

Brandeis
National
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Baltimore Chapter



Live & Learn

Programs 2011–2012

Mark Your Calendars!

Opening Luncheon Meeting 11 AM Thursday,
September 22 • Guest Speaker: **Howard Cohen, M.D.**,
Presenting *An Afternoon with Leonardo daVinci*

***B General Meeting** 1:30 PM Thursday, November 17

***B Brandeis Community Book Discussion** 1:30 PM Thursday,
January 19 • Book: the graphic novel *Fun Home, A Family
Tragicomic*, by Alison Bechdel, available through
Baltimore County Public Library • Reviewer: Suzanne Strutt

***B General Meeting** 1:30 PM Thursday, March 15

Closing Luncheon and Installation 11 AM Thursday, May 24

Board Meetings 1 PM except where noted, Thursdays:
August 18, October 27, November 17, December 15, 2011;
January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, June 21, 2012.

**On the three dates marked B above, the Board will meet
at noon, with the general meeting starting at 1:30.**

1 PM September 15 • Special Board Workshop
Any BNC member may attend any Board meeting.
All are held in the Park Towers West Meeting Room.

***These free meetings convene in the Hadassah Meeting
Room, 3723 Old Court Road, Suite 205.**

For *Chavurah*, please see course number 6.

**Any updates or corrections to this course list will
appear in subsequent issues of the *Bulletin* and
on our website, www.bncbaltimore.com.**

Live and Learn Program Chairs: Kay Feldmann,
Sandy Kuperberg, Sondra Montuori, Merle Ann Siegelman
Registrar: Pat Hartley • **Publication:** SWStruttDyzyn

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A Magen David identifies a new course offering.



Times and/or meeting places may change because of unforeseeable circumstances. Participants will be informed as soon as possible.



For questions about a meeting, *call the facilitator, not the hostess.*



Carpools meet at Meadowood Park on Falls Road across from Greenspring Station. We suggest that passengers give drivers two dollars to help defray the cost of gasoline or as a contribution to BNC.



Please refer to the BNC Baltimore website, www.bncbaltimore.com, for calendar and information updates.



Facilitators and teachers must register but do not have to pay for their courses. This insures eligibility for the bonus trip.

I. Twentieth-Century Novels • A Brandeis Course

6 second Thursdays 1:30 PM Fee \$25 Limit 20

September 8, December 8, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10

First location: Home of Anita Potemken, 3602 Gardenvue Road

In this Brandeis syllabus course, **Anita Potemken** will lead discussion of these novels from the Brandeis syllabus. Participants are responsible for obtaining and reading the books prior to each session.

September 8: *Swann's Way*, Marcel Proust

December 8: *The Good Soldier*, Ford Maddox Ford

February 9: *Mrs. Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf

March 8: *Miss Lonelyhearts*, Nathaniel West

April 12: *Tender Is the Night*, F. Scott Fitzgerald

May 10: *Ceremony*, Leslie Marmon Silko

Facilitators: Roz Pearlman, 410-602-3454 • Anita Potemken, 410-486-4553

2. Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, January 11 2 PM Fee \$15 Limit 8

or Wednesday, February 15 2 PM

Location: Home of Winnie Krimmel, 7005 Deerfield Road

Dainty tea sandwiches, home-made sweets, and pleasant conversation make for an enjoyable afternoon in good company. Participants may opt for one of the two dates above, with up to eight members at each gathering.

Facilitator: Winnie Krimmel, 410-484-3874

3. Artists in Our Midst

1 Tuesday, 3 Mondays 1:30 PM Fee \$20 Limit 30

Local Artists showcase their work in their studios or homes.
Directions to each location to follow.

Tuesday, September 20 • McFadden Art Glass Studio • Glassblowing using various techniques, including Venetian. Plan to have lunch or a snack at the Glass Grill adjacent to the studio. Tour begins at 1:30 at 6800 Eastern Avenue.

Monday, October 24 • Elaine Ozol, Potter • Functional, high-fire pottery. Meet at the Potters Guild for a live demonstration. The Potters Guild, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, off Union Avenue.

