

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hadassah Members,

As the end of the year approaches, I find myself looking back on the numerous achievements of Hadassah Greater Atlanta in 2025. We started the year with our Myrtle Wreath Awards program in February honoring Phyllis M. Cohen, Rita and Bill Loventhal, and Esther Panitch. The program was a huge success raising more than \$350,000 for Hadassah. Todah Rabah to Dr. Rachel Schonberger and Shirley Michalove, of blessed memory, for their outstanding planning for this wonderful program. It was an honor and pleasure for me to work on this program.

Our 34th annual Chesed Awards program recognizing outstanding students was also a success. Over 100 people attended the event in May, and donations for Youth Aliyah were over \$2,700. In August, we were honored to host two students from our Youth Aliyah villages in Israel. Two receptions were held in their honor. In September, the HGA Game Day attracted over 90 attendees who played Mah Jongg and other games, shopped with our vendors and had a wonderful afternoon, raising over \$2,200 for Hadassah.

Our groups and the chapter held over 40 events from January through November and we acquired 42 new members through the end of November.

We increased the community's awareness about Hadassah by partnering and collaborating with various community outreach programs including the Jewish Life Festival, the MJCCA Jewish Book Festival, Sojourn/Pride, and the Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival. Both volunteer and professional staff attended several Jewish Atlanta community meetings representing Hadassah.

Thank you to all of you for the honor of serving as your President. I look forward to continuing this role in 2026. Wishing you all a very Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

Terry



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UPCOMING CHAPTER, GROUP AND REGION EVENTS



HADASSAH SOUTHEASTERN TAKES HILTON HEAD BY STORM!

Southeastern Region Meeting

- Date: January 10-11, 2026
- Location: Hilton Head, SC
- Reservation deadline is Thursday, December 18.
- Any questions, contact Paula Zucker at pzucker@hadassah.org

Stay tuned for more information. Details forthcoming.



HGA SPECIAL EVENTS

- December 4 – Etz Aviv Hanukkah Party & Installation
- December 7 – Metulla Installation & Hanukkah Celebration
- December 16 – HGA Chapter Installation
- December 17– Ketura Potluck & Installation
- January 10th – 11th, 2026 – Southeastern Region Meeting & Installation



Dear Greater Atlanta Hadassah Members,

The 2025 Greater Atlanta Board voted to pass the Proposed Slate for the 2026 Board of officers. On December 16th, at the installation brunch, the general membership will vote on the proposed slate for the 2026 Board. If there are any objections, please let me know by December 15, 2025. Otherwise, the 2026 slate stands as proposed below.

Nancy Schwartz
Chairperson for 2026 Nominating Committee
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Hadassah Greater Atlanta 2026 Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Chesed Student Awards	Linda M. Weinroth
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Newsletter	Deborah Kloder
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Study Group	Wendy Kalman
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ATLANTA KOSHER BBQ FESTIVAL AT BROOK RUN PARK!

Hadassah was there at the annual Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival at Brook Run Park!

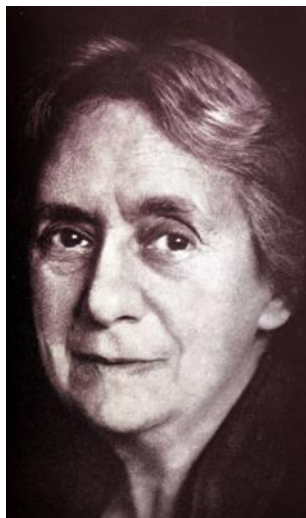
The event was amazing with hundreds of people attending. Thanks to Terry Nordin, Hadassah Greater Atlanta President and Rosalie Agrow, Ketura Group President, for arranging, setting up, and representing Hadassah at this beyond fabulous Atlanta event.



Terry Nordin, HGA Chapter President, manning the Hadassah informational table at the Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival.



DECEMBER 21, 1860: THE 165TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH FOUNDER HENRIETTA SZOLD



Henrietta Szold was a leader and the founder of [Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America](#), which was her greatest accomplishment. Under her direction, Hadassah became the largest and most powerful Zionist group in the United States, fundraising and setting up hospitals, food banks, nursing schools, and social work programs. Szold's work helped create the medical, educational, and social service infrastructure that helped turn the dream of a Jewish state into a workable reality. During the 1930s, she spearheaded Youth Aliyah, helping Jewish children leave Nazi Germany for Palestine.

Her birthday is celebrated annually by Hadassah, which continues her legacy of health and advocacy in Israel and for Jewish continuity around the world..

