



Houston Chapter of Hadassah **NEWS & VIEWS**

Cheshvan/Kislev 5779

November, 2018

The First Annual Hadassah AND Israel Bonds Houston **DOUBLE MITZVAH MAJOR GIFTS DINNER**

GUEST SPEAKER

NADAV KIDRON

THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

6:00PM

Evelyn's Park Event Center
4400 Bellaire Blvd., 77401

COUVERT: \$72*

A minimum \$100 Israel bond investment for Hadassah is required to attend
Dinner will be served • Dietary laws observed

For more information contact:

Keren Flores • 713.261.5070 Doreen Lerner • 281.412.6374
Hadassah Major Gifts Co-Chairs
(Hadassah Major Gift Donor Annual Gift Minimum \$500)

To make your bond purchase to attend call:

Steve Landis, Registered Representative • 713.360.3530

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Debbie Angel

Dear friends,

November is here and it's time to vote! Please remind your family and friends. This is a very important election. Give someone a ride to the polls if they need it. Call a friend and offer to take them with you to go vote. And don't miss this powerful, timely Hadassah op-ed in JTA by Hadassah President Ellen Hershkin.

This month brings the First Annual Hadassah and Israel Bonds Double Mitzah Major Gifts Dinner on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Evelyn's Park Event Center, 4400 Bellaire Blvd. Hadassah has a partnership with Israel Bonds and this is an opportunity to do a Double Mitzvah – showing support for Israel in two ways by supporting two wonderful organizations. The covert is \$72 and you must purchase a \$100 bond (per couple.) At this event, all dietary laws will be followed.

Don't forget that our Virtual Wedding Fundraiser is ongoing. This is a Donor level fundraiser and members may donate in any amount. It is a great way for groups to recruit new annual givers. Donations may be sent to the Hadassah office, 713-661-1022, or at hadassah.org/events/virtualwedding.

Flu season is here and it is rumored to be a bad one. Please plan to get your flu shot. Look into the new Shingles vaccine, too. By taking care of us, we make taking care of others easier.

As we move out of election mode and into the get-ready-for-Thanksgiving period, I know we are all thankful that political ads will be ending and that Hadassah friends are never ending!

Is Thanksgiving a Jewish holiday? Yes, it can be. Setting aside the feasting and football, we discover that there is a way to bring our Judaism into our observance of this sacred American holiday. We can even use it as a means of teaching our children one of our most important values: thankfulness. The idea of giving thanks is a familiar theme in our tradition. Judaism views every day as a day of thanksgiving; every day is a chance to say "thank you" to God for the many blessings we have. From the words we say upon arising - "*Modeh ani l'fanecha*," "I give thanks to You (for compassionately restoring my soul)"- to the daily multitude of blessings and prayers in our worship services, our tradition teaches us that showing gratitude is part of our way of life. Every day brings ample opportunities for acts of mindfulness and thanksgiving that can transform our lives and repair the world. So is Thanksgiving a Jewish holiday? It is up to us to make it so.

"Our hearts are with our family at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh as they begin burying their congregants who were savagely murdered on Shabbat morning. May their memories be for a blessing, and may we all begin the process of healing.



**ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!**

December News and Views Deadline: November 15, 2018

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GROUP MEETINGS

Anne Frank - Thurs. Nov. 15 at 10:30 am at United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Dr. "Orange Is The New Black" - Former Female Inmates Tell All! RSVP to Betty, kinderteacher77063@yahoo.com. Send check for \$18 made to Anne Frank Hadassah to Betty Babendure 1559 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S. Houston 77042 by 11/9.



**CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR ON
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4!**

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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HADASSAH MOURNS LOSS OF LIFE IN PITTSBURGH

A MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL HADASSAH PRESIDENT ELLEN HERSHKIN

Dear Friends,

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., mourns with the entire Jewish community today. We are devastated to learn that on Shabbat, at least 11 of our brothers and sisters were murdered. The gunman who entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA screamed, "all Jews must die", as gunfire rained down on members of the congregation who had gathered for morning Shabbat services.

Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by this tragedy, especially our members in the Pittsburgh area. We are deeply saddened by the presumed loss of Daniel Stein, the husband of Sharyn Stein, Membership VP of Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh Region.

Our deep gratitude goes out to the first responders, four of which are among the wounded. We pray for their full recovery.

According to a report by the ADL, anti-Semitic incidents and attacks have risen by 60% in the United States in the last year alone. This shocking escalation in hate both at home and abroad requires swift and broad action by our leaders.

