At the turn of the 20th century, individuals from across Europe brought their pioneering spirit and ideals of a revolution to Palestine, with a dream to create a new and more equal society.

Among these pioneers were the fierce women who came to Palestine to realize the dream of creating a new woman in a new world.

Through amazing found footage and personal diaries, *The Women Pioneers* uncovers the course of their passionate battles and painful disappointments, dedicating their lives to realize their personal liberation and national struggle.

Run time 50 minutes, followed by Q&A with Jan Lisa Huttner

**Jan Lisa Huttner**, is a feminist film critic, activist, and an award-winning journalist. In addition to publishing three books, she also writes columns for prominent publications.

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*(Reservation form on p. 9)*
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We are living in interesting times—times of great advances in technology and of danger and uncertainty. In times like these I am thankful that Hadassah gives me an effective way to put my ideals to work in the real world.

330,000 members strong, we can make an impact by speaking with one voice to achieve substantive policy change. Hadassah women and associates act on a wide range of women’s health, reproductive rights and economic security issues.

Hadassah supports medical research and health care reform, especially with a focus on women’s health equity, reproductive health care and support for women’s preventive services. Medical research, diagnostic tools, and treatments are frequently based on male physiology — leading to misdiagnosis and compromised health care for women.

Current laws do not go far enough, and are not enforced rigorously enough, to prevent violence against women. Hadassah works to protect our communities by speaking out on common sense gun control and gender-based issues like sexual harassment and human trafficking.

As a women’s organization, Hadassah has an unwavering commitment to women’s rights and concerns. Hadassah supports policies that improve the quality of life for women—advocating for caregiver support, pay equity, and expansion of family and medical leave.

Recent events show that Israel continues to need our support. Hadassah’s policy efforts support Israel’s security, a future of peace in the Middle East and stronger US-Israel relations.

Learn more about Hadassah’s advocacy agenda. Join the Hadassah Email Advocacy Network by signing up at Hadassah.org. Contact me at bkatz@Hadassah.org if you would like to join us in lobbying our representatives in Congress.

Put your Jewish values into action and help us build a healthier, safer and more equitable world.

Shalom,
Barbara Katz
“Make my eyes look to the future”...was what Henrietta Szold wanted her portrait to reflect.

Of course, as Hadassah Sisters and Associates we see the “future” discoveries with regularity. There are always new research, treatment or cures being developed. What’s been happening with your extremely generous donations?

No ovaries? Mystery solved by Hadassah endocrinologist. A mother brought in her teenage daughter - upon examination it was found that she had no breast development or other pubertal signs and in imaging studies, no ovaries could be detected. Several years later, her sister demonstrated the same problem. Dr. Zangen pursued genetic investigation. Through full gene sequencing, Prof. Zangen and his collaborative team from Shaare Zedek Medical Center and Hadassah Hebrew University School of Medicine discovered that the sisters had the same mutation on the BRCA2 gene. Previously it was only known to be culprits in breast and ovarian cancer. Now it showed that the BRCA2 was linked to healthy ovarian development. Throughout our lives, our bodies’ cells undergo cell division. When all goes well, the DNA is copied exactly. When it does not, mistakes lead to cancer or other disastrous situations. Because the correction failed to occur, the sisters failed to develop ovaries. Upon further investigation of the DNA and taking a biopsy and radiating, they found the BRCA2 mutation in both girls. Further screening of the mother showed she was indeed a carrier of the BRCA2 mutation and was in early stages of ovarian cancer. It was concluded that if teenagers do not reach puberty and lack ovaries, they should be screened for mutations in DNA such as BRCA2. This is now protocol at Hadassah and Dr. Zangen believes it should become protocol all over the world. At this point in time, medical science is unable to interfere in the capability of DNA repair to trigger ovarian development. Hormone replacement therapy did enable the sisters to reach puberty and have regular menstruation but not fertility. Dr. Zangen is hopeful that in the future there will be a way to intervene in DNA repair.

Celiac Disease Awareness - Michael Wilschanski MD, Director of Pediatric Gastroenterology at HMO states that it is a condition with an intolerance to gluten. If there is a genetic background which causes this problem and it is not looked after, then the gluten does cause damage to the intestines and causes major problems both in children and adults. It can be sorted out very easily with dietary changes. Like some other intolerances, i.e. peanut butter or lactose, after many years the individual can be tested and sometimes found to no longer have this reaction.

