' Round Table in Manchester, England, in January 2002.



Steven E. Bizar

He discussed the fundamentals of U.S. antitrust law, enforcement practices and trends, and antitrust compliance. Steven concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation and trials, including disputes arising under the antitrust, securities and RICO statutes, unfair competition claims, and contract and business tort matters. **Lauri Croce Streeter** departed her downtown law practice to join a suburban San Diego firm that represents community associations as their general counsel. She handles corporate and real estate transactions in addition to her specialty, litigation. Lauri lives with her husband, Byron, in the home they own located just three miles from the office. Lauri and Byron, who together enjoy traveling and music, will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary in August 2002. **Karen Dahlman** is director of neuropsychology and assistant professor of psychiatry at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. She and husband, **Michael Sisselman '82**, live in New York City with their children Jeremy (16) and Rebecca (11). Jeremy just toured Brandeis and will apply next year! **William J. Poulin-Deltour** successfully defended his thesis, "Le Gai Paris Gay? Making Sense of American Influence on French Gay Activism," on December 3, 2001, for a Ph.D. in French cultural studies from New York University. He is European legal studies coordinator at Columbia Law School. **Suzanne Wahler Stephan** was promoted to senior vice president/management supervisor at Yesawich, Pepperdine & Brown, an international advertising and marketing agency specializing in the hospitality industry. Suzanne resides in Orlando with her husband, Tom, and 10-year-old daughter, Alyssa.

## '85

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**Ellen Baker Weiss** is marketing director of The Children's Heart Foundation in Florida, a nonprofit organization that supports research toward discovering the causes and improving the methods of diagnosing, treating, and preventing

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congenital heart defects. She lives in the Tampa Bay area with husband, L. Michael Weiss, and their daughters, Lindsey, Danielle, and Paige. **Keren Carmel** is newly single and keeping very busy raising "beautiful, 4-year-old Benjamin Jacob," while pursuing her real estate business in the Southeast Florida area. She hopes to hear from anyone who lives near or far via her email address: [kikiloo@aol.com](mailto:kikiloo@aol.com). **Marshall Fisher** is a freelance writer living in the Berkshires with his wife, **Mileta Roe '96** (M.A., literary studies, Ph.D. '99, literary studies), and sons Satchel (4) and Bram (1). **Gail Glickman** and **Ken While '83** announce the birth of their fourth child, Elisha Gavriel, who joins brother, Avishai Ezra, and sisters, Adina Shira and Liora Sophie. Ken and Gail live in the gorgeous Jerusalem suburb of Efrat where Gail teaches singing and directs an a cappella choir in her spare time ("hah!"). They love guests and invite any Brandeisians who are interested in visiting to get in touch ([kgwhite@netvision.net.il](mailto:kgwhite@netvision.net.il)). **Jeffrey A. Landau** lives in New Rochelle, NY, and is married with two daughters, Eleana (7) and Danielle (5). He is a product development manager for Digital Printing Systems, a start-up venture, which brings digital printing to industrial markets. **Leslie M. Pereira** received a Ph.D. in social work from Columbia University in May 2001. Her dissertation research focused on men's experience of risk and relationship with regard to HIV prevention. She is an assistant professor of social work at Marist College, and enjoys the country life of upstate New York. **Ted Reinstein** (M.A. '87, theater arts) is a producer and reporter for the television series, *Chronicle*, seen on WCVB, Channel 5, Boston. He recently played the part of "Ricky Roma" in David Mamet's 1984 Pulitzer-winning hit, *Glengarry Glen Ross* in a Boston production. **Mark Sperber** became a New York City teaching fellow in June 2002, and was assigned to an underserved school. He writes, "I'm excited about

the career switch, and also a bit terrified. I continue to sail in the New York area and was hoping to compete with Team New York in the sailing competition at the Gay Games VI in Sydney this year, but my classroom duties precluded that. Living in New York continues to be mostly wonderful, sometimes frustrating, and always surprising."

## '86

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**Lisa Lee Freeman**, former features editor for *Working Woman* magazine, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of Westchester County at an event on February 10, 2002. After 11 years of commuting to New York City as a retirement plans lawyer, **Allison Potter Klausner** became counsel to the law firm of Stanton, Hughes, a local New Jersey firm, in February 2001. Allison and her husband of 12 years, Michael, have three children, David (9), Daniel (7), and Sara (5). They live one mile from her sister, **Hillary Potter LaChance '89**, and her family. **Jennifer Rosenberg** married Dan Greenberg in October 2001 and they have since settled in an apartment in Back Bay, Boston. **Elizabeth Averch Otten** and **Beth Kozinn Barest** were bridesmaids. **Daniel Thomas** was married in Thun, Switzerland, in August 2000. His latest book, *The Helsinki Effect. International Norms, Human Rights, and the Demise of Communism*, was published by Princeton University Press in 2001.

## '87

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Can you believe our 15th Reunion has come and gone? Everyone who was able to make it back to Brandeis had a great time reconnecting with old friends and discovering how the campus has changed. Thanks to **Michael Kivori**, Program Committee chair, **Debbie Berman**, Gift Committee chair, and all of the committee members who worked so hard to make the weekend possible. We hope

everyone will be able to join us in another five years for our 15th!

**Jay Gordon** writes, "While I continue to host my syndicated radio program, *Elvis Only*, I also went down the career-change path in 2001 and joined Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor, based in their Wellesley, MA, branch office. Send money!" **Peter Schilling**, chief technology officer at Authoria, in Waltham, MA, spoke to current Brandeis students at World of Business and Technology, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, on February 5, 2002. **Jessica Shimberg Lind** continues to enjoy life at home as the mother of Ian and Joshua. She started a Rosh Chodesh women's group at her Columbus, OH, synagogue and will serve as copresident of the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood with her mother for the next several years.

