

Chicago-North Shore Hadassah Stands With Israel



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From Your (Outgoing) President

Dear Friends,

These past three years of my presidency have been quite a journey — we have moved from the depths of the pandemic to a post-pandemic world and most recently into a war in Israel — and every year has brought its challenges and triumphs. Through it all, I have been honored to serve this Hadassah Chicago-North Shore (CNS) region, represent you, and get to know and work with so many of you, our members, our leaders, and our donors.

Each year, we look back on the highlights in our end-of-year newsletter, and I hope you will enjoy reviewing our region and chapter accomplishments (see Chai Lights pages 10-12).

All of our local chapter and region events benefit the wonderful work of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., which supports the healing and life-saving work that is done by Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, Young Judea, our advocacy efforts, and more. It is all part of a big circle — One Hadassah.

Whether you live in the immediate Chicagoland area or live farther away, are part of a chapter or not, attend Hadassah Social events, are Hadassah Momentum alumni, participated in Building Hadassah Leadership Community, or any of the leadership cohorts that preceded it, I hope you share my pride in being part of a dynamic Hadassah region with lots of opportunities to engage in throughout the year and a healthy leadership pipeline, which will ensure the success of Hadassah Chicago-North Shore and Hadassah for many years to come.

You are the lifeblood of Hadassah, and while I will be happy to enjoy a little more free time after my term ends, the thing I will miss the most is the daily, weekly, and monthly interactions that I had with many of you by virtue of my position. I do welcome the opportunity to stay connected going forward and hope to stay in touch. Please hold on to my email (fephraim@hadassah.org).

Now for thank yous: I am incredibly indebted to each and every woman who served on our CNS executive committee and region board, including our chapter presidents, for their commitment, dedication, and generosity to Hadassah. They chose to give of their time to further the mission of Hadassah, and I could not have asked for a better team to have worked with.

Furthermore, I thank the past presidents of the Chicago Chapter, North Shore Chapter, and Chicago-North Shore Region for their mentorship and support throughout my presidency. There were several times I called on them for their assistance or input, and they were always supportive and helpful. A special thank you goes to Greta Rothschild, Hadassah Chicago-North Shore Immediate Past President, who has served not only as an incredible mentor and provided unwavering support but also served as Nominating Committee Chair for the past three years, helping to shape the composition of our leadership team. Todah Rabah!

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I am also grateful for the partnership of our Hadassah Midwest staff, led by Managing Director Stephanie Brovenick. Each of our staff members works so hard every day to benefit Hadassah, and they do not always get the thanks or kavod that they deserve, so thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And last but not least, I thank my family and friends, especially my children, my parents, and my dear husband, for their steadfast support and incredible patience these last three years, as my Hadassah responsibilities loomed large and I had to put many other things on the back burner. I am so grateful to each of you.

I now pass the torch to the very capable Ellen Kroot, our next region president, who will lead us into the future. I am confident that Ellen, a past member of LACH (Leadership Academy of Chicago Chapter), who has served as Executive Vice President and Leadership Vice President these past three years and in numerous leadership positions before that, will represent Hadassah Chicago-North Shore well and will work with her leadership team and our Hadassah Midwest staff to continue to do great things as we support One Hadassah.

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

Francine Ephraim



From Your (Incoming) President

As many of you know, in January 2024, I will become the next president of Hadassah Chicago-North Shore. I want you to know how deeply honored, humbled, and grateful I am to be entrusted with this responsibility — not to mention a little bit terrified — and how excited and enthusiastic I am for this opportunity to continue carrying on our awesome Hadassah mission. These sound like a lot of clichés, but I really feel them in my heart.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work of our outgoing president, Francine Ephraim, whose dedication and leadership have powerfully fortified the foundation for our success. That would be amazing enough under any circumstances, but she has done that in the face of the extraordinary challenges of COVID-19! Francine has also spent countless hours showing me the ropes, for which I cannot thank her enough. And I appreciate all the “words of wisdom” from the leaders who came before me. I am committed to building on their legacy and will work tirelessly to do that.

Not least, I look forward to getting to know each of you better and working closely with you to continue Hadassah’s mission. Please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns, or suggestions. Let us work together to make Hadassah Chicago-North Shore a thriving and vibrant place for all our members.

