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## **WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO**

***We are volunteers! We are fundraisers! We are winners!  
We are dedicated to the extraordinary work of Hadassah!***

**Recently, Keepers of the Gate, the annual giving program that provides so much of the hospitals' everyday support, hosted a video meeting with Barbara Sofer from Jerusalem. Here are just a few of the stories she shared.**

***Barbara Sofer's son, Dr. Josh Schroeder, is a surgeon at Hadassah. He successfully operated on a Palestinian boy from Gaza. The boy had severe curvature of the spine and a growth that limited his quality of life. Your support made his surgery possible and changed the way his family views Israel.***

**There is a book cart that children love. Donated books in Hebrew, Arabic and Yiddish offer a literary escape to the children and their parents. Many of these children have never owned a book.**

***Dr. Paulina Stepansky, came to HMO from Russia. She heard from a Russian grandmother whose grandson suffers from a rare form of osteoporosis that squeezes the optic nerve causing blindness. They boy is being treated now and his grandmother is tremendously grateful.***

**Finally, Barbara showed us photos of painted Stones of Peace." Arab and orthodox children from East Jerusalem, patients at the hospital, paint stones with "Shalom/ Salaam/ Peace" at Mt. Scopus hospital. These children learned that they should not be throwing stones in hatred but that children and their parents only pray for peace.**

***Thank you to our Chapter Advisor, Nancy Wiadro, for your many leadership positions, your dedication to Hadassah and for sharing the above information for publication in "Happenings."***

***We Hadassah women lead our community by education and good deeds.***

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENT**



***Karen Cohn***

Well, I've started seeing transports which means season is beginning to wind down, and now it's time to take a breath. But, don't worry, Gayle and I are still on top of everything. We and the Board are going to be working on having an even better season next year.

We have a great Board and they work very hard on programs and fundraising. They would be happy with any help and input from you - the general membership. People forget that this is strictly an organization to raise funds to support the extraordinary work of Hadassah. We help support Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Israel, which includes Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, medical research that benefits the entire world, humanitarian projects for which we work so hard, and so much more. This is not necessarily a "Fun" organization. Sure we do some fun things, but they are totally self-sustaining. Sometimes, the fundraising part gets overshadowed. We are a business to support Hadassah projects in Israel and abroad in any way we can.



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For your information from Israel: "Cutting edge Hadassah receives most advanced radiotherapy system to treat cancer". The arrival of a new linear accelerator takes us to a whole new level of delivering radiotherapy in fighting cancer. Essential parameters are speed and precision. With this new system, treatment can now be completed in one week rather than one month. It is very precise and can find a very tiny tumor and target it for radiation even if close to a vital organ. Dr. Marc Vigoda heads the Hadassah Medical Center's Radiotherapy Unit in the Sharett Institute of Oncology. These are the things we are all about. The bottom line is that with this new equipment patients will enjoy a better quality of life while undergoing treatment.

Remember, we are not paid employees. We are volunteers who work hard for ONE purpose - to help Hadassah Medical Organization and Israel. We are a world wide organization that believes in Tikkun Olam, saving the world, and with that assumption you don't have to be Jewish. You just have to care about people. Anyone with these ideals can become a Hadassah member.

Enough *bloviating* . I just feel very strongly about what it is all about . Thank you for listening! We are slowing down our activities during the summer so the snowbirds won't be missing too much. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Karen Cohn

**Word of the Day: "bloviating"
To speak or write verbosely and windily.**



DAYTIME STUDY GROUP

Arlene Yedid

We'd like to thank Dottie Magen and Charlotte Henschel for an exceptional lecture last month on Jewish artist Mark Rothko. We gained many insights into modern art from their knowledgeable presentations. Our Daytime Study Group continues with Max I. Dimont's historical treasure of Jewish history,

Jews, God and History. On Monday, May 16th we will discuss chapters 15 through 17, the Golden Age of creativity that plunges into the Dark Ages. On June 20, we will discuss Chapters 18 and 19, how Jews became indispensable to their Princes during the Dark Ages. As usual, we'll meet for lunch at 11:30 at First Watch on the corner of Pine Ridge and Livingston. RSVP for lunch reservations, arlene2001@gmail.com or phone 239.455.1912.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Donna Goldblatt

Our season is winding down and it has been a record season for enrolling new members. This will be hard to beat. With Mother's Day approaching, we have the opportunity to recruit some new members. A Life Membership (\$212) or Annual Membership (\$36) for Mom's, Grandmother's, or your good friend is a wonderful way to honor that special person in your life.

New Annual Member: Mona Kreuzer



EVENING ACTIVITY GROUP

Lauren Becker



Evening group events are announced in e-mails and sent out a few weeks prior to the event. If you would like to be included on the evening group e-mail list, be sure to contact Lauren Becker, by phone only (592-5304.) Because of the increased demand for these events, we can no longer accept payment at the door. All evening group events must be paid in advance. The fee for each event is an assigned dish and \$10.00 per person, unless otherwise noted.

