

MARCH THEME:
DESERT SPRING

A LIGHT EXISTS IN SPRING
NOT PRESENT ON THE YEAR
AT ANY OTHER PERIOD -
WHEN MARCH IS SCARCELY HERE

AN EXCERPT FROM "A LIGHT EXISTS IN SPRING"
BY EMILY DICKENSON (SEE LAST PAGE OF BULLETIN)



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Dear Members,

What a lovely morning we had at the Mark Sublette Gallery. Thanks to Erica and your committee for making We Love Our Members so memorable. The new gallery was fascinating and a real treasure in the desert.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Sheila Rothenberg Book & Author event on March 13 and 14th. Dinner Wednesday evening will be at Tucson Country Club. In this intimate setting, you will be able to schmooze with the authors and our moderator. Lunch on Thursday will be at Skyline Country Club. With its magnificent views and delicious buffet, the day is sure to be memorable. Our four fabulous authors, Kristen Miller, Lisa Belkin, Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez and Miriam Ruth Black are sure to be entertaining.

Our Installation and End of the Year event will be held on April 10th. Nina Roosevelt Gibson will be our speaker. Nina is Eleanor and former President Franklin D. Roosevelt's granddaughter and the author of "Growing Up Roosevelt". For those of you who haven't heard Nina speak, you are in for a treat! Check next month's bulletin for more information.

Warmly,
Terrie Sherman
Co-Presiding Officer

We recently received this information at the National President's Meeting:

The 15-month membership policy is still in effect: non-life members (returning and new) may submit dues payments from April through June 2025 for membership lasting through 06/30/2026. Any memberships paid before April will expire on 06/30/2025. Please have membership checks for \$60 per individual and \$100 per couple **made out to BNC**. Mail checks to: Terrie Sherman 7580 E Rio Verde Dr Tucson, AZ 85715. Thanks.





Tucson Brandeis has so much to offer our members including many wonderful events in the coming months.

Share your Bulletin with friends and family. Invite them to join a vibrant community of learners.

THEY CAN:

- *Participate in a wide variety of peer-led study groups**
- *Build connections that may lead to lifelong friendships**
 - *Attend presentations in person or on Zoom**
 - *Volunteer in community service programs**

We are a non-sectarian group and you do not need to have any affiliation with Brandeis University.

Questions? Suggestions? Help?

Email our membership co-chairs:

Amy Schwartz amys60@gmail.com or

Tammy Strobel tammystrobel95@gmail.com



Bringing Ben Home: A Murder, A Conviction, and the Fight to Redeem American Justice

March 3, 2025 7 pm EST on Zoom

Meet the author: Barbara Bradley Hagerty is an investigative journalist and the author of "Bringing Ben Home: A Murder, A Conviction, and the Fight to Redeem American Justice" (2024). She tells the story of Ben Spencer, who was falsely accused of murder at the age of 22 and spent over 30 years in prison. With the help of Centurion Ministries in Princeton, NJ (the first Innocence organization in the world), Ben was finally released on bond in 2021 and fully exonerated in 2024.

About your host: Harriet Hendel is a longtime Brandeis National Committee member and advocate for innocence work. Harriet is the host of the podcast Pursuing Justice, sponsored by the Innocence Project of Florida, available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

The \$18 registration fee supports the BNC Professorship in Engineering Science.

REGISTER BELOW by noon Eastern Time, Monday March 3





BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT

WE HAVE ROOM FOR YOU!

To all members who may have tucked your Book & Author Invitation in a safe place, only to forget about it, now's the time to fill it out and mail it in!

The 2025 Tucson Chapter/Brandeis National Committee's Book & Author Event is almost here.

Join us for an elegant dinner **March 12**, at the Tucson Country Club and meet the authors in a more intimate setting. And be sure to join us **March 13** for a sumptuous luncheon at Skyline Country Club and a day-long opportunity to hear and meet our acclaimed authors and buy their books.

Discover many treasures at our **Silent Auction**. If you have any items to contribute please contact Wendy Yanow, wammy18@gmail.com.

Please fill in the rsvp cards and tribute cards enclosed in your invitations. We regret that we cannot accept credit cards. **Cash or checks only**, so remember to bring your preferred method of payment.

