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Dear Hadassah Friends,

June's a special month. We will always remember June 1967 when Hadassah President Charlotte Jacobson received the keys to Mt. Scopus medical Center following the Six-Day war. Hadassah continues to further its members' understanding of Israel and Zionism with exciting programs. All year, we have been celebrating three signal Hadassah anniversaries- 100 years of Ophthalmology, 100 years of Nursing and Israel's 70th Birthday. Please continue to read and scroll to the end for this summer's Tampa Ameet Hadassah events. Even in Florida, it's never too hot for Hadassah.

In May, Susan Lafer, Heidi Blaine, Jane Strom and I (and 300 others) attended From Passion to Action, Hadassah Women's Health & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. It's hard for me to sum up three days in a paragraph. After a Nurses' Symposium, a dinner at the National Press Club, featuring a panel discussion led by Judy Woodruff on "Privacy & Information: Women's Health and Technology," and a nighttime monuments tour in the pouring rain, we woke up to participate in the National Business Meeting. There followed a Women's Health Empowerment Summit, with many speakers and heart wrenching personal stories illustrating the difficulties of diagnosis and care for women. The night ended with a Touch of Red Gala banquet, which raised almost a million dollars and where we were entertained by actress/singer Megan Hilty. Thursday morning, we headed out for a Day on the Hill. I must admit, it was exhausting to walk from our training at the Kennedy Caucus Room to each of three legislator's offices, but we felt we had to spread Hadassah's main points to our legislators- Support for Israel and the Jewish Community, Women's Health Equity, Gun Violence legislation. We also urged the government to appoint a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. Hadassah members and Associates were each assigned a senator and representative to visit in a group. Jane and I made the extra unplanned effort to search out Congresswoman Kathy Castor's office, where we spoke with her aide.



Left to right: A group of Hadassah Floridians visit with Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-21) (on my right), with Rep. Kathy Castor's aide, Heidi speaking with Sen. Marco Rubio's aide.

Next year, Hadassah's Convention will return to the Big Apple, New York City, July 14-18, so mark your calendars now. You can be a Delegate, too.

Here are some exciting events happening this summer:

Ladies Only Alert! All members and guests are invited to join us at a ladies only brunch on Sunday, July 15 at Rodeph Shalom.

Our speaker is Hadassah life member Dr. Bonnie Saks. Trained in OB/GYN and Psychiatry at Yale, Dr. Saks is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and in private practice in Tampa. She has published and lectured extensively on Female Sexuality, most recently at an invited Presidential Symposium at the 2018 American Psychiatric Association in New York City. A past president of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research, Dr. Saks will speak on "Female Sexuality at Any Age – L'Chaim!" A delicious brunch catered by Lynn's Catering will begin at 11:00. Priced at \$36 per lady, you can also be a Sponsor for \$54 or a Patron for \$118. Please send your check, made out to Hadassah, no later than July 8 to Luise Burman.

Bring your curiosity and your questions! If you want more details, contact Elaine Vidors at eviders@gmail.com (Note her new email address, not the one in the directory)

Did you attend last year's annual Barbecue at Iris and Bob Sandow's home?

If not, you missed a really fun event. If so, you'll want to sign up right away for Sunday, August 26th. They have been generously opening their home to our chapter for several years in a row now for a delicious Kosher barbecue. All are welcome to celebrate 100 years of Nursing at Hadassah. Please contact Iris to respond and let her know what (pareve) side dish you can bring at isandow@me.com. I'll see you there.

Shhhh! Tampa Ameet Hadassah is planning "Going Up The Country,"

a Catskills reboot to warm your heart, even if you never did any Dirty Dancing at Grossinger's. If you want to join the happiest, most nostalgic committee ever, contact Michele Norris at michelen.hadassah@gmail.com.

Don't forget two more opportunities for fun and learning.

From October 7th through the 15th, 2018 there will be an exciting trip – From Dream to Innovation: Israel Milestone Mission. Our chapter is traveling together in Israel on a special bus, just for us.

And December 6th through the 10th a Jewish Singles Cruise

on the ship Brilliance of the Seas will sail from Tampa to Cozumel. For registration and more information please contact Michele Norris at michelen.hadassah@gmail.com

Our Associates are planning an exciting fund raiser in the next few months.

If you or somebody you know are interested in participating in the planning, please contact David Burman at docburman@gmail.com.

If you need any further information you can also email us at tampaameet@hadassah.org

Shalom,

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Tampa Ameet Chapter of Hadassah

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