



Houston Chapter of Hadassah NEWS & VIEWS

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BIG, MAJOR AND SPECIAL GIFTS EVENT



Pictured (L-R) Debbie Angel, Joyce Haufrect, Peggy Portnoy and Michael B. Weiss

The Houston Chapter of Hadassah will once again have an elegant dinner buffet reception marking their Big, Major, and Special Gifts Campaign. This year, the event will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at the Montebello Houston, 1100 Uptown Park Blvd.

Judy Winograd is the host for the evening. The co-chairs for the event, pictured above, are Debbie Angel and Peggy Portnoy. Special thanks to our event kick-off host, pictured above, Joyce Haufrect.

The speaker for the evening will be Michael B. Weiss, a partner in the New York firm Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP where he heads the Firm's intellectual property practice. Mr. Weiss will recount his experience as a patient at Hadassah Medical Organization and how he benefitted from a miracle diagnosis.

The covert for the event is \$72, and the suggested minimum donation is \$500. For more information or to pay for the event, please contact the Hadassah office at 713-661-1022.

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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 17 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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GROUP MEETINGS

Avital - Wed., Nov. 11 at 1:00 pm at Oxford Condominium Party Room, 5150 Hidalgo. Artist Deborah Rolnik Raichman will speak. RSVP to Libby, libbylieberman12@gmail.com.

Chagall - For info email Hadassamarcchagall@gmail.com.

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

Anne Frank - Thurs., Nov 19 at 10:30 am at Sandi Greenstone's, 5034 Tangle Lane. Ann Wilson and Marion Takehara will speak on "WW II Effects on Four Generations"- A Japanese / American Story. Catered by Chef Ellen, \$10 payable at the door. RSVP to Paulette, 713-827-7227 or plevine300@aol.com.

Kinneret - Sun., Nov. 15 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real (Clear Lake.) The annual Hanukkah Bazaar. RSVP to Jordana, 832-385-2689 or jhoffman0715@yahoo.com.

Book Club - Wed., Nov. 11 at 7:30 pm at Barbara Savrick's, 15818 Manor Square Dr. (Bay Oaks.) *Time In Between* by Maria Duenas. RSVP to Barbara, 281-480-9018.

Lazarus - For info call Phyllis Rozen, 361-548-1385.

Ma-Arav - Thurs., Nov.12 at 7:00 pm at Congregation Beth El, 3900 Rauol Wallenberg, Missouri City. "Jews in Space," Jewish men and women space explorers have brought or acknowledged their Judaism while in orbit. Come hear their stories. RSVP to Debbie, deb0214@comcast.net.

Machar - Wed., Nov. 11 at 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Jerry Built Home grown Burgers, 3501 W. Holcombe. Annual fundraiser. Machar will receive 20% of the total sales of the night. Join in!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Lena Malacoff

Originally I thought I would write about community, but after attending a funeral and hearing the pastor's eulogy, I decided to share some of his thoughts with you. He recited a poem by Linda Ellis called "The Dash." I am sharing the website with you because it can't be reposted. Please take the time to look it up: <http://www.linda-ellis.com/the-dash-the-dash-poem-by-linda-ellis-.html>.

The basis of the poem is the date you were born and the date you died isn't what really matters. It's "the dash"—those years in between and what you do with them—that does. How are you living your "Dash?" Will we be remembered for our acts of loving kindness? Think about those we have lost and how they lived their dash? How are they an influence on you? What do you remember most about them?

Since I can't reprint the poem I'll get back to my original idea about community. When you ask Hadassah members why they join our organization, many will say it was to meet other Jewish women. Many of us joined and had no idea what Hadassah's projects were. We joined and came to monthly group meetings and sure enough met other Jewish women. Eventually, we became part of the Hadassah community. What is it that gives you a sense of being part of a group of people? Shared values? Interests? Obligations? Habits? What makes you *want* to be part of a community? Is it about sharing, growing, and opening up to who you are and what you believe in? I once heard Elliot Gershenson, retired president of Interfaith Ministries, say, "You find yourself when you get lost in community." That really made me think about why we join communities. I know I have become a better person by being a part of our Hadassah community. I have met so many fabulous women who have made an impression on me through my Hadassah journey these last 20 years.

