



Houston Chapter of Hadassah

NEWS & VIEWS

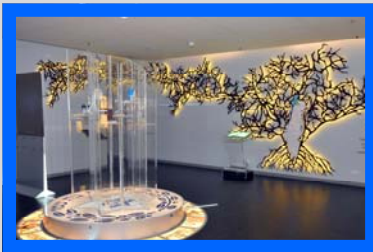
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ANNUAL BIG GIFTS DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:30 PM
GENESIS STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR
5427 BISSONNET IN BELLAIRE

Join us as we show our appreciation to the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation
Whose generous donation has funded the Herzstein Heritage Center in the Davidson Tower



Herzstein Heritage Center

**MALIA LITMAN WILL SHARE
HER MS JOURNEY...
HOW HADASSAH CHANGED HER LIFE**



Malia Litman

The Houston Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual Big Gifts dinner on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm at Genesis Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 5427 Bissonnet in Bellaire.

Hadassah is proud to host special guest speaker, Audrey Shimron, Executive Director of Hadassah Israel. Ms. Shimron will showcase the remarkable history and accomplishments of Hadassah. Along with Ms. Shimron, Malia Litman will share her story of how the pioneering treatment of Professor Dimitrios Karussis, head of Hadassah's MS Center, saved her life. Litman, a former nurse and trial lawyer from Dallas was struck by multiple sclerosis in 1999. She searched the world for hope until she found a miracle at Hadassah Medical Organization.

During the evening, Hadassah will show its appreciation for The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation. The Foundation, founded in 1965, has supported over 1,000 organizations including the Houston Symphony, The Hermann Park Conservancy, and Seven Acres. But what Hadassah is especially thankful for is the Foundation's generous one million dollar donation to create the Herzstein Heritage Center at the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah Hospital. This interactive museum, which links the Davidson Tower with the Chagall Windows, brings the story of Hadassah to life with advanced multimedia and interactive techniques.

Couvert for the evening is \$72/person. Minimum donation is \$500. Chairpersons of this event are Debbie Angel, Karen Kessler, and Peggy Portnoy.

GROUP MEETINGS

Avital Wed., Nov. 9 at 12:30 pm at The Village of Meyerland, 4141 N. Braeswood. Dr. Todd Rosengart, Dept. of Surgery Baylor College of Medicine and Professor of Heart and Vascular Disease Texas Heart Institute will speak on "The Wonderful Human Heart It's Care and Repair." Reservations by 11/1 to Gladys Kaplan 713-771-2114 or howglad13@aol.com.

Aviv - For info email Avivhadassah@gmail.com.

Chagall - Thurs., Nov. 3 at 6:45 pm at the Book Fair in the ERJCC board room. Matti Friedman will present his book *Pumpkin Flowers* on his IDF experience

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

Anne Frank - Thurs., Nov. 17 at 10:30 am at Reva Edison's, 12010 Cobblestone Dr. Katie Jackman, Director of Marketing and Communications of the Alley Theater will speak on the exciting and innovative future of the Alley Theater. Complimentary light lunch by Chef Ellen. RSVP to Paulette, Plevine300@aol.com.

Kinneret - Sun., Nov. 6 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real (Clear Lake.) Israeli Dances with Amira Hemme. RSVP to Amira, 281-922-4144.

Kinneret Book Club - Wed., Nov. 9 at 7:30 pm at Midge Banchik's, 1604 S. Riviera Ct. (Pearland.) *The Bridge Ladies A Memoir* by Betsy Lerner. RSVP to Midge, 281-922-0007.

Lazarus - For info contact pportnoy5106@comcast.net.

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

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Sandra Smith

A month of Jewish holidays has ended with Simchat Torah on October 25. We can all put away our recipe books and remove the extra leaf from the dining room table, unless you are the designated hostess for Thanksgiving! Looking forward, the Houston Chapter of Hadassah has some wonderful events planned. In addition to our regular group meetings and special interest groups we are hosting a Big/Major Gifts event at Genesis on November 17 at 6:30 pm. Our speaker, Malia Litman, will be sharing information about her treatment for MS at the Hadassah Medical Organization. We will also have guests from National, Jaime Seltzer, Miki Schulman, and Audrey Shimron. I hope you will all join us for an informative (and delicious) gathering.

Hadassah's motto is "The Power of Women Who Do" and it describes us beautifully as we do things in three major areas: Advocacy, Zionism, and Healthcare/Research. This November you will have an opportunity to "Do" in all three areas.

Advocacy: Tuesday, November 8, you have the responsibility to vote in our National elections. Whether you vote by mail, vote early, or vote on Election Day, please consider the candidates in the light of Jewish values. Will they protect women and girls from human trafficking? Will they care about safeguarding a woman's access to reproductive healthcare? Will they support gender equality in medical research? Will they support a strong Israel and a peaceful world? Just as no job in Hadassah is insignificant, so no office in public life is unworthy of the best office holder. "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting." (Franklin Roosevelt.) Do your research, listen to the candidates and be sure to take advantage of the rights and privileges we have in the United States and VOTE.

Zionism: Have you been yearning to visit Israel in 5777? Go to Hadassah.org/missions or call 800-237-1517 to learn about Hadassah Missions to Israel. For example, there's a geopolitical tour in March, a mission to Budapest, Prague, and Israel in May, an Associates Mission in October with emphasis on Jerusalem and the South (women are more than welcome, too) or join in a Hadassah Florida Mission in October titled "Seeing is Believing." Maybe we can "Do It" together.

