



**HADASSAH**  
the power of women who **DO**™

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Dear Chaverim,

Hadassah is about commitment and action. It's also about Our thoughts, our speech, and our actions, which should be exemplary, because they are the basis for the younger generation who will see, hear, observe and emulate us. With this in mind, I would like to remind everyone that it is Hadassah policy to refrain from work on Shabbat.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 25 Delegates and 2 Associates from Florida Central will be in Atlanta for Hadassah's 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

This year's convention will feature plenaries on a myriad of topics ranging from updates on Hadassah projects such as Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) and Youth Aliyah to Gender Equality in Medicine (GEM) and Israeli Security – The Iron Dome. Breakout sessions will offer workshops on various subjects including Hadassah at the UN, Curriculum Watch, and Ending Human Trafficking. The convention will close on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is still open at [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org). For first-time convention attendees there is one Region subvention left as of today. In order to be eligible for this subvention you will be asked to commit to giving back to your Chapter and/or region in some capacity. Please contact me if you are interested in attending convention.



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.

**The Essence of the policy is as follows:**

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.**

## Hadassah's Entire Policy Statement

Permissible Activities for Hadassah Units Hadassah, as a 501(c) (3) organization, and its units are permitted to:

- Conduct non-partisan voter registration
  - Encourage people to vote, provided it is done in a non-partisan way
- Educate voters about a range of issues, including the issues addressed by Hadassah's policy statements, as long as units do not refer to particular candidates' positions on issues
  - Sponsor public candidate forums in which all candidates running for the same office are asked to participate (in their capacity as a candidate for public office), and which are conducted in a non-partisan manner. However, in no case can a unit sponsor a candidate forum on or after September 6, 2015 (or the Tuesday after Labor Day of any given election year).
  - Prepare non-partisan candidate questionnaires in which all candidates running for the same office are asked for their positions on several public policy issues, and provided that those comments are printed without any commentary by Hadassah
- Invite an elected official to give a speech or participate in a panel, provided, however, that if the official is running for re-election he/she must be introduced and speak only in his/her capacity as an incumbent (or in some other capacity unrelated to his/her candidacy, i.e., a prominent civic leader or member of the Jewish community) and may not mention his/her candidacy or distribute campaign literature. It should be clear to the speaker that his/her participation cannot in any way be used to further or oppose a campaign or candidacy. However, in no case may an incumbent running for re-election or a candidate running for election speak or participate on a panel for a Hadassah activity on or after September 6, 2016 (or the Tuesday after Labor Day of any given election year). This cut-off date is not a requirement of law, but is instead imposed by Hadassah to avoid any possible appearance of partisanship by the hosting Hadassah unit.
- Give a Hadassah certificate or plaque to recognize or honor a speaker who is a government representative or employee.

Impermissible Activities for Hadassah Units:

Hadassah, as a 501(c) (3) organization, and its units are strictly forbidden either by law or by internal Hadassah policy from:

- Directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for local, state, or federal office
  - Donating Hadassah money (or other goods and services, including office space) to any candidate or political party or to any organization that is fundraising for a candidate or political party
  - Taking a position (verbally or in writing) on or responding to questions about particular candidates' positions on campaign-related issues (when asked to respond to a candidate's positions, you can direct such inquiries to the candidate's official campaign website or to contact the campaign directly)
    - Conducting partisan voter registration (i.e. registering members of only one political party)
    - Using any labels or descriptions with respect to candidates that can be viewed as indirectly conveying support or opposition (i.e. a candidate is politically "liberal" or "conservative")
  - Accepting political advertising (paid or unpaid) in bulletins
  - Selling or renting mailing lists to candidates (NOTE: selling or renting mailing lists is prohibited under any circumstances)
    - Preparing or distributing a voter guide that focuses on a single issue or narrow range of issues or contains questions that are structured to reflect bias
  - Making public statements of position (verbal or written) by or on behalf of Hadassah in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office
  - Posting something on Hadassah's social media, including but not limited to, Hadassah's or a local unit's website (or linking to another website), a Hadassah sponsored Facebook page or Twitter account, that favors or opposes a candidate for public office
  - Publicly "liking" or "following" any websites, twitter accounts, or Facebook pages that are solely designed to be for or against any candidate or potential candidate for public office (this includes any person who is proposed by others as a candidate even if he or she has not formally declared their intention to run for office)
    - Hosting or having as a speaker an elected official who is running for re-election or a candidate running for election at a Hadassah sponsored event on or after September 6, 2016 (or the Tuesday after Labor Day of any given election year)
  - Sponsoring public candidate forums under any circumstances on or after September 6, 2015 (or the Tuesday after Labor Day of any given election year)
  - Gifting a Hadassah Life Membership or Associate enrollment to recognize or honor a speaker who is a government representative or employee (or to their family members). Permissible Activities for Individual Hadassah Members
- Every Hadassah member has the right, as an individual, to fully engage in partisan political activities, including contributing to candidates' campaigns or political parties and/or working on their behalf. But if a Hadassah member

appears publicly to speak on behalf of a political party or candidate, and an inference can be drawn that she is speaking as a representative of Hadassah, then she must make it clear that she is speaking solely as an individual.

