You are cordially invited to join Hadassah Northeast Keepers of the Gate at a reception and concert on Sunday, October 30, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. at NewBridge on the Charles, in Dedham, Massachusetts.

We are very pleased that acclaimed Israeli pianist Tal Zilber will be entertaining us at a recital. Carol Goodman Kaufman, Hadassah National Youth Aliyah chair, will give us an update on the exciting medical research being carried out at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem.

Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and wine at the reception.

For nearly 20 years, Hadassah’s premier annual giving society, Keepers of the Gate, has enabled Hadassah’s vital projects and programs to sustain lives around the world.

Keepers make a minimum annual gift to Hadassah of $1,000. Additional annual giving levels are Chai Keepers, starting at $1,800, and Golden Keepers, starting at $5,000. Keepers can choose from the following projects and programs:

- Ensure medical breakthroughs and treatments at Hadassah Medical Organization
- Help disadvantaged children through Youth Aliyah
- Foster Jewish continuity through Young Judaea
- Advocate for Israel and women’s issues and develop leadership programs through U.S. initiatives

Not Yet a Keeper?
Please call Hadassah Northeast at 781-455-9055 for more information on this very special program.


Couvert: $54 per person (new Keepers since November 15, 2015, are complimentary)

Virtuoso donation: $72 per person

Maestro donation: $108 and up per person

WHO WE ARE

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 Hadassah Friends,

“The Power of Our Dreams” was the theme of Hadassah’s 98th National Convention that convened in Atlanta in July. More than 900 Hadassah members were engaged, inspired and educated about the scope of Hadassah projects, Hadassah Medical Organization research breakthroughs and domestic priorities. An inspirational roster of speakers, best-selling authors, world-renowned medical experts, charismatic political leaders and passionate political activists showcased Hadassah as a vibrant, thriving organization, a leader in national conversations and programs on health, medicine, Zionism, Israel, and advocacy for women’s issues. It was an honor to represent Boston at Convention.

Locally, we strive to generate the same sense of purpose and commitment to our core principals of supporting Israel, health care and equality for women in the medical sphere and in the work place. We embrace the priorities outlined by National Hadassah; strengthening ties between Israel and the United States, support medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, and empower Jewish women to effect change.

We began the New Year with opportunities to connect with other dynamic women at a yoga class and an opportunity to shop for beautiful Athleta activewear, while raising funds for Hadassah and participating in a healthy activity.

Our grand opening program featured guest speaker Dr. Rachel Schonberger, National HMO chair. A full house of attendees heard Rachel describe the breakthrough medical research taking place at our hospital in Jerusalem. This research affects all of us as scientists strive to eradicate the many diseases that are effecting loved ones, members of our families and community.

There are many opportunities to become engaged in Hadassah Boston. We encourage you to share your passions, be they advocating for women’s rights or advocating for Israel, planning an evening with friends to discuss a current parenting issue or gathering to meet with an author to discuss his/her new book. We are the women who do – we plan interesting events that are entertaining, educational and social. And all of our programs support Hadassah. Take a look at what is coming up this season, and know that your input is always welcome.

Thank you for all the ways you help Hadassah Boston succeed. Together we continue to make dreams come true. Hadassah welcomes all women who wish to heal some of the world’s ills and be part of a community of women who do.

As the New Year begins with hopes and dreams anew, I wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

She’ha blessed.
B’Shalom,

Varda E. Farber
Hadassah Boston President
During four powerful – and packed – days and nights, delegates probed the breadth and depth of Hadassah’s work in the United States and in Israel.

Opening night featured National President Ellen Hershkin, who captivated the audience with her speech encouraging us to go “from strength to strength and from dream to dream . . . for women everywhere.”

The Convention featured an array of speakers – pioneers, innovators, global experts, medical researchers, role models and visionaries in the fields of health, medicine and stem cell research, women’s empowerment, advocacy of social issues, Israel and Zionism. Among the featured speakers were renowned cardiologist Dr. Nannette Wenger, celebrated mother-daughter authors Letty and Abigail Pogrebin, Iron Dome weapons system developer Natan Barak, Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow, and the first female Knesset Speaker Dalia Itzik.

Hadassah Convention Celebrates the Power of Our Dreams!

**Gwyneth Paltrow** spoke beautifully about her Jewish ancestry and what it means for her to be Jewish. She was honored by Hadassah with the first-ever Power of Our Dreams award, presented by National President Ellen Hershkin.

