

HAPPENINGS AT HADASSAH
The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
COLLIER/LEE CHAPTER -
Florida Central
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
DIANE SCHWARTZ

Meaningful and Good...

Hadassah has had a busy few months!

We've enjoyed meaningful programs and we've "done well by doing good"- and we had fun while moving our plans forward!

We enjoyed Tea & Tales at Brambles and we were entertained by wonderfully told "tales" by professional story tellers to the upcoming Shabbat Under the Stars we will share the company of our Hadassah friends for this Pot Luck at a beautiful setting.

We saw a fascinating program and we learned about Hadassah HMO's important role in stem cell research impacting neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's. Did you know that the U.S. is number two in the world in cases of Alzheimer's? Hadassah's research can impact us right at home.

We enjoyed a Taste of Passover cooking demonstration by cookbook author and Hadassah member Arlene Levin.

We proudly sponsored a presentation of the Jewish Book Festival featuring two talented women authors.

We observed Shabbat Zachor with thanks to Rabbi Miller and Temple Shalom Sisterhood. A full group of members beautifully participated in the service and provided tasty desserts.

We supported our Chai Society members with an educational program and delicious lunch.

We are raising funds to support Hadassah's 360 Degrees of Healing Full Circle Campaign by supporting and naming a single, fully equipped patient room for the Collier/Lee Chapter. This is one of 200 new patient rooms in the

renovated, iconic Round Building at our Ein Karem hospital. Upon completion, there will be over 1000 beds in HMO's two hospitals, which are already treating one million patients a year regardless of race, religion or nationality.

To help fulfill our 360 goal, we proudly honored Collier/Lee Hadassah Past "Perfect" Presidents during the It's Magical Tribute evening while we enjoyed one of Florida's Best Entertainers, Keith Raygor and his Magic, Music and Mind Reading performance.

We hosted the Guardians and Founders of Hadassah at a lovely brunch; shared a special briefing about Hadassah and the 360 Campaign; and are making plans for a Keepers of the Gate event at year-end.

We sold cards, certificates and trees; distributed JNF Blue Boxes for a fundraiser luncheon in the fall; played mahjong, cards and games; and continued two book clubs and a study group to feed our minds as well as our hearts.

We joined the community to Celebrate Israel and planned ahead for a series of new programs under the banner of ***Hadassah Presents....***

Stay tuned for more news about this in the fall.

We've welcomed new and transfer members and encouraged their participation.

We are planning a great Summer Fun event in August; watch for the upcoming announcement.

We've kept you all informed through our wonderful Hadassah Happenings and E-Blasts. It's a lot to keep up with!

All of these efforts, programs, fundraisers, camaraderie, connections and successes have been terrific.

We appreciate our Board members, each of whom does her part to plan, support and/or implement all of our good work.

All of our members should feel proud of Hadassah and your support to keep our work ***Meaningful and Good.***



"UNDER THE STARS"

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend The
Collier/Lee Chapter Of Hadassah's
ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT

on

FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, 2019,
6:00 o'clock in the evening

at the home of
JACKY ABRAMS

(located at Riverstone in Naples)

**Please plan on bringing a kosher style dairy
dish to share, plus a donation of
\$10 per person or \$20 per couple.**

Spouses and friends are welcome.

Call Lauren Becker, 239.592.5304 to RSVP.

Lauren will share all the information you need,
including menu ideas & directions to Jacky's home

**This is a wonderful tradition to share with
your Hadassah Family and Friends!**

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE RSVP

SOON!

(First come, first served!)

It's Magical Means Wonderful

April 7th arrived in fine fashion and so did the attendees at our It's Magical event. Eleven Past Presidents were able to attend along with the rest of our guests. Rhonda Brazina was our Mistress of Ceremonies and keep all moving along smoothly.

Our wonderful Past "Perfect" Presidents received personalized Certificates of Recognition, - thank you Mimi and Buzz Cohn - beautiful white orchids and a standing ovation. There were smiles and appreciation all around!

We highlighted the 360 Campaign with a brief video and remarks and received two significant additional gifts toward our goal to raise \$18,000 to name a fully-equipped single patient room in the Round Building renovation.

The Silent Auction was well-viewed and people selected their "treasures" with a smile. Entertainer Keith Raygor wowed the audience with his magic, mindreading and music. He was a great showman and involved the audience throughout his performance. Many are still trying to figure out, "how did he do that?"

Many thanks to the committee lead by Co-Fundraising Vice Chairs Lee Henson and Linda Wertheim. Applause to Rhonda Brazina, Gayle Dorio, Ida Margolis, Luba Rotsztain, Diane Schwartz, Millie Stein, Nancy Wiadro, Lynn Wilner and Amy Zusmanovich.

A good time was had by all!!

**Behind the Scenes for It's Magical...
Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Co-chairs of
It's Magical get in the spirit of the event**





Eleven Past Presidents attended and had a great time. A Gathering of Honorees - Standing (L-R) Ruth Hubing, Gayle Dorio, Judi Palay, Lynn Wilner, Sylvia Simko, Iris Shur and Karen Cohn. Seated (L-R) Shelley Skelton, Helene Weiss, and Dena Sklaroff. Also attending, missing from the picture Connie Mansfield .



HADASSAH

Keepers of the Gate

Did you know that the Keepers of the Gate family includes Keepers for Nursing? You can specify that you wish your Keepers gift to sustain the nursing needs of Hadassah. Your gift will fund nursing positions at Hadassah's hospitals in Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus and faculty positions at the School of Nursing. At Hadassah the School of Nursing faculty actively work in the hospital and train their students on site. Now, as we embark on the Full Circle Campaign, the reimagined Round Building will be adding 200 new beds which will signal a need for additional nursing staff. This is the ideal time to become a Keeper for Nursing. For an annual gift of \$1000 you can be a Traditional Keeper, for \$1800 a Chai Keeper, and for \$5000 or a Golden Keeper. Your gift can be made in a lump sum or in installment payments. Consider becoming a Keeper for Nursing.



