



Hadassah Happenings
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Collier/Lee Chapter, Florida Central

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HADASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION of AMERICA, INC.



Gayle Dorio, Co-President

Aren't we fortunate to be living here in Paradise? This is a golfer, tennis player, pickle baller, boater's heaven. Those who play canasta, bridge, Mah Jongg, etc have plenty of partners from whom to choose. Aren't we lucky to have so many activities and organizations that offer so much? Haven't we been blessed? I know I count my blessings all the time.

This isn't another article about becoming a Hadassah member - about doing more, about tikkun olam. After all, we are Hadassah members - women who do more! We are committed to making a difference in the world and improving the future of our children and grandchildren. We see a need, we step up.

Our goal in Hadassah is first to have you belong. Second is for you to be knowledgeable - to learn about the many things Hadassah does. (Did you know, for example, that there is a Curriculum Watch Department that protests books and programs that misrepresent history and might be considered anti-semitic?). With a sense of belonging and knowledge about the good that Hadassah does, we all support this organization with our time, efforts and yes, money.

I want to share with you something that touched me greatly at the recent Hadassah weekend conference that several of us attended. You will see a summary in this newsletter beautifully written by Luba Rotsztain.

One of the attendees whose primary focus is fundraising, explained how she views her role for Hadassah. When she hears people say that Hadassah is always asking for money, even going so far as to say - "nickeling and dime-ing all the time," she explains that Hadassah is an incredible charity that does so much for Israel and for everyone in the world. Nobel Peace Prize nominee and top rating on Charity Navigator. But then she said two things that resonated with me.

First: She pointed out that most charities don't host luncheons, knowledge and noshes, meetings to educate and motivate. They just send lots and lots of envelopes asking for money.

Second: She said, "I will never find a cure for cancer. I will never save a life with a remarkable research discovery. I will never do extraordinary things. But, I am a part of all that. I helped build the buildings, equip the rooms, raise the funds to allow those gifted and talented individuals to accomplish that! I am Hadassah! I have done something special too."

Here in Paradise, when our time is important, I am so glad our time includes Hadassah. I believe we are blessed with the State of Israel, blessed with living here, blessed with the ability to do more. Thank you for joining in this amazing journey - wherever you go, remember there is Hadassah! Friends for life! Women who do more - and are devoted to tikkun olam. May this New Year be a blessed one for all - and may our efforts be met with great success!

[Click Here for Hadassah Resource List](#)

Opening Meeting & Luncheon Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Tiburon Country Club, 2820 Tiburon Dr. Naples

Registration 10:45-11:15

Meeting 11:15

Lunch 12 noon, \$28 per person

Speaker 1:00 pm -- 2:00 pm

[Click here to print the luncheon registration form](#)



Guest Speakers and Topics

Joyce Fletcher, Voter Service Chair for The League of Women Voters,

Upcoming amendments for the general election

Robin Larkin, Director, Mission and activities of the League of Women Voters

Charlotte Nycklemore, President of the League of Women Voters, Introductions
and closing statements

Prepaid reservations due by Friday, 10/23

Save the Date for the Joys and Oys of Yiddish, Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7 pm

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 1459 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, FL

You will plotz at 7pm on December 6, 2016. Why? We are qvelling about Riva Ginsburg and the yiddish program she is presenting to benefit Hadassah. Do you have to speak yiddish? Absolutely not!

This event is open to the public.

To reserve a spot send \$18 to Sandy Levine, 14623 Speranza Way, Bonita Springs FL 34135

Want to bake something? Email Iris Shur at irisjimshur@aol.com.

Iris and Sandy will see you there.

