



## **TALKING POINTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NATIONAL ISRAEL SOLIDARITY DAY**

**“GOD BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS ISRAEL”**

### **HADASSAH INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN YOUR SERMON**

Hadassah believes in building a world where Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel - Hadassah has done this for over 100 years and we will continue to do it for the next 100. Since its inception, Hadassah's pacesetting progress has set the standard for medicine in Israel; the standard of excellence. The history of Hadassah is a chronicle of 'firsts;' of setting the standard and leading the way for medical services in Israel. The impressive list of lifesaving achievements – each of them trailblazing in their time – has earned Hadassah an international reputation for excellence. Among Hadassah's many 'firsts' was establishing the first Shock Trauma Unit in Israel in 1991. Hadassah's Shock Trauma Unit served as a model for other hospitals in Israel and today remains the leading shock trauma unit in Israel and the only Level 1-A trauma unit in the Jerusalem region.

#### **Hadassah Medical Organization's Impact in Israel and Worldwide:**

- The hospital receives nearly 1 million patient visits a year; 700,000 inpatient, 300,000 outpatient.
- Since its inception, Hadassah has treated patients without regard to religious, ethnic, or national background, and has embraced “peace through medicine” as a moral imperative;
- Hadassah is the only hospital ever to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize (2005);
- Hadassah is the second largest employer in the Jerusalem which has enormous impact upon its economy.
- War, terrorism, and mass casualties are an unfortunate reality. The Hospital Tower's underground surgical center that can be rapidly transformed to a fully functioning hospital. The Anesthesia Department, also underground, can be rapidly transformed to house 400 patients. The Tower is fully prepared to meet catastrophic emergencies and the requirements of the Disaster Management Preparation Department.
- Hadassah's Level 1 Shock Trauma Unit is the leading one in the world and has saved hundreds of lives of victims of terrorism and war.

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- Hadassah was the first to bring modern medicine to the Middle East...first to establish Israeli nursing, medical, and dental schools...first in Israel to perform a successful heart transplant and to establish a cancer care center, burn unit, bone marrow transplantation unit, and neo-natal unit...first in the world to successfully complete a computer-assisted hip replacement.
- Based on Hadassah's humanitarian philosophy, Hadassah's international activity brings Hadassah experts to any corner in the world when natural catastrophes and mass terrorism occurs. From Haiti to India, from Turkey to Boston, Hadassah has always been at the frontline of saving lives sharing its knowledge and experience with the world.
- Hadassah is the premier tertiary care center in the area. Its surgeons have become international experts on treating victims of terror for blast injuries, controlling bleeding, and addressing complex, multiple injuries.

For these and many other reasons, Hadassah's is the finest facility of its kind in Israel and perhaps the entire Middle East. It is a symbol of outstanding healthcare to the people of Israel and the world. Hadassah is an extraordinary organization, dedicated not only to providing care for millions in Jerusalem, Israel and the Middle East, but also serving as a bridge to peace for all people. Hadassah's two hospitals in Jerusalem provide citadel of healing and a sanctuary for peace. Supporting Hadassah is supporting the realization of these goals and a promise to serve the people of Jerusalem and Israel for many years to come.

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