

2026 HADASSAH ISSUES GUIDE

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On November 3, 2026, US voters will elect 35 US senators, 435 US representatives and 36 governors and will decide on at least 56 statewide ballot measures, including ones that could affect reproductive choice.

These choices impact our communities and priorities—from standing with Israel to combating rising antisemitism to championing protections for women’s health—in countless ways. Voting might be the most important thing you do in 2026. Hadassah encourages its members to vote for candidates and measures that reflect their values.

The 2026 Hadassah Issues Guide provides resources for finding out where and when to vote as well as a short overview of Hadassah’s policy priorities that will be important in elections up and down the ballot this year.

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SENATORS

435

HOUSE MEMBERS

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GOVERNORS

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BALLOT MEASURES

Make a Voting Plan for November 3, 2026



STEP 1:
Register to Vote



STEP 2:
Make a Plan



STEP 3:
Research the Issues



STEP 4:
Vote and Share

Learn About Hadassah’s Priorities



**Expanding Support
for Israel**



**Combating
Antisemitism**



**Championing Women’s
& Public Health**

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EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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Hadassah empowers women to take pride in their Jewish and Zionist identities and to publicly claim their support for Israel. It is critical that we ensure a strong and close US-Israel alliance, demand justice for victims of sexual violence, counter anti-Zionist misinformation and strengthen regional peace and stability in the Middle East.

Supporting a Strong US-Israel Alliance Across Divides

Hadassah works to strengthen bipartisan support for the US-Israel relationship, which advances peace, fights shared threats, jumpstarts innovative solutions to global challenges and builds economic opportunity. Hadassah supports providing funding for security and emergency assistance and programs that advance innovation, including medical partnerships.

Speaking Out about Israel's Right to Exist and Defend Itself

Hadassah works to grow support for Israel and counter attempts to isolate and delegitimize Israel and Zionists. Hadassah speaks out to dispel misinformation, oppose organized boycott campaigns that single out Israel and stand up to anti-Israel bias, including in Congress and at the United Nations.

Strengthening US Leadership for Peace and Security

Hadassah supports elevating US leadership to expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords as well as to build regional security partnerships that advance peace and stability between Israel and its neighbors.

Raising Awareness and Demanding Justice for Gender-Based Violence

Evidence shows that Hamas engaged in systematic sexual violence as part of its terrorist attack against Israel on October 7, 2023, and beyond. Hadassah is sharing the truth, working to hold Hamas accountable for these war crimes and advocating to end the use of rape as a weapon of war across the globe.

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM

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Since Hamas' attack on Israel in 2023, antisemitism tied to Israel and Zionism now makes up the majority of all antisemitic incidents. As the largest women's Zionist and Jewish women's organization in the country, Hadassah has redoubled its work to stand up to antisemitism through empowerment and education and advocacy.

Speaking Out Against All Forms of Antisemitism, especially Anti-Zionism

Hadassah will always speak out against antisemitism, including anti-Zionist antisemitism. We provide resources to empower our members to speak out against anti-Zionist misinformation, and we take action to fight antisemitism in everything, from personal conversations to schools, workplaces and healthcare settings.

Fighting Antisemitism and Strengthening Security

In the wake of rising antisemitic violence, Hadassah advocates for greater security and protections for vulnerable institutions and communities, including increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and measures to improve safety and address antisemitic discrimination on college campuses.

Adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism

Hadassah supports adopting the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, and all of its examples, at the federal, state and local levels. The IHRA definition includes denying the Jewish people the right to self-determination in Israel as one of its illustrative examples of antisemitism.

Teaching Tolerance, Not Hatred

Education is a critical tool to address the dangers of antisemitism and hatred, and to counter bias and misinformation about the Holocaust, Israel and the Jewish people. Hadassah advocates for expanded Holocaust education and promoting best teaching practices. Hadassah supports measures to ensure that textbooks and educational materials in the US or UN-funded do not encourage violence or demonize Israel.

CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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Hadassah believes women deserve agency over their own bodies and the autonomy to make reproductive health decisions based on medical guidance and their own values. Hadassah advocates for comprehensive women's and reproductive health, as well as expanded women's health research to understand and address the unique health challenges faced by women.

Championing Protections for Reproductive Health and Freedom

Hadassah has and always will stand unequivocally for reproductive choice and empowering women with the knowledge to make critical health decisions for themselves and their families. Hadassah supports access to and resources for the whole spectrum of reproductive care, including – birth control, fertility care, reproductive choice and maternal and post-partum health care.

Advancing Women's Health Research and Education

Hadassah supports increased funding and awareness for women's health, including public education and focused medical training. Hadassah advocates to expand the inclusion and analysis of females in all areas of medical research and to expand research for conditions that disproportionately and differentially impact women.

Improving Maternal and Women's Health

As the owner of Hadassah Medical Organization, a global leader in maternal health, Hadassah advocates for initiatives to improve maternal and children's health, including fertility, pregnancy and post-partum care, and believes access to these resources is essential to advancing women's health outcomes.

Protecting Our Communities and Supporting Public Health

As the leading cause of death of children in the US, gun violence is a public health issue. Hadassah believes that the widespread availability of and easy access to firearms significantly escalates gun violence. Hadassah advocates for continued action to support gun safety across the country, including a ban on assault weapons, to protect our communities.

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