However, this is not the case with Celiac. Its symptoms are not obvious because one is following the diet. If you go off the diet, the damage to the body will reoccur. Research at HMO: There are several studies underway. It was noticed that those on a gluten free diet actually ate a lot of calories. Avoiding gluten, one tends to eat more carbohydrates. A gluten free diet is called obesogenic - it can cause you to gain weight. At Hadassah they are trying to educate families that the propensity for weight gain is there by increasing the eating of fruits and vegetables but not watching out for the obesogenic part. In a second study it was noticed that if celiacs do not keep the diet and they do not absorb calcium well, then there is a problem with their teeth. One has to be more careful about dental hygiene and the fact that enamel does not fare well with celiacs. In a third study there are known neurological issues with celiac which can cause a sleep disturbance. Especially when a younger child begins the gluten free diet their sleep pattern improves. They do not wake up during the night. Tests are being worked on together with the sleep clinic at Hadassah. Problems? Too many are still not being diagnosed. Heads up to parents. Look for signs: children not gaining weight or not doing well in school, other feeding problems, not wanting to eat certain foods. Contact your primary care physician to perform a celiac test.

How can you help? Be a part of the 360 degrees of Healing - Support the Iconic Round Building Full Circle Campaign. There are many levels of financial participation.

Become a member of the 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.

New cures are found and innovative treatments are initiated on a daily basis. Research and development are key. We cannot do any of this without your generous donations. As we begin a new year, let’s be proactive in supporting the many causes that the Sisters and Associates of Hadassah hold dear.

Happy and Healthy 2019!
Hadassah Brooklyn enjoyed two excellent book discussions since the last Bulletin:

“The Brothers Ashkenazi” by I. J. Singer
Discussion led by Naomi Aronowitz

The October 15, 2018 discussion of “The Brothers Ashkenazi,” a Polish-Jewish saga of twin brothers Max and Jacob Ashkenazi—translated by I.J.’s son Joseph, was led by Naomi Aronowitz. Naomi gave a very thorough synopsis of the translated Yiddish novel, and guided us through an in-depth discussion of many elements of the story. She drew attention to how the time period and sibling relationships in the story painted a gloomy picture of a pre-war era of a polarized Jewish family struggling with life. Highlighting the multilayered plots and the diverse cast of characters, she led a scholarly discussion to a highly engaged group of avid readers. History and geography were often referenced, along with the nuances of the translation from Yiddish to English success and limitations. We consider ourselves blessed to have had this time with Naomi, and deeply mourn her passing only 2 weeks after this discussion.

IN MEMORIUM

Naomi Aronowitz was a gracious and compassionate woman. She was a staunch Zionist. Naomi answered my call for someone to lead our October Women Who Learn Book Discussion with great enthusiasm. A true Hadassah Sister, she loved the mission of Hadassah and supported so many of our events. We will miss her dearly, and never forget her warm, welcoming smile, and friendly voice. May the memory of Naomi Aronowitz be for a blessing.

“The Unorthodox” by Deborah Feldman
Discussion led by Shelli Feldman, Education V.P.

Shelli Feldman, who did a great job, ran our second Book Discussion! On Monday December 17, 2018 she led a very interesting discussion of “The Unorthodox” by Deborah Feldman. The book is an autobiography of the author’s struggle with the segregation and restrictions of the Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Deborah stated that her journey was inspired by the events surrounding an accident she had. Shelli turned this on the group, asking what events and people inspired our life’s journeys. The book offered interesting insights into the author’s childhood and early adult very private world. Shelli questioned the impact of the clash of the deeply cloistered, structured religious community in which she was raised, with the unpredictable outside world of limitless possibilities. We noted that there are many areas in this story that were too vague from which to draw conclusions. The author has written a sequel, titled “Exodus,” which we are looking forward to reading and discussing with Shelli in the fall! Todah Rabah to Ethel Gold and Janet Young for providing delicious refreshments!