Hadassah Boston dinner featuring Hadassah Boston President Varda E. Farber, Past President of Hadassah Boston Robin Shuman, and member Minda Logan

**Here’s a “taste” of Convention:**

- **Hadassah Convention in Atlanta this July was my sixth convention.** Each time I attend Convention, I experience something very special, whether it’s becoming a Keeper of the Gate in memory of my late sister, Ruth, or delivering handmade preemie hats made by members of my chapter to Hadassah Hospital-Mt. Scopus at the Centennial Celebration in Israel in 2012.

  Convention in Atlanta was extra-special. I was moved at the Plenary “Against All Odds, HMO” when I heard about HMO’s response to the recent violence in Israel, especially in the cases of Liana Alvarez and Karen Lakin, both of whom experienced HMO’s trauma care firsthand.

  I was close to tears when I heard Dr. Abed Khalaileh, who treated the fatally wounded Richard Lakin, explain how his compassion brought him to attend the shiva of his late patient.

  Not only did attending Convention motivate me and renew my enthusiasm for Hadassah, but it also strengthened my bonds to my region colleagues and friends. We visited sights in Atlanta together, enjoyed each other’s company, and took care of one another. I look forward to attending Convention number seven in two years.

  Barbara Sigel, president, Hadassah Shalom
Did you know that Hadassah is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? At Convention, I was fortunate to attend a breakout session led by Hadassah’s U.N. Team, which presents programs to the Commission on the Status of Women and represents Hadassah at the U.N.

The featured speaker, Nelly Shiloh, head of the Human Rights Division at the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, spoke about how “Hadassah’s values, which embrace change, personal growth, pluralism, and social responsibility, all resonate with the work we do every day at the Human Rights Division of the Israeli Mission.” According to Shiloh, tolerance and mutual understanding are the way to peace, but progress can only be made if there is mutual understanding and discussion between parties for the agreement.

The Q&A following Shiloh’s presentation focused on the role of the U.N. and global anti-Semitism. Many expressed frustration that nations don’t recognize this as a real issue with horrible consequences for all of us and the world. Asked how the U.N. mission from Israel can keep their spirits up in the face of the snubs and deliberate rhetoric that targets Israel, the speaker responded that they remain optimistic and determined. Anger has to take a back seat to showing the good that we do as Hadassah and Israel.

Hadassah’s U.N. policy statement reflects deep concern that the U.N.’s integrity and effectiveness have been compromised. While recognizing some recent strides toward Israel’s acceptance at the U.N. – such as the recent election of Israel’s Permanent Representative to the U.N., Danny Danon, to chair the Sixth Committee, and the recognition of Yom Kippur as an official U.N. holiday – Hadassah is outraged by the bias against Israel that continues to pervade the institution. In 2006, Hadassah welcomed an initiative for U.N. reform and in 2014 reaffirmed calls for significant reforms that will lead to a more productive U.N., where bias against any state, and against Israel in particular, does not occur.

Dana Fine, Co-President, Hadassah Shawsheen Valley

Hadassah conventions give me the opportunity to recharge my batteries. The energy in the plenaries is palpable, and the plenaries and breakout sessions never cease to educate me. I was especially delighted at this Convention to see so many young women, a sign that Hadassah is a vibrant and viable organization.

I look forward to meeting more NNE women and encourage you, in my role as National Hadassah Missions Co-Chair, to consider joining a Hadassah Mission, individually, with family or friends, or as a group. It will infinitely enhance your Hadassah experience!

Dorothy Ganz, Past President of the Upper Mid-Atlantic Region
At Convention this summer delegates were informed about an ongoing Hadassah program called Curriculum Watch. The goal of the program is to ensure that textbooks and other teaching material present historically accurate and ethnically and culturally unbiased facts. Chaired by Dr. Sandra Alfonsi, Curriculum Watch takes on the serious business of challenging publishers and educational institutions when their materials indicate a bias against Jews or other minorities, or when the history of the United States, Israel, or the world is clearly misstated or “sanitized” in favor of one group over another.

When a textbook contains maps of the Middle East but Israel is missing, when history books include World War II but never mention the Holocaust, Curriculum Watch begins the sometimes arduous process of dealing with school systems, publishing houses, and communities to remedy the situation. Sandra works with a distinguished advisory board of 18 professors, historians and attorneys.

I listened to example after example of textbooks providing misleading, inaccurate and biased information about Jews and Jewish history and culture. Jewish contributions to the American Revolution, the Civil Rights Movement, arts, science and culture are ignored. The ILGWU, Emma Lazarus, Hayim Solomon and even the role of Judeo-Christian values in shaping our nation are being removed.

