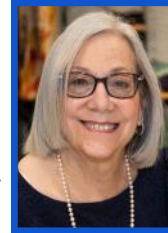


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hadassah Members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe it is already August. The last two months have been very exciting. Lauren Rothman has been appointed as the Managing Director for Hadassah Super South. Our Hadassah Greater Atlanta Board had the opportunity to meet her in person, and we are all looking forward to working with her.



I also had an opportunity to review our activities for the period January through April 2025. We had a total of 18 events in our chapter and groups, acquired 25 new members, and participated in the Jewish Life Festival and several other community meetings and events. Finally, we raised approximately \$350,000 for Hadassah through our Myrtle Wreath program. I am so proud of all the hard work Hadassah Greater Atlanta does.

Looking forward to August, we also have a lot going on. Atlanta is honored to host two students from our Meir Shfeyah Youth Village in Israel August 6-7, while they are on their way to speak at our National Conference in Florida. We will have the opportunity to show them how wonderful HGA and Atlanta are. Our Annual Honey Sale Fundraiser is fully underway. Free shipping ends on August 4<sup>th</sup>, so I encourage you to order your honey as soon as possible. HGA makes money on each jar purchased and you get the pleasure of sending the delicious honey to your friends and family.

Registration for Game Day 2025 is underway. See information that follows to sign up. We are looking forward to an exciting afternoon of games, snacks, vendors, and drawings. We do expect this program to sell out so please sign up as soon as possible.

May we all have a meaningful Tisha B'Av. Am Yisrael Chai.

*Terry*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



The poster features a green background with colorful triangular bunting flags. On the left, there are illustrations of playing cards (aces of spades, hearts, and diamonds) and two Mah Jongg tiles: one with the number 3 and the character '秋' (Autumn), and another with the number 1 and the character '春' (Spring). The central text is arranged in a layered, bubble-like format.

**HADASSAH  
GREATER ATLANTA**

# GAME DAY

It's time to play again!  
Mah Jongg, Bridge, Canasta,  
Scrabble or Rummy Cube!

**Sunday,  
Sept 7**  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
address will be provided  
upon registration

**\$36**  
per person  
Mixing, mingling  
and munchies!



Use the link below or scan QR code to register  
<https://bit.ly/HGAGameDay2025>

HADASSAH  




## Hadassah's 2025 National Conference August 10-12 Aventura, Florida

### Feel the warmth...

From the Florida sun *and the hundreds of individuals who share your passion for making a difference.*

### Learn from inspiring voices...

About Hadassah's lifesaving work *and the hot topics relevant to the Jewish community.*

### Look forward to...

Entertainment and thought-provoking workshops *and social networking and blossoming friendships.*

[Sign up today. See our program to date.](#)

**Together, we radiate hope.** No matter where you are, Hadassah shines as a beacon of light, guiding us toward a brighter future.

[hadassah.org](https://hadassah.org)

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# GHA HONEY FUNDRAISER

Spread the

sweetness

one jar at a time!



## 2025 Honey From The Heart Fundraiser

Support your community and share sweet wishes for a healthy and happy New Year by sending a beautiful 8-ounce jar of kosher honey. Each jar comes with a festive label and a personalized card reading:

*"Shana Tova-Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year"*

This card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to Hadassah's Entire Mission.

**Your cost is \$18.00 per jar which includes shipping & handling**

### 4 Steps to order honey:

- 1) Visit [www.orthoney.com](http://www.orthoney.com)
- 2) Click on **"Order Now"** button from the drop-down menu.
- 3) Select **GAH or Hadassah Greater Atlanta**.



shipping  
Through  
August 4th

- 4) Place your order and complete checkout, it's quick and easy!

