Hadassah Brooklyn Invites you to join our Annual Hanukkah Celebration

Monday, December 10 @ 12:00pm
East Midwood Jewish Center
1625 Ocean Ave (Between Ave K & L)

Back by popular demand Hadassah Brooklyn’s Favorite Pop Singer

Edmerald Gan

Enid & Jack Benezra will perform a reading of the Isaac Bashevis Singer story “The Parakeet Named Dreidel”

Get your copy of the Brooklyn 2018 Journal Installation of the 2019 Region Board

Mitzvah Project - Bring Unwrapped Children’s Gifts
New Raffle Prizes including Themed Baskets

Light Dairy Lunch from a New Caterer
$25 in Advance & $35 at the Door (space permitting)

(Reservation form on p. 7)
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Leadership Matters

This was a very hard column for me to write. It should be my last column as President because my three year term will be over at the end of December. It may not be my last column, because as of the time of writing it, no one has agreed to be my successor. If that continues to be the case, I will stay on as President for another year, but only for one more year.

New leadership is important for the life of a Region. It brings new ideas and new enthusiasm. Hadassah Brooklyn has played an important role in Hadassah for more than 100 years. Most recently, two of our past Brooklyn Presidents, Gail Hammerman and Roni Schwartz, serve as National officers. I believe that there are equally talented leaders among the members of our chapters. We need their help; we need your help. Hadassah Brooklyn will not survive without new leadership.

You may think that being a Region President is a daunting task. I can tell you that it is not. It is a volunteer, unpaid position with flexible hours. For me it has been a rewarding and sometimes exhilarating job. While Region Presidents do not receive paid compensation, their attendance at National Conventions and Portfolio Council meetings is covered. At these meetings I have met remarkable women who I am proud to call my friends. I had the privilege to see the near miraculous results of Hadassah’s efforts on my Presidents’ mission. As President I have received the strong support of the Region Executive Board and Esther Lefkowitz, our Administrative Assistant. Now that Brooklyn has joined with 7 other regions in the Metro Area we have even more staff support.

I am hoping that some of you will consider joining the Region Executive Board next year. We particularly need someone with bookkeeping or accounting experience to work with our Treasurer Judi Silversmith and we also need help with our membership and fundraising committees. If you are thinking about joining our Region leadership, please call me at 917 363-5519. I look forward to hearing from you.

And I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, the Champagne Brunch for Chai Society and bigger donors on October 28 and the Region Hanukkah Party on December 10.

Shalom,

Barbara Katz
PROGRAMMING: Hadassah’s Educational Programs provide informative resources that cover the history and culture of Judaism, Zionism and Israel. We strive to bring you timely, informative, and engaging events throughout the year. Hadassah Brooklyn offers many opportunities for you to meet with friends, while you learn and support the extraordinary work of Hadassah. National and our Brooklyn Chapters work tirelessly to create exciting programs so check out our calendar and register for the ones that interest you!

Hadassah Brooklyn Hanukkah Celebration will be held on Monday December 10th. Back by popular demand, our favorite pop singer Edmerald Gan (see picture), with a performance by Enid and Jack Benezra. See the flyer on the cover and register with the tear off on page 7.

ADVOCACY:
Hadassah’s National Action Center: Where Advocacy is at your fingertips!
Log on and act: http://cqrcengage.com/hadassah You can make a difference in an instant. Find a policy that matters to you and send a letter to your Representative or Senator right on our site. Sign up for Hadassah’s Advocacy Alerts and stay informed on the latest legislation before Congress and opportunities to take action. Make your voice heard in the issues of: Zionism, Israel & the World, Women’s Health, Civil and Human Rights! Join Hadassah Brooklyn at the American Cancer Society Making Strides for a Cure Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Coney Island on Sunday October 21st!
Look for updates on an upcoming Hadassah Brooklyn Health Event in the Spring Chaired by Barbara Hochberg.

The Hadassah Leadership Fellows (HLF) The Hadassah Leadership Fellows is a two-year leadership engagement program designed to inspire and cultivate future leaders by offering candidates opportunities to grow and lead and to perform volunteer work for Hadassah and the larger community. The program, sponsored by Hadassah, WZOA, offers you an opportunity to: Network with Jewish women leaders from around the country, Advance your leadership training and experience, Understand the work of Hadassah, Journey to Israel and connect with its people, history and culture, and Advocate and effect change. The Hadassah Leadership Fellows (HLF) program changes lives and impacts communities. HLF will inspire you to reach your potential as a Jewish leader.