## '88

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**Barbara I. Black** is an associate in the divorce and family group of Burns & Levinson, LLP, in Boston. She focuses her practice in all aspects of divorce and separation, child custody and support, prenuptial agreements, and paternity matters. Her expertise includes the negotiation and drafting on comprehensive divorce and family law agreements as well as representation in all areas of family law through trial. **Adam J. Cheyer** is vice president of engineering at Dejima, Inc., a developer of direct access software solutions, in San Jose, CA. Adam has been an advisor to Dejima on technology and business issues since 1999 and has over 15 years

experience in research and commercial environments in the areas of applied artificial intelligence, advanced human computer interfaces, and distributed computing. Navy family physician **Linda Garuli Clark**, was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in January 2002 with Fleet Hospital Camp Lejeune to provide medical care to the detainees being held there. The six-month deployment came at the end of Linda's service; in the summer of 2002 she transferred to the U.S. Public Health Service. **Yitzchak (Adam) Moskowitz** writes, "I am finishing up my third, and hopefully last, year of a gastroenterology fellowship at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, NY." He lives in Glen Oaks, NY, with his wife Batya, and children, Rachel, Elyahu, and Sarah. In 1999, **Jody Rubel** formed SisterMonk Harem, a musical group combining multicultural rhythms, imaginative songs, and the inventiveness of a Seattle Symphony trombonist. Travels in the Andes in his early twenties led Jody to become a guitarist. For 10 years he has sounded this devotion, keeping an open mind with yoga and Zen. Jody draws on rhythms from every culture of the world. **Erin Robinson-Lis** and **Craig Lis** welcomed twin daughters in January 2002. Craig is senior director of marketing and communications for the Promotion Marketing Association in New York City. Erin is director of employee communications for American Express. They reside in Sleepy Hollow, NY. **Karen Rubenstein Wyle** hosted an Alumni Club of New York City event featuring Musicians from Marlboro at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on February 22, 2002. **Marc M. Tobin** resides in Beit Shemesh, Israel, with his wife, Dodi, and four children, Amiel (6), Gidon (5), Matan (3), and Moriah (1). Marc moved to Israel with his family in August of 1998 from Boca Raton, FL, where he served as deputy general counsel for Slim-Fast Foods Company. In September of 1998, Marc began his professional career in Israel as general counsel of [deltathree.com](http://deltathree.com), an Internet telephony company, which he helped take public in November 1999.



## In Memoriam

In September 2000, Marc returned to his consumer product roots and cofounded Back Bay Scientific, a research-oriented company engaged in the development and commercialization of proprietary products that address mass-appeal health issues, with a special emphasis on women's health, senior health, and quality of life enhancement. **Carole Zeibow Fiegl** and **Jason S. Fiegl** are the proud parents of twins who were born in May 2001. They moved from New York City to San Diego in February 2002, where Jason works for Source Interlink Company.

## '89

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Knowing many of you well, I cannot believe you don't have news to share. Did anyone get married? Have kids? Change jobs? Graduate from school? It's interesting to us, as we haven't caught up in a long time. Please forward your news—we're curious! **Felicia M. Epstein** studied Judaism at Pardes Institute in Israel after graduating from Brandeis. She remained in Israel for nine years working in secular and nonsecular positions, organizing a women's prayer group and working for Civil Rights. After meeting her British husband in Israel, they married in August of 2000, at the Mt. Zion Hotel in Jerusalem. After settling in England, she decided to attend law school at the Inns of Court School of Law. She completed her studies in June 2002 and was honored for her conversational techniques in a national "best client interviewer" contest. Although she wasn't able to attend, she was selected to represent England and Wales in the student client interviewing championships in Tampa, FL. **Jeffrey L. Gladstone** and his family relocated to Ann Arbor, MI, where he is pursuing an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan Business School. He returned to school after 12 years in the textiles industry. He remains a member of the board of directors of Sequins International Inc. He and his wife, Lauren, have two daughters, Rebecca (8) and Danielle (6). Jeffrey stays involved with Brandeis by volunteering for the Alumni Admissions Council and interviewing prospective

students. **Lisa Goldstein** gave birth to Joshua Max in July 2001, and works for Moody's Investor's Service in New York City. **Dorianne A. Gould** finished her Ph.D. in environmental dynamics at the University of Arkansas, and wrote the first Web-based dissertation, which is also the test-case web-based dissertation for the national consortium, UMI (<http://www.cast.uark.edu/local/dagdiss>). In November 2001, she moved and bought a house in Sugertiese, NY, to be closer to her parents and brother, who all moved to the New York area a few years ago from Los Angeles. **Michael Katz** lives with his wife, Meredith, and newborn daughter, Esther, in Manhattan, where Michael is a principal court attorney in the New York State Supreme Court. **Brian Kelley** is a third year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is married with three children and lives in Kennebunk, ME. **Peter B. Richman** is assistant professor of emergency medicine at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Scottsdale, AZ. He lives with his wife, Joanne, and daughter, Cara in the same city. **Mark A. Saloman** is counsel in the law firm on Grotta, Glassman & Hoffman, P.A. He handles employment litigation and advises clients throughout the country on all aspects of employment litigation and labor relations. He lives in Bernards Township, NJ, with his wife, **Laurie Greenwald Saloman '88**, their daughter, Ariel, and son, Jonathan. Make sure to see the "Births and Adoptions" section for more exciting updates from our class! Keep those updates coming!

## '90

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Hello Class of 1990! I hope that you are all doing well. Just as much as you enjoy reading everyone else's news, your fellow classmates would love to hear what you've been doing. Please send me a note and share your news. Also, the *Brandeis Review* now

