



# Houston Chapter of Hadassah

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## MIRACLES ALL AROUND US BIG/MAJOR GIFTS EVENT



Houston Chapter of Hadassah invites members to attend the Major Gift Hanukkah party, "Miracles All Around Us" on Thursday, December 7, at 6:30 pm at the Czech Center Museum, 4920 San Jacinto at Wichita. As featured speakers for the event, the Weismarks will recount how Hadassah Hospital provided miracles for them. It was "beyond expectations from anybody," according to Ilana.

Ilana Weismark needed a miracle. She was coding and clinically dead for several minutes during delivery of her first child, but the hospital staff wouldn't give up. They saved her baby, and now they were determined to help the young mother survive. Luckily, Weismark was at Jerusalem's Ein Kerem Hadassah Hospital, whose first-rate medical staff performed emergency surgery on her, put her in a medically induced coma for two days, and saved her life.

The party includes a kosher-style buffet dinner, including delicious latkes, catered by Jenny Tavor. Valet parking will be provided. Couvert for the "Miracles All Around Us" event is \$72 after a minimum donation of \$500. To register please send a check to the Hadassah office, 24 Braeswood Square, Houston, 77096. Make checks payable to Houston Hadassah, and write "Major Gift Event" on the envelope and on the check's memo line. Alternatively, register online at <http://hadassah.org/events/biggiftsevent>. Your attendance will help Hadassah Hospitals bring light to future generations.

*Save the Date*  
*Houston Chapter Installation*  
*January 28, 2:00 - 4:00 pm*



Please plan to join us for "High Tea" as our Houston Chapter Executive board is installed. Our speaker will be Barbara Bronstein, the founder of "Second Servings." The event will be at the home of Ken and Mady Kades and will be catered by Martine Levine. For more information about the event contact the Houston Hadassah office, 713-661-1022.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Sandra Smith

It's November! And the return to Standard Time, which reminds me about turning points in time when your world and everyone else's spins off in a new direction. For instance: the day you met/married your spouse, the day your child was born, September 11, 2001 when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked. I can remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I heard President Kennedy had been shot on November 22, 1963. Americans remember their special turning points in time – July 4, 1776, November 11, 1919 at 11:11 am, December 7, 1941. Jews should remember Kristallnacht on November 9-10, 1938. But all Jews, all Hadassah members especially, should always remember one pivotal date 70 years ago.

On November 29, 1947, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 181 calling for Partition of the British-ruled mandate of Palestine into the Jewish State and the Arab State. Passage of the resolution was by no means a foregone conclusion. Perhaps you, your parents or your grandparents listened to the radio and kept score as the member countries were polled one by one from Afghanistan to Venezuela. The 33 countries that cast a "Yes" vote were: Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussia, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Ukraine, Union of South Africa, USSR, USA, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Ten Muslim countries plus Greece, predictably voted "No": Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen. An additional 10 abstained: Argentina, Chile, China, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Honduras, Mexico, United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia.

We are all aware that the vote to pass Resolution 181 had by no means settled the matter peacefully or conclusively. The State of Israel had to fight for its existence because her Arab neighbors refused to accept the UN's decision. What does this have to do with the Houston Chapter of Hadassah? Everything! We established the healthcare system of Israel when it was still part of the Ottoman Empire, nurtured its clinics, hospitals, and youth rescue villages through the British Mandate and saw to it that the modern State of Israel would be born with necessary infrastructure. Hadassah was prepared for November 29, 1947.

With the change back to Standard Time and the beginning of all our Fall and Winter holidays, we are reminded to check our calendars for upcoming events. Houston Chapter of Hadassah has a full calendar starting with our Big/Major Gifts Hanukkah Party December 7 at the Czech Center. Then on January 14 we will have The Big Reveal for Breast Strokes, Hadassah Bares All for A.R.T. (awareness, research, treatment) that we'd postponed because of Harvey. Plan to attend with all your best friends and significant other to see the art, enjoy the music and food, and support Hadassah's medical research and treatment. Mark your calendar for January 28 and plan to join us for High Tea and our Chapter Installation.

As you set your clocks back Sunday night, November 5, I ask you to think about that pivotal moment in time on November 29, 1947 when it all began for the State of Israel. That turning point in the fate of the Jewish people of the world separated all that came before from all the glorious future that lay ahead. I ask you to continue your efforts for Hadassah and Israel. Let's keep them both moving forward *b'yachad*, together.

