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Don't stand in one place outside too long or you'll be covered in pollen. Yuk. Spring is early this year (can you spell Climate Change?) and while it's lovely to see all the pink and purple trees blossoming, I wasn't ready for the pollen. (Ker-choo!) But spring is a glorious time in the low country, and it's a wonderful time to recall the words of one of my favorite authors, A. A. Milne:

*"She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbor:
"Winter is dead."
— When We Were Very Young*

Something else that's early this year – Pesach – the first seder is March 30th. Passover has been my favorite holiday since I was about 10. Mom would send us to school with a hard-boiled egg, salt and pepper in twists of aluminum foil, buttered matzoh, a piece of her wondrous sponge cake, and here's the best part – an old-fashioned cough syrup bottle filled half-way with sweet Malaga wine. I come to my love of the fruit of the vine quite honestly.

HAPPY



PASSOVER!

If you have a favorite Passover anecdote – send it in and I'll put in the next Byte-Size – since it will still be Passover.

Check it out – Hadassah’s Women’s Seder Hagaddah

<http://www.hadassah.org/myhadassah/resource-files/zionist-education/WomenWhoLearnStudyMaterials/womens-seder-haggadah-2018.pdf>

This is a fascinating version of the Hagaddah that opens...

Let us enter into this Seder as if the ancient rabbis had always asked and valued the opinions of women. Surely G-d never meant for women to be passed over.

Many of the features of this seder are up-to-the minute in relevance; others are easily recognizable. The seder include **MIRIAM’S CUP (Kos Miryam)**. Legend tells of a mysterious well filled with *mayim hayyim*, living waters that followed the Israelites through their wandering in the desert while Miriam was alive;

Each cup of wine honors a notable woman:

The first cup honors **Henrietta Szold** - Henrietta Szold is an example of one of many women we honor for their remarkable contributions to the world. As the founder of Hadassah, we revere her for her vision. In 1912, at a women's study group in New York City, she founded a women's organization that was dedicated to Judaism, Zionism, and American ideals. We honor her for the Hadassah Medical Organization which includes two hospitals, five schools, out-patient clinics, and research facilities. We honor Henrietta Szold for being the first Jewish woman to take a stand on women saying the Mourner's Kaddish for a loved one. Henrietta Szold epitomizes a role model who has guided us in our powerful role as Jewish women.

The second cup honors **Golda Meir** -- Born in Russia, Golda Meir and her family fled persecution and moved to Milwaukee in 1906. She was active in the Zionist community there before moving with her husband to British-controlled Palestine in 1921. In 1948, Golda Meir participated in the signing of the Israeli Declaration of Independence. She was elected Prime Minister of Israel on March 17, 1969. She was the world's fourth and Israel's first and only woman to hold such an office. Golda Meir has been described as the "Iron Lady" of Israeli politics. Golda Meir will forever be remembered for her quote: "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us."

The third cup honors **Ruth Bader Ginsberg** -- On the wall of her chambers Justice Ginsburg posted this command from the Torah: Tzedek, tzedek tirdof, "Justice, justice shall I pursuit." There is an age-old connection between social justice and Jewish tradition. In her words "I find this connection extremely meaningful. The humanity and bravery of Jewish women, in particular, sustain and encourage me when my spirits need lifting." Justice Ginsburg was a nationally recognized women's rights lawyer and then became the second woman ever appointed to the nation's highest court.

The fourth and final cup honors **THE #METOO MOVEMENT. AS WOMEN, HOW CAN WE NOT?** In the past twenty years, 17,700,000 women have reported a sexual assault. How many millions more were never reported? TIME Magazine recently named the "Silence Breakers," those who spoke out against sexual violence and harassment as

part of the #MeToo Movement, as its Person of the Year. This honor is given annually to the person or people who have most influenced the news during the past year.

Even the four questions are updated:

THE WISE DAUGHTER ASKS, "WHY DO WE GATHER WOMEN HERE TONIGHT?"

THE IRREVERENT DAUGHTER ASKS, "WHY DO YOU GATHER WOMEN HERE TONIGHT?"

THE ASSIMILATED DAUGHTER ASKS, "WHY DO WE NEED TO CELEBRATE OUR FEMINISM IN A JEWISH CONTEXT?"

TO THE DAUGHTER WHO IS UNABLE TO ASK BECAUSE SHE IS NOT HERE, WE SAY: "I must learn, so that I may teach you."

Even the seder plate has different symbolic foods. Click through and look for yourself.