**Gwendolyn K. Foley Airasian '65**, a Natick, MA, middle school teacher, died January 16, 2002, at the age of 58, at her home in Watertown. She leaves her husband of 35 years, Peter; a daughter, Lynn; and a son, Gregory. **Richard S. Ames '66**, of Westborough and formerly of Framingham, MA, died on January 28, 2002. He earned his M.B.A. at Babson College and was a stockbroker and real estate agent in the early 1970s. He was a management consultant with ABT Associates in Cambridge from 1975 to 1980. He also worked at Maximus Corporation in Wellesley and was a self-employed private management consultant. He was a member of the Jewish Workshop in Framingham. Richard is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Jeremy and Jessica; his father, Bernard; his brothers, Leonard and Arthur; a sister, Debra; and several nieces and nephews. **David M. Epstein (M.F.A. '54, music)**, former professor of music at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and director of the MIT Symphony Orchestra for 33 years, died of complications of lung and liver disease on January 15, 2002, at the age of 71. David dedicated the early part of his career to training young musicians. He was a founder of the New York Youth Symphony and conducted its debut concert at Carnegie Hall in 1963. He devoted the latter part of his career to research on music and the brain, an interest sparked by his belief that there was a connection between excellence in science and excellence in musicianship. He also had a lifetime commitment to civil rights, and while at Antioch College in the 1950s, helped desegregate barber shops in Ohio. David is survived by his wife, Anne; daughters, Eve M. Epstein-Burian and Beth S. Epstein-Hounza; sister, Carolyn Koistinen; and two grandchildren. **Harold Gelston '53**, a 25-year resident of Laguna Beach, died at home on June 22, 2001, at the age

of 70. Together with his wife, Rosalie, he owned Three Foxes' Trot. Hal was a regular with the Cedar Creek Inn lunch crowd and was well-known for his daily presence outside his store in the heart of Laguna. Born and raised in Boston, he was an accomplished pianist who could play virtually any song by ear. Hal served two years in the Army and then worked in advertising in New York City before moving to Laguna Beach in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, daughters Brianne Howard, Nancy Fries, and Jeanna Mingram, and five grandchildren. **Jack G. Handler '56** died of cancer at his home in Lee, MA, on February 26, 2002. He was a trial lawyer for the National Labor Relations Board and counsel to the Southeast region of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union in Atlanta. He was a representative of the American Council for Nationalities Services in Southeast Asia, and chief deputy attorney general for human services for the state of Pennsylvania. He taught law, social policy, and ethics at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, N.H., Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams and Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. He leaves his wife, Rodelinde Albrecht; a daughter, Jessica; and a sister, Jane. Playwright **Todd Allen Irvine (M.F.A. '64, theater arts)** died at the age of 41, from complications from diabetes, in Minneapolis, on March 4, 2002. In January 2002 he won a fellowship to polish a play he completed while on dialysis. He was a core member of the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis, a national service organization. One of his best-known works, *The Primitive*, inaugurated the renovated Waring Jones Theater in March 2001. His last work-in-progress was *The Quartering Act*, set during the Revolutionary War. He finished the first draft days before a kidney transplant in May 2001, and filled out his application for the Jerome Fellowship from a nursing home. The fellowship, sponsored by the Playwrights' Center and underwritten by a grant from the Jerome Foundation, is awarded annually to five emerging U.S. playwrights. He is survived by his mother, Fran; father, Frank; and brother, Jock. **Harry D.**

**Karpeles '67** (Ph.D. '67, Heller School for Social Policy) passed away on September 19, 2001. He joined the faculty of the two-year-old Department of Health Administration in the School of Business and Management at Temple University as an assistant professor in 1970, and immediately became an integral part of that fledgling department. Harry, a World War II veteran, had a special interest in the field of geriatric medicine, and was also interested in the interaction of the legal and social aspects of medicine. He stayed with the department until his official retirement in June of 1984, and was a much loved and respected teacher and advisor for a generation of graduate students. He was consulting director for the department's program in Continuing Education for Long Term Care Administration until 1997, after which he continued to participate in the ongoing continuing education programs for long term care administrators until just a few months before his death. He created the first comprehensive educational program for nursing home administrators that became the basis for the current requirement in Pennsylvania. Harry was a lover of art, music, and travel. He is survived by his daughter, Ruth; and son, Ernie. **Beth N. Levine '73**, beloved and respected founding faculty member of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York City, passed away in February 2002. She is survived by her family including husband, Avi; and children, Ruya, Eli, and Dalia. **Mark N. Pollack (M.A. '74, comparative history)**, an accomplished businessman, died unexpectedly on February 24, 2002, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was 51. Mark was the chief financial officer at Harvard University Health Services and Harvard University Group Health Plan. He also taught at the Harvard University

Extension School. Previously, he was the budget director at Harvard Community Health Plan. He was a member of the board of directors, the executive committee, and chair of the education council and Temple Emanu-El in Marblehead, MA. Mark is survived by his wife, Miriam; a son, Lee; a daughter, Julia; his parents, Jack and Frieda; and a brother, Howard. **Neal M. Smith '60**, of Atlanta, formerly of Framingham, MA, passed away on March 5, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Sharon and Michelle; mother, Pauline Levy Pearlman; and brother, Charles. **Richard H. Uhlig (Ph.D. '70, Heller)** passed away on March 11, 2002, at the age of 78. Raised in Shaker Heights, OH, he served in the Army Air Force during World War II as a navigator. He served as research director for the Health and Welfare Council in Louisville, KY, the Social Planning Council of St. Louis, and the Health and Welfare Council of Philadelphia. He was associate professor of the School of Social Work at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 1973 to 1993, also serving as associate dean or acting dean at several times during this period. He is survived by his wife, Susanna; daughter, Barbara Ostroth; son, David; daughter, Jane Bourette; step-daughter, Suzette Snyder; six grandchildren; and his former wife, Dorothy Green.

welcomes and encourages wedding/event photos with Brandeis alumni in attendance. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes, Judy.

**Stacy M. Borans** is a senior medical director with Executive Health Resources in Havertown, PA. She works as a physician liaison between hospitals and insurers. **Christopher Burney** writes, "After Brandeis, I went to Columbia University and received my M.F.A. in theater history and criticism. I also worked at Lincoln Center as assistant director of musical theater for five years. I worked on shows including the Broadway revival of *Carousel*, Stephen Sondheim's *Passion*, and *Hello, Again*. After leaving Lincoln Center, I joined Second Stage Theater in New York City. I am associate artistic director and have worked on such shows as August Wilson's *Jitney*, Edward Albee's *Tiny Alice*, Stephen Sondheim's *Saturday Night*, and Mary Zimmerman's *Metamorphoses*. After 10 years in New York City I happily consider myself a New Yorker." **Adam S. Grundtast** is a corporate attorney at the law firm of Kudman, Trachten, Kessler, Rich, and Strull, LLP, located in the Empire State Building in New York City. **Robert Klein** was appointed principal of Washington Academy, a private special education school in Northern New Jersey for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. Prior to his promotion, he was a school social worker, having received a master's degree in clinical social work in 1993. He is also a doctoral student at New York University in the department of educational administration and supervision. After spending a year in Boston, **Stella Levy Cohen** and her family returned to the New York City area and now live in New Canaan, CT. Stella also returned to the Hacklady School in Tarrytown, NY, where she teaches fifth grade English and serves as class dean. **Marc Meisler** is a real estate attorney practicing in Baltimore, MD. Just like his senior year in Ziv suite, he now lives with all women, including his wife, Sara, and his four daughters, Devorah (7), Esti (5), Nechama (2), and Shoshana (newborn). **Victoria Pelycyer Segal** lives in Great Neck, NY, with her husband, Bruce, and baby daughter, Julia Elizabeth. She has worked in sales for Pfizer for the past three years.

