



Houston Chapter of Hadassah **NEWS & VIEWS**

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*SCENE AT ...
THE FUN EVENTS OF 2016*



AVIV • AVITAL • MARC CHAGALL • CHAI • ANNE FRANK • KINNERET • EMMA LAZARUS • ANNIE LEFF • MA-ARAV
MACHAR • MAZAL • PEARL • HENRIETTA SZOLD • CHAIM WEIZMANN • STEPHEN S. WISE

GROUP MEETINGS

Avital - Weds., Jan. 11 at 12:30 pm at Deanna Kantor's, 5811 S. Braeswood. Kick-Off meeting and Potluck lunch. Let Gladys know what dish you are bringing. Raffle Drawing to follow. RSVP to Gladys 713-771-2114 or howglad13@aol.com

Aviv - For info email Avivhadassah@gmail.com.

Chagall - Thurs., Jan. 19 at 7:00 pm at Kay Zeidman's, 3719 Olympia. Texas Roots: The Great Ladies of Wharton Hadassah presented by Dr. Bernice Heilbrunn Potvin with Cantor Diane Dorf and friends as they explore the remarkable devotion and leadership of the Jewish women of Wharton dating back to Henrietta Szold's historic visit to Wharton in 1914.

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

Anne Frank - Thurs. Jan. 12 at 11:30 am at Americas River Oaks, 2040 West Grey. Installation of the Board with guest speaker, U.S. District Court Judge, Vanessa Gilmore. "You Can't Make This Stuff Up: Tales from a Judicial Diva". Couvert \$30 payable to Anne Frank Hadassah. RSVP to Evelyn Leightman (713) 523-1342.

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 - Thurs., Jan. 19 at 7:00 pm. Bellinis and Bingo installation meeting. RSVP to Liz Segall, 713-859-6233.

Machar - For info email Sandye Fertman, sanditaf@gmail.com.

Mazal - For info contact mkraskin@comcast.net.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Sandra Smith

For some, a New Year starts with a champagne toast. For the Houston Chapter it starts with a new Board to be installed Sunday, January 8. All our group installations will take place in January as well. Back in 1912, Hadassah started with two nurses. This month I'm going to tell you about two modern day Hadassah nurses. But, first, Houston Chapter's upcoming events.

It's official! Houston Hadassah is moving to 24 Braeswood Square in February and we are very excited! Getting confirmation that our lease had been accepted capped off a year full of accomplishments. We are planning several new and exciting events in 2017. On March 26 we will sponsor **Know Your Worth: Own Your Future, Financial Education for Women in Transition**. Designed with our members in mind, **KYW** will explore how to ensure long-term economic security, including managing income streams; honing your financial and negotiating skills; investing and growing your money; all in the context of the Jewish values that underlie these decisions. On May 9 we will be hosting a **Chai Society** event featuring speaker Teddy Weinberger, a columnist for the *Jewish Herald Voice*. And we will have a two-part event, **BREAST STROKES, Hadassah Bares All for A.R.T. (Awareness, Research & Treatment)**. In June we will host **Paint Day** followed by the **Big Reveal – An ART Gala and Auction in October**. Want to help paint or set up or to one of our models? Go to houstonbreaststrokes@gmail.com to volunteer.

Nurse Practitioner Caryn Scheinberg Andrews immigrated to Israel six years ago from Baltimore. As a lecturer in the Hadassah-Hebrew University Henrietta Szold School of Nursing, Dr. Andrews (PhD, RN, CRNP) has taken up the cause of creating a cadre of advanced practice nurses. Israel has been slow to adopt this most useful strategy. With a growing physician shortage, professional nurse practitioners will have a significant role to play in health care delivery, especially in underserved areas of Israel. Dr. Andrews's research shows better outcomes and a more cost-effective bottom line. NPs "reduce unnecessary emergency room visits, 30-day readmission rates, and waiting time for healthcare visits." **Keepers of the Gate** can direct their yearly contribution towards Nursing.

The second nurse you should know about is Dr. Polina Stepensky. She immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union and fulfilled her life's dream of becoming a physician, funding her medical education by working as a nurse. When Dr. Stepensky arrived in Israel with three years of medical school training in the Ukraine, she realized that the competition for medical school entrance in Israel was too stiff for her. With no English and limited Hebrew, she was advised to enroll in nursing school. By the time she graduated as a registered nurse, she had upgraded her

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

Szold - Wed., Jan. 11 at 11:00 am at Marilyn Albert's, 6022 Dumfries. Reviewing *The Orchestra of Exiles* by Josh Aronson. A dairy lunch to follow. RSVP to Linda, 832-516-7333

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

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



CELEBRATE JANUARY 16

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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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! We have membership options to suit everyone. Become a Life Member of Hadassah for \$250. Our Associate membership men's program is \$250. Annual membership is \$36. You can send a check made to Houston Hadassah, 4654 Beechnut, Houston, 77096. You can also join online @www.hadassah.org.

