Once you make a donation of $99 or more you will receive instructions in your inbox within 72 hours on how to activate your membership and download the platform to your mobile phone, tablet or computer. The 72 hour turnaround time allows Hadassah to verify your donor status so that you are awarded the most dollars available. Your membership is good for 365 days from the day you activate.

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President’s Message

Shalom to Members of Hadassah Greater Miami,

I write this article as I am preparing for the upcoming holiday of Passover where we celebrate leaving Egypt as slaves and becoming a free Nation.

This past January, I came back from Israel where we celebrated my grandson Jacob’s Bar Mitzvah. While in Jerusalem, my husband and I had a phenomenal private tour of the underground Surgical Suites of the new State of the Art, Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower, given by the head O.R. Nurse and toured other areas of the hospital with Barbara Goldstein (BG), Deputy Executive Director of Hadassah, Israel. A few days later, BG gave our family a wonderful presentation and tour of the Hospital and kept both grandchildren as well as the adults mesmerized during her explanation of the Chagall Windows. BG surprised us with a very grateful patient to tell his story. Dvir Musai, a victim of a mine exploding shortly before his Bar Mitzvah, has undergone over 30 operations at Hadassah, and is now in his late 20’s and married.

We save lives. This is what we do.

All of our Chapters, Kulanu B’Yachad, are having important and exciting events in support of Research in Service to Humanity. Please support our Region’s and Chapters’ events and the important work our volunteers are doing! Thank you and Yasher Koach to my Boards and all of our Hadassah volunteers and Donors! Kol Hakavod to the important work you are doing!! Please contact me to join us as a volunteer in the amazing work we are doing!

I plan on going on three Hadassah Missions to Israel this year. Beginning of May I am scheduled to go on a Hadassah Region Presidents Mission to Israel. About 10 days after that is over, I plan to go on Hadassah’s Reunification of Jerusalem Mission which will be especially meaningful to me as I was a student at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1966-67 during which time the 6-Day War broke out.

Come October, the 4 Hadassah Florida Region Presidents will be leading a Mission to Israel—I look forward to seeing you on that Mission. It will be outstanding.

I hope you will join us on the Reunification or Florida Mission or both! Please contact me for more information on the Missions.

Wishing you all a joyous and meaningful Passover!

B’Shalom,

Linda S. Goldstein,

President, Hadassah Greater Miami
Are you seeking a fixed level of annual income, something you can rely upon for your lifetime? Have you considered making a lasting gift to Hadassah but were concerned about how to do so?

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a wonderful gift for you and Hadassah. When you create a charitable gift annuity with Hadassah, you receive dependable, fixed payments for the rest of your life, a portion of which may be free of federal income tax. Additionally, you may be able to claim a current income tax charitable deduction and a reduction in your taxable estate.

Your gift today can help make medical breakthroughs tomorrow

Contact Joanne Wilson, Regional Planned Giving Officer Planned Giving & Estates
For a confidential personal illustration at 1-947-268-3234 or jwilson@hadassah.org

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"Receiving quarterly payments for my lifetime while giving to Hadassah is a real mitzvah and makes financial sense."

Evelyn Perl
Encino, California
Hadassah Annuitant

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O Jerusalem!
50th Reunification Mission
Come Join Us All To Celebrate Hadassah’s Historic Role
May 21 - 26, 2017
Leahy Elton Herkhahn, Hadassah National President

This amazing mission includes...
- Taking part in a special dedication of the hospital on Mt. Scopus
- Celebrating the rededication of Jerusalem with President Israeli Blue House Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu & Israeli President Reuven Rivlin at a New Covenant Ceremony atop Ammunition Hill
- Connecting with Hadassah friends who look past in the silhouettes and see the inclusive new Jerusalem
- Walking with top travel leaders & notables to discuss Jerusalem in the next 50 years
- Greeting together with leaders who make virtual our reality
- Participating in a special prayer at the Western Wall
- Being a part of a Yom Ha’atzmaut in Jerusalem
- Images of the Holy Land from the Jordan River to Jerusalem and all major events per itinerary
- Learn Hebrew and more...

