



# Houston Chapter of Hadassah

# NEWS & VIEWS

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HADASSAH



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**HOUSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE INSTALLATION OF  
THE 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

*Sunday, January 10th  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.*

At the home of Bennett and Robin Greenspan  
5207 Braeburn Dr., Bellaire, Tx 77401

*Guest Speaker: Sarah Gish of Gish Creative will address  
"Ten Ways to Ignite Your Life"*

Light dinner reception  
Martine Levine, catering  
Dietary laws will be observed  
Couvert: \$18

*Please RSVP by December 28th by check payable to  
Hadassah and mailed to 4654 Beechnut, Houston, Tx  
77096 or online at [hadassah.org/events/ignite](http://hadassah.org/events/ignite). For any  
questions, please call the Chapter office at 713-661-1022.*

## GROUP MEETINGS

**Avital** - For info call Tobbye Joachim, 713-774-4084.

**Chagall** - For info email [Hadas-samarcchagall@gmail.com](mailto:Hadas-samarcchagall@gmail.com).

**Chai** - For info call Judi Payne, 281-353-1303.

**Anne Frank** - Wed., Dec. 16 at 10:30 am at Irene Pearlman's, 3603 Glen Haven Blvd. The speaker, Leah Lax, author of *Uncovered*, tells of her life from Hasidic Jew to openly gay woman. Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share. RSVP to Paulette, 713-827-7227 or [plevine300@aol.com](mailto:plevine300@aol.com).

**Kinneret** - Sun., Dec. 20 at 12:45 pm at the Holocaust Museum. Carpool meets at CSH, 16020 El Camino Real at 11:30 am. RSVP to Nurit, 832-725-5028 or [nurit77@att.net](mailto:nurit77@att.net).

**Book Club** - Wed., Dec. at 7:30 pm at Risa Stein's, 2107 Sand Mist Cir. *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Sample. RSVP to Risa 832.752-6513.

**Lazarus** - Wed., Dec. 16, at 7:00 pm at Linda Block's, 5023 Braesheather. "Games People Play" annual games night. RSVP to Peggy at [pportnoy5106@comcast.net](mailto:pportnoy5106@comcast.net).

**Leff** - For info call Hope Malowitz, 713-663-6688.

**Ma-Arav** - For info call Sue Zerlin, 713-784-5573.

**Machar** - For info email Sandye Fertman, [sanditaf@gmail.com](mailto:sanditaf@gmail.com).

**Mazal** - For info call Martha Raskind, 281-341-8381.

**Pearl** - For info call Bonnie Winograd, 713-668-5789.

**Szold/Wise** - Wed., Dec. 9 at 11:00 am at the Houston Hillel Building, 1700 Bissonnet at Dunlavy. Cantor Mark Perman of Congregation Emanu El will

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



*Lena Malacoff*

Some people think the days are getting shorter and shorter as we go through December. In fact every day is the same 24 hours long – it's just that the hours of daylight are getting fewer and the hours of darkness are increasing. That situation will begin reversing itself after the winter solstice on December 22. And before then, we will welcome the Festival of Lights. It's easy to imagine how the Jews of 2,000 years ago wished to remember going from the darkness into light, from Roman domination into the light of liberty brought about by the Maccabees' victory. When it feels as though we are still suffering the darkness of terrorists with knives, we hear stories of patients at Hadassah's Hospitals bringing their victims back into the light. Here is one of those stories, told to us by Barbara Sofer when she visited us from Israel last month for our Chai Society dinner.

