



Houston Chapter of Hadassah

NEWS & VIEWS

Kislev/Tevet 5778

December, 2017

HOUSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE BIG REVEAL

Honoring

The "Fab Five"

And

Dr. Jenny Chang

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

THE CITADEL
12130 KIRBY DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77045

6:30PM - 9:30PM

Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres,
Auction and Live Music from Backspace

FREE VALET PARKING CASUAL CHIC

Web link on-line registration:
<http://hadassah.org/events/bigreveal>

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MACHAR • MAZAL • PEARL • HENRIETTA SZOLD • CHAIM WEIZMANN • STEPHEN S. WISE

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



December has arrived! December always seems more frenetic because we have fewer hours of daylight to accomplish all our tasks. Since the first day of autumn in September, sunrise comes later and sunset happens earlier with each passing day. In Jerusalem, the sun bathes the City of David with its golden light at 6:30 am, but sets only ten hours later in the month of December. Shopping for and giving Chanukah gifts, frying latkes and *sofganyot*, making those yearend donations...there's so much we can still accomplish before the end of 2017.

Sandra Smith Chanukah celebrates a well-known miracle. We all learned in Sunday school about the oil which was only enough for one day, but lasted eight days until more holy oil could be produced. This is a perfect metaphor for Hadassah. We do more with less. We are called upon to perform medical miracles daily. The teachers and staff of our Youth Aliyah Villages produce a miraculous transformation on the young people in their care. They create scholars who are healthy in mind and body, build an even stronger Israeli State. Young Judaea camps can make committed Zionists out of our American kids in just four short weeks during the summer. Here in Houston, we are planning a Big/Major Gifts event, "Miracle of Giving" to raise money for Hadassah. And we are working on "The Big Reveal" the second part of our Breast Strokes event which has been moved to January 14 due to Harvey. Hadassah has been making miracles happen for almost 106 years. Your donations may seem small to you, but Hadassah manages to magnify your dollars by careful use. I urge you to donate to Hadassah before the end of the tax year. You will be helping Hadassah perform miracles.

As I clean last year's wax off my *hanukkiah* (that's eight branches, not the *menorah's* seven,) I'm thinking about my role as president of the Houston Chapter of Hadassah. I have been the *shamash* for the past two years. That's the candle in the middle, higher than the rest, but servicing them all by lending my flame to light them up. I may stand taller than the other candles, but by the time I've done my "kindling" duties I'm even with my fellow *Chanukah licht* (Chanukah candles.) My job is igniting their passion and possibilities night after night until we're all burning brightly. I have been proud to use my powers to spark ideas in others and to shine with my friends for as long as we could. But I want to remind you that you too can be the *shamash*. Take on a job with Hadassah and ignite the passion of eight other women to help you. Take a position on your group's board, volunteer at the office, chair an event or help with one of the chapter's events. Our new Houston Chapter Board will be installed January 28 at the home of Ken and Mady Kades. I hope you'll join me to take this opportunity to thank those going off the board and congratulate those coming onto it. Each of our board members and volunteers has been a light for me and for the chapter.

One of my favorite songs is *For Good* from *Wicked*. In the song Glinda sings: "*I've heard it said people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them and we help them in return.... I know I'm who I am today because I knew you.*" During these past two years, you've trusted me to be your leader, your *shamash* and I know wherever I go from here "*you'll be with me like a hand print on my heart.*"

Fondly, Sandra Smith



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GROUP MEETINGS

Chagall -- Thurs. Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm. Hanukkah Party. Bring a few dozen of your favorite Latkes to share along with copies of the recipe. RSVP to marcchagallhadassah@gmail.com.

Anne Frank - Thurs. Dec. 14 at 10:30 am at Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, 801 Bering. "Krav Maga -The Israeli Defense Force's Self Defense" by Jerome Pokroy, Krav Maga/Martial Arts Instructor & Trevor Sager, Reflexologist. Lunch catered by Niko Niko's. Cost is \$18. RSVP to Betty kinder-teacher77063@yahoo.com.

Mail checks made to Anne Frank Hadassah by 12-8 to Betty Babendure, 1559 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. South Houston, TX 77042.

