Hadassah Weekend Update  
March 1, 2020

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March 3  
Knit & Nosh  
Barnes & Noble Café  
10:30 am–12:30pm

March 4  
Therapist in the Hood  
Library 1 PM

From the Editor
A big shout out to Liz Salston and Marsha Schiffman for hosting and installing our new Executive Board. Already we have hot new fund raisers, meaningful programs, and fun theater and Hadassah Adventurers’ events. Happy reading!

FUNdraising

LUNCH BUNCH
Don’t miss another fun get together at Bonefish Grill in Manalapan  
at 12:30 pm  
Thursday, March 19th  
Separate checks (Cash only)  
****PLEASE RSVP NOW
A two-dollar donation to benefit Hadassah will be collected.
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March 5
Book Club 1 PM
*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
THE EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 10
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
1 – 4 PM

March 15
Region’s Vision to empower exciting teamwork, communication and success
Monroe Senior Center
9:45 am- 3:30 pm

March 17
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

March 18
Board Meeting
EBJC 7:30 PM

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**Hadassah Adventurers**

Our first activity is on Monday, March 23 (snow date is the 30th) at Temple B’nai Shalom. We will be running interactive board games with lots of prizes. Bring your own board games, cards, etc. to continue the fun! Come hungry, as refreshments will be served!! CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!! Admission is just $5.00. All proceeds to the Hadassah Medical Organization. Representing the committee is Ilene Ralsky at 732-536-5556 siws53@gmail.com

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**BURY THE HATCHET**

*Got stress? Got an axe to grind?* Well come right down to Bury the Hatchet on 419 Rt. 34 on April 30th, for 2 fun hours of stress relief and lots of laughs! Make it a date night! Just $42 gets you your own Axe Master to guide you into fun and games. Bring your own food and beverages and get ready to throw your cares away! Everyone 14 and older is welcome. No open toed shoes or heels please. Sneakers are perfect. RSVP to Chris by April 20th 732-238-1749. Send checks payable to HADASSAH to Hadassah, 9 Redcoat Drive, E. Brunswick 08816.

All proceeds to Hadassah Medical Organization
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**Hadassah Cards and Certificates** *For all occasions*

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

To plant a tree in Israel, contact Cindy-- best way is [cinpepper1@aol.com](mailto:cinpepper1@aol.com) or phone 908-812-6713

**PLEDGE LETTER & MATCHING GIFT**

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.

April 7
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown

April 14
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

April 21
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown

April 22
Board Mtg.
EBJC 7:30 PM

April 28
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

April 30
Adventurers Jeopardy
11:30 am OBPL

April 30
BURY THE HATCHET
419 Rt. 34 7-9 pm

Treasurer’s Report

Our chapter goal is $45,000. As of Feb. 21st we raised $10,061. Our 360-degree goal $1800 has already been surpassed by raising $2,061. Last year we did not reach our chapter goal. This year, with your support, we will smash it! Due to new accounting practices all checks must be made out to ‘HADASSAH’ ONLY - NOT East Brunswick Hadassah.

SHOP ONLINE?

Go to smile.amazon.com first! From the list of available charities, select that you’d like to support Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc. Then shop as usual. Hadassah receives a percentage on any item.
**May 3 – 10**
Mothers’ Day Gift Wrap
BSM

**May 5**
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown

**May 7**
Book Club 1 PM
Princess by Jean P. Sasson
EB Library

**May 12**
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

**May 13**
Board Mtg.
EBJC 7:30 PM

**May 19**
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
(Target shopping center)
1 – 4 PM

**May 20**
“Violins of Hope”
B’Nai Shalom
7:30 PM

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**PROGRAMS**

**Therapist in the Hood:**

How an observant Jew grew to love the church ladies and foster-care teens she treated—And then tried to make a difference. A conversation with author Lisa A. Sturm about discovering the ties that bind.

**NEW – This daytime program will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 1 PM at the East Brunswick Public Library.**

Before the ink had dried on her graduate school diploma, Sturm was hired to treat all the women and adolescent girls who entered a counseling center in Irvington, NJ. In a narrow office, and later in clients’ apartments doing in-home therapy, she heard tragic stories of abuse and trauma, occasionally laced with moving accounts of resilience and hope. These experiences inspired *Echoed in My Bones*, her 2019 debut novel about twin sisters, one who looks black and the other who passes for white, who are separated at birth and raised in neighboring NJ towns—but worlds apart.

