

*Brandeis National Committee – San Fernando Valley Chapter*

*Invites you to attend*

## **Words Wit and Wisdom**

*Our popular Book & Author Luncheon*

*March 3, 2020*

*10:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

**SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER**

*2701 North Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA*

### **AUTHORS**

#### **Susan Straight**

*Author of numerous novels including her just released **In the Country of Women**.  
The winner of a number of awards and professor of creative writing at UC Riverside.*

#### **Leonard Goldberg**

*International bestselling author of the Joanna Blacock series of medical thrillers  
including **Transplant**. His current series of books features Joanna Blacock this time  
as the daughter of Sherlock Holmes.*

#### **Elayne Klasson**

*Successful newspaper columnist and author of **Love is a Rebellious Bird**,  
a novel examining why we love the people we do.*

#### **Moderator: Rob Eshman**

*Former editor of the Jewish Journal.*

*Reservation Form inside*

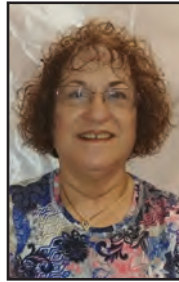
*Chair, Rosemary Rubin*

*Proceeds from this event benefit ongoing neurodegenerative disease research at Brandeis University*

## Message From Your President

Dear Members,

I hope you have had a Happy and Healthy Chanukah!



By the time you read this bulletin, we have had our University on Wheels brunch with the Los Angeles and Conejo Valley Chapters. We heard Professor Breen explain the Sleepy Lagoon Murder Case and how it fits with the 5th Amendment.

Where did the “right to remain silent” come from and what can it mean to those threatened by prosecution? These are questions that Professor Breen answered for us.

I am now inviting all of you to join us for Words, Wit and Wisdom, our popular author luncheon. Our new moderator and three authors should be fascinating. We invite all of you to join us at the Skirball Cultural Center for lunch.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our events in the New Year, 2020. Bring your friends!

Fondly,  
Lea Templer

## TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Past President Linda Drescher’s annual chapter Holiday Toy Drive was a smashing success due to her hard work for underprivileged children, as well as to the generosity of our chapter members. Hundreds of toys, as well as hundreds of dollars in donations, were delivered to the Child & Family Guidance Center for distribution to youngsters who might otherwise not get a single Holiday gift.

Hats off to you, Linda!

## Words, Wit & Wisdom Authors



*Susan Straight*



*Dr. Leonard Goldberg*



*Elayne Klasson*

Brandeis National Committee – San Fernando Valley Chapter

**WORDS, WIT & WISDOM  
BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON**

Skirball Cultural Center – 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Featuring Authors*

**Susan Straight:** Author of numerous novels including “Highwire Moon”  
and her current novel “In the Country of Women”

**Leonard Goldberg:** Author of numerous bestsellers including “Transplant”  
and the “Daughter of Sherlock Holmes” Mystery series

**Elayne Klasson:** Author of “Love Is a Rebellious Bird”

**Moderator**

**Rob Eshman:** Former Editor of the Jewish Journal

**\$85.00\* per person**  
Fair Market value \$70  
**Proceeds go to Neurodegenerative Disease research  
at Brandeis University**

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Tear off Reservation Form and Return with Check payable to Brandeis/BNC  
RSVP No Later than February 14 (firm deadline)

\_\_\_\_ Tickets @\$85

Please consider an additional donation \_\_\_\_ Angel @\$110 \_\_\_\_ Patron @\$125

\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but am sending a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:** Member SFV Chapter \_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_

**Entrée Selection**

\_\_\_\_ Boneless Breast of Chicken Sheridan w/Lemon Capers & a hint of mint  
\_\_\_\_ Seared Marinated Salmon w/Red Cabbage, Edamame & Sesame White Wine Miso Sauce