The next Women Who Learn Book Discussion will take place on Monday, March 11, 2019 in the Hadassah Brooklyn Conference Room from 1-3pm. Harriett Cohen will lead us in a discussion of the current New York Times Bestseller “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris. Register on page 5 in this bulletin.
The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel
by Heather Morris

Led by Harriett Cohen
Monday, March 11, 2019  1-3pm
At The Hadassah Brooklyn Conference Room

“This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

In April 1942, Lale Sokolow, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners.

Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, The Tattooist of Auschwitz is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.” - Amazon

This book is available at the Brooklyn Public Library and book sellers like Amazon in both hard copy, audio, and eBook formats.

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

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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. Hadassah National HQ and our Brooklyn Chapters work tirelessly to create exciting programs. So check out our calendar and register for the ones that interest you!

ADVOCACY
Hadassah’s National Action Center: Where Advocacy is at your fingertips! Hadassah offers many resources for members to deepen their Zionist connections, to understand issues related to Israel, and to focus on what to do with the news. 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, and Civil & Human Rights! Sign up to be part of the email action alert network at http://www.hadassah.org/advocate/#become-an-advocate

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The time for UNRWA curriculum reform is NOW. Make your voice heard.
Urge Congress to Combat BDS
Take Action to combat BDS today!

Hadassah Joins ADL and Allies in Urging Congress to Act Now on Global Anti-Semitism
Hadassah proudly stands with the ADL and coalition partners in speaking out against anti-Semitism. We signed a timely joint to urge Congress to act before the end of this Congressional session to combat anti-Semitism abroad. The ADL-sponsored letter addressed two bills Hadassah has long supported: The Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act and the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act.

One way Hadassah fights anti-Semitism and hate is through our efforts to advance crucial legislation that will create tangible action. This is one of our advocacy priorities. Just this week, CNN shared a survey on the prevalence of anti-Semitism in Europe, in which one-third of respondents said they knew "just a little" or "nothing at all" about the Holocaust. One-third said that Jews today use the Holocaust for their own gain.

"With anti-Semitism on the rise, our leaders must act swiftly to address this global issue and pass the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act and the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act. At the same time, as the convening nonprofit organization of the bipartisan Never Again Education Act, Hadassah is committed to building support for this key legislation to expand Holocaust and anti-hate curricula," said Ellen Hershkin, Hadassah National President.

Never Again Education Act
Hadassah supports HR 5460, the Never Again Education Act, introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) in April. This national legislation will give teachers across the United States the tools and training they need to teach middle and high school students lessons of the Holocaust and the consequences of intolerance and hate. By the Fall, 36 legislators had signed on as co-sponsors, split almost evenly by party. Contact your legislator to support this action – check: https://www.congress.gov/bill/115thcongress/house-bill/5460/cosponsors for the latest information.
ZIONISM

Defining Zionism in the 21st Century
http://www.hadassah.org/connecting-to-israel/defining-zionism/

The word “Zionism” is often misunderstood. Hadassah invites thoughtful, engaging speakers to talk about Zionism from his/her personal perspective. Sessions are divided into short videos, enabling you to watch at your convenience, one after the other or spread out over hours or days. Speakers—scholars, activists and community leaders—will have you thinking in new ways about Israel, Zionism, and how they relate to you. The program is free of charge and open to all.

How to Talk about Israel
Hadassah, in collaboration with the Israel Action Network, developed How to Talk About Israel, a guide to effective pro-Israel advocacy.

UPCOMING 2019 HADASSAH MISSIONS
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. See the flyer in this bulletin.
http://www.hadassah.org/connecting-to-israel/missions.html

EDUCATION

Hadassah introduced 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 Discussion Open-Group meets quarterly, where our members enjoy a relaxing and fun afternoon of critical analysis and sharing.

Our Ivrit La Hadassah program lead by Hadassah Associate, EMIC’s on Cantor Sam Levine, is going strong. Look for updates on our Hadassah Brooklyn Health Fair coming on Monday June 24, 2019, chaired by Barbara Hochberg.

Gil Troy video
Gil Troy, a product of Young Judaea and a leading Israeli Zionist, speaks about his new book “The Zionist Ideas”, and about Hadassah and practical Zionism. This ten-minute video was previewed at a recent National Board Mid-Winter Meeting, and many felt that it succinctly spelled out what Hadassah has been doing for over 100 years.

