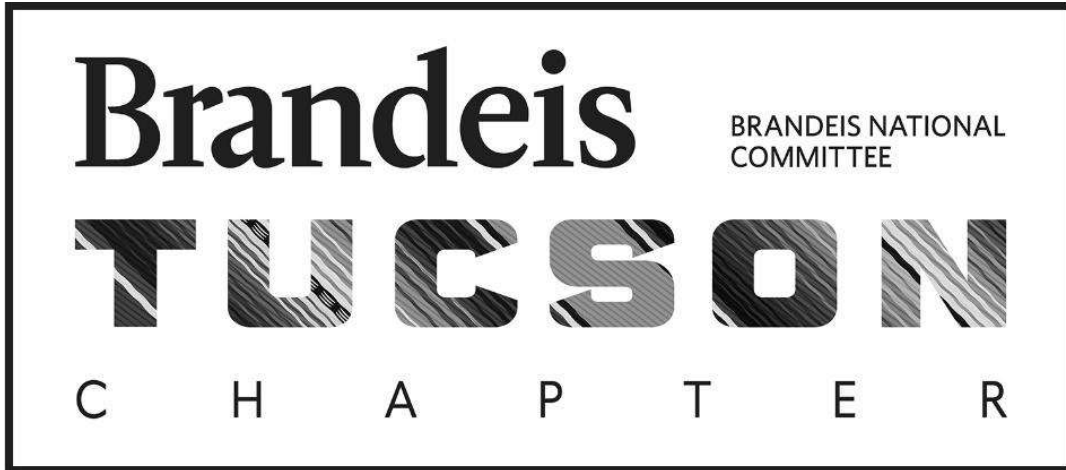


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July 20: Postmark for study group form/payment

August 19: Receive study group leaders' Welcome Letters

September 1: Study Groups Begin

October 21: Opening Event

December (TBD): End of Year Event

2027

January (TBD): University on Wheels

February (TBD): We Love Our Members

March 10: Book and Author Evening Event

March 11: Book and Author Luncheon and Program

April TBD: Closing Event & Installation

**Watch your email for our bulletins and event details.
Looking forward to seeing you throughout the year!**

*Chapter events take precedence over Study Group meeting times.
Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Helping out is an
easy way to get involved and get to know others.*

COURSE UPDATES

Postmark Date: July 20, 2026

Mail your “**Registration Form**” and “**Course Checklist**” (pages 40 - 44) with your check payable to BNC on (**no earlier than**) July 20, 2026, to:

Terrie Sherman ♦ Address in Directory ♦ Tucson, AZ 85715

Important: Envelopes received with a **July 20 postmark** are processed first. Those postmarked before or after July 20 are processed last.

Communications with Group Leaders

- Please email “yes” or “no” promptly to study group leaders when they ask for RSVPs. If you will miss a class, let your leader know by email or text. This is easy to do and helpful.
- When a participant has missed TWO meetings without notifying the leader in advance, he or she will be removed from that class roster without refund.

Thank You!

Our Study Group leaders and facilitators come to us with varied backgrounds in the worlds of art, business, education, literature, law, psychology, science, theatre and more, with expertise and talent to share. They are the backbone of our BNC Study Group program. Some leaders have been remarkably generous with their time for years, returning each season to organize and conduct courses. Many thanks to each and every leader for all your energy, creativity and hours of commitment.

Art Friedman & Dianne Selco: *Study Group Committee Chairs*

Terrie Sherman & Edie Warkentine : *Study Group Registrars*

Susan Berger: *Study Group Guide*

Committee Members: Lois Bodin,

Davya Cohen, Vickey Cook, Art Friedman, Erica Friedman, Ruth

Friedman, Ray Kaufman, Amy Schwartz, Dianne Selco,

Terrie Sherman and Wendy Yanow

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SUNDAY

S1 Passover Desserts! Closed \$10

Let's make some special and new desserts for Passover! No need for store-bought mixes—we can make better treats on our own!

Leader: Andra Karnofsky 847-975-1711 andra0131@yahoo.com

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Date: April 4, 2027

Place: 4951 E. Winged Foot Dr. (in Skyline Country Club)

Limit: Minimum 5, maximum 15 members

Note: There will be an additional cost for supplies that will be calculated by the number of participants.

Andra is a lifetime baker and owner of “Heavenly Hallah,” a small bread baker devoted to distributing hallahs around the country at Rosh Hashanah. Andra was featured in Joan Nathan's *The Jewish Holiday Baker Cookbook*. Andra loves sharing baking ideas.

S2 Bake, Share, Swap & Donate Cookies \$10

You can make a significant contribution to your community and brighten the day of those in need. Let's bring our favorite recipes, ingredients, bake and share our delicious cookies with our “Brandies”. We will donate cookies to locals who are in need. If you don't want to bake, you can join us and assist with preparation, shmoozing and nibbling.

Leaders: Tammy Strobel 516-429-0222 tammystrobel95@gmail.com
Terrie Sherman Contact information in directory

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00pm

Date: Sunday January 31, 2027

Place: Tammy's home on the east side of town

Maximum 20 members

Both Tammy and Terrie love giving back to our community, and Tammy has always loved to bake and try new recipes.

SUNDAY

S3

Tikkun Olam

\$20

In Hebrew, Tikkun Olam mean “repairing the world”. It can be considered a call of action urging people to help make a positive impact on society and contribute to the well-being of all people. Interested members will gather to make “Tikkun Olam bags” that will be donated.

Leaders: Janet Arffa 520-270-6243 janet.e.arffa@gmail.com

Terrie Sherman Contact information in directory

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Date: November 8, 2026 and February 2027 (date TBD after We Love our Members)

Place: Will be sent to the study group participants

Limit: Minimum 7 members

Note: Supplies needed will be sent to study group participants

Both Janet and Terrie feel strongly about helping people in need.

S4

NEW

Mystery Day Trippers Closed \$20

Are you daring? Are you adventurous? Please join us for a once-a-month day trip to a different destination. We have lots of adventures planned that will be announced prior.

