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President's Message

Dear BOND members,

A renewed excitement is emerging within Branching Out in New Directions as we embrace the changes created by the past year. We anticipate what promises to be an exciting array of both new activities and the prospect of easy-access social and cultural opportunities.



We are especially thrilled to be offering programs that will be available both in person and online. Please read about two unique events to be offered in January and February. We'll also enjoy our monthly book and short story clubs, our game days and festive lunching at local eateries.

Our winter menu will be full, and we welcome you and your guests to join us and become part of our unique scholarship and community service programs.

In closing, I offer cheers to our organization of a very successful year (2021), and I offer a toast to new experiences and successes as we enter a new year (2022). Wishing you good health, safety, and peace....

Affectionately, Saralee

BOND President 952-935-2156 or saraleem@comcast.net

Adventures in Learning—Save the Date and Register Quickly

THE "COP" CASES: WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT TO EXPECT NOW

Friday, January 14, 2022 • 12:30 refreshments • 1:00 program • Lurie 2501 Wayzata Boulevard • Guests welcome \$10.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the BOND Scholarship Programs

Marshall H. Tanick, a Certified Civil Trial Specialist, will present a timely discussion on the background, status and developments in a number of past, present and upcoming criminal trials of police officers in the Twin Cities, including the four Minneapolis officers involved in the George Floyd case. Do not miss this unique opportunity as he examines some of the legal, moral, and practical issues and the effects of those incidents and cases we don't often get from media sources! Questions and further thoughts will be welcomed after the presentation.

Mail reservations, including your contact information, and checks payable to BOND to: Sharon Posnansky 12800 Marion Lane West, Apt. 605W. Minnetonka, Mn 55305



"#ME TOO Movement and the Jewish Community"

Monday, February 28, 2022. 11:00 AM Central Time. Free program—ZOOM meeting Guests Welcome ■ Instructions to join the Zoom meeting below

Hazzan Joanna Dulkin, Adath Jeshurun Congregation, will present a program on how the Jewish community is responding to continuing revelations of sexual misconduct, structural gender inequity and continuing microgressions.

What types of responses have arisen and who is leading the way? The work to combat these phenomena has only recently begun, but the conversation is very much alive and active. From movement-wide initiatives to individual organizations working on best practices, how is the culture continuing to change? Hazzan Dulkin has been involved in these conversations as a national leader in the Cantors Assembly and Judaism's Conservative Movement. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion on a very challenging issue in today's conflicted world!

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86551601958?pwd=Y3hNQm05b0paSHc2TW9JczUvTCsvdz09 Meeting ID: 865 5160 1958 Passcode: 603997

Scholarship & Philanthropy



Donations have been approved from the Scholarship Committee's recommendations for Jewish Family & Children Service Minneapolis, for an additional \$5000 (a total of \$10,000) and a donation of \$10,000 for Jewish Family Service, St. Paul. The donations are used for scholarships to further educational goals that will lead to improved employment opportunities. Both agencies appreciate the generosity of our members, along with those who work hard to raise funds

through our many events. Below are a few examples of clients who benefit from JFS donations. Also approved was a \$300 contribution to the B'Yhad Program of JFS St. Paul. This is similar to the Hag Samaech Program of the JFCS Minneapolis where gifts are given to needy families at Chanukah.

"Debra' is a 32-year-old mother of two young children I who doesn't have a great deal of education and works I hard as a Personal Care Assistant at one of our local assisted living facilities. People with this certification are in high demand, but the pay scale is very low, and she is barely able to pay her bills. Like many of our clients, Debra is one minor emergency from becoming unemployed and I homeless. She contacted JFS because a family member I read one of our newsletters, noting we have an employment program and might have training dollars available. Debra had been doing research about professions that pay better, but don't require advanced degrees, and she became interested in being a phlebotomist. We I found a six-month class that ends with people taking the I national examination on their final day of class. Debra is in I the process of applying for a BOND scholarship to take the class in the first quarter of 2022, and expects to earn over \$17 per hour after getting her certification. She's excited to start the training and is reading everything she can about the ins and outs of the profession. "

