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Hadassah – Byte-Size
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Pesach is here.....

The other day I was volunteering at KKBE's Chosen Treasures and, while they always have glorious and interesting items (it's truly dangerous to my wallet to volunteer) this time something caught my eye that was timely and merits a tongue-in-cheek award. An odd shaped item, roughly 18" high and 14" wide was patterned like a matzoh. It had a bold statement on it "LET MY PEOPLE GO". What was it? Go to end of Byte-Size to find out.



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News from Hadassah

Director of the World Health Organization praises Hadassah's pediatric hemato-oncology ward

As a preeminent medical institution in the Middle East, Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem hosts visits by prominent people from international organizations and countries around the world.

One such visitor in March was Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), who expressed his amazement at "the staff's impressive devotion to the patients, as well as the continuous thought which goes into treatment."

An Ethiopian political, academic, and public health expert, Dr. Ghebreyesus is a well-known researcher on malaria and served as Minister of Health for the Government of Ethiopia from 2005 to 2012. During his tenure he improved access to health services and hired 40,000 female health workers, helping to reduce the infant mortality rate in the country.

[Read more about the Director General's visit on Arutz Shevah.](#)

A record year for transplants at Hadassah

The Hadassah Medical Organization completed the past year with a record number of transplants in its Transplantation Unit, one of the largest and most active in Israel.

"In 2017, the transplantation team performed 22 liver transplants, 100 percent more than in the previous year, and 44 kidney transplants, an increase of 95 percent as compared to the previous year," reports Prof. Hadar Merhav, Director of the Transplantation Unit. "Although these numbers placed Hadassah at the forefront of Israeli hospitals," Prof. Merhav emphasizes, "it is not only the high numbers that matter. The success rates are also among the highest in international standards."

Hadassah Hospital Nurses celebrate Centennial with U.S Tour

As a part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Hadassah School of Nursing, Prof. Freda DeKeyser Ganz, PhD, RN, Coordinator of Research and Development and Head of the Doctoral Program at the Henrietta Szold Hebrew University – Hadassah School of Nursing, has been touring the United States and talking about the crucial role of Hadassah nurses in the development of the State of Israel, the Israeli medical system, and why nursing is still such an innovative and vital component of the Hadassah Medical Center.

Prof. DeKeyser Ganz tells her audiences that Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, had travelled to pre-state Israel in 1909, and saw first-hand the high infant and maternal mortality rates as well as the terrible public health conditions that were impacting the health and welfare of children living in Jerusalem and elsewhere. In response, Hadassah was founded in 1912, and by 1913 the Hadassah members had raised enough money to send two nurses to Jerusalem to start to tackle the problem.

However, Ms. Szold realized that sending temporary doctors and nurses for relatively short periods was not providing a sustainable solution to the problem. What was needed was many local residents who understood the culture and language of the community, and who could take care of their patients regularly. Her solution was to train nurses.

In 1918, Hadassah opened the first school of nursing in Jerusalem. (Until 1936, it was the only school of nursing in pre-state Israel). There were 400 applicants for the 40 positions offered, and about 20 students completed the course and became registered nurses.

This year marks 70 years since the establishment of the State of Israel, and today Israel is listed as one of the 30 most stable economies in the world. One of the crucial factors in this is the outstanding Health Care system in Israel, which was founded by Hadassah before the state was even formed. Nurses were the starting point for this health care.

Who is a Hadassah Nurse?

Currently about 13% of nurses in Israel are male.

Politics is not an issue, and there are both Jewish and Arab nurses in the Hadassah Hospital. It makes no difference as everyone is equal and everyone treats both Jewish and Arab patients.

About 50% of the undergraduate nursing student body are Arab.

Hadassah nurses help to build bridges to peace.

Special Unit Treats Smallest Patients



Tiny patients with big problems are now being treated in the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem—the first of its kind in Israel.

The newest addition to Hadassah Medical Organization’s (HMO) Neonatology Department, located in the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Mother and Child Center at Ein Kerem, the NICU combines advanced technology with private rooms and dedicated multidisciplinary health care professionals, including a nutritionist and physical therapist. Most babies admitted to the NICU are premature, have low birth weights or have special conditions that need immediate specialized care.

HMO’s Neonatology Department includes well-baby care and two intensive care units—one at Ein Kerem and the other at Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus. Close to 13,000 babies were born at HMO last year. While the vast majority are healthy and go home in two days, because HMO is a referral center for high-risk pregnancy, there is a spiraling need for intensive care, explains Dr. Benjamin Bar-Oz, head of the Neonatology Department.

