

Dear Friends,

Chag sameach! It's Yom Haatzmaut – Israel Independence Day!

Happy 71st birthday to Israel! When I left Israel last week, there were Israeli flags everywhere – along every street, on so many cars, in store windows, in schools, and in people's homes. There are parades and Independence Day events and almost everyone goes to a Bar-B-Q! Every Israeli is proud of his or her state!

I'm proud of Israel – and you should be, too! Israel has so many accomplishments. Its expertise, technology, humanitarian assistance, and defense strategies are utilized by countries on every continent. Israeli doctors have developed life-saving treatments and drugs, and our very own Hadassah Hospital has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize!

Here in the Greater Southwest Region, we have lots of exciting activities, too. If you like to cruise, please join us on our GSW Region Mah Jongg Cruise and travel from Galveston to Cozumel Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2019. The cruise is open to any Hadassah member. If you don't play mah jongg or don't want to compete in the mah jongg tournaments – no problem. Come and bring your Hadassah friends for a nice get-away! Details are included below.

Also, check out our National Convention information in this eblast. Our 99th Convention will take place in New York City July 14 – 18, 2019. Early Bird registration deadline is May 31st.

Wishing each of you and all of Israel, a peaceful Shabbat shalom,

Linda



What do you get when you add



YOU GET A HADASSAH MAH JONGG CRUISE!!!

Join HADASSAH GREATER SOUTHWEST REGION
and your friends on a Royal Caribbean cruise,

Monday, Oct. 28 - Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

from Galveston with one stop in Cozumel.

FOR HADASSAH MEMBERS ONLY!

To join Hadassah, contact Robin at rdorfman@hadassah.org or 713-661-1022.

There will be 5 mini Mah Jongg tournaments while we are at sea and 2 optional tournaments if enough players want them while we are docked. \$10 entry fee each tournament. Or play Scrabble, Rummikub, Poker, Bridge or whatever floats your boat!

Or, just relax, catch up on your reading, write a letter, write a book!

INSIDE ROOM - \$348.96 double occupancy + \$36 donation to Hadassah

OUTSIDE ROOM - \$387.96 double occupancy + \$36 donation to Hadassah

\$100 is due by May 29; final payment is due August 14, 2019.

SPACE IS LIMITED—make your reservation!

Contact Elena Pelsinger at elena@katyvantravel.com to register.

Send \$36 donation to Hadassah, 24 Braeswood Square, Houston, TX, 77096.

**HADASSAH GREATER SOUTHWEST REGION MAH JONGG CRUISE
Monday, October 28 – Friday, November 1, 2019**

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line – 4 nights sailing ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS

October 28th - ship sails at 4:00 pm from Galveston

October 29th - at SEA

October 30th - 8:00 am until 5:00 pm - COZUMEL, MEXICO

October 31st - at SEA

November 1st - ship arrives in Galveston approximately 7:00 am

**Deposit due - \$100.00 per person by May 29. Final payment due by August 15, 2019.

TOTAL Cost (price is guaranteed for reservations made by May 29, 2019)

**Inside Cabin - \$348.96 per person double occupancy + \$36.00 donation to Hadassah

**Ocean View Cabin - \$387.96 per person double occupancy + \$36.00 donation to Hadassah

Single, triple and quad occupancy prices are available upon request. BALCONY & SUITES are also available.

CANCELLATION: 75 days before sailing without penalty by 8/14/19 for **full refund**.

NAME AS ON PASSPORT or ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE and DATE OF BIRTH

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER / EXPIRATION DATE, SECURITY CODE

CABINMATE (for internal purposes) _____

Total cost _____ Payment to be applied now _____

PHONE _____

EMAILADDRESS: _____

Return this form to: Elena S. Pelsinger Katy Van Travel, Inc. 915 S. Mason Road Katy TX 77450 Questions: Contact Elena at elena@katyvantravel.com or 281-492-2007 or Cruise Chair Karen Kessler at karen19kessler@gmail.com.
Send your \$36 donation to: Hadassah Mahj Cruise 24 Braeswood Sq. Houston, TX 77096

All participants MUST SIGN and return a Release Agreement which will be sent to you after you register for the cruise to: GSW Hadassah, 24 Braeswood Square Houston, TX 77096 before the start of the cruise.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Galveston.

Participants are encouraged to purchase travel/trip cancellation insurance simultaneously with their initial deposit. RCCL offers travel insurance on their cruises and Katy Van Travel can also offer Travel Guard Insurance.