## '91

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**Tammy Chasan** made partner at the law firm of Margolis Edelstein in April 2002. She specializes in general liability defense, personal injury, and mortgage foreclosure. **Yisroel Markov** is a financial analyst at Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management. He lives in Brighton with his wife of 11 years and four children. **Eric M. Roth** was promoted to member of the New York office of the law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., in April 2002. His practice area is business and finance.

## '92

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Thanks to everyone who traveled near and far to come back to Brandeis and celebrate our 10th Reunion. A special thanks goes to **Chuck and Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz**, Program Committee cochairs, **Yaron Dori** and **Erica Dominitz**, Gitt Committee cochairs, and their committees for all their work to make sure a great weekend was had by all.

**Stacey Ballis** is the director of education and community programs at The Goodman Theater, Chicago's oldest and largest not-for-profit theater, best known for it's Tony Award-winning production of *Death of a Salesman*, starring Brian Denethy. She serves on advisory boards for several small theater companies in Chicago and New York, and volunteers with Season of Concern, the Chicago Theater Community's fundraising effort in the fight against AIDS. **William I. Friedman** was graduated from law school and clerks for a judge in New York City. **Miriam Livner** and **Matthew Askin**

were married in August 2001 in Albuquerque, NM. Many Brandeis alumni were in attendance, including **Andrea Kalsenes '91**, **Brenda Massanet Ringel '93**, **Debbie Shapiro** (M.A. '97, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), **Rachel Stern Davis**, **Debbie Geller**, **Jennifer Matzner**, **Lisa Prochazka '91**, **Dara Clein Martin '91**, **Richard Sloane**, **Matias Ringal**, **Brian Kirshner**, **Tobias Dienstfrey '93**, **Sabby Mionis**, and **Jonathan Sadeh**. Check out the picture in the "Marriages and Unions" section! **Brian Moore**, vice president of product marketing and design at Saucy, Inc., in Peabody, MA, spoke with current Brandeis students at World of Business and Technology, sponsored by the Future Alumni of Brandeis on February 5, 2002. **Leila Porter** received a Ph.D. in physical anthropology in December 2000 from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She received a Fulbright Scholarship and a National Science Foundation grant to conduct her thesis research. She works as a post-doctoral fellow for the Chicago Zoological Society, studying primate behavior and ecology in the tropical forests of northern Bolivia. **Sydney Suskind** resides in Los Angeles with her husband, Yonah Kliger. She is director of development for TurtleBack Productions, Inc., a film and television production company. Sydney has also written for various half-hour television series. After three years of teaching high school Spanish in the South Bronx, **David Tolchin** retired to practice as a civil litigation attorney in New York City. **Darren S. White** and his wife, **Holly S. Oehrlein '93**, enjoy many trips to Home Depot and projects at their new home in Chesterfield, VA. Darren practices combined medicine/pediatrics at Ironbridge Family Practice and Pediatrics.

## '93

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**Michael Bruckheim** is an attorney practicing civil

litigation in the General Litigation Division of the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia. He resides in Bethesda, MD, with his wife, Merideth, and their daughter, Hannah. **Pearl Gluck's** debut documentary film, *Divan*, previewed at the Film Society at Lincoln Center's New York Jewish Film Festival in January 2002. For more information, log on to [www.divan-thecouch.com](http://www.divan-thecouch.com). **Abby Kasowitz-Scheer** was named head of instructional programs in the Syracuse University Library. In this position, she directs and develops the library's instructional and information literacy programs. Abby was also selected to participate in the Association of College and Research Libraries' Institute for Information Literacy Immersion '02, held in July 2002. She resides in Manlius, NY. **Holly S. Oehrlein**, and her husband, **Darren S. White '92**, enjoy many trips to Home Depot and projects at their new home in Chesterfield, VA. Holly is happily employed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services and works to enhance the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse cases. **Etana RH Rivel** moved to Dallas to serve as the director of education at Congregation Shearith Israel. Her child is 3 years old. **Lori Richmond-Gershon** is an assistant district attorney specializing in the prosecution of crimes against children in Brooklyn. She resides in New York City with her husband, Timothy, and son, Zachary. **Etan D. Spierer** lives in Israel with his wife, Rivka. He works as an executive in a small, successful consulting firm. **Deborah Waller Meyers** co-edited the book, *Caught in the Middle: Border Communities in an Era of Globalization* (Carnegie Endowment, 2001). She is a policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute, a new, Washington, D.C.-based think-tank, and she happily resides in Arlington, VA, with her husband, Bill, and two-year-old daughter, Amanda.

