



Houston Chapter of Hadassah

NEWS & VIEWS

Nissan/Iyar 5779

May, 2019

CHAI TEA

Save the Date

Sunday, September 8th

From 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open to All

Details coming soon!

Check your emails!



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear friends,

As surely as the flowers beginning to bloom herald spring, my cell phone ringing will interrupt me when I am sitting at my desk trying to get some work done. I love (and hate) my cell phone. But having what is essentially a computer in my hand is remarkably helpful. You can look up anything you want to know.

Debbie Angel

You could, if you like, go to hadassah.org to find the latest medical miracles at Hadassah Hospital. Last month it was reported that there was the first ever vein transplant from a live donor. You could look up the dates of the National Hadassah Convention – July 15-18 – in New York.

Or you could call up any potential donor you know and advise them about the annual giving programs in Hadassah, and how easy it is for them to join one (and get credit card points, too!) If you are not an expert, just keep it simple. Ask them to give \$15 or \$30 a month to Hadassah.

Of course, it is necessary to have enough charge in your phone to do all this. You will need a fully charged phone on May 19 for our citywide Phone-a-Thon at the Hadassah office. Come and bring a friend (or two or three) with that phone at 9:30 for instructions and training. Fear not – our intrepid Grassroot Fundraising V.P.'s, Laurie Silverblatt and Doreen Lerner, along with the program chair Charlotte Goldberg will be there to lead the way. This is scheduled from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, so come and commit as much time as you can. There will be a light brunch.

Each dollar received will go directly toward your group's Grassroots fundraising goal. At a time when many groups could use a little extra help fundraising, this is wonderful news. You have an opportunity to reach those members who seldom go to meetings. Every group has members that they seldom see. Come use this opportunity to give them a call.

And as this is my last message until the fall, let me end by calling out to all my Hadassah friends. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be President of the Houston Chapter. May you answer every call with a cheerful greeting.

Debbie Angel



NEWS & VIEWS WILL
RETURN IN SEPTEMBER



CELEBRATE MONDAY,
MAY 27

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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"Those who forget history are
doomed to repeat it... in
summer school!" - Josh Stern

GROUP MEETINGS

Aviv - Thurs., May 16 at 7:00 pm at the South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins. Chai Tea with assorted teas, sandwiches and pastries served. Cost is \$18 or free if you become or are currently a Chai Society member. RSVP to avivhadassah@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch - Tues., May 21 at 11:30 am at Flower Child, 1900 Lake Woodlands Dr. Suite # 100. RSVP to Ronnie, rsg3681@yahoo.com.

Marc Chagall – Thurs. May 9 at 7:00 pm at Linda Waldman's 4715 Tamarisk. Allison Rosen will speak about "Thriving, Surviving: How My Cancer Journey Changed my Life." RSVP to marcchagallhadassah@gmail.com.

Anne Frank - Thurs. May 16 at 10:30 am at Congregation for Reform Judaism, 801 Bering . Norrie Leder, Founding Member of Moms Demand Action will discuss "One Tough Mother: The Story of Moms Demand Action & How They Are Changing the Fight Against Gun Violence in America." RSVP to Michele Hosko, mmhosko@aol.com. Deadline is 5/10. Cost \$18. Send check made out to Anne Frank Hadassah to Michele Hosko, 5108 Tangle Lane Houston, 77056

Lazarus Thurs., May 30 at 7:00 pm at the ERJCC In honor of Israel's 71st anniversary, Israel Consul General Gilad Katz will speak about "Israel, Then and Now." Katz is the first Consul General to this region who is an Orthodox Jew. For more information, contact Barbara, 832-419-1918. RSVP and door prize drawing list, email Ellenl@comcast.net.

Kinneret Book Club – Tues. May 14 at 12:30 pm at 888 Chinese Bistro, 16744 El Camino Real. *Karolina's Twins* by Ronald H. Balsom.

HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Hadassah, you join with of thousands of women worldwide who have connected not only to Israel in practical ways, but have also connected here in America to advocate for social change. The Houston Chapter has 15 groups in the greater Houston area stretching north from the Woodlands area all the way south to Clear Lake and Friendswood. We have day and night groups, weekend groups and groups of varying ages and interests. To find the perfect group for you, go to www.houstonhadassah.org.

