Stem Cell Walk

Sunday, May 15th
Temple Israel
108 Old Mill Road
Great Neck

To raise awareness of stem cell research & Technology at Hadassah Medical Center (HMO)
To provide cures for degenerative & deadly diseases
(see more details on p. 5)

Health Expo 2016
(details on p. 3)
Spotlight

Dear Tobay Members,

Spring has arrived, everything has begun to flower and Tobay has been blooming with activities and programs.

A big Todah Rabah (thank you) to our fundraising committee for planning the terrific Paint Night. It was amazing to see how each member created her own version of the Tree of Life. Each painting was unique, expressing the inner character of its creator.

Kol ha Kavod (kudos) to our Education and Program Committee for organizing our first Jewish Trivia Night. Thanks to Barbara Kalish, who spearheaded the activity and ran it so seamlessly. All those who participated left with a lot of new information about Jewish and Israeli topics. The trivia mavens took lovely winner’s baskets home and everyone had a chance to win one of many beautifully wrapped raffle prizes.

Lisa Hadar graciously hosted our New Member Tea planned by our Membership Committee. It was so gratifying to meet the many new faces of our Tobay Chapter and each new member expressed her excitement to continue the work that we do.

Our members were invited to our executive board meeting to learn how to register on line for the annual Stem Cell Walk. We were given easy instructions to navigate the web site to set up our bigger fundraisers of the year, and we really need every one of our members to help out in some way. Walk, ask family and friends to be supportive, get sponsors in the community or hand out bottled water during the event. Every bit counts. As you know, stem cell research is making great inroads toward treating, remediating and curing many debilitating and degenerative diseases, such as age-related macular degeneration, heart disease, ALS, Alzheimer’s, Muscular Dystrophy and spinal cord injuries. Hadassah Medical Organization is a leader in the world in this field. We all know a person, friend or family member who might benefit from this cutting-edge research. Please note the article on page 5 for information on how you can be of help.

B’Shalom,
Linda Hillel and Rachell Berkowitz
Co-Presidents

Visit Tobay on the web at hadassah.org/tobay

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Tobay & Mid-Island YJCC Health Expo 2016

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th
7:00 pm
Mid-Island YJCC
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Looking Forward to our 2016 Pool Party
Thursday, July 21st 12:00 pm
Sheila Taylor’s beautiful home & pool
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(Rain Date Friday, July 22nd)
Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) and Hebrew University Students Invent Device to Save Stabbing Victims

At a time when stabbings are rampant throughout Israel and many victims are experiencing life-threatening chest trauma, the BioDesign:Medical innovation team of the HMO and Hebrew University have invented a device that shortens the time it takes to insert a life-saving chest tube from about 15 minutes to less than 30 seconds.

It is important to insert a chest tube into the patient very quickly because chest trauma often leads to potentially fatal pneumothorax, a situation where air accumulates in the space separating the lungs from the chest wall, causing the lung to collapse and the possibility of suffocation. This situation is believed to be the cause of over a third of preventable deaths following terror attacks and battlefield injuries.

Currently this is a two-step procedure: first the thorax (where the lungs and other vital organs are located) must be decompressed, then the tissue must be separated to insert the chest tube which will drain the air and blood, allowing the lung to re-inflate. Dr. Ariel Drori, an internal medicine expert at HMO, says this is a very labor intensive and difficult procedure which leads many caregivers to skip the second procedure in favor of evacuating the patient to the hospital.

Dr. Drori partnered with engineering students at Hebrew U’s Alexander Grass Center for Bioengineering, an HMO pulmonologist and a Hebrew University business graduate student. They addressed this challenge by developing the ThoraXS, a single-step rapid life-saving solution. Its closed-knife shape allows the physician to penetrate the space between the lungs and the chest wall and its mechanical opening mechanism enables the physician to open a point of entry with one hand and quickly insert a chest tube with the other.

“Our students responded to terror attacks by developing lifesaving medical devices, an approach that is the very essence of our BioDesign: Medical Innovation program,” says Prof. Yaakov Nahmias, Director of the Grass Center.

Louise Mund, HMO VP

Visit Tobay at our new website: hadassah.org/tobay

Bring family & friends for a fun evening!