A few days later I visited the Martin Luther King National Park. There was NO mention of the Jewish role in the fight for civil rights in the entire museum. Yet, when I went to the Jewish Museum in Atlanta, there were many references to the Jewish support for civil rights, including a letter from Martin Luther King.

When young people are NOT taught about the historical links and support between blacks and Jews, and Black Lives Matter decides anti-Israel sentiments deserve a place in their platform, one must surmise a link. History does matter and how we teach it matters equally as much.

Carole Greenfield, Hadassah Northeast Resource Chair

REgional News

Cape Cod Brunch

and Musical Theatre

More than 60 Boston Hadassah members, Associates and friends gathered this past August on a beautiful Sunday morning at the New Seabury Country Club for the Annual Cape Cod Brunch. Dr. Barbara Grossman, professor of drama and dance at Tufts University, gave an enlightening and entertaining talk about Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musicals.

Funds raised at this event have been designated to purchase a much-needed patient infusion pump for the Sara Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Cape Cod Brunch.
Hadassah researchers have made great strides towards the treatment and cure of some of the world’s most dreaded diseases. With your help, we can continue their success so the people we know and love who suffer from these diseases, may know hope of a cure in their lifetime.

Would you give $10 to alleviate the suffering of someone you love?

Please donate $10 ($20 or more) in honor and memory of each of those people in your life who have been touched by these diseases.

Kulanu B’Yachad • Together as One ~ Together We Will Find the Cure

Yes, I would like to donate $10 ($20 or more) to honor and remember each of the people I know and love. Mail to: Hadassah Northeast, 1320 Centre Street, Suite 205, Newton, MA 02459.

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Below are just a few of the successes of HMO research. Others include advancing treatment for diabetes, regenerating heart cells, personalized treatment for cancer, dramatic progress in liver regeneration, new medication for ADHD and Travelon, a diarrhea medication with no side effects, now used in 40 major US hospitals.

Did you know that Hadassah Medical Organization Research has shown success with the following diseases by:

**ALS:**
Using a patient’s own stem cells – 90% of ALS study patients showed improved respiration or motor function after treatment with stem cells from their own bone marrow.

**MS:**
Preventing Nerve Degeneration – World’s first study treating MS patients with adult stem cells injected into the spinal cord revealed that disease progression stopped and most patients improved.

**AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD):**
Stopping deterioration of the retina – Halted deterioration of the retina in animal models using human embryonic stem cells. AMD patients now in groundbreaking clinical trial.

**ALZHEIMER’S:**
Repairing the Brain to Protect Against Disease – Demonstrated in mice that transplanted stem cells could generate new neurons and improve memory.

**CROHN’S DISEASE:**
New medication in development.

**HEART DISEASE:**
Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and worldwide. The disease can manifest as blockages in veins and arteries, disrupted heart rhythms, and more. Though men have historically been the subject of study and attention, women’s unique signs and symptoms have been getting more visibility in recent years. Hadassah is leading the way.
Hadasah Northeast’s Associates hosted an informative program, “Israeli Innovation and Technology,” to a standing-room-only crowd. Omri Shor, CEO and Co-Founder of Medisafe, and Matan Zamir, Israel’s Deputy Consul General to New England, discussed how Israel continues to be the “start-up” nation, and how innovation is handled differently there.

Omri Shor, CEO and Co-Founder, Medisafe

Matan Zamir, Israel’s Deputy Consul General

Northern New England Associates Chair
Michael Finegold

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| 4          | Discussion with Hans Fisher, a surviving passenger on the ill-fated SS St. Louis and showing of the movie Complicit – NewBridge on the Charles, Dedham, Mass. |
| 5          | Hadasah Boston Gift Wrap – Chestnut Hill Mall (runs through December 24) |
| 6          | Author Tour featuring Juliette Fay, author of The Tumbling Turner Sisters – HNE office, Newton Centre, Mass., 12 pm |
| 24         | Hanukkah (begins at sundown)                                         |
| 31         | Eighth Night of Hanukkah                                             |
| 1          | New Year’s Day                                                       |
| 10         | Author Tour featuring William Novack, author of Die Laughing: Killer Jokes for Newly Old Folks – NewBridge on the Charles, 7:30 pm |
| 16         | Martin Luther King Day                                               |
| 6          | Author Tour featuring Caroline Leavitt, author of Beautiful World – Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody, Mass., 7 pm |
| 7          | Author Tour featuring Caroline Leavitt, author of Beautiful World – HNE office, Newton Centre, Mass., 12 pm |
| 20         | Presidents’ Day                                                      |
| 19         | Join Eric Trager, author of Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days, as he takes us on a tour of Egypt’s tumultuous political landscape, and examines its implications for the United States and Israel – HNE office, Newton Centre, Mass. |
Hadassah Boston members gathered on September 26th to hear Dr. Rachel Schonberger, National Chair of Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), share stories from HMO and updates on the research at Hadassah that echoes around the world.

