



Hadassah Happenings *March, 2017*

Collier/Lee Chapter, Florida Central

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Gayle Dorio, Co-President

Those of us that attended the Kosher Comedy Tour on February 2nd enjoyed a delightful evening. We laughed and were greatly entertained! Who knew holding an event on a Thursday evening, Groundhog's Day, would be such fun? Temple Shalom was a welcoming location, as always, and the committee and volunteers, wonderfully led by Elissa Goldstein, did a terrific job. Many thanks and compliments were extended and we all are so grateful! If you missed it, you missed something special. Please take a look at the calendar to see what's next and let us see you at these events!

So much goes into making a volunteer organization succeed. The most important element, of course, is the

People - the volunteers! Hadassah cannot continue without dedicated, hard



Kosher Comedy Tour,
Peter Fogel, Chairman Elissa Goldstein, Suzi Cruz, David Goldstein

working people who know how important what we do is!
Currently we have many openings - both large and small and are asking, pleading, bribing you? Please get involved. Interested in being on a committee? Have a facility with numbers and can balance a checkbook? We need a treasurer co-chair. Like to plan luncheons and programs? We need a V.P. of Programming/Education. Please give some thought to this and help us.

I hope I don't sound like a broken record. I too enjoy living here in Paradise and participate in many leisure activities. I too have been active in Jewish life in other locales and have "paid my dues - been there, done that." But...and it's a big but...don't you really want to make a difference? Isn't helping others a big plus? Isn't contributing your time and expertise to make this organization thrive something you can do?

Please contact Karen Cohn, the other half of Hadassah's Presidential team, kcohrndh@gmail.com or gayledorio@gmail.com and let us know what you can do to help! I promise you - you will find a sense of belonging and satisfaction! Our logo says we are Hadassah the Power of Women who DO! Help us DO MORE!!!

[Click Here for Hadassah Resource List](#)

Hadassah Luncheon

Wednesday, March 7, 2017

McCormick and Schmick's

Registration 10:45-11:15

11:15 am: Tribute to Lisa Moore

Meet Yael Shmookler, Director of Development North and Central Florida, Southeast

Lunch 12 noon, \$28 per person

Speaker 1:00 pm

Reservations due March 1st, 2017

Menu Changes must be made by March 1

Do not miss this exciting program as we congratulate and bid a warm farewell to **Lisa Moore**, Director of Development, who has retired after 20 years of dedicated service and commitment to Hadassah! We look forward to working with Yael Shmookler, as she succeeds Lisa Moore. We will also have the opportunity to meet and greet a most interesting and humorous speaker, and story-teller, **Michael Korb**.

He is the former Senior Editor of Gulf Shore Magazine and syndicated newspaper columnist for Tribunal Media Services. He has interviewed everyone from Martha Stewart and Michael Kors to our very own Judge Judy. He is also the co-author of the movie "Unbridled."

[Click here for Luncheon Registration Form](#)



Michael Korb

2017 Mah Jongg Fun Day

On Monday, February 6th, 139 enthusiastic and excited women gathered at Cypress Woods Country Club for a sumptuous and delicious buffet. Many people said that the cheese blintzes and berry coulis were especially delicious! Everyone schmoozed and socialized.

Of course, there were card games and Mah Jongg and all around good fun. The raffle items were perused and many people eagerly plunked their tickets in the containers hoping to win several! Two great prizes generated lots of \$10 dollar bills! Carol Weisberg, the chair of the event (for many many years) welcomed everyone and conducted all the parts of the event



beautifully. She was ably assisted by Elaine Soffer, Registrations and Tables chair and Rochelle Pollens, Gifts and Donations Chair. During the event Carol Hirsch, Sandy Levine, Mary Sobel, Suzann Yussen and Judy Zwicker helped in many ways - among them selling raffle tickets, registering participants and being welcoming guides.



There were 41 donors and about 50 gifts. Many winners were thrilled to be selected and there were many smiles and oohs and aaahs!

In addition, we were happy to hear that 2 women chose to become members at the event!

