From the Editor

I am over the moon delighted to announce a full Slate of Officers proposed for 2020 with many new faces and a constellation of daytime and evening programs and events. We’ll have FUNdraising, more Outreach, celebrations of Zionism, and Jewish pride.

FUNDRAISING
GIFTWRAP WRAPUP

On the last day of giftwrap our fundraiser’s extraordinary success ended with 5 ladies leaping, 5 men all hauling boxes, wrap, ribbons and bows for our new storage home in Old Bridge. Chair Fran Katz wants to thank the giftwrap committee and all who volunteered for Giftwrap and gave so generously of their time. A special thanks to Andrew Cerame of Don’t Throw it Away, for his time and truck transport, Dori Saypol of Total Party for the beautiful balloon decorations at our booth, and Sandy Lanman for her wide-spread, great publicity.

Fran flew over every obstacle thrown at her including managing storage exit, relocations, set up, and breakdown. Thank you, Fran. You can now settle your brains for a long winters nap (until you rise again for Valentine’s Day giftwrap)! Happy New Year to all!
Jan. 14
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)
1 – 4 PM

Jan. 21
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

Jan. 23
Lunch Bunch
The Rice Factory
(snow date January 30)

Jan. 28
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)
1 – 4 PM

DON’T MISS OUR ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Always the highlight of the year, our annual Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday evening, February 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Relax, the dress is no ties no jeans.

You’ll be with the nicest people and begin with hors d’oeuvres at the home of Sharon and Robert Lipson at 8 Stagecoach Run in East Brunswick.

Next, you’ll enjoy a lovely intimate dinner at the warm and welcoming home of your East Brunswick host family.

Complete the evening as we come back together for coffee and dessert at the home of Shelly and Steve Talmud on 5 Patriot Court in East Brunswick.

Couvert is $118 per couple or $59 per person. Please RSVP by January 31st or call Liz Salston 732-718-6311. Vegetarian options can be provided. Please mail your response and check payable to "Hadassah" to Lori Noah, 6 Jamison Court, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

All proceeds will benefit the extraordinary works of Hadassah. See attached flyer.
Feb. 4
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

Feb. 6
Book Club 1 PM
Kaddish.com by Nathan Englander
EAST
BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Feb. 11
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)
1 – 4 PM

Feb. 12
Tu B’Shevat Seder
And Installation of Officers
17 Peach Orchard Drive
7:30 PM

LUNCH BUNCH
Don’t miss another fun get together at
The Rice Factory
at 12:30 pm
January 23rd (snow date Jan. 30)
Separate checks (Cash only)
****PLEASE RSVP to any committee member
A two-dollar donation to benefit Hadassah will be collected.
Ida Cohen idee1214@aol.com 732 887 8222(c)
Miriam Kane miriam.kane@milchman.us
  732 254 9120(h)
Ilene Ralsky siws53@gmail.com 732 536 5556(H)
 (732)995 8885 Cell
Carole Yablonowitz yablonowitz@aol.com
  609) 642- 8252 H

Hadassah Cards and Certificates For all occasions

Michele 732- 254-5638 or Linda 732-257-7915

To plant a tree in Israel, call Cindy 732-257-1018.

To order mah jongg cards at $8 for standard or $9
for large, please mail checks made out to Hadassah
to Marsha Loeb, 6 Sussex Rd., E. Brunswick 08816 by
the DEADLINE JANUARY 31st.
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**PLEDGE LETTER & MATCHING GIFTS**

It’s not too late to send in your check for Pledge. Hadassah’s original hospital building in Ein Kerem, known as the Round Building, is in dire need of modernizing. Money raised will support the renovation of the Round Building. All checks can be made out to Hadassah and mailed to our treasurer, Elise Merkel at 32 Peach Orchard Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

Be aware of companies that match gifts. This is a great way raise funds for Hadassah. Just follow the link below.


**Treasurer’s Report**

Our chapter goal was $45,000 and 360-degree goal $1800. We are waiting for the final end of year results from National. Due to new accounting practices all checks must be made out to ‘Hadassah’ ONLY.
**PROGRAMS**

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Our first activity is on **Monday, March 23 (snow date is the 30th)** at Temple B’nai Shalom. We will be running interactive team games with lots of prizes. Bring your own board games, cards, etc. to continue the fun! Come hungry, as refreshments will be served!! More details will be announced after the New Year. **CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

Knit & Nosh a Tightly Knit & Welcoming Group

All Hadassah members! We want you! We are a warm and welcoming group that meets every other Tuesday from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM at EB Barnes and Noble Café in Brunswick Square Mall. We knit and crochet for Hadassah Hospital and the IDF. Don’t know how? We will teach you! Just want to nosh and support us in other ways ---our arms are open! Please join us and get ready to have a great time with new friends! Contact Ilene Ralsky 732-536-5556

siws53@gmail.com
### March 31
Knit & Nosh  
Barnes & Noble Café  
10:30 am–12:30pm

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*Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman  
EB Library |                                | 1 PM           |
| April 7| Mah Jongg or Canasta  
Coffee Bar  
350 Ryders Lane  
Milltown |                                | 3 PM           |
| April 14| Knit & Nosh  
Barnes & Noble Café  
10:30 am–12:30pm |                                |               |
| April 21| Mah Jongg or Canasta  
Coffee Bar  
350 Ryders Lane  
Milltown |                                |               |

### Membership

**Vote the Slate**

Be in the ‘room where it happens’ and vote the new Slate of Officers for 2020 at our OPEN Board Meeting at EBJC on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 8 PM.

