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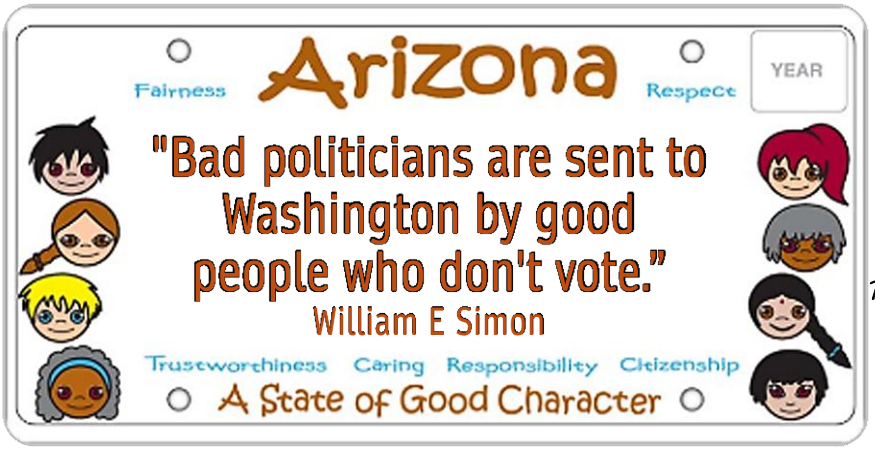
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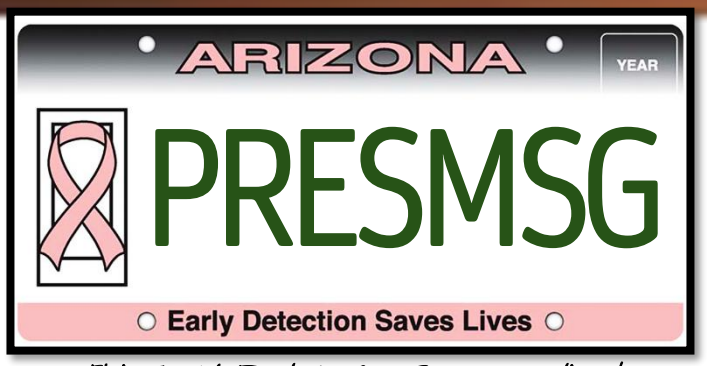


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Presidents' Message

Fall has finally come to Tucson which means our Tucson Brandeis chapter activities are in full swing. Our Opening event, chaired by Wendy Yanow, was a huge success: an outstanding speaker, a chance to see and enjoy the works of our talented members, Davya Cohen's lovely tribute of Marsha Rosenblum, and most exciting, the reveal of the incredible authors for our March Book and Author Event.

Tucson Brandeis's calendar is incredibly full before March. Watch for details about our December Holiday Party, chaired by Denise Frenz and Linda Behr; the always interesting and engaging January University on Wheels with a Brandeis University professor, chaired by Linda Behr, Terrie Sherman and Ray Kaufman; We Love Our Members event in February, chaired by Rachel Barker, and culminating in our Closing Event in April, chaired by Annette Crimisi.

All of the above while we're enjoying our many, many engaging Study Groups.

What a talented and amazing group we are!

Happy Thanksgiving. Stay healthy so you don't miss any of our terrific events.

Erica Friedman and Marianne Taussig



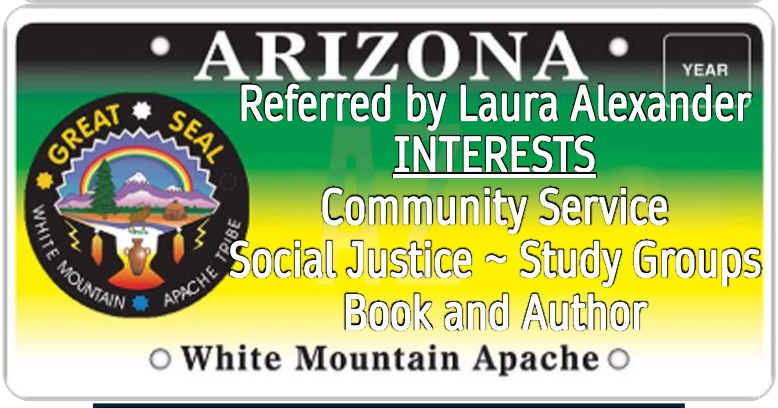


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New Members









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Save the Dates!

UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

JANUARY 12TH, 2027

We are pleased to announce our next University on Wheels. Daniel Thomas Kryder is a professor of Politics at Brandeis. His students note that he is "hilarious" and that his classes are deeply engaging. Outside the classroom , he is rated as an articulate and accessible communicator who successfully blends academic depth with a sharp sense of humor. Although we don't have his exact political topic yet, his reviews ensure it will be an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation.

Any questions or comments, please contact
Terrie Sherman 520-471-2474 or Linda Behr 520-481-8474

BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT

MARCH 10th and 11th, 2027
Hacienda del Sol

Join us at the beautiful Hacienda del Sol, Tucson's historic jewel, for two unforgettable days of inspiring stories, engaging conversations, and literary discovery.

Four Voices One Unforgettable Event

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION IN JANUARY!
Questions? Contact Wendy Yanow (414)803-4289

BRANDEIS HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 13TH, 2026

Time, Date, and Location to be announced soon.

Any questions or comments, please contact
Denise Frenz 813-486-9991 or Linda Behr 520-481-8474

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Behind the Scenes

Invisible Theater

Eureka Day - Dress Rehearsal

















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Ladies Night Out

October

Trident GRILLS & PIZZA PUB





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Ladies Night Out

September

ROCCO'S Little CHICAGO PIZZERIA



Note the license plates around the top of the restaurant. How nice of the Ladies to anticipate the next Bulletin!





Game Night







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(Denise loves to tell the story of how Chuck dove for a spoon and knocked his Grandmother off her chair.)


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Men's Lunch


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Couples Who Dine Out Too





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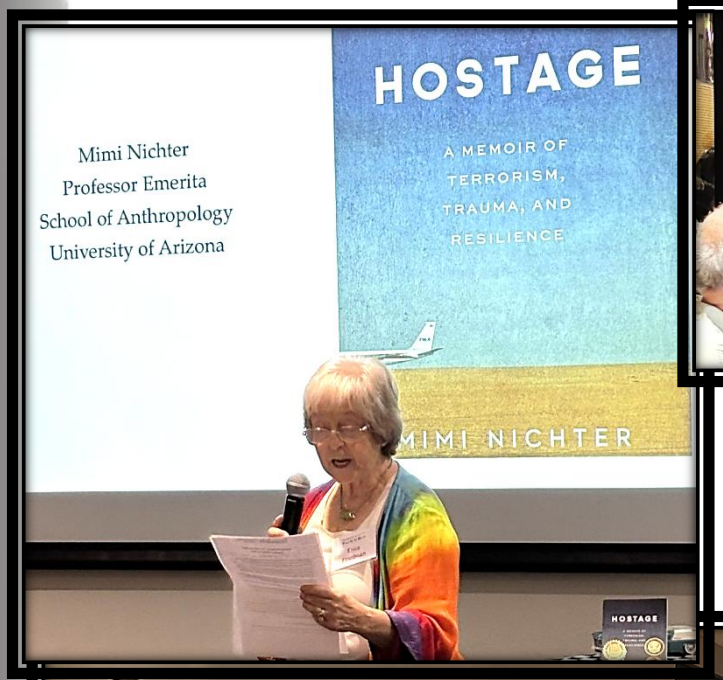
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Opening Ceremony