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HADASSAH FLORIDA MISSION: ISRAEL - SEEING IS BELIEVING
October 18 - 31, 2017
Led by Marion Aronheim, Linda Goldstein, Dorrie Kahn & Susan Lefler

This amazing tour includes...
- Meeting with some of the top leaders and speakers throughout
- Visiting the Holy Land complex & all newly found materials relating to the people & events connected to the Holocaust
- In-depth visit to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital
- Unveiling the glorious past of the Temple Mount on a " hassle- free" archaeological dig at Ela Stuken
- Exploring the reemergence city of Safed & participate in a calligraphy workshop
- Interacting with the docs & staff at Hadassah Ein Karem medical center
- Taking an amazing tour of the Holy Land - visit the regional Center & Baron Sacks
- Trips to the Dan Panorama, Jerusalem & Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Tel Aviv
- Visit to Mitzvah - American sensory center with hands on learning
- Eilat Professional Extensions: October 30 - November 3, 2017

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When Stewart Greenberg was diagnosed with stage four melanoma, he thought his life was over. Thanks to the incredible team at Hadassah Medical Organization, Stewart received a 10-month treatment at HMO that gave him a new lease on life. Recently Stewart and his wife, Maggie, stopped by to visit his medical team at HMO. “It was a bashert that I should meet Dr. Michal Lotem,” said Stewart. “Doctors in Florida who pronounced me soon-dead look [at me] and can’t believe that I’m healthy today. Thank you, Hadassah.”

“Today we are seeing a revolution in the treatment of melanoma,” says Prof. Michal Lotem, head of the Hadassah Melanoma and Cancer Immunotherapy Center. “The Hadassah Medical Organization is among the world leaders because we always believed that the immune system can combat cancer.”

The center has developed two vaccine immunotherapies that have helped successfully treat over 200 patients with metastatic melanoma in the past 16 years. Now, the power is in your hands.

Donate today. Save lives tomorrow.

Alzheimer’s Disease in 2017 AND BEYOND

“Alzheimer’s Disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.”

-Alzheimer’s Association

Associates have raised millions of dollars for medical research and patient care, including $2 million in funding for stem cell research at Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel. Dedicated to promoting better health, our Associates have launched a national Men’s Health Initiative to create awareness of health issues affecting men, such as Alzheimer’s Disease, Lung Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease.

Visit hadassah.org/menshealth to join our fellowship of over 33,000 men who support Hadassah’s lifesaving work. Support our practical approach to Zionism—making lives better here, in Israel and around the world.
Reversing the Odds with Technology and Expertise

It could be a young patient with a virulent flu. Or a man having a severe asthma attack. Or a pregnant woman with a complication of pregnancy. Suddenly, their heart or lungs or both are failing and Hadassah’s team of doctors and nurses need to take drastic action or their patients will die.

That drastic step is the use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), also known as extracorporeal life support (ECLS), where external machinery takes over the body’s heart and lung functioning until these can be revived. Until recently, ECMO was used mainly on children but today it is being used with adults who are experiencing cardiac and respiratory failure. ECMO, by removing blood from the person’s body, takes out carbon dioxide and oxygenates the patient’s red blood cells, a job usually done by the lungs.

Avital Zakin, a healthy and active 26-year-old, was pregnant with her first child. The pregnancy had been progressing normally and Avital and her husband were excitedly looking forward to beginning their family. Everything seemed to be going well as she went into labor, but in the midst of her delivery, she experienced placenta abruption (where the placenta or part of it peels away from the uterine wall). Avital began to hemorrhage and, despite an emergency hysterectomy, went into shock. Her systems began shutting down.

Avital was fortunate that with the use of an ECMO system, Hadassah’s multidisciplinary experts, who worked around the clock, were able to save her life. Less than a week later, the new mom was out of danger. She and her beautiful baby girl, Hallel Esther, were going to be fine.

"ECMO is a last resort when the patient’s chances of death are 80 percent," explains Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr. Ehud Rudis, Director of the Surgical Cardiac Insufficiency Unit. "We reverse the odds," he says, reporting an 80 percent success rate with the use of the new ECMO system this year.

Dr. Rudis presented Avital’s case at a recent weekly clinical conference for Hadassah staff and Avital was in the audience to thank the “angels in white” (to use her words). She was accompanied by her one-year-old daughter, Hallel, who was happily crawling around, adding her baby talk to the mix.
Meet Malia. She has multiple sclerosis.