Thank you again for entrusting me with this role. I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you.

Ellen Kroot

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THROUGH OUR HOSPITALS IN
ISRAEL THAT TREAT

**1 MILLION
PEOPLE**

a year regardless of
race, religion, or
nationality.

WE'RE BUILDING AN ENGAGED,
CONNECTED COMMUNITY OF
WOMEN WHO ARE

**300,000
STRONG,**

the nation's largest
Jewish women's
organization.

WE'RE NURTURING
AT-RISK YOUTH.
MORE THAN

**300,000
STUDENTS**

from 80 lands have
graduated from Youth
Aliyah since 1934.

We've been defying the odds for more than a century, advancing justice and healing. Whether we're fighting for Holocaust and anti-hate education funding in schools, uncovering groundbreaking medical research or setting a young person on a path to success — our global impact brings healing to our world.

With your support, our internationally renowned hospitals in Israel continue to make incredible strides in world-class health care and research. Our passionate members are honing leadership skills and finding new ways to advocate for critical issues on women's health and well-being. And our programs for youth-at-risk in Israel and scholarships for summer camps and Israel programs are providing life-changing experiences for children and young adults, ensuring Jewish continuity for future generations. We believe that each of us has the power to heal our world, to take action, to make an impact. We hope you do, too. **Join us in making a difference.**

Donate

Every action has an impact and every dollar brings us closer to fulfilling our promises to the medical, humanitarian and advocacy efforts we support here in the US, Israel and around the globe.

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Get Involved

There is a place for you at Hadassah, whether you have lots of time or just a little. Come put your passion to work, side by side with like-minded women. We are a warm and special community within the larger Jewish community, and we invite you to laugh with us, plan with us, and make the world better with us. Come DO with the women of Hadassah.

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Advocate

Hadassah women turn Jewish values into action, working to build a healthier, safer and more equitable world. We advocate to advance the health and well-being of women and for Israel's security and stronger US-Israel relations.

hadassah.org/advocate

"Power of Celebration" Honoring Israel's 75th Birthday

Annual Power Event • May 7, 2023

The all-new Power of Celebration was an entertaining luncheon that featured musical mentalist Sidney Friedman, honored two powerhouse leaders of Hadassah Chicago-North Shore (CNS), Leah Polin and Andrea Ship, and celebrated Israel's 75th birthday. The result was a success!

Between ticket sales, donations, sponsors, and a successful prize drawing, the event earned more than \$20,000 for Hadassah, reaching its goal for 2023.

Equally as important as reaching the fundraising goal, the region honored lifelong Hadassah supporter, passionate educator, and distinguished lecturer, Leah Polin, who told guests, "Educate a man, and you educate an individual; educate a woman, and you inspire a nation." Leah's unwavering commitment was on full display.

Next, third-generation member Andrea Ship was presented with the inaugural Hadassah CNS Leadership Award for her dedication to and enthusiasm for Hadassah, as well as her contributions to the greater Jewish community. Andrea's positivity, creativity, and out-of-the-box fundraising ideas made her a unanimous pick for this new award.

The Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Daniel Aschheim, joined the event, which took place at

the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook, IL. A huge thank you to the event chairs: Sheryl Ackerson, Diane Cotton Caplan, Michele Reznick, Dena Sonnenberg, and Nancy Trudell; and to the planning committee: Rachel Chernoff, Audrey Edidin, Francine Ephraim, Gina Maling, and Melissa Nguyen.



Hadassah Social

Engaging Old and New Friends with a Purpose

Hadassah Social, a program developed in 2022, engages members and potential members of Hadassah through social action and fun. Three to four events are scheduled throughout the year, which include social action with a local non-profit and information on Hadassah happenings. These events encourage Hadassah membership, fundraising, and the development of leadership.

In January, the group got together at Laughlin Gallery for a wine tasting, led by Diane Effen, owner of the Rosa Wine Shop. This event supported two women-owned businesses and Kishor Vineyards, a boutique winery in Israel that provides income and employment for people with special needs. For Heart Health Month in February, Anna Harris, a certified personal trainer, fitness instructor, and nutrition coach, led an all-level fitness class and shared heart-healthy recipes. In the spring, Hadassah Social partnered with Hadassah in the City for a fun happy hour at Carnivale. In the fall, Hadassah Social again partnered with Maot Chitim to pack Rosh Hashanah packages for Jewish families and individuals in need. For Sukkot, the group gathered for a Sukkot party with Sharsheret to pack care packages for women going through breast cancer treatment.