Leaders: Sybil Lampert 718-440-4886 beachchairsybil@aol.com

Rob Vaiciulis 917-769-4314 robvmail@aol.com

Time: TBD

Dates: Monthly, January – April, 2027 Usually on Sunday

Place: Different adventurous locations

Limit: Minimum 8, maximum 16 members

Note: We will carpool, and some walking will be involved. Meals and admission fees are self-pay.

Sybil and Rob are moving on from their Brandeis cooking adventures to all-day fun-tripping.

SUNDAY

S5 **NEW** Adventures in Jewish Genealogy \$20 **Closed**

Learn to start or continue researching your Jewish genealogy. Obtain advice in choosing family tree software, creating research logs and using internet sites for passenger manifests, naturalization papers, JewishGen and much more.

Leader: Nancy Grayson 425-444-4445 2nancygrayson@gmail.com

Contact: Howard Toff 520-465-0872 htoff@hotmail.com

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Dates: October 11 and November 1

Place: Jewish Community Center 3800 E. River Rd.

Limit: Minimum 5, maximum 12 members

Nancy is co-president of the Southern Arizona Genealogical Society and past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington state. She has presented multiple times at International Jewish Genealogical Society Conferences.

S6 **NEW** Easy Peasy Pizza \$10

Try your hand at this favorite food. We will explore traditional pizza as well as national and international variations.

Leader: Andra Karnofsky 847-975-1711 andra0131@yahoo.com

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Date: October 4, 2026

Place: 4951 E. Winged Foot Dr. (in Skyline Country Club)

Limit: Minimum 5, maximum 15 members

Note: There will be an additional cost for supplies that will be calculated by the number of participants.

Andra is a lifetime baker and owner of “Heavenly Hallah,” a small bread baker devoted to distributing hallahs around the country at Rosh Hashanah. Andra was featured in Joan Nathan’s *The Jewish Holiday Baker Cookbook*. Andra loves sharing baking ideas.

MONDAY

M1 Hiking Group for Men and Women \$20

The hikes will be 3-5 miles, moderate difficulty, with moderate elevation gain. Hikes last approximately 3-4 hours. Our hikes will include Sabino Canyon, Catalina State Park, Saguaro National Park East and West and Sweetwater Preserve.

Leader: Sam Anderson

Coordinator: Sandra Lachter 602-628-9811 slachter@earthlink.net

Time: 8:00 am - noon

Dates: 2nd and 4th Mondays – November through March.

Place: Various hiking trails

Limit: Minimum 15, maximum 20 members

Recommended: Hiking boots, hiking sticks and two liters of water

Sam has enjoyed hiking for many years and has been leading hikes in the Tucson area for over a decade. She lives in Montana and spends the winter months in Tucson.

M2 Couples Dining on Monday Evenings \$20

We are a group of BNC members who enjoy experiencing new and familiar restaurants on a monthly basis.

Leaders: Erica Friedman 847-682-8866 ericafriedman@yahoo.com

Art Friedman 847-909-4669 artfriedman@yahoo.com

Time: 6:00 pm

Dates: 4th Mondays - October through May

Place: Area restaurants

Limit: Maximum 20 members

Erica and Art love meeting new people and sharing meals with other couples. They are always open to suggestions for places to dine.

MONDAY

M3 **NEW** The Periodic Table \$20
The Elements That Make Up the Universe

Participants will learn how the fundamental building blocks of everything combine with one another to form all substances. They will see 83 of the 92 naturally-occurring elements and minerals that contain these elements.

Leader: Dr. Art Friedman 847-909-4669 artfriendman@yahoo.com

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Dates: Bi-Weekly, January 4 – February 15, 2027

Place: 1473 N. Camino Villa Bonita

Limit: Minimum 4, maximum 10 members

Art has a PhD in organic chemistry and has taught at the high school and college level. Since moving to Tucson, he has delighted the members of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Club and the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society with interesting and informative lectures.

M4 **NEW** Use Your Words at the Write Time \$20

This group will focus on sparking creativity and encouraging participants to maintain strong self-expression skills as they age. Activities will include brainstorming to jumpstart writing, sharing personal stories, using prompts to create fiction and exploring poetry. We'll be non-judgmental to create a comfortable space.

Leaders: Ray Kaufman 973-950-9101 hrkaufman45@gmail.com

Evie Varady 520-250-2158 evie.varady@gmail.com

Time: 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Dates: Nov. 2 on Zoom then 1st & 3rd Mondays January - April

Place: TBD

Limit: Minimum 5, maximum 10 members

Ray has moderated a Brandeis creative writing study group for several years. Evie has an MA in English and has been a participant or facilitator in multiple writing groups.

MONDAY

M5

Sit 'n' Stitch

\$20

Calling all “stitchers” to Sit ‘n’ Stitch! If you have ever used a needle of any type, we have room for you. Bring your UFOs (Unfinished Objects) or WIPs (Works in Progress) and a bag lunch. We’ll meet in each other’s homes to sit, stitch, schmooze and help each other complete our treasures. We look forward to your company.

Leader: Lois Bodin 702-219-6704 loisbodin@gmail.com

Time: 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Dates: Third Monday - September 2026 through August 2027

Place: Participants’ homes

Limit: Maximum 12 members

Lois is hooked on knitting, needlepoint, cross-stitch or whatever. When watching TV or at a meeting, her hands are always busy. She shares patterns!

M6

Game Night Closed(see page 47) \$20

A fun, friendly and festive group which requires no previous skills with “easy-to-pick-up” directions. Rummikub, Dominos, Pictionary and Spoons are examples of the fun ahead.

Leaders: Denise Frenz 813-486-9991 dfrenz290@gmail.com

Chuck Frenz 813-321-9848

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Dates: Third Monday – October through March

Place Frenz Home: 6211 N. Camino Almonte

Limit: Minimum 6, maximum 12 members

Denise and Chuck have always enjoyed games and get-togethers. They look forward to having fun with their Brandeis friends.