"Make an Impact" and continue the work Hadassah has been doing for over 100 years. To become a Life Member, send a check made out to Hadassah for \$250 to Hadassah, 24 Braeswood Square, 77096. Annual membership is \$36.

Project Connect Locally – if you are a member of Hadassah in Houston but affiliated with a chapter or group elsewhere, Hadassah encourages 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 individuals who share similar values and interests.

For more information about membership and about our groups, contact Membership VP Anne Rothenberg: by.annechops@gmail.com or Karen Kessler: karen19kessler@gmail.com

We welcome these new members:

Aviv: Sheryl Riffle, Ellen Saxe, Cathi Wilkins

JEWISH MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

Volunteers are wanted to participate in a mental health study being done through the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work. To participate volunteers must be Jewish, between the ages of 18 and 65, and will complete a confidential questionnaire on individual iPads, administered in a group of up to 20 people at a time. Data will be collected between May 1 and June 15.

The University of Houston's Center for Mental Health Research and Innovation in Treatment engagement and Service (MH-RITES Center) is conducting this research on how "individuals with mental illness experience social stigma and their beliefs about mental illness that may affect their readiness and willingness to see and adhere to treatment".

This is a transnational study with phase 1 being done in Houston and phase 2 in Haifa. The first project "investigates access and engagement to mental health services as well as barriers and promoters to treatment among Houston's Jewish community". "This project will identify how people understand mental illness within the Houston and Israeli Jewish communities and where they would go for treatment, barriers to accessing and engaging treatment, stigma and what might help people to enter treatment successfully.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Sandra Smith, bindersmith@aol.com.

SCENE AT...



*LAZARUS GROUP
(LEFT & ABOVE)*

*REGION BOARD MEETING
(BELOW)*



*ANNE FRANK
GROUP (ABOVE)*

HADASSAH IS PRINTING A NEW DIRECTORY
DO YOU HAVE A NEW HOME ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?
IF SO...SEND AN UPDATE OF YOUR
NEW INFORMATION TO HADASSAH AT [KZLERLIN@HADASSAH.ORG](mailto:kzlerlin@hadassah.org)

 Find us on
Facebook

Be sure to "friend" and "like" the Houston Chapter of Hadassah Facebook page. Go to the link: https://www.facebook.com/The-Houston-Chapter-of-Hadassah-53483181577/?notif_t=page_invite_accepted-if_id=1493399350892908 to find us!



CELEBRATE SUNDAY MAY 12

“SPECIAL DELIVERY” STORIES TIME FOR MATZOHS AND CHILDBIRTH!

In Israel the number of births goes up right before and during Passover. Of course, whenever a child is born it is a joyous event.

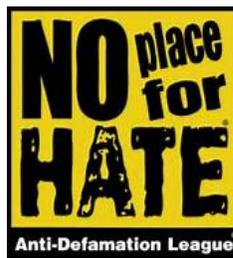
The Doctor Gets a Surprise

Even professionals can't always guess when they're due when it comes to Passover. Dr. Tamar Elram, Director of Hadassah Mount Scopus is herself an obstetrician. Eleven years ago, she invited her entire extended family to her home for Passover. It might have been a bit much, even for the highly capable overachieving Dr. Elram. But it was her fifth child and she thought she had everything under control...until she went into labor and had to leave family and guests to fend for themselves! "I was sorry for missing the fun with the family," says Dr. Elram. "But I didn't complain that someone else swept up the matzo crumbs."

Seder in the Delivery Room

"My grown children went to the other side for Seder, and despite many invitations from family and friends, I chose to make the Seder at my second home, Hadassah Mount Scopus," says Dafna Tayer, a midwife at Mount Scopus.