GROUP NEWS

On November 16, Ketura group members and guests gathered at Sweet Apple Farms, the home of Michele Weiner-Merbaum, a Hadassah leader and accomplished Chef. She graciously provided her kitchen and expertise to demonstrate the preparation of a charcuterie board of tantalizing tidbits with the help of the afternoon's participants. The board could serve as a perfect complement to Chanukah cuisine or any festive occasion one may be hosting.

The event highlighted Hadassah's Nutrition Program, "Every Bite Counts," the third phase of "Every Beat Counts," Hadassah's Heart Health Program®. The nutrition program's goal is to promote heart health and features delicious and healthy recipes. Launched a few years ago, "Every Beat Counts" educated over 10,000 women nationwide that 90% of women have one or more risk factors for heart disease.

For more information go to www.hadassah.org



Ketura members gather around the beautiful charcuterie board they helped to create. Far Left: Michele Weiner-Merbaum, Chef.



L—R: Michele Weiner-Merbaum, current Hadassah National Board Member and Rosalie Agrow, President, Hadassah Ketura Group.



The finished product!

Be The Light Chocolate Bark Recipe by Michele Weiner-Merbaum

- Melt good chocolate, like Ghirardelli, in a double boiler until completely melted, stirring constantly.
- Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper- makes removal of chocolate easier-clean up too!
- Pour melted chocolate onto sheet
- Spread out evenly
- Sprinkle with your choice of add-ins, e.g:
 - Sprinkles
 - Chopped dried fruit
 - Chopped nuts
 - Roasted seeds like pumpkin seeds
 - Ginger
- Lightly press into chocolate
- Refrigerate until hardened
- Using cookie cutter of your choice-dreidel, menorah, or Jewish Star, press out these shapes.
- Keep cold until serving. **Bon Appetit!!**



2026 MAH JONGG



GET READY FOR 2026 MAH JONGG

Renew your membership in the National Mah Jongg League and receive the 2026 card or become a member and receive the 2026 card.

\$14 standard print card

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Your Hadassah chapter/region noted below will receive credit for your order.

Applications are now

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January 9, 2026

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ARE YOU WATCHING *NOBODY WANTS THIS*?

If you are subscribing to [Hadassah Magazine](#), you'll get to see current events and articles of interest about varying topics.



To read the full article, click on the link below:

https://www.hadassahmagazine.org/2025/11/07/nobody-wants-this-everybody-should-want-this/?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Hadassah+Magazine+November+2025&utm_id=259036&sfmc_id=59699612



HADASSAH MAGAZINE PRESENTS: HEART TO HEART WITH RABBI ANGELA BUCHDAHL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 8:00 PM



Sign up for Hadassah Magazine Presents event with trailblazing senior rabbi Angela Buchdahl? She'll be in conversation with *Hadassah Magazine* Executive Editor Lisa Hostein, talking about her journey from South Korea, where she was born, to the rabbinate; finding light and joy in Judaism today; and her new memoir, *Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging*.

https://your.hadassah.org/event/hadassah-magazine-presents-heart-to-heart-with-rabbi-angela-buchdahl/e730447?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Hnews%20featuring%20Hadassah@home%20November%2019,%202025&sfmc_id=60257013



This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on the blessings in our own lives, we have the chance to pass that gratitude forward. Help a child rise above hardship and build a brighter future through Hadassah's Youth Aliyah villages.

Make your gift today.

Join our fundraising campaign!

<https://bit.ly/SuperSouthHarmonyofHealing>

DONATE TODAY



CONDEMN HAMAS' WEAPONIZATION OF PALESTINIAN SUFFERING

FIGHT: Congress is considering a bipartisan resolution condemning Hamas for silencing and assassinating Palestinians in Gaza to regain control.

[Urge your lawmaker to support](#) this resolution and stand against Hamas' terrorism!

Over the two years after October 7, 2023, Hamas continues to weaponize Palestinian suffering.



Even now, with a ceasefire in place, Hamas is wielding violence against Palestinian civilians through assassination, threats and forced disappearances to reclaim control over Gaza.

We must continue to speak out against Hamas' terrorism. Congress is considering a bipartisan resolution that condemns Hamas for repressing and assassinating Palestinians in Gaza and reaffirms America's commitment to advancing stability and peace.

Hamas' actions are a deliberate effort to silence Palestinians seeking a future free from terror and corruption. Please urge your lawmakers to support H. Res. 839. Right now, we must send a clear, bipartisan message that the US condemns terrorism, whether directed at Israeli or Palestinian civilians.

Tell Congress to Condemn Hamas!