B I N G O
Thursday, June 23rd
7:00 pm
Mid Island Y/JCC
45 Manetto Hill Rd.
Plainview, NY

$36 includes
4 Bingo cards
& Dinner
(Italian Buffet, Coffee, Soda & Dessert)

Proceeds will help furnish a room at the
Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower of HMO @ Ein Kerem Jerusalem

Please fill out the form below made out to Tobay Hadassah and send to
Marcy Alper, 150 Parkway Drive,
Plainview 11803 ~ 433-5682

Name___________________________
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Email____________________

No. in Party___________

Please send by June 17th

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Hi There!

Once again, Tobay Chapter and Nassau Region of Hadassah are raising funds for stem cell research. The Annual Stem Cell Walk takes place this year on May 15th in Great Neck. We've all lost family and friends to diseases such as Cancer, Alzheimer's, and Traumatic Brain Injury. I hope this walk will help raise awareness to the awesome potential of stem cell research and technology in finding cures for these degenerative and deadly diseases. Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem is making amazing advances in stem cell research. Our support and donations to Hadassah Medical Organization bring us closer to cures!

I hope you will show your support by contributing in any way you can. It is faster and easier than ever to support Hadassah by making your tax deductible donation online at

hadassah.org/events/nassauwalks

Or you can send me a check (made out to "Hadassah"), or you can walk with our Tobay Chapter, or cheer people along the route, or whatever! Thank you for any and all donations. Let your friends and family know about this worthy cause...maybe they can help, too!

Sincerely, Marcy

Marcy Alper, Fundraising Co-VP
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IZAIA

Esther Eisenberg

On the Golan Heights, Israel braces for consequences from Syria civil war

ALONEI HABASHAN, Israel (JTA) — A fence made of chain links and rusted barbed wire once was enough to separate the Golan Heights from Syria. That’s no longer the case.

A few feet away from what one area resident called a “cattle fence” — one easy to jump if not for the electric current running through it — a newer barrier of crisscrossing shiny steel bars towers high above the heads of nearby soldiers.

As Syria’s civil war escalates next door, Israelis have grown concerned that spillover could undermine the sense of security that Golan residents have enjoyed since the end of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

“The chaos presents a situation in Syria where there’s no rule, and a lot of entities can enter that can put us in danger because they have no national or diplomatic responsibility,” said Ori Kalner, deputy head of the Golan Regional Council.

Heightened security awareness is a new feeling for residents of the Golan, the mountainous region in Israel’s northeast corner captured from Syria in 1967’s Six-Day War. The Bible mentions it as a place of refuge, and for many Israelis it is exactly that. Two hours from the country’s congested center, filled with national parks and bed-and-breakfasts, the Golan has remained immune from the terrorists and missiles that have bombarded Israel in recent decades.

But the sense of sanctuary is eroding. Mortar shells and gunfire from the Syrian civil war began spilling into the Golan in November. Israel returned fire — the first cross-border conflict on the Golan since 1973. One shell landed in a backyard in this agricultural village 500 yards from the border.

In January, Israel announced construction of the new fence to prevent Syrians from infiltrating the border. Last week, seven Syrians crossed into Israel to seek medical attention; they are hospitalized in the northern Israeli city of Safed.

Residents have tried to ignore their neighbors’ conflict, but they say it’s becoming more difficult. Some worry that if rebels succeed in toppling the regime of President Bashar Assad, Islamist groups will exploit the opportunity to attack Israel, as terrorists did following Israel’s withdrawal from Gaza in 2005.

“They’ll turn this into another Gaza,” said Yaron Dekel, a resident of Aloney Habashan. “I don’t think what’s happening here is different from what’s happening in the rest of Israel.”

Like many Golan towns, the 56-family Aloney Habashan is tightly knit. Residents are used to leaving their doors unlocked and the town’s entrance gate open, Dekel said, though they have become more cautious lately as the threat of Syrians crossing the border has risen.

“If you live in Tel Aviv, you lock your door,” Dekel said. “Here no one does, but now they tell us to. People used to leave the door open for a month.”

