Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.
Dear Boston Chapter Members,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the busy season ahead. As I write this I am energized from the Annual Hadassah National Business Meeting and Symposium in Philadelphia I attended in July. It was an exciting gathering where we met with colleagues and learned about issues of importance to Hadassah, including research, advocacy, and our various projects in Israel and at home. I hope to share what I have learned with you in the coming months. The news is promising. The emergency rooms and surgery theaters of our Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in Jerusalem will open shortly. Though the 19-story building’s designation as the “tower” is accurate, five key floors housing the ERs and surgery units are underground, for maximum security in a region where security is often threatened.

The Power of Women Who Heal has always been a centerpiece of our agenda. This continues at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), as we treat one million patients a year without regard to race, religion, or nationality. Breakthroughs in medical research keep Hadassah as a world leader in medical research with new partnerships with US hospitals. There have also been changes that focus on improving and stabilizing HMO financially through a recovery plan that has resulted in greater efficiencies, a stronger HMO board and improved hospital practices.

ELECTING OUR LEADERSHIP was an important part of the meeting. On January 1, 2016, Ellen Hershkin, our new National president, will take over for Marcie Natan, who has been serving as president since 2011.

All of us, together, will further the mission of Hadassah, here in the US, in Israel, and around the world. That means each of us is a needed, valued, and important part of Hadassah’s work to bring about tikkun olam, repair of the world. “I am energized to continue Hadassah’s critical work in saving lives through ground-breaking medical research at the Hadassah Medical Organization, and in empowering Jewish women to be leaders by addressing today’s most relevant issues,” said the president-elect.

I urge you to join me, the women of our chapter, and Hadassah Northeast, to enjoy that collaborative spirit, to learn from and with others, and to feel the power of women who do.

Take a look at the calendar of upcoming events for opportunities to mix, mingle and learn with other Hadassah women. Enjoy perusing this bulletin to see the many activities that Boston Hadassah women have been enjoying over the summer and to read about upcoming programs, including our Walk for Health and Opening Program in September.

As we prepare to stand together to hear the sound of the shofar, welcoming 5776, I wish each of you, and those dear to you, a sweet, happy, and healthy new year. Shana tova u’metukah!

B’shalom,

Varda E. Farber
Hadassah Boston President
Me’ah: A Gendered Lens on Jewish History

Offered in partnership with the Jewish Women’s Archive and Hadassah

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30 p.m., beginning October 13, 2015
Jewish Women’s Archive, One Harvard Street, Brookline

This special course will explore Jewish history from biblical through modern times with particular attention to women’s experiences and the role of gender in Jewish life and thought. Me’ah (Hebrew for 100) comprises 100 hours of class time, divided into four semesters over two years: Bible and Rabbinics in the first year, and Medieval and Modern Jewish History in the second.

For more information: meah@hebrewcollege.edu • hebrewcollege.edu/meah
Hadassah Missions to Israel

Start packing. Hadassah missions offer unforgettable journeys through Israel, whether you’re a first-timer or an experienced Israel traveler. Visit Israel soon: it’s fun, surprising, impressive, inspiring and spiritual. You will come home refreshed and renewed.

October 8 - 19, 2015
Takin’ it Easy Israel Mission
led by Marlene Kaplan, Darlene and Norman Padnos
Stop and savor every experience as you move at a leisurely, less physically demanding pace.

October 11 - 21, 2015
Hadassah Southern California: The People & Passion of Israel
led by Sandi Sadikoff
Experience the tapestry of our homeland as we explore ancient ruins and modern industries. Volunteer at an IDF base and, in the Hula Valley, observe the annual migration of birds from all over the world.

October 18 - 28, 2015
Hadassah Associates: Modern Life in an Ancient Land
led by Jeff Richardson and Fern Tannenbaum
Explore Israeli history, politics, security and technology as you travel through Israel’s glorious past and innovative future on an Associates Mission like no other.

October 28 - November 7, 2015
A Unique Trip by Land and Sea: Mission to Israel with Optional Rome and Cruise Extension
led by Sophie Gottlieb
See Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the Eshkol Region, then continue on for an optional visit to Rome and optional trans-Atlantic cruise.

December 2 - 14, 2015
Central Pacific Coast Discovery Mission
led by Sandy Sidorsky
Share the wonders of Hadassah and Israel as we visit Hadassah Medical Organization and Meir Shfeya youth village. See the historical sites of Jerusalem, Safed, Rosh Pina and Tel Aviv while also experiencing modern day Israel.

For additional information:
800-237-1517 or hadassah.org/missions

Check out exciting 2016 missions to Cuba, Poland, Israel and Amsterdam at
http://www.ayelet.com/hadassah.html
Delegates at Hadassah’s National Business Meeting in Philadelphia have elected Ellen Hershkin the 26th National President. She will succeed Marcie Natan on January 1, 2016.

Ellen will be Hadassah’s 26th national president and will lead our 300,000-member organization through its early second century, overseeing Hadassah’s renowned efforts in the areas of groundbreaking medical research, support for Israel, public advocacy and leadership.