The Outreach and Engagement group also encouraged women to support Hadassah through attending fundraisers, such as Power of Celebration and Miracles of Hadassah, and attending other regional events, such as the Midwest Conference, Summer Camp, and advocacy programs.

Thank you to Melissa Nguyen and Rachel Chernoff, Vice Presidents of Outreach and Engagement, and Missy Rabinowitz and Risa Applebaum, Co-Chairs of the Hadassah Social Committee, for a wonderful year.



From Women in the Bible to Celebrating Israel's 75th Birthday

Education Roundup in 2023



ur Education Team, under the leadership of Sara Efrat Efron, Rachel Gruenberg, and Rachel Sapinsley, planned and presented interesting and stimulating programming during 2023.

The two Women in the Bible sessions, presented by Sara Efrat Efron, were titled "Rebecca: A Complex Story," about Rebecca, the second matriarch, and "Rachel and Leah: Love, Rivalry, and Jealousy," exploring the complicated relationship between these sisters. Participants enjoyed hearing Sara's in-depth talks on these popular female biblical heroes.

In February, they planned an evening with Congregation B'nai Tikvah with speaker Gil Hoffman. Gil spoke on "The Fight for Israel on the Military and Media Battlefields." The event was well attended by both Hadassah and B'nai Tikvah members, both in person and virtually.

Finally, the Education Team presented the annual Summer Camp series, which was held at Beth Shalom in Northbrook. This year's theme was "Celebrating Israel's 75th Birthday" and featured wonderful guest speakers, including Barbara Sofer, Hadassah's Israel Director of Public Relations and Communications, who highlighted Hadassah Medical Organization's medical innovations from the last 75 years; and Cindy Stern, Executive Director of the Chicago Film Festival of Israeli Cinema,

who highlighted examples of Israeli life reflected through cinema with several video clips; Dr. Daniel Aschheim (PhD), Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, who spoke about Israel, Jews, and the diaspora; and Aaron Packman, Director of the Northwestern Center of Water Research and Co-Director, US-Israel Collaborative Water-Energy Research Center, who shared his research on water and the role Israel plays in the world's water supply.

The Education Committee is already busy planning for next year. If you would like to join the education committee to help with the educational offerings for 2024, please email cns@hadassah.org with the subject line "Education Team."



Hadassah Chicago-North Shore Advocates

Advocacy Committee Work in 2023

In March, Jeanette Zemsky, one of our advocacy vice presidents, moderated a panel on antisemitism featuring Jewish United Fund and ADL staffers at the Hadassah Midwest conference. The panel shared how we can combat antisemitism in our daily lives and in the lives of young people.

In April, CNS co-sponsored the film "Barren" at the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema. As infertility is one of Hadassah's advocacy priorities, advocacy committee member Debbie Sandlow represented Hadassah at the screening.

At the National Assembly meeting, Jeanette Zemsky seconded the addition of a Strengthening Abraham Accords National Policy Statement. This was one of two policy statements added to strengthen and expand Hadassah's national advocacy efforts. She also

met members of the National Advocacy Team in person.

At the advocacy event in September, 35 in-person and 50 virtual attendees heard from Hadassah member and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering. Thank you to Karyn Davidman, another of our advocacy vice presidents, who was instrumental in scheduling the event. The mayor shared how she got involved in local government and gave a personal perspective on things before and after the Highland Park shooting. She shared that many offers for assistance came in from near and far after the shooting. First responders from other local municipalities took shifts so that local first responders could take a break. Rotering stated that there has been "loss of living life due to fear of gun violence," as 2/3 of people polled stated that widespread gun violence has changed their way of living life. She

took questions from attendees and encouraged all to get involved and vote. Thank you to committee members Sharon Lasko, Dorothy Franz, and Jeanette Zemsky, as well as Ken Davidman, who assisted at the event. We are looking forward to 2024 and to welcoming an additional chair and new members to the committee. Please email us at cns@hadassah.org with the subject line "Advocacy Team" if you are interested in joining us to help.