MONDAY

M7

Learn and Play Canasta

\$20

Learn and play Modern American Canasta, **NOT hand, knee and foot**. Men and women are welcome. For beginners, we will learn, play and watch for 10 weeks. Those who are not beginners will play with those of their same ability. After 10 weeks of learning, the group can arrange for their own regular games. Like most games, Canasta has many levels and nuances and requires skill and strategy—and luck doesn't hurt. We will pause for lunch together.

Leader: Leslee Drogowitz 561-504-3123 leslee44@gmail.com

Time: 11:00 – 2:30 pm

Dates: Every Monday December through February

Place: TBD

Limit: Minimum 6, Maximum 12 members

Leslee loves Canasta. She has not been able to find people who play since she moved here 3 years ago. Ergo, teach it, make friends and find people who can play at her level. Participants will be asked to contribute \$7-8 to purchase canasta sets for group use. These sets will be raffled to the participants at the end of the classes.

**Check out our website:
www.brandeistucson.org**

MONDAY

M8 **NEW** Learn to Play Mah Jongg \$20

Closed

It couldn't be easier...pick up, swap and discard tiles until you get a winning hand and call "Mah Jongg". This is a beginner class. You will learn the basics of play for American Mah Jongg. It's a small class with individual attention, hands-on activity and real-time play. My strategy for learning the game may be unique but successful, possibly due to my previous training as a school teacher. After attending 6 consecutive sessions you'll be ready to play. Mah Jongg requires skill, strategy, calculation and a little luck. After 6 weeks we will continue to play weekly.

Leader: Davya Cohen Contact information in directory

Time: 10:00 – Noon

Dates: Every Monday October 5 through December 7

Place: Davya's home

Limit: Minimum 4, Maximum 8 members

Note: Each member will be required to purchase a 2026 Mah Jongg card.

Davya learned to play Mahj as a child and rediscovered the game in recent years.

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TUESDAY

Tu1

Wine Tasting Happy Hour

\$20

We will taste wines, sample appetizers and socialize. It's an enjoyable way to learn about wines. Each gathering will focus on a particular county of origin or a particular varietal—or a “Blind Tasting”. A week or two prior, 1/3 of attendees will be given instructions and an assignment to bring wine (under \$25 per bottle), 1/3 will bring an appetizer and the remaining 1/3 will just come to enjoy. We'll rotate assignments. We'll meet in members' homes as we taste wines from around the world, nibble on treats and get to know one another.

Leaders: Amy & Paul Schwartz 516-413-0132 amys60@gmail.com
pschwartz6801@gmail.com

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Dates: Third Tuesday - November through April

Place: Announced before each event

Limit: Maximum 12 members

“Life is too short to drink bad wine.”

Tu2

Men Who Lunch

\$20

Join this group of men to meet and socialize over self-pay lunch. This is also an opportunity to get to know new people.

Leaders: Bob Fridrich 520-488-5443 bob.lisa96@gmail.com
Reuben Weisz 505-239-3660 reuben@weisz.org

Time: Noon

Dates: Second Tuesday - October through March

Place: To be announced each month

Limit: Minimum 7, maximum 16 members

Bob is a retired podiatrist who enjoys playing bridge, swimming and getting together with friends. Reuben used to work for the USDA Forest Service, so each month we'll tree-t you to good food and good food for thought.

TUESDAY

Tu3 **Couples Who Dine Too!** \$20
Closed

We are a group of BNC members who enjoy dining out and socializing with others

Leaders: Stuart Lorch 818-456-8669 slinc07@aol.com
 Yvonne Lorch 818-590-8403 yslorch@gmail.com
Time: 6:00 pm
Dates: 3rd Tuesday - September through April
Place: Restaurant will be announced before each dinner
Limit: Maximum 10 members

Stuart and Yvonne have been members of BNC for a couple of years and enjoy leading this Study Group.

Tu4 **NEW** **Couples Who Dine Too II** \$20
Closed

We are a group of BNC members who enjoy meeting new people and trying out new restaurants

Leaders: Wendy & Richard Feldman 216-469-7345
 wfeldmanaz@gmail.com
 Marianne & Stuart Taussig 312-613-5155
 mstaussig2@comcast.net
Time: 6:00 pm
Dates: 3rd Tuesday - November through April
Place: Restaurant will be announced before each dinner
Limit: Maximum 10 members

The Feldmans & Taussigs have been BNC members for many years and look forward to socializing with BNC members.

TUESDAY

Tu5 **Interesting Women Lunching**
Outdoors \$20

Each month the leader will contact members a week ahead of time with the topic for discussion (in addition to whatever else we want to discuss) and ask for an RSVP. When you have RSVP'd, she will tell you the name of the restaurant chosen for that month.

Leader: Judith D Meyer 520-275-7147
judithdmeyer3785@gmail.com

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Dates: First Tuesday - November through April (except 1st meeting will be on November 11)

Place: To be announced each month

Note: Plan to dress for the weather to be comfortable. If we have severe weather, we may move indoors.

Judith loves to discuss things meaningful to our lives with some of the fascinating women of BNC. Her background is in music first, then law. Now she is happily retired and finding new interests. Come join her!

Tu6 **NEW** **Beaded Bliss** Closed \$10

Learn to make stretchy beaded bracelets! We will meet at noon to pick out our beads and at 1:00 begin making our bracelets. Once we master these, the possibilities are endless.

Leader: Sandi Prout

Facilitator: Terrie Sherman Contact information in directory

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Date: October 20, 2026

Place: Elegant Beads and Artisan Gallery
5735 E. Speedway 520-393-8873

Minimum: 4, Maximum: 6 members

Sandi Prout has owned Elegant Beads and Artisan Gallery for 25 years. Terrie has had many items repaired and created by Sandi.

TUESDAY

Tu7 **NEW** **Succulent Shenanigans** \$10

Please join us for a fun morning of creating your own cactus or succulent garden in a decorative pumpkin pot. These arrangements are perfect for the fall and winter holidays or to enjoy all year round.

