

**Hadassah – Byte-Size
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From Your Writer/Editor – Sharon Hox

“The world is too much with us...” [from William Wordsworth’s sonnet] occurs to me whenever I read or hear current news. But sometimes the news brings smiles.



First Lady Melania Trump and First Lady Sara Netanyahu visited Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem on May 22, putting an international spotlight on Hadassah, and earning attention as a "center of coexistence" in Israel. Mrs. Trump and Mrs. Netanyahu met a representative group of doctors and nurses and then walked outside to the children's playground at the hospital, where they greeted Hadassah pediatric patients and nurses of diverse backgrounds. The children presented each first lady with an album featuring their drawings and photos.

Hadassah National President Ellen Hershkin and Hadassah Medical Organization Director General Zeev Rotstein greet First Lady Melania Trump and First Lady Sara Netanyahu.



Regardless of your political views, this is a wonderful tribute to HMO and what WE have created.

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50th Anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America celebrates with heartfelt joy the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Historically and politically, spiritually and culturally, Jerusalem represents the heart and soul of the Jewish people.

We congratulate the people of Israel and residents of Jerusalem on the 50th anniversary of its reunification, following the Six Day War of June 1967, after 19 years of division. Reunification under Israeli sovereignty has ended the religious discrimination and desecration carried out under Jordanian control. Only under Israeli sovereignty have Jerusalem and its religious sites been open to all people. We also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the return of Hadassah University Hospital-Mt. Scopus in June 1967, when Jerusalem was reunified by Israeli forces and the Hadassah banner once again waved over the hospital. We recall with sadness those members of the Hadassah family who gave their lives in the effort to secure the hospital and the unity of the city during Israel's War of Independence.

Hadassah reaffirms unwavering support for a united Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

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Hadassah Hospital-Mount Scopus also in the news!

Hadassah Hospital-Mount Scopus now houses Israel's first Pediatric Palliative and Supportive Care Center (HPPSCC)--a home away from home for parents and their children who suffer from chronic or terminal diseases.

As Prof. Eitan Kerem, head of the Division of Pediatrics at Hadassah, explains: “Thousands of children a year are diagnosed with life-threatening conditions in Israel, ranging from cancer to genetic and metabolic diseases, to organ damage and organ failure. Although the chances of surviving these diseases are higher than ever before, evidence suggests that these children still experience substantial suffering, physically and emotionally. Many families suffer from a poor quality of life because of their daily struggle with the pain or discomfort of their child with a severe debilitating and chronic disease.”

HPPSCC takes a holistic approach to helping these families. As Prof. Kerem relates, “it alleviates the child’s suffering, helps the parents cope with the challenge of caring for such a child, and pays attention to the healthy siblings, who have their own needs within the challenging framework of the family.” Siblings, he explains, no matter how young, “often feel guilty that they are healthy, or they feel neglected because the parents are so busy with the sick child.”

Directed by Prof. Rebecca Brooks, the multidisciplinary center now cares for 12 families, but expects to increase that number to 50 or 60 shortly. As Prof. Brooks notes: When a child dies, it’s very difficult for all of us, but part of our purpose is to provide aftercare for the family and siblings.” In the planning stages, she says, is a program to care specifically for the siblings’ emotional needs.

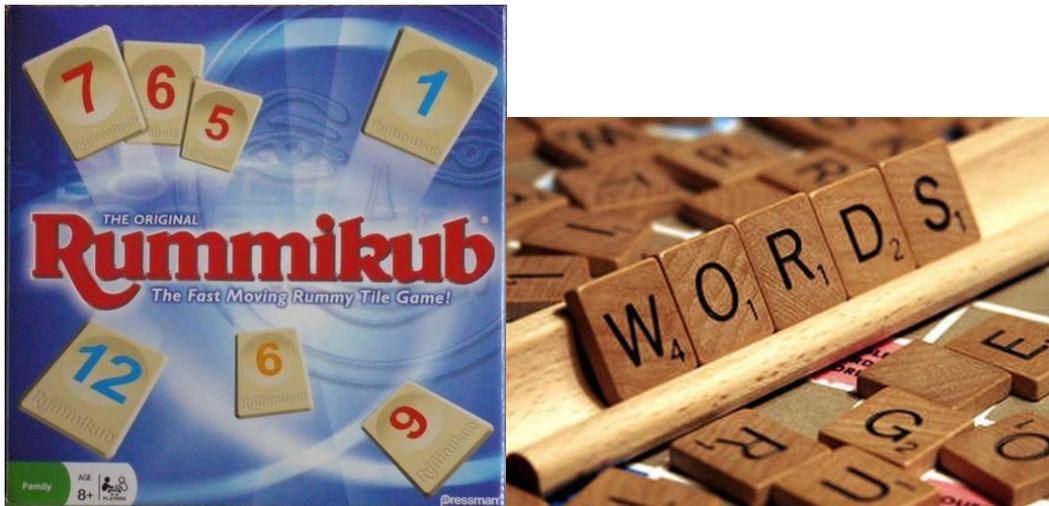
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GAME DAY IS BACK – Sunday, August 13th, 11:30-3pm at Synagogue Emanu-El





As promised, our popular “beat the heat” summer game day is on the calendar for August 13th.

Please join Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Synagogue Emanu-El for a chance to play your favorite games and win door prizes. The day, with lunch and one door prize ticket, is yours for \$25. (Additional door prize tickets can be purchased on site.)

Favorite games in the past have included Mah Jong, Canasta, Scrabble, and Rumikub. Bring your own game set (and if you have a playing table, please bring that as well. We have loads of chairs).

Help us plan lunch by sending your RSVP and check for \$25 payable to Hadassah to Sandi Archambault at 4004 Alpheretta Court, Charleston SC 29414. You can pay at the door (cash or check only) but let us get a good headcount.

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Open Hadassah Meeting – June 8, 2017, 10:30am – You are Invited

The Charleston Chapter of Hadassah holds (almost) monthly open meetings to discuss national Hadassah news, to review Chapter business, and most important, to plan local programs. Please join us if you can on Thursday, June 8 at Gail Snow’s home in West Ashley. REPLY HERE if you can come and we’ll send an agenda. Or contact SharonHox@aol.com

This is your opportunity to programs that you believe are important!

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Associates – are any of you reading this? Members – this goes for you, too.....

Celebrate your father—or son, grandfather, brother or uncle—with a personalized limited-edition Father's Day card this year from the Hadassah Associates.



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Thank Elected Officials for Supporting Israel

In an unwavering display of bipartisan support, all 100 U.S. Senators joined together in signing a letter to the UN Secretary General that urged him to address pervasive bias against Israel at the UN. American support and strategic partnerships—especially at the United Nations—are instrumental to securing Israel's safety and US interests in the region. **Thank your elected officials for supporting Israel at the United Nations.**

The letter, organized by Senator Marco Rubio (R-TX) and Senator Christopher Coons (D-DE), states, "Although, as Republicans and Democrats, we disagree on many issues, we are united in our desire to see the United Nations improve its treatment of Israel and to eliminate anti-Semitism.

Go to <http://cqrcengage.com/hadassah/app/write-a-letter?2&engagementId=342233> for a prepared letter you can submit.

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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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