

Sequoia and Sharone Chapter Members meet with U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo

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SEQUOIA & SHARONE HADASSAH CHAPTERS MEET WITH CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO

Today, the Central Pacific Coast Region represented by our Sharone and Sequoia Chapters held its first Day in the District meeting with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., was founded in 1912 to help establish the Israeli medical care system. We provide medical care through Hadassah's Medical Organization to over one million patients a year regardless of race, religion or nationality through Hadassah Medical Organization hospitals in Jerusalem and clinics throughout Israel.

A team of 'women who do' from the 18th Congressional District met for almost an hour with Representative Anna Eshoo. Three topics were covered during our first Regional Day in the District: supporting Israel, fighting Anti-Semitism and promoting women's health equity. The Congresswoman is a strong advocate for all of those issues. She has supported combatting European Anti-Semitism (H.R. 672) and agreed to support a special envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism (H.R. 1911), as well as the Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Assistance Act (H.R. 1474) and the Combatting Anti-Semitism Act (H.R.1730). As a member of the Congressional Health Sub-Committee, she supported the \$2B budget for the National Institute of Health and has supported Hadassah women's health issues.

Each woman explained Hadassah's positions on the issues important to us. Rabbi Laurie Matzkin gave a moving presentation describing the make-up of the local Jewish community and about Hadassah's aim to perform acts of tikkun olam. We all stood when she blew the Shofar in honor of the 2nd day of the Hebrew month of Elul when the Jewish High Holy Day of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. The clarion call of the shofar is a wake-up call to be one with ourselves and help repair the world.

"Everything you said was a prayer" the emotionally moved Congresswoman said.

Congresswoman Eshoo then spoke of a string of threats and vandalism at Jewish institutions in her district..."Leaders can either lead or mislead. We have one who is misleading". She went on to say that Hadassah's work is very necessary and concluded with, "Blessed are the peacemakers as they shall be called the children of God."

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