**Proposed Slate of Officers**

- President – Elaine Silver  
- Treasurers – Roxsene Plafker & Miriam Kane  
- **FUNdraising** VPs – Chris Sullivan & Fran Katz  
- Program VPs – Beth Hoffman & Linda Lidor  
- Education VPs – Linda Rifkin & Dian Perkel  
- Membership VPs – Bernice Bellows, Michelle Harris, Gale Hoenig, Corresponding Secretary – Lori Noah, Mail Facilitator – Sharon Sendyk Shapiro, Recording Secretary – Yvette Schlussel

Welcome New Members Fran Katz Life Member, Barbara Bergman Life Member and Geri Bring. We’re glad you’re with us. Enjoy our many daytime activities, day and night programs, FUNdraisers, Outreach and get involved. You’ll find fulfillment when you’re in “…the room where it happens!”
Thank you, Hadassah members Sandy Roth, Barbara Pollak, Madeline and Joel Frances who helped ADK keep its promise to Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen each month. A big shout out to Edna Sharff and Sandy Roth who deliver Senior Meals every month. Diaper Drives, donations to the food pantry, and health information given to the public are just some of the outreach programs we do. If you’d like to join our Outreach Team and make your mark please call Chris at 732-238-1749. Support Hadassah’s Outreach ‘because we are Jews’.

EDUCATION

Join us on Wednesday, May 13th at 2 PM at the George Street Playhouse to see “A Walk on the Moon”. This show will bring back memories of the Catskills, a favorite vacation spot for many of us. Tickets are limited and cost $36. Contact Dian at 732-297-6964 or perkelofeb@aol.com.

Region

Hadassah Southern New Jersey Installation of Region Officers will take place on January 5th at the Forsgate Country Club at 11 am. The couvert is $26.
May 26
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

June 2
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

June 2
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)
1 – 4 PM

June 9
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

June 10
Board Mtg.
EBJC May 13

June 16
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
1 – 4 PM

Social Media
Webmaster Barry Shapiro gives us all the latest in chapter, region and National news. Go to our new website at www.hadassah.org/eastbrunswick. Click on Register and see our flyers. Note the calendar with monthly events.

WANT TO SEE MORE PIX FROM GIFTWRAP?

Fran and helpers keeping customers merry and bright!

Just type East Brunswick Hadassah in your browser and see all the great things going on in our chapter. Like us, share us, help us grow.
**June 23**  
Knit & Nosh  
Barnes & Noble Cafe  
10:30 am–12:30pm

**June 30**  
Mah Jongg or Canasta  
Coffee Bar  
350 Ryders Lane Milltown  
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)  
1 – 4 PM

**July 7**  
Knit & Nosh  
Barnes & Noble Cafe  
10:30 am–12:30pm

**July 8**  
Board Mtg.  
EBJC  8 PM

**July 14**  
Mah Jongg or Canasta  
Coffee Bar  
350 Ryders Lane Milltown  
(Target shopping center next to Dollar Tree)  
1 – 4 PM

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**Neighborhood News**

Share your simchas and sorrows. We are happy to print all your news, but you must send it to Chris at sullicr@comcast.net or call 732-238-1749 by Tuesday. Please email to me news of events such as weddings and anniversaries after they occurred.

- **A big shout** out to our Knit & Nosh group for their very successful Knit & Nosh Chanukah party. It was a delightful event held at Lox, Stock and Deli on Dec. 10th attended by over 25 people. Latkes and Kasha Varniskas were served with our sandwiches and salad. Jewelry and kitchen accessories were raffled off. Everyone received 2 or more Chanukah presents. A great time was had by all. Watch for our upcoming daytime programs by our Adventurers group.

- Our sincere condolences to Sheila Temkin Davidoff on the loss of her mother Annabelle Joy Block Temkin.

- Deepest condolences to Hilary Erdberg on the passing of her mother.

- Mazel Tov to Shelly and Steve Talmud whose son Jesse is engaged to Elizabeth Yellin from Manalapan after a 2-year, long distance relationship while Jesse was serving in the IDF.

- Mazel Tov to Haley and Alan Migdal whose daughter, Jordana Schubert married Matthew Rosenberg.

- Mazel Tov to Cathy Mermelstein on the birth of her grandson, Caleb Mermelstein

- Mazel Tov to Rebecca Mermelstein on the birth of her son, Caleb Mermelstein.

- Mazel Tov to Rachel Golani on the birth of son Benjamin.
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