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Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the Pesach holiday with family and friends and that you didn't work too hard, because Pesach is liberation from slavery to freedom!

On Monday, May 1, 2017, Israel marked the Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and victims of terrorism with a two-minute siren, with people stopping their daily activities. On May 2, 2017, Israel celebrated her 69th anniversary. Happy anniversary and many more! In Tampa we celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC with beautiful activities, music and Israeli food.

"Sixty Magnificent Hours" "The Miracle Victory" "At the Western Wall" "Return to Scopus"

If you were a Hadassah member 50 years ago, these were the headlines on the Special Issue from July 1967. Miriam K. Freund, editor of Hadassah Magazine, advised, "This is an historic issue, a collector's item which you may want to keep for your children's children. In it we pay tribute to the spirit of an indestructible people." Why was this issue so important? What happened 50 years ago? It was the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War. It was the reunification of Hadassah's medical facilities with the capture of our hospital on Mount Scopus after 19 years of Jordanian depredations.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol wrote:

Dear members of Hadassah: Two obligations specifically fall on you - First, mobilizing world Jewry to aid Israel – morally, politically, financially, and most important, through Aliyah. Secondly, rehabilitating your hospital on Mount Scopus in the spirit of your motto: Arukhat Bat Ami (The healing of the daughter of my people).

As she accompanied a group of passengers riding a symbolic Number 9 bus up to our Mount Scopus Hospital on Har Hatzofim, Rinna Samuel wrote, "All of them were distinguished, and some of them were famous. They were, in various ways, and on different levels, part of the very fabric of Hadassah: the national President, a former President, the Director General, members of the Hadassah Council, veteran nurses, a few important Jerusalemites whose very names evoked memories." The bus stopped for its passengers to say Kaddish for the convoy of doctors and nurses who were massacred on the road in 1948. They found the building desecrated as the Temple had been when liberated by the Maccabees. The party sat on the front steps and heard a short prayer by a rabbi. Director-General Dr. Kalman Mann 'z"l said a few words. National President Charlotte Jacobson 'z"l announced that the National Board of Hadassah had already voted to dedicate the hospital as a rehabilitation center.

Hadassah President Charlotte Jacobson proudly wrote that Arab Legionnaires were being treated along with defenders of Israel at Hadassah Ein Kerem. "Three times in twenty years, Hadassah presidents came to a post-war Israel to find our hospital filled with severely wounded soldiers and civilians...As Hadassah in Israel shares the work of binding up a nation's wounds, our thoughts turn to Hadassah in America with pride and confidence. Israel won the war. Together we will win the peace." She proudly noted that not a single child in all Youth Aliyah was hurt. Students at the Alice Seligsberg School (a Hadassah vocational school which has since become the independent Hadassah College Jerusalem) continued their studies and volunteered for war duty if there was no school.

This is a most Golden 50th celebration of Yom Yerushalayim on May 24th (28 Iyar) because it reminds Hadassah women of the sacrifices of our predecessors and the challenges we ourselves face today. My family and I lived in Israel during the Six Day War. My husband Israel Z'L fought in the Sinai Peninsula. Because he served in the army, we were able to visit the Golan Heights, Yerushalayim and Sinai. It's difficult to describe in words my feelings when I stood for the first time at the Western Wall.

Hadassah reaffirms unwavering support for a united Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the return of Hadassah University Hospital - Mt Scopus in June 1967.

You can celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem! You can join Hadassah's National President Ellen Hershkin as she leads O Jerusalem, the 50th Reunification Mission to Israel, May 21-26, 2017. Staying at the newly renovated Leonardo Plaza hotel, this trip will be packed with history and passion. Look for details at Hadassah.org/missions or call 1-800-1517. If you miss this one, there are many other missions that will meet your needs. Every visit to Jerusalem and Israel is cause for celebration.

I wish you all a Happy Mother's Day (this year on Lag B'Omer) and a sweet Shavuot on May 31st, filled with the traditional "milky" dishes we love. If you need any recipes, open your Hadassah Magazine or look online at HadassahMagazine.org, or write Hadassah's Every Bite Counts guru Shannon Sarna at Shannon@hadassah.org for recipes and ideas for healthy food.

What will Hadassah Magazine report in 2067, fifty years from now? I am convinced, my Hadassah friends, that the headlines will include new leaders for the American Jewish community nurtured at Young Judaea camps and programs and in Hadassah chapters, distinguished Israeli leaders educated at Hadassah's Youth Aliyah Villages, and medical cures developed at Hadassah where research is pursued in service to humanity.

May is Melanoma Month

My Hadassah is being filled with all the materials you need for your melanoma awareness programs. The link above gives you a one-pager with an overview of materials available for you. The Tampa Ameet Chapter had a game day to raise funds for melanoma on Sunday, May 7 at the Allegro facility. Thank you, Michele Norris, our fund-raising chair, for organizing this event.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 S. Howard, Tampa – free to the public – “What Happened Raoul Wallenberg?” An interfaith event, featuring author Morris Wolff, will honor the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, a righteous Gentile, who saved more than 100,000 Jews during WW2. Thank you Joyce Karpay for representing the Tampa Ameet Chapter of Hadassah in organizing this event.

Join Hadassah Florida Mission “Israel-Seeing Is Believing,” October 18-31, 2017. One of the leaders is our own Susan Lafer.

B’shalom,

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