She has joined forces with Tasha Moore, a business professional who grew up in Newark, to design a SAFE ZONE program for at-risk girls (which will incorporate brief readings from the book). Their goal is to help prevent, and if necessary, help respond to, sexual abuse and assault. Twisted Road Publications is donating 40% of all sales from author events to two organizations that mentor inner-city girls: Girls; Live, Love, Laugh in Newark and Berry’s Butterflies in Orange, NJ. The book is also being considered for the United Way of Greater Newark’s *My Very Own Library* program.
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**EDUCATION**

Hurry! Limited tickets available for “A Walk on the Moon”

Don’t miss an outstanding George Street production of “A Walk on the Moon” coming on Wednesday, May 13th at 2 PM. We will have a follow up talk about the show and how a mover becomes a play with one of the managers. Hurry, we have a limited number of tickets at $36 each. RSVP by March 5th to Dian Perkel at perkelofeb@aol.com. All proceeds to HMO. See attached flyer.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Slate of Officers 2020**

Co-Presidents – Elaine Silver & Christine Sullivan, Treasurers – Roxsene Plafker & Miriam Kane, FUNdraising VPs – Chris Sullivan, Fran Katz, & Barbara Pollak, 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, Laurie Nadeau & Sandy Teitelbaum

See attached contact list.
June 30
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown
1 – 4 PM

July 2
Book Club
TBA
East Brunswick
Library 1 PM

July 7
Knit & Nosh
No meeting at Barnes & Noble
Pool Party co-sponsored by the Adventurers
Afternoon
Details TBA
Rain date July 8

July 14
Mah Jongg or Canasta
Coffee Bar
350 Ryders Lane
Milltown 1-4 PM

July 15
Board Mtg.
EBJC 7:30PM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Hadassah to Join the House that Love Built
By Sharon Dolled

As part of a new Outreach program, I am hoping to have volunteers work with me, about once a month, in the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick. It is located near Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. If you’d like to volunteer in ‘the house that love built ‘please call me at 732-690-7206.

There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house. I would like volunteers to plan simple menus that we can make at the Ronald McDonald house. It is not a kosher facility and they would welcome any help they can get. Once we get a core group of about 5 – 10 people we can plan what to bring to make the meal - a hot one - and make it there in the fully equipped kitchen. We also have the option to plan a meal that each of us makes at home and meet at the house to deliver it. An example of a simple meal made with my daughter and grandsons was grilled cheese and tomato soup. We also made a healthy salad and left cupcakes for residents of the Ronald McDonald House.

We found that residents living there have a child in the hospital with terrible diseases such as cancer. When they visit their child, they can come back to the house to relax, have a hot meal already prepared for them and catch up before going back to the hospital.
**July 21**
Knit & Nosh
Barnes & Noble Café
10:30 am–12:30pm

**July 28**
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**ZIONIST AFFAIRS**

**Hadassah Doctor Flies to Japan to Look After Israelis with Coronavirus**

At the request of the Israel Health Ministry, Hadassah Medical Organization microbiology and infectious disease specialist Prof. Ran Nir-Paz is traveling to Japan to care for the three Israelis said to have tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Israelis were among thousands of passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise ship who were quarantined by the Japanese authorities. More than 350 passengers have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.

Two of the Israelis are reportedly hospitalized, with a third confirmed case awaiting hospitalization.

“The reason for the trip is to ensure that the Israelis are getting the right treatment,” explains Dr. Nir-Paz. “We have to be certain that they can come home healthy without affecting the people they travel with or anyone back in Israel.”

Currently, there are no reported cases in Israel, and Hadassah-trained Dr. Nir-Paz hopes it will stay that way. Even if a few cases were to occur, Dr. Nir-Paz emphasizes that there is no cause for panic.

“I’m not worried about going. It shouldn’t be a dangerous mission,” says Dr. Nir-Paz. “My family is naturally concerned, but I sat with them and showed them the numbers of people affected, and they saw that the risk is not big. I received their blessing for a safe journey.”
REGION – Register Now!

Create Your 2020 Vision

Sunday, MARCH 15TH

9:45 -3:30 PM

$15 includes breakfast & lunch

Senior Center in Monroe

How do you see our chapter in 2020? Get ready for an exciting day of interactive events focused on creating your vision for a successful year of philanthropy, programs, education, advocacy and Zionism.

NATIONAL’S COMING so register now on attached flier. RSVP by March 6!
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 AND PASSPORT TO PRODUCE AND INSTALLATION?

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.

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 Monday.

- Mazel tov to Helene Grynberg on the birth of her grandson
- Mazel tov to Elaine Silver on the birth of her grandson.
- Deepest condolences to Carole Yablonowitz on the loss of her brother.
- Deepest condolences to Joan Bramson and son Phillip on the loss of Joan's husband, Robert.