Leader: Haley Stevenson
Facilitator: Terrie Sherman Contact information in directory
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Date: October 27, 2026
Limit: Minimum 7, Maximum 20 members
Note: \$25 charge for supplies, including pot and plants
Haley, the General Manager of Cactus and Koi, will be assisting in choosing cactus or succulents and answering any questions.
Terrie will be there to share her love for desert plants.

Tu8 **Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies** \$20
Closed

Enjoy one of the latest movie features on the big screen!
Tuesday afternoon matinee followed by a self-pay dinner at a nearby restaurant to discuss the movie.

Leader: Wendy Yanow 414-803-4289 wammy18@gmail.com
Time: Mid-afternoon matinee
Dates: 4th Tuesday – September through May (will go through summer if group wishes)
Place: A variety of local movie theaters
Limit: Minimum 5, Maximum 15 members
Note: Wendy buys the tickets prior to the movies and collects repayment

Watching movies with a group turns a simple film into a shared experience. You enjoy the big screen, the comfy seats and the fun of reacting, laughing or discussing the story with others Afterward. Movies are more fun when you watch them together!

TUESDAY

Tu9 **NEW** **Tuesday Afternoon
at the Movies II** Closed \$20

Enjoy one of the latest movie features on the big screen!
Tuesday afternoon matinee will be followed by a self-pay
dinner at a nearby restaurant to discuss the movie.

Leader: Sybil Lampert 718-440-4886 beachchairsybil@aol.com

Time: Last matinee of the day

Dates: 3rd Tuesday – November through May (will go through
summer with Wendy's group)

Place: Local Movie Theater

Limit: Minimum 5, Maximum 15 members

Note: Self-pay theater ticket

Sybil's memories of going to the movies as a child involve 5
cartoons, 1 serial thriller and 2 full-length movies. Now she's
making new memories on Tuesday afternoons—and it's much
more fun with a group of new friends.

Tu10 **NEW** **Best Brunches in Tucson** \$20

Join our casual brunch group that meets once a month - good
food, easy conversation and a chance to connect.

Leaders: Wendy Yanow 414-803-4289 wammy18@gmail.com

Janet Miller 414-350-6840 jbmiller1950@gmail.com

Dianne Selco 904-649-1091 dianne.selco@gmail.com

Time: 10:00am

Dates: 3rd Tuesday – September through May

Place: Local spots (we will rotate)

Limit: Maximum 15 hungry members (brunch is self-pay)

The three of us love to explore different local restaurants, enjoy
good food and connect with new friends.

TUESDAY

Tu11 Lunch With Friends Closed \$20

Calling girlfriends both old and new to join us for lunch and shmoozing! Once a month, we meet, order lunch and enjoy the company of friends. It is always a pleasure to renew acquaintances and meet new ones. RSVP is required.

Leaders: Janet Arffa 520-270-6243 janet.e.arffa@gmail.com
Barbara Heft 301-518-6529 barbara.heft@gmail.com
Ray Kaufman 973-650-9101 hrkaufman45@gmail.com
Lisa Ungar 520-304-2443 bob.lisa96@gmail.com

Time: 12:30 – 2:00pm

Dates: 2nd Tuesday - December through April

Place: Restaurant will be announced before each lunch

Limit: Minimum 8, maximum 18 members

Lisa is a long-time resident of Tucson. Ray is a winter visitor from NJ. Barbara and Janet are relatively new to Tucson's BNC chapter. All four ladies love discovering new restaurants, introducing people to their favorites, sharing our city, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Tu12 **NEW** Current Issues in Closed \$20 Supreme Court Jurisprudence

We will discuss recent Supreme Court decisions regarding such matters as voting rights, presidential powers, electronic surveillance or whatever issues come to the fore this season. Please feel free to submit suggested topics of interest.

Leader: John Risberg 314-791-2960 risberg520@gmail.com

Time: 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Dates: Third Tuesday – December 2026 – March 2027

Place: Handmaker Rubin TV Room, 2221 N Rosemont Blvd.

Limit: Minimum 3, maximum 12 members

John has practiced corporate law for almost 50 years and has an abiding interest in issues of Constitutional law.

WEDNESDAY

W1 **Meet Your Winged Friends** \$20

Tucson and Southern Arizona provide a rich and varied habitat for many of nature's wonders. This class will offer a series of presentations on the beautiful birds that share our corner of the world. We will meet our backyard birds, snow birds, duck and waterfowl, raptors and owls.

Leader: Dan Weisz 520-409-4182 dan@weisz.org
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Dates: First Wednesday – November through March
Place: Handmaker 2221 N Rosemont Blvd.
Limit: Minimum 8, maximum 32 members

Dan has always had an interest in nature and our desert. When he retired, he took up photography and birding more regularly. Dan volunteers with the Raptor Free Flight program at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. His photographs have been on exhibit around Tucson and featured in publications.

W2 **You Gotta Have Art** Closed \$20

Join us for an afternoon of art. Experience a visit to an artist's studio or home, or a behind-the-scenes visit to a gallery or museum. Observe and learn more about the fabrication of visual media. Discover what inspires creativity and what's behind the creation of a piece of art.

Leader: Davya Cohen Contact information in directory

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Dates: Third Wednesday October - April
Place: To be announced each month
Limit: Minimum 12, Maximum 24 members

Davya is a self-taught, award-winning colored pencil artist who has taught drawing and colored pencil art spanning the past 45 years.

WEDNESDAY

W3 **NEW** Exploring the Best Mexican Restaurants in Tucson \$20 **Closed**

Tucson does love to brag that it has the best Mexican food in the U.S.— and honestly, it has a point. Based on the top-rated spots from the search results, we have a fantastic mix of classic Sonoran, modern upscale and street-style favorites to explore.

Leader: Wendy Yanow 414-803-4289 wammy18@gmail.com

Time: 5:30pm

Dates: Second Wednesday – September through April

Place: Various Mexican restaurants

Limit: Minimum 5, maximum 15 members (dinner is self-pay)

Who does not love to eat? I do! I enjoy eating enchiladas but want to expand my horizons eating Mexican food. There are so many restaurants that I haven't had the opportunity to visit.