One silver lining to the Syrian threat, both residents and officials say, is that Israel will likely hold on to the Golan for the coming years. Israel annexed the region in 1981 and its return has been a subject of peace negotiations with Syria in the past. Given the Assad regime’s instability, the prospects of a deal that would lead to the Golan returning to Syrian control is more unlikely than ever.

Dekel called Syrian peace negotiations “a thing of the past.” He said that while the Syrian unrest has awakened residents to their own vulnerability, it has also brought the Golan’s strategic advantages into sharp relief.

“This is the Middle East,” he said. “Whoever lives here should live on the heights, and be able to see everything.”

This article was adapted from an online column by Ben Sales of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.
ISRAEL STUDY GROUP

Our first session of the newly created study group met at Ruth Meador’s home. All attendees were excited to dive into learning more about Israel’s history and development, its politics and economy, its strategic importance and our relationship with the land and people.

We began by discussing the many different names we have had for our homeland: Eretz Yisrael, the State of Israel, the Holy Land, Palestine, Judea, Zion, Canaan, the Promised Land, and HaAretz (literally “The Land”). We learned of how the Romans renamed Judea Palestine after destroying Jerusalem and evicting most of the Judeans (Jews) in their attempt to erase from history any reference to Jews and Judeans. Our connection to the Land of Israel dates back almost 4,000 years to the time of Abraham. Although we did not have self-rule for part of that time, Jews have maintained a presence there since the Exodus.

We reviewed the history of Zionism, which gained momentum in the 1890’s with the Dreyfus Affair in France. This anti-Semitic trial led Theodor Herzl to jumpstart the Zionist Movement and work toward re-establishing a homeland for Jews. We reviewed the milestones of the 20th Century—World War I, the Balfour Declaration, the discovery of oil in the Middle East, World War II, the Holocaust—all leading up to the creation of the State of Israel.

We reviewed the economics and lack of natural resources in the Middle East. These factors have led to tribalism, autocracies and theocracies which control those limited resources of water and arable land to this day.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, May 6th at 1:00 pm at Ruth’s home. Thank you, Ruthie, for offering to host, once again!

If you are interested in learning with us, please call Ruth at 516 921-3013 to RSVP. All are welcome! No prior knowledge is required. Just the desire to learn more.

Linda Hillel

AIPAC CONFERENCE 2016

From March 19th to March 22nd, AIPAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee) held its annual policy conference in Washington DC.

For over 60 years, AIPAC has been working to make sure the relationship between Israel and the US remains firm and strong. AIPAC is a non-partisan organization that works with all members of Congress regardless of their party.

This year was the largest conference in AIPAC’s history. Over 18,000 delegates attended, of which 4,000 were student activists. The conference had many facets. First it highlighted all the wonderful accomplishments (some may say miracles) of the young state of Israel, from its groundbreaking technology in the field of water conservation to their amazing work in the field of medical research among so many other achievements.

The conference provided an opportunity to hear from many speakers about their positions on Israel. All the Republican candidates as well as Hillary Clinton spoke. The only candidate who did not attend was Bernie Sanders. Other American speakers included Vice President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan. Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke via Skype, and Ron Dermer—the current Israeli ambassador to the US—gave an excellent speech. On the third day of the conference all the delegates went to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives and senators to ensure their support for Israel on the three following topics:

1. Response to Iran’s regional aggression
2. Support for direct negotiations, not imposed solutions, to the Israel/Palestinian question
3. Support for continued security assistance to Israel

The conference was an excellent way to show how the Israel-US relationship is vital for both countries. Everyone at the conference felt tremendous pride and love for the Jewish state and was more determined than ever to make sure this relationship continues to remain strong and secure.

Rachell Berkowitz, Tobay Co-President

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For mailing-list questions, please call:

Robert Schechter ~ 367-4518
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See at right for the conference schedule

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Name ________________________________________ Chapter/Group__________________________
Position ___________________ Telephone # _____________ email_________________________

___FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PACKAGE - $240 - includes Banquet, breakfast & Delegates lunch, double occupancy hotel room, admission to all daytime sessions and Conference bag and all materials.
If you are registering for a Full Package, please complete the following:
My roommate will be ______________________________________________________
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___CONFERENCE SESSIONS REGISTRATION - $18- includes admission to all daytime sessions on Wednesday.