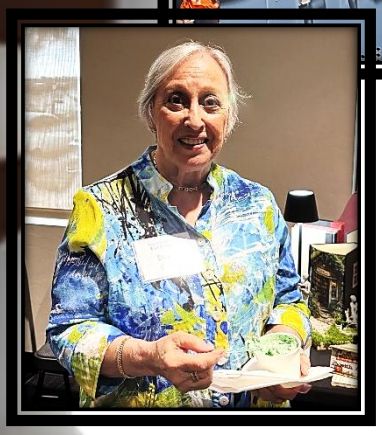
















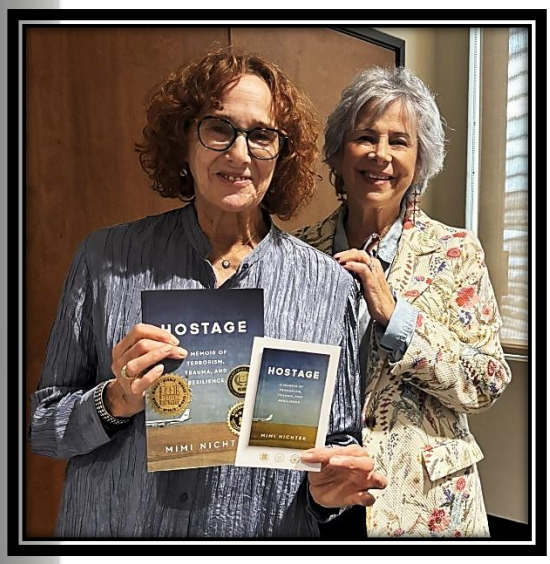


Opening Ceremony

Guest Speaker

Mimi Nichter

Held hostage for months

















Yes, I know. All of these author photos and bios are



My camera was not level when I took the pics.

Book and Author Reveal

JESSICA BRILLANT KEENER

Evening Begins the Day, her new novel *(Spring* 2026) was chosen for several 2026 recommended summer reading lists including The Jewish Women's Archive, The Jewish Community Voice, The Presbyterian Outlook, and NHPR's Check this Out! It was a finalist in the 2026 International Book Awards: literary fiction category. Her short fiction has been listed in *The Pushcart Prize* under "Outstanding Writers." Jessica is the recipient of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist's Grant and writing fellowships from Wesleyan University, Brown University, the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, and a Women's Leadership fellowship from the Omega Institute in NY. Her feature articles (more than 100) have appeared in national publications including The Boston Globe; O, The Oprah Magazine, WBUR's Cognoscenti, Lilith, and the award-winning anthology, *Alone Together, Love, Grief, and Comfort in the Time of Covid-19,* winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award.





Book and Author Reveal

LISA SEE

In her beloved *New York Times* bestsellers ***Daughters of the Sun and Moon,*** *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, *Island of Sea Women*, *Peony in Love, Shanghai Girls,* and *China Dolls*, Lisa See has brilliantly illuminated the strong bonds between women. These books have been celebrated for their authentic, deeply researched, lyrical stories about Chinese characters and cultures. Ms. See's new novel, *Daughters of the Sun and Moon*, which was an Instant New York Times Bestseller, is inspired by the three real Chinese women who arrived in Los Angeles in 1870. *Daughters of the Sun and Moon* is a heart-pounding frontier narrative and a tender tribute to female friendship." Ms. See has led an active and varied career. She wrote the libretto for Los Angeles Opera based on *On Gold Mountain*. She has served as guest curator for exhibits on the Chinese-American experience at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage and curated the inaugural exhibition at the Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles. Ms. See was honored as National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women in 2001, was the recipient of the Chinese American Museum's History Makers Award in 2003, and received the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California in 2017.





Book and Author Reveal

RANDY SUSAN MEYER

Randy Susan Meyers is the international bestselling author of seven novels, translated into more than 36 languages. Three of her novels were named Must Reads and Massachusetts Book Award finalists, and her work has earned an Indie Next Pick designation and a place on *Kirkus Reviews'* 10 Best Books of the Year list.

Her latest novel, ***The Many Mothers of Ivy Puddingstone***, spans more than five decades, from the 1964 Freedom Summer through the pandemic, exploring what happens when the desire to change the world collides with the demands of family and motherhood. *Booklist* praised it as "another deeply felt, beautiful novel," and *People* named it one of 16 historical fiction novels celebrating America's 250th anniversary.



Before becoming a novelist, she worked with troubled youth and in criminal justice and community organizations, experiences that continue to shape her fiction. Growing up in Brooklyn, Meyers spent ten summers at camp on scholarships provided by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York—an experience she credits with saving her life and changing its course. A longtime Bostonian, she lives with her husband.

