

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hadassah Members,



We kick off February with Tu B'Shevat which begins at sundown on Sunday, February 1 and ends Monday, February 2, 2026. One way to celebrate or observe this holiday is to eat "fruit," especially the seven species for which Israel is most recognized. They are dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates, wheat, barley and olives. Early Zionists felt Tu B'Shevat provided an opportunity to celebrate tree planting efforts that would restore the ecology of ancient Israel; this symbolized renewed growth and flowering of the Jewish people returning to their ancestral homeland. Today, Tu B'Shevat is often commemorated by planting trees in Israel. Did you know Hadassah is the largest organizational contributor to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) – and has been since the 1930s?

February is also National Heart Health month. Advancing women's health and well-being through education, advocacy, and research is a cornerstone of the Hadassah mission. This is a good time to remember to take care of ourselves by eating healthy and staying active, whatever that means for you. We cannot take care of others if we don't take care of ourselves first.

Our Hadassah Hospitals have recently been recognized by both the leading journal Nature as well as by Israel's Health Ministry. Nature named Hadassah Medical Organization the #1 hospital in Israel for scientific output. Israel's Ministry of Health ranked Hadassah Medical Organization first in Jerusalem and second in Israel in a new report on the quality-of-care provided by its internal medicine departments. I feel very proud of our support of these hospitals and all they do both for Israel and the world.

Wishing you health and happiness.

Terry



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UPCOMING CHAPTER, GROUP, REGION AND NATIONAL EVENTS



HADASSAH
Greater Atlanta
Etz Aviv

HADASSAH GREATER ATLANTA
ETZ AVIV
REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT OUR

Chai Tea

PUT ON YOUR PEARLS,
YOUR GLOVES,
AND DON'T FORGET
YOUR FASCINATORS!

JOIN US FOR
A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 15**
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
ADDRESS PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION.
REGISTER ONLINE WITH THE QR CODE



Atlanta Jewish Life Festival
PRESENTED BY
Atlanta Jewish Times

**Hadassah Greater Atlanta Will
Be There!**

March 1, 2026

PRIMEtime Events

PRIMEtime programming engages women in their 50's & 60's to enhance the Hadassah experience.

Thursday February 12th:
Galentine's Day "Chocolate and Wine Pairing"

Sunday March 29th: Chocolate Seder

Hadassah Greater Atlanta Installation 2026 Officers and Board of Directors

Hadassah Greater Atlanta held its annual installation of 2026 Officers and Board at Ippolito's Restaurant in Roswell on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Anita Otero, Installation Chair, began the event by thanking all the Hadassah volunteers who have helped make Hadassah so great during the previous year. Terry Nordin, Hadassah Greater Atlanta President, accepted a special award for her work and successes for the past year.

The Keynote Speaker was Esther Panitch, Georgia State Representative since 2023 and a Life Member of Hadassah. Representative Panitch explained, "Jewish optimism is not about pretending everything is fine—it's about looking at thousands of years of Jewish survival and choosing to bet on the future. As Hadassah women step into leadership roles, they are continuing an unbroken chain of Jewish women who have always been keepers of hope. Every hospital we support, every advocacy effort we lead, every young person we mentor is optimism in action."

The installation was conducted by Linda Hakerem, National Chapter Leadership Development Co-Chair of Hadassah. Linda said, "It is my pleasure to install the new Officers and Board of Hadassah Greater Atlanta for 2026. I was so happy that this took place during Chanukkah when we commemorate the joy of regaining possession of our Temple and the ability of Jews to practice our religion freely again. I used the menorah to symbolize how our volunteers work together, creating light, in order to accomplish great things for Hadassah. "

Terry Nordin, Second Term President, Hadassah Greater Atlanta, thanked the audience for their support and recalled that "Our founder, Henrietta Szold, saw suffering and acted, bringing emergency health care to mothers and their infants in pre-state Israel. Henrietta's passion is in our DNA and continues to drive us. This is our practical Zionism. Each of us has the power to make an impact."

Hadassah Greater Atlanta champions a strong US-Israel relationship. Hadassah makes a difference by bringing healing and justice to the world. Every day, Hadassah members are speaking out in multiple ways — from sending messages to meeting face to face with elected officials — locally and on the Hill.

For more information, Go To www.Hadassah.org

The 2026 Hadassah Greater Atlanta Board led by President Terry Nordin, far right, holding congratulatory flowers.



