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***Hadassah and KKBE Sisterhood Program – Wednesday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at KKBE***

Rosh Chodesh celebrates the full moon that starts each month. This January we begin the month of Sh'vat and the Torah portion is "בו/אב" or "Come" in Hebrew. Despite the name of the Torah portion - about coming - the story is actually about the 10 plagues, and ends with the Jews leaving Egypt. Why is it that we call the Torah portion "Come" when we are going?

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will not be studying Torah, but we will learn about Rosh Chodesh and why it is customarily seen as a women's holiday. We will have a short service, and, everyone will have a chance to hold a Torah. Special bonus – Israeli folk dancing. Of course there will be beverages and nibbles.

Please come with your friends. It's a great opportunity to learn, to laugh, and to dance.

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***Professor Dina Ben-Yehuda named First Woman Dean of Hadassah-Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine***



Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, head of the Hadassah Medical Organization's Department of Hematology, has been named Dean of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine--the first woman to have the position.

Prof. Ben-Yehuda, born in Haifa, decided at the age of three that she was going to become a doctor. It was when her seven-year-old brother died of cancer. She was the first woman soldier to be awarded the Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff citation for her initiative in the Yom Kippur War to gather information on those killed or missing in action. The initiative also addressed the importance of informing and supporting the families of these soldiers. Recently, Prof. Ben-Yehuda was awarded the Danielle Prize, "Healing with a Heart," given to doctors and nurses "who rise beyond their professions and give of themselves to patients."

Prof. Ben-Yehuda will continue to see her patients, conduct research, and mentor her students at Hadassah. "I am delighted that there is a new generation of young researchers who can carry on this work," she says. "When I choose residents," she notes, "they have to be the best in their field. But more than that, they have to pass the 'tear test.' If they come to the hematology department and don't cry even once, they are not accepted."

Among her pre-clinical research projects is the invention of a protein, packaged in nanoparticles, whose mission is to invade and kill lymphoma and melanoma cancer cells.

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### ***Hadassah's Fetal Medicine Specialist on the Cover of Forbes-Israel***

Dr. Yuval Gielchinsky, Hadassah Medical Organization's fetal medicine specialist, appears on the cover of *Forbes Israel Magazine*, in recognition of his lifesaving interventions with babies in utero.

The issue of *Forbes* is dedicated to the best doctors in Israel. Whether it is a fetus with a life-threatening heart problem or crippling spina bifida, or twins with a faulty blood supply, Dr. Gielchinsky performs the miraculous procedures that ensure these babies a better quality of life—or life at all. Read about these babies at:

<http://www.hadassah.org/news-stories/rare-in-utero-surgery.html>

<http://www.hadassah.org/news-stories/fetal-surgery-lessens.html>

<http://www.hadassah.org/news-stories/fetal-surgery.html>

<http://www.hadassah.org/news-stories/nablus-moms-twin-babies.html>



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### ***Feeling Good? Do Something Good.....***

Writing this newsletter is difficult – there are so very many Hadassah breakthroughs to report. Help us achieve more. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to Hadassah. Go online to [www.Hadassah.org](http://www.Hadassah.org) or send a check to our 2018 local chapter Treasurer, Marilyn Gordon, at 2615 Rutherford Way, Charleston 29414.

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***Special One-Day Sale at Chosen Treasures, KKBE's Judaica Shop, Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-4pm***

Chosen Treasures is loaded with gorgeous new merchandise (tons of menorahs!). On Sunday, December 3, from 10am to 4pm Chosen Treasures will have a 15% sale on all items over ten dollars, excluding books and sale items.

Please stop by and stock up. Whether you are looking to buy chocolate gelt, or spend your own gelt, this is the place to be.

***Hadassah's Advocacy Initiatives Here in the US – Protect Pregnant Workers!***

October 31<sup>st</sup> marked 39 years since the passage of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. Women now make up 46.8% of the labor force, yet the glass ceiling and discrimination still hinder the economic equity and security of female workers and their families. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act would help pregnant workers maintain economic stability and a healthy pregnancy by requiring that employers provide reasonable work accommodations such as additional breaks, light lifting duty, or basic modifications to physical tasks. Urge your legislators to co-sponsor and support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and to work for its swift passage!

Go to <http://cqrcengage.com/hadassah/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=411793>

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***Mitzvah Time – Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> – Food Distribution to Low Country Fire and Police Stations***

While many people celebrate the holiday season with loved ones, for some firefighters and first responders, Christmas is another day on the job.

Volunteer with Charleston Jewish Federation on Monday, December 25th, to distribute baked goods and food to fire and police stations across the Lowcountry - in West Ashley, James Island, Johns Island, Sullivan's Island, IOP, Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, Daniel Island, North Charleston, Summerville, and Mount Pleasant.

Together we can share the Jewish value of hakarat hatov - gratitude - on behalf of the entire Charleston Jewish community.

Please note that you must provide your own baked goods or food for the delivery. To sign up please contact Sara Sharnoff Chesley at [saras@jewishcharleston.org](mailto:saras@jewishcharleston.org) by December 20th.

All participants can also print out the holiday card below so the firefighters and police officers know who sent the treats. Please take photos and send them to [saras@jewishcharleston.org](mailto:saras@jewishcharleston.org) or post them on Facebook!

Last year, the number of volunteers participating in the Firefighter Project, which brought warm food and company to our first responders working on Christmas, DOUBLED from 21 to 42

stations visited. Let's visit even more brave men and women in 2017!

This initiative is brought to you by Charleston Jewish Family Services and Charleston Jewish Federation.

[CJFS Firefighter Project Holiday Card \(8\).pdf](#)

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**Hadassah Open Meeting** – Our next Chapter Open Meeting will be **Thursday, December 7th** at 10:30am. Reply to this email or contact [SharonHox@aol.com](mailto:SharonHox@aol.com) if you would like to attend and receive the location information. At these meetings our Chapter discusses programming, fundraising, and Hadassah news. Come some time – help us plan programs that are interesting to you. You don't need to be a Board member, and we won't coerce you into volunteering for anything. Promise!

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**Chanukah in the Square – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm**

Our annual Chanukah in the Square will feature fun, food, candle lighting, music and more.

Join Jewish Charleston for this celebration and visit our Hadassah booth where kids can decorate wearable dreidls. Want to help? Just show up, roll up your sleeves, and prepare for smiles.

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**Charleston JCC WOW Filmfest – Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm**



The poster for the movie 'Menashe' shows a man and a woman walking down a street. The title 'MENASHE' is prominently displayed at the bottom of the poster.

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 Charleston JCC WOW Filmfest

 TERRACE THEATER

This program sponsored in part by a generous allocation from the Charleston Jewish Federation

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TOGETHER WE DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS.

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The Charleston JCC WOW Filmfest presents the Charleston premiere of:

**MENASHE**

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2018 @ 7 pm  
Terrace Theater @ 1956 Maybank Highway, Charleston SC  
Tickets: \$12.50

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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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