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HADASSAH CORNER

I have recently returned from a wonderful visit to Israel to celebrate my father in law's 80th birthday (Mazal Tov Itzhak!). Our family gathered and had a wonderful party, rejoicing in recalling family history from the turn of the century till now.

It was amazing to learn how involved the youth were in all the upheavals during the 20th century – from fighting in wars to protect Israel, to building and creating the state of Israel.

All this brings to mind the wonderful work that Hadassah has done in the past and is still doing with Youth Aliyah.

Youth Aliyah was founded by Recha Freier, in Berlin on the same day, 30 January 1933, that Adolf Hitler took power. The organization was initially founded to protect German Jewish youth by sending them to pioneer training programs in Palestine after completing elementary school. The idea was supported by the World Zionist Organization and Henrietta Szold who convinced the then president of Hadassah to make Youth Aliyah an Hadassah priority. The first check for \$25,000 was written by Eddie Cantor, the actor.

In all, 5,000 teenagers were brought to Palestine before World War II. Henrietta Szold came to greet every one of the youth as they arrived in Palestine. Other youth were smuggled out of occupied Europe in the early years of the war, some to Palestine, and others to the United Kingdom and other countries. After World War II a Youth Aliyah office was opened in Paris and an additional 15,000 children, most of them Holocaust survivors, were brought to Palestine.

Youth Aliyah Child Rescue continues to play a role in the absorption of young newcomers to Israel, particularly from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. In addition, the organization offers a second chance to Israeli youth who have been designated 'at risk' by child care authorities.

The children come from a wide variety of backgrounds, and often have serious emotional, psychological and behavioral difficulties. Many come from disadvantaged, low income or dysfunctional families, very often single-parent families. They are often at risk because of poverty, neglect, domestic violence, sexual abuse, drug or alcohol abuse, mental illness, homelessness or delinquent behavior. Other children suffer from cancer and need respite care, while others come from families that have been victims of terror.

Children in the care of Youth Aliyah are housed in five youth residential villages in Israel. The villages include schools, dorms, clubhouses and playgrounds, and offer emotional support, education, developmental training and extra-curricular activity. More than 2,000 children have found a home and a new and more meaningful life through the Youth Aliyah movement.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Teatime Readers:

BENEVOLENCE AND BETRAYAL by Alexander Stille

at Ellen Kushin, 1:00p.m. Please RSVP with President@Sequoia-Hadassah.org.

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How to Empower the Female Investor:

Thursday, March 17, 7:30 pm at Palo Alto JCC, Room F401 RSVP with President@Sequoia-Hadassah.org.
Speaker - Tali Alon

Q&A -asset protection & guardianship - estate planning attorney Einat Arbel



Women exhibit increasing value in the global economy and yet continue to face financial planning challenges, wage gaps, caring for children and elders, longer life span and also fear of making mistakes. Let's uncover the steps on how to build your investment confidence and take control over your finances.

***Tali Alon, MBA, APMA®, CFP®** is a Financial Advisor, Associate Vice President with Ameriprise Financial Services with over 14 years' experience in the industry.

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Lunch Bunch Event:

at Spalti Restaurant in Palo Alto, 11:45 a.m. RSVP to Carolyn Kwiatek: cjfk4444@gmail.com.

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Evening Book Group:

MARRIAGE OF OPPOSITES by Alice Hoffman

at Miriam Buzi, 7:30p.m. RSVP with President@Sequoia-Hadassah.org.

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Divorce changes everything- Find your independence:

Tuesday, April 19 at Palo Alto JCC, Room G100 RSVP with President@Sequoia-Hadassah.org.

Speaker - Tali Alon

Co-speaker - Rosenfeld Family Law attorney Esther Rosenfeld, Esq.



Are you a woman who is considering or undergoing a divorce? Divorce can be a difficult and expensive process, and can cause dramatic upheaval in the family environment, social network and finances. Join us to understand what challenges, financial and otherwise, you can expect as you move through the divorce process. Learn how to gain confidence and control over the process and look ahead toward your independence and the next chapters of your life.

***Esther Rosenfeld, JD** is a family law attorney and mediator specializing in divorce, child custody, property division, child and spousal support, relocation cases, premarital agreements, and related issues, resolved mostly via mediation and collaborative problem-solving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JNF TREE CERTIFICATES AND HADASSAH CERTIFICATES

In honor of

the Bat Mitzvah of Hayden Wolfers, Ellen and Marvin Schwartz's granddaughter
Sue Hartenbaum

Marcia and Richard Kashnow
the Book Club

In memory of

Remy Pessah's brother-in-law,
Albert Morad
Lois Blank

Gabriel Sorokin, father of Dafna Mizrahi
Sue Hartenbaum

Judith Arnon
Trudy Bowman

Adina Shira Kletter
Esther and David Kletter



HADASSAH CLASSES

THURSDAY,
MARCH 31ST

Location: Kol-Emeth
4175 Manuela Avenue
Palo Alto, Ca., 94306

Time: 10:30 - Noon
Cost: \$15 to Hadassah

PROF. EDNA APHEK
presents
"FERENHEIM"
by **S.Y.AGNON**

Set in Germany, the story is about a soldier coming back home from WW1.

Ferenheim is a ruthless, sad drama, about a man who lost everything and whose homecoming is too late.

In the class we will analyze the story, point out recurring motives in the Agnonian story such as the belated return, the closed door, alienation and loneliness. We will also address the symbolic use of names as an Agnonian technique.

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