Szold – Wed., Dec. 13 at 11:00 am at Linda Levine's, 8519 Braes Meadow Dr. The multi-faceted and talented Rabbi Dan Gordon will speak. A kosher lunch will be served. RSVP to Carol, 713-772-5520.



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HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

"WE GOT THE POWER, DO YOU?"

Want to be a guest on a Hadassah Mission to New York or Israel? This is your chance to win a free trip! Enroll as a new Hadassah Life Member from now through April 15, 2018. Write a paragraph (maximum 100 words) on what "The Power of Women Who Do" means to you. Hadassah judges will review and select five winners. See official rules at: Hadassah.org/experiencethepower.

A big Texas welcome to **Teresa Sternberg** who has recently transferred her membership to Houston from L'Chaim in Coral Lakes! Houston is proud to welcome these **new life members: Julie Alexander, Silvia Max, Heather Squires-Thomas, Pepi Nichols, Dorit Allon, Alicia Larny, Emma Rubinsky** and **Lilly Lazarus**. Perhaps some of you have applied for the free mission trip?

New annual members in Houston are: **Lindy Levit, Ruth Klein, Nancy Halpern, Wendy Kolodny, Joyce Miller-Alper, Andrea Klein, Sarah Weissman, and Meg Rosenzweig**. Ladies, it's not too late to upgrade to life membership and apply for the mission trip!

For information about membership and more detailed information about our groups, contact Membership VP Rose Marie Wagman at: 281-497-7254 or rosemariewagman@gmail.com.

2018 PROPOSED SLATES

WISE

President: Rosalyn Saron
VP Education: Barbara Brown
VP Programming: Joan Katz
VP Membership: Michelle Greenberg
Fundraising: Rosalyn Saron
Treasurer: Bernice Reichstein
Corresponding secretary: Barbara Cobb
Group Advisor: Babette Weiser

Ma'Arav Cares



In support of those in our Houston community who are in great need, join members of Ma'Arav Hadassah by bringing a gift card (for any denomination you can provide) to the Hadassah office, 24 Braeswood Square, by Thursday, December 14th.

Gift cards from HEB, Kroger, Target or WalMart are greatly appreciated. All gift cards will be distributed through the Jewish Family Service (JFS.) For more information about this program, contact the Hadassah Office, 713-661-1022.

SCENE AT ...



*ANNE FRANK GROUP
(ABOVE & LEFT)*

*INVITATION STUFFING PARTY
(RIGHT & ABOVE)*



ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS

Let Lazarus Hadassah order your mahj card for you!



The cost to you is the same -\$8 for a standard card and \$9 for a large card (no sales tax.) You will receive your card in early April 2018 (before they are available in stores) at your home. For

each card we order, the National Mah Jongg League will donate \$2 to Hadassah.

Send your check, payable to Cheryl Zane, to 1817 McDuffie St., Houston, 77019 by December 30. If you have questions, please email Cheryl at czane@houstonballet.org or call 713/535-3250.



WE GOT THE POWER

HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP TURNS POWER INTO ACTION
It connects you to 300,000 members and supporters. Now that's power.

POWER in every congressional district that allows you to advocate for women's issues and Israel

POWER that educates and strengthens Jewish life in America

POWER that enables Hadassah to repair the world through medicine and research—one disease at a time

POWER UP AND JOIN @ hadassah.org/join or call 800.664.5646

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Save the Date
Houston Chapter Installation
January 28, 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Please plan to join us for “High Tea” as our Houston Chapter Executive board is installed. Our speaker will be Barbara Bronstein, the founder of “Second Servings.” The event will be at the home of Ken and Mady Kades and will be catered by Martine Levine. For more information about the event contact the Houston Hadassah office, 713-661-1022.

It's time to step it up!

Our Heartfelt Thanks!

The first 300 donors who **STEP UP** to Annual Giving or who increase their gift by a minimum of \$180 will receive a complimentary Heart Necklace.* Did someone encourage you to **STEP UP**? Guess what — they get a free necklace too!

Already at your maximum giving level? You can still get a free necklace by using your powers of persuasion to educate and recruit someone who would like to climb the ladder of giving!

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