ZIONISM:
Defining Zionism in the 21st Century/New Humanizing Zionism in the Arab World Michael Bassin reflects on his experiences as an American Zionist in the Arab world, experiences that would solidify and mold his passion for Israel and Zionism, and his hopes for reconciliation and peace. Bassin lives in Israel and is a partner at a tech startup. He served in the Kfir unit of the IDF, and has written for the Times of Israel, the Jerusalem Post and more. Watch the series: http://www.hadassah.org/connecting-to-israel/defining-zionism/dz-bassin.html#videos

Hadassah Missions to Israel!
Check out the flyer on page 4 for all our NEW 2019 Missions!!!!!!

EDUCATION:
We are introducing a brand-new monthly podcast, The Branch: Real stories about building connections between Jews and Arabs in Israel, even though it is complicated. Presented by Hadassah and hosted by Dina Kraft, The Branch can make a powerful impact by sharing positive stories about people coming together in Israel, people offering branches of peace. Hadassah has been advancing the shared society concept since its creation in 1912. Today the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) serves 1 million patients a year, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, and HMO staff work together, Arab and Jewish, building bridges to peace through medicine. (That’s why HMO was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize!)

The Women Who Learn Book Discussions chaired by Laura Goldberg. Our members enjoy a relaxing and fun afternoon of analysis and sharing. We have two Book Discussions coming up - October 15th & December 17th - See pages 17 & 19.

Our Ivrit La Hadassah program lead by Hadassah Associate, EMJC’s on Cantor Sam Levine, is going strong.
WHEN YOU TOUR ISRAEL WITH HADASSAH, IT’S NOT JUST A MISSION. IT’S A POWERFUL CULTURAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE.

Connect with Hadassah

EXPLORE, REJOICE & EXPERIENCE ISRAEL: HADASSAH PURIM MISSION
Led by Debbie Kessler & Sandy Sidorsky, California Region Presidents
March 17 – 27, 2019
Save up to $955 per person

THE PEOPLE, THE YOUTH & THE FUTURE: HADASSAH YOUTH ALIYAH MISSION
Led by Carol Goodman Kaufman, National Youth Aliyah Chair
March 26 – April 5, 2019
Save up to $855 per person

CELEBRATION ACROSS THE NATION: A YOM HA’ATZMAUT MISSION
Led by Aileen Bormel, Co-Chair of Hadassah National Missions
May 6 – 17, 2019
Save up to $1,045 per person

REFRESH & RECHARGE: RETURN TO ISRAEL WITH HADASSAH
Led by Aileen Bormel & Laurie Weitz, Co-Chair of Hadassah National Missions & Laurie Weitz, Hadassah Greater Baltimore Vice President Leadership
September 4 – 15, 2019
Save up to $1,005 per person

TAKIN’ IT EASY HADASSAH MISSION
Led by Susan Lafer, Nurses & Allied Health Professionals Council Co-Chair
October 30 – November 10, 2019
Save up to $965 per person

THE LAND, THE HEART & THE SOUL OF ISRAEL: HADASSAH INTERFAITH MISSION
Led by Julie Morris, Hadassah Foundation Chair
December 2 – 13, 2019
Save up to $480 per person

HADASSAH & JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ISRAEL FAMILY TOUR: CELEBRATING HANNUKAH AND OUR B’NAI MITZVAH IN ISRAEL
December 25, 2019 – January 2, 2020

2019 SAVE UP TO $1,045 PER PERSON!
Sign up now to take advantage of these Super Early Bird discounts.

Find your perfect tour at hadassah.org/Missions or Ayelet.com.
Call Caralie Cole at 800.237.1517, ext. 323 for more info or to register.
In tribute to the living legacy of Sidonia “Simi” Blank Reissman

Submitted by: Dr. Rose Cherie Reissman, Author of Project Based Literacy (Infoage, 2016) and founder of the DITMAS WRITING Institute replicated in 209 schools, in memory of her mother, Sidonia Reissman (Died on July 2, 2018), Past President of Wedgwood Brandeis Chapter.

I am my mother’s daughter

Her hand outstretched, coordinated outfit –hat and shoes- a smile on her face.
Exiting in heels, purse to match from her apartment place.
Walking ahead with me behind at a fast pace.
Always fixed on a destination, a set project goal
Her approach to problems- a gestalt- no delegation, all done Sidonia solo whole!

I am my mother’s daughter.

She was always ahead or on time.
I adapted her protocols, and made them mine.
She loved as example and projected her voice loud, elongated and clear.
Made me memorize poetry- Poe, Frost, Cheri Ami- and recite it so all could hear.
She raised her voice for her own dignity, Hadassah, Israel Bonds and the Jewish people, her friends and family.
She stood her ground. . . sometimes generating acidity.
When it was needed she could make a powerful scene.
With sweet sarcasm, a turn of her heel, send forth a fierce lightning beam.
From her seeming polite sweetness switching to a powerful scream.
This well dressed conventional lady could get powerfully real.

