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Dear Hadassah Rhode Island Members,
Welcome to spring, a time of renewed strength and vitality, a time of remembrance, forgiveness, and action, a time of creation and development, and a time for community action - to help us share and move through passages of our lives and bring more light and love to the world. During this past winter, our energies were more inward and nature was in her less active/resting season. With all the natural beauty of water, wilderness, and historic structures here in Rhode Island, the ability to share this together with friends, family and community is slowly becoming a reality again. It is time to let the sun shine in, warm you, and plan for your outside activities and movement as well.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our wellbeing these past few months. You know who they are! You are some of those people! Hadassah Rhode Island women and associates have made telephone calls and sent e-mails to check up on others and inform them of our chapter events and even opportunities for philanthropy. You ventured to learn new techniques like Zoom virtual communication and the Internet, shared activities such as our Hadassah Book Club, relaxation techniques, Chanukah lights and stories, and uplifted each other spiritually and with kindness when sadness brought us to our knees.
You generously donated to our projects: the Youth Aliyah and the 360 Degrees of Healing for renovating the iconic Round Building at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem and campaigns. Thanks to the Greater Springfield and Greater Worcester Chapters of Hadassah for working together as a team with us to progress to our goal to equip a room in the iconic Redesigned Round Building of Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem. Our three chapters’ names will appear outside the room on a special plaque. Special thanks to Lorraine Rappoport and her wonderful team for their tireless work planning the program called Our Cookbooks Our Memories and pushing us to meet this goal! We are almost at our goal of $18,000 so please jump in and help in any way you can with a donation of any size. You can do this online at _______________ Thank you one and all for your kindness and generosity.

Our Book Club continues each month with interesting books planned for discussions; please see the various events posted.

Please Save The Date for an exciting program cosponsored with Temple Torat Yisrael. Thank you to Leah Ross-Coke for planning this.

On Wednesday, April 28, at 7 PM, please join us for a special virtual program, “Good for the Jews? Israel, The Middle East and America.” This collaborative program is presented by Professor Eli Berman. Please watch for registration and more information.

Warm spring wishes,
Maxine