CHECK OFF EACH MEAL YOU WILL ATTEND AND YOUR MENU CHOICE:
(Note: Registration for a meal does not entitle admission to any sessions. Register for sessions above.)

TUESDAY, MAY 24
_____ Reception and Banquet (6:00 pm) at $78
I would prefer:
_____ Salmon glazed with Ginger, Soy & Maple with Horseradish Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans
_____ Radiatore Pasta with Roasted Eggplant, Fresh Mozzarella & Marinara Sauce

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
_____ Delegates Lunch (12:30 pm) Salad Sampler at $36

EVENING EXTENSION $50
6:00 pm Mediterranean Dinner Buffet, Program and Materials

Glatt Kosher meals available upon request for an additional cost of $10 per meal.
_____ I require a kosher meal for the Banquet at $88
_____ I require a kosher meal for the Delegates Lunch at $46

NO MEAL SUBSTITUTIONS will be made unless checked here ___ and explained on back.

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** PLEASE be advised that AFTER THURSDAY, MAY 19 there will be NO REFUNDS**

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DEADLINE for RESERVATIONS: MAY 11
**Region Conference Tentative Schedule**

**Tuesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**Tuesday**

6pm- Reception  
7pm- Banquet- Keynote speaker Ellen Hershkin, President of National Hadassah  
Post-Banquet- “Suite Dreams” with Tracey in the Region Suite, led by Aileen Bormel, National Conference Advisor

**Wednesday**

(Breakfast for hotel guests)  
8:30am- Registration  
9:30am- Welcome session- Tracey Drayer, Hadassah Nassau President  
10:00am- “The Field of Dreams” - Medical Miracles at HMO with Liliana Alvarez, former HMO patient and HMO physician  
11:15am- “The Reality of Our Dreams” (project session)- Featuring Aileen Bormel & our Past Region Presidents; Awards Ceremony to Follow  
12:30pm- “Savory Dreams“ - Lunch and shopping time  
1:30pm- “Dreams of Tomorrow”- Judaism & Volunteerism in the 21st Century  
Panel Discussion with Rabbi Dahlia Bernstein of Bellmore Jewish Center and Rabbi Ben Herman of Jericho Jewish Center  
2:30pm- “Follow Your Dreams“ - Hands-on Leadership and Self Awareness Session  
3:30pm - “Treats with Tracey“ - Time to shop and schmooze with your Hadassah Nassau friends  
6:00 - 9:00pm EVENING EXTENSION “The Dream Continues” - Healthy Mediterranean Buffet Dinner with: Speakers from our National Advocacy Department, A Recap of the Day by Tracey Drayer, and “Scourge of the Screen” – Reality vs Virtual Reality – featuring Susan Antelis, MPS, LMHC, BCN and Benjamin Gross, Director of Educational Technology, Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns & Rockaway (HAFTR)
**Simcha Cake**

Happy Birthday to my grandson, Ryan, 7 years old - Diane Hershkowitz

I’m kvelling about my soon-to-be two college grads: Benji (BA, Boston University) and Elan (Masters, NYU) - Lisa Hadar

Happy Wedding Anniversary to my son and daughter and grandson - Rachell Berkowitz

Happy Birthday to my wonderful daughter Rhonda - Sheila Taylor

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**Condolences**

To Eileen Medwed-Brooks, on the passing of her father

To Shirley Cooperman, on the passing of her husband Robert

To the family of Tobay member Gloria Goldblatt, who passed away during the Passover holiday

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**Arrivals**

New member Karina Herman and husband Rabbi Ben Herman (of Jericho Jewish Center) just welcomed their newborn daughter, Ariella Shira

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**Keepers of the Gate**

Kol Hakavod to our two newest Keepers:

**Gail Heppen and Rachell Berkowitz**

Keepers support health care, research and health education in Israel by building new and better facilities in our Jewish homeland. For the sum of $83.00 per month, you too may have this honor and the opportunity to champion our cause!

To get started, call **Judy Altman** at 921-3155.
Calendar/Journal

2016/2017

Just Around the Corner!