As members of Hadassah, we must continue to stand strong against anti-Semitism and hate wherever it is present. As the NGO (non-governmental organization) convener of the "Never Again Education Act", Hadassah members have a unique role to play in ensuring this bill becomes law. Head to our National Action Center now to take action on policy priorities that matter to you, including this bill that would expand Holocaust Education and anti-hate curricula.

When one life is taken all our lives are affected in common grief and conviction to make the world a better place. May we go from strength to strength.

B'Shalom, Ellen Hershkin



ADVOCACY

HOW TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL

Three easy steps:

1. Go to www.hadassah.org
2. Click on "take Action" found in the center of the red band at the top of the page.
3. From the options provided, click on "Become an Advocate." Provide your name and address.



GSW Women's Retreat at Camp Young Judaea

by Linda Freedman Block, GSW Region President



DECEMBER 7-9, 2018

Mark your calendars right now!

You're in for a TREAT at our GSW Women's RETREAT.

Have FUN and relax with Hadassah! Join us at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberley, TX for a fantastic time. This retreat is for all Hadassah members who want a wonderful weekend away!

We'll take care of business at our Region Board Meeting on Friday afternoon, enjoy Shabbat services and have all kinds of fun including special spa services, arts and crafts, mah jongg, games, fun night, campfire, yoga, hiking and BINGO!

An email will go out to the entire region with more details later. If you do not have email and want more information, please call the Hadassah office at 713-661-1022 to make sure we send you a registration form.



HADASSAH IS PRINTING A NEW DIRECTORY

DO YOU HAVE A NEW MAIL OR EMAIL ADDRESS? DID YOU GET RID OF YOUR LANDLINE? OR ARE YOUR ADULT CHILDREN STILL LISTED AT YOUR HOME ADDRESS? IF SO...

PLEASE SEND AN UPDATE OF YOUR EMAIL, ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER TO THE HADASSAH OFFICE AT

KZERLIN@HADASSAH.ORG



The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your continuing participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission! We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, Hadassah has a new account number. **(PH472.)**



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ANNUALLY, TRAFFICKING IS A
\$150 BILLION
ENTERPRISE

70% OF FEMALE VICTIMS ARE TRAFFICKED INTO THE SEX INDUSTRY

#EndHumanTrafficking hadassah.org/trafficking

WOMEN'S HEALTH IS AN ELECTION ISSUE

It's thrilling to be part of a historical moment, when women are stepping into the political arena in record-breaking numbers. I didn't have to fight for the right to vote; I'm indebted to those who did. Women bring unique perspectives and experiences when it comes to income inequality, race relations and education, and of course, gender equality.

Today, as we march forward for women's equality, we must also include women's health equity. Some are women whose excruciating pain is dismissed and told it's just in their imaginations. Others are misdiagnosed because their symptoms didn't meet the male model. There are women prescribed medications based on men's bodies. My hope is that we'll see real change, in much the way that #MeToo brought women's sexual harassment stories into the light, creating an unprecedented cultural shift.

This year's candidates know that health care is a top issue for American voters. Our responsibility? To make sure they know we expect them to advance women's health equity, that we want more than just a nod. We expect change. Statistically speaking, women live longer than men. But women also live "sicker."

We've seen how our government can play a powerful role in change. It's been only 30 years since the FDA lifted its ban on women in clinical trials. Women average 46 percent of cardiology research subjects. Some studies show women's participation as low as 22 percent. That's a lot more than zero, but it's far from enough when heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women, taking the lives of more women each year than all cancers combined. Did you know that women and men respond differently to many drugs, including blood pressure medicine, anesthesia and aspirin?

Each of us must speak out to improve maternal health outcomes and preserve women's access to free and low-cost preventive services — like well-women visits, mammograms, diabetes screening and nutrition counseling. And we must work together to elect leaders who will invest in research, ensure accountability throughout our health care system and champion access to quality, affordable and equitable care.

I recently came across a small piece of women's history that resonated deeply with me. Back in

JOIN US! HELP US HEAL TOMORROW SUPPORT THE FULL CIRCLE CAMPAIGN FOR THE HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION

Achieving our vision for **360 DEGREES OF HEALING** is only possible through the full support of our committed friends. To complete the renovation and expansion of the Round Building—so vital to health care in Israel and worldwide—we need to raise \$91.2 million by 2021.

Gifts of \$36 or more will receive the **360° OF HEALING** certificate with your name on it or the name of someone special.

Gifts of \$100 or more will receive the Full Circle certificate with your name on it or the name of someone special.

Gifts of \$150 or more will receive a lovely sterling silver necklace inscribed with the famous quote from Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold, "There is no ending that is not a beginning."