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

Houston at-large – Andrea Davidson, Melanie Small, Mindi Stern
Anne Frank – Rona Wizel, Lulu Kamin
Avital – Susan Ganc
Kinneret – Rita Janoe
Henrietta Szold – Rebecca Golub

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.



Got some time? Want to get more involved with Hadassah and meet really great ladies? Hadassah needs you! We are looking for someone to help our 2017 Membership Vice-Presidents, Rose Marie Wagman and Miriam Kestenbaum. You would need to stop by the office several times monthly to process new member information and send it on to National. You should be able to input information into a Google directory to do this job. If you can help let Sandra Smith or Robin Dorfman know at 713-661-1022.

WE'RE MOVING

Hadassah is moving at the end of February to Braeswood Square and we need your help. If you have any boxes or packing supplies to donate please bring them by the office, 4654 Beechnut. Volunteers are needed to help shred old documents, pack and schlep boxes and art work to the new space in February. If you can help, call the office, 713-661-1022.



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*CHAGALL
GROUP
(LEFT)*



*ANNE FRANK
(ABOVE AND LEFT)*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES!

Read Write Now: Tutor elementary school students.

Women's Shelters: Needs toiletry items of all kinds.

Let My People Read: Needs new & gently used books .

Meals On Wheels: Needs non-perishable food and canned goods, including pet food.

Dress For Success: Bring your gently worn suits, business clothing, (cleaned and on hangers) scarves, purses and shoes to the Hadassah office.

KNOW YOUR WORTH | Financial Education for Women in Transition

[OWN YOUR FUTURE] | A Joint Initiative of Hadassah & Jewish Women International

You are invited!
Hadassah presents an interactive workshop, especially created for women just like you.

Know Your Worth, created in partnership with the experts at Jewish Women International, helps women gain an understanding of their finances and teaches the steps necessary to plan for a secure future, all in a safe and welcoming environment.

Hadassah's financial literacy program, **Know Your Worth** will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 24 Braeswood Square. It is open to all women at a cost of only \$50 for one full day program, which includes Kosher lunch and snacks. **KYW** is geared to women in transition (planning for retirement, divorce, new job/career, ages 40 to 65+). The program hosts small groups of only 20-25 people, so book early. Please call Charlotte Goldberg at 713-781-4760 or csgoldberg@att.net to sign up.

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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Human Trafficking Awareness Day will take place on January 11, 2017 during Trafficking Awareness Month!

Every day, men, women and children are forced, defrauded, or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation, with 20.9 million victims of human trafficking globally. **Trafficking happens in our communities** every day, out of sight and under the radar. While anyone can become a victim of trafficking, women and children are particularly vulnerable. Most often, trafficking victims are runaway or homeless youth; undocumented migrants; and marginalized groups and individuals.

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. and the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) stand by the right of every woman and child to a life of freedom from coercion, violence, and sexual exploitation. Hadassah and NCJW work closely together on the issue of human trafficking and both organizations encourage partnerships and collaborative opportunities on the community level. We all have the power to combat the disturbing reality of slavery in our midst. Through advocacy, public awareness, and education, we can effect systemic change in our communities and laws.

Contact advocacy@hadassah.org for additional info and assistance in connecting with NCJW in your area. Help us raise awareness on social media by sharing Hadassah's posts on Facebook and Twitter.



2017 GROUP SLATES

CHAGALL

Co-presidents: Marge Leventon and Diane Dorf
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 Recording Secretary: Rosalie Halpin

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Hebrew, taught herself English and scored so high on the psychometric exam, Israel's SAT equivalent, that she was offered a place at the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Medicine.

When I need a "push start" for my Hadassah tasks, I think of these two nurses who undertook their education, looking to push the boundaries of medicine in Israel. They heal, teach, and comfort every day. As Hadassah members we can educate ourselves, we can help educate others, and we can improve the world each and every day. Don't forget our Chapter Board installation and "the big move." Remember, if it all started with two, those two can be YOU and ME!

EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 TO 6:00 PM

6501 VANDERBILT

GUEST SPEAKER: LINDA GEFFIN

CALL 713-661-1022 FOR MORE INFORMATION