## '94

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Hi, Class of 1994. Our notes section is short but be sure to check out our "Births and Adoptions" section, which is pretty full (two of our classmates had twins)! It doesn't take much time to send a quick note to update us about your life. I am sure your fellow classmates would be glad to hear from you! **Aliza Caspe Mann** received her master's degree in Jewish education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1996. She is married and lives with her husband and two children in Teaneck, NJ. **Mark Crowley**, senior staff consultant at Verizon in Waltham, MA, was a guest at World of Business and Technology, sponsored by the Future Alumni of Brandeis on February 5, 2002. **Theodore E. Froum** is an associate in the taxation and estates practice group of Dykema Gossett PLLC. He concentrates on estate planning, probate administration, and taxation law matters. He is a member of the Chicago, Washtenaw County, IL, Florida, and American Bar Associations, as well as the State Bar of Michigan. In addition, Theodore is a member of the Washtenaw County Jewish Federation YAD Steering



**Theodore E. Froum**

Committee and a cochair of the Federation's Cardozo Society. He resides in Ann Arbor. **Allan Hirt** became a consultant for Microsoft Consulting Services in the New England office in March 2000. Besides his daily duties, he has authored or coauthored four chapters of the book

*SQL Server 2000 Resource Kit*, spoke at TechEd (2001 and 2002) and SOL PASS (2002) conferences, and has had a few whitepapers published (as a solo writer and a contributor) on [microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com). His jazz ensemble's latest CD was released in the spring of 2001, and the newest one, a big band project, is due to be recorded in the fall of 2002. He is also the cowbmaster of StyxCollector.com, as well as the webmaster of BobMintzer.com. **Avital (Tally) Izaak** received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology on July 9, 2001. She works as a psychotherapist with chronically mentally ill adults at the Continuing Day Treatment Program of Pesach Tikvah, located in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, NY. **Rafi Levavy** is stage manager for the national tour of *Peter Pan* for Theaterworks USA, and previously was stage manager for *Sundiata, The Lion King of Mali*. After performing in the Broadway national tour of *Mamma Mia*, **Daniel C. Levine** was back on Broadway in the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. He is on tour with *Tammy* (Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Washington, D.C.) playing "Cousin Kevin." **Steven Most** spent two months traveling through New Zealand in the summer of 2001, researching and writing for the 2002 edition of *Let's Go: New Zealand*, which is available in bookstores. He is finishing a Ph.D. at Harvard University and plans to take a post-doctoral position at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. **Robyn Welfeld Hartman** has a new tie to Brandeis, as assistant director of alumni relations. She works out of Brandeis House in New York City and focuses on alumni club management and New York Regional Alumni Annual Fund. She and her husband, Josh, are having fun raising their twins, Bailey and Addison, who celebrated their first birthdays in January 2002.

## '95

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**Nicole H. Horberg Decler** was graduated from Boston

College Law School in May 2001. She is a Dorot Fellow and lives in Jerusalem with her husband, Jonathan. She plans to begin her legal career as the AFL-CIO General Counsel's Office Legal Fellow in Washington, D.C. **Jennifer Einstein** joined the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at The Rockefeller University in New York City. **Sheri B. Glazer** is a general dentist in New York City and Long Island. She is also an attending dentist at Peninsula Hospital Center. She was married in October 2001 at Flowerfields in St. James, NY, and **Dara Litshultz** was her maid of honor. Sheri and her husband, Mark, reside on Long Island. **Andrea Dobrick-Haney** received an M.A. in rabbinics and was ordained a conservative rabbi in May 2002. Andrea is working on another master's degree in Jewish education at the Hebrew University. She lives in Jerusalem with her husband, Fitz. **Jill Hutchings** was recognized by Secretary of State Colin Powell for her work after the September 11 terrorist attacks. She was one of two individuals selected to represent the 1,200 State Department employees who worked on taskforces after the tragic events. Jill has been special assistant to the coordinator for counterterrorism since June 2000, and plans to join the Foreign Service in the fall of 2002. After completing a one-year internship in Baton Rouge, LA, in August 2001, **Alexis Kulick** received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Bowling Green State University. She was awarded the only post-doctoral fellowship in behavioral medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, CA, where she resides. She plans to take the national licensing exam and to reside in southern California when she completes her fellowship. After graduating from Brandeis, **Elisha Fara Landman** attended Cardozo School of Law, during which time she went to Moscow with the American Theatrical Exchange Initiative and worked with the Russian government to establish an enforcement system for dramatic copyright law. She also worked in labor relations for Walt Disney Theatrical before and during

the Broadway premiere of *The Lion King*. Upon graduating from Cardozo in 1998, Elisha relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a career in entertainment law. Included among her clients is pop-star Tiffany ("I Think We're Alone Now"), who performed at Brandeis during Bronstein Weekend 2001. **Darlene Negbenebor** completed her final year of internal medicine residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. She began a gastroenterology fellowship in July 2002. **Anthony "Ray" Selvadurai** received a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in 2001. He is professor of international law and legal technology at CUNY-Brooklyn, NYCTC and is a member of CUNY Elder and Immigration Law Clinic. He also keeps in touch with the game of soccer as director of high school coaching for the Manhattan Soccer Club and he is also on the soccer staff at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Ray resides in Ridgewood, NJ. **Rachel M. Schneider** was graduated from Hunter College School of Social Work in 1999, lives in New York City, and works at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center's Lung Transplant Program.

## '96

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**Suzanne M. Casey** writes, "I am still working in the development research office at Brandeis, while also doing some part-time work at the Workmen's Circle as the office manager. I started my own business as an independent Mary Kay consultant and I'm having a blast! I enjoyed juggling lots of responsibilities while in school and I definitely still love variety!" After receiving a master's degree from Brandeis, **Melissa Joy Federman** (M.A. '97, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) is pursuing a master's in social work administration from Columbia University. **Lisa Sherrod** was graduated from Hastings Law School, San Francisco, in May 2001. She passed the California Bar exam in November 2001, and is employed as a biotechnology patent attorney at Fish and Neave, Palo Alto, CA.

## '97

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Everyone who was able to make it back to Brandeis for our 5th Reunion had a great time reconnecting with old friends and spending time on campus. A special thanks goes out to **Leigh Harrison Kessler** and **Stacy Norden** Program Committee cochairs, **Ruth Jacobs**, **Adam Rifkin** and **Michael Saivetz**, Giff Committee cochairs, and their wonderful committee for organizing the weekend. We missed all of you who couldn't make it back to campus, and hope you'll fill us in with what's new in your life!