Do we really judge the value of our lives by how much money we make or how many things we collect or how much fame we achieve? Isn't it satisfying when we have truly affected another person positively, when we have contributed to our own communities? Communities are about sharing, connecting, and even healing. Isn't it time you became part of something that truly makes an impact on others as well as yourself? If you are not already involved, take that first step to become part of the Hadassah community. Hadassah believes in building a world where our Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel. That's why our entire focus is on connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change. We invite all Jewish women to join in, to put their values into action with us and through our programs. We are a warm and special community within the larger Jewish community, and we invite you to laugh with us, plan with us and make the world better with us. What better way to live your "Dash" than by being a part of Hadassah?

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Group meetings continued...

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

Pearl - Wed., Nov. 11 at 10:30 am at Lisa Sheinbaum's 2317 Underwood. Rabbi Samantha Safran, Assistant Director of the Bobbi and Vic Samuels Center for Jewish Living and Learning at the JCC will talk about aspects of Jewish life and the role of women at home and in the community. RSVP to natasha.gorodetsky@gmail.com.

Szold - Wed., Nov. 11 at 11:00 am at Marilyn Albert's, 6022 Dumfries. Lea Lax will speak about her book, *Uncovered, How I Left Hasidic Life and Finally Came Home*. Dairy lunch will be served. RSVP to Sonia, 713-668-6121 or Linda, 832-516-7333.

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

Wise – Wed., Nov. 11 at 10:30 am at The Medallion, 6262 N. Braeswood. Robin Littman, Chapter VP of programming will speak on “Hadassah-The Power of Women Who Do.” Surprises and prizes and picture albums. Bring a few pictures for kvelling and kvetching. Your check for the \$15 lunch sent to Bernice Reichstein 5815 S. Braeswood, 77096 sent by Nov. 4 is your reservation.

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

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GIVE THE GIFT OF HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

A Hadassah Membership links over 4700 Houston women, children and men supporting the extraordinary work that Hadassah does. With 14 groups throughout the Houston area, members are able to make friendships with people in their area of town who have similar interests. Hadassah members have many opportunities to broaden their education and leadership skills through programming, leadership training, book clubs, and other special interest groups. Hadassah supports a close relationship between the USA and Israel and promotes peace in the Middle East through our medical services. Hadassah is known for medical and educational projects in Israel, such as the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at the Hadassah Hospital. In Houston, Hadassah supports a Breast Health Awareness Program, the Jewish National Fund, Meals on Wheels, Dress for Success and the JCC Book & Arts Fair as well as other outstanding projects.

So help us “Make an Impact” and continue the work Hadassah has been doing for over 100 years. To give a Life Membership, send a check to Hadassah for \$212 to Houston Hadassah, 4654 Beechnut, Houston, 77096. You can also join online @ www.hadassah.org/life.

Also, until the end of 2015, Hadassah is offering a “gifting” campaign. Any life member can give a one year membership to someone not currently a member by going on-line to the above address or contacting Sandra Smith or Hilary Kamin for more information. There is no charge for this one year membership and it comes with all the benefits of Hadassah membership.

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

Anne Frank Group – Susan Brochstein, Carrie Carr, Zohar (Zoe) Dalia Friedman, Nori Gabert, Michelle Hosko, Jake Maloney, Gail Perer, Francene Rotenberg, Jackie Siff

Chai Group – Ann Dominick

Houston Group – Haley Balkin, Manya Lily Saiger

Kinneret Group – Leah Lax

Emma Lazarus Group – Natalie Abramson, Savannah Abramson

Mazal – Julia Amran, Jonee Barnett

Congratulations to these groups for reaching 100% of their membership goal for 2015: Houston At-Large, Anne Frank, Kinneret and Machar.

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 14 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.

Woodlands Group - Houston Hadassah just started the Aviv group in the Woodlands and surrounding area. There will be a series of Meet and Greet Coffees in the Woodlands. If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Sandra, bindersmith@aol.com.

For information about Houston Hadassah groups, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Hilary Kamin at hilaryk@hcrj.org or Sandra Smith at bindersmith@aol.com.

SCENE AT ...

HOUSTON CHAPTER
LEADERSHIP MEETING
IN THE PINK FOR BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH
(RIGHT AND BELOW)



WISE GROUP MEETING
(ABOVE)

ANNE FRANK
GROUP
(RIGHT & BELOW)



BE A "SCENE AT" STAR,
SEND YOUR
PHOTOS TO THE EDITOR AT
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MACHAR HADASSAH FALL FUNDRAISER

Bring your family and friends and enjoy dinner
while you support Hadassah

Wednesday, November 11 at 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Jerry Built Homegrown Burgers
3501 W. Holcombe Blvd.