Price includes cruise fare, port charges and government taxes. It does not include tips or alcoholic beverages or specialty restaurant fees. Gratuities can be paid in advance or it goes automatically on your shipboard account. Tips are \$14.50 per day per person. There are beverage packages available or else you will be charged for drinks and wine, etc. on your ship board account which will be paid by credit card you have on file. This is the same for any purchase you make on the ship such as souvenirs, jewelry, etc.

Hadassah Disclaimers: *“Hadassah acts only as agent for participants in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, touring, restaurants or other services in connection with the itinerary. Hadassah is not responsible for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, cost or expense of any nature whatsoever arising out of the trip or the travel arrangements. Hadassah strongly suggests that participants purchase travel/trip cancellation insurance. All rights are reserved to cancel or change itineraries or to substitute comparable hotels or services without notice when deemed necessary. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any participant should such person’s health or general comportment impede the operation of the trip or detrimentally affect the other trip participants. The trip is subject to cancellation due to low enrollment, security or any other reason within Hadassah’s sole discretion.”*

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Contributions will be used for the support of Hadassah’s charitable projects and programs in the U.S. and/or Israel including: medical relief, education and research; education and advocacy programs on issues of concern to women and that of the family; and support of programs for Jewish youth. Financial and other information about Hadassah may be obtained, without cost, by writing the Finance Department at Hadassah’s principal place of business at the address indicated above, or by calling the phone number indicated above. In addition, residents of the following states may obtain financial and/or licensing information from their states, as indicated.

OK, LA, TX residents: A copy of Hadassah’s latest Financial Report is available by writing to the Hadassah Finance Dept., 40 Wall Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10005.

Charitable deductions are allowed to the extent provided by law. Hadassah shall have full dominion, control and discretion over this gift (and shall be under no legal obligation to transfer any portion of a gift to or for the use or benefit of any other entity or organization). All decisions regarding the transfer of funds to or for the benefit of any other entity or organization shall be subject to the approval of the Board or other governing body of Hadassah.

Mission Possible
REGISTRATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION (please fill in all fields)

FIRST NAME **LAST NAME** **MEMBERSHIP ID NUMBER**
(Please see the address label on your latest issue of Hadassah magazine for the six digit #. required Field)

REGION (required field except for National Members)

CHAPTER (required Field except for National Members)

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE

DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yy - required Field)

HOME ADDRESS **CITY** **STATE** **ZIP CODE**

HOME TELEPHONE **WORK TELEPHONE** **CELL TELEPHONE**

E-MAIL ADDRESS (required Field)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME (required field)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/NEEDS (including dietary restrictions due to allergies or health concerns)

Five women in the Greater Southwest Region will be selected to receive a \$1,000 subvention to attend our National Convention in New York, July 14 - 18, 2019.

Request for Subvention

The grant will be for 5 people at \$1,000 each. If you'd like to attend, please answer the following questions and return your form to Linda Freedman Block by May 15, 2019.

Early Bird deadline for registration (\$650) is May 31, 2019.

Applicants may not have received a previous grant for a National event. They must be in a leadership position this year or agree to take a leadership position in 2010, must attend every session, must speak to their group or chapter about their experience and must write an article for the region bulletin.

Please answer the following questions:

Why would you like to attend?

What do you hope to learn?

What is your current leadership position?

What leadership position do you plan to have next year (President, VP, Chair)?

Reply to Linda at lblock@hadassah.org by May 15, 2019. No exceptions will be made.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Best Phone # _____

Top Five Reasons to Register Now

1. Connect and network with like-minded women of all ages - including a new young women's track -while you learn new leadership skills and celebrate Hadassah, The Power of Women Who DO.
2. Bring Israel home! Meet Israel's leading medical experts, who will bring you up-to-date on their lifesaving research and treatments at the Hadassah Medical Organization. Hear firsthand from HMO patients who owe their lives to HMO healing.
3. Stay informed with influential speakers, including sessions on media bias, the power of Israel's positive message, fighting anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, women's health equity and more.
4. Have fun! Enjoy live music, cocktail receptions, networking breakfasts, dancing, and Zumba.
5. Save with early bird discounts!

The Hadassah 99th National Convention, July 15-18 in New York City.

The power is in your hands to help make this Hadassah National Convention the largest, most dynamic yet. Join us.

To register online, go to: hadassah.org/convention2019

Reminder - to take advantage of the Early Bird Specials, register online by May 31, 2019. Online registrations received after July 3, 2019, will incur a \$50 late fee.

Registration by mail should be submitted to:

Technical Registration Experts, Hadassah Convention 2019

303 West State Street

Geneva, IL 60134