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Book and Author Reveal

JILL CANTOR

Jillian Cantor has a BA from Penn State University and an MFA from the University of Arizona. She is the *USA Today* and internationally bestselling author of 15 novels for teens and adults which have been chosen for Indie Next, Library Reads, Amazon Best of the Month and have been translated into 15 languages. Born and raised in a suburb of Philadelphia, Cantor currently lives in Tucson, Arizona with her husband and two sons.



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Social Action

Undergarments collected at the Opening Event



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Tributes

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Tributes

Temima Gradman

Wishing you a full & speedy recovery from surgery

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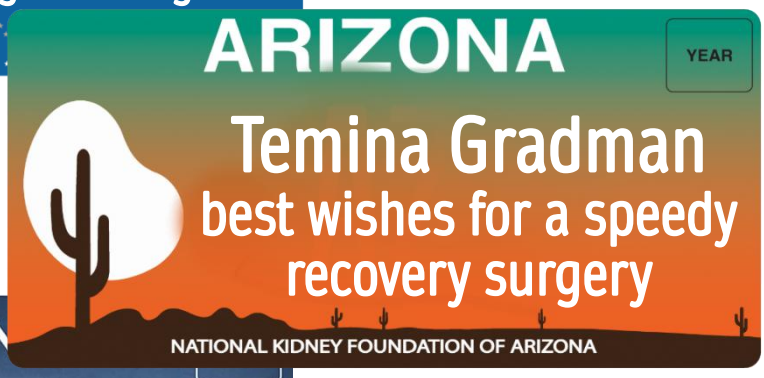




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Sunshine Report







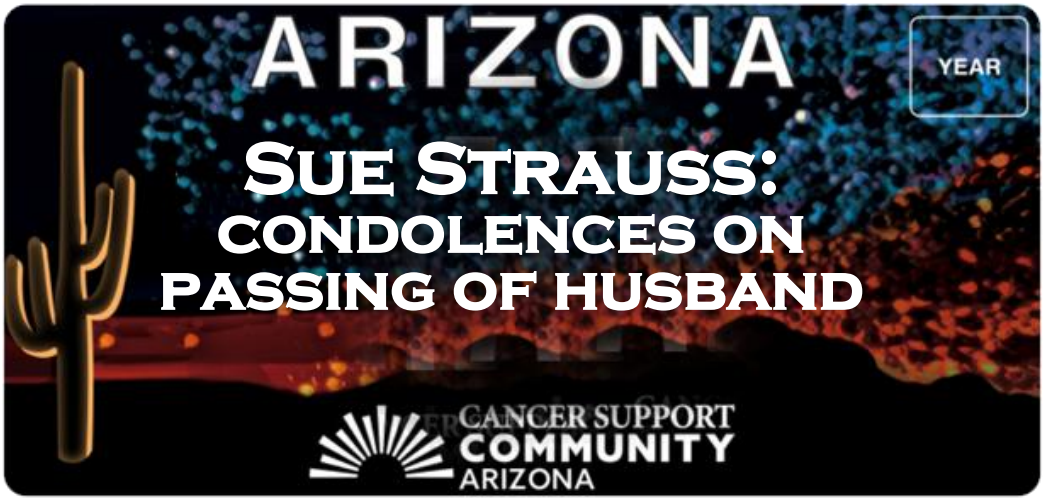








Sunshine Report









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Mission Statement

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



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Chapter Information Officer Report

October 5, 2026

Defining statements of Brandeis University according to its Website:

Motto: Truth, Even Unto Its Innermost Parts
Mission Statement: Brandeis University is a community of scholars and students united by their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and its transmission from generation to generation.
Diversity Statement: Brandeis University was established in 1948 as a model of ethnic and religious pluralism.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Taussig





1914 is the first year Arizona had a State-issued license plate.

Automobile license plates began in Paris, France in 1893 as a police-enforced registration system to identify speeding and unruly vehicles.