If you fear that your rsvp won't arrive in time by mail, please contact



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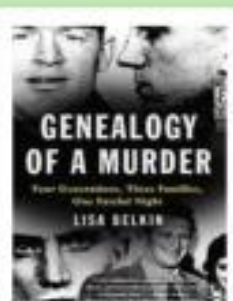


Book Lovers, Bookmark March 13, 2025! Come hear four fabulous authors who are never at a loss for words. That's the date of the Tucson Chapter/Brandeis National Committee's Book & Author Event. Join us for a sumptuous luncheon at Skyline Country Club and a day-long opportunity to hear and meet our acclaimed authors and buy their books.



Miriam Ruth Black won The National Jewish Book Award for her novel *Shayna* which was inspired by her own family's history. Black feels her ancestors tell their stories through her.

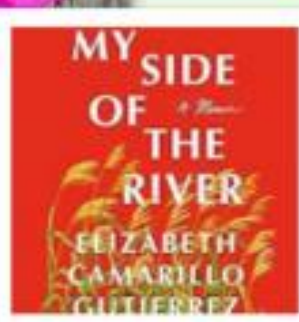
Shayna is Historical Fiction, a compelling story about a young woman's journey to escape the Cossacks in Ukraine in 1919.



Lisa Belkin is an award-winning newspaper journalist whose gripping stories read like compelling novels, except they're true.

Genealogy of a Murder is a multigenerational tale of three families whose paths collide one fateful summer night in 1960 with the murder of a police officer.



BOOK & AUTHOR
EVENT**Elizabeth Camarillo**

Gutierrez is a local star.

Though her parents had to return to Mexico when she was 15, she remained in Tucson graduating

from Flowing Wells High School, and ultimately graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. Her memoir, *My Side of the River*, has been praised as a NY Times editor's Pick, and a People Magazine Best Book to Read.



Kirstin Miller is a groundbreaking feminist author in Young Adult literature. Her first adult novel, *The Change*, was a Good Morning America Book Club pick.

Kirsten's latest novel, *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* is a side-splitting satire that takes on some of the most controversial

Proceeds will provide support for a Brandeis University research program seeking causes of neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's, ALS, and Alzheimer's.

Please send in your RSVP ASAP.





THE SILENT AUCTION

is shaping up to be another stellar event. But, there is still time to solicit or donate items for the Silent Auction at the Book & Author Event. Help us put together a mahjong basket, pickleball basket or donate your services if you are a baker, chef, hair dresser and more! Ask your favorite restaurant, hair salon, spa for a gift certificate.

And, if you'd like to be part of the action, you can volunteer to help out on the day of the event.

Please contact Wendy Yanow, wammy18@gmail.com or 414-803-4289 with questions, to volunteer or to donate.

JOIN THE LITERARY CIRCLE

You can be recognized in the Book and Author Event Book 2025 as a supporter of this year's event which earns funds for Brandeis University's research into the causes and cures of neurological diseases. (Formerly the Sommelier listing)

\$15 per person \$30 per couple

Please send your check AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Made out to BNC to:

**Sybil Lampert
6469 N. Foothills Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85718**





Elaine Lisberg BNC Tucson Chapter Endowed Scholarship

WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANS TO ME

This scholarship has allowed me to experience a wonderful and supportive community and to meet people that I am so grateful to have in my life, some of whom I would consider lifelong friends. I've gotten the chance to be on a campus with students, mentors, and professors who challenge me and offer new perspectives that I may not have gotten had I not chosen to come here. It's truly been an amazing experience.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT

I'm really proud to be an ENACT Research and Advocacy Fellow. ENACT stands for the Educational Network for Active Civic Engagement, and I will be working within a small cohort of fellow students to learn more about research methods and data collection before implementing a change project on Brandeis' campus in the spring. I'm proud because I worked very hard to receive this fellowship.

WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

I recently became an ENACT Fellow, I'm a Brandeis community advisor, and I was an intern at the African American Museum of Southern Arizona last summer.

FAVORITE BRANDEIS MEMORY

My favorite Brandeis memories are making the friends that I have today. I distinctly remember the moments I met each of them, and the impressions and feelings I had in relation to their place in my life. It's the little things that make for wonderful friendships, and I'm so glad that I met the people that I did.