**Lorie Barr Greenberg** and **David Scott Greenberg** are the proud parents of Samuel, born in September 2001. Lorie was graduated from SUNY Downstate Medical School in May 2002, and David was graduated from Fordham Law School in the same month. In February 2002, **Kerri L. Berney** wrote an episode of the Scholastic Entertainment animated television show, *I Spy*, coming to an HBO Family Channel in early 2003. After a few years in the corporate world as a product manager and some great times travelling around the world, **Melissa Capano** now teaches Spanish at a charter school in Lawrence, MA. She is also working towards an M.A. in education at Tufts University. **Steven Leigh Davidoff** was graduated from Tulane School of Medicine and is working on a residency in internal medicine. **Meredith D. Harman Stewart** married David Stewart in September 2001, in Los Angeles. Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Pegah Hendizadeh Schiltman**,

**Seth Schiltman '95**, **Alisa Zelman**, **Rachel Rosen**, **Jason Edelman '95**, and **Matthew Kirschen '00**. Meredith and her new husband reside in West Los Angeles. **Brett J. Horowitz** joined Nason Yeager as an associate in the real estate and litigation practice group. He received his law degree from Florida State University. **Eryn Klenetsky Lewis** was graduated from Loyola University's Strich School of Medicine in Chicago, in 2001, and is in a residency program at Northwestern University Medical Center. She resides in Oak Park, IL, with her husband, William. **Thomas Alexander Peyton** lives in Chicago and is pursuing an M.F.A. in film and video. His experimental electronic musical duo, Vicycle, just finished their first, self-produced album, *Cossacks on Horsebacks*. He is collaborating with **Jonathan "Switty" Lange '98**, on a so far untitled musical project. **Mark Rosenfeld** writes, "After Brandeis I spent one year working in the family business before returning to school. In May 2000 I earned an M.B.A. from Bentley College and spent the next year working in Boston's online advertising industry. I have since rejoined my family as a real estate developer in Boston's suburbs. **Linda Ellen Rost** was graduated from Stanford Law School in May 2000 and works as a patent attorney for Fish & Neave. She was married in October 2001, by **Mauri Ann Zitt '92** (M.A., psychology, Ph.D. '95, psychology).

## '98

**5th Reunion**  
**June 20-22, 2003**  
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A few weeks ago, while on my way home from work, I ran into an old Brandeis friend...one whom I hadn't seen since graduation. It's amazing to think about what has happened since we officially became alumni almost four years ago. Share your news and excitement with everyone through Class Notes, at least until you run into some old friends. This is what is going on in the life of some '98ers...

**Bonnie M. Beretta** and **Jeb E. B. Chard** were married in January 2002.

# What are you doing Columbus Day weekend?

Plan to return to campus for Fall Fest 2002 (Homecoming/Family Weekend)

October 11-14, 2002.

For full schedule of events or to register go to <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> or call 800-333-1948.



Fall Fest 2002 is geared towards several different groups of people: alumni, families, and students. All events are open to everyone.

October 11-14, 2002.



Bonnie is enrolled in the Yale University Physicians Assistant Program, while Jeb received a master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. **Jennifer Gruda** works as an associate at Crowell & Moring, LLP, where she practices labor and employment law. She is a member of the Virginia Bar. In January 2002, **Benjamin T. Kantor** became general manager of RadioBoston.com, a live Internet broadcaster dedicated to playing and promoting the music of Boston and New England. He is also on the air five days a week. Benjamin writes, "I never thought my years at WBRS would lead to this, but they did (thanks to **Jeffrey "J.J." Berney '96**, **Charles "Casey" Safron**, **Brianna Campbell '97**, **Leana Lyons**, **Ofer Inbar '93**, and **Josh Turnof '99**). Feel free to call me to talk about music and shows." **Toni L. Kelly** is attending the M.B.A. program at Pepperdine University in California and will finish in December 2002. She works in the accounting and finance department of The Cheesecake Factory Corporate Office in Calabasas, CA. **Jennifer Lipman** and **Mark Shinnars** were married at the Sebasco Harbor Resort in Sebasco Estates, ME, in August 2001. Fellow Brandeisians in attendance were groomsman **Jeffrey Rice '97**, **Michelle Borrus '97**, **Christine Manavian '97**, **Brian Tockman '97**, and **Matthew Mitchell '97**. Jennifer, who is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and Mark, reside in Portland, ME. **Eric Pressman**, a usability engineer at Macromedia, in Newton, MA, spoke to current Brandeis students at World of Business and Technology, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, on February 5, 2002. **Audrey N. Rosenberg** is a writer for *CNN Headline News*. She lives in Atlanta, with her husband, Patrick. **Joshua Skarloff** edited his

first commercial for AT&T Broadband. He is in the process of writing his first screenplay, directing a music video, and editing a television pilot episode. **Jonathan Stein** and **Miriam Heller Stein** live in Berkeley, CA, where Jonathan is a third-year law student at Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley, and Miriam is a second-year doctoral student in education at Stanford University.

## '99

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As we entered the palindromic year 2002 (we won't see another until 2112), we are reminded that nothing lasts forever, not even those "@brandeis.edu" addresses we all signed up for back in '99. On the plus side, we now get "@alumni.brandeis.edu" addresses, so be sure to sign up for yours at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> before you fall out of touch. Stay on top of your email, and keep sending it my way. **Eli Lesser-Goldsmith** wrote me about his busy last couple of months as he opened the first online grocery store in Vermont, worked for Subaru of North America on their WRX rally Website, and built commercial real estate Websites for Ansonia Realty and LeffertsFore LLC in New York. My old freshman hallmate, **Shelley Lieberman**, married **David Lieberman** in October, 2001 in Chestnut Hill, MA, while another freshman hallmate, **Tara Wasserman**, received a master's degree in theater management from Wayne State University in Detroit. Tara worked for the Williamstown Theater Festival before accepting a position in the marketing department of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York. **Mechan Slutzky** is pursuing an M.A. in educational theater at New York University, which will lead to a teaching certification in theater and English. Transitioning away from the New York theater scene, **Matt Sugarman** quit his job in NYC as an executive at a movie studio back in September 2001,