I am my mother’s daughter.

She cared for the underserved, volunteered, gave tzedakah, gave herself, packed food, secretly saw others were helped.
She lived to create meeting poster boards, created and calligraphied cards ,
Read newspapers, prayed to Hashem and had trouble deciding on discards.
Raised millions for the Jewish State, gave to public schools, combated in speech and writing racial hate, made writing awards, and marched for women for cause.
All with no need for public applause, but out of conviction, and without pause.
I am my mother’s daughter.
She lived resiliently through pain, loss, grief, and suffering years made.
Yet her shining powerful life force always emerged unscathed.
She worried about her grown children and growing grandchildren.
She lived to see her progeny
And next generation Talia a leader to be!
I am my mother’s daughter.
She spoke up and spoke out aloud,
She made us all proud.
Her preaching her practice,
Her practice what she preached.
I am her daughter and Yitz is her son.
We continue what she left undone.
We are her children,
We take on her tasks and mission.
Affirming her life, we set off ahead
Like her we are courageous, compassionate and compelling-
Mom, not to worry, we will do the deeds you wanted done.
We are our mother’s daughter and son!!

Brooklyn Region News
FUNDRAISING 
Ethel Gold, Fundraising VP

Hadassah..."We are an organization of women who believe in the healing of the daughter of the people, in the healing of the soul of the Jewish people, as well as its body."

Henrietta Szold had a bold vision. For over 100 years we are still pursuing this dream. Through the use of modern technology, new Hepatitis vaccine development, knee surgery implants and education, we help to bring successful cures and treatment at Hadassah and the World.

Saving lives through Smartphone technology with the use of WhatsApp. An attending physician was able to closely view the respiratory tubing to determine the correct levels of oxygen to deliver to a premature baby in the neonatal intensive care unit. Studies are done on babies still in utero. Images on WhatsApp were as clear as computers. Kurdish doctors secretly came to Hadassah to learn emergency pediatric medicine to help injured children in Iraq and Syria. 24/7 consults can be made by sending a description of the medical problem and any available diagnostics through WhatsApp. "Telemedicine is the future of medicine in conflict areas."

The ABC's of Hepatitis....Under the leadership of Prof. Shouval, Hadassah developed the vaccine for Hepatitis A. In 1988 with permission from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration Hadassah was able to conduct clinical trials on over 1000 Satmar children in Monsey. An epidemic was spreading rapidly. Due to close living quarters, high birth rate, touch and bodily fluids, these children were vaccinated and the epidemic was stopped within 3 weeks. Collaboratively in 1992, Hadassah and the Weitzman Institute of Science developed a Hepatitis B vaccine (passed from a mother to her baby). This disease was once the leading reason for liver transplants. The vaccine enables the patient to develop antibodies in a matter of days. It is currently approved in 10 countries. Hepatitis C....A patient who had already undergone three kidney transplants and could no longer undergo dialysis was offered a chance to receive a kidney from a donor with Hepatitis C. The patient received antiviral medications to combat Hepatitis C immediately following the transplant. A year after surgery he is still healthy with no signs of rejection. The use of antiviral medications in combating Hepatitis C was introduced in 2016 and is continuously being improved.

Innovative knee surgery implants.... At the beginning of August, Hadassah University Medical Center on Mount Scopus successfully performed knee surgery using a new coral-based implant created by an Israeli startup. The implant, Agili-C focuses on regenerative medicine. It is currently undergoing clinical studies. “The need for an implant that leads to the regrowth of damaged cartilage is genuinely needed in the orthopedic world.”

Neuropsychiatry Clinic Reverses Epilepsy Diagnosis.... An 18 year old patient, after believing that she suffered from epilepsy for 12 years, seizures getting more severe and frequent and taking high doses of epilepsy medication was given a video EEG showing that she had NO epileptic brain activity. The reasons behind her seizures were emotional in nature not epilepsy. Working with clinicians she is training how to control them and identify her body's cues before going into a seizure and what tools she can use to stop them. She has slowly been weaned off the epilepsy medication.

These are just some of the miracle treatments performed on a daily basis.