(This program is generously underwritten by Debby and Jeff Waranch)

[Click here to print the invitation](#)

Knowledge and Nosh, Israel 101, by Steve Brazina Wednesday, December 14

Where: Jewish Federation, 1:30 pm

RSVP by December 11, please send your \$10 check payable to Hadassah to:

Elyse Morande

26235 Salinas Way

Bonita Springs, FL 34135



Dates to Remember

Oct 30, Sunday

New Member Brunch

Nov 1, Tuesday	Luncheon, Tiburon CC
Nov 14, Monday	Board Meeting, Temple Shalom
Dec 6, Tuesday	Fundraiser, Joys/Oys of Yiddish, Beth Tikvah
December 14, Wed.	Knowledge and Nosh, Jewish Federation
Dec 18, Sunday	Major Donors/Keepers of the Gate

[Click here to print 2016-2017 Calendar](#)



Membership Report

Our fall New, Transfer, and Prospective Member Brunch will take place Sunday, October 30th at the home of Carol Hirsch. If you know someone who would be interested in attending, call or e-mail Carol (614-477-4807, chirsch1951@gmail.com) and an invitation will be sent. It is a great way to meet new people and learn about Hadassah. Many of our members received a gifted membership last year. Before your membership renewal date take advantage of the opportunity to upgrade to Life Membership. Your annual fee will be deducted from the \$212 Life membership fee. It is a great way to become a Life Member and you never have to worry about your renewal date. Please remember to send in your volunteer forms. If you need a new form contact:
 Roberta Ury 847-494-2371, robertaury@comcast.net.
 Transfer Member- Elaine Chase



Luba Rotsztain, Karen Cohn and
Gayle Dorio (L to R)

Florida Central Region Leadership Workshop, Tampa FL by Luba Rotsztain

The weekend of September 17-18, Gayle Dorio, Karen Cohn and I attended the Florida Central Region Leadership Workshop in Tampa.

There were 14 Hadassah members holding different positions from several locations in Florida.

After a very meaningful Havdalah service conducted by all of us and followed by tasty wine, aromatic spices and lots of sweets, our meeting started.

Susan Lafer, President of the Florida Central Region, along with Lin Pomerantz, Organization Vice President and Sharon Sisselsky, Leadership Vice President, led us through the main topics of the leadership training in a very informal atmosphere with the participation of all.

We started with the mission statement and the chronology of achievements of Hadassah since its birth and the succession of developments and discoveries that have brought Hadassah to the forefront of progress in medicine, human rights, environmental preservation, education for children and adults and so many other fields.

As we reviewed all those many achievements, we felt pride in being a part of this. We felt more passionate to continue being women who do help achieve those goals.

We talked about spreading the word, reaching out to the community to attract new members, to energize the members with meaningful activities and to help develop new leaders. We realized that first we

must educate everyone about the work of Hadassah with interesting articles, videos and targeted materials. Once people know about the amazing work Hadassah does, that benefits everyone - ourselves, our children and the generations to come, they will certainly want to support Hadassah!

We spent time sharing meals, snacks (maybe too many), tips about activities that were successful, and personal anecdotes. Some shared experiences during missions to Israel. A feeling of sisterhood and closeness was felt by all. Several times we heard that Hadassah friends are friends for life and everywhere you go, there is Hadassah!

I truly appreciate the opportunity to participate in the workshop and learn about the wealth of information and resources we have as volunteers to "spread the word" about Hadassah.

It energized me, and filled me with a sense of purpose of the importance of our work while raising funds, as WOMEN WHO DO for the continued progress of Hadassah.

I would strongly encourage all of you to participate the next opportunity when the region offers a workshop. You'll find out that while learning you are also having a lot of fun and meeting great women.

A Great Year to Start More Hadassah Book Clubs

By Ida Margolis

A few years ago I suggested having a ***Hadassah Non-fiction Book Club***.



Fortunately a number of members supported this idea and the "Collier-Lee Chapter Hadassah Non-fiction Book Club," was created. Members researched non-fiction books, we made our selection from those. We consequently read and discussed many very interesting books, such as Raquela: A Woman of Israel and The Day The World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland, which we are still talking about.