As Hadassah continues to evolve, Ellen will be instrumental in guiding the organization through challenging circumstances and setting and achieving aggressive programing and financial goals. She will also play a vital role in attracting new women to join and advance the organization and in supporting the lifesaving research and care provided at Hadassah’s two world-renowned hospitals and research center in Israel.

Ellen is currently Coordinator of the PRAZE (Programming, Advocacy, Zionism and Education) Division. She joined Hadassah in 1973 and has held numerous leadership positions throughout the 42 years since then – including National Vice President, National Secretary, National Chair of Membership Outreach, National Coordinator of Young Judaea, and many others.

Ellen studied speech and education at Hofstra University and Jewish studies through a program of the Melton School of Jewish Education/Hebrew University. She was a travel consultant for 20 years and specialized in Israel travel.

In accepting the honor, Ellen thanked Marcie Natan for her “tireless commitment, devotion and leadership to Hadassah” and said she is “humbled and energized to continue Hadassah’s critical work.”

Outgoing National President Marcie Natan, whose term ends December 31, 2015, led the organization for four years, negotiating the historic agreement between the Government of Israel, Hadassah Medical Organization and HWZOA and advocating on key issues of national importance.
**Sizzling Summer Social with Boston Hadassah Friends**

A big thank you to everyone who joined Hadassah Boston for the Sizzling Summer Social this past July in New Seabury, Mass! Once again demonstrating *The Power of Women Who Do*, the women raised enough money to purchase an infusion pump for an operating room in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. The weather made for a perfect Cape day, with breathtaking views of boaters and kayaks set against blue skies from Judy Miller’s seaside deck. Guest speaker Dr. Ruth Nemzoff was informative, delightful and engaging. An anonymous donor provided a matching gift of $2,500, and the group raised well above the expected goal! Everyone had a wonderful morning celebrating Hadassah friendships!

**Calendar Fall 2015**

**Boston Chapter**

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Mady Donoff, Linda Cohen and Noreen Goldwasser
YOUR EMAIL PLEASE . . .

One Lucky Member Wins a Fitbit®

While Hadassah is excited to launch a series of hard copy newsletters to be distributed via mail every fall, winter and spring, the majority of news will be communicated on a monthly basis through email. If you are not receiving our emails, please send us your full name, chapter, phone number and email to Hadassah Northeast at hne@hadassah.org and be entered in a raffle to win a Fitbit.

PAID

When You Shop at The Butcherie, Hadassah Benefits

When you bring your stamped Butcherie receipts to Hadassah Boston, The Butcherie returns a percentage of the receipts back to the chapter. It is an easy grassroots fundraising project. The mailing address for receipts is:

Hadassah Boston
1320 Centre Street, Suite 205
Newton Center, MA 02459
Attention: The Butcherie

Meet Hadassah Boston, New Members since January 2014

We welcome you to Hadassah and look forward to getting to know you!

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS
Sheila Berenson
Norma Chase
Debbie DeBotton
Florence Halperin
Ashley Kochanek
Rosalyn Kramer
Barbara Osband
Robin Pruss
Vardit Ringvach

NEW LIFE MEMBERS
Rivka Baronofsky
Wilma Benjamin
Melissa Chaikof
Kayla Dines
Vivienne Greenstein
Miriam Halperin Maya
Melissa Jacobs
Shoshana Kessel
Kendra Klein Mascia
Teri Krassan
Amanda Kulick
Deborah Lushan
Sophia Nyokabi-Perlmutter
Leah Reich
Raina Rothschild
Susan Servais
Emma Wantman
Joyce Wishnick

We also welcome new Hadassah Boston members who have transferred from other regions.

Hadassah Boston Welcomed New Members at Paint Bar Social

Hadassah Boston welcomed new members to their chapter by hosting a special social at The Paint Bar in Newtonville, Mass. this past July. Attendees left with a unique creation and new Hadassah friends. In addition, free annual memberships were gifted to five new members who joined Hadassah Boston that evening.
SAVE THE DATE

Girlfriends Take Heart!
A Women’s Heart Health Program
Presented by Hadassah Boston

Please mark your calendars for Hadassah Boston’s Opening Meeting, “Girlfriends Take Heart!
A Women’s Heart Health Program” on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at Temple Beth Avodah
45 Puddingston Lane, Newton Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Hadassah Boston is pleased to announce guest speaker Dr. Malissa Wood, who is co-director of
the Corrigan Women’s Heart Health Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and assistant
professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. In addition, Valerie Lowenstein, past president
of Hadassah Boston, will share her own personal journey with heart disease. Healthy refreshments
will be served.

RSVP by filling out and mailing the form below.

Girlfriends Take Heart! A Women’s Heart Health Program

Name

Mailing Address

Phone and Email

Mail to: Hadassah Northeast, 1320 Centre Street, Suite 205, Newton Centre, MA 02459