Ongoing research, modernization of facilities is so crucial. Hadassah is conducting a 360 degree of Healing - The Iconic Round Building Full Circle Campaign. Massive refurbishment is needed to transform this outdated facility. The interior design will reflect today's changed culture of health and patient care. Single and double patient rooms and baths will replace old overcrowded rooms plus add an additional 200 beds. Upgraded departments will be designated for dermatology, ophthalmology, hematology-oncology, geriatrics and internal medicine. Achieving this vision is possible through the full support of committed friends around the world. To complete the renovation and expansion so vital to health care in Israel while pursuing medical breakthroughs with global impact - we aim to raise $91.2 million by 2021.

Join us: Help us heal tomorrow. Support 360 degrees of Healing by purchasing a $36 Healing Certificate or a $100 Full Circle Certificate with your name on it or the name of someone special; $150 Endless Beginnings Necklace - sterling silver necklace inscribed with the famous quote from Hadassah’s founder, Henrietta Szold, “There is no ending that is not a beginning.” $1200 Round Building Mezuzah - a certificate with your name or the name of someone special on it and a mezuzah will be affixed to one of the many doors in the Round Building at Hadassah Ein Kerem; $1800 Road to Healing Road Tile - have your

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name or the name of someone special inscribed on a Road to Healing wall tile on a floor in the Round Building.

Join us: **Chai Society** - We have 3 levels of membership; $360 - Chai, $536 - Silver Chai, or as a Keeper - $1,000 annual commitment. Your contribution can be made in one payment or in installments.

**Who will say Kaddish?** A one time donation of $1,000 ensures that a Perpetual Kaddish will be recited for your loved one during services at the Abbell Synagogue. Each year, prior to the Yahrzeit date, you will receive a notification from Hadassah acknowledging the upcoming observance. Applications are available from National or contact me, Ethel, at ethelgold53@yahoo.com. The purchase of a Yahrzeit entitles you to be included in the Major Donor Annual Champagne Brunch in October.

At this very meaningful time of year, I wish my Hadassah family a truly healthy, rejuvenated, blessed New Year 5779. May our dedication and generosity be a source of inspiration to go forth and continue in our good works.

**SHANA TOVAH U'METUKAH!**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

*Caryn Tanditash, VP*

We wish to welcome the Hadassah members who recently transferred into the Brooklyn region/chapters: Carole Bloomfield, Tamar Blumenkranz, Rona Dray, Jennifer Fass, Stephanie Ferrone, Helen Jacobs, Shari Jacobs, Tara Karron, Rona Koeppel, Marsha Leibowitz, Jenny Presser-Kroll, Gertrude Ronson, Ruth Steckman, Elsie Steinberg, Gladys Udewitz and Joy Weinberg. You have joined a group of bright, friendly and warm women. We hope to see you at our interesting and enjoyable events, book discussions and holiday parties.

Welcome ladies!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**HADASSAH NATIONAL CONVENTION**

*Monday, July 15th – Thursday, July 18th, 2019*

*National Assembly Meetings begin Sunday, July 14th*

**Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, Manhattan**

Stay Tuned for Registration Information and Early Bird Specials

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Please return this form with a check payable to HADASSAH by Monday, December 3, to:

Hadassah Brooklyn, 1625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230

☐ Enclosed please find my $25 check for the Brooklyn Hanukkah Party

Name: __________________________________________  Chapter: ___________________

Email: ___________________________________________  Phone: ___________________

☐ I would like to pay an additional $_____ for ________________________________ to attend as well.

I am unable to attend but enclosed is a tax deductible contribution in the amount of $______
I had the pleasure of attending the special Israel Bonds Breakfast celebrating Israel’s 70th Birthday, with Hadassah at Temple Shalom on Sunday May 6, 2018. Hadassah was nicely represented. Over breakfast we learned about Israel bonds and listened to an informative talk by guest speaker Samuel M. Katz, noted lecturer and best-selling author of “Israel at 70: Profiles in Courage.”

HOW TO PURCHASE AN ISRAEL BOND AND DONATE IT TO HADASSAH

Hadassah proudly accepts Israel Bonds as payment for pledges, major gifts and Hadassah Life Memberships. For over 50 years, Hadassah and the Israel Bonds National Women’s Division have combined their support for Israel in a productive and rewarding partnership that has greatly benefited the land and people of the Jewish state.

When you purchase an Israel Bond, you can take pride in knowing your investment is helping Israel build and maintain a strong economy. When you donate a bond to Hadassah, it’s a double mitzvah that simultaneously supports Israel’s economy and important services provided by Hadassah, such as health care and education.

1. Verify with the Israel Bonds office that you have an approved account with Development Corporation for Israel/State of Israel Bonds that enables you to purchase Israel Bonds. Opening an account is easy.