### *\*Important Dates:*

- Order through **August 4** to **avoid** an \$8.00 shipping fee per jar
- Order through **September 10** for guaranteed delivery by Rosh Hashanah
- Honey Store closes **October 22** (while supplies last)

For more information, please contact:  
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## EVOLVE in Atlanta – Putt Putt with Passion

Hana Landesman, Hadassah Southeastern Region EVOLVE Chair, and Ellen Weinstein, Hadassah Southeastern Region VP of Membership & Community Outreach, planned the latest event for **EVOLVE in Atlanta**, which took place on July 16th at Puttshack Midtown. Some of Atlanta's young and inspiring women came out to connect. They enjoyed good food, great conversation, and learned about the amazing works of Hadassah, including the Gandel Rehabilitation Center and the Youth Aliyah Villages in Israel. It was such a fun, and meaningful night. **EVOLVE in Atlanta** is quickly growing, while Evolve Hadassah is creating communities across the country of like age, stage and interests.

"We want to be a part of making a positive difference in our own lives as well as in others. One thing is for sure, these young women have a voice, have passions, and really like being part of a more connected community, and **HADASSAH** fits that bill!," explained Ellen Weinstein.



Jenn Spector playing Putt-Putt.



L-R: Corie Hampton and Hana Landesman



Hana Landesman, Hadassah Southeastern Region Evolve Chair.



L-R: Hana Landesman, Corie Hampton, Lindsey Flax, Jenn Spector, Stephanie Weinstein, Mina Lubel, Jaclyn Turner, Chantal Spector and Rose Gross.



L-R: Ellen Weinstein, Hadassah Southeastern Region VP Membership & Community Outreach, Jenn Spector and Corie Hampton.



### METULLA NEWS

Recently the Metulla Group of Hadassah Greater Atlanta Chapter held a new member/prospective member brunch. This was a casual get together to learn about Hadassah both here in the United States, in Israel, and around the world.

Terry Nordin, President of Hadassah Greater Atlanta, showed a very short video about the Gandel Rehabilitation Center, the most recent addition to the Hadassah Medical Organization family. Terry stated, "Hadassah supports two Youth Villages for at risk youth, Camp Judaea, Young Judaea, and Year Course, a program for teenagers who have just graduated from high school and will spend the next year studying and volunteering in Israel."

Mindy Cohen, Co-President of the Metulla Group, explained, "Hadassah brings women together to effect change on such critical issues as ensuring Israel's Hadassah security, combating antisemitism and promoting women's health care. Through its Jerusalem-based hospital system, the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, Hadassah helps support exemplary care for more than one million people every year as well as world-renowned medical research."

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair, states, "We, the women of Hadassah, also advocate and speak out for women, family, and human rights, Israel as the Jewish homeland, and against antisemitism and hate. We are non-partisan; we do not support or endorse political candidates. We do lobby our legislators on both the local and national level on issues of interest."



Stopping for a moment while setting up the Metulla Brunch: left to right: Mindy Cohen, Lara Rush, Linda Goldman, and Amy Mittelberg.



Hadassah members and prospective members enjoying being together for Brunch!



3 Hadassah Presidents:  
Left to Right: Nancy Schwartz, Past President Hadassah Greater Atlanta; Mindy Cohen, Hadassah Metulla Group Co-President; and Terry Nordin, Current Hadassah Greater Atlanta President.



### **Farewell Tribute to Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon**

Hadassah representatives attended the Farewell Tribute for Israeli Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, as we bid her L'hitraot (goodbye) after her 6 years of service to the Southeast United States. Anat went out of her way to support Hadassah, speaking at many of our events, and even going all the way to Nashville to participate in our Region conference.



Simone Wilker (L), Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Southeastern Region, explains to Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon, how much Hadassah appreciated her support over the years.



Hadassah representatives at the Farewell Tribute:  
L—R: Georgia State Representative Esther Panitch,  
Phyllis M. Cohen, and Simone Wilker.