and moved to Los Angeles to start his studies at the University of Southern California Law School. Matt joins a fine tradition of Brandeis alumni pursuing law, including **Michael Feinberg**, who is "currently at Northwestern University School of Law, where, in addition to the standard coursework, I will soon be conducting research on the constitutional framers' intentions and the law of contracts. This summer I was in Washington, D.C., working for the Institute for Justice, a libertarian think tank and legal clinic." After working at Williams and Connolly, LLP, a law firm in Washington D.C., **Jesse Wald** returned to law school at the University of Michigan, which he describes as an "incredible community of sweet and brilliant law students and professors." Those who remember Jesse's role at Deis as rep to the Board of Trustees will find it no surprise that he was elected to serve a two-year term at UMICH as the student-elected representative to the Board of Governors. Jesse has also joined the University Musical Society's Choral Union. **Daniel Yunger** completed his second year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He worked in the New York office of Skadden Arps during the summer of 2002. Not all grad school is law school, of course, and **Nageeb Ali** started his Ph.D. in economics (game theory) at Stanford in September 2001. He writes, "It's been wonderful to return to school, and move to a place with academics as good as Brandeis, but better weather! I'll be around here for a few years, so I hope to see some of you around." **Lindsay Goldwert** completed her master's in journalism program from New York University in January 2002, and works at *Marie Claire* magazine. **Glenn Ettman** used to live nearby in New York, trying the theater scene,

but has since "moved back to his original intention" and is now studying to be a rabbi at Hebrew Union College. For reasons rabbinical and secular alike, Israel is never far from the minds of many Brandeis alums, and our class proves to be no exception. **Matt Friedman** has been "gainfully employed by the Jewish Federation in Cleveland for over a year now, promoting Israel programs to teens. It has obviously been difficult, but I love my work and I'm enjoying life on the North Coast." **Brian Goldberg** qualified as a representative of the State of Israel for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in the sport of Luge, but did not compete. "Due to the current policies of the Israeli Olympic Committee." This summer I, David Nurenberg, spent a few weeks in China, and spent time before going practicing my skills with chopsticks. You can reach me via phone, email, or letter, but please do reach me, so I can help you reach the hundreds of former classmates you have out in the world, waiting to hear what you're up to. "Once more unto the breach," David Nurenberg.

## '00

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**Mark Eskandar**, a Domino developer at IBM, was a guest at World of Business and Technology, sponsored by the Future Alumni of Brandeis, on February 5, 2002. **Richard Maletsky** completed his second year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He split his summer between the New York and Chicago offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. **Seth Politano** completed his first year of medical school at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale. He was elected student representative of the M1 class and nominated by his class for the "Student

Doctor of the Year" award, competing against other medical students across the country. **Joshua Sunshine** completed a master of arts in teaching (M.A.T.) degree at Johns Hopkins University and was graduated with highest honors in May 2002. He teaches social studies at his former high school in Potomac, MD.

of Culver City, CA, has begun studies at Southwestern University School of Law. She is enrolled in the school's day program, a three-year course of study leading to the Juris Doctor degree. **Matthew Sieger** and **Andrea Sorokin** are students at Mount Sinai Medical School. **Amy Posner** is in law school at Northwestern University in Chicago.

<http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. The next issue of the *Brandeis Review* will feature a much more in-depth report on the activities of the Class of 2002, so go to the Website and update us!

## Grad

**Steven E. Bizar '84** (M.A. '87, history), a shareholder in the Philadelphia office of the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll, addressed a meeting of the Chemical Industry Lawyers' Round Table in Manchester, England, in January 2002. He discussed the fundamentals of U.S. antitrust law, enforcement practices and trends, and antitrust compliance. Steven concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation and trials, including disputes arising under the antitrust, securities and RICO statutes, unfair competition claims, and contract and business tort matters.

**Fran Lisa Buntman '90** (M.M.H.S., human services management) will take up an assistant professorship in the sociology department of George Washington University, which will begin in the fall of 2002. **Terrie Epstein '75** (M.A. '83, history of American civilization), assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Hunter College, City University of New York, was the recipient of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) 2001 Exemplary Research in Social Studies Award. This award acknowledges and encourages scholarly inquiry into significant issues and possibilities for social studies education. **Eric S. Furline '88** (Ph.D., biochemistry) is vice president of preclinical development for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a North Carolina biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops, and intends to commercialize medicines for the treatment of serious medical conditions. **Mary Grant '00** (Ph.D., social policy) was appointed president of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on March 14, 2002. Prior to this position, Mary was chief academic officer and deputy chief executive officer of

UMassOnline, a university program that allows students to take classes over the Internet. She was also a public affairs professor at the Boston campus of UMass. **Carl S. Leebetter '75** (M.A., mathematics) is senior vice president for engineering/research and development at Novell, Inc., a provider of Net business solutions, located in San Jose, CA. He also retains his chief technology officer role. Carl is responsible for all Novell engineering, research and development, and product management worldwide, including Novell's engineering in Provo, Bangalore, India, Massachusetts, and California. **Daniel Liberzon** (Ph.D. '98, Math), assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received one of the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards for young faculty. A recipient of the CAREER Award, Daniel received an endowment over five years to design and develop hybrid control algorithms for nonlinear dynamical systems. CAREER Awards recognize and support the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become academic leaders of the 21st century. They are selected on the basis of creative, career-development plans that effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their institution. **Deborah E. Lipstadt** (M.A. '72, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies; Ph.D. '76, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) was awarded an honorary doctorate at the 2002 gala dinner of the American Friends of Bar-Ilan

University, held at New York's Pierre Hotel. **Mileta Roe** (M.A. '96, literary studies, Ph.D. '99, literary studies) lives in the Berkshires with her husband, **Marshall Fisher '85**, and sons Satchel (4) and Bram (1). **Claude J. Sandroff** (Ph.D. '82, chemistry) was appointed vice president of corporate strategy at TeraBurst Networks, Inc., a developer of optical switching and transport systems for optical networks. **Lawrence H. Suid** (M.F.A. '71, theater arts) gave a presentation at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in June 2002, about the relationship between the film industry and the armed services. The revised, expanded edition of his first book, *Guts and Glory*, was published by the University of Kentucky in May 2002. First published in 1978, the book remains the definitive study of the relationship between the film industry and the United States armed services. The new edition carries the story up to the present and to the recent military movies *Black Hawk Down* and *We Were Soldiers*. Lawrence also organized a six-part series on the Hollywood/military relationship for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The series ran for six weeks in the summer of 2002 and included appearances by military, government, and film people talking about the symbiotic relationship between the two institutions. The Naval Institute selected him as the 2001 Naval History author of the year as a result of three articles he wrote for the organization in 2001 about the movie *Pearl Harbor*. **Jennifer Zwilling** (M.A. '98, Jewish communal service) received the Etz Chayim Award, the NAA's (North American Alliance for Jewish Youth) newest award of recognition, at the January 2002 conference in Florida. The Etz Chayim Award is presented to a young professional in the field from two to five years who has made a unique contribution to his or her organization and/or the field of informal education. Jennifer has been with the JCC of Greater Boston since she was graduated from Brandeis and is regional youth director and director of the Teen Program at the JCC.

