

## Hadassah – Byte-Size April 2017

### **From Your Writer/Editor – Sharon Hox**

Chag Sameach. Pesach approaches. Seems kind of odd to wish a Happy Holiday (the literal translation of Chag Sameach) for a commemoration of our history of slavery in Egypt. But Pesach is about deliverance. It's about leaving Egypt through God's intervention and by our own strength of will, purpose and belief. We never believed we'd be wandering the desert for 40 years, but the Promised Land was finally ours. Fast forward many thousands of years and we find ourselves enjoying a renaissance of the Promised Land – Israel.

As members of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, we all support Zion – Israel – in our own ways. Some of us are actively involved in Chapter leadership. Others support our local programs. Still more are contributors, donating to Hadassah's projects and research. We value and appreciate all of you and everything you do. But there's one arena where, without exercising your checkbook or dedicating time you can make a huge contribution – through advocacy.

Hadassah's National Action Center sends out time sensitive issues that matter – with pre-formatted letters to our elected officials. An email just came across my desk about three issues that are important to me....and I'm confident at least one will be important to you:

### **Urge Congress to Support Victims of Palestinian Terror**

**Protect Foreign Aid & Medical Research Funding** -- Proposed budget cuts are targeting two top Hadassah priorities: foreign aid to Israel and National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for medical research. **This includes some foreign aid grants allocated directly to Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) for the purchase and shipment of essential equipment.** Medical research—in the US and at HMO—powers scientific innovation, prevents disease, and saves lives.

There are two letters to representatives; one supporting Foreign Aid to Israel and HMO; the other the protect medical research funding.

Your letters make a difference. Your calls to Congress and over 6,400 messages in support of women's health coverage made an impact! Hadassah remains committed to women's health equity and a quality, affordable, and equitable health care system for all. Thanks for taking action. That's the power of women who advocate!

I urge you to join Hadassah's Advocacy network. Go to [www.hadassah.org/advocate](http://www.hadassah.org/advocate) to learn more about Hadassah's positions on Domestic Advocacy, Israeli and International Advocacy, and opt in to receive their emails.

**Thank you – and may you have a joyous and meaningful Passover!**



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## **Mazel Tov to our 2017 Woman Who Makes a Difference**



Today Rabah to Debbie Rothschild and Ami Abramson for chairing this year's A Woman Who Makes a Difference Program. Once again, a great turnout celebrated many truly great women. Hadassah honored past President Gail Snow (current Ad Hoc member), as well as Leah Chase, founder of this annual program.

Pictured – Gail Snow (L) receiving her award from Sandi Archambault (R)

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## **Congratulations to all of Us and Thanks to our Tower Supporters**

March 30, 2017 – From Ellen Hershkin, National President

*I am thrilled to announce a major milestone — the fundraising campaign for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower (The Tower) is complete, pending the fulfillment of outstanding pledges.*

*I know you share my excitement about the tremendous impact that The Tower will have on the well-being of the people of Israel. This ultra-modern complex, set amid the historic Judean Hills, rivals the finest hospitals and research facilities anywhere in the world. While I wish all of you would come with me to see The Tower in person, I can instead share with you some special highlights of what your generosity has allowed us to accomplish:*

- **Specialized Medicine:** *The Tower is home to Hadassah's Neurosciences Center, the departments of Urology; Orthopedic and Vascular Surgery; Ear, Nose and Throat; Plastic Surgery; Gynecology and Cardiothoracic Surgery. Annually, Hadassah's doctors perform 900 neurosurgeries, 6,000 orthopedic procedures and more than 600 cardiothoracic operations.*
- **Unparalleled Security:** *As a Level 1 Shock Trauma Unit, The Tower is fully prepared to handle catastrophic emergencies. HMO cares for more than 2,000 trauma patients yearly — from young soldiers wounded in combat to victims of road accidents. The underground surgical complex, consisting of five floors, fortified against conventional, chemical and biological warfare, will protect these trauma patients from further harm. The surgical complex can be rapidly converted to a fully functioning, self-sustained hospital, with the anesthesia department being able to house 400 patients.*

- **Patient Comfort:** With a total of 500 inpatient and 60 intensive-care beds, patient rooms feature one or two beds each. In double rooms, beds are diagonally across from one another for more privacy and to reduce transmission of infection. Every patient bed has a view of the Judean Hills, and each patient room has a daybed, enabling a relative to stay overnight.