Our biggest fundraiser is underway and we look forward to your generous support.

If you’ve participated in the past, you should have received your listing sheets in the mail.

If you want to participate for the first time, you can get listing sheets at our website www.hadassah.org/tobay or contact Karen Akavan at 516 349-1099.

Prices are the same this year. If you want to further help us offset rising production costs, here are some simple things you can do:

♦ Round your check up. If you spend $46, write the check for $50.

♦ Add one more listing. Give a new Nachas, a new Kvell or honor one of our dearly departed with a Memorial Box or Personal Ad in their memory.

♦ Increase your participation by 10% with something new.

♦ Get just one business or professional listing from your doctor, dentist, hairdresser or favorite restaurant.

♦ Ask just one friend to place an ad or listing or ask them to make a $20 donation to Tobay Hadassah and get a free Calendar.

Every year is important for Hadassah. Please take at least one extra step to help make this our BEST CALENDAR/JOURNAL ever!

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MEMBERSHIP

We had a very successful Membership Tea hosted by Lisa Hadar at her beautiful home. Fourteen new members attended and shared ideas and stories about their tchotchkes that they brought.

It turned out that two of them attended each other’s weddings twenty-five years ago, and one new member came from the same Polish village as our own Rosa Gitlitz. Everyone seemed to have a great time and commented on what a nice group we are, which is, of course, the truth! A big thank you to Lisa for her hospitality and being a wonderful hostess.

Please welcome our newest members when you see them at our next meeting:

Sharon Adelstein  Helene Schillan
Elda Doneson  Phyllis Siegelwax
Carol McCauley  Jill Singer
Ellen Mottel  Carol Slotkin
Ilene Reif  Rita Topol
Roni Rihn  Fredda Weinberg
Helen Rock

And remember, any annual member wishing to become a Life Member can do so for only $180 this year!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Marcia November, Linda Klayman,
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Celebrate Israel Concert  
at Eisenhower Park  
7 pm, Sunday, June 26, 2016  
Harry Chapin Lakeside Theater  
Parking Fields 6 and 6A  
Featuring a performance by  
Dudu Fisher
Mickey Marcus, Israeli Independence Hero

Did you know that in 1948 Colonel David (Mickey) Marcus was appointed the first Israeli general in over 2000 years? Here is the story of this very courageous soldier who helped the newborn state of Israel in their time of need during the War of Independence.

Mickey Marcus was a West Point graduate, the Commissioner of Corrections for New York City, an accomplished lawyer and a municipal judge at age 34, the youngest judge on the New York bench. In World War II he returned to active service where he held many important positions. In 1942 he was appointed commandant of the army’s new ranger school. He parachuted into Normandy as part of the D-Day airborne assault. He served as an advisor to President Roosevelt at the Yalta Conference and he headed the army’s War Crimes Division setting up the Nuremberg Trials.

In 1948 Prime Minister Ben-Gurion realized that a professional soldier was needed to organize and train the new Israeli Defense Force. He asked Colonel Marcus to come to Israel to do that job. Marcus prepared the first training manual for the new IDF. He was instrumental in creating the Burma Road, the road that enabled Israeli soldiers to provide food and water to the besieged Jewish part of Jerusalem. Without this road the Jews of Jerusalem would not have been able to survive till the cease fire went into effect.

Unfortunately the next part of Colonel Marcus’ story is very sad. One night he decided to leave the camp for a walk. He did not know Hebrew and when the sentry asked him to stop and to give the password Marcus did not understand what was asked and the sentry, fearing he was the enemy, killed him.

His body was returned to the United States and Moshe Dayan accompanied his casket to West Point. He is the ONLY West Point graduate buried at the West Point Cemetery who died fighting for a foreign country!

In the telegram informing Marcus’ wife Emma of his untimely death David Ben-Gurion wrote in part: "His name will live forever in the annals of the Jewish people, and we feel confident that American Jewry will be proud of its great and gallant son."

Every year Mahal, the volunteers from the US, Canada, England, South Africa and France who came to fight in 1948, hold a ceremony at the chapel at West Point to honor Colonel Marcus and all the other volunteers who gave their lives fighting for the new State of Israel.

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