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The Danville Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, continues to be an inspiration to other and far larger chapters, with what we are able to accomplish with our small and far-flung membership. Invitations to our annual donor event went out in May, and if you have not yet sent a donation, I urge you to do so without delay! Checks may be mailed to Jo Ann Howard at 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541.

I know! We're always asking for money, right? And that would be annoying, except for the incredibly important work of Hadassah that your contributions support. One of the most recent accomplishments is the first advanced cardiac catheterization unit serving Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods that was inaugurated at the Hadassah Mount Scopus Hospital last month. Hadassah can now offer equal services for cardiac patients at Mount Scopus and the Ein Kerem campus. Both hospitals, of course, can boast of diverse staff and provide all patients with the best possible medical care, regardless of race, religion, or nationality.

Hadassah is also helping to staff the hospitals, and to contribute to social justice in Israel, through a program of scholarships for Ethiopian students to study nursing at the Henrietta Szold – Hadassah School of Nursing at the Hebrew University. Ethiopian students often struggle to pass the standardized exams required for college admission. Hadassah's pilot project, known as Achoteynu, allows them to bypass the exams if they complete two pre-academic preparatory programs; the scholarships pay for tuition, living expenses, and tutoring.

Hadassah not only provides needed services, but with 300,000 members in every Congressional district in the country, continues to be in the forefront of advocating for women's access to quality health care. In light of recent attempts in several states to severely restrict or deny abortion services, our National President, Ellen Hershkin, has again stated our firm support of reproductive justice: "I reaffirm Hadassah's unwavering commitment to ensure that women – not elected officials or employers – control their own bodies and family planning decisions. Reproductive health choices, based on full and accurate medical information and guidance, must be made in accordance with a woman's own religious, moral and ethical values." For more information on how to make your voice heard on this and other issues, explore the Hadassah website at hadassah.org.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Danville Chapter of Hadassah! Best wishes for a happy 4th of July weekend, and enjoy these hazy, lazy days of summer.

Martha Woody, President



Bouquets of thank yous go to each of you who have already sent in your Donor checks. We still have quite a ways to go to reach our \$2,600 goal. I hope you will consider what Martha wrote in her article, remembering that your contributions are incredibly important to the work of Hadassah. Whether you joined this wonderful organization on your own or someone made you a member, you have a lifetime link to an organization that affects health and welfare worldwide. I hope you will write a check today and feel proud of the role you are playing in healthcare and research.

Just as the wild flower seeds have been sown in Israel to beautify the land

We can sow seeds for healthy and productive lives with our Donor contributions!



New Year Card 5780 - This is a wonderful way to remember your Hadassah friends for the New Year! Denise Johnson, chairman, will be sending out information soon. She is eager to include you in this project.



Angels of Mercy –We'll be getting ready soon to kick off this year's campaign in September. This is our major annual fundraising project...help us to meet Danville's goal when you receive your letter.

Mazel Tov

...to **Michelle Fryman** on her twins', Sydney and Sean, graduation from high school.

...to **Dawne Lucas** on moving to Wilson Library and her new position as Technical Services Archivist of Special Collections at UNC.

...to **Colette Manheim** on her daughter Sasha's Bat Mitzvah and her son Ethan's graduation from high school.

...to **Samantha Wills** on her new job as the Acquatics Director at the Outer Banks Family YMCA.

...to **Denise Johnson** on her one day recovery time from aortic valve replacement.

Our Condolences to **Faye Kushner** on the death of her sister Jennie Valentour.