

Brandeis University  
Class of 1978 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Name: Ellen Bob

Maiden Name? Bob

Mac or PC? PC, barely

LP, CD, or IPOD? CD, occasionally  
Radio, mostly

What was your major? Did you continue in that field?

Linguistics, NEJS

The Linguistics has been left behind, but not the intellectual discipline it instilled. I continue to build on the Jewish studies daily.

Career? Do tell! After dabbling in community newspapers, I have been in the Jewish bookstore business for 25 years. Visit me at bobandbobjudaica.com

A Few favorite memories from Brandeis days?

Learning "The Hustle" at the Stein with the GRITO crowd  
Occupation of Pearlman Hall (outside support)  
Bronstein Day  
Hot Cider at Cholmondley's  
Rabbi Al Axelrod

Favorite Brandeis professor?

Ray Jackendoff

What have you done since graduation that you are most proud of?

Lived a life in consonance with my values

Are you single or married? Tell us about your family:

I'm married to David Waksberg '78. His sister introduced us Freshman Year. We noticed each other romantically junior year.

3 kids. Raphael, 23, a sketch comedian, Bard playwright grad  
Rebekah, 21, a junior at Oberlin, religion major future teacher  
Amalia, 17, singer/songwriter, future Brandeis applicant, perhaps

What goals have you set for yourself for the next ten years?

I'm not a big goal setter - I like to live in the moment. That said, I want to get the house painted, master EXCEL and adjust gloriously to the empty nest.

What items are on your bucket list?

None. My only goal is to live a life without regrets and that's a daily project.  
(I used to say I wanted to see James Taylor LIVE before I died, but I've done that. So I guess I can die happy. ☺)

Please provide a joke, a current photo, and a photo from your time at Brandeis.

Go to facebook to see what I look like.

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I don't take pictures.

And David's the joke teller in the family. I'm the one who laughs. Sometimes so hard  
the tears roll down my face.