"Naor, 13, was putting air in his bicycle tire when he was stabbed and critically injured by Palestinian Ahmad, also 13. As he tried to run away the Palestinian boy was hit by a car, severely wounded, and was transported to Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. Naor was evacuated to the ICU at Hadassah Mount Scopus in critical condition. After seven days on a respirator, Naor was awake and breathing on his own. A complicated surgery was performed to save Naor's life. His recovery is attributed to Prof. Ahmed Eid, head of the department of general surgery, his staff, and particularly Dr. Inna Akopnick, a vascular surgeon. Naor has been discharged from Hadassah-Mt. Scopus. Since Naor's identity was kept out of the media, the press was unsure if the boy was alive or dead. Hadassah confirmed that he was alive and in good hands. Ironically, Ahmad, his attempted murderer, was claimed to be dead by PA Prime Minister Abbas. He is alive, was hospitalized at Hadassah and eventually released into police custody."

Since Hanukkah has become a time of giving gifts or *gelt* (money), let the story you just read encourage you to bestow a generous gift in honor of Hadassah's life giving work. You can mail a payment to our local office or go online to [Hadassah.org](http://Hadassah.org) and click Donate – no stamps needed.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Chapter Installation on January 10 when Sandra Smith our new president and our 2016 board will be installed. These women will lead us forward to meet and exceed our goals to add new members and raise the funds needed for our Hadassah work to continue. I take this opportunity to thank our outgoing chapter board for their priceless service this past year. Not priceless because we don't pay them, but priceless because they are invaluable!

Is time getting short? Actually, time is running out for one thing. You can give the gift of a one year annual membership to a woman you love at no

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**Group meetings continued...**

**Szold/Wise-** present "From Broadway to the Bimah." Dairy lunch will be served. RSVP to Sonia, 713-668-6121 or Roz, 713-961-5322.

**Weizmann** - For info call Joann Greenbaum, 713-721-9717.

**NEED A MAH JONGG CARD?**

Emma Lazarus group can order your card for you! The cost to you is the same - \$8 for a standard card and \$9 for a large card. You will receive your card in early April 2016 at your home. For each card ordered, the National Mah Jongg League will donate \$2 to Hadassah. Proceeds go to the Houston Chapter fundraising quota from National.



Send your name/address and check payable to Cheryl Zane, 1817 McDuffie, Houston, 77019 by Tuesday, December 28. For questions, please email Cheryl at [czane@houstonballet.org](mailto:czane@houstonballet.org) or call 713-535-3250.

**BE A VOLUNTEER!  
CALL THE HADASSAH  
OFFICE, 713-661-1022.**

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*CHAI TEA, 2015*



**CELEBRATE  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6  
THROUGH  
MONDAY DECEMBER 14**

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AVIV GROUP MEGA CHALLAH BAKE  
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GREATER SOUTHWEST REGION MEETING  
(ABOVE)

BE A "SCENE AT"  
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PHOTOS TO THE  
EDITOR AT  
[IRGLENDAA@AOL.COM](mailto:IRGLENDAA@AOL.COM)



AT THE JCC BOOK FAIR, WISE GROUP, AVITAL GROUP  
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MAJOR AND SPECIAL GIFT EVENT (ABOVE)

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DID YOU MOVE AFTER THE  
MEMORIAL DAY FLOOD?

If you did, please call us at 713-661-1022, with your new information. If you know anyone else who flooded, please ask them to notify Hadassah as well.



THE GIFTING CAMPAIGN OFFER IS FROM JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015. Only current Hadassah Life Members and Associates are eligible to take advantage of this offer to gift a membership. The gifted member must be a U.S. resident and at least 18 years old. The gift membership is only valid for a new member and cannot be used to renew annual membership. The gifted membership is an annual membership and runs for one year from the date of enrollment of the gifted membership.

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FRANK  
ART GROUP  
AND  
MEETING*



## **MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER, MAKE ME A MATCH!**

If you or your spouse works for, or worked for and is now retired from certain corporations, you may already have found your match!



### **We're looking for Matching Gifts!**

To find out if your employer will match your gift to Hadassah, visit the Human Resource Department of your employer. Confirm that they have a Matching Gift Program that includes Hadassah. They may match your monetary donation or donate according to the number of volunteer hours you serve.

