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June 2017 Presidents Message

Dear Hadassah Friends,

This year, we start June with the holiday of Shavuot, a celebration both of Moses receiving the Torah and of the traditional wheat harvest. Writing this letter, I began to think about gathering in the wheat and paying attention to what's left at the edges of the field. I believe we, the Tampa Ameet Chapter women need to be proud of all those whom we have "gathered in" and mindful of those "at the edges."

Last month, our Tampa Ameet Chapter had a wonderful meeting on Wednesday, May 17, in collaboration with the Federation at the new JCC Glazer Building. Author, Morris Wolff shared his memories of hard work to uncover the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, the righteous gentile that saved 100,000 Jews during the holocaust.

Thanks to Joyce Karpay, the inspiration for this evening hosted by the beautiful JCC.

Thanks also to Jane Strom, Elaine Vidars, Andrea Holper, and Cliff Reiss, for making this evening such a success.

Elaine Vidars stands ready to welcome our newest members and to encourage those "around the edges" to get involved in Hadassah's mission.

Let me explain how Hadassah Hospitals in Israel gather together medical heroes and those in need.

Argentinian physician Dr. Malena Cohen has worked in the Hadassah Medical Organization's Pediatric Pulmonology Unit since 2003. She is well known for helping colleagues in different countries create multidisciplinary cystic fibrosis (CF) care centers. Dr. Cohen says, "Everyone respects me as a doctor and I respect all patients equally. Many don't share my way of life and probably not my political ideas, but you go to the hospital to treat patients, to try to reduce suffering; tolerance is something I learned at Hadassah." In addition to setting up the CF clinic at HMO, she has also advised and trained personnel at new clinics in Santiago, Chile, Montevideo, Uruguay, and in Gaza. Dr. Cohen adds, "Under the layer of our appearance, we are all the same – whether wearing a turban or a wig. The diseases are the same; the suffering of a baby, to mom or dad is exactly the same."

This year, Dr. Cohen ran the Jerusalem Marathon, along with 35,000 people from 60 countries. She was joined by runners from Hadassah Medical Center and Hadassah Meir Shfeya Youth Village. Running also was Head Pediatric Nurse Bracha Grossman. Grossman received her master's degree in clinical nursing from the Hebrew University-Henrietta Szold School of Nursing. At 37, Grossman was delighted to run a marathon in her "home town." She proudly represented Hadassah's nursing tradition of nearly 100 years.

In, addition, Dov Guggenheim, a patient at Hadassah's MS (multiple sclerosis) clinic, proudly ran with Hadassah's contingent. You, too, can join the HMO team running the Jerusalem Marathon next year, too. Come and be gathered in!

You have an opportunity to represent our Tampa Ameet Chapter at the National Business Meeting, July 18-19, 2017 at the Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis, Missouri. Any member in good standing of our chapter may serve as a delegate, vote on policy positions, and elections. A distinguished panel on anti-Semitism, a celebration of the reunification of Jerusalem and Hadassah, a workshop using Hadassah's Every Bite Counts program, and much more await the delegates at this information packed two-day meeting. The National Associates Meeting will take place at the same time. Please let me know if you wish to be a delegate from our Tampa Ameet Chapter.

Next month, Michele Norris has prepared a treat for us. Mort Laitner will review his book, A Hebraic Obsession, and the movie "The Stairs." Mr. Laitner's book explores his journey from childhood to retirement, coming to terms with his father's legacy, and his own life as a Jew. I hope to see you all at Congregation Rodeph Sholom on June 20, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join our "gathering" and don't leave your friends "on the edges." I wish you a chag sameach Shavuot, a Happy Shavuot.

B'Shalom,

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