### **Lauren Rothman named Managing Director of Hadassah Super South**



Hadassah Greater Atlanta is pleased to announce that Lauren Rothman has been named Managing Director of Hadassah Super South, responsible for the operation of 46 Hadassah chapters comprising more than 15,000 Hadassah members. The geographic area Rothman will oversee comprises Alabama, Arkansas, the Florida Panhandle, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, most of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, part of West Virginia and all of southern Virginia.

Rothman comes from a multigenerational Hadassah family and previously served as Managing Director of Hadassah West. She has been with Hadassah for a total of nearly two decades. In Hadassah's Super South, Rothman will work with the staff and local volunteer leaders to advance Hadassah's mission – to stand up for Israel, fight antisemitism, advocate for women's health and support the Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah's academic medical center in Jerusalem.

Ellen Finkelstein, CEO, Hadassah, says "We are fortunate to be able to bring Lauren's exceptional skills and experience to bear on the critical role of Managing Director of Hadassah Super South. I know she will bring excellence and insight into her new role."

Terry Nordin, President of Hadassah Greater Atlanta, states, "We extend a warm southern welcome to Lauren and are excited to work with her."

Lauren Rothman explains, "Hadassah gives women the opportunity to grow and become agents of change. I look forward to introducing new women to this incredible organization and to continuing the work of advocating for women's health equity, Israel and Zionism."

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Southeastern Region, says, "We would like the Atlanta community to learn that on June 13 Hadassah's Gandel Rehabilitation Hospital Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, nicknamed the "God Forbid Hospital", became the "Thank God Hospital". The Center was transformed into an emergency hospital. Hadassah staff worked around the clock. The doctors and nurses are Jewish, Muslim, Christian and the same for the patients. Patient care continued without a pause when emergency sirens warning of enemy missiles or drones sounded."

To learn more about Hadassah, go to [www.Hadassah.org](http://www.Hadassah.org)

Members of Hadassah Greater Atlanta Chapter Board welcoming Lauren Rothman, the new Managing Director of Hadassah Super South.





### Hadassah explains “From the River to the Sea”

Central to Hadassah's mission is a staunch and unequivocal support for Israel's sovereignty and security. In 1964, Yasser Arafat, president of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), called for "the recovery of the usurped homeland in its entirety," the establishment of a single state that extended from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea to encompass its historic territories. While there are no clear records of who first created or said the phrase, it has been used in various versions since the 1960s. There are clear records of the slogan being used in the first intifada in 1987. There are versions in Arabic and English.

One Arabic version of "from the river to the sea/Palestine will be free" has a focus on freedom. It was used in the 1980s and that was a call to Palestinians that were displaced in 1948.

Another Arabic version, "from the water to the water/Palestine is Arab", has an Arab nationalist sentiment. Arab nationalism is the political ideology that Arabs constitute a single nation. This version of the phrase alluded to the belief that Israel should become an Arab Nation.

A third Arabic version of "from the water to the water/Palestine is Islamic" has Islamic sentiment. This phrase illustrates backlash to Israel being created as a home for the Jews.

The version from English speakers of "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" has circulated among English speakers expressing solidarity with Palestine since at least the 1990s. This version, while not fully expressing it, essentially says "Palestine will be free from the Jews"

The phrase is antisemitic and anti-Zionist, implying that Jews do not have the right to live in Israel and that Israel should not have been established in the first place. Since October 7 it has been chanted at pro-Palestinian protests and solidarity rallies. The chant is used to suggest that Jews do not have any right to the land, that they are not indigenous to Israel, and that all Jews currently living in Israel need to leave by any means necessary. This is also being used on social media as another antisemitism tool.

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Greater Atlanta explains, "Hadassah thanks the United States government for support and urges all nations and leaders to speak out for Israel's right to defend itself against all threats that endanger the safety and security of Israeli citizens."



Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Greater Atlanta, holds up a sign supporting Israel at a rally in Washington DC.

## ADVOCACY (cont'd)

Georgia  
Solidarity  
Network

The non-stop Delta airline's route from Atlanta to Israel is an integral link between the U.S. and our ally Israel. Business travelers, tourists, and families have all spoken out to say they want this route back as soon as possible.

