



September/October 2017

Danville

The anti-Semitism on display at the recent events in Charlottesville was terrible to see, and reminds us again of the need for organizations like Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Hadassah has played a vital role in the fight against anti-Semitism and continues that struggle, especially by advocating for our political leaders to take an unequivocal stand against bigotry and hatred. If you would like to join this effort, you may sign up for Hadassah's Advocacy Alerts online to stay up to date on opportunities to make your voice heard. Just as Hillel said, "If I am not for myself, who will be?", each of us has a responsibility to speak up and to speak out against hateful rhetoric and actions.

Hillel also said, "If I am not for others, what am I?" Hadassah not only combats anti-Semitism and provides support for Israel; we build bridges to peace through the Hadassah Medical Organization, which treats over one million patients a year regardless of race, religion, or nationality. HMO has a diverse staff and maintains partnerships with other medical institutions throughout the region, providing an inspirational example of cooperation and collegiality in that volatile area.

Hadassah Medical Organization's efforts not only benefit the Middle East, in addition its Research in Service to Humanity effort is leading to medical breakthroughs in the treatment of ALS, melanoma, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and other diseases. HMO's physicians are researchers and the researchers are physicians, bringing the latest medical expertise to the treatment of patients there and expanding medical knowledge worldwide.

Summer is drawing to a close and we will soon celebrate the High Holydays, where we will pray for a good and sweet year to come. Your support of the Danville Chapter of Hadassah has worldwide impact and will help to make 5778 a better year for us all!

Martha Woody, Chapter President

**Keeping up with Danville Hadassah
With our Members**

Esther Rippe celebrated her 97th birthday on August 6th with her family.

Faye Kushner recently published her first book, [A Time to Run](#), available on Amazon. Did we miss your news? Be sure to contact Martha Woody, 276-638-4316, and we'll include you in our next newsletter!

**Danville Hadassah
Come Join Us on Melanie's Porch
September 10th at 3:00 p.m.**

235 West Main Street

Enjoy the afternoon as you join with Hadassah friends and learn about our Danville goals *then and now* !

R.S.V.P. to Melanie Vaughan by September 5th
434-793-0577 or karma50@gamewood.net

What's Happening with our Danville Projects



Angels of Mercy - Yes, it's that time of year again...Angels of Mercy, our biggest project and we need **YOU** to help support this major fundraiser for our two Hadassah Hospitals! What needs to be done? Some of our members will be securing ads from businesses and non-Hadassah members. We'd love for **everyone** to respond to the mailing, which will be sent out in early September by co-chairmen Ronnie Mand and Jo Ann Howard. Thank you ahead of time for your donation which will make a difference in medical research and care, and will affect lives world-wide.



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 to honor and/or remember family and friends. Send your check to Jo Ann Howard, Treasurer, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541.



New Year Card 5778 - Denise Johnson, chairman, is busy getting this year's card ready to go out. We hope you took advantage of this opportunity to wish members of our Hadassah family a Happy New Year!



Thank you to all of our Donor contributors!

We have reached our \$2,300 Donor goal! Our chapter may be small, but our hearts are big! Thank you to all of our contributors.

What's Happening on Hadassah's National Scene?



From Stage-Four Melanoma to Cancer-Free.

Thanks to HMO

"Doctors in Florida who pronounced me 'soon-dead' can't believe that I'm healthy today," said Hadassah melanoma patient Stewart Greenberg. Standing with his wife, Maggie, in front of the famous statue of Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold, who asked that her eyes "look to the future," Mr. Greenberg is enjoying his future thanks to [treatment at the Hadassah Medical Center](#) in 2012 when he was diagnosed with stage-four melanoma. Although medical centers in the United States could offer him no hope, Hadassah's Dr. Michal Lotem, head of the Center for Melanoma and Cancer Immunotherapy, successfully treated him with her individually tailored melanoma vaccine.

Mr. Greenberg was back at Hadassah for his 10-month follow-up treatment. "It was bashert (fated) that I should meet Dr. Michal Lotem," he said. Thank you, Hadassah."



Hadassah Hosts Health Innovation Conference

Over one hundred doctors, researchers, and entrepreneurs gathered at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem this summer to discuss how to advance the quality of patient care with computational power. At the Conference entitled "Trends in Digital Health Innovation," Keynoter Dr. Michal Rosen-Zvi, Director of Health Informatics at IBM Research, talked about how cognitive algorithms are revolutionizing the medical world with the data they provide. Sponsored by Hadasit, Hadassah's technology transfer arm, the conference also featured presentations by Prof. Shahar Arzy, Director of Hadassah Hospital's Neuropsychiatry Clinic and the Hadassah-Hebrew

University School of Medicine's Neuropsychiatry Laboratory; Bruno Lavi, Senior Deputy Director General for Operations at Hadassah; and Talor Sax, Chief Executive Officer of eHealth Ventures.