'Jenna' is a long-time Jewish resident of St. Paul. She had I successfully pursued her Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and settled back in St. Paul where she and her husband bought a home and raised a family. She bounced around somewhat in her 18-year professional career, and was tiring of the contracting circuit, and her current job had become dry and repetitive. She yearned to return to I the kinds of higher level, more challenging, more creative roles that I her academic training and earlier career experiences had offered. Our Employment Specialist began weekly Zoom meetings with Jenna to help identify and re-define some more satisfying, focused, highly achievable roles she could move into immediately to put her back on track with her longed-for career. Nancy helped her polish the marketing effectiveness of her resumes, cover letters, and Linked In I profile to help her focus on the right details in language and visual formats to highlight her strengths, transferrable skills, and solid achievements. She was coached on interviewing prep and practice, pay negotiation, networking techniques, and other soft skills that contribute to the effectiveness of Jenna's ongoing communications with recruiters and prospective employers. Things continue to move SI forward for Jenna, who is interviewing for several desirable new positions now.

Fundraising

For a minimum \$10 donation, BOND makes sending cards easy, whether it's a condolence card, remember a birthday or anniversary, say "thank you", Mazal Tov—whatever, and you help BOND raise money. Contact Fruma Goldfarb at 612-930-9409 or gfruma@gmail.com., 6400 Barrie Rd. Apt 1503, Edina, MN 55435.

Scholarship Fund

In Memory

Percy Greenberg – Husband of Bernice Greenberg

Sheila Goldstein Maureen Fine Sharon Perwien

Marlene Goldberg

Norm Coone -son of Jean Efron Babe Wartnick

Millie Segal

Mark Mandel

Benjie & Fruma Goldfarb

Get Well Judy Serrell Renee Gainsley Fruma Goldfarb Sheila Goldstein Marian Altrowitz Millie Segal David Rosenbaum Benjie & Fruma Goldfarb

Erna Fishhaut Early Childhood
Education Fund

In Memory
Percy Greenberg
Eva Broude

Why make donations to BOND?

Even through COVID, we have continued to donate scholarships to Jewish Family Children's Service, contribute to Jewish Family Service, and provide a variety of activities to our members. Please send your check, indicating the purpose of your donation, to BOND in care of Fruma Goldfarb, 6400 Barrie Rd Apt.1503, Edina, MN 55435.

Fine Dining Cards

As comfort levels continue rising to eat in restaurants, BOND is again selling DMC cards at \$25 a set. Using the cards is a great way to save money and help BOND raise scholarship funds at the same time! To purchase cards for the Twin Cities/Suburbs. St. Paul and south of the river, please contact Carolyn Kaufmann at 763-473-3031. BOND earns \$10 per set, and they make great gifts.



Silver Cash



Your silver or silverplate no longer a treasure? BOND Scholarship Fund educates many without measure.

Donate items one or a few, These additional dollars may surprise even you!!

Over \$6,614.40 has been raised for scholarships since the project began. To donate, contact Nancy Garber 952-922-4990.

Membership

Welcome new BOND members!!



Laurie Goldfarb 6142 Kellogg Ave. Unit 201A, Edina, MN 55424-1876, <u>laurie.j.goldfarb@gmail.com</u> January 15, 2022. She can be reached by email until then.

Ann Louise Hartman 12600 Marion LN W. Apt. # 204E Minnetonka, MN 55305-1332, L 952-540-30 M 442-234-3901 SCMAE3@Gmail.com

Monthly Activities

Through April we will be lunching twice a month and not doing dinner. To RSVP, Call Eva Broude 952-544-5948 December 8, 12:00 p.m. Latuff's, 10820 Hwy 55, RSVP by December 6

December 22, 12:00 p.m., McCormick's Pub, 331 Broadway Ave. S., Wayzata. RSVP by December 20

Short Stories

Short story meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, starting at 9:30 to socialize and 10:00 discussion. We read one story each month and take turns facilitating. We would love to have you join our group. If you are interested, contact Marian Altrowitz, maltrow@comcast.net or 952-935-1914.

We are reading short stories from "The Best American Short Stories 2019" by Anthony Doerr and Heidi Pitlor. There are two books with this title so be sure to get the one edited by these two people.

December 8th "Protozoa" by Ella Martinsen Gorham SI

Sharon Zweigbaum will facilitate.

January 12th "Bronze" by Jeffrey Eugenides

Millie Segal will facilitate. (postponed from November.)

BOND Book Club

BOND Book Club meets at 10:00 a.m. the 3rd Friday of the month. Contact Sharon Levine if you are interested in joining the group and to let her know if you are attending or not—splevine2002@yahoo.com or 952-212-4994 - for the Zoom link or participation phone number. We will be meeting Dec/Jan at the Lurie Bldg. 2501 Wayzata Blvd. Adath is closed for the duration. Party Rooms accepted, with future locations TBD.