To continue fostering stronger economic, cultural, and diplomatic ties between the Southeastern United States and Israel, we are asking you to take action calling on Delta Airlines to resume non-stop flights from Atlanta to Israel.

<https://share.google/bjjSmA6JvkWLoSGsV>

### Tell Congress to Stand with Israel, Fight Antisemitism and Advance Women's Health

We need Congress to stand by Israel and speak out to secure the safe and immediate release of the remaining 50 hostages, many of whom have been murdered, and who reports show have been tortured and sexually abused by Hamas. We also need our leaders to address the alarming surge in antisemitism across the country and stand up to protect and advance women's health. **Tell your lawmakers to act quickly on Hadassah's priority issues.**

<https://p2a.co/fFRmRxl>

## ACTION ALERTS

Receiving Advocacy Alerts will allow you to do the following:

- ♦ Quickly speak out about antisemitism.
- ♦ Receive Hadassah alerts supporting Israel,
- ♦ Hadassah alerts advocating for the well-being of women and
- ♦ Hadassah alerts reinforcing Jewish values.

Click the link below to **SIGN UP NOW! WE NEED YOU!!**

<https://www.hadassah.org/get-involved/advocate-take-action>



### **Israel's First Total Artificial Heart Transplant Performed at Hadassah this May**

The life of a 63-year-old patient was saved thanks to a full artificial heart transplant performed in late May for the first time in Israel — at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. The complex operation was led by a large medical team that included cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, anesthesiologists, intensive-care specialists, operating room nurses and a heart-lung machine technician.

The patient's heart was removed and replaced with a special artificial heart made of titanium, combined with biological animal tissues and advanced sensors.

The intricate seven-hour surgery was made possible only after a Hadassah team traveled to France for specialized training, accompanied by local cardiac surgeons and representatives of the French company that developed the artificial heart. There, the team mastered the transplant procedure and trained the rest of the medical team upon returning to Israel.

Prof. Offer Amir, director of Hadassah's Heart Institute, explains, "This is a major milestone in Israel — something unprecedented — so we needed extensive coordination with the patient's HMO and the Ministry of Health, with the full backing of Hadassah's leadership."

The patient, a central-Israel resident, was in critical condition. His life was severely impaired, and he faced serious risk of death while waiting for a suitable donor heart. The expert team concluded that no other option could buy him time — yet tests also confirmed he was a good candidate for the artificial heart procedure.

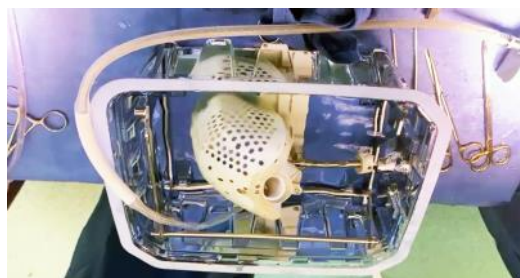
Dr. Amit Korach, head of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Hadassah Medical Organization and director of Israel's first artificial heart transplant, explained that until now, Israeli patients requiring advanced cardiac devices received partial support systems which help patients with left-side heart failure but are ineffective when both chambers collapse.

"This is an historic event," he said. "For the first time in Israel, we can offer a lifesaving solution for those whose entire heart has failed. This is the first time in Israel that a device has completely replaced the heart. This is the future, and it will help save countless lives by bridging the dangerous waiting period for donor hearts."

Dr. Korach notes that the artificial heart will provide the patient with at least two full, high-quality years of life as he awaits a human heart transplant.

"In summary," said Prof. Amir, "this was a meticulously planned operation executed by a large, harmonized team working with incredible precision. Thanks to the cardiologists, surgeons, heart-lung technicians, anesthesiologists, intensive care experts, nurses and everyone involved, we've given a patient who lived in suffering a brand-new lease on life."