Last year our community was fortunate to have an inaugural Jewish

Book Festival. Our book club voted that instead of our previous format for selecting books, we would look at the list of books and authors that are coming to Naples with the JBF and select books from that list. It was exciting to read and discuss books and then get to hear the authors speak. With an amazing selection of authors and books to choose from we are doing the same thing this year. Linda Wertheim agreed to take charge of communications, and e-mailed our list to book club members. I am once again looking forward to seeing all the wonderful ladies for our discussions and attending the author presentations. One of the books we selected is *A Land Twice Promised* by Noa Baum. Baum, is one of the two authors included in the "memoir theme." She will be at Beth Tikvah at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 and is being sponsored by our Hadassah Chapter.

Our book club meets in member's homes, which necessitates limiting the number who can attend. But there is no limit to the number of additional Collier-Lee Chapter of Hadassah book clubs that can be started, just like there is no limit to the wonderful choices of books available for discussion. In fact there is also a **Hadassah Book Club North** that meets in Estero, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers. There are a few spaces left in this the **Book Club North**. If you are interested in this group contact Judy Donaldson at jkadonaldson@yahoo.com or call 336-813-4522.

If you are interested in starting another club contact ida.margolis2@gmail.com so that a notice can be put in an upcoming newsletter. Happy reading and see you at the Jewish Book Festival.

Keepers of the Gate

You Are Invited To Attend The Collier/Lee Chapter of Hadassah 17th Annual Recognition of Major Donors and Keepers of the Gate

Special Guest Speaker **Dr. Rachel Schonberger** Chair,
Hadassah Medical Organization



"Hadassah, Research in Service to Humanity"

Sunday, December 18, 2016

Quail West Golf and Country Club
5950 Burnham Road, Naples 34119

Photos, Champagne, Mimosas and Coffee from 10:30 a.m.

Program with Speaker begins promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon served at 12 noon

RSVP by December 12th Couvert \$50 per person

We would be delighted to welcome you into the Family of Major Donors or as an Annual or Associate Keeper of the Gate by pledging a minimum gift of \$1000 to be eligible to attend. Invitations will be mailed by November 10th

Suggested Giving Opportunities

Yahrzeit - \$1000 [click here to get donation details](#)

Enhanced Yahrzeit - \$5000

Annual Keeper of the Gate - \$1000-\$5000

Road Tile - \$1500

Lighting the Way in Tower - \$5000

Patient Bed in Tower - \$5000

Additional variety of equipment in Tower - \$1000 +

(please check with Nancy Wiadro or Lisa Moore for specifics)

Furnish a one bed patient room in Tower - \$18,000

Furnish a 2-bed patient room in Tower - \$36,000

Seat in Synagogue in the Tower - \$36,000

Nancy Wiadro, Major Gifts, nwiadro@hadassah.org

Ellen Harris, Keepers of the Gate, jheh@comcast.net

Lisa Moore, credit card payments, lmoore@hadassah.org



What is the Procedure for Sending a Donation in Memory of a Dear Friend?

Hadassah offers a lovely assortment of certificates that can be sent on your behalf to acknowledge dear friends and family - both condolences and simchas. To view the certificates, type "certificate" on www.Hadassah.org. You will be directed to the certificate store. Choose to have a certificate mailed by Hadassah or emailed. OR....

Mimi Cohn has a number of certificates ready for personalization. You might choose a tree certificate for \$18 or others. Mimi will send these when you email her the information, i.e. Name and address of recipient, how the certificate should be signed, and the designation - "in memory of" "in appreciation of" "in celebration of." Your check made payable to Hadassah should be mailed to Mimi Cohn at 990 Fountain Run, Naples FL 34119. Phone (239) 455-9527. Email: buzzcohn@aol.com.

If you are interested in making a donation of \$1,000 or more, Contact Lisa Moore: Lmoore@hadassah.org. (877) 949-1818

The new Research in Service to Humanity Campaign offers the donor the opportunity to donate toward research and treatment of 4 + diseases. You may also designate where you would like your contribution to be allocated.

