

# **BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**BOCA RATON CHAPTER**

**Summer  
Study Guide  
2017**



**We're ready to roll out the red carpet for our Brandeis guests.**

Dear Friends,

Our renovations are complete! Our ballroom is up and running, and our staff is eager to welcome you back to our lovely community.

The Phoenix at Delray is delighted to host, once again, the prestigious Brandeis Study Guide series. 2017-2018 promises to be another intellectually stimulating season. And, we promise to make your learning environment at The Phoenix as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

We're proud to be a site for Brandeis's life-enriching programs. We wish you all many happy hours in the pursuit of knowledge!

Warmest regards,



Erica Jones  
Executive Director

~2017~

## Brandeis Summer Study Group Calendar

Vice Presidents: Pat Knapp, Marcia London, Sheila Gettelson

### JUNE

2 Friday	Joyce Reider SCCC	Meet the Masters
6 Tuesday (7 pm)	Robert Watson SCCC	Ghost Ship of Brooklyn
12 Monday	Gloria Shapiro SINAI	Book Biz!
14 Wednesday	Deborah Bigeleisen SINAI	From Ordinary to Extraordinary
16 Friday	Lorrie Bedrin SCCC	Woman's View-Brandeis Woman Talk
19 Monday	Terryl Lawrence SINAI	Frameworks
20 Tuesday (7 pm)	Robert Watson	Dysfunction in Politics
21 Wednesday	Myrna Goldberger SCCC	First Families
22 Thursday	Myrna Loman PHOENIX	The Reel Thing
28 Wednesday	Robert Rabil SCCC	Arab World in Crisis

### JULY

7 Friday	Joyce Reider SCCC	Meet the Masters
10 Monday	Gloria Shapiro SINAI	Book Biz!
13 Thursday	Myrna Loman PHOENIX	The Reel Thing
14 Friday	Lorrie Bedrin SCCC	Woman's View-Brandeis Woman Talk
15 Saturday (3 pm)	Al Guastafeste STEINWAY	Music, Music, Music
17 Monday	Terryl Lawrence SINAI	Frameworks
19 Wednesday	Myrna Goldberger SCCC	First Families
26 Wednesday	Robert Rabil SCCC	Arab World in Crisis
31 Monday	Robert Weber SINAI	Music Maestro, Please

### AUGUST

4 Friday	Joyce Reider SCCC	Meet the Masters
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**1****1600 Pennsylvania Avenue***Tuesdays, 7:00 pm****Leader: Dr. Robert Watson******Two Sessions: June 6, June 20******Location: SCCC******Members: \$20 in advance for series******Guests and at door: \$15***

**June 6- *The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn*** is Robert Watson's 41st and latest book. The book will be released at the end of June and is already getting advanced hype, including by some of the foremost historians of the country, three Pulitzer Prize winning-authors, and several museums. It tells the little-known story of one of the most intriguing and shocking struggles of the American Revolution, one that would end up being the bloodiest conflict of the war but would also inspire the patriots to victory!

**June 20- *Dysfunction in Politics*** - Dr. Watson will analyze the gridlock, hyper-partisanship, incivility... The dysfunction in the American political system is worse than it has been in a long time and is unsustainable. This talk will explore the root causes of the gridlock, incivility, and hyper-partisanship, examine the demographic changes that correspond to a growing voting gaps and ideological divides in society, and ponder where we are headed as a nation.

As is his custom, Dr. Watson will preface his scheduled lecture with remarks and observations on current newsworthy events. There will be adequate time for questions and answers after the lecture. Robert Watson is a professor, author, media commentator and community activist who joined the faculty of Lynn University in 2007. He has published 41 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, book chapters, encyclopedia essays and newspaper columns. Dr. Watson has co-convoked a half-dozen national conferences on the American Presidency as well as moderated political debates and forums on current issues. His work in the community includes founding and directing ThinkActLead, a non-profit think tank established as a free community service dedicated to civic education and political reform. A frequent media commentator, Dr. Watson has been interviewed by local, national and international television, radio, print and online outlets including CNN, MSNBC, "Time," "USA Today," "The New York Times," the BBC and others. He has appeared on C-SPAN's "Book TV," "Hardball with Chris Matthews," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," CNN's "Inside Politics with Judy Woodruff," Fox's "Special Report with Brit Hume". Dr. Watson serves as the official political analyst for WPTV Channel 5 (NBC).