**Dessert Selection**

\_\_\_\_ Chocolate Espresso Cake \_\_\_\_ Seasonal Melon & Berries

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Bobbi Kostin 4709 Park Jacaranda, Calabasas, CA 91302**

Questions? Contact Rosemary Rubin 818-783-1364 or  
Claire Rabishaw 818-578-5275

## *Delightful Afternoon at High Tea*



*Enjoying our very special social event at the High Tea Cottage were, from left, Kay Gordon; Marcia Gould; Elaine Berman; Ethel Kaplan, event coordinator; Bobbe Tadelis; and Jan Roth.*



*More ladies attending the delightful High Tea event were, from left, Harriet Kornfield, Linda Yarchover, Romaine Jacobs and Evelyn Perl. Each of the 40-some attendees was given a beautiful teacup and saucer to take home.*



*Getting better acquainted at the High Tea event were, from left, Shirley Rosenberg, Beth Shindler, Miriam Mandell and Natalie Hall. Delightful finger sandwiches and sweet treats were served.*



*Smiling after sipping several kinds of delicious tea were Neila Siskind, Gerry Moskowitz and Joanne Eagle. The High Tea raised funds for research on neurogenerative diseases.*

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

*Doris & Raymond Cayse  
Trudy Goldberg  
Kay Hirschmann  
Lynn Hoffman  
Marlene Kane  
Marcia Kassan*

**NEED BOARD MEMBERS**

We are looking for new members to join our Board, if you are interested, or know someone you could recommend please contact me:

Barbara Kramer, Nominating Committee Chair  
e-mail [eugenekrmr@aol.com](mailto:eugenekrmr@aol.com) or 818-789-3386

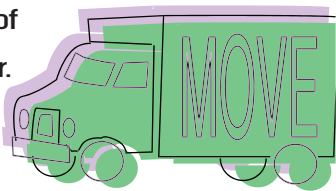
**IN MEMORIAM**

Please let me know the names of chapter members who have passed.

Barbara Kramer: [eugenekrmr@aol.com](mailto:eugenekrmr@aol.com)  
or 818-789-3386

**HAVE YOU MOVED?**

In order to reduce our mailing costs, it is imperative that you notify us of any change of address or telephone number. Also, please let us know your email address. Call Deyna Alexander at (818) 886-4735 or email [jodee903@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jodee903@sbcglobal.net) with any changes. We appreciate your cooperation!



<b>2020 BNC EVENT CALENDAR</b>	
	
<p><b>Friday January 10</b> University on Wheels</p> <p><b>Thursday January 16</b> Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday January 17</b> New Member Coffee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday January 21</b> Special Events Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday January 29</b> Braille Volunteer day</p> <p><b>Friday January 31</b> Knitting Group</p>
	
<p><b>Thursday February 20</b> Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday February 28</b> Knitting Group</p>	<p><b>Tuesday March 3</b> Word Wit &amp; Wisdom</p> <p><b>Thursday March 19</b> Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday March 27</b> Knitting Group</p>
	
<p><b>Wednesday April 8</b> Eve of Passover</p> <p><b>Thursday April 16</b> Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday April 24</b> Knitting Group</p>	<p><b>Thursday May 21</b> Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday May 29</b> Knitting Group</p>
	
<p>Dates subject to change</p>	<p><b>Friday June 26</b> Knitting Group</p>

## CURRENT STUDY GROUP OPENINGS - NOVEMBER 2019

### BNC OPEN STUDY GROUPS -

Group #	Group Name	Meeting Day	Time	Description
13	Melody Mavens	4th Friday	10:30	Entertain at local Senior Centers
25	Contemporary Literature	1st Monday	10:30	Read and discuss
27	Monday Book Club	2nd Monday	12:00	Meet for lunch & discuss books
32	Short Story Group	2nd Tues	10:45	Read and discuss
111	On The Town	4th Tuesday	Varies	Explore LA
139	3rd Tues Book Club	3rd Tuesday	1:00 pm	Read, discuss and lunch
149	Couples Great Discussions	2nd Mon	7:00 pm	Topics from Foreign Policy Assn
156	Movie Group	2nd Tues	4:00 pm	Discuss movies
157	Couples movie group	2nd Sunday		Discuss movies
164	Couples on the Town	1st Sunday	Varies	Explore LA
171	Impressionist Art	3rd Thurs	11:00 am	Discuss, read, museums, etc
184	Women's Issues	1st Mon	11:00 am	Topics important to women
201	Notable ladies past & present	2nd Tues	1:30 pm	1st ladies & powerful women