2. Choose the Israel Bond issue and amount. Before making a decision, you should review the prospectus. Copies of the prospectus can be requested from us or viewed on our website www.israelbonds.com. Contact our Israel Bonds office and we will help you.

3. Our office will produce a complete form and send to you by fax, regular mail, or email (preferred method.) The form will indicate that you are the purchaser and Hadassah is the registered owner.

4. Mail the form with your check payable to “State of Israel” to our Central Processing department in New York. Complete instructions are on the form.

5. Both you, as the purchaser/donor, and Hadassah will receive a confirmation in the mail from our fiscal agent, The Bank of New York.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When can I claim this gift as a tax deductible contribution?
   Bonds are recorded on Hadassah’s records for the issue amount indicated on the bond. The tax substantiation letter sent to the donor by Hadassah also indicates the issue amount and date received by Hadassah. It does not include a charitable deduction amount but instead refers the donors to their own tax advisor to determine the appropriate charitable deduction amount. Charitable organizations are not obligated to provide fair market values for donated securities.

2. Does my local chapter get credit for my donation?
   Absolutely. When Hadassah headquarters in New York receives confirmation of the purchase, they match it to your membership in their database so your chapter receives the proper credit. Your local chapter can check their monthly report to confirm you are properly listed.

   Our partnership with Israel Bonds enables you to invest in both Hadassah’s and Israel’s future! Invest in a persevering nation leading the way in cutting edge technology. For an application contact me. If you wish to make a donation, please visit our website at www.hadassah.org/brooklyn and click on the donate button.
Park Slope Hadassah and Brooklyn Associates present

A Nite at the Catskills

Join us to see the film, Kutsher’s, The Last Catskill Resort. A Question & Answer will follow with our special guest, Larry Strickler, the last tummler (26 Years) at Kutsher’s. Learn about the grand history of the Catskills. The film will take us from the humble beginnings of dairy farmers to the glory of the famed Borscht Belt.

Thursday, October 18
7PM

At the lovely home of Alice and Lowell Rubin
141 Argyle Road
Brooklyn NY 11218
(Between Beverley and Albemarle Roads)

$36 Contribution in advance ($40 at the door)
Family and friends invited
Beverages and Desserts will be served

Questions? E-mail Merrie at merriemelman@msn.com

Reply by Sunday, September 30, 2018 to: Sandy Dann, 960 East 16 Street, Brooklyn NY 11230.

Reserve ____ seats at Park Slope Hadassah’s Nite at the Catskills ($36)
Make checks payable to Hadassah. Check # __________

___ I would like to contribute $ ________ to help sponsor Park Slope Hadassah’s events.
___ I would like to donate $ ________ to further the extraordinary work of Hadassah in honor/memory of

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Name ___________________________________________ Apt ______ Zip ___________
Phone (______)____________________ E-mail ____________________________ @

Photos may be taken at this event for our website, or newsletter. If you do not wish your photo taken, please tell the photographer.
You may obtain a copy of Hadassah’s Financial report by writing to the Hadassah Finance Department, 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005.
AROUND THE REGION

DENA CHAPTER
Fran Liebowitz, President

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to end, despite unusually hot days we have been experiencing. With the summer months behind us, we are busy preparing for the High Holy Days. It is a time of reflection of the year past and thinking about the year to come.

Dena Hadassah reflected on the past year by recognizing our part in assisting Hadassah meet its mission and mandates. In April we visited the Hebrew University College Museum. The docent led tour was interesting and informative.

In May, Karen Pollack, facilitated a book discussion of “The Bridal Chair” by Gloria Goldrich. This book told the story of Marc Chagall and his relationship with his family and his fellow artists. There was a lively and insightful discussion. In May we also toured the Bloomberg News Building. The docent focused on the structure of the building and the news gathering aspect. We were fortunate to witness a news reporter giving the Bloomberg report to several outlets. The building is home to a small museum that focus on early days of modern technology. We were impressed by the open concept of office space throughout the building and the number of staff in the Manhattan location.

In June Dena members and friends met at Sahara’s Restaurant for dinner and a social night out. Our fundraising co-chairpersons, Eleene Schwartz and Myra Schwartz provided lovely raffle prizes.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year Dena is planning several exciting functions. In November we are having our Chinese Auction and catered dinner.

On December 4, 2018 we are having our annual Chanukah Party which will include the installation of newly elected officers.

We will be having trips to the Hudson Theater and to the Portuguese Synagogue are being planned.

I am inviting everyone to partake in our varied activities.

On behalf of myself and the entire Dena membership I want to wish everyone and their family a HEALTHY and HAPPY New Year.