Hadassah Website Home Page Articles
The main page of the Hadassah website http://www.hadassah.org/ has a constantly changing array of press releases and stories regarding Hadassah’s actions. Be sure to scroll down to the News & Stories section. Share these stories with others! It’s not enough for us to feel the pride in our organization; we want others to know what Hadassah and Israel do for the world, for medical treatment and research, and for gender equity.
The ballroom at the East Midwood Jewish Center was filled with Hadassah women. Sometimes they’re busy learning Hebrew or reviewing a book. Today they’re with their Hadassah sisters, enjoying lunch and celebrating Hanukkah. Marlene Lempert welcomed everyone, and spoke about the Hanukkah celebration.

Marlene Lempert introduced Enid and Jack Benezra, who led us in the singing of Hatikvah and the Star Spangled Banner. Following the Anthems, Judi Silversmith, past Region President, read a relevant invocation.

This year’s beautiful Region Journal was distributed at the Hanukkah celebration. The Journal was dedicated to the Hadassah Brooklyn Vice Presidents:

- Shelli Feldman, Education VP
- Caryn Tanditash, Membership VP
- Marlene Lempert, Programming VP
- Ethyl Gold, Fundraising VP
- Enid Benezra, Area VP
- Janet Young, PRAZE VP

Janet Young installed the VPs. Barbara Katz gave each VP a beautiful pin representing women in Hadassah. Then Barbara Katz was installed as President of Brooklyn Region Hadassah. Leadership is a vital ingredient needed for the strength of the Region. Thank you Barbara Katz for continuing your position as Brooklyn Region President. Your enthusiasm and leadership strengthens Brooklyn Region. With the support of your Region Executive Board, programs are planned that enrich, inspire, and engage our members. Thank you Barbara for your leadership.

Kathy Marcario, VP of TD Bank Flatbush, joined our Hanukkah celebration again, and presented Janet Young (past Region president) with a donation check for Hadassah. Thanks to the TD Bank Affinity Program.

Surprise of surprises, our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Esther Lefkowitz showed up at the luncheon with her two week old son and her daughter. Everyone was delighted to see them. Esther works very hard in the Region office and keeps us informed and organized.

To everyone’s delight, Enid and Jack Benezra performed a reading of Issac Bashevis Singer story “The Parakeet Named Dreidel”. The applause was overwhelming.

Brooklyn Hadassah’s favorite pop singer, Edmerald Gan, was back by popular demand. He sang many songs including “Jerusalem of Gold”. We loved the music and felt like we were on Broadway instead of Ocean Avenue.

The afternoon came to a close with the drawing of lovely raffle gifts, arranged by Eleene Schwartz, Myra Schwartz, and Ethyl Gold.

Many thanks to EMJC and to the EMJC Maintenance Staff for their cooperation in making our Hanukkah celebration a success. Thanks to many Hadassah members who helped: Enid and Jack Benezra, Marlene Lempert, Barbara and Barry Katz, Ilene Karpas, Janet Young, Eleene Schwartz, Myra Schwartz, Ethyl Gold, and Judi Silversmith.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.
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WOW! We have been co-presidents for a year and now it is 2019.

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

Before we review some of the things we have done,
we want to thank the Park Slope Board Members for all that they do. We could not fill our role, if they did not do all of the things they do.

Also, a shout out to Region President, Barbara Katz and the Region Board for all that they do, as well. Special thanks to Esther Lefkowitz for always being there for us and Mazel Tov on the birth of your new baby boy.

Alice Fisher Rubin graciously hosted the program “A Night at the Catskills” featuring Larry Strickler who chaired the program. Larry was the last tummler (26) years at Kutcher’s. He discussed the history of the Catskills and showed a film that discussed the history of the Borscht Belt. It brought back a lot of memories. Larry Strickler is a really good speaker and with the food from Presser’s, the evening was a sensation.

Many of the Park Slope members were guests at the Major Donor Luncheon, hosted at the home of Adriane Adam and Chaired by Ethel Gold. Adriane and Ethel presented an afternoon event that was a class act.

Gail Prism chaired a book club event at the home of Barbara Katz this past November. The book was entitled “Flower Toward The Sun”, by Marcia Rudin. Gail did an excellent job in reviewing the book. The assemblage discussed various issues in the book. Thanks, Barbara, for being such a good hostess.