# 2

## Arab World in Crisis

*Wednesdays, 1:30 pm*

***Leader: Dr. Robert Rabil***

***Two Sessions: June 28, July 26,***

***Location: SCCC***

***Members: \$20 in advance for series***

***Guests and at door: \$15***

As the U.S.-led international war against ISIS makes headway, Washington has struggled to balance the conflicted interests, ambitions and concerns of multiple protagonists. Significantly, Washington, in parallel to planning the war, is striving to fill the future void created by ISIS once it is defeated. This planning is replete with danger including prolonging the Iraqi and Syrian strife. This lecture series sheds light on Washington's efforts to win the war against ISIS and stabilize Iraq and Syria, as well as on the polarized regional and international dynamics which could bring about new conflicts among and between Kurds, Turks, Syrians, Iranians, Arabs, and Israelis, save Americans and Russians.

Dr. Robert Rabil is a tenured Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at FAU. He received his Ph.D in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. He has served as Chief of Emergency of the Red Cross in Lebanon and was Project Manager of the US State Department-funded Iraq Research and Documentation Project. He has written extensively on Syria, Iraq, US-Arab Relations, Israel, reform in the Arab World, radical Islam and terrorism.

# 3

## MEET THE MASTERS

*Fridays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader:** Joyce Reider

**Three Sessions:** June 2, July 7, August 4

**Location:** SCCC

**Members:** \$30 in advance for series

**Guests and at door:** \$15

### THREE NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IN LITERATURE

June 2: **Wandering Star**- J.M.G. LeClezio 2008

**NOTE:** There are several books with the title “Wandering Star”; make sure you find the one written by LeClezio- paperback or kindle edition are available from Amazon

July 7: **In the Cafe of Lost Youth** - Patrick Modiano 2014

August 4: **July's People** - Nadine Gordimer 1991

Joyce Reider has been leading study groups for many years. She brings her national reputation and lively intellect into the classroom, ranging widely over the history, culture and literary merit of each work. So read, be stimulated and enjoy.

*Mondays, 1:30 pm*

**Lecturer: Gloria Shapiro**

**Three Sessions: June 12, July 10, August 7**

**Location: Sinai Residences**

**Members: \$30 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$15**

**June 12: Shameless Exploitation** - This is the story of two merry pranksters, **Paul Newman and A.E. Hotchner**, an actor and a writer, who liked to cook. The book tells us of their funny, irreverent, seat of the pants approach to things-from mixing salad dressing in a barn to a multi-million dollar food company.

**July 10: "American Heiress"** introduces us to a rich, flighty college student, **Patty Hearst**. Her subsequent kidnapping by a violent gang that changed her from a petrified captive to a committed participant in their pursuit of social justice.

**Aug 7: "Very Much a Lady"** is a story that made front page news and fascinated the public for months. **Jean Harris**, the respected head of an elite girls' school murders her lover, **Herman Tarnower**, the famous Scarsdale Diet doctor.

**Gloria Shapiro** has been informing and entertaining audiences for years. She is a graduate of Queens College majoring in Speech and Theater, with post graduate work at Columbia University. She was on the faculty of Rutgers University and is the author of two memoirs. Her distinctive style and delivery have made her a much sought after speaker in Southern Florida.



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## From Ordinary to Extraordinary

*Wednesday, 1:30 pm*

***Leader: Deborah Bigeleisen***

***One Session: June 14***

***Location: Sinai Residences***

***Members: \$10 in advance***

***Guests and at door: \$15***

### **“Looking at art through the eyes and mind of an artist”**

With the visual-aid of a PowerPoint presentation, you will be taken on a virtual museum, gallery, and art fair tour of classic and contemporary paintings, photography, sculpture, and architecture. The emphasis is on looking at art “through the mind and vision of an artist.” My unique approach for talking about art engages the audience in a lively conversation as opposed to an art history lecture. I talk about how colors, materials, and techniques impact one’s emotions and challenge the senses; the tricks artists play on the viewer, and even some neuroscience aspects of how the brain perceives art. Historical facts are introduced where I feel it has additional significance to a particular work - such as “why is that 10 foot plank of black plastic leaning against the wall in the Norton Museum of Art?” And the age-old comment: “Why is that painting considered art, I can do that, or my grandchild can do that!?” You’ll learn why there is more than meets the eye!

When Deborah is not painting, she loves sharing her knowledge and working with people. She is a visiting lecturer, educator, and art consultant and also conducts private tours at museums and international art fairs. For ten years she has served as chair person for Art and Public Places for the City of West Palm Beach and is a long standing member of the National Association of Women Artists, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, and Soroptimist International.

# 6

## Frameworks

*Mondays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Dr. Terryl Lawrence**

**Three Sessions: June 19, July 17, August 21**

**Location: Sinai Residences**

**Members: \$30 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$15**

**June 19: *Al Hirschfeld & Charles Schulz*:** Al Hirschfeld enchanted generations with his lyrical linear caricatures of celebrities. Legendary Charlie Brown creator Charles Schulz brought laughter to generations of Peanuts fans.