Seven months ago Malia was unable to move her legs.

Today, she is walking.

Malia lives a fuller, more productive life thanks to an innovative adult stem cell treatment protocol that she receives at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO).

Malia is the face of new possibilities happening at HMO. She calls her doctor the Rock Star of Stem Cell Therapies.

365 days a year, every Keeper of the Gate plays a critical role in Hadassah’s lifesaving and life enhancing work.

Today, Keepers of the Gate annual gifts sustain the ongoing work of Hadassah: saving lives every day, connecting young people to Israel and to their Jewish heritage. Jewish continuity and tomorrow’s medical miracles, depend on our continued commitment.

Keepers are a part of a vast group of women and men across the country who proudly wear the David’s Harp pin* and recognize the positive impact of what an annual gift means to the work of Hadassah.

BE A KEEPER!

Keepers of the Gate is an annual gift program. For only $2.33 a day (less than a cup of coffee), donors of this program save lives, ensure Jewish continuity, tomorrow’s medical miracles and provide a bright future for children-at-risk.

“Oh, Gates, lift up your heads with the stringed harp playing sweetly with the sounds of joy
Blessed is she that considereth the needy.”

Psalms of David

Call 305-576-4447 to become a Keeper of the Gate.

For information on our innovative Multiple Sclerosis research, visit:

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Hadassah Greater Miami is purchasing a bench in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower!

Located in the Atrium and the magnificent Welcome Garden in the Tower at the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, the bench will offer rest and respite for patients and visitors.

The cost of the bench is $18,000. Each Chapter in Greater Miami Region has set a goal to raise funds for their portion of the bench.

Please donate as generously as you can to help your Chapter reach its goal!

See the attached envelope to donate.
Hadassah Happenings

Simcha Chapter had an outstanding Luncheon featuring Chef Michelle Bernstein showcasing National Hadassah’s new Heart Health initiative, Every Bite Counts, plus began a very informative and interesting lecture series.

The Galim Chapter had a Mother/Daughter Book Review jointly sponsored by the Miami Beach JCC and Hadassah Greater Miami.
Dr. Judith Berson Levinson, VP of our PRAZE Division started a Hadassah Advocacy group and brought groups to visit the Offices of Marco Rubio and Senator Bill Nelson and promoted Gender Equity in Medical Research, Anti BDS, Act against anti-Semitism, Equal pay and Human Trafficking Awareness. Please contact Judi for more information on how you can advocate at jsberson@me.com.

The Miami-Dade County Commission presented Hadassah leaders Lori Heiken, Director and Adrian Fischer, along with JCRC Chair Shelley Niceley Groff, and Human Trafficking Task Force Chair Nancy Zaretsky with a proclamation declaring January 27, Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Human Trafficking Awareness Events at Bloomingdale’s in South Miami and Aventura.

Barbara Goldstein (BG) flew in from Israel and spoke at our Region’s beautiful Keepers of the Gate Event held at the Law Offices of Alan Kluger. Alan was very gracious and generously hosted the evening with delicious hors d’oeuvres, and then was our Docent while we toured his magnificent art collection.
Hadassah Happenings

Hadassah Greater Miami was very fortunate to host a series of events with Dr. Yoram Weiss, Medical Director of Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem including a Parlor Meeting hosted by Susan and Raphael Weizman. Raffi spoke emotionally about his connection to Hadassah’s Youth Aliyah Village, Meir Shefeyah and Dr. Weiss spoke eloquently emphasizing Hadassah’s importance to Jerusalem and its cutting edge research.

Our installation of Region Executive Officers was a great success! Congratulations to them and to all of our Chapters on their awards.
INFORMATION NEEDED!!!
Please Help Us Keep Your Records Up-to-Date

Please make sure we have your current email address and cellphone number! More and more of our Hadassah information is being sent via email. We want to keep you in the loop!

Please send us address corrections for those who were made Life Members as children and are no longer living at home, so that they will receive the Hadassah Magazine and other information.

Contact us at 305-576-4447 or greatermiami@hadassah.org

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Now is your chance to bid to win an original bra designed by world-renowned artist Romero Britto

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