Highland Park Mayor
Nancy Rotering



Midwest Conference • March 10-12, 2023

Thank you to the Hadassah Midwest Conference Planning Team for all their hard work planning and executing a fantastic conference: Conference Chairs: Debbie Goodbinder, Michelle Kessler, Ellen Kroot, Marcie Rosen, and Vicki White; Conference Advisor: Diane Taub; and Hadassah Midwest Managing Director, Stephanie Brovenick.



See all our upcoming events across the entire Midwest geographical area, whether it's a chapter, region, or national event, online at www.hadassah.org/midwest. You can filter by chapter, region, in person, online, or by category to find the right event for you!

HADASSAH MIDWEST

Boca Raton Snowbird Reunion

Special Guest Dianne Gottlieb, Philanthropy Division Campaign Chair
and Immediate Past Chair Hadassah Medical Organization

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:30 am ET

Lakeside Terrace
7880 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33434

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Save the Date



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HONORING GRETA ROTHSCILD & ROBERT EISENSTADT

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From left: Adina Impellicceiri, Jacob Impellicceiri, Mollie Neuman, Honorees Greta Rothschild and Robert Eisenstadt, Lynn Neuman Drake, and Jeffrey Drake



Honorees Greta Rothschild and Robert Eisenstadt



From left: Howard Swibel, Rebecca Garrett, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Honorees Greta Rothschild and Rob Eisenstadt



From left: Janice Cohen, Jessica Schar, Greta Rothschild, Denise Bleichman, Gina Maling, and Barbara Kravits



Video message from Israel by Dr. Tamar Elram



Hadassah Chicago-North Shore President Francine Ephraim



From left: Steven Silver, Hadassah Great Plains President Elaine Silver, Greta Rothschild, and Robert Eisenstadt



From left: Rosanne Sangerman, Beth Sair, Esther Berman, Roger Berman, Adrienne Friedman, and Irving Friedman

On October 19, 2023, nearly 250 members, donors, and friends gathered at Bryn Mawr Country Club to celebrate the dedication, leadership, and commitment of two beloved leaders, Greta Rothschild and Robert Eisenstadt, at Hadassah Chicago-North Shore's Miracles of Hadassah event. There was such warmth and love in the room as we honored them and their impact on Hadassah and the Chicago Jewish community. And in the wake of the barbaric Hamas terrorist attacks and the ensuing war in Israel, there was pain, heartache, solidarity, and the desire to aid in Israel's war effort, healing and saving lives through the work of Hadassah.

"We can't stop the bloodshed, but we can stop the bleeding," stated incoming National President Carol Ann Schwartz, who joined us as a late addition to the program. Dr. Tamar Elram, Director of Hadassah Mount Scopus, who was originally to be the featured guest speaker, was unable to join us in person but shared a moving video message recounting Hadassah Medical Organization's immediate response to the October 7th attack. She also spoke of plans to accelerate the opening of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus and to open additional patient beds on secure, bomb-proof, and missile-proof floors to better enable Hadassah medical professionals to treat seriously wounded patients and their many needs over the next few weeks and months.

"Whether you donated before tonight or not (to Pediatric Emergency Room Support at Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus), I'm asking you to make a special donation tonight to support Hadassah's Heal Israel Now Campaign," shared Michele Rubin, Event Chair, Past President of Hadassah Chicago-North Shore, and National Hadassah Board Member. "This will help us support Hadassah's ongoing efforts to save critically wounded soldiers and civilians and provide for their ongoing rehabilitation and psychiatric needs." She went on to say, "This is your opportunity to show that you're standing with Israel in dire times and to protect the



From left: David Ephraim, Francine Ephraim, Brian Rubin, Dan Wander, Michele Rubin, Greta Rothschild, Carol Ann Schwartz, Ruth Ann Freedman, and Robert Eisenstadt



Consul General Yoram Cohen

people of Israel through Hadassah's war effort."

She later announced that all donations made that night would be matched by her and her husband, Brian Rubin, up to \$18,000.

Final figures are not yet in, but we raised over \$350,000 in Greta and Rob's honor ahead of the event and an additional \$40,000+ in donations on the night of the event! Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and attendees for their support of Hadassah and this event.