**Impermissible Activities for Hadassah Presidents** As noted above, individuals have a right to engage in political activity in their private capacity. However, since a Hadassah President (locally or nationally) is always identified in the public mind as the official representative of her organization, Hadassah has decided as a matter of internal policy that any Hadassah President may not, for the duration of her term in office:

- 1 During the campaign season, it is critical that local units refrain from mentioning anything about candidates for public office in its communications through Hadassah's social media to avoid the appearance of Hadassah endorsing or opposing such candidate. This includes not mentioning any Hadassah connection to a candidate for public office, such as the candidate being an Associate or Life member of Hadassah or having attended a Hadassah event.

- VOICE Guide to Permissible Activities**
- Run for public office
    - Volunteer for a political party or candidate's campaign or take any other action that would identify her as having support for (or opposition to) a candidate or political party (e.g., a Hadassah President shouldn't become an election inspector since even though the position is billed as a nonpartisan role, there is a requirement that both Democrats and Republicans be represented at each voting site)
  - Make partisan comments in official Hadassah publications or at official Hadassah functions
  - Endorse any political candidate or party, which includes posting something on her own personal Facebook page, putting a bumper sticker on the family car or wearing a pin designated to a political party or candidate campaign (but she may still give her own personal money and vote)
    - Publicly "like" or "follow" any websites, twitter accounts, or Facebook pages that are solely designed to be for or against the political candidacy of anyone.
    - Lend her name to the endorsement or condemnation of any controversial issue unless National Hadassah has already approved that matter. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Programming Department at (212) 303-8136 or [advocacy@hadassah.org](mailto:advocacy@hadassah.org).

Please be sure to share this information with all of your chapters.



### 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)



### **Stand with Israel Against Ongoing Palestinian Violence**

Today a 19-year-old Palestinian teenager ran into a house in Kiryat Arba and stabbed to death a 13-year-old Israeli teenager as she slept in her bedroom. Hours later, two Israelis were stabbed in broad daylight in the city of Netanya. A few weeks ago on June 8, two Palestinian terrorists opened fire in a popular Tel Aviv café—killing at least four people and critically injuring several others. Hadassah welcomes American condemnation of these horrific attacks and urges the international community to do the same. This must stop. We at Hadassah believe the world must put diplomatic pressure on the Palestinian leadership to condemn the ongoing wave of terror as soon as it happens. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' past statements of incitement, referring to the violence as a "justified popular uprising," endanger mutual interests and the future of peace in the Middle East—exacerbating tensions that fuel ongoing Palestinian terrorism. **Add your voice to ours and [urge your elected officials](#) to continue pressuring the international community—and especially the Palestinian leadership—to condemn the ongoing violence.** Hadassah continues to encourage the United States to take a leadership role in urging the Palestinian Authority to return to direct bi-lateral negotiations with Israel.



### **[THERE IS A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!!!!](#)**

Dr. Ido Mizrahi, a Hadassah General Surgeon is currently on sabbatical in Weston, FL, and will be in the U.S. until July 1, 2017. He is available, and has expressed his interest in speaking engagements for Hadassah as his work schedule permits. Contact Dulanjalee of the

speaker's bureau and let her know if you are interested in having Dr. Ido Mizrahi as a speaker for your chapters. She will be happy to check his availability for you.

**PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY...DO NOT WAIT, START PLANNING NOW OR HIS AVAILABILITY WILL QUICKLY DISAPPEAR.** Please copy the Region on all requests.

## **Lylah Pinellas Chapter**

Maj Jong and Salad Buffet Luncheon July 13

For more information, Contact Terri Tankel · 1731 Hickory Gate Dr. S. · Dunedin, FL 34698 [727-781-9642](tel:727-781-9642) or [emababayit@aol.com](mailto:emababayit@aol.com)

## **St. Petersburg Chapter**

Congratulations on winning Hadassah's National PRAZE Division 2016 Health & Wellness Award. The Chapter thanks Robin Post for her dedication and hard work as the Chair of the We Will for Jill Walk/Run, and will accept the award at Hadassah National Convention in Atlanta.



**MACULAR DEGENERATION: SEE ENTIRE STORY AT MYHADASSAH.ORG**

**Successful Start to Hadassah's Unique Stem Cell Clinical Trial to Treat Major Cause of Blindness.**

## **Garden for Babies Lost**



**Planting a tree in the new garden dedicated to mothers who lost babies during pregnancy, during birth or shortly thereafter.**

**A Hadassah initiative helps mothers who have lost babies to find solace. We are the angel moms. We have lost babies during pregnancy, during birth or shortly thereafter. We have lived a hell that we wish on no one, and that no one who has not been there can possibly understand. To add to our pain, there is no shiva to help us process or cope with our loss and the chevra kadisha does not let us bury our angels or mark their graves. Most of us have no place and no way to mourn the deaths of the babies that we carried in our wombs for nine months,**

whose heartbeats we heard, whose kicks we felt, who we gave birth to, held, and named before having to say goodbye. Now there is a place for angel moms to go to remember our babies, to connect with them, and to hope for a brighter tomorrow.



## Hadassah Interfaith Mission Hosted by Grateful Father from Bethlehem

When Osama Qassriwy heard that an Interfaith Mission sponsored by Hadassah was coming to Bethlehem to visit the Christian sites, he insisted on hosting them for a festive meal. Mr. Qassriwy wanted to show his appreciation for the Hadassah Medical Center saving his daughter, Sara, after she collapsed while jogging.

## Annual Giving Opportunities



## Welcome to our newest Keepers of the Gate

Michele Norris and Susan Forman of the Tampa Ameet Chapter



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*Shabbat Shalom,  
Susan*