



## **HADASSAH HAPPENINGS**

**September, 2016**

**Collier/Lee Chapter, Florida Central**



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



### **A MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT GAYLE DORIO**

Happy September! Happy Hadassah Women! Right now, there is a great deal happening in our world with many worrisome issues and a great deal of divisiveness. Rather than focus on the negative, I choose to focus on the positive. As Hadassah women, who seek to make the world a better place, it's our caring and commitment to each other that gives me hope.

I recently met a lovely woman who had just returned from a Hadassah Mission. It was a Mother/Daughter Mission to Israel. Excitement and joy radiated from this woman regarding Israel, and sharing this experience with her mother. She felt pride in the ongoing accomplishments that Hadassah

brings to Israel and around the world. If you haven't considered a Hadassah Mission, you should. I know I am.

How do we stay positive? Here are the top 10 ideas that were passed along to me, many of which make sense and make me smile.

1. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

2. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Forgive them for everything.

4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

5. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

6. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

7. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

8. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

9. Try to make at least three people smile each day.

10. Help the needy, Be generous! Be a 'Giver' not a 'Taker'.

Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone kept a positive attitude and tried to help others? People like Elie Wiesel did this. We lost a great role model in Elie Wiesel and this was written in our recent Hadassah Leaders' email:

**Honoring Elie Wiesel's Memory - We lost a great soul: Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, writer, humanitarian, and Nobel Peace Prize winner. We can honor his memory, his bravery and his love of humanity with our deeds. We are grateful for his generosity of spirit, his faith in humanity, and his involvement with Hadassah. Wiesel was a recipient of Hadassah's Henrietta Szold Award, and both a contributor to Hadassah Magazine and judge for its Harold U. Ribalow Prize for Jewish Fiction.**

**As we face these times together, let us truly come together and continue doing good deeds. Let us continue to work to make Hadassah the remarkable charity that it is - providing a sisterhood for us while we help to repair the world.**

**Thank you all!**

**Gayle**

## UPDATE ON NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA

**Dear Members and Friends of Hadassah,**

**Research in Service to Humanity** is Hadassah's newest campaign. It was unveiled and explained at the recent National Convention in Atlanta.

All fundraising for this campaign goes to our goal. "Endless Beginnings" is the Research campaign's new, sterling silver necklace. The necklace is \$150 and \$100 is fully tax deductible. Watch for more information!

In an effort to coordinate Fundraising with Program, American Affairs and Women's Health Activism, National Hadassah recommends planning to fund raise and educate members during the following months:

### **February--Heart Month and Macular Degeneration**

Gender Equality in Medicine (GEM) has been a focus for our activism

Stem Cell treatment is resulting in positive trials to combat and treat Macular Degeneration.

### **March--Multiple Sclerosis**

Hadassah research for MS is cutting edge for this scourge of young and old

### **April--Parkinson's Disease**

Neurodegenerative diseases are a focus and treatments show promise

### **May---Melanoma and ALS**

A year ago, we hosted a Stage 4 Melanoma patient here. His treatment at Hadassah defied the prognosis he received in the USA. Dr. Karussis, at HMO, unveiled his progress against ALS last

Spring on ABC-TV

June---**Alzheimer's**

Research to identify and treat this dreaded disease is ongoing

October---**Breast Cancer**

From the day our physician/researchers identified the BRACA gene, Hadassah has been in the forefront of research and treatment

November---**Diabetes**

Treatment and cure for this pervasive disease are closer than ever

**December 18, 2016 - Please plan to attend the Major Donor and Keeper of the Gate Recognition Event with Dr. Rachel Schonberger, Chair of Hadassah Medical Organization. Become a Research Patron at \$1000 or commit to a Keeper for Research at \$1000 or more annually.**