The event would not have been possible without the many volunteers and staff members who worked tirelessly to plan it. It was truly a team effort!

Thank you to our talented Hadassah Midwest Staff, led by Managing Director Stephanie Brovenick, for all their hard work planning and preparing for this event and for their amazing partnership. We are so grateful to have an excellent team of staff members, and we could not have done it without them. A special thank you also goes to the Regional Director of Major Gifts, Harriett Zeitlin, for helping to make this a fundraising success.

Thank you to Laura Immergluck for setting the tone by leading us in the singing of Shalom Rav, a prayer for peace, and to the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Yinam Cohen, for joining us and addressing our attendees under such dire circumstances.

Thank you to our amazing event chairs, Susan Goode, Michele Rubin, and Rachel Sapinsley, who headed up this effort. Your vision, tireless work, and ability to pivot under such difficult circumstances are an inspiration to all.

Finally, thank you to our dedicated Hadassah Chicago-North Shore region board members and chapter board members who attended and supported this event in large numbers.

Am Yisrael Chai!



Incoming National President Carol Ann Schwartz



Carol Ann Schwartz, Greta Rothschild, and Marlene Kaplan



From left: Hollis Chalem, Joyce Persky, Greta Rothschild, Bobbie Levin, Fran Givertz, and Shari Warshawsky



Janis Eisbart and Esther Berman



Rick Mawrence, Emcee Melissa Isaacson, Greta Rothschild, and Robert Eisenstadt



Ken Kroot, Ellen Kroot, Greta Rothschild, and Robert Eisenstadt



Gail Cohen, Elaine Silver, and Michele Rubin



Regional Director of Major Gifts, Harriett Zeitlin



From left: Stephanie Brovenick, Susan Goode, Rachel Sapinsley, Greta Rothschild, Francine Ephraim, Michele Rubin



Chapter Chai Lights

Aviva/Lilah

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, shortly before the holiday of Shavuot, Aviva/Lilah Hadassah was proud to host Rabbi Marianne Novak, who spoke on the topic of “The Book of Ruth: Was Ruth a Feminist?” The 20 women who gathered in the beautiful home of chapter member (and Hadassah Chicago North-Shore Past President) Michelle Rubin were captivated by Rabbi Novak’s thought-provoking presentation and participated in the lively conversation. Karen Weiss was the chairperson for the program, which was a terrific opportunity to schmooze and learn together.



Aviva/Lilah Hadassah shared a wonderful dinner at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK), followed by the film, FATHOM FIRST: GOLDA on Tuesday, August 29th. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to enjoy each other’s company and catch up. Michele Rubin shared information about Miracles of Hadassah, which took place on October 19th, honoring our very own Greta Rothschild. We then walked over to the Northbrook Court theater to watch the film, which was a moving account of Golda Meir’s experience before, during, and following the Yom Kippur War. It was poignant and extremely thought provoking. It also let us in on secrets never known before. In addition, CPK contributed 20% of what was spent for dinner by Aviva/Lilah Hadassah. We also had a Non-Snack Fundraiser that helped us collect even more money for Hadassah. Thank you to the 30 participants for their contributions!

Chaverot

Chaverot has had an exciting year of event offerings for our members. Our quarterly Book Mavens meetings discussed selections with Jewish content, such as *The Matchmakers Gift* in March, and hosted Kim van Alkemade, the author of a new novel, *Counting Lost Stars*, on Zoom in August. Ms. Alkemade presented her experience writing the book and answered many questions from our group. In addition, our Bernie’s Books mitzvah project in

May, with lunch afterwards, was a success we hope to repeat next year, as was our Game Day in July. Our Challah Braiding class, held two days before Rosh Hashanah, drew in 45 attendees, and in November we held a Mosaic Jewelry-Making class, offering ideas for Hanukkah gifts. Chaverot’s Hanukkah party and installation ended our year in early December.

Gibora

On August 8th, Gibora Hadassah hosted more than 30 members and guests as we came together at a member’s lovely beachside home to celebrate our chapter’s 20th anniversary! The evening featured a dinner/reception and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Dr. Pawel Zyzak, as the speaker. An accomplished and honored dignitary who has written extensively, Dr. Zyzak spoke about Poland today and how it has assisted fleeing Ukrainians with needed homes and jobs. He then discussed relations

between Israel and Poland and spoke of

Q & A with Consul General Zyzak.



righteous gentiles who had helped save Jewish lives in WWII. Proceeds went to the Judy Yablong Memorial Fund in support of Youth Aliyah Villages.