Park Slope’s next event will be at the home of Marion Lipton on January 23rd. Cecelia Kramer will be chairing the event which will be a discussion on Sephardism moderated by Sarina Roffe, Park Slope past President.

February 20th is the next Park Slope Book Club event which is being hosted at the home of Hazel Tishcoff. Amy Schoenfeld will be leading the discussion. The book is entitled “The Jinni and the Golem.” Hope you can come.

April 3rd is the date for the Park Slope women’s seder at the East Midwood Jewish Center. While this event is being presented by the Park Slope Chapter, we thank the Brooklyn Region and Barbara Katz for securing EMJC as the site for the event. Helene Smith is Chairing the program and Presser’s will be catering the food. Helene is already working on the Haggadah service and is looking for members willing to work on her committee. Please save the date and plan on attending as this should be a really cool event.

June 5th is the date for the book club event. Cathy Levine will be chairing the discussion on the book entitled “The Invisible Bridge”. Location to be announced.

To the Park Slope membership: Let us work in concert to continue Hadassah’s world renowned excellence in medical care and research.

To the membership of the Brooklyn Region, please know that you are welcome to join us at any of our events. Just call and reserve a seat. See you soon!
As we begin our term as Dena Co-Presidents we look back with respect and admiration for all the women of Hadassah who came before us, and on whose shoulders, Hadassah stands today. In 117 years Hadassah has grown from a mission to provide emergency care to babies and mothers in pre-state Israel to one of the largest women’s volunteer organizations in the world. In 2019 it’s our responsibility to continue this vision of a strong connection with Israel, while bringing justice and healing to the world.

We can share in this mission in ways large and small. We can begin by supporting our Chapters. How can this be done? Become involved and active. Go to meetings. Support fund raising events. You will be helping our worthy mission and helping yourself at the same time by having a wonderful time with old and new friends. Accomplishing goals while working with like-minded women is very satisfying.

At Dena we are planning many fun-filled events. In January we kick off the new year while enjoying each other’s company at a luncheon. In February we have the chance to channel our inner Picasso as we create our own masterpiece under the guidance of an artist at a local art studio. We can share our creations at a dinner on our own at a nearby restaurant. In March we will play Purim Bingo for small gifts as prizes. We reprise our wonderful Chinese Auction and box dinner in April, and if it’s May, you know it is time for our annual Book Discussion. We are also planning a trip to a place of interest, TBA. Interested? Please join us. All are welcome.

Become involved. It’s our privilege and obligation to keep Hadassah vital and moving forward. The most important component of this mission is YOU; our engaged members. Count yourself among this group.

In these turbulent and uncertain times, it’s nice to know forces for good remain constant in our lives. Let’s all work together to keep Hadassah going strong into the future.
Young Judaea Day Camp: Sprout Brooklyn

Young Judaea Sprout Brooklyn Day Camp, located in Red Hook, is a Hebrew dual-language camp for children entering Pre-K through 4th grade. No previous Hebrew experience is necessary to be part of the Sprout Brooklyn community.

Sprout Brooklyn is a place where children from a wide spectrum of Jewish backgrounds join together to create a joyful, diverse community built on Jewish values, a connection to Israel and the Hebrew language. Sprout Brooklyn provides campers with a deeper connection to Israel, to the Jewish community and to themselves. We offer a unique experience where Hebrew, Jewish values and a love of Israel enhance everything we do. Some of our activities include swimming, sports, cooking, performing arts, visual arts, creative play and the exploration of nature, all interwoven with dynamic experiential Jewish programming and Hebrew.

DIFFERENCE

Sprout Brooklyn, opened in the summer of 2015 in Red Hook and provides a new model of day camping, which includes skill building in the areas of swimming, sports, performing arts, crafts and the exploration of nature all interwoven with dynamic experiential Jewish programming and Hebrew. What distinguishes this camp is our holistic approach to Jewish and Israel education and child development.

Sprout Brooklyn is a special place that caters specifically to young children. Our age appropriate activities help each child achieve their full potential, while teaching them important skills like teamwork and relationship building. Our staff are a mix of college students and professionals who work at Sprout Brooklyn because they want to help make a difference in the lives of young children.

