



Houston Chapter of Hadassah

NEWS & VIEWS

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December, 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

HOUSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH'S 2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION

Sunday, January 8th, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**at the home of Jerry & Bonnie Winograd
6501 Vanderbilt, Houston 77005**

*Guest Speaker: Linda Geffin, "Triumph Over Tragedy"
Light dinner reception
Martine Levine Catering
Couvert: \$36*

*RSVP by December 26th online at
<http://hadassah.org/events/2017/houstonboard>
or by check to Hadassah at 4654 Beechnut, 77096
For any questions, please call the Chapter office
at 713-661-1022*

GROUP MEETINGS

Avital - For info email howglad@aol.com.

Aviv - For info email Avivhadassah@gmail.com.

Chagall - Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm at Sari Garfinkle's, 9807 Greenwillow. "United Against Human Trafficking" speakers, Chris Horton and Jenna Cooper will explain how victims of human trafficking are subjected to sexual or labor exploitation. Email your RSVP to marcchagallhadassah@gmail.com.

Book Club - Sun., Dec. 11 at 2:00 pm at Joyce Cramer's, 2207 Bancroft, #1501. *Still Here* by Lara Vapnyar.

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

Anne Frank - Wed., Dec 14, at 10:30 am at Nancy Gross', 4A West Shady Lane, 77063. Dr. Julie Kutac, Education & Research Specialist: Alzheimer's Assoc. will discuss "Women & Alzheimer's, Are We the Epicenter?" Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share. RSVP to Paulette, 713-827-7227 or plevine300@aol.com.

Kinneret - For info email nurit77@att.net.

Lazarus - For info contact 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.

Mazal - For info contact mkraskin@comcast.net.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Sandra Smith

Here we are in the month of December. For many, it signifies the long run-up to Chanukah, which begins on December 24. For others, it's the nagging feeling, as you look outside, that daylight hours are getting shorter and shorter until December 21 and the first day of winter. Though we've accomplished a lot this year, there is still much to do. How much can we accomplish in this last month of the year? Read on and you'll see.

Houston Chapter of Hadassah isn't slowing down just because 2016 is ending. On November 17 we hosted a successful Big/Major Gifts Dinner at Genesis Restaurant where we honored The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation whose generous donation funded the Herzstein Heritage Center in the Davidson Tower. The Center showcases the history and accomplishments of Hadassah throughout the years. We heard Audrey Shimron, Executive Director of the Hadassah Office in Israel, describe the Center and saw a video showcasing its highlights. Then we heard from Malia Litman who talked about her MS journey and how treatment at Hadassah Hospital changed her life for the better.

Our chapter and group nominating committees have been working hard to fill slates for the 2017 boards. Thank you to everyone participating in this very important task. And a huge thank you to those of you accepting positions in your groups or on the chapter level.

The Houston Executive Board and Committees are working hard, planning for a transition into 2017. Our January events include the Installation of the Houston Board on January 8 where we'll thank the hardworking, outgoing board and show our support for the incoming board. Most of our groups (all 15 of them!) will be having their installations in December and January, too. We will be having an Executive Board Meeting and dinner for the Houston Chapter on Wednesday, January 18 in the evening. Presidents will meet Sunday, January 22 for brunch and general information. And then there's that all important move to a new office which will happen before the end of February. That's a lot to plan for before the end of the year.

In Israel the hospitals of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) at Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus are organizing to provide medical backup for other hospitals and for those injured by the fires raging in Haifa and other parts of Israel. While firefighters from Israel and other nations provide men and equipment, our hospitals stand ready to provide treatments needed. Your continued donations can help fund needed care and medical treatment and if you want to help replenish trees destroyed by the fires, you can contact Robin in our Houston office (713-661-1022) to purchase tree certificates through the Jewish National Fund.

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January News and Views Deadline: December 15, 2016

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Group meetings continued...