**July 17: *Alexander Calder*:** Calder was a great American sculptor who was fascinated by motion. He worked in almost every artistic medium creating works of dynamism and beauty.

**Aug 21: *Willem DeKooning & Jackson Pollock*:** They were the leaders of the pack of Abstract Expressionism. DeKooning maintained a consistent interest in figurative Art, while Pollock was a pure abstractionist.

**Dr. Terryl Lawrence** has a Ph.D from Columbia University. A painter and photographer, she continually exhibits her works and has won many awards...including a National Grant in the Humanities for research in Art History. Currently she is on the staff of LLS at FAU. She also is a Professor at the Digital Media Arts College Boca Raton, teaching drawing, art history and mythology.

# **7 First Families: Fame, Failures, Foibles, Fascination**

*Wednesdays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Myrna Goldberger**

**Three Sessions: June 21, July 19, August 16**

**Location: SCCC**

**Members: \$30 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$15**

**Presidents and First Ladies** have always been a topic of interest; the fascination increases when a new administration moves into the White House. The objective of this course is to analyze and connect some of our First Families – their successes, their pitfalls, their historical legacy and even their scandals and personal interactions. What challenges will our new First Family face and how are these challenges different from previous administrations?

**June 21: FDR and Eleanor - Bess and Harry Truman**

**July 19: JFK and Jackie - The Reagans**

**August 16: The Bush Family - Hillary and Bill Clinton**

**Myrna Goldberger** was educated at the University of Maryland, Loyola College and Johns Hopkins University. She has been an educator, lecturer, and performer for over 50 years. She is currently a lecturer for the Lifelong Learning Society at FAU, Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses. In addition, she presents programs to organizations, communities, special interest groups and private functions. Myrna is characterized as “dynamic, charismatic and well prepared” by her students.

Thursdays, 1:30 pm

**Lecturer: Myrna Loman**

**Three Sessions: June 22, July 13, August 24**

**Location: The Phoenix**

**Members: \$30 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$15**

**June 22: Solomon and Gaenor** (Welsh, English and Yiddish) A lush Oscar nominated romance featuring star-crossed lovers caught in a cultural crossfire. Set in Wales of 1911, the film shows a world fraught with racial, economic and religious unrest.

**July 13: Kolya** (Czechoslovakia) A confirmed bachelor is in for the surprise of his life when a get-rich-quick scheme backfires, setting off a wild set of circumstances and leaving him with a pint-sized new roommate. Academy Award Winner for Best Foreign Language Film

**August 24: An Education** (English) Winner of the Audience Award at Sundance Festival, as well as nominated for 3 Academy Awards, is a coming-of-age film about a young woman struggling to establish her own identity in 1960's Britain. Starring Carey Mulligan, Emma Thompson, and Peter Sarsgaard, the movie is based on a memoir by Lynn Barber.

**Myrna Loman** is the Producer of the West Boca Theatre Company of the Levis JCC. She also serves on the Panel of the Carbonell Awards, the judging of So. Florida's professional theatres and the equivalent of the Tony Awards. Myrna is currently the moderator/instructor of numerous film series at the JCC, Boca Raton Museum of Art, charitable organizations, and adult communities. A past Chair of the BR Museum Docent Council, as well as a member of the Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series of JEC, Myrna lectures on various topics relating to film, popular culture, women and social issues.

# 9

## Music Maestro, Please!

*Mondays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Robert Weber**

**Two Sessions: July 31, August 28**

**Location: Sinai Residences**

**Members: \$20 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$15**

**July 31: Group Vocal Harmony** - Vocal harmony started with Gospel choir's R&B sounds and spirituals and evolved into sounds of both male and female groups. Female vocal groups added a unique sound to this style and we will trace their unique styles and its influence on R&B.

**Aug. 28: Doo Wop - East and West Coast** - Unique acapella sounds from street corner groups that evolved into Doo Wop's special sound and spread to the West Coast.

**Robert Weber**, a retired Optometrist, studied music theory and harmony growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y. While in private practice he continued studying music history with an emphasis on the 1930's to the 1960's. A lifelong fan of Rock and Roll, he created a presentation on the Roots of Rock and Roll for the Lifelong Learning Program at Bard College in Upstate N.Y. He has continued giving classes on the subject after retiring and moving to Florida. He presently sings with two local choruses. A vast collection of books, memorabilia, photos and recordings will be utilized in this group of lectures.

# 10 A Woman's View...Brandeis Woman Talk

*Fridays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Lorrie Schreiber-Bedrin**

**Three sessions: June 16, July 14, Aug 11**

**Location: SCCC**

**Members: \$30 in advance for series (Limit 25 members)**

**No Guests**

Woman Talk is about a very special group of women finding friendships while continuing their journey of possibilities, dedication and reward. At each crossroad we are reminded of our strengths, our joys and our connection to one another. It is here that we are able to participate in discussing our needs and emotions. We are a conscience-raising group where we can feel safe in sharing, without feeling threatened while experiencing change.