Dr. Schonberger said that Hadassah Medical Organization has “written the book” on management of trauma in the Hadassah Ein Kerem Trauma Center – the first in Israel and still the only level 1 trauma center in Jerusalem. Hadassah trauma teams have trained teams in many countries and protocols developed there were used at MGH after the Boston Marathon bombing. In layman’s terms, Dr. Schonberger explained the ongoing research in stem cell science for treatment of macular degeneration immunotherapy for melanoma and a number of other diseases, research in genetics and development and testing of innovative devices to improve healing of fractured bones.

Funding for building and equipping the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower is in its final stages and with our continued support can be completed this year, or by mid-2017. Dr. Rachel Schonberger touched our hearts with stories of compassion and healing, such as the story about Russian children who are coming to Israel for life-saving bone marrow transplants that they cannot get at home. You can read more inspiring stories from HMO and learn about our campaign, Research in Service to Humanity, by visiting www.hadassah.org.

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Dr. Rachel Schonberger addressing the crowd at the Hadassah Boston Opening Meeting

Hadassah Boston President Varda E. Farber and Organization Vice President Debbie Knight

Dr. Rachel Schonberger and Varda E. Farber
Sunday, December 4
11:00 am
NewBridge on the Charles,
Dedham, Mass.

Please join us for brunch and a screening of the award-winning documentary, *Complicit*. *Complicit* reveals the untold story of why President Roosevelt and the State Department refused safe haven to Jewish refugees under Nazi tyranny. Following the documentary, there will be a discussion with Dr. Hans Fisher, survivor of the St. Louis.

**Save the Date**

**Please register:**
http://hadassah.org/events/hneauthortour or contact Hadassah Northeast at 781-455-9055 or hne@hadassah.org.

**Light refreshments included**

**Visit**

www.hadassah.org.regions/boston, for the latest announcements, event information, newsletters and more.
WIN A FITBIT – YOUR E-MAIL PLEASE!

E-mails allow us to bring you the most timely Hadassah information, inform you of Hadassah events in your area, and keep you in touch with the medical breakthroughs that have made the Hadassah Medical Organization such a distinguished Israeli institution. Moreover, it protects the environment and saves funds by eliminating mailings. We take great care not to send unnecessary messages. If you are not receiving our e-mails, please send us your full name, chapter, phone number and email to Hadassah Northeast at hne@hadassah.org and be entered in a drawing to win a Fitbit. The winner will be announced in December 2016.

Rosh Hashanah Cards

Purchase one of Hadassah’s new and beautiful Rosh Hashanah cards. Hadassah has a wide range of cards and certificates for any occasion. Please consider Hadassah for all your needs: congratulations, memorial, birthday, new baby, thank you, bar/bat mitzvah, or just “thinking of you.”

Also, JNF tree certificates are available in several designs for $18 a tree.

To purchase cards and certificates, contact Hadassah Northeast at 781-455-9055 or hne@hadassah.org or visit the office to choose from a wide range of designs.

Unlimited e-cards are available at www.hadassah.org.

For a gift of $150* in support of groundbreaking medical research at Hadassah Medical Organization, you can receive this lovely sterling silver necklace edged with cubic zirconias. It is inscribed with the famous quote from Hadassah’s founder, Henrietta Szold: “There is no ending that is not a beginning.”

Proceeds go to support the ongoing, lifesaving patient treatment and medical research at Hadassah Medical Organization and count towards your unit’s fundraising goal.

*Note: The necklace has a fair market value of $50. All but the fair market value of the asterisked item noted above is deductible to the extent provided by law. Hadassah intends to respect donors’ wishes regarding this gift; however, in accordance with U.S. tax law requirements regarding deductibility of contributions, Hadassah shall have full dominion, control and discretion over this gift (and shall be under no legal obligation to transfer any portion of a gift to or for the use or benefit of any other entity or organization).

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Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Hadassah Boston and Israel Consulate present

Sarit Yishai-Levi, Israeli author of
The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem,

HNE office, Newton Centre, Mass., 7:30-9 pm