



**HADASSAH**

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Dear Hadassah Colleagues,

Happy 5778 to you all! I sincerely hope you have been sealed in the Book of Life, Health, and Well-being for at least one more year. As we start the Torah from the beginning, reading *Bereshit*, on Friday, October 13, I am reminded of other new beginnings and how they relate to Hadassah.

Every day at Hadassah's hospitals at Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus babies take their first breath, beginning a new life in Israel. Every year, new *Olim* (immigrants) making *Aliyah* (literally "coming up") to Israel, begin their lives anew. Every year youngsters come to Young Judaea camps and set off on Young Judaea Summer and Year Course programs expecting the experiences to open a brand new chapter in their lives. Never forget, my friends, that the Women Who Do of Hadassah raise the funds for Young Judaea Scholarships, help support the Youth Aliyah Villages for children at Risk, and provide the wherewithal for our hospitals so that new beginnings will occur all over Israel.

The first Maccabiah Games – the Jewish Olympics - were held 85 years ago. An annual event since 1950, the Maccabiah have become a showcase for Jewish athletes from around the world. One hundred doctors have volunteered to care for the 10,000 participants from 85 countries, competing in 45 different sports, from archery to wrestling. In August this year, at the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games, an orthopedist who made Aliyah from Mexico had a "first." He treated his own countrywoman for a broken collarbone! The star of Mexico's soccer (futbol) team, Ms. Hafif, was rushed to Hadassah Ein Kerem's Emergency Department where Dr. Gabriel Fraind treated her injury. The irony is that Dr. Fraind himself had competed 12 years earlier in the Maccabiah Games. The two joked that perhaps Ms Hafif, a medical student, will continue to follow in Dr. Fraind's footsteps and do her residency at Hadassah. Maybe, some day, she will treat a fellow athlete at the Maccabiah Games.

And speaking of first times, imagine a young boy, born without the ability to hear, who was given a cochlear implant, able to hear his mother's voice for the first time. Mohammed, a resident of Gaza, is just one of many children from Gaza and the West Bank treated with sophisticated technology at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. Now, he'll have no excuse when his mother calls him!

After the Flood, G-d fixed a rainbow in the sky. We read in Noah on Saturday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup>, that the rainbow in the sky was a promise to the people that they should begin anew to live in a world free from the threat of another Great Flood. I ask you to promise yourself that you will take a renewed interest in advocating for a better world. If you are "online," go to [Hadassah.org/advocate/](http://Hadassah.org/advocate/) and sign up for advocacy alerts direct from National Hadassah. Read about Hadassah's policies and tell your friends that Hadassah stands for a strong Israel, economic justice and social reform, and women's health.

Back from our summer hiatus we had a very successful bon voyage party on October 10 at Rodeph Shalom. Thank you Michele Norris and Iris Sandow for your hard work for making this a successful evening. The participants viewing beautiful Cuban art and had the opportunity to learn some Cuban music dance steps. We hope that all the members that will we going on the Cuban cruise will have a great time.

**Your board has events planned for you.** On November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 PM at the home of Joyce Karpay there will be a reception in honor of the Keepers and Major Donors which will feature "An Evening with a Hidden Child." The speaker will be Etta Donnell. On Tuesday November 7, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Maureen and Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, Tampa, FL that will be showing of the award winning movie "Havana Curve Ball." Cuban inspired refreshments will be served. There is no change for the event and all are welcome, so bring your friends. RSVP to Jane Strom at (813) 334-6812 or to [jstrom@hadassah.org](mailto:jstrom@hadassah.org). Let her know if you need a ride.

Also on a date to be announced in November, we will honor Herman Greenberg, Larry Leibowitz and Clifford Reiss for their incredible contribution to Hadassah.

Since the Hadassah year coincides with the calendar year, our Nominating Committee has completed its work and has selected the following officers for 2018:

President	Etty Segal
Organization Vice President	Andrea Holper
Treasurer	Luise Burman
Vice President Fund Raising	Michele Norris
Vice Presidents Membership	Beth Levin and Elaine Vidars
V.P. PRAZE (Program, Advocacy, Zionist Affairs & Education)	Kathy Wasserman & Jane Strom
V.P. Communications	Iris Sandow and Sharon Richmond
Recording Secretary	Jane Strom
Corresponding Secretary	Anita Greenberg

The membership will vote on the slate at the November 7<sup>th</sup> program. Installation of officers will be at the Florida Central Region Meeting, December 9-10, 2017 in Jacksonville, FL.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill the chairs for different committees. Remember, you get far more than you receive when you volunteer, especially for Hadassah.

B'Shalom,

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