**Lorrie Shreiber-Bedrin**, aka Lorrie Schreiber-Rosen has been Brandeis Women's View facilitator for many years. She is excited to be sharing and exploring the promises and hopes that as women we embrace... the warmth of friendships and the sharing of new paths our journey will take us on. Lorrie has given classes and has spoken before many women's groups and organizations on the challenges and intimacy of a woman's journey

*Saturday, 3:00 pm****Performer: Al Guastafeste******One Session: July 15******Location: Steinway Piano Gallery******Members: \$20 in advance******Guests and at door: \$25***

## **HISTORY OF JAZZ**

Come listen to the various types of Jazz. See if you can hear the difference between Ragtime, Swing, Bebop, Cool, Latin American Influence, and Modern Jazz. Each form of Jazz has its own distinct style. What makes this interesting to the performer is that he must perform selections in each time period of Jazz. Also, every time a pianist performs a program of this type it will sound different because the performer is improvising. What makes this program interesting to the audience is that it makes each listener hear the difference of each style of Jazz performed in the 20th Century.

**Al Carmen Guastafeste** is a pianist, composer, teacher, recording artist, lecturer, and author. He received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Juilliard and graduated with honors as a scholarship student. Al also received a Professional Diploma as a Specialist in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Al has performed before audiences throughout the United States and the Far East. He has been a pianist/conductor for Marilyn Monroe, Florence Henderson, Kaye Starr, Johnny Johnston, Frank Fontaine, Allen and Rossi.

*Saturday, 3:00 pm*

***Performer : Rod MacDonald, Guitar***

***One Session: Aug 19, 3:00pm***

***Location: Steinway Piano Gallery***

***Members: \$20 in advance***

***Guest and at door: \$25***

**In Concert: Rod MacDonald, guitar--- George Goehring, piano**

From his start in NYC's Greenwich Village in the 1970s-- through 11 CDs and 100 performances annually throughout N America and Europe-- guitarist Rod MacDonald continues to dazzle audiences with his passionate singing and thought-provoking writing. His songs have been recorded by numerous other singers. His latest CD, *Later That Night*, reached #3 nationally on the Roots Music Folk charts in February 2015, with the song "Raven" at #1. In the meantime, he's been named one of "Ten Greatest South Florida Folksingers Of All Time" by *New Times*. He has also been recognized as Distinguished Faculty Member 2012 by FAU's Lifelong Learning Program, where he teaches Music Americana and where he has performed sold-out concerts of the Great American Songbook, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and Carole King/James Taylor.

At Steinway Piano Gallery Rod will be accompanied on piano by George Goehring, who as a Brill Building composer in the 1950s and 60s co-wrote *Lipstick On Your Collar* and many other hit songs. Together they will present a concert of Mr. MacDonald's and Mr. Goehring's songs, as well as some favorite classics.



# Summer Study Group Guide

## REGISTRATION FORM

Circle courses for which you are registering. Include this form with your check made payable to BNC.  
 Mail to: Pat Knapp, 3945 Redondo Court, Boca Raton, FL 33487, Telephone 998-7784

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Fee: \$10 each session in advance      Guests and at door: \$15**

Make sure to return this form with your check. Please mark your calendars so you remember to attend.

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|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue             | 2 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |          |
| 2. Arab World in Crisis                 | 2 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |          |
| 3. Meet the Masters                     | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. Book Biz !                           | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. From Ordinary to Extraordinary       | 1 sessions | \$ _____ |          |          |
| 6. Frameworks                           | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 7. First Families                       | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 8. The Reel Thing                       | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 9. Music Maestro, Please                | 2 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |          |
| 10. A Woman's View..Brandeis Woman Talk | 3 sessions | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Members: \$20 each session in advance      Guests and at door: \$25**

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|--|-----------|----------|--|
| 11. Music, Music, Music- All Guastafeste | 1 session | \$ _____ |  |
| 12. Music, Music, Music- Rod MacDonald   | 1 session | \$ _____ |  |
|  | TOTAL     | \$ _____ |  |

**PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN  
 NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS.**

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# **VENUES AND DIRECTIONS**

## **Steinway Piano Gallery**

7940 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton  
*East side of Federal between Yamato and Linton.*

## **The Phoenix At Delray** (Formerly Delray Grande)

5624 Linton Blvd., Delray Beach  
*South side of Linton between Military and Jog*

## **SCCC-South County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach  
*East side of Jog between Clint Moore and Linton*

## **Sinai Residences**

21036 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton  
*Glades Road to 95th Avenue South,  
then south onto JCC campus to guard house.*



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