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OUR FAMILIES AND FOUNDERS GAVE US THE HERITAGE OF HADASSAH



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

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



Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm
Genesis Steakhouse & Wine Bar
5427 Bissonnet, Suite 400

Minimum Donation \$500
Couvert \$72 per person

Complementary Valet Parking

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 Book Club - Thurs., Oct. 6 at 1:30 pm at Shirley Horvitz's, 3734 Sunset. *Black Widow* by Daniel Silva. RSVP to shirlvitz@aol.com.

Aviv - For info email Avivhadassah@gmail.com.

Chagall - RSVP to marcchagallhadassah@gmail.com.

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

Anne Frank - Thurs., Oct. 20 at 10:30 am at Sharon Brier's, 10908 Roaring Brook Ln. Deborah Rolnik Raichman, Brazilian & Judaica artist will give her interpretations & impressions of "Painting The Proverbs" through art. Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share. RSVP to Paulette, plevine300@aol.com.

Kinneret - For info contact nurit77@att.net.

Lazarus - Thurs., Oct. 27 at 7:00 pm. at Sheila Horn's, 5027 Glenmeadow. Award winning KPRC Journalist Robert Arnold will discuss his work as an Investigative reporter. RSVP to pportnoy5106@comcast.net.

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

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 - For info contact gainescarol@att.net.

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

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Sandra Smith

"In our lives, change is unavoidable, loss is unavoidable. In the adaptability and ease with which we experience change, lies our happiness and freedom." Buddha

A few weeks ago we received notice from our landlord at the Hadassah office that they are not renewing our lease when it expires in February. As you can imagine that set off a barrage of feelings in all of us who use the office. And as we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a time of reflection, symbolism, and promise, I've been thinking about our office and all it means to us. Because the Houston Chapter is so wide-spread, we depend on our office to be a central gathering place. It is our symbolic "home" and it has fit our needs beautifully for many years. Over the course of just a few weeks we've used our office for a multitude of purposes. Every day our Administrative Manager, Robin Dorfman, answers calls and questions from members, sells cards and certificates, and researches information for our upcoming Big/Major Gifts event. It is at our office that she creates our eblasts with the help of Julie Handle and gets out News & Views created and designed by Glenda Waldman. In the course of a few days we used the office for a regional planning meeting, members of Avital met to put together their mailout for their raffle, Chaim Weizmann group got together for a luncheon and meeting and our donor committee met to work on their event. Marsha Abramson and Linda Block worked on the auction for Emma Lazarus' group's annual mah jongg tournament and members of the Chagall group's nominating committee met to work on their slate for 2017. On September 12 we held an informative chapter board meeting for more than forty of us to honor Sonia Raizes for being a recipient of National's "Szold" on Fundraising Leadership Award. Several officers and volunteers come in weekly to do their jobs. And the list goes on.

As you look around the office you see the evidence of all we have accomplished over the years. Frames filled with City of Houston Proclamations and awards; artwork done by loving hands; flyers of upcoming events, fundraisers, and meetings. And when you listen to the women who visit and work out of the office, you hear thoughtful voices, excited voices, voices of women happy to be together to do serious work.

It will be difficult to leave our current space and all it signifies. You can be assured that we are looking carefully at locations for our next office, and we will work to fill our new place with the same spirit that makes Houston Hadassah so exceptional. On Rosh Hashanah when the shofar is blown it acts as a symbol. In reality the shofar is an empty ram's horn that isn't anything distinctive until filled with air and blown in a special way. When we find our perfect new space we, too, will fill it with all that makes Houston Hadassah special. We will make it "home".

I wish you and everyone you love a happy, healthy, productive New Year.

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Group meetings continued...

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



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FOR
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GIVE THE GIFT OF HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

Join the Hadassah Community. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. The Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem has been outstanding, cutting-edge and compassionate health care regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America, through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.

"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 \$212 to Houston Hadassah, 4654 Beechnut, Houston, 77096. You can also join online at www.hadassah.org.

Project Connect Locally – If you are a member of Hadassah living 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 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.

MAZAL GROUP SLATE 2017

President: Martha Raskin,
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Group Advisors: Sharon Malony and Vicky Dyer-Smith

SCENE AT ...



*AVITAL/WISE GROUP
(ABOVE AND RIGHT)*



WEIZMAN GROUP (ABOVE)



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HADASSAH
the power of women who **DO**

Gift online @ hadassah.org/gift or complete a Gift Enrollment Form or call 800.664.5646.



*CHAGALL GROUP
(ABOVE & RIGHT)*

**IN HONOR OF SHIMON PERES,
OBAMA ORDERS U.S. FLAGS TO
BE FLOWN HALF-MAST**



In a proclamation called 'Death of Shimon Peres', Obama ordained all U.S. flags across America and in diplomatic missions around the globe to be lowered to half-staff.



*HOUSTON CHAPTER
(ABOVE & LEFT)*

"As a mark of respect for the memory of Shimon Peres, former President and Prime Minister of Israel, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me... that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels."



OCTOBER IS BREAST HEALTH

DID YOU KNOW?

Hadassah was one of the first in Israel to have a digital mammogram and an MRI-guided breast biopsy coil.

Hadassah offers hope for women with the BRCA Gene by using invitro fertilization and preimplantation genetic diagnostic techniques.

Hadassah has noted a 10 percent greater frequency of the BRCA gene among Ashkenazi Jewish women.

Hadassah found a different BRCA mutation in Yemenite women and is researching mutations in the Georgian Jewish and Arab populations.

GO PINK!

WEAR A PINK TEE! — EAT PINK SHERBET! — DRINK A PINK LADY!



Remember, schedule a yearly mammogram after age 40 and have a discussion with your physician. It is a gift to yourself.

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.



**CELEBRATE SUKKOT
BEGINING SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 16**

ALS
BREAKING NEWS!

Hadassah contributes to medical history.

Read about it: hadassah.org/ALSresearch

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