Hadassah Greater Atlanta 2026 Board Installation (cont'd)



Hadassah Members enjoying the brunch at Ippolito's restaurant during the installation of the 2026 Board.



L-R: Speakers at the 2026 Hadassah Greater Atlanta Installation: Georgia State Representative, Esther Panitch, and Linda Hakerem, Hadassah National Chapter Leadership Development Co-Chair.



Left to right: Georgia State Representative, Esther Panitch, Keynote Speaker, and Anita Otero, Event Chair, present an award to Terry Nordin, President, Hadassah Greater Atlanta.

HADASSAH GREATER ATLANTA AT JEWISH FEDERATION OF ATLANTA'S "BOARD CHAIRS CONVENING" PROGRAM

Terry Nordin, Hadassah Greater Atlanta President, and Simone Wilker, Advocacy chair for Hadassah Southeastern, attended the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta's program entitled "Board Chairs Convening: Connect. Collaborate. Cultivate," that took place on December 12th, at the new location of Federation on Dupree Drive in Sandy Springs.

This convening of the Atlanta Jewish ecosystem brought together dedicated board leaders for a morning of connection, collaboration, and shared growth. It encouraged people to connect with peers who understand the challenges of leadership and to explore new approaches to real world issues.

There were breakout sessions, focused on key leadership topics. However, the most important part of the event was networking with Board chairs and leaders of various Jewish organizations within the Atlanta area. We're proud to say that Hadassah was a vital participant in this event.

L-R: Terry Nordin and Simone Wilker proudly represented Greater Atlanta Hadassah at Federation.



Hadassah Greater Atlanta Study Group



The Study Group, chaired by Wendy Kalman and Anne Davis, is currently studying notable Jewish women. On January 23rd, Arlene Glass, study group member, hosted Simone Wilker, HGA Advocacy Chair, to speak about her advocacy in action over many years and, in particular, Hadassah's role. On December 19th, Dr. Rachel Schonberger, also a study group member, hosted Dr. Nanette Wenger, Professor of Cardiology at Emory Medical School, and founding consultant to Emory Women's Heart Center in Atlanta, highlighting Dr. Wenger's many accomplishments and her connection to Hadassah.

The next meeting in the series is scheduled for March 27th—Anne Davis will present "It's Not Just Sex! Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Hannah Senesh". All are welcome!



HGA IS GOING TO THE MOVIES!



Labors of Love: The Life and Legacy of Henrietta Szold

Henrietta Szold, a towering Jewish American humanitarian finally receives her due in this inspiring biography of the visionary Zionist and women's rights leader who helped shape modern Jewish life. Stirring narrated by Tovah Feldshuh.

Hadassah Greater Atlanta is proud to sponsor AJFF screenings of *Labors of Love: The Life and Legacy of Henrietta Szold*, honoring Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold.

Screening Details:

- **Saturday, February 21 | 5:50 PM**
City Springs— Hadassah warmly welcomes the director, Abby Ginzburg
- **Friday, February 27 | 1:40 PM**
The Springs Cinema & Taphouse

Watch for plans to lunch together at Zafron Restaurant prior to Friday's film. Details for Saturday's gathering are still in development. More information will be shared soon. Be sure to register for one or both of these special Hadassah events as soon as possible.

Click here for tickets: [Tickets for the film go on sale February 4 at AJFF.org](https://www.ajff.org)

We hope you'll join us — and bring your friends!

Hadassah Greater Atlanta's Metulla Group Installs Officers for 2026

Hadassah Greater Atlanta's Metulla Group installed its 2026 officers at a Hanukkah Celebration and Brunch on Sunday, December 7, 2025. In addition to wonderful food and friendship, participants took a virtual tour of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah Villages with Michele Rubin, Hadassah National Chair Youth Aliyah.

The installation, conducted by Hadassah Greater Atlanta President, Terry Nordin, took participants on a tour of the Gates of Jerusalem, linking each of the eight gates to the roles of Hadassah leadership.

Terry Nordin encouraged members to "Look towards Jerusalem for inspiration. Jerusalem, the heart of Israel, is home to hundreds of thousands of people and spiritual home to millions. Hadassah's projects and programs in Jerusalem and around the world enable people to benefit from Hadassah's work."

Incoming Co-President, Lara Rush, spoke about the power of connection that Hadassah provides and Co-President, Mindy Cohen highlighted Metulla's many accomplishments. In attendance were several Metulla past presidents, including Susan Linkwald, Michele Weiner-Merbaum, Nancy Schwartz, Anita Otero, and Terry Nordin.