KEEPERS OF THE GATE

Ellen Harris

Keepers of the Gate is Hadassah's first National annual giving society, and ensures millions of dollars to support the day-to-day needs of Hadassah's vital projects and programs, saving and sustaining lives around the world.

"When I realized that I spent more on coffee each day than the daily cost of being a Keeper of the Gate, I understood that this was my time to give." --

Keeper of the Gate Donor

365 days a year, every Keeper of the Gate plays a critical role in Hadassah's lifesaving and life enhancing work. For more information call Ellen Harris at 508-395-5116 or email ehjh@comcast.net.



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## **DID YOU KNOW????**

### **May is New Member Recognition Month**

During New Member Recognition Month we honor our new members and celebrate the diversity of Hadassah's membership. If you ask most members why they joined Hadassah, the answer would most likely be "to meet people," with rare exceptions. But once they join and begin to learn about, and understand more about, the work of Hadassah, they become more involved and find themselves volunteering to be an integral part of the day-to-day operations.

Our organization could not exist without the loyal and dedicated help of volunteers. We depend upon and exist solely because of the willingness of those who devote their time and energy to fundraising, caregiving and all of the other tasks that are necessary to run the organization on a day-to-day basis.

## **The Benefits Provided To You By The Act Of Volunteering**

Volunteering can help increase your self-confidence, it helps combat depression and studies have shown that it can lessen the symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease. There are so many aspects of volunteering and it is important for you to ask the right questions and make sure it is a good fit. The best volunteer experiences benefit both the volunteer and the organization.

That is what makes our Hadassah chapter so special. We are a family - opening our hearts to victims of a disaster, and opening our hearts to those who volunteer their valuable time. We treat each other with respect, we honor other opinions and we work together so that everyone is an integral part of our chapter. Without this cooperation, we could not exist, nor could we achieve the successes that we do on a regular basis.

As a member of Hadassah, you can chair a committee, organize a luncheon, sponsor a speaker, make telephone calls, write letters for a chairperson who doesn't like to write, drive someone to a meeting, or lead your friends to every event that is planned in order to support the extraordinary work of Hadassah. The choice is yours!

## **Hadassah is Launching the Coalition for Women's Health Equity**

This is a new National coalition to promote policies that address inequities in women's health, from prevention and diagnosis, to treatment and cure. Ultimately, these policies will impact every woman's life. As the founder of this coalition, Hadassah is helping shape the future of women's health in America, just as we have in Israel. Together, we'll coordinate advocacy initiatives for women's health equity, focusing on the policies where we can have the greatest impact. The Coalition is planning a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill next month.

## **Hadassah Nassau Mission to Israel**

**October 27 - November 6, 2016**

Discover the magic - Share the wonders of Hadassah and Israel. From the ancient to the modern, from antiquities to high techs, from traditional to innovative, enjoy an in-depth visit to Israel that only Hadassah can offer, including a "behind the scenes" tour of the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. Open to anyone, this program is available for members on the website [hadassah.org/missions](http://hadassah.org/missions).

## **IN OUR FAMILY**

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Burton Hirsch, husband of Carol Hirsch

Shelly Berkle

Nicole Williams

**CONTINUED WISHES FOR GOOD HEALTH TO:**

Marsha Goldfine

Elyse Morande

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Cissy & Harvey Dezen on the birth of their great-grandson Lev Arthur Rasis

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

**GIFTS AND TRIBUTES**

To: Richard Golden  
Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Thelma & Harvey Sandberg

To: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Iser  
In honor of your 50th Wedding  
Anniversary. From: Karen & Ed Ezrine

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For information on how to add your gifts and tributes to this page, see last page.  
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HONORABLE "MENSCHEN"

Congratulations to Ellen Seigel on being elected to the Naples City Council
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**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

Please Remember! Hadassah respects all levels of Jewish observance. No Hadassah events or business, (including emails and phone calls) should be done on Shabbat or Jewish holidays unless the events are celebrating the holiday. All food served at any Hadassah event should either be Dairy or Parve. If meat is served, it must be KOSHER and dietary rules followed.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### *May*

- 2nd Board Meeting Temple Shalom 11:00 AM
- 15th Celebrate Israel Day - Mercato - 1:00 PM
- 16th Daytime Study Group-1:00 PM -Temple
- 26th Lag B'Omer

##### *June*

- 6th Hadassah Board Meeting - Temple Shalom
- 12th-13th Shavout
- 20th Daytime Study Group - 1:00 PM Temple Shalom

##### *July*

- 11th Mah Jongg 11:30 a.m. Cyprus Woods CC
- 25th - 28th Hadassah National Convention - Atlanta

*Support your favorite Hadassah Project or*

*Honor a Special Person*

*Purchase Genuine Hadassah*

**CARDS, CERTIFICATES & TREES**

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Deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month. .