Ready for Camp? If you need additional information please contact us at call us at 917-595-1500.
Annually Hadassah Brooklyn Region recognizes and thanks our generous donors of the Chai Society. How fortunate for us that our three keynote speakers had just returned from a week long experience in Israel, energized and excited. They were most engaging and informative about the ongoing medical progress and newest developments in research and the focus of the 360 degree refurbishing of The Round Building.

October 28, 2018 was a celebration of major milestones that were highlighted on the most recent Hadassah Mission to Israel: From Dream to Innovation: Israel Milestone Mission - *Hadassah Medical Organization @ 100 plus - *Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing @ 100 - *HMO's Department of Ophthalmology @ 100 - as well as *Israel @ 70.

Our first speaker was James (Jim) C. Rotenberg, National President of Hadassah Associates, an organization of over 33,000 men, whose mission is to advance medical research, healing and education in the US, Israel and around the World. Under Jim’s leadership, the Associates’ Men’s Health Initiative is raising funds for Alzheimer’s Disease research at HMO. Jim updated us on breakthroughs using innovative brain mapping techniques - whereby neuropsychiatry specialists have identified a cognitive process that has important implications for understanding the disorientation experienced by Alzheimer’s patients. The Hadassah team was the first in the world to find that neural stem cells have healing qualities that ameliorate harmful inflammation in the brain and protect it from injury and induce natural repair and inhibit inflammatory processes in the brain - which play a role in disorders, one of which is Alzheimer’s.

The following speaker was Carol Rotenberg, the National Co-Chair of Major Gifts Fundraising. On her tour of the hospital she met with many patients who were recuperating from many illnesses. As part of the celebration of 100 years in ophthalmology from ophthalmologists’ first challenge of infectious eye disease, overwhelmingly trachoma in 1912 - research now focuses on the advances in pediatric and neuro-ophthalmology, cataracts, retinal disease, ocular oncology, macular degeneration and so much more. Carol brought to our attention the bold vision for tomorrow - the 360 degree of healing - Full Circle Campaign that is so vitally needed to refurbish the old Round Building. A more modern Department of Ophthalmology will be housed there to continue the ongoing research, discoveries, treatments and cures that impact globally.

To highlight the 100th anniversary of Hadassah’s Nursing School, our final speaker, Rita Lourie-Galena, President of Hadassah New York followed the special nurses track of the Mission. Rita has served as National Co-Chair for the Nurses Council and is an active member of the Nurses Advisory Board. Rita led us through the vital role and impact that nursing has had since the arrival of 2 nurses in 1914. Their task was to bring health and hygiene to a backward population. Today they deliver the most advanced health care in the Middle East. For over a century, Hadassah nurses and nursing students serve during times of war, terror and peace. The Nursing School participates in exchange programs with universities around the world, there is a PhD program, advanced clinical Master’s program, special track for women’s health and in 1960 the School of Nursing began training African and Asian nurses as part of Israel’s aid to developing nations.

The gathering began with a solemn invocation - a day after the senseless killings at a Pittsburgh Synagogue. Gail Hammerman, Hadassah National Secretary, read a letter from Ellen Hershkin, Hadassah National President, expressing condolences and the need for standing strong against anti-semitism. One of the deceased was Daniel Stein, husband of Sharyn Stein, Membership VP of Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh Region.

Despite the initial sadness at the opening, everyone assembled learned so much from the information given by the speakers. Their presentations were engaging and enjoyable. Hearing first hand about the wonderful works that Hadassah is involved with was so gratifying.

In addition, culminating the lovely festivities, we were delighted to announce our newest Chai member: Sharon Richman. Congrats to Marcia Kaplan-Mann on becoming a Golden Keeper. Both women will be pinned at the Region Hanukkah party. In memory of Brenda Rosenbaum, her sister, Sharon Brooks and daughter, Dana Rosenbaum received certificates for the purchase of a wall tile in the refurbished Round Building ready in 2020.

Again...thank you, Adriane and George Adam for being such gracious hosts. The catering and presentation by Presser’s Bakery was impeccable. We hope to see everyone at future functions.

Let us go from strength to strength - good health in 2019!
Park Slope Hadassah and Brooklyn Hadassah
Invite You to Celebrate Our Women’s Seder

**SING**

**DANCE**

**LEARN**

**REMEMBER**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
6 PM

East Midwood Jewish Center
1625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn NY
(Between Avenues K and L)

Contribution $50,
Includes kosher dairy dinner
(Catered by Pressers)

Questions? Email Helene at chanahinda@verizon.net.