L-R: Co-Presidents of the Hadassah Metulla Group, Lara Rush and Mindy Cohen, and Terry Nordin, President, Hadassah Greater Atlanta, at Metulla's 2026 Board Installation.



The 2026 Board of the Metulla Group of Hadassah Greater Atlanta:
L-R: Amy Mittelberg, Penny Pawlinger, Linda Goldman, Alexandra Weinstein, Mindy Cohen, Lara Rush, Terry Nordin, Nancy Schwartz, and Jana Ross.

Hadassah Mt. Scopus Study Group

The Hadassah Greater Atlanta Mt. Scopus Study Group invited Barbara Ellison Rosenbilt as their guest speaker on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Congregation Sherith Israel. The presentation focused on the art that enriched the doors, walls, and windows of early and later churches and even, surprisingly, synagogues.

Barbara Ellison Rosenbilt, Former Dean of Faculty Mentoring at The Weber School, explained, "Looking at the ways Jews are depicted in Christian art that is found in holy and public spaces is a topic I have studied from different angles over many years and in many contexts. I find its study full of historical heft and contemporary relevance. Today's Hadassah audience, when viewing the art, was challenged by the ways the Church depicted Jews from ancient times until present days. They found the discussion regarding the art itself and the subjects in the works enlightening and thought provoking."

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Greater Atlanta, proudly announced, "The women of Hadassah do not sit still! We are always thinking and learning."



Mt. Scopus members analyzed the works of art shown in the slide show:
Picturing History: A Visual Jewish Journey Through the Church.



Barbara Ellison Rosenbilt describes this mosaic work of art in a church in Ravenna, Italy, where the Early Christian and Byzantine mosaics are world-renowned. Barbara asks, "Could it be Sarah and Abraham on the left? Could Jesus be the innocent lamb?"



Hadassah Ketura Group



Hadassah Ketura 2025-26 Board
L-R: Katie Kloder, Arlene Glass Joan Solomon, Dale Millman, Liz Goldstein, Rosalie Agrow (outgoing President), Suzy Wilner, Gerry Taratoot, Susan Adair, Gail Vanovitch and Simone Wilker. Not pictured: Fran Redisch.

Hadassah Southeastern Region Holds Annual Installation:

Hadassah Southeastern Region recently held its annual installation and meeting on January 11, 2025. The installation was conducted by Dr. Rachel Schonberger. This Region is the home to nearly 6,000 members and supporters throughout Georgia, South Carolina and western North Carolina, with a diverse mix of experience, ages and backgrounds. The event included an engaging webinar featuring Dov Wilker, American Jewish Committee Regional Director, Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, Temple Beth Israel in Macon, Georgia, and Diana Diner, National Hadassah Zionist Educator, offering strategies on tackling the surge on antisemitism.

Paula Zucker, President of the Southeastern Region, proudly announced that, “The leading journal *“Nature”* just named Hadassah Medical Organization the #1 hospital in Israel for scientific output. The publication, *“Nature Index,”* also ranks Hadassah among the top 200 hospitals worldwide.”

During the period 2024-2025 the Hadassah Medical Organization was the most prolific producer of articles on the clinical sciences, oncology and carcinogenesis, genetics, microbiology, cardiovascular medicine, hematology, and many other areas, focusing on the hottest areas of research in every sphere of medicine you can think of.”

Simone Wilker, Advocacy Chair for Hadassah Greater Atlanta, explains, “Without the support of Hadassah here in Atlanta and the entire United States, we wouldn’t be able to establish research centers in Israel, that are changing the face of medicine.” Hadassah has set the standard for excellence in medical treatment and research in Israel. The ingenuity of Hadassah’s physicians and scientists have led to new tools and treatments in all areas of medicine.

For more information go to www.Hadassah.org.



Paula Zucker (L), President Hadassah Southeastern Region, meets with Carol Ann Schwartz, National President of Hadassah, to celebrate Nature’s announcement regarding Hadassah’s hospitals in Israel.

ADVOCACY



HADASSAH'S TRAUMA EXPERTS HOLD ONLINE BRIEFINGS FOR PHYSICIANS AND THERAPISTS IN AUSTRALIA.

After the Bondi Beach Ambush, Hadassah's Hospitals Immediately Mobilize to Help.

Within an hour of the Bondi Beach ambush in Sydney, Australia, trauma experts at the Hadassah Medical Organization held a briefing for Australian physicians and mental health professionals. Among the most important information the Israeli doctors shared were the lessons they had learned when treating more than 1,000 victims of the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack.