W4 **NEW** The Brandeis Happy Hour!! \$20

Every month we will learn about a different spirit and sample cocktails using that spirit. The host each month will do a little research about that month's spirit.

Leader: Barbara Wilder 847-274-4219 barbara1630@gmail.com

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 or whenever we are done visiting

Dates: Third Wednesday November - April

Place: We will rotate homes

Limit: Minimum 12, Maximum 18 members

Note: Each member will provide required drink contents over the course of the group

As a social worker, Barbara's background has nothing to do with alcohol, but she loves to bring people together to meet, perhaps to learn and to just have a good time.

WEDNESDAY

W5

NEW

Films from a Psychiatrist's

Point of View

\$20

The film group will meet once per month. Dr. Meyer will announce each month's film several weeks in advance. The films will be available on popular streaming services. Dr. Meyer will present each month's film at the beginning of each meeting. The emphasis will be on the psychological issues present in the film. The members will be required to view the film so the group can have a lively discussion.

Leaders: Richard B. Meyer, MD 520-834-6449

drmeyeraz@hotmail.com

Judith D. Meyer 520-275-7147

Judithdmeyer3785@gmail.com

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Dates: Second Wednesday November - April

Place: Zoom

Limit: Minimum 6, Maximum 16 members

Dr. Meyer has practiced adult general psychiatry for more than 45 years, and he is an avid film buff.

**Check out our website:
www.brandeistucson.org**

WEDNESDAY

W6 **Contemporary Fiction Book Club** \$20

If you are looking for great award-winning reading and dynamic discussions, this is the group for you. Everyone can attend either on Zoom or in person where we enjoy a delicious self-pay lunch during our discussions in a private room. The first book in September will be *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

Leader: Barbara Schlieper 206-388-8143

barbara.schlieper@gmail.com

In-Person Facilitator: Morleen Novitt 516-642-5331

ofnotucson2@gmail.com

Zoom Facilitator: Judith Meyer 520-275-7147

judithdmeyer3785@gmail.com

Time: 10:00 am – noon Zoom or Noon – 2:00 pm in person

Dates: First Wednesday – September 2026 through August 2027

Place: Zoom or Coffee Xchange 6841 E. Camino Principal

Limit: Maximum 35 members

Barbara, Morleen and Judith are passionate readers and look forward to lively discussions about each book.

**Check out our website:
www.brandeistucson.org**

WEDNESDAY

W7

Mystery Book Group

\$20

Mysteries engage the human brain with rewarding puzzle and problem solving. Adding mysteries to life sharpens thinking, fuels curiosity and sparks adventure. Our group chooses mysteries that have complex characters, interesting settings, tackle social issues, can be mentally challenging and maybe even teach us something! We meet on Zoom with books chosen by our members. Each month, one member leads the discussion of the book he/she selected.

Leaders: Marcia Sabesin 312-501-0352 marciasabesin@gmail.com

Bettie Menchik 517-402-3903 menchikb@msu.edu

Time: 10:00 am – noon

Dates: Third Wednesday - October through September

Place: Zoom

Limit: Minimum 6, maximum 20 members

Marcia is a New Yorker who happens to live in Chicago and aspires to live in Tucson full time. Bettie lives in Michigan and aspires to spend more time with her grandsons in Tucson. She also loves to travel, read and spend time in the mountains.

**Check out our website:
www.brandeistucson.org**

WEDNESDAY

W8

Page Turners Book Club

\$20

A small, intimate group of book lovers explores and discusses a wide variety of books. These books may or may not be on the best seller lists, but they are guaranteed to provoke interesting discussion. Participants take turns leading the discussion if they're comfortable doing so. This is a fun, relaxed group. The first book we will read is *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

Leader: Deanna Mendelow 520- 232-0852 dmendelow@gmail.com

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am

Dates: Second Wednesday – September through May

Place: Tucson JCC

Limit: Minimum 10, Maximum 20 members

Deanna has always been an avid reader. She enjoys reading an eclectic mix of good books, especially when this is followed by lively discussion and diverse views about the ideas presented in the book.

W9

NEW

Pizza Pie-Ology

Closed

\$20

Join us as we explore and taste a variety of delicious pizzas around Tucson, including Neapolitan, Sicilian, deep-dish etc. Most restaurants will offer alternative dishes for those who prefer something else. Some restaurants may require cash. We will let you know in advance. Another great opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

Leader: Mike Frumkin 509-994-9715 mfrumkin1@yahoo.com

Facilitator: Dianne Selco 904-649-1092 dianne.selco@gmail.com

Time: 11:30 am

Dates: 4th Wednesday – November through March

Place: Location will be emailed the week before the event

Limit: Minimum 4, Maximum 10 members

Mike is a pizza connoisseur! It is one of his favorite dishes. He is also an alumnus of Brandeis University.

THURSDAY

Th1 **Bridge: Intermediate Plus** \$20

We will play contract bridge, keeping score and using bidding boxes. We will not provide any lessons so players should be familiar with current rules. We will rotate players if the attendance is not a multiple of four players. We are serious players, but not competitive. If you like, we can meet at the JCC café for lunch before playing. It's a good time to chat and socialize.

Leaders: Janet Miller 414-350-6840 jbmiller1950@gmail.com
 Marcia Sabesin 312-501-0352 marciasabesin@gmail.com
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Dates: Every Thursday – September 24, 2026 through May 2027
Place: Jewish Community Center 3800 E. River Road
 Room to be determined
Limit: Minimum 8, Maximum 16 members

Marcia and Janet are long-time bridge players. They enjoy the socialization and the mental stimulus that comes with playing bridge and hope to stimulate the group to do the same.

Th2 **Ladies' Night Out** \$20

We will have an evening of dining and schmoozing. Each month we will eat at a different restaurant with a self-pay dinner.