Global Origins

- **1893 (France):** Paris introduced the *plaque de matriculation* via a police ordinance, requiring a registration number on motor cars.
- **1898 (The Netherlands):** The Netherlands launched the first national registration system, calling it a driving permit.
- **1900 (Spain & US Parks):** Spain required alphanumeric plates nationwide, while Philadelphia's Fairmount Park issued early leather tags for local motorists.

Early Days in the United States

- **1901 (New York):** New York became the first U.S. state to mandate vehicle registration, requiring owners to display their personal initials on the back of the car.
- **DIY Plates:** Because states initially did not supply physical tags, drivers made their own homemade plates from leather, wood, tin, or house numbers.
- **1903 (Massachusetts):** Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to officially manufacture and issue state-standardized metal license plates.
- **1918:** Every U.S. state required vehicle registration plates.

Evolution and Standardization

- **1920s:** States transitioned from lifetime, semi-permanent tags to required annual renewals, introducing stamped metal and changing color schemes.
- **1931:** Personalized or vanity plates made their first appearance.
- **1956:** The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed on a standard size for standard passenger vehicles: 6 by 12 inches.
- **1950s–1970s:** States started adding promotional slogans in the mid-1950s, followed by graphic backgrounds and pictorial designs in the 1970s.



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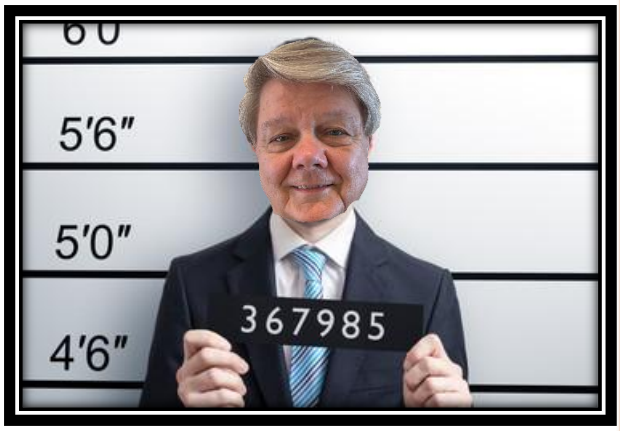


1947–present: Historical license-plate records list the Arizona State Prison/Arizona Correctional Industries in Florence as producing Arizona plates from 1947 onward.

Your Bulletin Editors



Denise
(a.k.a. "Knuckles")
Frenz



Chuck
(a.k.a. "The Enforcer")
Frenz







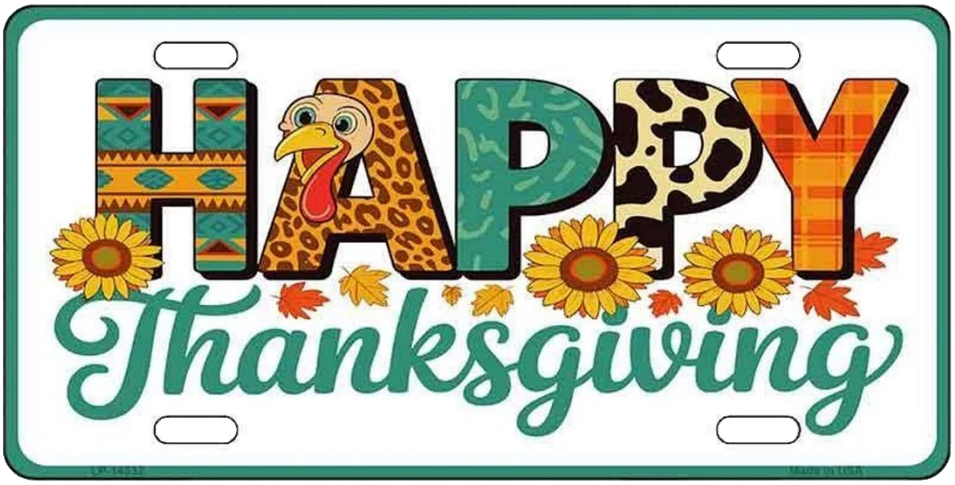
TIP: When the initial letters of two words are accidentally or deliberately switched, it is called a "spoonerism". The term comes from the Reverand William Archibald Spooner who was famous for making such verbal slips.



Happy Holidays!









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