For many months, the Hadassah Medical Organization team has been providing training in trauma care to members of the Forum of Jewish Therapists in Australia, a professional network created in response to the country's rising number of antisemitic incidents. The Israeli physicians have advised the Forum's members on disaster preparedness, early intervention and developing a community-wide trauma response.

<https://www.hadassah.org/press-release/after-bondi-beach-ambush-hadassahs-hospitals-immediately-mobilize-to-help-sharing-oct-7-lessons>



#HadassahVotes



WHAT'S AT STAKE

On November 3, 2026, US voters will elect **35** US senators, **435** US representatives and **36** governors, and decide on important statewide ballot measures. These choices will impact our communities and the issues we care about — from standing with Israel to combating antisemitism to championing protections for women's health — in countless ways.

As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary in 2026, make a plan, research the issues, and make your voice heard on Election Day!

For more information on registering to vote, becoming a poll worker or important issues, click on here: <https://www.hadassah.org/get-involved/vote>

**HADASSAH
ON THE HILL
DAY OF IMPACT**



A POWERFUL DAY OF ADVOCACY

As a Hadassah supporter, you want to use your voice for good. Register for Hadassah On The Hill: Day of Impact, which is on March 10, in Washington, DC. Join us to meet with members of Congress and drive real change on important issues: strengthening the US-Israel relationship, standing up to rising antisemitism and championing women's and public health.

Sign up for this powerful day of advocacy: <https://www.hadassah.org/hadassahonthehill>



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
- ◆ Hadassah alerts reinforcing Jewish values.

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

How to **SIGN UP** for **ADVOCACY ALERTS**:
go to www.hadassah.org

Click **GET INVOLVED**
Click **ADVOCATE WITH US**
Click **TAKE ACTION**
THEN **SIGN UP.**





FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH. BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

At Hadassah, we're committed to saving lives and advancing women's heart health in the US, Israel and around the world.

With your help, our research, prevention programs and advocacy efforts will help more women live longer, healthier lives.

Together, we can make an even bigger impact.

Five Ways to be a Catalyst for Women's Heart Health:

- ◆ **Get Social. Save Lives:** Join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)
- ◆ **Get Heart Smart**
- ◆ **Sleep On It**
- ◆ **Keep a Healthy Heart: Make It a Habit**
- ◆ **Speak Out for Heart Health**

For more information:

<https://www.hadassah.org/story/be-a-part-of-american-heart-month-with-hadassah>



Book Banning on the Rise: What Can We Do?" Presented by the Hadassah Educators Council

**Wednesday, February 4 at 8 pm ET/5 pm PT – FREE and Open to All.
*Your voice needs to be heard!***

Join us as we address this question in an informative and urgent panel discussion exploring the professional, personal and legal impacts of book banning. Hear from a representative of the American Library Association along with other panelists including two who are featured in an upcoming PBS documentary titled *The Librarians*. Join us and become an advocate.

Register: <https://your.hadassah.org/BookBanning>.

Questions? Email us at educatorsCouncil@hadassah.org.

FEBRUARY 2026 MONTH AT A GLANCE

GROUP	PROGRAM	DATE & TIME	CONTACT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS—FEBRUARY 2026			
Etz Aviv Noontime Nosh Book Club	The Lion Women of Teheran By Marjan Kamali	Tuesday February 3rd 10:00 am	<u>Adrienne Clayman</u>
Ketura Knit/Crochet Group	Knit/Crochet	Monday February 9th 2:00 pm	<u>Lisa Slotznick</u>
Ketura Book Club	The Safekeep By Yael Van der Wouden	Monday February 16th 7:30 pm	<u>Arlene Glass</u>
Metulla On The Same Page Book Club	The Sisterhood of Ravensbruck By Lynne Olsen	Friday February 20th 1:00 pm	<u>Susan Linkwald</u>
Mt. Scopus Book Club	This Is Going To Hurt By Adam Key	Tuesday February 24th 1:00 pm	<u>Sondra Epstein</u>
Etz Aviv Ladies of the Evening Book Club	The Measure By Nikki Erlick	Wednesday February 25th 7:00 pm	<u>Faith Shatzman</u>
Metulla	Celebrating Hadassah Gal Pals in Healthy Month	Thursday February 26th 4:00 pm	<u>Linda Goodman</u>
HGA Study Group	Jewish Women Nobel Prize Winners	Postponed	<u>Wendy Kalman</u>

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