Leaders: Tammy Strobel 516-429-0222 tammystrobel95@gmail.com
 Joan Penner 732-616-8408 jomarzona@hotmail.com
Time: 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Dates: Fourth Thursday - September through April
Places: Various restaurants announced in advance.

As much as we both love to cook, we love to eat out and try different Tucson restaurants. Join us as we dine around Tucson each month and enjoy schmoozing it up!

THURSDAY

Th3

Behind the Scenes Closed \$20

I invite you to join me in some “behind the scenes” tours of new, unusual and lesser-known venues. Afterward, there’s an option to enjoy self-pay lunch at a nearby restaurant. Together, let’s enjoy discovering different sides of our city!

Leader: Lisa Ungar 520-304-2443 bob.lisa96@gmail.com

Time: 10:00am - Noon (times may vary, depending on the venue)

Dates: First Thursday - December through March

Places: Various locations around Tucson

Limit: Minimum 12, Maximum 32 members

Lisa is a long-time resident who enjoys exploring Tucson and sharing our unique city with newcomers and long-time residents. After all these years, there’s still much to discover in and around our city.

Th4 **NEW Introduction to Southwestern Native American Jewelry** Closed \$10

We will focus on the origin, history and design of Southwestern Native American Jewelry from prehistoric to modern day. Actual items from Hopi, Zuni and Navajo nations will be shown and discussed. Your questions and comments are encouraged.

Leader: Jerry Freund 520-907-5417 jfreund1941@gmail.com

Contact: Maxine Goldstein 203-912-3335 mbgold77@yahoo.com

Time: 10:00 – 11:30am

Date: January 28, 2027

Place: Medicine Man Gallery, 6872 E. Sunrise Dr., Unit 130

Limit: Maximum 25 members

Jerry began to collect Native American artifacts at age 14. After a long career in health care, Jerry began a second career at Medicine Man Gallery and has been affiliated with the gallery for 26 years.

THURSDAY

Th5 **Walk, Talk and Coffee Closed** \$20

Our weather is perfect to enjoy morning walks on easy paved paths. We alternate between favorite historic neighborhoods, newer and interesting neighborhoods to walking along the Rillito River Loop. These approximately 90-minute walks will be a breeze as we “walk and talk.” Those wanting to continue the conversation may linger over self-pay beverage and treats at a nearby restaurant or cafe.

Leaders: Lisa Ungar 520-304-2443 bob.lisa96@gmail.com
Shelly Abell 520-409-2346 reabell@aol.com

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am followed by optional coffee/beverage

Dates: Second and fourth Thursday – Oct. 22 through April 8

Limit: Minimum 8, maximum 24 members

Recommended: Hat, sunscreen and water bottle

Lisa enjoys exploring Tucson through walking in a variety of areas of our town. This is so much more fun when shared with friends. Shelly enjoys seeing old and making new friends and visiting tried and true spots or new places while sharing great conversation.

Th6 **Challah Baking** \$10

Bakers will learn about the history of challah and how to make a challah. A lesson on bread-making in general and a batch to take home will round out this one session. A list of ingredients and utensils will be sent prior to the class.

Leader: Erica Friedman 847-682-8866 ericafriedman@yahoo.com

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Dates: November 19, 2026

Place: 1473 N. Camino Villa Bonita

Note: Participants will be required to bring some supplies that will be communicated prior to the study group.

My first challah was a bust, but what an evolution to great tasting challah! You have had my baking at two closing events, and I understand there was a standing ovation.

THURSDAY

Th7 **Jewish Religious & Ritual Objects** \$20

This group will discuss the historical value of ritual and heirloom Judaica. We'll examine ancient Judaeon pottery and coins, and ritual objects will be presented along with methods of determining age and authenticity. Participants can share family heirlooms and relate their personal significance.

Leader: Dr. Art Friedman 520-344-7201 artfriedman@yahoo.com

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Dates: November 19, 2026; December 17, 2026; January 21, 2027

Place: Handmaker 2221 N Rosemont Blvd.

Limit: Minimum 7 members

Art Friedman has been a collector of Judaica for over 40 years and has an extensive collection dating from about 1000 BCE to modern times.

Th8 **Franklin Automobile Museum** \$10

Herbert H. Franklin was an industrialist who developed the process of die casting metal. From there he forayed into automobile manufacturing with the Franklin automobile. Franklins were built from 1902 – 1934. They were air cooled and used aluminum instead of steel.

Leader: Ernie Shack 480-621-0954 eshack143@yahoo.com

Time: 10:30am

Date: November 5, 2026

Place: 1405 E. Kleindale Road

Limit: Maximum: 20 members

Ernie has been an admirer of automobile history primarily for their contributions to safety and reliability.

THURSDAY

Th9

Mineral Madness

\$20

Tucson has a world-famous mineral show each year, attracting people from many different countries. Everyone loves looking at minerals and gemstones. In this study group we will learn how to classify and identify minerals, what determines rarity and price, and where is the best place to make a purchase.

Leader: Dr. Art Friedman 520-344-7201 artfriedman@yahoo.com

Time: 2:00 -3:00 pm

Dates: First Thursday - December 2026 – January 2027

Locations: Handmaker, 2221 N. Rosemont Blvd.

Mineral Show

Norville Mineral Museum

limit: Minimum 7 members

Art Friedman has been an avid mineral collector for over 65 years, is a member of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and a docent at the Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum.

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THURSDAY

Th10 **NEW** Pre-Purim Hamantaschen Bake \$10

Enjoy baking hamantaschen and share recipes for unique fillings. Learn about the history of the cookie and more about Purim—the story, Purim in other places, etc.

Leader: Erica Friedman 847-682-8866 ericafriedman@yahoo.com

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Date change Sunday

Date: Thursday March 11, 2027 **March 14 @ 10:30 am**

Place: 1473 N. Camino Villa Bonita

Limit: Minimum: 5, Maximum: 13 members

Note: Erica will communicate what you need to bring or the cost of supplies before the event. If you have some unusual fillings, let her know.