These past few months have been challenging for all of Houston but we are cleaning up and rebuilding. As we all gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for the resilience of Houston and the Jewish community. I pray that we never go through something like Harvey again and know it will go on my "mental calendar" as a time I will never forget. What I hope to recall the most, though will not be the flood

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## GROUP MEETINGS

**Chagall** -- Thurs., Nov. 9 at 5:00 pm at the ERJCC Book Fair. We will see the film "High Noon," followed by a meeting and author presentation by Glenn Frankel at 7:30 pm. RSVP to 713-851-3269.

**Anne Frank** - Wed. Nov. 15 at 10:30 am at Sharon Maloney's, 11915 Louvre Ct. Karen Katz Feldman, Board Certified in Immigration & Nationality Law will discuss "Current Immigration System-Fact and Fiction". Lunch hosted by AF "chefs". RSVP by 11-10 to Paulette, 713-827-7227 or [plevine300@aol.com](mailto:plevine300@aol.com).

**Kinneret** - Sun., Nov. 19 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real. Annual Hanukah Bazaar. RSVP to Karen, 413-834-.2020.

**Mazel** - Mon., Nov. 13 at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Bagel Express 4670 TX-6. Please bring \$1 to help pay for the Rabbi's lunch.



### CHARITABLE SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. 40 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005. Telephone number 212-355-7900. A copy of Hadassah's latest Financial Report is available by writing to the Hadassah Finance Dept., 40 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005. Registration does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, approval or sanction by any state/county.

## HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Hadassah, you join with of thousands of women worldwide who have connected not only to Israel in practical ways, but have also connected here in America to advocate for social change. The Houston Chapter has 15 groups in the greater Houston area stretching north from the Woodland area all the way south to Clearlake and Friendswood. We have day and night groups, weekend groups and groups of varying ages and interests. To find the perfect group for you, go to [www.houstonhadassah.org](http://www.houstonhadassah.org).

"Make an Impact" and continue the work Hadassah has been doing for over 100 years. To become a Life Member, send a check made out to Hadassah for \$250 to Hadassah, 24 Braeswood Square, 77096. Annual membership is \$36.

Project Connect Locally - if you are a member of Hadassah in Houston but affiliated with a chapter or group elsewhere, Hadassah encourages you to transfer your membership to one of the 15 Houston groups. You can connect locally and enjoy interesting programs, exciting activities or just meet other individuals who share similar values and interests.

For more information about membership and about our groups, contact Membership VP Rose Marie Wagman at [rosemariewagman@gmail.com](mailto:rosemariewagman@gmail.com).

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## 2018 PROPOSED SLATES

### AVIV

**President** - Michelle Mondry  
**Membership VP** - Joanie Spalter  
**Fundraising VP** - Adele Robins  
**Education VP** - Esther Friedman  
**Recording Secretary** - Janessa Welch  
**Treasurer** - Elizabeth Leass

### ANNIE LEFF

**President** - Debbie Gersh  
**Programming VP** - Susan Whitman & Michele Chimene  
**Education VP** - Sara Ellen Kaiser  
**Hospitality VP** - Linda Atzil  
**Corresponding Secretary/Publicity** - Annette Botas-Rock

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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itself, but the all the many "helpers" for they showed me the true kindness of people. I am truly thankful for them.

No matter where you are this year, I wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving surrounded by your family, your friends and delicious food.

## SCENE AT ...



MARC  
CHAGALL  
GROUP  
(LEFT)



ANNIE LEFF  
GROUP  
(RIGHT &  
ABOVE)



### "THE BIG REVEAL" HONORING "THE FAB FIVE" AND DR. JENNY CHANG

Plan to join us for our fundraising event "The Big Reveal" on Sunday, January 14 at The Citadel, 12130 Kirby Dr. from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.



There will be an auction, open bar, hor d'oeuvres and live music from Backspace. Attendees can purchase the canvases created at Paint Day, enjoy great food, cocktails and live music. There will also be a fine art auction filled with one of a kind original art.

Invitations will be mailed soon. For more information or to become a sponsor or art donor, contact the Chapter office, 713-661-1022. The event chairs, Allison Levine and Melissa Poteet can also be contacted at [houstonbreaststrokes@gmail.com](mailto:houstonbreaststrokes@gmail.com).

### ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS

Let Lazarus Hadassah order your mahj card for you!



The cost to you is the same -\$8 for a standard card and \$9 for a large card (no sales tax.) You will receive your card in early April 2018 (before they are available in stores) at your home. For each card we order, the National Mah Jongg League will donate \$2 to Hadassah.

Send your check, payable to Cheryl Zane, to 1817 McDuffie St., Houston, 77019 by December 30. If you have questions, please email Cheryl at [czane@houstonballet.org](mailto:czane@houstonballet.org) or call 713/535-3250.



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