As you can see, what we have been able to create with your support is beyond even our most ambitious dreams. But, as always, we strive to do more. However, as is the case worldwide, no hospital is ever totally complete without new equipment, state-of-the-art facilities and advanced technology that reflect changes in the delivery of medical services. Tower-specific fundraising will continue to ensure that The Tower functions optimally to provide the best care in the world.

Thank you for fulfilling the dream.

B'Shalom,

Ellen Hershkin

**Major Women's Rights Speaker Program – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at KKBE**

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**THE WALL BETWEEN:  
AN ISRAELI FEMINIST SPEAKS OUT**

**LESLEY SACHS**  
Executive Director: Women Of The Wall

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm**

**Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim FREE ADMISSION**  
90 Hasell Street

**CONTACT** Rima Parker at [symap.24@gmail.com](mailto:symap.24@gmail.com)

*"The central mission of Women of the Wall is to attain social and legal recognition of a woman's right to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah, collectively and aloud, at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Israel"*

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National Council of Jewish Women

KKBE  
Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim

The Jewish Federation  
OF CHARLESTON, SC

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***Young Judaeans – As relevant as ever***

Simon Klarfield, Executive Director of Young Judaea's March article in the Magazine of Jewish Philanthropy, explains Young Judaea's overall educational approach to teen education and empowerment within the broader context of educational programs that are run for 5 to 35 year-olds. Young Judaea programs provide a demonstrably strong foundation for Jewish continuity.

To read the article, go to:

<http://ejewishphilanthropy.com/welcoming-the-stranger-taking-a-moral-stand-the-young-judaea-way/>

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***Save the Date - Hadassah Tri Region Conference 2017 – Still Time to Register***

3 Regions \* 3 Priorities: Zionism, Health, Advocacy \* 1 Hadassah

**Together We Are ONE!**

Join Southeastern, Southern & Southern Seaboard for the

**Tri Region Conference**

**Charlotte, NC**

**April 21-23, 2017**

“ Region Collaboration

“ Top Notch Speakers

“ Inspiring and Engaging Sessions and Workshops

“ Special Guest Hadassah National President Ellen Hershkin

“ Associates Welcome

If you want to get an inside view of Hadassah, meet our leaders, mix with representatives from dozens of Chapters – this is your opportunity. Charlotte is an easy drive from Charleston – so please think about joining us. Contact Sharon Hox at 843-971-6116 or [SharonHox@aol.com](mailto:SharonHox@aol.com) for information. This Conference is an annual event and always provides good ideas and more pride in Hadassah.

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***Coming Programs –***

***Monday, April 24, 2017 – 10:30am – Hadassah Open Meeting***

Most months the Charleston Chapter holds an Open Meeting – primarily discussion by the Board and interested persons in what's happening in Hadassah, program planning for our Chapter, fundraising progress, and more. YOU ARE INVITED. The meeting will be at Sandi Archambault's home in West Ashley. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [SharonHox@aol.com](mailto:SharonHox@aol.com) and we'll be sure to send you an agenda and address details.

**Other Events Around Charleston --**

**Wednesday, April 19 – Women of the Wall – 7:30pm at KKBE**

**Sunday April 23 - Yom Hashoah 2017 Holocaust Remembrance Program –**

**3pm – Reading of the names and Memorial Service at the Holocaust Memorial, Marion Square**

**3:45pm – Silent march to Charleston Museum**

**4:30pm – Keynote Speaker Arlette Levy Baker at Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street**

**YOM HASHOAH** 2017 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ARLETTE LEVY BAKER**

A Hidden French Child of the Holocaust

Join Charleston's annual memorial observance of the Holocaust.  
Let's unite to reinforce the message NEVER AGAIN.

3PM SERVICE AT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, 4:30PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CHARLESTON MUSEUM

City of Charleston | The Jewish Federation of Charleston, SC | THE REMEMBER PROGRAM

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**Important Contact Details – Hadassah Charleston Web Page:**

We have a web page on Hadassah Southeastern Region's site. Go to <http://hadassah.org/southeastern> and click "chapters" to find Charleston. There are also links to other Hadassah news and information, opportunities for giving, and more! Check it out.

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