PARK SLOPE CHAPTER
Gail Fier & Merrie Melman, Co-Presidents

Time flies by so rapidly
The seasons fly by fast.
What used to be our present
Is now pushed behind...our past.

Park Slope Chapter has just worked out our Calendar through next June. We thank all the members of the Executive Board for all they do AND for making us look good.

The Spring Book Club was hosted by Hazel Tishkoff and facilitated by Cecelia Kramer who did a superb job. In April, Barbara Katz hosted Train Your Brain event, which was put together by Judy Silversmith with a wonderful speaker.

On June 13th, we held a wonderful event at the home of Adriane Adam. The Protect Your Nest program was chaired by Amy Schoenfeld. We had 4 speakers discussing issues involving our future and how to prepare for it in advance. Annette Fisher, one of the speakers, also included a book “Protect Your Nest” to all of those who attended the event. The lunch was delicious, and Adriane, thanks so much for allowing us to use your beautiful home and for being such a gracious hostess.

We had our Annual Summer Book Club at Sarina Roffé’s home in Belle Harbor in the Rockaways. The book “Lilac Girls” was the subject and Sharon Richman chaired the event. Sharon, you really researched and presented a thorough synopsis of the book and led a very good discussion. Sarina, your home is lovely, and thanks for allowing us to use it as our Annual Summer Event.

On October 18th, we will be featuring a “Nite at the Catskills” which will feature Larry Strickler. Larry was the “schmoozer” at Kutcher’s years ago. He will be presenting the format...an evening of nostalgia. This event will be held at the home of Alice Fisher Rubin, who is so generous in hosting so many events in her home.

November 13th, we will be holding a book event at the home of Barbara Katz. Gayle Piltzin will be chairing the event. The book is “Flower Toward

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“For they say when you marry in June, you’re a bride all your life.” (A song verse from the movie, “Seven Brides For Seven Brothers.”) With a June date for our fundraising luncheon, we decided to title our program, “Here Comes the Bride.” Questions discussed included: why is June such a popular month for weddings, what are some of the customs and traditions of weddings, how did white become such a popular wedding dress color and how have wedding dress styles changed over the years.

June weddings go back to Roman times. June was named after the goddess, Juno, who was the protector of women’s lives, particularly in marriage and childbearing. Those married in June would be blessed with prosperity and happiness. Therefore, it bode well to marry in June. There are some other very interesting reasons why June became so popular. One was the stench factor. That’s right, the stench factor. Years ago people did not bathe very frequently, often once a year in the spring. Hygiene was not a top priority. Even In Victorian times, bathing was not of great importance. As we know, in the spring there is a profusion of fragrant flowers. Hence, the custom arose of brides carrying flower bouquets to mask any existing body odor. In addition, many chose June to make sure that if brides became pregnant right away, the births would occur before the work for the harvest season began. Additional wedding customs and traditions were discussed, such as wearing something new, something old, something borrowed and something blue. Also mentioned were movies that depicted the connection between weddings and the month of June. They included: “June Bride” with Bette Davis and the aforementioned “Seven Brides For Seven Brothers.”

We were all interested in how the white or ivory wedding dress came into vogue in western countries. We discovered that the tradition goes back to the marriage of Queen Victoria in 1840. She wore an over-the-top, voluminous white lace gown that became all the rage. White still prevails, but the styles have changed as we saw in Duchess Kate and Duchess Meghan’s gowns and also in the ever-popular strapless designs. While in the past there weren’t many bridal gown designers, today there are countless numbers. We highlighted one prominent designer, Pnina Tornai, an Israeli, whose gowns are showcased at Kleinfeld’s and can be seen on the TV show, “Say Yes To The Dress.”

We concluded our program with a poignant reading of “The Wedding Dress That Made History.” (A Glimmer of Joy in the Bergen Belsen Displaced Persons Camp.) The dress that was made from the material of a former German pilot’s parachute and worn by Lilly Friedman and at least seventeen other brides, is now on display at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Bay Ridge Chapter members and friends enjoyed a delicious vegetarian meal at Hunter’s Steak and Ale House which is located in the Ridge. Our next event will take place on October 21, 2018 at a venue to be announced. We hope you will join us.

To all in the Hadassah family, good health and much happiness in the New Year.

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the Sun” by Marcia Rudin. I am sure that the dishes presented by the assemblage will secure a great Pot Luck Supper.

On January 23rd we will have a discussion on Sephardism, moderated by Sarina Roffé. We are also planning a book club event on February 20th, so keep these dates available.

Additionally, a Woman’s Seder is being planned for April to be Chaired by Helene Smith. It should be a really great event. We hope you can join us.