Gibora Mitzvah Chair, Bobbie Richardson, heads an annual mitzvah project for the chapter. This year, on September 19th, Gibora members and friends met at a member’s home to prepare comfort kits to be donated to a local health clinic providing reproductive healthcare to women, including abortions. The kits were filled with donated items of lotion, socks, water, candy, granola bars, a handwritten Hadassah note of encouragement, and other personal items



Gibora (cont.)

to help women while in Chicago or en route to their home. Donna Fishman from the National Council of Jewish Women spoke of the critical need for support with so many women coming to Illinois from out of state for an abortion. The comfort kits were delivered to a suburban clinic the next day.

Other events included a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum with Chai Hadassah, a presentation by author Deby Eisenberg, and an

evening of music at Ravinia. The Gibora book group welcomed guest presenter Svetoslav Stankov, Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Chicago. We rounded out our program year with an evening in a member's Sukkah, presenting our annual Ruach Award and enjoying a presentation by Leah Reicin, and we ended our year with our Chanukah party and the installation of officers.

Henrietta Szold

Henrietta Szold (HZ) Hadassah is a growing chapter in the northwest suburbs, adding 10 new members this year.

In August, we held an Annual Givers Appreciation Brunch for current and potential Annual Givers. While HZ Hadassah has long had Keepers of the Gate and other annual givers, we had never properly thanked them for their steady support of Hadassah. Nor had we asked life members to become annual givers or current annual givers to step up their level of giving.



Elaine Silver, Hadassah Great Plains President inspired the attendees.

Our brunch was well attended and very appreciated. Women were inspired when each attendee shared why Hadassah is important to them. HZ grew its annual giving with new givers at Cypress (\$250) and Keepers (\$1000+) levels,

plus one Keeper stepping up to \$1,800. Everyone left feeling good knowing they made a difference in the world by sustaining Hadassah's many initiatives.

Our 19th Annual Linda Hafft Tournament, where everyone enjoyed competing in Mah Jongg—and new this year, Canasta—as well as winning great prize drawings and silent auction prizes, raised thousands of dollars for Hadassah.

Current and prospective members were educated, entertained, and well-fed at 10 monthly programs (most in person). Programs included Buncorita (bunco with Mexican flair), visiting the Illinois Holocaust Museum, Hadassah Bingo, and our annual Chanukah gift-game party.



Randy Heidenfelder with her mother, Leatrice Ennis z"l, HZ Hadassah's longest Annual Giver.

Ketura

2023 was a great year for Ketura Hadassah! At our monthly meetings, we enjoyed hearing from authors, speakers, musicians, actors, and even the Good Book Fairy.

We enjoyed being together in person and attending programs featuring Oscar's Biggest Mistakes, the author Ron Balson, and Michael Lerich's Jazz Ensemble. We also spent time learning about Extraordinary Places and Spaces in Chicago, hearing from The Good Book Fairy, receiving Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) highlights, experiencing "Monet Lives!", celebrating Ketura's

49th Birthday, and enjoying Chanukah festivities.

Ketura is proud of our members, who volunteer and work together in a major team effort to keep our group strong and committed to HMO and Youth Aliyah. We raised large sums for Youth Aliyah through our Youth Aliyah Ima Circle and Mother's Day Recognition Tributes. Our HMO certificates and card sales have exceeded expectations.

It is a major team effort that keeps our group (49 years young) committed to Hadassah Medical Organization and Youth Aliyah.

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Share your chapter news and Hadassah events—past and future

Chapter Chai Lights (cont.)

Nehara

Nehara Hadassah women, along with members from Hadassah in the City and Chaverot Hadassah, connected with their creative side by painting canvases featuring a Chai design at Perkowitz Art Studio in Grayslake. Everyone's artwork was beautiful and unique, and we created treasures that will be enjoyed for many years to come, in addition to helping raise money to donate to Hadassah!



North Boundary

North Boundary is a successful, experienced chapter of more than 40 years. Our dynamic board of many past presidents and active members are simply the best. Therefore, it is with a great deal of nostalgia and pride that as Co-Presidents of North Boundary we reflect over the past and look forward to the future.