Erica's hamantaschen have earned the accolades of all who have received her Mishloach manot. She has led adult study groups and will share some interesting facts about Purim.

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THURSDAY

Th11 **Classical Music with Harvey Wolfe** \$20

Here they are the Four B's: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and a mystery fourth or more. Harvey will discuss the relationships in the music of these well-known masters. He will guide us through the music and entertain us with interesting anecdotes about their lives. You don't want to miss his unique presentations.

Leader: Harvey Wolfe 520-299-3192
harveyswolfe@aol.com

Contact: Ruth Friedman 520-749-1840
rafriedman@aol.com

Time: **2:00 – 3:30 pm**

Dates: Every **Thursday** - February 11 thru March 11, 2027

Place: Handmaker, 2221 N Rosemont Blvd.

Limit: Minimum 15, Maximum 35 members

Harvey, a retired cellist from the Cleveland Orchestra, has performed professionally for 60 years on five continents with most major conductors and soloists. He has taught music at the College of Wooster and Arizona State University, among other schools. He is a popular, knowledgeable and entertaining speaker who has delighted Brandeis members for 14 years.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME

FRIDAY

F1 **NEW** **The Role and Influence** \$20
Of Media on Politics **Closed**

We will learn to have a healthy skepticism about the media we consume (especially in the context of political campaigns), and leave with a better understanding of what it means to be “media literate”. It will be both an educational and entertaining class.

Leader: Eli Bleich 203-829-7058 eli.f.bleich@gmail.com
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Date: Every Friday January 8 – 29, 2027
Place: Jewish Community Center, 3800 E. River Rd.
Limit: No limit

Eli graduated from NYU’s Film School. He began his career with CBS News in New York editing projects with Walter Cronkite and Mike Wallace. He then moved to Charles Guggenheim Productions as a political media consultant. He formed Mediagroup Inc which participated in more than 100 political campaigns and was an adjunct Professor of Media and Politics at NYU’s Graduate School of Politics.

Check out our website:
www.brandeistucson.org

FRIDAY

F2 **Just Desserts: Afternoon Delights** \$20

Enjoy this as a gift to ourselves: sharing a relaxed afternoon with friends while enjoying our “just desserts.” What could be better than conversation and a decadent dessert (or two) between friends?

Leaders: Lisa Ungar 520-304-2443 bob.lisa96@gmail.com
Ann Meisner 206-822-7773 hitthedirt@msn.com

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Dates: Third Friday, December through April

Place: Specific details will be emailed to those attending

Limit: Minimum 8 Maximum 20 members

Who can resist the premise of this deliciously decadent afternoon?! Ann and Lisa are excited to discover delicious dessert places and meet new people. Keeping an eye on the prize, they typically look at the dessert choices before ordering their meals.

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FRIDAY

F3

NEW

Let's Monkey Around at the Zoo! **Closed**

\$10

Reid Park Zoo is a favorite attraction in Tucson. We will have a docent-led tour to various areas of the zoo, including the new area, Pathways to Asia. The expansion will introduce Komodo dragons, red pandas, gibbons, sand cats and fruit bats to the zoo. The exhibit marks the return of Malayan tigers to Tucson, establishing the zoo as a dedicated conservation and breeding center for the endangered cats.

Leaders: Stevie Zinman 520-979-6714 sgzinman@aol.com
Norma Palmer 520-444-7267 normadave1@aol.com

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Date: February 5, 2027

Place: Reid Park Zoo 3400 E. Zoo St.

Limit: Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20 members

Note: Complimentary entry passes are available

Stevie and Norma are docents at the Reid Park Zoo. They love spending time there and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge with us.

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FRIDAY

F4

NEW

Mosaic Tile Perfection

\$10

You may not know it, but you have seen beautiful tile works around town that were created at Santa Theresa Tile Works. First we'll take a tour of the shop. Then you have the option of creating your own art with the help of artists. They have many options which you can see on their website www.santatheresatileworks.com.

Leader: Wendy Yanow 414-803-4289 wammy18@gmail.com

Time: 10:00 am

Date: January 21, 2027 **Thursday not Friday**

Place: Santa Theresa Tile Works 440 N. 6th Ave.

Limit: Maximum: 15 members

Note: There will be a donation of \$10 benefitting the Imago Dei Middle School, a free private school for low-income families. The cost for your art creation starts at \$48.

Wendy has enjoyed making art in the past and is sure this will be a pleasant surprise for all of us.

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SATURDAY

Sa1 **Havdalah, Dessert & Antiquities** \$10

Join us for Havdalah and dessert and bring an heirloom to share. We will have our collection for you to enjoy. This was originally created to be a Judaica/Family Heirloom session at the Antiques Road Show. And, of course, a social event. You don't need to have something to bring, just a desire to learn, celebrate Havdalah and have dessert.

Leader: Art Friedman 520-344-7201 artfriedman@yahoo.com
Time: 7:30 pm
Date: January 9, 2027
Place: Friedman's home on east side
Limit: Minimum: 6, Maximum: 20 members

Art has been collecting Judaic artifacts for many years. He loves sharing his collection as well as learning about everyone else's beloved heirlooms.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New Member ☐ Returning Member
☐ Single Membership (\$70) ☐ Couple Membership (\$110)

Name _____

Couples: Spouse/partner _____

Tucson address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Summer address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Estimated return to Tucson _____

Phone if different in summer _____

Please make checks payable to **BNC** and mail to
Terrie Sherman
Address in Directory

Please write a **separate** check for your membership dues.

Dues cannot be combined with fees for courses.