As we have said before, all members of Hadassah are welcome to attend any of our events. All you have to do is call and reserve a seat.

To the membership of Park Slope Hadassah, we look forward to working together to continue Hadassah’s world renowned excellence in medical care and research.
ILJB presents a six part series in conjunction with Hadassah Brooklyn Region, East Midwood Jewish Center, Kane Street Synagogue, and Congregation Beth Elohim

Zionism: Defined, Defiled, and Defended

Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 PM
East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Ave.
Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller on Zionism on Campus, & Its Renewal
Former Executive Director (now Emeritus) of the Yitzhak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life at UCLA for 40 years. Currently Director of the Hartman Fellowship for Campus Professionals.

Sunday, Mar. 24, 4 PM
Kane St. Synagogue, 236 Kane St.
Prof. Steven Katz on Early Years of the Zionist Movement
Prof. Katz holds the Chair in Holocaust Studies at Boston University and is the former Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies

Sunday, Nov. 4, 4 PM
Kane St. Synagogue, 236 Kane St.
Prof. David Myers on The History of Zionism
David Myers is Professor & Sady and Ludwig Kahn Chair in Jewish History, UCLA, and former President and CEO of the Center for Jewish History in NYC

Sunday, Mar. 31, 4 PM
East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Ave.
Rabbi Shira Koch Epstein on Changing Views of Zionism Here and in Israel
Rb. Epstein is the Executive Director of the 14th Street Y in Manhattan

Sunday, Nov. 18, 4 PM
East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Ave.
Prof. Hasia Diner on American Jewish Opponents of Zionism
Hasia Diner is the Paul And Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History, Interim Director of Glucksman Ireland House NYU

Sunday, May 5, 11:30 AM
Cong. Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.
Rabbi Rachel Timoner on Why it’s Progressive to be a Zionist & Zionist to be Progressives
Rb. Timoner is the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn

To pre-register, clip & enclose with a check payable to ILJB. Mail to:
Hadassah, 1625 Ocean Ave., Bklyn, NY 11230

Each event is $15 at the door per person
If you PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL 6 EVENTS: series is $45 (total savings of 50%)
If you PRE-REGISTER FOR 3 FALL OR 3 SPRING EVENTS: cost is $25
To pre-register, enclose your tax-deductible check payable to ILJB.

Enroll me for:
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On May 16, 2018, the Coalition for Women’s Health Equity (http://www.hadassah.org/advocate/coalition-for-womens-health.html) — convened by Hadassah — hosted its second annual Women’s Health Empowerment Summit at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. The event brought together hundreds of policymakers, thought leaders, and women’s health champions during National Women’s Health Week (May 13-18) to build momentum and strategize action steps to further women’s health equity.

Seven members of Brooklyn Hadassah attended the Summit and heard from National Women’s Law Center President & CEO Fatima Goss Graves — whose organization administers the TIME’S UP Legal Defense Fund — and Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. (CA-36). Samantha Abrams, Executive Director of the March on Washington Film Festival, served as the summit emcee. In addition to lead sponsor Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc., the American Heart Association, WomenAgainstAlzheimer’s, and the Shane Foundation sponsored several timely panels. The Summit’s bipartisan Honorary Host Committee (http://www.hadassah.org/advocate/womens-health-empowerment-recap-2018.html#committee) included 40 Members of Congress.

At the conclusion of the Summit more than 250 Hadassah members went to Capitol Hill to be trained on how to lobby Congress on our important Women’s Health and pro Israel legislative goals. The Brooklyn contingent (see picture) met with one of Rep. Yvette’s Clarke’s legislative aides to thank the Congresswoman for her support of our issues and to ask for her support in the future. Her aide, Harry Baumgarten, who’s mother is a Hadassah member, thanked them for their kind words and assured them of the Congresswoman’s support.

Pictured from left: Hadassah Brooklyn Health Chair Barbara Hochberg, Park Slope Chapter Fundraising Vice President Ilene Shapiro, Park Slope Chapter Co-President Gail Fier, Yvette Clarke ’s legislative aide Harry Baumgarten, Hadassah Brooklyn President Barbara Katz, Hadassah National Secretary Gail Hammerman and Park Slope Chapter Co-President Merrie Melman.
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This was my first time attending the Hadassah Brooklyn Women Who Learn Book Club. The group met on Monday, June 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Our esteemed former Hadassah Brooklyn President, Janet Young facilitated the discussion on the book, The Ritual Bath by Faye Kellerman. There were thirteen women in attendance including Janet. One of the attendees was by telephone conference.