Hadassah will receive 20% of the total sales of the night

PROPOSED GROUP SLATES 2015-2016

HOUSTON CHAPTER

President: Sandra Smith
Membership VPs: Hilary Kamin & Rose Marie Wagman
Major Gifts: Debbie Angel, Peggy Portnoy & Karen Kessler & Debra Warner
Recording Secret
Donor: Sue Zerlin & Debbie Daily
Education: Risa Steinary: Carol Gaines
Corresponding Secretary: Julie Handel
Treasurers: Sharon Slusky
Programming: Robin Littman
Organization: Allison Levine & Mimi Zarenchansky
Volunteers: Marty Klashman

MA 'ARAV

Presidium: Cheryl Bernstein, Karen Kessler & Liz Segall
Education: Lietzie Belford
Treasurer: Debbie Detke
Membership: Sally Burgett
Fundraising: Debbie Berman, Lori Boin & Elissa Sanders Berry (tournament)
Hospitality: Rachel Garner
Program: Ora Farchy
Corresponding Secretary: Donna Baum

AVIV (WOODLANDS)

Presidents: Tina Gross, Michelle Mondry
Treasurer: Elizabeth Leass
Programming Vice President: Bonnie Pfrenger
Donor Vice President: Adele Robins
Membership Vice President: Terri Singer
Education Vice President: Esther Friedman
Recording Secretary: Janessa Welch
GSW Area Vice-President: Debby Rice

ANNE FRANK

President: Sharon Maloney & Vicky Dyer-Smith
Programs: Dee Koblenz
Hospitality: Diane Gelman & Jeannette Nestvold
Membership: Mirl Cohen, Becky Katz & Connie Senter
Newsletter: Jill Reichman
Publicity: Laya Bloom
Invitations: Bonnie Abrams
Treasurer: Betty Babendure
Secretary: Patsy Segal
Records: Paulette Levine
Education: Ruth Sherman
Cards: Jean Robin
Installation Evelyn Leightman
Historian: Lori Lazard

THANKS - NOT ONCE, BUT 1,000 TIMES!

by Linda Freedman Block



Linda Block & Rami Levy

Only in Israel..... do you make friends with your cab driver and learn about each other's family in 15 - 20 minutes. But why not? We're all family anyway - and I'm a schmoozer.

I had the good fortune to be picked up one morning by Rami Levy (not the guy who owns the grocery chain). My Rami Levy is retired from the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) after serving 30 years. He was born right in Jerusalem. When Rami asked what I did in Houston, I told him I volunteer. A lot. I'm the Houston Federation Partnership 2000 Chair and we

work with and support Yoseftal-Dado neighborhoods in Petach Tikvah. He said this is so wonderful.... how the Jews in America help the Israeli people, especially the immigrants.

And then I told him I work a whole lot for Hadassah. His eyes lit up and he had a huge smile. "Hadassah saved my life!" Of course, I asked for details! Rami fought in the first war with Lebanon in 1982. He was wounded when a rocket exploded and he had shrapnel all over his body. He had a bad break on his right arm and hand and his left arm was broken too. The shrapnel hit him hard – especially in his legs and feet. He was in Hadassah Hospital for four months and he did physical therapy outside the hospital for another four months.

I told him I would be sure and tell his story to as many Hadassah members as I could. He smiled and said he wants to say thank you to all the people who built the hospital and support the hospital – “not one time, but 1,000 times”!

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. 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
Irene Bloom Jefferson, z'l' & Joan Schiff Beren - grandmothers
Ethel Abrams Beren, z'l' & Rose Rosenbloom Schiff, z'l' - great grandmothers



Every day we hear about new and terrible terror attacks in Israel. We can't stop the bloodshed, but at Hadassah's hospitals, we can stop the bleeding. Our hospitals are on high alert twenty-four hours a day. Israelis have been struck down on buses, near shopping malls, in synagogues, and just walking down the street.

Hadassah recently launched a national campaign in the media, greater Jewish community and to our membership:

**WE CAN'T STOP THE BLOODSHED...
WE CAN STOP THE BLEEDING!
Stand up for Israel. Stand with Israel.
DONATE TODAY!**

NEED A MAH JONGG CARD?



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 2016 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, Houston, 77019 by December 28. For questions, please email Cheryl at czane@houstonballet.org or call 713-535-3250.

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.

