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Need a ride to a Hadassah program or event?

Or know of someone who needs one? Contact **Dori Feldman**
at doreen.feldman@gmail.com or 434-977-1318.

If you are receiving this email and are not a member of Hadassah yet ... please contact **Dori Feldman** to learn how you can make a difference at home and in Israel by becoming a member of the largest women's and largest Zionist organization in the United States!

Hospitality Helpers Needed



Charlottesville Hadassah begins all of its evening and lunch n' learn programs with Hospitality - a time for members to meet and greet accompanied by a delicious assortment of baked goods and fruit donated by members.

We need members like you to help set up, clean up, or provide refreshments at one or more meetings. If you can help in any way at any time, please contact **Leah Cohen** at cohenleahs@gmail.com or 434-923-0442.

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SAVE THE DATE

"The Completely Silent Auction" Tuesday September 8, 2015 from 7 - 9 PM

Congregation Beth Israel O'Mansky Hall
301 East Jefferson Street, Downtown Charlottesville

**It's no mystery that the gifts will be fabulous, the food will be delicious,
and everyone will have fun!**

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success.

If you would like to join the Auction Committee please contact Wendy Heifetz at ywendywhy@aol.com or 434-984-0087, or Marci Silvermetz at wavcrestfitness@yahoo.com or 434-295-6062.

If you have an item to donate please contact Marci.

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Jewish Synchronicities

Monday October 19th
Hospitality at 7 PM; Program at 7:30 PM



Special Guest Speaker: Bernard D. Beitman, MD

Visiting Professor, University of Virginia

Former Chair, Department of Psychiatry,

University of Missouri-Columbia

**Congregation Beth Israel O'Mansky Hall
301 East Jefferson Street, Downtown Charlottesville**

Bernard D. Beitman, MD, is the first psychiatrist since Carl Jung to write a major book about synchronicity. The only other book by a psychiatrist is a short 1979 collection of stories interwoven with theory and usefulness. Beitman is Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia and former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He attended Yale Medical School and completed his psychiatric residency at Stanford. He has received two national awards for his psychotherapy training program and is internationally known for his research in the relationship between chest pain and panic disorder. He has edited two issues of Psychiatric Annals that focus on meaningful coincidences and is a founder of the new discipline of Coincidence Studies. Read an article about [Dr. Beitman and Coincidence Studies](#). See more on his website [Coincider.com](#).

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President's Message - Summer 2015 (July-August)

Dear Hadassah Colleagues,

Do you ever wonder what our children will think of us and what we have accomplished through our involvement with Hadassah to help make the world a better place? As we try and raise the much needed funds to advance the work that Hadassah does, it made me think of all the unsung heroes in our chapter, and in chapters across the country, who do all the work behind the scenes.

I came across this piece of information and wanted to share it with you.

Who was Hiram Bingham and why is he getting a U.S. postage stamp?

This is just an interesting piece of evidence of the curious behavior of the Roosevelt administration toward the Jews during World War II.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell gave a posthumous award for "constructive dissent" to Hiram (or Harry) Bingham, IV. For over fifty years, the State Department resisted any attempt to honor Bingham. For them he was an insubordinate member of the U.S. diplomatic service, a dangerous maverick who was eventually demoted. Now, after his death, he has been officially recognized as a hero.

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Bingham came from an illustrious family. His father (on whom the fictional character Indiana Jones was based) was the archeologist who unearthed the Inca City of Machu Picchu, Peru, in 1911. Harry entered the US diplomatic service and, in 1939, was posted to Marseilles, France, as American Vice-Consul.

The United States was then neutral and, not wishing to annoy Marshal Petain's puppet Vichy regime and because of rampant anti-Semitism of certain State Department officials, including Assistant Secretary of State Breckenridge Long, illegally (and without the knowledge of President Roosevelt) ordered its representatives and consuls in Europe, including Marseilles, Lisbon, Zurich and so on, not to grant visas to any Jews. Bingham found this policy immoral and, risking his career, did all in his power to undermine it.

In defiance of his bosses in Washington, he granted over 2,500 U.S. visas to Jewish and other refugees, including the artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst, and the family of the writer Thomas Mann. He also sheltered Jews in his Marseilles home, and obtained forged identity papers to help Jews in their dangerous journeys across Europe. He worked with the French underground to smuggle Jews out of France into Franco's Spain or across the Mediterranean, and even contributed to their expenses out of his own pocket. In 1941, Washington lost patience with him. He was sent to Argentina, where later he continued to annoy his superiors by reporting on the movements of Nazi war criminals.

Eventually, he was forced out of the American diplomatic service completely.

Bingham died almost penniless in 1988. Little was known of his extraordinary activities until his son found some letters in his belongings after his death. He has now been honored by many groups and organizations, including the United Nations and the State of Israel.

B'Shalom,

Wendy

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CHARLOTTESVILLE HADASSAH NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS for 2015/5776

Inscribe your family's name on our New Year's Card!!

- We no longer have a printed bulletin to list our New Year's Greetings, but you can still say "L'Shanah Tovah" to all of your Hadassah friends.