Monday, March 26 • Elise Burns • Unusual, mixed-media artist and teacher whose inspiration is global symbols of light • 34 Faraday Drive, Timonium

Monday, April 23 • Alita Millen, Jerusalem Products Co.
Representative for various artists and jewelers from Israel.
12 Stone Hollow Court

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 410-308-0827 • Ella Cohen, 410-486-8637

4. Broadway Revisited

3 Tuesdays 1:30 PM Fee \$25 Limit 40

May 1, May 15, May 29

Location: Hadassah Meeting Room

Your tickets to the Great White Way are right here on Old Court Road. **Ellen Katz** will recreate Broadway's greatest musicals. Hear about the composers, stories, songs, and dances. Learn what makes them great.

Facilitators: Ellen Katz, 410-484-5020 • Sue Steinman, 410-785-1998



5. **The Canterbury Tales**

6 Fridays 10 AM–NOON

Fee \$25

Limit 12

February 3, 10, 24; March 9, 16, 23

Location: Home of Linda Mandel, 9 Hunting Horn Court, 21136

The Canterbury Tales, “a romp through the Middle Ages,” creates a witty, insightful snapshot of medieval society with a rich collection of stories. Bringing together a group of pilgrims with varied backgrounds and beliefs, Chaucer uses them to portray a vivid view of the medieval world. Linda, who holds a Hopkins MLA, is an experienced teacher of English literature and world history. Prior to the first class, please purchase Bantam Classics paperback, *The Canterbury Tales* (ISBN 0-553-21082-3) at Barnes & Noble and read the Prologue.

Facilitator: Linda Mandel, 410-833-0986

6. **Chavurah**

7 third Mondays bi-monthly 1:30–3:30 PM

Fee \$10

August 15, October 17, December 19, February 20,

April 23, June 18, August 20

Location: Home of Gail Gelber, Park Towers East, #612

Chavurah means friendship. Participants will gather to discuss various pertinent topics and to form bonds of friendship. Newcomers especially are invited to attend. August 15 topic: *It's a Small World, After All*

Facilitators: Barbara Barr, 410-358-3929 · Thelma Weiner, 410-486-4231

7. **Chemical Magic!**

Sunday, December 4 1:30–2:45 PM Fee \$10 per child Limit 10

Location: Home of Ernie and Eva Silversmith, 2607 Taney Road

Bring your grandchildren ages seven and up for an interactive hands-on lab session conducted by Dr. Polymer (a.k.a. **Ernie Silversmith**). Kids will make slime and polyurethane foam, separate colors through chromatography, watch amazing color changes and much, much more!

Facilitators: Eva and Ernie Silversmith, 410-358-0619



8. City Walks

3 Wednesdays 10 AM Fee: \$30 Limit 15

Join us for walking tours of historic Baltimore areas led by an Urban Ranger (fee includes \$15 for Rangers). Each tour will take 90 minutes so wear your walking shoes and be prepared to learn about our amazing city. We will have lunch at interesting spots nearby afterward. Carpools will leave from Meadowood Park promptly at 9 AM.

September 14: Baltimore Inner Harbor

October 12: Mt. Vernon Cultural Area

May 16: Pennsylvania Avenue Heritage Area

Facilitators: Ella Cohen, 410-486-8637 · Kay Feldmann, 410-486-1208

9. Coping with Hearing Loss

3 Sundays 1:30-3:30 PM Fee: \$15 Limit: 10

March 4, 18, 2

plus \$3 for materials

Location: Home of Rosalyn Ghitler, 4550 Chaucer Way #402, Building 2, Owings Mills · Communication is a responsibility of the listener as well as the speaker. Join Roz, a licensed Ph.D. speech pathologist and former Towson University educator, in discussing and practicing ways of communication that will increase understanding and reduce difficulties encountered by anyone concerned with hearing impairment.

Facilitator: Rosalyn Ghitler, 410-363-4555

10. Decorators' Showcase

3 Mondays, 1 Wednesday 1:30 PM Fee \$20 Limit 15

Our members will share the pleasure they have enjoyed in decorating their homes. Get tips on enhancing your own space with something old and something new. It's not the size, but the sighs!

Monday, October 3: Home of **Marion Gruber**, 7902 Brynmor Court #305

Monday, November 21: Home of **Nancy Garfinkel**, 2210 South Road, Mt. Washington

Monday, March 19: Home of **Harriet Silverstein**, 3000 Stone Cliff Drive #308, Quarry Lake Bluffs

Wednesday, May 16: Home of **Ellen Katz**, 2800 Stone Cliff Drive #304, Quarry Lake Bluffs

Facilitators: Bea Lozinsky, 410-484-0578 · Sharon Tiplitz, 410-484-1650

11. Drama and Improvisation

4 Mondays 1:30 PM

Fee \$25

September 19, October 10, April 30, May 21

First Location: Home of Janice Rudo, 9450 Wordsworth Way #105, Owings Mills

Calling all would-be actresses! Is an Academy Award waiting for you? The group will be reading parts from selected plays and doing improv. Join other Brandeis thespians for lots of fun.