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Southeastern Region, explains, "My oldest son needed a heart transplant. We waited and waited for a new heart; all the while his health deteriorated. After two years of hanging on, with nothing more the doctors could do for him, a nurse walked into his hospital room and told him to stop eating his dinner. She told him that he was going to surgery in a few hours to finally receive a heart. I thank G-d for giving my son this precious gift."





### Register Now for Hebrew@Hadassah

We are once again offering our online Hebrew language classes on Mondays in the fall to all members and Associates. Classes cover vocabulary and conversational Hebrew and are 50 minutes long. The semester costs \$99 and runs from **September 8 through December 22**. These classes are available at three levels: [New Beginners](#) (1 pm ET), [Beginners](#) (2 pm ET) and [Intermediate](#) (3 pm ET).



### **TISHA B'AV**

As the nine days before Tisha B' Av began this year, the war in Israel continues to escalate and images since October 7th flash before our eyes. For this we weep, as we approach Tisha B'Av, the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. It's not just the day when our beloved Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, it was also the day that we lost the center of our nation's heart. The space that connected us to ourselves, to each other and to God. And the pain of that disconnection has been part of each of us since that day. Many of us don't know who we are or what we truly value anymore. We distract ourselves in hundreds of ways every day.

The days leading up to Tisha B'Av are an opportune time to reflect on who we are and what we want out of life. It is a time to face the pain of feeling disconnected so we can start to reconnect with our goals and our values. It is a time to learn more about our Jewish identities and where they fit into our lives. We focus on our differences instead of what unites us. We judge each other harshly and are slow to forgive. We message each other instead of talking.

The week before Tisha B'Av is a time to pause and become aware of how disconnected we are from each other. It is a time to focus on what unites us as a nation instead of what divides us. It is a time to reach out for help if you need it and to give help when you see someone in need. It is a time to let go of our judgments and forgive those who have hurt us. It is a time to notice the people around us and to talk to each other more often. It is a time to think of how isolated we can easily become if we don't work on re-connecting with each other. This is a time to find a space to pray again, to reconnect with the miniature temple within each of our hearts where we feel close to our life's purpose.

As the images from October 7 flash before us, we weep. And we also weep for the painful disconnection that is at the heart of all of our grief.

Tisha B'Av begins sundown on August 2nd and ends sunset on August 3rd. We wish you a heartfelt and meaningful Tisha B'Av.



# AUGUST 2025 MONTH AT A GLANCE

GROUP	PROGRAM	DATE & TIME	CONTACT
<b>MONTHLY PROGRAMS—AUGUST 2025</b>			
<b>Etz Aviv Noontime Nosh Book Club</b>	<b>James By Percival Everett</b>	<b>Tuesday August 5th 10:00 am</b>	<a href="#"><u>Adrienne Clayman</u></a>
<b>Ketura Knit/Crochet Group</b>	 <b>Knit/Crochet</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	<a href="#"><u>Lisa Slotznick</u></a>
<b>Metulla On The Same Page Book Club</b>	<b>The Briar Club By Kate Quinn</b>	<b>Friday August 15th 1:00 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Sandy Barmak</u></a>
<b>Ketura Book Club</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	<b>Monday August 18th 6:30 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Arlene Glass</u></a>
<b>HGA Study Group</b>	<b>Notable Jewish Women—Deborah compared to RBG, Elena Kagan &amp; Golda Meir</b>	<b>Friday August 22nd 10:30 am</b>	<a href="#"><u>Wendy Kalman</u></a>
<b>Mt. Scopus Book Club</b>	<b>The God of the Woods By Liz Moore</b>	<b>Tuesday August 26th 1:00 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Sondra Epstein</u></a>
<b>Etz Aviv Ladies of the Evening Book Club</b>	<b>When Women Ran 5th Avenue By Julie Satow</b>	<b>Wednesday August 27th 7:00 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Faith Shatzman</u></a>

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