



**July/August 2017**

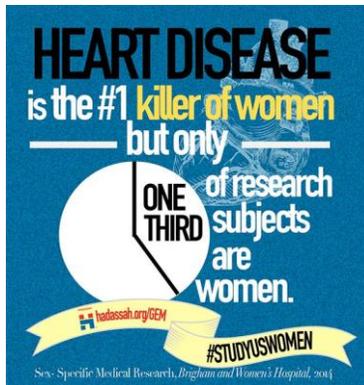
**Danville**

The Danville chapter of Hadassah continues to be the “little engine that could!” Our annual Donor event in May has been very successful, so far raising more than \$2000, just a bit shy of our goal of \$2300. We were so pleased that Aliza Bricklin, the Organizational Vice-President for the Southern Seaboard Region, could attend the Donor brunch and provide a wonderful program on the Hadassah Medical Organization, Research in Service to Humanity, women’s heart health, and much more. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, if you have not already made your Donor contribution, please do so now - your support is vitally important.

Your efforts in advocacy on behalf of Hadassah are also vital. Currently, there is much debate over health care, including issues specific to women. Hadassah is asking its members to call their Senators and express support for women’s health care. Women should not be charged more or denied coverage because of their gender, and quality, affordable maternity care should be available to women no matter where they live or what type of coverage they have. If you are interested in more advocacy opportunities through “Day in the District” visits with our representatives in Congress, please contact me at [rfbmmw@comcast.net](mailto:rfbmmw@comcast.net).

Our board will be meeting in July to continue planning for the rest of 2017. The High Holidays will soon be upon us, as will our Rosh Hashanah card project to benefit Young Judaea. In addition, our fall meeting will kick off the BIG Angels of Mercy campaign, and finally we will schedule a Chanukah celebration to finish our year in style. Our little chapter continues to prove that good things can come in small packages!

Martha Woody, Chapter President



## Keeping up with Danville Hadassah

With our Members...

### Mildred Barth

Recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and will soon be making her home in Atlanta.  
How wonderful to be surrounded by family!

### Bryna Kramer

Recently graduated from American University. After such a positive and productive four years, she will certainly be ready to make a difference in the world!

Did we miss your news? Be sure to contact Martha Woody, 276-638-4316,  
and we'll include you in our next newsletter!

### Patrice Kramer

**Todah rabah...thank you very much!**

What a wonderful New Year Card Chairman Patrice has been for more years than we can count! Thank you for all the time, energy, and devotion you have put into this project.  
It wouldn't have happened without you.



### Thank you to all of our Donor contributors!

We have **almost** reached our Donor goal! For those of you who haven't sent in your check yet...please do so today. Mail to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541.  
Remember...*Just as the wild flower seeds have been sown in Israel to beautify the land  
We can sow seeds for healthy and productive lives through our Donor contributions*

## What Projects are next on the Horizon?



**New Year Card 5778** - This is a wonderful way to remember your Hadassah friends for the New Year! Denise Johnson, our new chairman, will be sending out information in July. She is eager to include you in this project.



**Candle Lighting** - This is an opportunity for *every* Danville Hadassah member to participate in our beautiful candle lighting tradition! At the end of every meeting members light a Hanukkah menorah and share what is happening with their family and friends. Now, whether you can attend a meeting or not, you can light a menorah for just \$18 and a menorah will be lit for you at the meeting.



**Angels of Mercy** - This is our biggest project of the year and we need everyone's participation to support our Hadassah Hospitals! How can you do this? You can help secure ads from businesses and non-Hadassah members. You can respond to the mailing, which will be sent out in early September by co-chairmen Ronnie Mand and Jo Ann Howard. Your donation will make a difference in medical research and care, and will affect lives world-wide.

## What's Happening on Hadassah's National Scene?



An international team led by Hadassah Hospital Oncologist Dr. Amir Sonnenblick found that the diabetes drug metformin may prevent the recurrence of an aggressive form of breast cancer.



Hadassah Hospital Geneticist Dr. Tamar Harel, who is looking into the underlying genetic reasons for rare diseases in children, has received an award from Partners HealthCare Personalized Medicine (PHPM), affiliated with Harvard Medical School, Boston Children's, Brigham and Women's, and Massachusetts General hospitals.

"Dr. Harel," notes Prof. Orly Elpeleg, head of Hadassah's Department for Genetic and Metabolic Diseases, "intelligently utilizes various genetic tools at her disposal when providing care for patients. Her medical achievements, alongside her enthusiasm and

professionalism, are a testament that she will play a key role in the future of genetic research.”



Hadassah UK (HUK) brought in one of the Hadassah Medical Organization's best and more unusual, head medical clown David Barashi (DuSH).

Over the past 15 years, medical clowning in Israeli hospitals has developed from an experiment at bringing in children's entertainers to Hadassah hospitals into an advanced para-medical technique. It is no laughing matter – it is an Israel innovation at its best!

While in London, DuSH spent his time conducting training sessions, working in hospitals, and speaking at hosted evenings and at synagogues.