Gayle Dorio, Co-President, thanked Carol for all her

YEARS of chairing this event and presented Carol with a certificate of appreciation. Carol has decided that someone else should carry on and make sure that this fun and profitable event continue. Gayle thanked her and thanked everyone for attending and supporting Hadassah.

Meet Yael Shmookler

Yael succeeds Lisa Moore as our National Hadassah Professional Major Gifts Officer covering our Florida Central Region as well as part of the Southeast Region (Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee)

Yael says, "I was born in Israel but raised in Tampa, Florida. I attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland where I earned a BA in Business-Management. After graduating, I worked for The Associated Jewish Federation of Baltimore. I then moved back to Tampa for a position covering the southeast portion of the United States working for The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). I've been married for 8 years and have two children, Noah (almost 5 years old) and Eve (18 months old).



Please don't hesitate to contact me at anytime. I am here for you and it is an honor to work for such an incredible life-changing and life-saving organization like Hadassah."

Yael will join us at the Tuesday, March 7th Collier/Lee Chapter luncheon at McCormick & Schmick's. We hope you will attend to honor Lisa Moore and to meet Yael in person.

Yael Shmookler

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Dates to Remember

February 19, Sunday	Fundraiser at Charming Charlies
February 22, Wednesday	Knowledge and Nosh at Brios
March 7, Tuesday	Luncheon McCormick & Schmicks with speaker Michael Korb
March 21, Tuesday	"Anything Goes" Broadway Palm Dinner Theater Matinee

[Click here to print 2017 Calendar](#)

American Zionist Affairs by Jeff Margolis

Promising Research with Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Age-related Macular Degeneration is a progressive disease where the cells at the center portion of the retina deteriorate. The disease is the leading cause of blindness in patients aged 60 and over. With the aging Baby Boomer population, the diagnosis of age-related Macular Degeneration will increase exponentially.



There is now some very promising research taking place at the Hadassah Medical Organization. Professor Eyal Banin, Director of Hadassah Medical Organization's Center for Retinal and Macular Degeneration along with Professor Benjamin Reubinoff, Director of HMO's Human Embryonic Stem cell Research Center are researching a technique to replace failing cells and thus slow the progress of the disease. Although this research is in its' early stages, the results so far have been positive. We expect to hear more about this exciting work in the near future. Dr Banin attended our Major Donors and Keepers brunch in December 2015 and explained some of his ongoing research.

[Click here for the Perpetual Yahrzeit Program](#)
Call Gale Lazarus
239.404.4878

New Member Brunch February 12, 2017
Welcome New and Transfer Members



The membership brunch for new, transfer, prospective and upgrade to life members was held February 12th at the home of Carol Hirsch. Eight new members were present to learn more about Hadassah and to meet new friends. Anyone interested in information about membership should contact Donna Goldblatt (mom443@aol.com) or Carol Hirsch (chirsch1951@gmail.com). Life membership is \$250 and annual membership is \$36. We are looking for people to join our membership committee. If you are interested in making phone calls or writing welcome notes contact Donna Goldblatt.

New Annual Members

Upgrade to Life Members

Suzanne Paley

Leslie Jarbe

Fern Ritacca

Michele Christides

New Life Member

Zoe Katz

Rona Senior

[Click to read about
Keepers of the Gate](#)

Jewish Book Festival

On Wednesday, February 8th, Hadassah sponsored two authors at the 2nd Annual Collier County Jewish Book Festival. The event featured Judy Batalion, author of *White Walls*, and Noa Baum, author of *A Land Twice Promised*. One hundred sixty attendees enjoyed the two presentations and it was the largest book festival event held at Beth Tikvah.

The audience was treated to a lengthy and lively discussion when Judy Batalion discussed her relationship with her mother and grandmother and the issue of growing up with both women who were hoarders. Judy's facility to weave an interesting story was apparent, as was one of her former jobs where she was a stand up comedienne. To make for an interesting event, the second author, Noa Baum, was delayed in getting to the venue so everyone made the best use of the time. When Noa arrived, her story telling background was apparent and she discussed her book explaining the relationship between an Israeli mother and Palestinian mother - both growing up in Jerusalem, but finding each other as friends when living in California. Books were purchased and signed. Hadassah was proud to be a sponsor and grateful to Ted Epstein and all the people on the committee for continuing to provide this Festival. Here's to next year!