We will be holding another of our popular Women's Seders. If you've attended in the past, you don't need to be told how wonderful these Seders are. So, mark your calendar and get ready for an even more wonderful evening. Family and friends, including men are welcome.

Reply by March 20, 2019 to: Sandy Dann, 960 East 16 Street, Brooklyn NY 11230
Please reserve ______ seats at Park Slope Hadassah’s Women’s Seder ($50).
Make check payable to Hadassah. Amount enclosed $_______ Check # __________
Name ____________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________ 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 Dept., 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005.
"The Plot Against America"
by Philip Roth

Led by Sharon Richman
Monday, May 20, 2019  1-3pm

At The Hadassah Brooklyn Conference Room

“When the renowned aviation hero and rabid isolationist Charles A. Lindbergh defeated Franklin Roosevelt by a landslide in the 1940 presidential election, fear invaded every Jewish household in America. Not only had Lindbergh, in a nationwide radio address, publicly blamed the Jews for selfishly pushing America toward a pointless war with Nazi Germany, but upon taking office as the thirty-third president of the United States, he negotiated a cordial “understanding” with Adolf Hitler, whose conquest of Europe and virulent anti-Semitic policies he appeared to accept without difficulty. What then followed in America is the historical setting for this startling new book by Pulitzer Prize–winner Philip Roth, who recounts what it was like for his Newark family — and for a million such families all over the country — during the menacing years of the Lindbergh presidency, when American citizens who happened to be Jews had every reason to expect the worst.” - Amazon

This book is available at the Brooklyn Public Library and book sellers like Amazon in hard copy, audio, and eBook formats.

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

Please PRINT, CUT, and MAIL the below reply slip by Thursday, May 17, 2019 to:
Sandy Dann/WWL - 960 E 16th Street, Brooklyn NY 11230

[ ] Reserve ___ seat(s) for Monday May 20, 2019
[ ] I would also like to contribute $________ to help support the extraordinary work of Hadassah!

$____ enclosed. Check #______. Make your check payable to “Hadassah”
Attendee(s)_________________________ Apt ______ Zip ________
Your Address _____________________________________________ E-mail ____________________________

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To our wonderful

Gail Hammerman

as she begins her new position as

**HADASSAH VICE PRESIDENT!**

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**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

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Led by Susan Lafer, Nurses & Allied Health Professionals Council Co-Chair

October 30 – November 10, 2019

Save up to $965 per person

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Led by Julie Morris, Hadassah Foundation Chair

December 2 – 13, 2019

Save up to $480 per person

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**CELEBRATING HANNUKAH AND OUR B’NAI MITZVAH IN ISRAEL**

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Call Caralie Cole at 800.237.1517, ext. 323 for more info or to register.
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YOUR BENEFITS:
Support Hadassah’s lifesaving mission today. Use the funds to make a new gift to Hadassah, fulfill a pledge, or make your Keeper’s gift. Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD). If you have not already satisfied your RMD, you can satisfy all or part of that requirement and make a gift to Hadassah at the same time. Save on taxes. The funds are not recognized as income for federal income tax purposes. So you can enjoy tax benefits and still support Hadassah, even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Contact Bryce Diamond at 212-303-8107 or bdiamond@hadassah.org for more information about making an IRA charitable rollover gift.

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Kathleen Marcario, TD Bank Vice President proudly presented our first check of $665.99 from “TD Bank’s Affinity Program” 2015.

The gifts just keep on coming. She gave another big check to us at our 2018 Chanukah Party.

Thank you Kathy and TD Bank!

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Become a Brooklyn Chai Society member and commit to our
Onyx level at $360 or Silver level at $536 annually
(over & above any other Hadassah contributions).
Any first time members will receive a beautiful pin reflective of their level of giving.

You can now make payments by Credit Card!!!

- Full Annual Payment
  - $360 or $536
- 12 Monthly Payments
  - $30 or $44.67
- 4 Quarterly Payments
  - $90 or $134
- 2 Semi-Annual Payments
  - $180 or $268

Please Contact Esther at the Region Office (718) 382-6454 for More Information!!

You can also still pay by Check - Payable to HADASSAH
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