## '01

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**Catherine Bernard** is an administrator at New England Financial in Waltham, MA. **Meera Bhalotra** is serving as a Brandeis alumni mentor. The mentor program was created in order to enable alumni to provide practical guidance to first-year students. **Shana Ratalia-Brown** is a law student at Emory University. **Paolo Cova** is a programmer at Randomwalk Computing in New York City. **Mark Harrison** is in medical school at Harvard University. **Jonathan Brickman** is an analyst with Lehman Brothers in New York. **Marjorie Bunch** is a student at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. **Jamie Cohen** is a marketing analyst at Gilco Sports. **Martha Flumenbaum** is a student at Brooklyn Law School. **Jessie Glasser** and **Aaron Miller** are students at Tufts University School of Medicine. **Jessie** joined **Lee Goldstein** as guests at Beyond Peripheral Road, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event in March 2002, and spoke to graduating seniors about life after college. **Kristophe Karami** is a research associate at Aphios Corp in Woburn, MA. **Kirsten Kucharik** is a student at Harvard Law School. **Michael Parras** is in law school at Boston University. **Jaime K. Shapiro**, a resident

## '02

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Greetings to the class of 2002! Our four years at Brandeis have flown by—but keep those college memories alive by updating us with your current activities! Some of us have opted to continue our education on the post-graduate level, with many members of our class attending top law schools, medicine schools, and other post-graduate degree programs. Good luck to everyone who will be venturing into new schools and new programs this fall! Other members of our class have plunged headfirst into what we call the Real World. It may not be as fun or dramatic as MTV depicts the Real World to be, but at least we will be earning some money and doing things on our own. (Just so we can start paying back all those loans, of course . . .) Whether you've successfully completed your job search or are just beginning, best of luck in finding the right job! Please take a few minutes to update our sources with your whereabouts and activities. You can do so by going to

# Robert and Kathryn Preyer



Robert Preyer is no stranger to Brandeis University. He was a member of the faculty from 1954 to 1987, serving as assistant professor and professor of English. In addition, he was the first director of the University Studies Program, served as chair of the English department, served on the University's Faculty Senate (as chair for a number of years), and was a member of the

Rose Art Museum Board of Overseers. Today, Robert Preyer and his wife Kathryn (Kitty) Preyer continue their long-term dedication to Brandeis by generously supporting the Preyer Scholarship Endowment and the Transitional Year Program and Posse Program. They are members of the Sachar Legacy Society, having made the important commitment to include Brandeis in their estate plans.

One of the highlights of Preyer's tenure at Brandeis was helping to create the Transitional Year

Program (TYP) in 1968. TYP provides students from disadvantaged educational and socioeconomic backgrounds with the skills and confidence they need to succeed in four-year colleges and universities, including Brandeis. Preyer has positive memories about teaching in the TYP. "The students were amazingly smart," he says, teaching him and the other instructors a great deal during each class.

Preyer was attracted to the TYP because the program exemplified his long-held beliefs in social justice and equality for all people, regardless of race or socioeconomic background. He learned from his family the patience and perseverance required to introduce more humane social attitudes within an existing community, and the skills required to make these long-term changes. Preyer has upheld these principles through his work with the TYP and with many other social justice organizations, including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the New England ACLU Foundation.

Last year, Preyer joined the President's Advisory Council for the Transitional Year Program and Posse Program. The Posse Program, founded by a Brandeis alumna in 1989, recruits and trains urban high school students to become campus leaders in promoting diversity, tolerance, and cross-cultural communication.

Preyer is deeply gratified that, after 54 years, Brandeis is still committed to its founding principle of social justice. Brandeis University is fortunate to count Bob and Kitty Preyer as part of an esteemed group of alumni and friends who support Brandeis and believe in its future as an influential academic institution.

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From: Stephen B. Kay  
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Date: July 17, 2002

Re: Report on Fiscal '02 Fundraising Results

I am pleased to report that Brandeis University has received **\$63.4 million in cash gifts** as of the June 30<sup>th</sup> close of fiscal '02. This represents a **new all-time record**. The total is \$2 million ahead of the prior year, which closed with \$61.4 million.

Achieving such results in a year in which financial markets have been shaken, our country came under terrorist attack, and the crisis in the Middle East overshadowed our community, is testament to Brandeis's enduring mission. We can all be justly proud of this accomplishment. This 3.25% increase is in direct contrast to charitable giving to higher education overall, which fell 2.3% according to *Giving USA* and the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*. To further put our accomplishments in perspective, over the past eight years, our fundraising has increased over 160% from 1995 (\$24.3 million) to 2002 (\$63.4 million).

A little over two years ago we embarked on the early stages of a major capital campaign. You will be hearing more about the details in the future but I wanted you to know that our staff and volunteers have been working hard to build a strong foundation for success. The nucleus fund phase of the Brandeis Campaign is proceeding well. Through June 30, 2002, \$219 million in cash and signed, documented pledges has been secured. This represents 47% of the Campaign goal of \$470 million. Since the start of the nucleus phase on July 1, 2000, the Campaign has consistently been ahead of the original projections, which required 40% of the goal to be raised by the fall of 2002.

Finally, it is a pleasure to announce that Brandeis is one of two private doctoral research universities to be awarded the national *Circle of Excellence Award* from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award recognizes "overall fundraising improvement" and is based on cash fundraising results. Only Brandeis and Baylor University were recognized out of all private doctoral research universities that report their fundraising results annually to CASE.

My thanks to all of you who helped make this a record year!

The First  
Brandeis Commencement,  
June 16, 1952



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