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- This will be our 4th year of the "new" Hadassah New Year's Greetings. Once again, each Charlottesville Hadassah family will receive a beautiful Hadassah New Year's card from the Chapter.
- For a minimum donation of \$18 your name or family name can be inscribed inside this card. You don't need to pick a design or create a greeting.
- To participate in this wonderful fundraiser, and have your name inscribed in the Chapter's New Year's card, send your check for \$18 or more, payable to Hadassah, to: Sandy Abbott, 2300 Mill Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901-9486. Please indicate that it is for New Year's Greetings and how you would like your name or family name listed on the card.
- The High Holy Days come earlier this year (Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Wednesday September 13th), so we are reminding our members early to give you extra time. **PLEASE RSVP before August 21st to ensure that your name will be listed on the card.** We must allow 2 weeks for printing and mailing before Rosh Hashanah.
- Hadassah needs us now more than ever. We hope you will participate and make this the third successful year for our New Year's Greetings program!!

**Want to send a beautiful Hadassah New Year card to someone not in our Chapter??
Please contact Hadassah Cards Chair Joanne Foster at jandjfoster@centurylink.net or
434-286-7727.**

Questions? Please email Sandy at scabbott49@hotmail.com or call 434-296-9198.

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Gift online @ hadassah.org/gift or complete a Gift Enrollment Form or call 800.664.5646.

THE GIFTING CAMPAIGN OFFER IS FROM JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015. Only current Hadassah Life Members and Associates are eligible to take advantage of this offer to gift a membership. The gifted member must be a U.S. resident and at least 17 years old. The gift membership is only valid for a new member and cannot be used to renew annual membership. The gifted membership is an annual membership and runs for one year from the date of enrollment of the gifted membership.
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Hadassah Active Program in Israel (HAPII)



FOUR WEEKS: OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 15, 2015

13 nights in Tel Aviv; 4 nights in Haifa; 10 nights in Jerusalem

Announcing a brand new Israel program for first-timers or seasoned Israel tourists! All the "must-see" sites and other wonderful locations for an exciting and extended experience! Visit key sites in Israel - Independence Hall, the Rabin Museum, Yad Vashem, Hadassah Medical Organization and the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower and more! Participate in community service, a speakers forum and special tours. Options from 2 1/2 to 4 weeks in October/November 2015. Sign up! [Learn more ...](#)

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Takin' It Easy Israel Mission Led by Marlene Kaplan, Darlene & Norman Padnos October 2015

Stop and savor every experience as you move at a leisurely, less physically demanding pace.

- * Visit Yad Vashem Archive and discovering newly found materials relating to the people & events connected to the Holocaust
- * Meeting with Israel's communal leaders & speakers throughout
- * A VIP in-depth visit to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital and meeting with leading medical doctors & researchers, changing the face of modern medicine
- * Interacting with the kids & staff at Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Hadassah youth village
- * Exploring the origins of Tel Aviv on a guided walk through Neve Zedek

To download the complete flyer, click [HERE](#)

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2015 Charlottesville Hadassah Membership Directory

Our updated Directory is coming soon. Reminder - If you have moved, changed your home phone number or changed your email address since the 2013-2014 Directory was printed, please contact **Sandy Abbott** at scabbott49@hotmail.com or **434-296-9198**. We may already have your updated information, but it helps us if you confirm that we have it correct!

The new Membership Directory will be emailed to all members with a valid email address. You can save your new Directory to your PC, laptop, or tablet and open that file whenever you need it. You can easily make the print larger for easy viewing. The Directory will be updated regularly and emailed to members as new members join.

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Hadassah in the News

I'm Walking Off My Baby Weight With Help from Hadassah.

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I've always been healthy, but I've never been *very* healthy. You know how it is: maybe exercise every year or two, eat some vegetables, etc. But I've always struggled with my weight. I even have diary entries from fourth grade committing to a diet with, "No more Hawaiian Punch!" I knew I could do more, but I couldn't find a place for it. And then I had a baby. [Read more ...](#)



Cutting-Edge Diagnostic Tools-Better Treatment for Children with Developmental Delays. "Children who fail developmental screening tests need further thorough medical evaluation," explains Dr. Muhannad Daana, Hadassah Medical Organization Pediatric Neurologist and Child Development Specialist. At the same time, he notes that "parents of these children need intensive social and community support." [Read more ...](#)

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Hadassah Donations

Would you like to thank many Hadassah members at once, without sending a certificate? For a minimum donation of \$5 your personal "Thank You" can be listed in our bulletin. Please send your "thank you" wish and your check, made payable to "Hadassah," to Donations Chair, Sue Dwoskin, PO Box 417, Stanardsville, VA 22973-0417. If you have any questions, call Sue at 434-985-3310 or email suedwoskin@gmail.com.

Hadassah Certificates

Trees, Special Occasions, Get Well, Condolences, etc. Hadassah Certificates are mailed to the recipient, and your message is also placed in the Bulletin. This is a convenient way of sending an appropriate message while supporting Hadassah starting at the minimal cost of \$5. Specialty and custom certificates are also available and now can be viewed on our website. Contact Sue Goldman: goldman75@comcast.net or 434-974-9074. Email is the preferred method.

[Click here](#) to see all certificates and donations sent May 15 - June 30, 2015.
Check out our beautiful updated [2013 Certificates Catalog!](#)

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