

Hadassah – Byte-Size
June 2016

From Gail Snow & Ilene Turbow – Co-Presidents

With two Presidents we have two themes this month. The first – recognizing that we are moving into the lazy days of summer but hope that you will still keep Hadassah at the top of your mind. Attend Game Day (July 17th) for fun and fundraising. Participate in our Skin Cancer Bewareness Program (August 30th). Maybe you can start a tzedakah box* and collect change WITH your children or grandchildren. Collect spare change and start of chain of charity – L'dor va dor – with other generations. Summer is a great break time from the routine of school, but it shouldn't mean a break time from healing the world.

The second President chimed in, moved by this past weekend's Memorial Day. So many men and women enlisted over so many generations to preserve freedom. That's what our Israeli Defense Force is doing – and Hadassah is fighting right along with them. Our new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower is open – thanks to all of you/us! But not all of the operating rooms are fully equipped, so the funding needs go on. Consider making a summer donation (go to www.Hadassah.org) in honor of US and Israeli forces, fighting for our freedom.

Both themes come together – both support Hadassah and highlight what each of us can do. Please take action. And please enjoy your summer!

Gail Snow & Ilene Turbow

**Tzedakah box – have you got a Hadassah or JNF Tzedakah box at home? When did you last empty it out? Bonnie Silberberg would be delighted to help you make room for more coins. Contact her at 843-556-5670 or BonnieSilverberg@aol.com. Don't have a box? Bonnie can provide one.*

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Summer Adult Fun – Game Day Returns - Sunday, July 17, 10:30 am at Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Drive, Charleston

Our second annual Game Day is planned for July. Last year this was a great chance to beat the heat, have fun, and win great prizes. We're planning to have even more people this time. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to bring friends if you want fun, food, and a chance to win some terrific raffle prizes.

We will open the hall at 10:30am. The entrance fee of \$25 (cash or checks, no credit cards) will be taken at the door and includes one raffle ticket and lunch prepared by Sisterhood. If you have a game table, please bring it, as well as games of your choice such as mah jongg sets, rumikub, cards, etc. Lots of chairs are around. If you already have a "fixed table" of players – it's your game. Start when you wish. If you want to join a game, we'll try to match you up with a table. If anyone has an extra mah jongg set and cards, please bring them – you'll get them back – but it can help for those without a game of their own.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! Not limited to women or members of the Jewish community!

If you have a business and would like to provide a nice raffle prize (it's a mitzvah AND tax deductible as allowed by law), please get in touch with Sandi Archambault at 843-769-5667..

This is a Fun Fundraiser. Proceeds will be shared by Hadassah and Sisterhood of Synagogue Emanu-El.

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Skin Cancer Bewareness Program – Tuesday, August 30 at 7:30pm.

It's summer and you are surely wearing sunblock daily (with replenishment when out in the sun), hats, and long sleeves as needed. You are, aren't you? If not – pardon our bluntness – are you nuts?

According to the American Cancer Society, Skin Cancer is the most common form of cancer. About 5.4 million basal and squamous cell skin cancers are diagnosed each year. (These are found in about 3.3 million Americans; some people have more than one.) Melanoma, the most deadly type of skin cancer, will account for about 76,380 cases of skin cancer in 2016.

Most basal and squamous cell cancers develop on sun-exposed areas of your skin, like the face, ears, neck, lips, and the backs of your hands.

Both basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers can be cured if found and treated early – when they are small and have not spread. But either type can cause problems if left untreated.

Hadassah has done significant research on skin cancer, particularly melanoma, with striking results! On August 30th, join us for a presentation on Skin Cancer – prevention, detection, treatment, and research.

Dr Paul L Baron, MD is a breast and melanoma surgical specialist – and incredibly, personally special to many of us in Charleston. He will be our lead speaker.

Just because it seems that summer will be winding down end of August doesn't mean you can be less vigilant. In fact – maybe this is the best time to start a new Skin Care Regimen. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us for this important program.

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Hadassah Advocates Get Results

We work closely with key legislators to ensure that our outreach is coordinated and effective, and that our priorities are at the top of the congressional agenda. Following Days in the District with Hadassah advocates, several Representatives became cosponsors of the Research for All Act and the Women's Preventive Health Awareness Campaign. The lead sponsors of both bills sent letters to Hadassah thanking us for our efforts.

From Congressman Jim Cooper (D), Tennessee:

"Hadassah has been a real leader raising awareness that men and women are not treated equally in health research. Science needs to serve both men and women, and Hadassah's support for the Research for All Act will help us reach our goals."

From Congressman Ami Bera, MD (D), California:

"I greatly appreciate Hadassah's partnership in the effort to improve women's health. The efforts of Hadassah members to support [my bill, the] Women's Preventive Health Awareness Campaign, by making it a policy issue in the 'Day in the District' campaign has made a difference in this regard."

You can become a Hadassah Advocate. Go to www.Hadassah.org and follow the links to Advocay, or reply to this email to contact our Charleston Chapter.

Planned Giving – Is this the right time for you?

When donors include a gift to Hadassah in their estate plans, they leave a legacy that allows us to continue our mission of healing the sick, curing disease, promoting Jewish leadership and empowering Jewish youth in Israel and the United States. A bequest from a will or a living trust allows for an estate in any amount to be designated to Hadassah free of tax. If donors are looking for a simple way to make a charitable gift to Hadassah that won't leave them worried about their future financial security, a charitable gift annuity could be the solution. Read these materials to learn more. For more information, contact us at 1.800.428.8884 or giving@hadassah.org.

Word to the wise – if you haven't updated your estate plan in a few years, this is a good time to do it. It's not only about Planned Giving – it's about giving your loved ones a roadmap if it's time to hand over your financial estate.

Do you get two copies of Hadassah Magazine?

If you would like to STOP receiving two copies of the magazine, one for you and an Associate or other member living at the same address, email SharonHox@aol.com with the name on the label you want stopped, and the 6-digit membership number on that label.

Upcoming Events

Piccolo Spoleto – A World of Jewish Culture – June 4-7 at various locations. Check out the program at www.piccolospoleto.com

STILL TIME TO ATTEND REBECCA – a Special Production at Synagogue Emanu-El on June 7 at 7:30pm.

Cost is \$10, and 100% of proceeds go towards creating a micro grant program for local Charleston artists. This is an original play, part of a series of five that will be conceived and performed in five different cities. This is the second; the first was in Minneapolis.

Game Day -- Sunday, July 17, starting at 10:30am at Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Drive, Charleston

Skin Cancer Bewareness –Tuesday, August 30, 7:30pm. Location TBD

Fun Family Walk-in-the Park – Sunday, October 16th, West Ashley

Cooking Demo at Southern Seasons – featuring H'ors d'oeuvres and desserts – Tuesday, December 13th

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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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