Facilitators: Gig Margel, 410-358-9742 · Anita Potemken, 410-486-4553
Janice Rudo, 410-902-1373

12. Enjoying Nature's Beauty

3 Wednesdays 10:30 AM

Fee \$30

Walks at each site will be led by a Park naturalist. Carpools leave Meadowood Park promptly at 9:45 AM.

September 21: Piney Run Park, 40 Martz Road, Sykesville 21784, Carroll County · Enjoy a short hike in Piney Run Park and visit the Nature Center where a naturalist will share nature's surprises and respond to questions about this special environment. A 300-acre lake, created in 1974 by the Army Corps of Engineers, enables fishing and boating in the clear water of the reservoir.

April 18: Gunpowder Falls State Park, Northern Central Railroad Trails · The NCR, second-oldest railroad in the United States, was built in 1832 by entrepreneurs eager to service the growing Baltimore, York and Harrisburg industries and increase export-import traffic for the Port of Baltimore. Walk the trails created in 1984 on the old rail bed.

May 9: Patapsco State Park, Hollofield Area, 8020 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City 21043 · This little bit of wilderness in the middle of urban Baltimore County furnishes a walk on scenic trails that provide stunning views over the Patapsco River Valley.

Facilitators: Ruth Alper, 410-484-3610 · Judy Stein, 410-484-0278

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13. Everybody Sculpt!

8 Fridays 1 PM

Fee \$30

Limit 10

March 2, 16, 23, 30; April 20, 27; May 4, 11

Location: Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywood Court, Timonium

The class will begin with work in *papier maché*, then work in polymer clay with former art teacher Sheila Maleson consulting. Learn about armatures; make buttons, beads and jewelry; and have a walloping good time in the process. A modest materials fee may be requested.

Facilitators: Suzanne Strutt, 410-561-5516

14. Guided Meditation

4 Tuesdays 1:30-3 PM

Fee \$20

Limit 12

March 27, April 3, 17, 24

Location: Home of Rita Hyman, 4757 Bonnie Brae Road

Rita, Rochelle and experienced Meditation leaders will instruct and lead participants in meditation techniques and relaxation exercises to enhance your well-being and reduce stress.

Facilitators: Rita Hyman, 410-655-2708 · Rochelle Savetman, 410-653-2856

15. Let's Discuss Modern Fiction

3 Thursdays 10 AM

Fee \$20

February 9, April 12, May 10

Location: Cross Keys Clubhouse · Featuring fine fiction accompanied by lively interactive discussion. First book: *The Corrections*, by Jonathan Franzen.

Facilitators: Winnie Krimmel, 410-484-3610 · Eva Silversmith, 410-358-0619

16. Lunchtime Dine-Around

3 Wednesdays, 1 Thursday Noon

Fee \$20

Limit 20

plus cost of *prix-fixe* lunch

Enjoy culturally diverse cuisine with meals of varied ethnicities in wonderful restaurants. Carpools to be arranged.

Wednesday, October 12

The Latin Grill, Mari Luna,
1010 Reisterstown Road

Wednesday, November 16

Bay Atlantic Club,
206 East Redwood Street

Wednesday, March 28

Location TBA

Thursday, May 3

Location TBA

Facilitators: Rona Greene, 410-252-2118 · Rena Shenk, 443-352-3901

17. Mah Jongg

5 Fridays 10:30–Noon

Fee \$30

Limit 15

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

Location: Park Towers West Meeting Room

Learn to play or continue your fascination with this ancient Chinese game. Much fun will be had by all! Each participant may bring her own Mah Jongg card or purchase one at the first meeting.

Facilitators: Bonnie Levy, 410-486-5517 · Bea Lozinsky, 410-484-0578

18. Museum Mania

3 Thursdays 1 PM Fee \$20 + admission fees

The tours at all museums will be docent-led. Carpool from Meadowood Park at 12:15 PM.