The new, eight-bed NICU doesn’t just provide space and protection from infection to these at-risk newborns. It also allows parents to be integral parts of their care, explains NICU Director Prof. Smadar Eventov-Friedman.

You can help Hadassah save children’s lives.

To discuss how you can [make an impact](#), contact Planned Giving at 800-428-8884 or giving@hadassah.org.

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Hadassah's Coalition for Women's Health Equity Convenes Women's Health Empowerment Summit in Washington, DC on May 17 for National Women's Health Week (May 14-20)

The 2017 Summit takes place during National Women's Health Week (May 14-20) of which Hadassah is a National Supporter. The half-day event will bring together women's health

policymakers, advocates and thought leaders to identify legislative opportunities and align mobilization efforts to advance women's health equity. Rear Admiral Susan J. Blumenthal, MD, who served as the country's first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health and US Assistant Surgeon General, will serve as keynote speaker. Dr. Blumenthal's pioneering work helped expose inequities in women's health. She developed a broad range of initiatives and public/private sector partnerships to address critical women's health issues and the study of sex differences across the life cycle.

The Summit will feature policy briefings on women's health issues, testimonials from patients and medical professionals and opportunities to network and align mobilization efforts. With a rapidly changing legislative landscape, the 2017 Summit will focus on action strategies to further women's health equity -- from prevention and diagnosis, to treatment and cure. The 2017 Summit will also highlight how key advances in women's health equity have been achieved and identify the next frontiers -- including the eHershkin, who will open the 2017 Summit, states, "Women's health impacts all aspects of our lives and society -- from the classroom and workplace, to our communities, family life and more. Eliminating disparities and discrimination in women's health is the top priority for the Coalition for Women's Health Equity. The inaugural Women's Health Empowerment Summit will mobilize the resources of Hadassah, our Coalition partners and other key stakeholders in the fight for positive policy change."

The 23-member Coalition for Women's Health Equity, which has nearly doubled in size since its 2016 launch, was convened by Hadassah to address inequities in quality of care, funding, support and gaps in women's health awareness. The Summit helps further the Coalition's mission to publicly promote policies in support of gender equity in medical prevention, research, access and treatment, and will raise awareness about how that lack of equity adversely affects women and families throughout the United States.

Coalition for Women's Health Equity Member Organizations:

Alliance for Aging Research; Alzheimer's Foundation of America; American Association of University Women; American Heart Association; Black Women's Health Imperative; Breast Cancer Prevention Partners; Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA) (convener); HealthyWomen; Institute for Women's Health and Leadership of Drexel University College of Medicine; Jewish Women International; National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health; National Council of Jewish Women; National Organization for Women; National Partnership for Women & Families; National Women's Law Center; National Women's Political Caucus; Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Preeclampsia Foundation; Society for Women's Health Research; Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD) Alliance; Vision 2020; WomenAgainstAlzheimer's and WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. For more information, visit: www.hadassah.org/womenshealthequity

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND – REPLY TO THIS EMAIL and we'll get in touch with you.

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Hadassah Open Meeting – Our next Chapter Open Meeting will be **Thursday, May 3rd** 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AROUND TOWN

The Charleston Jewish Federation and the City of Charleston present the
Annual Community-Wide Holocaust Remembrance Program
Gaillard Center Ballroom
95 Calhoun Street, Charleston SC 29401
Sunday, April 15 @ 2:30 pm



Those who pledge never to forget gather at a moving community-wide tribute to Holocaust survivors and victims. The annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration, entitled “**Four Perfect Pebbles: A story of Courage, Hope, and the Will to Survive,**” begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at the Gaillard Center Ballroom in downtown Charleston.

Marion Blumenthal Lazan, our keynote speaker, is a Holocaust survivor and noted author of *Four Perfect Pebbles*.

The program includes a reading of names of those who were murdered in the Holocaust with local connections, a tribute to local survivors, a silent march to the Holocaust Memorial in Marion Square, and ends with a ceremony at the Memorial. The event is free and open to the public. Join us for an informative and meaningful commemoration.

The Charleston Jewish Federation presents this program. We are honored that the City of Charleston, SC is co-sponsoring our commemoration for the second year in a row.

April 19 2018 – Yom Ha’atzmaut

Join the entire community for an Israeli Style celebration of Yom Ha’atzmaut. Yom Ha’atzmaut is Israel’s Independence Day, and this year is the 70th anniversary!

Addlestone Hebrew Academy
1675 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407
Thursday, April 19th | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Free food, drinks, and fun for the whole family!

- Schmoozing
- Games
- Face Painting
- Food
- Jump Castles
- Music

...And More!

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***Hadassah will be there – stop by our table and say
“hi”***

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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.

Answer to question: A toilet seat cover.