### PENDING NEW GROUPS

F3	Current Events	3rd Thurs	1:30	Discuss current events
M3	Couples on the Town	Sun	am	Couples explore LA
O3	Couples on The Town	2nd Tuesday	am	Couples explore LA during the week
U3	On The Town	2nd Mon	Varies	Visit different locations
V3	Boomers Book Group	3rd Wed	11 am	Read and discuss
E4	Happy Hour	TBD	TBD	Share Happy Hour Adventures
F4	Movie & dinner	1st Sunday	TBD	Share a movie/discuss/dinner
M4	Couples on the Town	3rd Wed	Varies	Couples explore LA
W4	Couples Movie Group	2nd Sun	7 PM	Discuss movies pre-selected
Z4	Movie Matinee & Lunch	Friday	TBD	Have lunch together & then see movie
B5	Couples Book Group	Sat	Varies	Discuss books
C5	Gourmet Lunch Group	TBD	Noon	Gourmet Rest: LA, BH, SM, SFV, etc
D5	Movie Group	Wed	Noon	Discuss movies
E5	Women In Politics	TBD	TBD	
F5	Mystery Book Group	2nd Wed	1:30 pm	Read & discuss Mysteries
G5	Beginning Canasta	Mon or Tues	am	Will teach, max 4 people
H5	MEN-Movies wives don't want to see	TBD	TBD	Enjoy YOUR kind of movies
I5	Ladies lunch across the Valley	4th Thursday	Noon	Try SFV Restaurants
J5	MEN - Poker with the guys	TBD	Daytime	
K5	MEN – Poker with the guys	TBD	Evening	
L5	MEN – Discussion group	TBD	TBD	Discussions of today
M5	MEN – Let's Talk Sports	TBD	TBD	Discuss, go to., speakers, etc
N5	MEN – Let's Talk Politics	TBD	TBD	Lots to discuss
O5	Breakfast for Men	TBD	9:30-11:30	
P5	New Retirees	TBD	TBD	Discuss your new world
Q5	Jazz	TBD	TBD	Discuss, listen, see, read
S5	Porter Ranch book group	3rd Wed	10:30 am	Book club closer to home?
T5	Legal Issues	2nd Tuesday	10:30 am	Law, history & life

For more information call: Evelyn Perl 818 905-5393/email eperl@mindspring.com

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**STUDY GROUP SIGN-UP PROCEDURE**

1. Review the list of study groups with current openings and pending groups.
2. Select the Study Group(s) of interest to you.
3. Complete one "MAIL-IN STUDY GROUP REQUEST FORM" for each group you select.
4. If you have more than one request, you may copy the form or use a blank sheet of paper to enter the required information.
5. Mail the request(s) to the address(es) at the bottom of this form.

The Study Group Committee will process all requests and will refer the requests to the appropriate leaders. The Study Group leaders will contact you.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LEADERS DIRECTLY REGARDING JOINING THEIR GROUP.  
 WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FULFILL YOUR REQUESTS AS RECEIVED.  
 PLEASE ALLOW TIME FOR THIS PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE.**

PLEASE CUT HERE ✂-----

**MAIL-IN STUDY GROUP REQUEST FORM**

**FILL-IN FORM, PRINTING LEGIBLY, MAIL TO ADDRESS AT THE BOTTOM  
 USE ONE REQUEST FORM FOR EACH GROUP**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Group Title \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Comments and Suggestions: (Use separate sheet if necessary)