Janet began the discussion by giving us a synopsis of what the book was about. She also informed the Women Who Learn group about background information on Faye Kellerman. Janet shared an article from Hadassah magazine from 2008, that was about Faye Kellerman. She explained that in Faye Kellerman’s first novel, The Ritual Bath, the book follows some of the conventions of the mystery novel formula. It begins with a violent rape rather than a murder, and there are a pair of crime solvers rather than one sleuth. In addition, Janet distributed a list in order of books Faye Kellerman wrote in this mystery series with Rina Lazarus and Peter Decker. Everyone was appreciative to Janet for her effort. Faye Kellerman is a very popular author who writes mysteries and crime stories with a realistic aspect to them.

The mikveh is also called a ritual bath. People that are observant Jews go to the ritual bath before their wedding. This practice allows the bride/groom to quietly mark the transition from being single to being married. It can also create an island of peace, contemplation and perspective before the public ceremony and celebrations. One of the participants at the book discussion explained what happened when she went to the Mikveh before her marriage.

Esther Lefkowitz, our Hadassah Brooklyn Administrative Assistant, explained in detail what a mikveh and ritual bath are. Married religious Jewish couples refrain from sexual relations and physical contact from the time menstruation begins until the wife immerses in the mikveh. Jewish women go to the mikveh once a month after her menstrual cycle ends. People bathe before entering the mikveh, since they totally immerse themselves in the water completely nude. A blessing is also recited. Men and women who are converting to Judaism must also go to the ritual bath. Esther was very informative, and we were all very appreciative of her contributions to the discussion. Thank you Esther!

Janet was very organized. Her questions concerning the book led to a lively discussion. Some of the discussion questions Janet asked concerned the way the author described the setting, different characters in the story, the dialog that was used and utilizing Hebrew and Yiddish words/expressions at times without translation for effect. She also conferred how the author provided a description of how the two main characters felt about each other, and how one of the main characters attempted to discourage the other main character not to become involved with each other romantically due to religious reasons.

The afternoon book club went by quickly, and all who attended enjoyed the discussion. Thank you Janet for a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to Sandy Dann for supplying the refreshments.

Our upcoming Hadassah Brooklyn Women Who Learn Book Club dates are: Monday, October 15th, we will discuss “The Brothers Ashkenazi” by Israel Joshua Singer, led by Naomi Aronowitz. On Monday, December 17th, I will lead a discussion on “The Unorthodox The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots” by Deborah Feldman.
The Unorthodox
The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots
by Deborah Feldman
Led by Shelli Feldman
Monday, December 17, 2018  1-3pm


As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of relentlessly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear and to whom she could speak to what she was allowed to read. It was stolen moments spent with the empowered literary characters of Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott that helped her to imagine an alternative way of life. Trapped as a teenager in a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the tension between Deborah’s desires and her responsibilities as a good Satmar girl grew more explosive until she gave birth at nineteen and realized that, for the sake of herself and her son, she had to escape.”

...Simon & Schuster, Publisher

NOTE: This book was met with great criticism from the Satmar Community of Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

This book is available at the Brooklyn Public Library and book sellers like Amazon in both hard copy, audio, and eBook formats. The book was made into a movie that is free on Amazon Prime.

We meet at the Hadassah Brooklyn Office in The East Midwood Jewish Center
1625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11230  (between Avenues L & K)

$10 in advance.  $15 at the door.  Light Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call Sandy at (718) 382-6454

PRINT, CUT, and MAIL this reply by Wednesday, December 12, 2018 to:
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Hadassah Brooklyn Associates at MCU Park for Jewish Heritage Night
Submitted by: Shelli Feldman, Hadassah Brooklyn Associates Chair

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018, Hadassah Brooklyn Associates in conjunction with
the Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center attended Jewish Heritage Night at
MCU Park. The Brooklyn Cyclones baseball team played against the Hudson
Valley Renegades. Hadassah had a good turnout and all who attended the event
had a very good time.

First, there was a pre-game between the Cantors and the
Rabbis. Also, participating in the game were the rabbis and
cantors children. It was enjoyable to watch, and the fans
were cheering them on.

Before the start of the actual game, Hatikvah was sung as
well as The Star Spangled Banner. All who attended the
game received a voucher for a Brooklyn Cyclones cap and a
voucher for a hot dog and a drink. The weather was
beautiful that night, and the fans were cheering on the
Cyclones. People watched the game and socialized with
each other. As an extra bonus, we saw the Cyclones win the
game. We hope to do this event again next year.

Esther & Ava Lefkowitz
The Brothers Ashkenazi
by I. J Singer

Led by Naomi Aronowitz

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