"Although there is a large Seder in the hospital, we make our own in the delivery room, where we need to be on hand. Ours is an unusual group—nurses and doctors, Jews and Arabs, from Israel and abroad, one from Mexico. Each of us brings a first course, main course and dessert—all kosher for Passover. Of course we do all the blessings and ceremonies if we have time. We substitute grape juice for the four cups of wine. We have a wonderful family feeling in Mount Scopus, and the joy of making a Seder in the delivery room stays with us for the whole year. The first time I agreed to be on duty, I knew I had made the right decision to be in the right place at the right time."



A line has been crossed—Each one of us must see in the recent attacks on synagogues an urgent call to action, a time for unity, to stand up and to speak out. Since the horrors of the Shoah, our community has pledged to never forget, to speak out against hate

and prejudice in whatever form it takes, whoever the targets may be. We cannot stand idly by. Speaking out against hate and white supremacy is staying true to our moral compass. Our leadership must serve the people, working to bring Americans together, to take us closer to the "more perfect union" invoked in the Preamble to the Constitution.

Today, Hadassah joins the long list of organizations and politicians from both parties speaking out against unacceptable moral equivalency. We are grateful to see so many moral compasses line up together, including those in Congress and government who provided an immediate, bipartisan response. We are grateful to all in the Hadassah family and to everyone working to that end across lines of race, faith and gender who have acted in their communities to build bridges .

There is no place for Nazism, anti-Semitism, hate speech, bigotry and racism in the public sphere. Join others calling for a national plan of action to combat Nazism, white supremacy and all forms of hate. Together, we must hold our leaders accountable, and ensure that there is no doubt about the unacceptability of moral equivalency.

7 WAYS YOU CAN STAND UP AGAINST HATE

- Engage with members of your community and have meaningful conversations about the rise in anti-Semitism, Nazism, white supremacy and bigotry.
- Reach out to people of other faiths and backgrounds to build coalitions against hatred.
- Urge your elected officials to condemn violence and hatred, calling out the dangerous Nazi and white supremacist ideologies behind them, and developing a plan of action.
- Explore and get involved in educational efforts or security briefings in your area through local schools, community centers, houses of worship and other organizations.
- Stay up to date on Hadassah's advocacy opportunities by registering for Hadassah's Advocacy Alerts and Updates.
- Speak out on social media. Share Hadassah's graphics, posts and statements on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. **#StopTheHate**



Houston Chapter of Hadassah Proudly Presents

Citywide Grassroots Phone-a-Thon
Training, Food, and Prizes!

May 19, 2019

9:30 am - 1:00pm

Houston Chapter Office

24 Braeswood Square - Corner of N. Braeswood and Chimney Rock
Between Walgreens and La Fresca Pizza.

9:30 am Check-in; Light Brunch & Training
10:00-1:00 Calling

Bring your charged phone, chargers, and calendar of your group's upcoming events!
Round up your board and group members!

We will provide snacks and suggested scripts. The scripts help callers know what to say in reply to different kinds of responses or questions from those they call.

You will be calling members of your own group.

Remind your group members that the phone-a-thons are an important way to raise funds for HMO, the Full Circle Campaign, and Hadassah's other projects. Each dollar received goes directly toward your group's Grassroots goal.

For more information or to RSVP (no later than May 14), contact:
Charlotte Goldberg: 713-781-4760 or csgoldberg@att.net.

Warm Wishes,

Charlotte Goldberg, Houston Chapter Grassroots Phone-A-Thon
Doreen Lerner, Houston Chapter Co-VP Grassroots Fundraising
Laurie Silverblatt, Houston Chapter Co-VP Grassroots Fundraising

"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." (Ethics of our Fathers, 2:21)."



יום עצמאות
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Israel
Independence
Day

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

**YOM
HA'AZMAUT
ISRAEL
INDEPENDENCE
DAY
FRIDAY, MAY
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In the wake of rising anti-Semitism, educating students about the Holocaust is as important as ever. **Urge your legislators to support the Never Again Education Act!**

The **Never Again Education Act (H.R. 943)** would expand and encourage Holocaust education and its lessons for contemporary conflict. The legislation would authorize the Department of Education to award Holocaust education grants to educational institutions offering classes, resources, teacher training, and student field trips.

In order to ensure that we never forget, we must remember the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust and educate future generations about its dangers.