Jack and Nancy Wiadro hosted 22 of Collier/Lee Hadassah major donors for lunch at their home. Round menu items reinforced the "round" theme of the 360 Degrees of Healing Full Circle Campaign, a \$93M renovation of the 60 year old hospital building that houses the famous Chagall Windows.



Josh Rednik, CDO of the Philanthropy Division, along with Yael Shmookler, MGO for SW FL, presented highlights from a recent staff trip to Hadassah's hospitals and Youth Aliyah Villages. Pictured here are Jack and Nancy Wiadro, as Yael presents them with their Builders of Promise Certificate. Builders of Promise is a new gift only for the 3 year Campaign.



Lee Henson, Diane Schwartz and Linda Wertheim represent Hadassah at Celebrate Israel Day.



Advocacy Update

As acts of hatred continue to spread through the world, it is time to reflect upon what can be done in our communities to combat the causes of such hatred..

As Passover approaches one family has found a way to honor a family member lost in the Squirrel Hill temple massacre and address the ignorance that forms the foundation of anti semitism and intolerance. The 2 for Seder Foundation, established by the Joyce Fienberg Family, encourages us to invite to our seders two acquaintances or friends who are not familiar with the Passover story or the rituals of the Passover seder.

At the Hadassah Shabbat Zachor service, Rabbi Miller of Temple Shalom addressed the issue simply and eloquently by stating that people should realize, understand and be guided by the principle that "there is no us and themONLY US !"

In spite of the present atmosphere, including the recent New Zealand mosque massacre, we can be still be encouraged as we find examples of communities coming together for a better world. Following the example of Hadassah Hospital, founded on the principle of a shared society, the educational program of Hand in Hand in Jerusalem involves Arabs and Jews learning, living and playing together in one building. Each class is conducted both in Hebrew and Arabic with bilingual teachers

and staff. From 20 families it has now grown to 700 children and a waiting list.

It began with a rocky start . A fire set by those objecting to the project almost destroyed it, but the community came out in support of it and a march of solidarity allowed this project to continue.

REMINDER: Tickets are now on sale for "Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far Away ."being held at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan.



HAVE YOU SEEN AND WONDERED WHAT THE BLUE BOXES ARE FOR

Just fill up a Blue Box with your loose change by October and enjoy a luncheon as a way of saying Thank You! This is a fundraiser we all can participate in doing collectively!

The first JNF(Jewish National Fund) collection box was actually Theodor Herzl's hat, which he used at the Fifth Zionist Congress in 1901 when he asked delegates for donations to purchase land in Eretz Yisrael to re-establish a Jewish homeland.

Two weeks later, the iconic Blue Box, or "Pusher," was born. Stamped with the words "National Fund," small tin boxes were distributed to Jewish communities across the globe. They numbered over a million by World War II.

Their impact was immediately generating vital funds to repurchase, develop and cultivate the land of Israel. More than a century after its creation, the Blue Box remains a powerful symbol of the link between Diaspora Jewry and the land and the people of Israel.

For any questions contact Denise Sultan at 516-791-5932 or Patti Bloom at 221-7559.

Elyse Morande

Vice-President of PRAZE (Programming, Advocacy Zionism and Education)



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR SOMEONE BY PLANTING A TREE IN ISRAEL, a beautiful certificate will be sent to the honoree on your behalf. REMEMBER, you can honor someone for a Birthday, Anniversary, Condolence Message, Congratulatory Note and so much more! Send a copy of this notice with your check, in the amount of \$18.00 per tree and payable to Hadassah, to Mimi Cohn, 990 Fountain Run, Naples, Florida 34119. Please include how you want the certificate to be signed and the address to which it should be mailed.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING TREES IN ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE POPULAR CIRCLE OF TREES. THERE IS ALSO A WIDE VARIETY OF GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SELECTION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SENDING CARDS, TREES or TRIBUTES AND GIFTS, CONTACT MIMI COHN, 455-9527 (buzzcohn@aol.com) or PAULA BERZON 592-9278 (paula.berzon@yahoo.com.)

Tribute to



To: Esther Bender and family
In memory of Esther's husband, Bernie
From: Eileen & Al Schwartz

To: Mr. & Mrs. David Samson
In memory of her mother, Bernice Miska
From: Gail & Dan Kamm

To: Gayle & Sherman Sklar
In honor of your 50th anniversary
From: Ellen & Bill Rodwick

To: Tim Slater and family
In memory of your father, William F. Slater
From: Gail & Jerry Solomon

To: Barbara & Stephen Suden
In memory of your niece, Joy
From: Doris & Alan Adlestein

To: Nicole Williams and family
In memory of Nicole's beloved husband, Bob
From: Ruth Albert
Paula & Herman Berzon

Mi Sheberach - {Click on Video and log into YouTube}

In Our Family

Continued Recovery:

Estelle Silver

In Our Thoughts:

Bob Williams, husband of Nicole Williams
Helen Blinder
Rosalee Rudman

We are so sorry to tell you of the passing of
Mel Toub, husband of Joyce Toub.

Condolences and notices of contributions
may be sent to
Joyce Toub and family
83 Rolling Brook Drive
Clifton Park NY 12065
joyt211639@aol.com.

Contributions in Mel's memory may be made to
a charity of your choice.

Mourner's Kaddish