Dec. 17 The Last Kings of Shanghai by Jonathan Kaufman Facilitator: Marilyn Wert

Jan. 21, 2022 Austerlitz by Jacques Sebald

Feb. 18, The Woman They Could Not Silence, by Kate Moore

March 18 The Flower Boat Girl by Larry Feign

Facilitator: Suzanne Prass Facilitator: Sharon Levine Facilitator: Babe Wartnick



Bridge, Qwirkle or Mahjong

This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 at McCoy's (3801 Grand Way) in St. Louis Park for lunch and games. Tell your friends about it. Call Fruma Goldfarb 612-930-9409 to make your reservation and let her know if you are playing Bridge, Mahjong, or Qwirkle. Our next get-together is Tuesday, December 7, followed by January 11.



Tables of 4 for bridge



Tables of 3-4 for Mahjong



Tables of 3-4 for Qwirkle

When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may only take a second, but for them, it could last a lifetime.

Dues reminder!!!

If you haven't sent in your 2022 BOND dues, it's time. BOND thanks you for your continuous and generous support, and looks forward to your continued membership. Our unique organization has provided over \$260,000 in scholarship funding over the years to Jewish Family and Children's Service Minneapolis and Jewish Family Service St. Paul, along with other assistance at holiday times.

Regular membership \$40 Contributing membership \$54 Sustaining membership \$55+ Send your check to:
Marian Altrowitz,
12717 Myrtle Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55305-5028

Getting to Know our Members

Each month we highlight a BOND member. Enjoy!!

Meet Nancy Peilte

Nancy was born in St. Louis, MO where she lived with her parents, her older sister Eleanor, grandma and a bachelor uncle. In the summer, on Saturday night, Uncle Mose would take Nancy for a fried chicken dinner followed by a visit to the Muni Opera in the park to see the latest musical theater presentation. This is where Nancy fell in love with singing and the theater.

During high school, Nancy's first love was art. She thought about being a fashion illustrator but then she lost interest. She was always extremely good in math, so she tried her hand at bookkeeping. She worked at a bank, a tire company and a brick-making company. Nancy had met her very best friend at Jewish Day Camp when they were nine and later during high school, they formed a singing duet. They were popular around St. Louis and active in the USO. They entertained at many military bases across the southern states. She was also involved in theater at the Jewish Community Center.

At age 24, Nancy moved to Colorado and a year later moved on to San Francisco. Her first job was at "Playland", an amusement park on the beach at the ocean where she was the bookkeeper. Eventually she went into public accounting, and was very lucky that her bosses saw a lot of potential and taught her everything she needed to know. The hours were very long and the job was very hard, but it all paid off in the end.

Nancy met Joe in San Francisco, and they were married November 30, 1968. Joe was working for a company that was purchased by Control Data and they were moved to Minneapolis in February of 1970. Nancy continued her work in public accounting and started volunteering with B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, ORT and B'nai Emet Synagogue. In 1979 she became the Business Manager for Talmud Torah of Minneapolis, which Nancy describes as "a most enlightening time".

Nancy's great-niece, Ellen is like a granddaughter to Nancy and Joe, and is the joy of their life.

After eight years, Nancy returned to public accounting for a while and then became the Comptroller for the Jenny Craig Weight Loss Franchise. In 1993 she started her own accounting business, which she continues today from home. During all this time, she has continued her volunteer work.

In 2005, Erna Fishhaut invited Nancy to join Brandeis and help with the accounting as Treasurer. When the group became BOND, Nancy served as the group's Treasurer until spring of 2013. Recently she was asked to return and help with the accounting.

Miscellaneous

BOND Directory Updates

Riva Goldstein c/o Wendy Rubinyi, 215 10th Ave. S. Unit 318, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1762 Cell: 763-438-9075

Sybil Wilensky Oct.-Apr. address: 1153 Tralee Bay Ave. Melbourne, FL 32940-6065

Bernice Greenberg bg1146@gmail.com

You will receive directory updates through the newsletter. Please contact Beverly London, <u>Bilondon01@gmail.com</u> or 612-718-9951 & Marian Altrowitz, <u>maltrow@comcast.net</u> or 952-935-1914 with any updates.