



**HADASSAH**

the power of women who **DO**™

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Dear Chaverim,

At Sinai the Jewish people were told by Moses that there is only one God that makes moral demands on us as members of the covenant. We are told that we can't just live as we please. We are all held accountable for our actions. We, the Jewish people were commanded to be a "Light unto the Nations." We have been taught from a very young age to live a moral and ethical life. We have learned that the way to live this life is by fulfilling the Mitzvot.

When Henrietta Szold conceived of Hadassah, she sought to make the organization one that embraces these core values of our tradition, study, and involvement in bettering the world we live in.

There is a joy to helping people that for me is hard to put into words, it is such a powerful feeling. The joy of active participation in living a life of meaning is real and wonderful, and those feelings are available to all of us. That is the gift that Membership in Hadassah affords us all.



Advocacy is social responsibility, when we stand together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Israel is our inheritance and our refuge. Let's make sure it is safe for the Jewish people.

If we are serious about "Never Again", we must be vocal and advocate for Jewish people all around the world.

It is a Jewish concept to recognize that true peace includes Justice and Compassion. These attributes are reflected in the idea of Tikkun Olam and they are imperative to "repair the world". A call to action, repair the world through social action. Recognize that each act of kindness, no matter how small, helps to build a new world.



Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and author and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, who fought for peace, human rights and simple human decency, has died at the age of 87. “Wiesel is a messenger to mankind,” the Nobel citation said. “His message is one of peace, atonement and human dignity. His belief that the forces fighting evil in the world can be victorious is a hard-won belief.”



As we enter the election season, we are encouraged as individuals, to pursue our personal preferences.

As an organization Florida Central will adhere to **all** guidelines and policies as set forth by National Hadassah.

**As a 501(c)3, we are nonpartisan. As an organization, we EDUCATE and ADVOCATE for WOMEN, MEDICINE, EDUCATION, and OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES in the US, ISRAEL, and AROUND the WORLD.**



### Plan a Day in the District

If you who cannot leave town, you can meet with your US Representatives or Senators in their regional offices. Plan ahead for a Day during the August congressional recess. **Days in the District may NOT be planned between Labor Day and Election Day**, so don't miss your chance! Attend advocacy training at convention, download resources, and contact 212-303-8136 with any questions. Locally, contact Luise Burman for assistance: [mrsrab1@verizon.net](mailto:mrsrab1@verizon.net)



**Welcome to our newest Chai Keeper of the Gate**

Gail Meyers



Dressed in a hospital gown, a lymphoma patient wheeled himself over to the grand piano in the Hadassah Medical Organization's Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower and began to fill the atrium with music. As he created a tradition of playing each day while in the hospital, he internalized how much his music was appreciated by patients and staff alike and promised himself, if he lived, he would give 100 concerts for hospitals and charity events.

Now three years into remission, Michael Pasikov has already given over 70 of those concerts. "Life isn't about making plans that are way in the future," he says. "Life is every day, moving forward and enjoying the gift you're given." Read full story at [myHadassah.org](http://myHadassah.org)



#### [Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem Ranked #1 in Quality Assurance](#)

Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem has been ranked as the leading medical center in the country for quality assurance by Israel's Ministry of Health. Read full story at [myHadassah.org](http://myHadassah.org)



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