Gifts of \$1,200 or more will receive a beautiful certificate with your name on it or the name of someone special, and a mezuzah will be affixed to one of the many doors in the Round Building at Hadassah Ein Kerem.

Gifts of \$1,800 or more will have your name or the name of someone special inscribed on a Road to Healing wall tile on a floor in the Round Building.

Significant naming opportunities are available. Contact us at 360degrees@hadassah.org to learn more about the Full Circle Campaign or to make a donation.

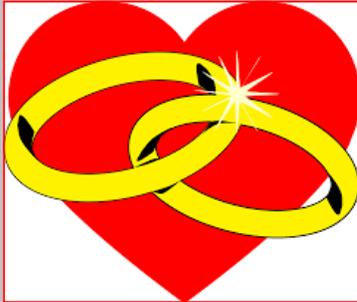
1918, Hadassah urged President Woodrow Wilson to support suffrage — via telegram. After all, it said, Jewish women living in the Jewish mandate of Palestine already had the right. Within a year, American women did, too.

Making our voices heard at the polls is essential, an honor and a hard-won right. Health — including women's health equity — is not a partisan issue. We must make it clear that candidates who want our vote must commit to protecting women's health and working toward a high-quality, affordable and equitable health care system for all. And each of us must do whatever we can to help get out the vote.

HADASSAH AND THE WOMEN WHO DO

REQUEST THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR PRESENTS (IN LIEU OF PRESENCE) AT

A Wedding!



This is a virtual wedding. There is NO actual ceremony to attend. Instead of paying for the following, please send a donation to support Hadassah Medical Organization.

<i>Air travel and hotel I won't reserve</i>	\$1,800
<i>Wedding gift I won't buy</i>	\$1,500
<i>Dress I can't squeeze into</i>	\$1,000
<i>Shoes that hurt my feet</i>	\$500
<i>Facial to brighten my face</i>	\$360
<i>Hair and make-up that won't last</i>	\$180
<i>Driving and parking stress</i>	\$100
<i>Babysitter I won't hire</i>	\$72
<i>Other gift donation</i>	\$ _____

**BUT THE NEED IS REAL.
PLEASE GIVE TILL IT HURTS
LIKE TIGHT SPANX!**

For more information, contact
Charlotte Goldberg
csgoldberg@att.net
or the Hadassah office at 713-661-1022

Or you may donate online at:
<http://www.hadassah.org/events/virtualwedding>

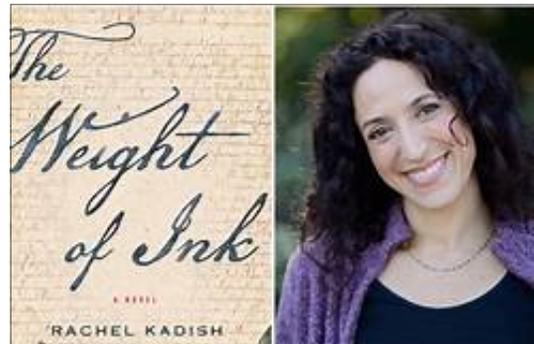
ATTENTION MAHJ JONGG PLAYERS

LET EMMA LAZARUS ORDER YOUR 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 2019 (before they are available in stores) at your home. For each card we order the National Mahjong League will donate \$2 to Hadassah. Send your check payable to Cheryl Zane 1817 McDuffie St., Houston, 77019 or pay using Zelle to czane@houstonballet.org by December 30. If you have any questions, please email Cheryl at czane@houstonballet.org.

ERJCC BOOK AND ARTS FAIR COMMUNITY READ



This year, the Houston Chapter of Hadassah is again a sponsor of the Community Read at the ERJCC Book Fair on Monday, November 5 at 8:00 pm. The book discussed will be *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish, winner of the 2017 National Jewish Book Award. The story tells the tale of two women connected from different centuries. You may purchase the book at the J to receive FREE entry; otherwise, a ticket is \$12 for members and \$18 for the public.



HOUSTON HADASSAH

SCENE AT...



*EMMA LAZARUS LUNCH GROUP
(ABOVE)*



KINNERET GROUP HANUKKAH BAZZAR



*ANNE FRANK GROUP FUNDRAISER
(ABOVE & BELOW)*





THE POWER OF WOMEN WHO DO
HOUSTON CHAPTER OF HADASSAH
2019 BOARD INSTALLATION

Sunday, January 6, 2019
Royal Oaks Country Club
2910 Royal Oaks Club Drive
Houston 77082
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

\$36 couvert
Complimentary Valet Parking

Come for Brunch
Stay for Schmooze