Our fundraisers, annual givers, and donations make Hadassah strong. We need and greatly value the support that enables this amazing charity to continue to do the work it does. Thank you to the **WOMEN WHO DO!!!**

**American Zionist Affairs
by Jeff Margolis**

Researchers have long been seeking treatments for neurological

disorders such as Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis and stroke victims.

Thanks to the research being conducted by Professor Dimitrios Karvissis and his team at Hadassah University Medical Center at Ein Keren, clinical trials are being conducted utilizing bone marrow stem cells taken from the patients. Dr. Karvissis first came to Israel from Greece as a medical intern in 1986 and returned with his wife two years later to begin his tenure at Hadassah. He has been involved with the stem cell project for 25 years.

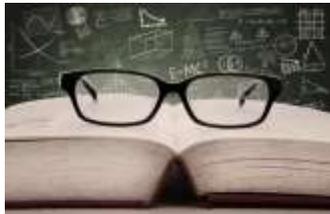
A recent interview with the one of the project subjects suffering from progressive Multiple Sclerosis noted that he came to Hadassah after medical specialists in the UK told him that there was nothing more they could do for him. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Karvissis, the patient (who did not wish to be identified) has made remarkable progress, being able to engage in activities he did not think possible.

As members of Hadassah, we support this amazing research with our donations.



November Hadassah Study Group

You may have heard that the Hadassah Daytime Study Group is comprised of highly intellectual women. Some of the Study Group are exceptionally knowledgeable, for which the rest of us are in awe. We feel pride, appreciation, and, yes, a bit jealous of those who possess minds resembling encyclopedias.



Our study is from interesting Jewish and Israeli books, including Shavit's My Promised Land, Oren's Power, Faith, and Fantasy, and Feiler's Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths. Currently we're studying the compelling Jews, God, and History by Max

Dimont. We also have the privilege of a resident Art Historian, who has given us talks on Jewish artists, Chagall, Modigliani, and Rothko. On March 20th, Dottie Magen will present a talk on a major Jewish artist, Louise Nevelson.

Join us for lunch at First Watch at Livingston & Pine Ridge, Tuesday, November 21, at 1PM. We'll meet at Temple Shalom Library for a discussion of Chapters 21 and 22, to the top of pg 289 of Jews, God and History. We'll be happy to have you join us. Please RSVP if you are coming to lunch. by emailing arlene2001@embarqmail.com or you can call Arlene Yedid at 239-455-1912.

**Honoring the Extraordinary Life of Shimon Peres
by Robert A. Cohen
AIPAC Chairman of the Board**

Today in Jerusalem, I was honored to represent AIPAC alongside other members of the American Jewish community, as we joined with the people of Israel and world leaders to honor the extraordinary life of Shimon Peres.

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Tributes and Gifts

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

To: Michael & Peggy Cohen	In memory of Peggy's mother, Lillian Perot	From: Sandy & Sylvin Wolf
To: Ruth Diamond	Wishing you well	From: Thelma & Harvey Sandberg
To: Susie Golubock & family	In memory of Susie's mother, Sara Loshak	From: Barbara & Steve Suden
To: Dorothy Kaplan	In memory of your sister, Judy Astrachan	From: Dorothy & Lew Hadelman
To: Toby & Herb Kosloff	In honor of your 50th anniversary	From: Barbara & Steve Suden
To: The Soloman Family	In memory of beloved mother and grandmother, Madeline Lind	From: Ruth Dorfman

In Our Family

Wishing a Speedy Recovery

Carol Yellin

Nicole Williams

Dr. Arnold Mannheim

Condolences

To: Susie Golubock and Leda Zbar for the passing of their mother, Sara Loshak

To: Mary Sabel for the passing of her son, Kyle Louis Sabel

Hadassah Mission Statement

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We have discontinued sending the printed version of the Hadassah Happenings. We are hoping that everyone understands that the costs of printing and postage are exorbitant. We thank you for understanding - for those for whom this is a problem, please contact Karen Cohn at 239-591-1494 or kcohrdh@gmail.com

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