Healthcare/Research: How about this for Tikkun Olam; Healing the World... In September, candidates from 19 countries received their International Master of Public Health (IMPH) degrees at a graduation ceremony at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine. With this newest class of graduates,

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Group meetings continued...

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.

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

Szold - Wed., November 9, at 11:00 am at Joan Gol's, 49 Briar Hollow Lane. Bring a small unused item for our Silent Auction fundraiser. Restaurateur Ziggy Gruber will speak. Dairy lunch served. 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

Hadassah is growing stronger every day 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. 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. Hadassah – the place where lifelong friendships are made.

The special \$180 life membership offer to upgrade gifted and annual members (individuals must upgrade on or before their 2016 member expiration date). Only a few months left before life membership goes to \$250. To upgrade to a life member, you can send a check made to Houston Hadassah, 4654 Beechnut, Houston, 77096.

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

Houston at-large – Rebecca Lynn Brune
Anne Frank – Tammy Simi, Meira Holyn Taibel
Annie Leff – Alyssa Capin
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.

FALL BACK! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



CHARITABLE SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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AVITAL HADASSAH SPEAKER TODD ROSENGART



Dr. Todd Rosengart, professor of heart and vascular disease at the Texas Heart Institute and chairman and DeBakey-Bard chair of surgery at the Dept. of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine will be speaking at the Avital meeting on November 9 about "The Wonderful Human Heart; Its Care and Repair."

Dr. Rosengart, an MD graduate from Northwestern University, has developed a prominent career as a cardiac surgeon, and educator and research in the fields of angiogenic gene transfer and myocardial stem cell/infraction studies. He is investigating cellular reprogramming which offers the exciting possibility of "bio-interventions" for the treatment of hundreds of thousands of patients with advanced heart disease. He is well known for his use of minimally invasive aortic or mitral repair or replacement, minimally invasive heart surgery, aneurysm surgery and thoracic vascular surgery.

SCENE AT ...



CHAGALL GROUP (ABOVE)



LAZARUS GROUP (ABOVE)



ANNE FRANK GROUP (LEFT AND BELOW)



HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD (LEFT)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8



**REMEMBER OUR VETERANS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

ZIKA VIRUS RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

Prof. Dana Wolf is one of the foremost experts on the Zika virus and the head of Hadassah Hospital's Clinical Virology Unit in the Dept. of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Wolf, pictured here (below) is talking to Hadassah CEO Janice Weinman about her Zika lab, created to defeat the devastating virus. Learn more. <http://bit.ly/1V7hmcn>



HADASSAH AT THE TODAY SHOW

Hadassah at The Today Show, raising awareness about breast cancer and medical research. We're so grateful to Schube family (Hadassah members) for sharing their powerful story and helping raise awareness about breast cancer, BRCA gene mutations, and breast cancer on national TV with Hoda Kotb at The Today Show Rockefeller Center.



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.



HADASSAH



THE POWER OF WOMEN WHO DO

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](http://hadassah.org/events/2017/houstonboard)*

*or by check made payable to Hadassah at 4654 Beechnut,
Houston, TX 77096.*

*For any questions, please call the Chapter office
at 713-661-1022.*

PROPOSED GROUP SLATES 2017

AVIV GROUP SLATE

President: Michelle Mondry
VP Education: Esther Friedman
VP Fundraising: Adele Robins
VP Membership: Joanie Spalter
Treasurer: Elizabeth Leass
Secretary: Janessa Welch

CHAI GROUP SLATE

President: Deanne Rosenberg
VP Fundraising: Donna Gibbon
VP Education: Eileen Lessick
VP Programming: Toby Greenberg
VP Membership: Hannah Rosenberg
Treasurers: Esther Berens & Judith Payne
Recording Secretary: Donna Gibbon
Corresponding Secretary: Judith Payne

CHAGALL GROUP SLATE

Co-president : Marge Leventon
Co-president : Diane Dorf
Membership VP: Andrea Eisenstein
Fundraising VPs: Lena Malacoff and Doreen Lerner
Records Administrator: Robin Dorfman
Recording Secretary: Lydia Bilton
Corresponding Secretary: Judith Krull
Treasurer: Robin Beerman
Education VP: Denise Weinberg
Programming VP: Marilyn Nathan
Publicity: Marty Klashman
Study Group: Lydia Bilton
Book Group: Joyce Cramer
Cards and Certificates: Judy Krull
Venues: Lena Malacoff

HOUSTON CHAPTER

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Keren Flores
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Corresponding Secretary: Julie Handel
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Past President: Lena Malacoff
VP at Large: Francine Beckman
Events: Charlotte Goldberg
Media/PR Chair: Laurie Silverblatt
Volunteers: Marty Klashman

LEFF GROUP

President: President Debbie Gersh
Programming Bernice Blum
Fundraising - Hope Malowitz
Membership Susan Whitman
Education Patty Hanfling
Publicity Annette Botas Rock
Correspondence Fanny Fredrick
Hospitality -Linda Atzil
Group Advisors: Leslie Friedman & Hope Malowitz

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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845 alumni from 96 countries have been educated to spearhead public health advances in their homelands. Ambassador Gil Haskel, head of Mashav, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, praised Hadassah and the Hebrew University for their outstanding work and long-term commitment to creating leaders who make a real impact in the world. Dealing with the scourges of Ebola and Zika will be the concern of these newest IMPH graduates. Hadassah is literally healing the world. And when you decide to support Hadassah, you make a commitment to "Do It," too.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I think it is the most American of holidays. It's not just the turkey dinner and the gathering together of the family and friends. It is the fact that regardless of your color, race, religion or your family's country of origin, you can give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

Thank each of you for your membership and your support of Hadassah and all we do.