***If you choose to renew on the Brandeis National website,
please email your receipt to Terrie at address in Directory*

Your dues cover from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Questions? Please contact our Membership chairs:

Ray Kaufman rayhrkaufman45@gmail.com 973-650-9101

Sybil Lampert beachchairsybil@aol.com 718-440-4886

First-time New Members Receive One Course Free

REGISTRATION FORM

*Courses are open to current 2026-27 members. If you haven't renewed yet, please fill out your membership form (p. 38) and submit with a **separate** check for \$70 or \$110 (couple).*

Full / Cancelled Courses

- Mailing in your registration **does not guarantee admittance** into a selected class. If a class is full, we will try our best to accommodate you. If we cannot, you will be notified.
- Study Group Leaders reserve the right to add sections or cancel courses.
- Refunds are offered if a class is canceled or oversubscribed. To obtain a refund, email details to Terrie Sherman at address in Directory

Costs for courses

- One-time courses are \$10. All other courses are \$20, regardless of the number of sessions.
- If a couple signs up, each individual pays a separate course fee.
- All meals and admission fees are self-pay.

Learn more about courses

- Current members or guests may visit any one course once if the course has at least three sessions and if space is available. (Dues and course fees must be paid to continue attending.)
- If you are hesitant to register because of any questions you have about a Study Group, please reach out to the listed leader or contact person. They will be more than happy to share information with you.

Expect to be absent?

- Course members are expected to email or text the study group leader in advance if they are unable to attend a session.
- If you miss two sessions without contacting the leader, you will be dropped and no course fee refunded.

Health comes first

If you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or may have been exposed to Covid or other infectious disease, please stay home.

Please tear out this page and send with course checklist.

REGISTRATION FORM

To register, you **MUST** mail **ONE** Registration Form and **ONE** Course Checklist for **EACH** member with one check payable to “BNC” for the total cost of all courses. If two registrants are on one form, the form will be returned.

Mail **no earlier than July 20** from anywhere in the country. Envelopes received with a **July 20 postmark** are processed first. Envelopes postmarked before or after July 20 are processed last.

Mail to: Terrie Sherman
Address in Directory

Name _____

Email _____

Preferred Phone _____

Winter Residents –Date of Tucson Arrival _____

Out-of-town phone: _____

Your canceled check is your confirmation.

Total amount of courses signed up for \$ _____

I understand that I may not be able to join a course that I’ve signed up for if it is over-subscribed. And I understand that if I miss two sessions without contacting the leader, I may be

Do you expect to miss more than half of the classes? (Trips, etc.)
No problem, but please make a note below so that the group leader can choose to accept more people accordingly.

Please complete both sides and tear out this page to return.

COURSE CHECKLIST

Check off your selected courses:

☐	S1	Passover Desserts!.....	\$10
☐	S2	Bake, Share, Swap & Donate Cookies.....	\$10
☐	S3	Tikkun Olam.....	\$10
☐	S4	Mystery Day Trippers.....	\$20
☐	S5	Adventures in Jewish Genealogy.....	\$20
☐	S6	Easy Peasy Pizza.....	\$10
☐	M1	Hiking Group for Men and Women.....	\$20
☐	M2	Couples Dining on Monday Evenings.....	\$20
☐	M3	The Periodic Table.....	\$20
☐	M4	Use Your Words at the Write Time.....	\$20
☐	M5	Sit 'n' Stitch.....	\$20
☐	M6	Game Night...or Game Night 2	\$20
☐	M7	Learn and Play Canasta.....	\$20
☐	M8	Learn to Play Mah Jongg.....	\$20
☐	Tu1	Wine Tasting Happy Hour.....	\$20
☐	Tu2	Men Who Lunch	\$20
☐	Tu3	Couples Who Dine Too!.....	\$20
☐	Tu4	Couples Who Dine Too II	\$20
☐	Tu5	Interesting Women Lunching Outdoors.....	\$20
☐	Tu6	Beaded Bliss	\$10
☐	Tu7	Succulent Shenanigans	\$10
☐	Tu8	Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies.....	\$20
☐	Tu9	Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies II.....	\$20
☐	Tu10	Best Brunches in Tucson	\$20
☐	Tu11	Lunch With Friends	\$20
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Name_____ Phone_____

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Total.....\$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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**To contact the Tucson Brandeis Chapter, email:
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BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Brandeis University is a private university founded in 1948 and named after Louis Brandeis (1856-1941), who became the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice in the United States in 1916. The 235-acre campus is located in Waltham, Massachusetts, on the site of the former Middlesex University, the only medical school at that time in Massachusetts that did not impose an enrollment quota on Jews.

Today more than 3,600 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students from all over the world attend Brandeis, which is classified as a “Most Selective” school with a 40.5 percent acceptance rate.

Mission Statement

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

More than 21,000 people belong to Brandeis National Committee across the United States. Since its founding, also in 1948, BNC has contributed more than \$215 million to the University.

One of only 25 chapters, the Tucson BNC chapter was launched in 1952 and is open to members of all faiths. We offer opportunities for intellectual pursuit, community service, social interaction, personal enrichment, and leadership development. We give a scholarship to a Tucson-area Brandeis student, and our major fundraiser, the annual Book and Author Event, supports one the University’s many programs.

“At its core, Brandeis is animated by a set of values that are rooted in Jewish history and experience. The first of these is a reverence for learning.” -- from the University’s website

New Study Groups

New

Game Night 2

\$20

A fun and friendly group getting together to schmooze and play easy to learn games such as Rummikub, Dominos, and Sequence.

Leader: Mindy Hirsh 516-965-9284 mindys.hirsh@gmail.com

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Dates: Third Monday – October through March

Place Hirsh Home, East Side of Tucson

Limit: Minimum 4, maximum 8 members

Looking forward to having fun with my Brandeis friends.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

2026

Tisha B'Av	July 22 - 23
Rosh Hashanah, 5787	September 11 - 13
Kol Nidre	September 20
Yom Kippur	September 21
Sukkot	September 25 – October 2
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	October 2 - 4
Hanukkah	December 4 - 12
Christmas	December 25

2027

Purim	March 22 - 23
Good Friday	March 26
Easter	March 28
Passover	April 21 - 29
Shavuot	June 10 - 12
Tisha B'Av	August 11-12
Rosh Hashanah, 5788	October 1 - 3
Kol Nidre	October 10
Yom Kippur	October 11
Sukkot	October 15 - 22
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	October 22 - 24
Hanukkah	December 24 – January 1
Christmas	December 25