March 29: The Walters Art Museum · *Touch and the Enjoyment of Sculpture: Exploring the Appeal of Renaissance Statuettes* · This groundbreaking show will explore the implications of tactile perception for enjoying sculpture, studying how the brain reacts to tactile stimuli of art from the European Renaissance, a period marked by a new availability of small “collectibles” meant to be held.

April 26: Geppi’s Entertainment Museum · *Pop Culture Goes to War*

Take a closer look at the way conflict on the national and global scales has shaped our cultural heritage. From the American Revolution to World War II, America has defined itself through historic battles, and our entertainment characters have seen us through our darkest hours.

May 31: The Baltimore Museum of Art · A year-long renovation has transformed the West Wing for Contemporary Art. Newly opened, it promises to give visitors a more dynamic, comprehensive, and current look at the BMA’s contemporary masterpieces from Abstract Expressionism to the present. Upgrades to the galleries—wireless (WiFi) access, state-of-the-art lighting, fresh wall and floor finishes, a new roof, and better electrical systems—provide an improved setting for the BMA’s collection of contemporary objects.

Facilitators: Ella Cohen, 410-486-8637 · Sheila Maleson, 410-352-6598

19. Needlepoint

5 Tuesdays 10:30 AM **Fee \$25 + materials** **Limit 6**

October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 15

Location: Home of Rena Shenk, 7401 Travertine Drive #307,
Highlands at the Quarry

Learn many new needlepoint stitches to make your projects more exciting. Create a stitches sampler, design your own needlepoint canvas, or use your newly-acquired skills to complete a purchased canvas.

Facilitators: Sandy Moffet, 410-484-6174 · Rena Shenk,
443-352-3901

20. The Non-Fiction Discussion Group

3 Thursdays 10 AM–NOON **Fee \$20** **Limit 15**

September 8, November 10, December 8

Location: Home of Deane Sevel, 3305 Janellen Drive

Enjoy nonfiction books on a wide range of topics. First book: *The Girl from Foreign*, Sadia Shepard · Second book: *Cleopatra*, Stacy Schiff

Facilitators: Gail Gelber, 410-764-6067 · Deane Sevel, 410-484-0643

21. Scrabble: Not Just a Game!

7 first Wednesdays 11:45 AM **Fee \$20 + lunch** **Limit 20**

October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4,
February 1, March 7, April 4

Location: TBA · Enjoy this beloved game while lunching with like-minded friends. Each person must order and pay for her own lunch.

Facilitators: Winnie Krimmel, 410-484-3874 · Eva Silversmith, 410-358-0619

22. Short Stories

5 second Mondays 1:30 PM **Fee \$20 + cost of book**

September 12, November 14, December 12, March 12, May 14

First location: Home of Sonya Dillon, 8222 Maxine Circle

Text: *The Art of the Short Story* · First stories: “An Old Man with Enormous Wings,” Gabriel Garcia Marquez; and “The Yellow Wallpaper,” Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Those new to the group should contact the facilitators to purchase the book.

Facilitators: Sonya Dillon, 410-484-6405 · Judy Miller, 410-653-7952

23. Sit and Knit

7 Wednesdays 1:30 PM

Fee \$25

Limit 12

September 7, October 19, November 30, January 18,
February 29, March 21, May 2

First location: Home of Merle Ann Siegelman, 6205 Sareva Drive, Mt. Washington • Gather to knit or crochet, schmooze, share information, and improve skills. Enjoy your needlework hobby along with others in one another's homes. Beginners are encouraged to join.

Facilitators: Norma Axel, 410-308-0827 • Merle Ann Siegelman, 410-664-8855

24. Social Networking

Sunday, February 12 2–4 PM

Fee \$25

Limit 9

Location: Home of Kay Feldmann, 31 Saddle Court

Norman Miller, a computer maven, will show you the basics of connecting to and using the social networks, such as Facebook™ and Twitter™. Have fun learning how to keep up with your friends and grandkids. Participants must be familiar with e-mail and bring their own laptops or any internet-enabled devices.

Facilitator: Kay Feldmann, 410-486-1208

25. Three Easy Pieces (of Chicken)

3 Mondays 11 AM

Fee \$25

Limit 9

November 7, November 28, December 5

Location: Home of Suzanne Strutt, 12 Valleywood Court, Timonium
Where would we be without the dear ol' "chook"? But don't you wish you knew a new way to cook it! Learn three novel preparations from each of these cuisines: Indian, Chinese, and Egyptian.