***Hadassah, Women and Men who DO!***

***Nancy Wiadro, 239-269-3666, Major Gifts Chair  
Ellen Harris, 508-395-5116 , Keepers of the Gate Chair***

**IMPORTANT: Beginning mid-June, when you call the Hadassah Donor Services Support Line (800-928-0685), you will still be greeted by our wonderful Hadassah staff. Part way through the call, you will be told that you are being placed on a brief hold while the call is transferred to our trained, Secure Processing Center. During that hold, our staff will pass all of the transaction information that the processing center needs, to their staff. Once complete, you will be greeted with, "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_! I am in Hadassah's Secure Processing Center. Can I please confirm the amount of your gift and I am ready for your credit card information whenever you are ready."**

**If the you decide that you need to speak with the Donor Services representative after completing your transaction, you will be given the direct number to the staff person that initiated the transfer to our Secure Processing Center.**

**The credit card will then be processed at that location and the confirmed transaction information sent back to the DPC via encrypted file transfer. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Jill Sapperstein, National Operations Chair at [jsapperstein@hadassah.org](mailto:jsapperstein@hadassah.org) or 443-829-1761.**

[Nancy G. Wiadro](#)

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**FEBRUARY 2, 2017**  
BENEFITING THE  
COLLIER/LEE CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

# **KOSHER COMEDY TOUR**

In the tradition of "Catskills on Broadway," this exciting multimedia comedy show stars three top-notch Jewish comedians  
**PETER FOGEL • STU MOSS • MARLYN SANCHEZ**

Event at Temple Shalom, Naples • For information contact  
Elissa Goldstein at 239-455-2004 or [feb22017@gmail.com](mailto:feb22017@gmail.com)

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## ***HADASSAH STUDY GROUP***

Our Hadassah Study Group begins on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are slowly following the intriguing path that author Max Dimond presents in his **Jews, God and History**. We will study **Chapter eighteen**, in which the Middle Ages set Jewish life into turmoil. While we might view the Medieval Period as the tragedy of dispersal, Diamond depicts it as one in which some Jews soared to great heights.

The Study Group will be held at 1PM at Temple Shalom. Our usual custom is meeting for a lively lunch at 11:30 at First Watch on the corner of Pine Ridge and Livingston. Please RSVP by emailing me at [arlene2001@embarqmail.com](mailto:arlene2001@embarqmail.com)

The Study Group will meet, also at Temple Shalom, on the following dates through 2016:

September 19, Monday                      October 18,  
Tuesday                      November 21, Monday                      December 19,  
Monday

Join us at any time to be part of this exceptional historical account of our heritage. For information, call Arlene Yedid at 455-1912.

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***IN OUR FAMILY***  
Congratulation to Rhonda and Steve Brazina  
on the birth of their Granddaughter, Allison (Allie) Sage, to  
Danielle Brazina and Jimmy Owens

Mazel Tov to Nancy and Jack Wiadro on  
their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Continued Recovery to Donna Goldblatt

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***CHAI society***

Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold, believed we should look into the past for inspiration and into the future for ACTION.

We HAVE the power to DO something to enhance health worldwide through our support of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem and worldwide.

Join us to do CHAI for Life and together we can transform many lives!

Let's try to be a 100% Hadassah Chai Member Chapter!

With at least \$15 a month YOU will do a big MITZVAH, that will help mend a broken body, it will advance medical research, it will provide a productive future for at risk children and women and on top of that,

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**IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD!!**

We are ready for you to join with us the CHAI SOCIETY, please contact:

Luba Rotsztain [luba.laufer.rotsztain@gmail.com](mailto:luba.laufer.rotsztain@gmail.com) or 239-514-8605

Look forward to hearing from you

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**HADASSAH BOOK CLUB NORTH**

Tuesday, September 13-Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

Tuesday, November 1-Orphan Train by Christine Kline

Tuesday, December 13-Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis

Tuesday, January 24-On Gold Mountain by Lisa See

New members are welcome. Please contact Judy Donaldson at

[jkad7173@gmail.com](mailto:jkad7173@gmail.com) or

336-813-4522 for additional information.  
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**GIFTS AND TRIBUTES**

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

**To: Rhonda & Stephen Brazina  
In honor of your new granddaughter,  
Allison Sage  
From: Gail & Daniel Kamm**

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**To: Patricia Fleischman  
In memory of your husband, Russell  
From: Frances & Robert Nossen  
Gil Rashbaum**