ADVICE FOR FIRST YEARS

Give yourself grace; there will be things that take time to play out. Patience is key, but so is appreciating the moment you're currently in.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As a member of the Brandeis Black Student Organization, African Student Organization, Femmes of Color Alliance, and The Intersection, I have engaged in conversations, activities, and culture events that have directly addressed certain issues our communities face and the intersections within each. I have formed a strong and supportive network of intellectually engaged community members.

I am also on the advisory board for the MLK Fellowship, which works to honor to legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through social justice and volunteer initiatives. As a community advisor, I continue to work for a safe and considerate community that everyone can feel comfortable in. Finally, my new role as an ENACT Fellow will allow me to utilize the knowledge I've soaked up in sociology and WGS courses by working within a cohort to learn further about research methods and data collection in order to implement a change project.

Melora Hutcheson '25

Tucson, Arizona

MAJORS
Sociology

MINORS
Women, Gender, & Sexuality
Studies

BRANDEIS ACTIVITIES
Brandeis Black Student
Organization, Brandeis African
Student Organization, Femmes of
Color Alliance, The Intersection



Brandeis

STUDY GROUP WALK AND TALK IN ARMORY PARK



ITS SPRING
WE ARE SO EXCITED
WE WET
OUR PLANTS



**There will not be a
Walk and Talk on
March 13 due to our
chapter's Book and
Author Program**

**Our last walks of
this year (March 27,
April 10, and April
24) will take us to
different areas along
the Rillito River
Loop.
Shelly and Lisa
Co-Leaders**



STUDY GROUP

LADIES WHO

LUNCH



SPRING IS IN
THE AIR
NO... WAIT,
THAT'S POLLEN



STUDY GROUP

MEN WHO

LUNCH

FINALLY MY
WINTER FAT
IS GONE.
NOW I HAVE
SPRING ROLLS.



(Whispering)
Give the check to
the guy on my
left.







WHY DO
FLOWER BEDS
HAVE MULCH?

SO YOU CAN'T
SEE THEIR
UNDERPLANTS

SAVE THE DATE for the last trip for this year:

Thursday, March 6th

St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery

4784 N. St. Josephs Way, Florence, AZ 85132



STUDY GROUP

NAVAJO WEAVING

BLANKETS



Paintbrush Cowboys
HOWARD POST and TEAL BLAKE



JANUARY 14, 2025

REPORT

Barbara Entin

**Speedy recovery
from surgery**

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

**Condolences on the
death of dear
brother-in-law**

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

**Condolences on the
death of dear Mother,**

Sandy Rollin

**Larry Rollin and
Family**

**Wendy Yanow and
Family**

STAY
CLOSE TO
PEOPLE
WHO
FEEL LIKE
SUNSHINE

Tucson Brandeis Chapter

Is currently supporting these community programs:

**Assistance League of Tucson
Youth On Their Own**

**The Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse
Sister Jose: new underwear, wheeled luggage, pet
food. Please take ALL other donations to this thrift
store:**

***Bring Out the Best* at 5320 E Speedway**

**We are looking for new avenues to help those who
are in need. If you have ideas on how to provide
community service or wish to donate to one of
these causes, please contact:**

**Marilyn Lobell
Social Action/Justice Chairperson
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Chuck Frenz

Davya Cohen

Terrie Sherman

Maxine Goldstein

Krista Stoker

Sybil Lampert

Marsha Rosenblum

Maxine Goldstein





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Barbara Wilder

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**and incumbent
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**Regional & National
Boards**

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Mission Statement

The Brandels National Committee provides philanthropic support to Brandels University, a distinguished Liberal Arts and Research University founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the University through fundraising and activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: Social Justice , Non-Sectarianism, and service to the community.



***A Light exists In Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period —
When March is scarcely here***

***A Color stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But Human Nature feels***

***It waits upon the Lawn
It shows the furthest Tree
Upon the furthest Slope you know
It almost speaks to thee***

***Then as Horizons step
Or Noons report away
Without the Formula of sound
It passes and we stay —***

***A quality of loss
Affecting our Content
As Trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a Sacrament***

