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My dear Hadassah Friends,

On February 28, we had our annual luncheon, hosted by the Memorial Hospital. The meeting was named "Every Bite Counts." Thank you to Jane Strom, Judy Tawil, Olivia Schmidt, Elaine Vidars, Luise Burman and Michele Norris, for making this event a success!

In February, we also commemorated the anniversary of the passing of our beloved founder Henrietta Szold. This is known in Hebrew as the Yahrzeit Date. While it can often be a sad day, Henrietta's Yahrzeit is observed in Israel as a Family Day since so much of Henrietta's lifetime was devoted to creating extended family within the wider community. As we go about our daily work today, we too can feel connected to all that Henrietta loved since this organization is devoted to her work of quality healthcare in Israel which includes raising funds for this important work, advocacy and health education both here and in Israel, and membership in Hadassah. By doing our daily work, we help to perpetuate these values and in this way make her memory truly a blessing. May her memory always inspire us to continue and expand her work. Kein Yihee Ratzon. May this be God's will.

Since March 12 is Purim... here are some wishful thoughts for our chapter....

We have made all our goals due to an extremely generous gift to Hadassah from a well-known and beloved Elaine Vidars who always said, "When I hit the Lottery, I'm going to split it with Hadassah...and my grandchildren...and the nice man who holds the door open for me at the bank." Elaine Vidars has already visited Israel several times. Each time, she contacted Hadassah/Israel in advance (ashimron@hadassah.org) to arrange a tour so she could wash the Chagall Windows, dust any plaques with her name, and mop all the patient rooms on the 5th Floor of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. Her upcoming trip will be with Hadassah/Ayelet Tours, departing March 32nd. Her itinerary will include sky diving and Jeep driving through archeological sites in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City. Elaine Vidars found it online at Hadassah.org/missions. She says she'll use her Lottery winnings to bring her son and three grandchildren along with her. But the nice man from the bank is "busy." Elaine Vidars we all look forward to seeing your Israel/Hadassah photos in our next bulletin, and thanks for your gift to Hadassah.

In addition to Elaine Vidars's gift, every single one of our chapter members has made a contribution of some denomination to Hadassah in the last 3 months. When contacted by our speed-dialing fund raising team, every last member reportedly said, "I've been meaning to help Israel and the world, but I always lose the phone number. Thanks for asking. I'm sending a multiple of \$18 today." So, ladies, don't bother to fund raise for Hadassah. It has all the money it needs.



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As for the 1,000 new annual members who joined last week at \$36, every one of them has informed Fanny Reiss that she is immediately stepping up to Life Membership, a total of \$250. Consequently, the Membership Team is knocking off for the next 9 months, too.

In case you were wondering about upcoming programs, Jane Strom informs me she has secured Barbra Streisand to sing a medley of best-loved Country Western songs in Yiddish with kazoo accompaniment at our next meeting and she's not charging a cent! Please invite all your friends, because we're putting up a tent and Abby Blackburn is making her famous Mandelbrot.

FLASH NEWS! Heart burn has just been declared the greatest health threat to men and women between the ages of 35-95. Hadassah's Cardiology Department has reported a breakthrough drug which has been tested all over the world at hospitals named either "Mt. Sinai" or "Albert Einstein." 120,000 study subjects were fed a diet of latkes, grebenes (fried chicken fat), radishes and green peppers. One half received a pill containing compressed matzo meal and the other half received Hadassah's new wonder drug called GrepsAway. Asked how they felt, 50% of those in the control group said, "Eh, I can't complain." However, 95% of the GrepsAway group said they felt like dancing the hora. GrepsAway will be marketed under the unpronounceable generic name "nruBtraeH." Pills will cost \$10 each, but I can get them for you wholesale.

I'm happy to report that our Day in the District visit to Senator Marco Rubio's office, arranged by Luise Burman, was a resounding success. Not only did he agree to sign on to any bills related to Gender Equity in Medicine, but also any bills members may have incurred shopping online last Chanukah. Many thanks to Anita Greenburg who arranged for a kosher lunch catered by Golden Phoenix.

Hope you enjoyed my Purim spiel. Now let's get back to our diligent work and make this all come true.

B'Shalom,

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