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

Szold - Wed., Dec. 7 at 11:00 am at the Brookdale Senior Living Center, 2929 South Post Oak Blvd. Israeli entertainer, Motzie will inspire us with Hanukah melodies. Valet parking and catered dairy lunch. RSVP to Sonia, 713-668-6121 or Carol, 713-726-8745.

Wise - For info call Roz Saron, 713-961-5322.

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



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GIVE THE GIFT OF HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

Hadassah is growing stronger everyday in building a world where our Jewish values are creating a strong community and an enduring Israel. Women involved in Hadassah discover a place where they can put their Jewish values into action and to support advanced medical care and research in Israel. Hadassah, The Power of Women Who Do. Join Hadassah's network of 330,000 members, Associates and supporters, connecting members to the greater Jewish community and Israel.

PROMOTE HADASSAH LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOW! There are only a few months left to upgrade your gifted members for the special rate of \$180. Each group can request a list of eligible members from membership@hadassah.org or personally contact them by phone, letter or email. Please note that new members can still enroll as Life Members at \$212 before December 31st. Life Membership will be increasing to \$250. To upgrade to a life member, you can send a check made to Houston Hadassah, 4654 Beechnut, Houston, 77096. You can also join online at www.hadassah.org.

Welcome- Houston Hadassah is very proud to welcome these recent new members and transfers:

Houston at-large – Rebecca Lynn Brune
Anne Frank Group – Meira Holyn Taibel, Tammy Simi
Annie Leff – Alyssa Capin, Elaine Cohen
Chai – Aileen Ryan
Emma Lazarus - Rita Barrett
Machar - Karen Kowenski
Mazal – Frada Boxer, Ellen Warshaw

Project Connect Locally – If you are a member of Hadassah living in Houston but affiliated with a chapter or group elsewhere, Hadassah would like to encourage you to transfer your membership to one of the 15 Houston groups. You can connect locally and enjoy interesting programs, exciting activities, or just meet other smart, savvy individuals who share similar values and interests.

For information about Houston's groups, contact Membership Vice Presidents - Harriet Eisenstein harriete1@aol.com or Rose Marie Wagman rosemariewagman@gmail.com.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As a Keeper for Nursing, you will show the world how important nursing is to Hadassah and our future.



Your gift will help Hadassah address the **shortage of nurses** in Israel by educating the next generation of nurses. The Henrietta Szold School of Nursing Clinical Master's Program has **graduated over 135 nurses**.

As a Keeper for Nursing, your gift enables **cutting edge clinical research by nurses**, with specialties in gerontology, oncology, acute/chronic complex patient care, and women's health.

Becoming a Keeper for Nursing forever **links YOU to Israel and Hadassah**.

A minimum gift of \$1,000 annually (just \$83.33 a month) can start you on the road to CUMULATIVE GIVING and accelerate you to a higher recognition level. You will receive recognition on the beautiful KEEPERS OF THE GATE PILLARS in the Hadassah Hospital – Ein Kerem courtyard in just five years.



Keepers of the Gate

Hadassah's Premier Annual Giving Program
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SCENE AT ...



...BIG AND MAJOR GIFTS DINNER



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, 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.

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.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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For me this year has been an awesome learning experience (real estate, really!) As I reflect upon what Houston Hadassah has accomplished in 2016 and the very committed people who have put their talents to work to realize our goals, I am honored to be a member of the team. As Bono wrote, "When the story of these times gets written, we want it to say that we did all we could, and it was more than anyone could have imagined."

Sandra Smith

DO YOU PLAY MAH JONGG?

Let the Emma Lazarus group 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 2017 at your home.

For each card we order, the National Mah Jongg League will donate \$2 to Hadassah. Proceeds go to the Houston Chapter fundraising quota from National.

Send your name and address and check payable to Cheryl Zane, to 1817 McDuffie, 77019 by December 30. For questions, please email Cheryl at czane@houstonballet.org or call 713-535-3250. This is an administrative fundraiser for Emma Lazarus.



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 now! 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 or call our office, 713-661-1022. Email your picture with your new member or associate to 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, please contact Linda at 713-729-6221.

PROPOSED WISE GROUP SLATE

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