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Presidents Message March 2018

Dear Hadassah Friends,

March is such a busy month. We began by celebrating Purim and will end by preparing for Passover. And in the bargain, we even lose an hour when daylight saving time ends on the 11th. So, let's roll up our sleeves in the month of March.

The ninth chapter of the Book of Esther states (verse 19): "Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the 14th day of the month of Adar a day of gladness and feasting, a holiday, and of sending portions to one another (mishloach manot)." I like to rolled up my sleeves and baked my favorite hamentashen recipe. It uses up flour and jelly which I can't use for Passover. It also allowed me to connect with friends and family by sending a gift of food. We Jews are reminded to share our joy with everyone at Purim. Surely Hadassah women excel at sharing our joy and our pride in a 106-year-old organization dedicated to creating a world "where our Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel."

Though not a gift of food, a rare surgery to correct a complication in the digestive system of a days-old baby was performed at Hadassah Ein Karem this week while the baby was awake and sucking sugar water during the procedure. Hadassah said that the surgery was performed "for the first time under local anesthesia, when the newborn was only put to sleep in the surgical area and not under general anesthesia, since that would have endangered his life."

The hospital reports: "This is the first time that a gastric bypass surgery has been performed under local [regional?] anesthesia at Hadassah and in Jerusalem." Dr. Dan Arbel, the senior pediatric surgeon who operated on the baby, completed the operation and corrected the gastrointestinal defect successfully within the required time frame. "We need to find for each patient the best treatment for his specific condition. This can happen only if we have full cooperation between all the parties treating the patient before, during and after the operation."

I hope to see many of you at our Book and Author Event "Fifty Shades of Talmud" by National Jewish Book finalist Maggie Anton on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 pm., Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 2713 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa. The cost is \$25 per attendee. For reservations and further information call Michele Norris at 813-352-8765.

Our Passover event will be on March 20 at the JCC at 13009 Community Campus Drive just off Gunn Highway and the Veterans Expressway. It will be led by our own Sharon Richmond, a nutritional specialist. The program is entitled "Heaven without the Leaven." We will learn how to maintain healthy eating habits during Passover and taste some healthy Passover dishes. For more information please

contact Jane Strom.

The Jewish world celebrates many events in April:

- We start with celebrating Passover, the celebration of freedom from slavery, on March 30th.
- April 12, we commemorate Yom Hashoah, the commemoration of the six million Jews that perished in the Holocaust.
- April 18, Yom Hazikaron, the Israeli Memorial Day, when we remember all the soldiers that fell during the wars.
- April 19, Yom Haatzmaut, the Israeli Independence Day, commemorating the [Israeli Declaration of Independence](#) in 1948.

We are very excited to announce our program on April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., called "In Our Own Hands" a documentary film and presentation by Abe Zeewy, about the Jewish Brigade. The event will take place at the JCC at 13009 Community Campus Drive just off Gunn Highway and the Veterans Expressway. For more information please call Jane Strom at 813-334-6812.

Quoting our National President, Ellen Hershkin, "There is no organization like Hadassah – working in communities around the US to connect Jewish women and empower them to effect change through support of Israel, advancing health and wellness, and advocacy." If we all roll up our sleeves, we women can and do accomplish miracles every day. I wish you and your families a happy and kosher Pesach.

B'Shalom

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