HADASSAH'S STATEMENT ON NEW ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION BEFORE CONGRESS

Carol Ann Schwartz, National President of [Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America](#), made the following statement in response to the introduction of H.Res.876, "Recognizing the Genocide of the Palestinian People in Gaza," by Representative Rashida Tlaib on November 14:

"Hadassah is concerned by Representative Rashida Tlaib's newly-introduced resolution, which perpetuates dangerous lies about Israel, citing reports from the biased UN Commission of Inquiry, whose leaders have repeatedly trafficked in antisemitic statements and falsehoods.

"This irresponsible, biased, and dangerous resolution seeks to blame and delegitimize Israel, calls to block arms to Israel, prosecute American citizens and companies and put sanctions on the Jewish state — without once mentioning Hamas terrorists and their brutal murder of Israeli civilians, weaponization of sexual violence and kidnapping of 250 hostages.

"We call on members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to oppose this grossly misleading resolution and continue to speak out against this blatantly biased and false narrative at a time when the Jewish community faces a continuing escalation in antisemitism and violence."

Urge Your Representative To Reject This Harmful Resolution

ADVOCACY (cont'd)



**DELTA RESTORES
NONSTOP FLIGHT
ATLANTA — TEL AVIV**

To read article, click the link below:

<https://israelmirror.com/travel/delta-restarts-nonstop-flights-to-tel-aviv-from-atlanta-and-boston-expanding-winter-travel-choices/>



Urge Congress to Restore Women's Health Research!

Historically, women's health issues have been underdiagnosed, underfunded and under researched, leaving significant gaps in women's health care. Funding for women's health research is critical to understand the biological sex differences that impact the way that conditions manifest in women and the way women respond to medical care. **Urge Congress to support women's health today!**

<https://p2a.co/owaHeqk>



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>

DECEMBER 2025 MONTH AT A GLANCE

GROUP	PROGRAM	DATE & TIME	CONTACT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS—DECEMBER 2025			
Etz Aviv Noontime Nosh Book Club	When the Jessamine Grows By Donna Everhart	Tuesday December 2nd 10:00 am	<u>Adrienne Clayman</u>
Metulla	Board Installation and Chanukah Brunch	Sunday December 7th 11:00 am –1:00 pm	<u>Mindy Cohen</u>
Ketura Knit/Crochet Group	 Knit/Crochet	Monday December 8th 2:00 pm	<u>Lisa Slotznick</u>
Ketura Book Club	The Two Family House By Lynda Cohen Loigman	Monday December 15th 7:15 pm	<u>Arlene Glass</u>
Hadassah Greater Atlanta	2026 Board Installation	Tuesday December 16th 12:00-2:30 pm	<u>Anita Otero</u>
Ketura	Installation and Pot Luck Lunch	Wednesday December 17th 12:00 pm	<u>Rosalie Agrow</u>
Etz Aviv Ladies of the Evening Book Club	Twice By Mitch Albom	Wednesday December 17th 7:00 pm	<u>Faith Shatzman</u>
HGA Study Group	Dr. Nanette Wenger in conversation with Dr. Rachel Schonberger	Friday December 19th 10:30 am	<u>Wendy Kalman</u>
Metulla On The Same Page Book Club	The Escape Artist By Jonathan Freedland	Friday December 19th 1:00 pm	<u>Susan Linkwald</u>
Mt. Scopus Book Club	Havoc By Christopher Bollen	Tuesday December 23rd 1:00 pm	<u>Sondra Epstein</u>

JANUARY 2026 MONTH AT A GLANCE

GROUP	PROGRAM	DATE & TIME	CONTACT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS—JANUARY 2026			
Etz Aviv Noontime Nosh Book Club	The Briar Club By Kate Quinn	Tuesday January 6th 10:00 am	<u>Adrienne Clayman</u>
Ketura Knit/Crochet Group	 Knit/Crochet	Monday January 12th 2:00 pm	<u>Lisa Slotznick</u>
Mt. Scopus	Study Group	Wednesday January 14th 1:00 pm	<u>Marilyn Perling</u>
Ketura Book Club	Theo of Golden By Allen Levi	Monday January 19th 7:00 pm	<u>Arlene Glass</u>
HGA Study Group	Simone Wilker HGA Advocacy Chair In Conversation with Arlene Glass	Friday January 23rd 10:30 am	<u>Wendy Kalman</u>
Mt. Scopus Book Club	The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise By Colleen Oakly	Tuesday January 27th 1:00 pm	<u>Sondra Epstein</u>
Etz Aviv Ladies of the Evening Book Club	First Lie Wins By Ashley Elston	Wednesday January 28th 7:00 pm	<u>Faith Shatzman</u>

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QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?

We want your input on the newsletter.

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