Please return this STUDY GROUP REQUEST FORM:

Book Groups	- Ethel Kaplan	24116 Killion St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367	818-346-6230
Movie Groups	- Rosemary Rubin	5200 White Oak Ave. #40, Encino, CA 91316	818-783-1364
On the Town	- Sharon Heller	6000 Fenwood Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367	818-884-3368
All pending groups and questions	- Evelyn Perl	4839 Rubio Ave., Encino, CA 91436	818-905-5393
All other numbered groups	- Rosemary Rubin	5200 White Oak Ave. #40, Encino, CA 91316	818-783-1364

For further information, email Evelyn at: [eperl@mindspring.com](mailto:eperl@mindspring.com)

## *Ladies Emerge as Talented Artists*



*Ethel Kaplan, Natalie Hall, Jan Roth, Evelyn Perl, Kay Gordon and Marcia Gould (front) relax after an energetic session of painting at Pinot's Palette.*



*President Lea Templer oozes creative fervor as she summons her inner Van Gogh at Pinot's Palette. A good time was had by all.*



*More artistic geniuses are, from left, Sandy Schuffman, Sally Hanes and Claire Rabishaw. Their Louvre-worthy paintings captured the imagination!*



*Membership chair Barbara Kramer gets set to fill in her sketched-out canvas at the Chapter Board's fun painting event at Pinot's Palette.*



### BOOK FUND AND “MAGNIFY THE MIND” TRIBUTES

A special way to say “Thank You,” to wish someone a speedy recovery, best wishes on a special occasion, or to convey your condolences on the passing of a loved one. Why buy a drugstore greeting card when a donation means much more?

#### BOOK FUNDS \$6.50 - \$19.50

Your gift will assist in the purchase of journals and books that are crucial to the students and faculty at Brandeis University

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.50 Blue and White Tribute Card
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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$19.50 Louis Brandeis Portrait

#### BOOK FUNDS \$35 AND UP

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Learned Research Journal
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00 Folio ( Receives book plate recognition)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Book Collection (Receives book plate recognition)

#### “MAGNIFY THE MIND” TRIBUTES

Your Tribute donation to “Magnify the Mind” supports Brandeis scientists in their work to find the causes and cures for neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, ALS and Autism  
Minimum donation of \$25.00

Mail Book Fund Tributes as well as “Magnify the Mind” Tributes to:  
Sandy Schuffman  
5334 Bayer Place, Wookland Hills, CA 91367

Enclose your check made out to Brandeis University/BNC and mail with this completed form to the appropriate party as indicated above.

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**JOIN Brandeis National Committee NOW  
FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY  
San Fernando Valley Chapter**

**San Fernando Valley Chapter  
BNC RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM  
2019 - 2020  
Please PRINT legibly**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check one category:  
 Single \$60  
 Couples \$100

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National Dues apply  
from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

Annual National dues apply  
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Mail your MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and CHECK  
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Charge my BNC membership dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
VISA\_\_\_ Mastercard\_\_\_ AMEX\_\_\_

Naomi Javitz  
3541 Green Vista Dr.  
Encino, CA 91436  
(818) 783-5419

Account number \_\_\_\_\_  
Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Membership Information contact:**  
Barbara Kramer (818) 789-3386 or eugenekrmm@aol.com  
Sally Hanes (818) 789-5010 or sallyrh@live.com

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**THANK YOU**  
For becoming a member of the Brandeis National  
Committee (BNC) and for your contribution.

If you belong to another BNC Chapter and wish to participate  
in our San Fernando Valley Chapter Study Groups,  
you **MUST** pay an administrative fee of \$18.00 a year.  
Please let us know what Chapter you currently belong to.  
Contact: Naomi Javitz 818-783-5419

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that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice,  
nonsectarianism and service to the community.*

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