Facilitator: Suzanne Strutt, 410-561-5516

26. We Love a Mystery

9 second Tuesdays 1:30 PM

Fee \$20

September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13,
January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8

First location: Home of Leah Valentine, 41 Stone Pine Court
First book: *The Snowman*, Jo Nesbo

Facilitators: Verna Kushel, 410-356-0756 • Leah Valentine, 410-653-5559

This Year's Bonus Trip: Arts Alive in Baltimore!

Wednesday, June 6 • 10 AM–2:30 PM

**Maryland Institute, College of Art,
and Piedigrotta Italian Bakery**

Graphic, digital, fiber, sculpture, metal, and culinary arts are the subjects of behind-the-scenes guided tours in two exciting venues open free to all who sign up for four or more courses.

The tours involve plenty of walking, so wear suitable shoes.

Carpools will leave from Meadowood promptly at 10 AM and parking will be available at both sites.

10:30 AM At the Maryland Institute College of Art, we will tour four buildings:

The **Mt. Royal Station Building and Train Shed**, built in 1896 for the B&O Railroad and acquired by MICA in 1964, it was converted to use for classrooms and exhibits by fiber, sculpture, and metal-working arts students; the **Main Building**, MICA's original marble building, constructed in 1896 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, houses drawing and painting studios and administrative offices; the award-winning **Brown Center**, MICA's digital, video, and animation arts facility, with its auditorium and spectacular multi-angled, glass-encased façade; and the **Fox Building**, converted in 1980 from the Cannon Shoe Factory, containing exhibit spaces showing students', masters', and alumni works, environmental and community art, a wood shop, and ceramics studio.

1 PM At **Piedigrotta Italian Bakery**, we will visit with owner Carminantonio Iannaccone and his wife Bruna. We can purchase a lunch of sandwiches, salads, or fabulous pasta and veggie dishes and sample some of their delicious pastries. Then they will treat us to a tour of the bakery kitchen, describe how various items are prepared, and share wonderful stories, such as how Carminantonio created Tiramisu years ago in Italy.

BNC Membership

Brandeis National Committee welcomes new members, both men and women. Annual membership is \$60. Membership for husbands of annual members is \$40; husbands of life members, \$60. To join, call **Eva Silversmith** 410-358-0619.

If you have not yet paid annual membership dues, you **must** send a check for your dues **payable to BNC to BNC Baltimore's financial secretaries, not to the course registrar**, before you may register for courses. The secretaries are, for those whose names begin with

A–K, Judy Berkowitz
2208 Sulgrave Avenue
Baltimore 21209
410-542-9673

L–Z, Natalie Jeffrey
33 Stonehenge Circle #2
Baltimore 21208
410-653-7407.

BNC Live and Learn Course Registration

1. **Only paid-up annual or life members may register.**
2. Please register before August 15 to insure your course placement and notification of any schedule adjustments. Courses may be canceled if enrollment is insufficient.
3. Registrants may host a non-member guest for a single meeting, with advance approval of the course facilitator.
4. Members may attend one session of a course for they are not registered for the prorated cost of the course or \$5.
5. Fees for materials or books are paid directly to the course facilitator at the first session.
6. Send this form with your check **payable to BNC and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by August 19** to: **Pat Hartley, 6415 Greenfield Road #1303, Elkridge 21075**, Phone 410-796-7512, or e-mail pat.hartley2@verizon.net.

***Nota Bene:* Any member who brings in two new members will be awarded a free study group.**

Live and Learn Registration Life or Annual Member

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

- 1. Twentieth Century Novels \$25
- 2. Afternoon Tea \$15
- 3. Artists in our Midst. \$20
- 4. Broadway Revisited. \$25
- 5. Canterbury Tales \$25
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- 27. What Have You Read Lately?. . \$20

Bonus Trip to MICA, Piedigrotta Bakery
 (free to anyone registered for four or more courses, facilitators, instructors, and hostesses; for others, \$10)

Number attending : _____

Amount: _____

Course Subtotal: _____

Processing Fee: + \$5

Total: _____

Send this form with your check payable to BNC with a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** by August 19 to:

Pat Hartley,
6415 Greenfield Road
#1303, Elkridge, 21075
 Phone 410-796-7512
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