During first quarter of 2023, we continued our Zoom programming, and invited both the Tamar-Modin and Ketura Hadassah chapters to join us. The highlight of our summer activities was the June Membership Appreciation Luncheon at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria in Buffalo Grove. Rock and Roll was the theme as we sang and danced along with our entertainment. The annual Gamemania event was the highlight of August. A leisurely afternoon and an enjoyable dairy

luncheon with many friends and many games says it all! October highlighted our major fundraiser and Fall Luncheon which featured a silent auction and amazing entertainment by Listen Up! A Cappella group. Additional donations earmarked to the Young Judaea Scholarship Fund were also made!



North Boundary is looking forward to an amazing 2024, as we continue to contribute to the worthwhile goals of Hadassah.

Hadassah Ensures Future Jewish Continuity

Building for Tomorrow

We're deeply committed to fostering a strong commitment to Jewish life while instilling a love of Israel and Zionism for thousands of American youth and young adults. As strong supporters of Young Judaea, we provide scholarships and opportunities that

Young Judaea Scholarships

Our Hadassah members proudly raise funds for Young Judaea camps and Israel programs through local grassroots programs and activities, throughout the year. Hadassah provides scholarships to approximately 300-400 campers and Machon and Year Course participants each year, thanks to our large network of Young Judaea alumni and other supporters. Young Judaea predicts an increased need for financial support due to the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on families. Please help Hadassah increase our support to another generation of Judaeans by donating toward Young Judaea Scholarships.

help ensure their passion for Jewish life and Israel while giving them the tools they need to become strong leaders of tomorrow.



Israel Programs

Through scholarship funding, Hadassah supports Israel Summer Programs and the Year Course gap year program. These programs instill a strong commitment to Israel in our youth. For over 60 years, teens, college students and young adults have embraced Young Judaea's Israel experiences, which combine discovery of the land, exploration of Jewish culture and the opportunity to give back. Once students take a trip, they become a member of the Young Judaea family, joining thousands of passionate alumni.

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At War Heal Israel Now

Dear Hadassah Friends,

Heartbroken. Horrified. Shell-shocked. Sad. And hopeful, because of Hadassah.

These are just some of the feelings that so many of us have felt these past weeks as we have watched, read, and heard the news of the devastating and horrific Hamas attacks in Israel and the ensuing war.

It is at times like this that we who support Hadassah are reminded that Hadassah's hospitals are critical for the health and safety of our brothers and sisters in Israel. Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), Jerusalem's only Level-1 Trauma Center and one of only six such centers in all of Israel, is being depended on to treat many of those who have been seriously injured and will undoubtedly be called on to treat many more.

Even before the war, the need for more services was acute, but now it is vital. Rehabilitation is a way of "redefining hope," said Dr. Tamar Elram, director of Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus, which will soon complete its new Gandel Rehabilitation Center, significantly increasing the number of patients the hospital can treat.

"After a man or a woman is unfortunately wounded, whether in a car accident or from disease or in a terrorist attack like we're experiencing today, they might not necessarily go back to the life they knew before," said Dr. Elram during Hadassah's live briefing about Hadassah's war-response efforts on November 2. "But then our object is to redefine what hope is for them; what is their new way of health and living?"

The Hadassah Medical Organization is currently home to the only rehabilitation center in Jerusalem.

The cost for the seriously injured can tally in the tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Emergency donors are needed to help offset these unexpected costs.

Every dollar counts. Please support Hadassah today.

<https://go.hadassah.org/CNSHealIsrael>

Francine Ephraim

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— Hadassah National Treasurer
Michelle Hubertus, Short Hills, NJ



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— Shoshana Simones, Phoenix, AZ

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Plant Trees in Israel

Hadassah's newest initiative, in partnership with Jewish National Fund (JNF-KKL), is the Greening of the Negev Project, to help fund new communities in the Negev, greening an army base in the south, and completing the forest in the Be'er Sheva River Park. Over the years, Hadassah has supported many JNF environmental projects in Israel including reforestation; preparing the land for agriculture; creating parks, playgrounds and recreation sites; and providing urgently needed water conduits such as dams, aquifers and reservoirs.

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