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Ruth Charney is Professor of Mathematics at Brandeis University and the current President of the AMS (2021–2022). After receiving her undergraduate degree from Brandeis (1972) she studied modern dance for a year in New York City before earning her mathematics PhD at Princeton University (1977). Charney is a pioneer in the field of geometric group theory and has made key contributions to

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