A WOMAN WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE – Tuesday, March 6th, 7pm at Synagogue Emanu-El

Join us as we honor Bobbi Cohn, as well as wonder-women from BSBI, Synagogue Emanu-El, KKBE, Dor Tikvah, Charleston JCC Without Walls, Charleston Jewish Federation, and National Council for Jewish Women. Among this year's honorees are other Hadassah members, including Karen Pinosky (Synagogue Emanu-El Sisterhood) and Marilyn Barron (National Council of Jewish Women).

Jewish Federation of Charleston Gift to Hadassah Campers

We have received a generous allocation from Jewish Federation of Charleston that will enable more Charleston kids to attend Camp Judaea this summer. Be sure to apply for this with any financial aid application.

Federation has been most generous to Hadassah over the years and we are delighted to bring the overnight Jewish camp experience to more and more of our local children.



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There's always something new at HMO – click through to learn more about the

[Hadassah Medical Organization.](#)

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Hadassah Open Meeting – Our next Chapter Open Meeting will be **Thursday, March 22nd** at 10:30am. Reply to this email or contact SharonHox@aol.com if you would like to attend and receive the location information. At our Chapter meetings we discuss programming, fundraising, and Hadassah news.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AROUND TOWN

Charleston JCC WOW Bookfest presents Pauline Sokol Nakios: Pivots – March 14th, 1-3pm at Charleston Library Society (164 King Street, Charleston). Cost \$10 For more information, contact Marylyn Haspel at 703-927-8665 or marylynh@charlestonjcc.org

Designer and well-known former Charlestonian Pauline Sokol Nakios will discuss the “pivots” in her life: balancing a fast-paced fashion career, home, husband and children. Andrea Serrano, Charleston’s fashion blogger and stylist, will moderate. Pauline is in town for as a Charleston Fashion Week judge.



The JCC Filmfest features incredible Jewish films

at the 9th Annual Terrace Charleston Film Festival.

Thursday, March 15 to Sunday, March 18

Including, on Sunday, March 18:

A DAY OF JEWISH FILMS: Speakers, treats and more!

Terrace Theater, 1956 D Maybank Highway, Charleston SC 29412

Tickets and updated schedule available at terracetheater.com

7 Days in Entebbe Inspired by the 1976 hijacking and daring rescue of an Air France flight en route from Tel Aviv. This story has been told before, but not quite like this! Starring Rosamund Pike and Daniel Brühl. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuTBea8-LY> **Thursday, March 16 @ 7:30 pm**

Shelter An Israeli Mossad agent is sent to Germany to protect a Lebanese informant. In this suspense-laden, elegant neo-noir, the women's relationship is soon exposed to the threat of terror. Beliefs are questioned, choices are made, and fate takes a surprising turn. <https://www.menemshafilms.com/shelter> **Friday @ 4:30 pm**

Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story Known as a screen siren and "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World," 1940's Hollywood actress Hedy Lamarr also came up with a secret communication system that helped the Allies beat the Nazis. She gave her patent to the Navy, received no credit, and wound up impoverished in her latter years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8hdYPiSALw> **Saturday, March 17 @ 7:30f pm and Sunday, March 18 @ 12:30.**

After the Sunday @ 12:30 screening, Major Craig Campbell, History Professor at The Citadel, will give us his perspective on Lamarr's contributions.

An Act of Defiance A riveting historical drama and political thriller! In 1963, the apartheid South African government arrested political activists, including Nelson Mandela and his black and Jewish supporters. Bram Fischer risked his career and freedom to defend these men. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYCM2Qu6HdA>, **Friday March 16 @ 2:30 pm and Sunday, March 18 @ 7:30.**

Fanny's Journey In 1943, 13-year old Fanny and her sisters are sent to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. The Nazis and the children are suddenly left on their own. 11 children do the impossible and reach the Swiss border to freedom. Based on a true story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcK85cbp-rU> **Saturday, March 17 @ 4:30 pm and Sunday, March 18 @ 4:30**

After the Sunday @ 4:30 screening, join us for a Skype session with Neil Friedman, founder and president of Menemsha Films, the US based distributor of many of the fine Jewish films we show at the Terrace including *Fanny's Journey* and *Dough*. Find out how Friedman unearths the next undiscovered masterpiece!

Humor Me Desolate, and unable to pay the rent, a playwright moves into a New Jersey retirement golf community with his father. Starring Elliot Gould and Jemaine Clement https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dj_cNAV3AHQ **Sunday, March 18 @ 2:30 and 7:30.**

This program is sponsored by the Charleston JCC Without Walls Filmfest, Terrace Theater, and the Charleston Jewish Federation.

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What's on your mind?

We'd love to hear from you. If you have suggestions for programs or activities by the Charleston Chapter, or just want to start a conversation, let us know. REPLY to this email and we'll be in touch.

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