Some companies that will match your gift are: Exxon, Goldman Sachs, Apple, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Chubb and Sons, Inc., Halliburton and Morgan Stanley. To see if your employer will "Double Your Donation," go to [www.hadassah.org/dyd](http://www.hadassah.org/dyd).

### **What is a Matching Gift?**

A matching gift is when an employer, corporation or foundation matches the charitable contribution of its employees and/or their spouses and, in many cases, its retired employees and /or their spouses.

### **How can a Matching Gift benefit YOU and Hadassah?**

It is a win-win for the member and Hadassah because the member reaches a donor level commensurate with the gift plus the match. For example: A donor who has a \$500 gift matched by her company can become a Keeper of the Gate which is an annual minimum commitment of \$1,000. .

## **PROPOSED GROUP SLATE 2015-2016**

### **CHAGALL**

- President: Nada Chandler
- President Elect: Marjorie Leventon
- Treasurer: Robin Beerman
- VP Programming: Diane Dorf
- VP Education: Mari Barkhausen
- VP Fundraising: Linda Waldman
- VP Membership: Andrea Eisenstein
- Recording Secretary: Lydia Bilton
- Corresponding Secretary: Judith Krull
- Records Administrator: Robin Dorfman

## MAZEL TOV, BUBBIE! AND MAZEL TOV, MOMMY! MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Have you made all the new (and not so new) babies in your life Hadassah Life Members or Associates yet? Take advantage of the very special price of \$212 while you can! Regular price for life membership is \$360 and \$300 for associate membership.

**Mazel Tov, Bubbie and Mommy** Chair Linda Freedman Block is thrilled to report that people are signing up their babies and grandbabies as fast as she can ask them!

Pick up life membership and associate forms at the office at 4654 Beechnut or call our office, 713-661-1022. Email your picture with your new member or associate to [Lindafreedmanblock@gmail.com](mailto:Lindafreedmanblock@gmail.com). Identify everyone in the photo and let us know who the generations of Hadassah members are in your family. For more information, contact Linda at 713-729-6221.



The proud Hadassah generations of the Beren family are:

Pictured on the left are Nancy Beren and granddaughter, Manya Lily Saiger  
Elizabeth Jefferson Saiger - mother  
Nancy Tobin Beren - grandmother  
Joan Schiff Beren & Irene Bloom Jefferson, z'' - great grandmothers  
Ethel Abrams Beren, z'' & Rose Rosenbloom Schiff, z'' - great great grandmothers

The proud Hadassah generations of the Polland family are:

Pictured on the right are Esther Slipakoff Polland and granddaughter  
Elle Leona Polland  
Lainie Kaufman Polland - mother  
Esther Slipakoff Polland - grandmother  
Ethel Levin Slipakoff z' - great grandmother



The proud Hadassah generations of the Maloney family are:

Pictured on the left are Sharon Maloney and grandson Jacob Maloney  
Stacy Maloney - mother  
Sharon Maloney - grandmother  
Harriet Levinson Hynes - great grandmother  
Miriam Pollack - great great grandmother



The proud Hadassah generations of the Pravda family are:

Pictured on the right are Linda Pravda with granddaughters (L-R)  
Sadie Benae Rosen, Linda Pravda & Eve Lyla Rosen  
Wendy Pravda Rosen - mother  
Linda Friedman Pravda - grandmother  
Susanna Stern Friedman z'' - great grandmother



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cost to you. Go online or stop by the office, Robin will help you get his great offer before December 31.

It is with mixed emotions that I complete my last president's message as your chapter president. I realized I have written 20 of these articles over the last two years and this one seemed to be the most difficult to finish. I have had a wonderful time and learned so much along the way. I met amazing women who are all part of our Hadassah community on a local, regional, and national level. They are friendships I will cherish forever. It was my honor to serve and I can't thank you enough for all you do to make Hadassah the amazing organization that it is. I am so proud to be part of Hadassah and the Power of Women who DO!