Gayle Dorio, Judy Batalion, Karen Cohn

**Evening Study Group March 22, 2017
Taste of Passover**



Save the date March 22, 6:30 pm. The Hadassah Evening Activity Group will have an event called a "*Taste of Passover*" Arlene Levin will host and cook a fabulous dinner. It will feature recipes from her kosher cook book. The cost is \$10.00. If you have any questions please call Lauren at 592-5304. RSVPs are now being taken. Space is limited.

March Hadassah Study Group March 20th, 2017



A special study group will take place at the Jewish Federation, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road on March 20th at 1pm. Art Historian Dottie Magen will present an informative and interesting talk on the major Jewish artist Louise Nevelson. Last year's presentation on Mark Rothko was a revelation in understanding contemporary art. We'll meet for lunch at the Metro Diner in the Naples Walk shopping center. Please meet promptly at 11:30. Their policy is that all patrons must be present to be seated.
[RSVP: arlene2001@embarqmail.com](mailto:arlene2001@embarqmail.com)
call Arlene at 239-455-1912

Shalom-Au Revoir-Do Svdanya-Sayonara-Good-bye

At our March 7, 2017 Hadassah luncheon, the Collier/Lee chapter of Hadassah will say our official good-bye to Lisa Moore, our Director of Development. We will select a lovely remembrance for Lisa and ask for a donation for those who wish to be included on the card. Any remaining funds will be

sent to Hadassah in Lisa's name. (Suggested donation is \$10 or \$18.)
Please send your check payable to Judi Palay 14648 Glen Eden Dr,
Naples, FL 34110-3666 by February 22.
judipalay@aol.com or Nancy Wiadro, nwiadro@hadassah.org

Hadassah Fundraiser, March 21, 2017
Matinee and Buffet Lunch, \$75 each
"Anything Goes" at the Broadway Palm Theater, Ft. Myers



ANYTHING? (WELL, ALMOST ANYTHING!)

AT THE



**The Collier/Lee Chapter of Hadassah
Invites You To An Exciting Afternoon Event
To Benefit The Extraordinary Work Of Hadassah**

On

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017

At

**The Broadway Palm Theater,
1380 Colonial Boulevard,
Fort Myers, Florida**

Enjoy

**A delicious buffet luncheon
including salad bar and dessert**

AND

**The Magical Cole Porter Musical,
"ANYTHING GOES!"**

11:45 a.m. Luncheon 1:15 p.m. Showtime

***All Proceeds From This Event Will Benefit The
Extraordinary Work Of Hadassah!***

Detach Here

NO. OF TICKETS @ **\$75.00** PER PERSON _____ AMT. ENCLOSED _____

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**Israel Fest, April 2, 2017
Fleischmann Park, Noon to 3 PM**

Hadassah is proud to be a sponsor once again. As if showing support for Israel is not enough, El Al Israel Airlines will be sponsoring a free drawing for one round trip ticket to Tel Aviv. The drawing will take place at 2:30 PM on the day of the event and the winner of the drawing must be present to win. Information on how to enter the drawing will be provided in the March issue of the Federation Star.

[Click here to see the Israel Fest Flyer](#)

Tributes and Gifts

In support of the extraordinary work of Hadassah, we sincerely appreciate the following contributions

To: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Friedman	In memory of your son, Brandon	From: Gail & Daniel Kamm
To: Lisa Moore	In honor of your retirement from Hadassah	From :Linda & Larry Hyde
To: Carol Weisberg	Thanks for your work organizing Hadassah's Mah-Jongg Card party!	From: Entire Collier/Lee Chapter

In Our Family

Congratulations

To: Marty Barber on his 80th birthday

Get Well Wishes

To: Honey Berkle
To: Ruth Stockinger

Thinking of You

To: Roz Citrin, who is under Avow Hospice Care

Condolences

To: Helene Weinberg on the loss of her husband, Ira
To: Bobby Katz on the passing of her step-mother, Myra Shapiro

Hadassah Mission Statement

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