



**New Calendar  
of Events 2014-15**

**March 26, 2015  
Women's Seder  
at the Deplaine  
Arts Center**

**May 17, 2015  
Fashion Show at  
Beth Sholom  
Synagogue  
More to come!!**

**Board meetings**

**President's Corner from Susan**

As we bring 2014 to a close, we say goodbye to our longest serving Board of Officers. This Board served extra months as National Hadassah changed its calendar year. On December 3rd Janet Kaplan installed our new Officers and on December 4th, our advisor Judy Garner installed the Greater Washington Chapter's new Board. Our deepest thank you goes to the retiring officers for serving Hadassah. Ina Weiser has been a wonderful Recording Secretary and we will miss her! Rhonda Lang has been able to share her expertise in Education and will continue to do so, just not at Hadassah meetings! I would like to also thank Barbara Fromer for her service as the Tapestry editor and Janet Kaplan for serving as Past President in residence. Also thank you to the 2013-14 Hadassah Card Sales Manager, Karen Ahswal who was always willing to sell our cards. Karen is busy being a Grandmother so she may retire from cards for now, but we hope we will see her as often as possible! Last, our advisors Judy Garner and Nina Blendman have advised and supported the group, logging many miles to Frederick. Thank you to each and everyone who donated their time and efforts to Hadassah! Our retiring Board is listed below:

- Susan Dwyer-President
- Micki Cohen-VP Programming
- Ina Weiser-Recording Secretary
- Shelia Blank-VP Programming
- Rhonda Lang-VP Education
- Sylvia Haber-VP Fundraising
- Joan Klein-VP Membership
- Cathy Reifman- Treasurer
- Sally Kravitz-Corresponding Secretary

This year's Board welcomed new Board members and new regular members, developed new programs, and continued to support Hadassah through dynamic fundraising. Over \$500 was raised for the Tower Talk drive through your generosity. Without officers to run our organization we cannot do our work or have the extraordinary fun we have together! I encourage you to get involved in 2015 by sharing a position with an officer, being on a committee or creating a program. The future of Esther Krinitz Hadassah will rest with our developing new leadership to continue what we have begun.

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**Interested in Joining?**  
Please call Joan Klein at 301-798-2116

## **Outgoing VP Programming Thoughts –Sheila Blank**

When I first joined Hadassah in 2005 as a life member, little did I realize how much I would enjoy being a board member. Not too long after joining, I was asked to handle the greeting cards. Carol Blum (A.S.), one of the past Presidents of the original Frederick Hadassah as well as organizer of anything at Beth Sholom, came by to drop off a large box of assorted cards and certificates. This was also the start of a wonderful friendship with Carol until her untimely death in 2012.

While handling the cards, I was asked to also serve on the Esther Krinitz Board. Ever since, I've been on the board, serving in one position or another. And I've so thoroughly enjoyed it! Becoming Programming VP was a position I especially relished, since I have always been an ideas person and worked on planning parties for Jewish groups ever since I was a young adult. I also love the camaraderie and the warmth of other members. Esther Krinitz is an eclectic group, with a wide variety of ages and backgrounds; all wonderful women!

We've been told that our kick-off events are among the best in the GWAC. Our Galore events highlight the best in appetizers, desserts, soups, salads for holidays as well as every day meals. We have grown in so many ways in the past 10 years since the Frederick area Hadassah reemerged as the Esther Krinitz Chapter.

When I thought about stepping down from the board, I was gently persuaded to stay and take on Education. Again, how could I resist! I'm already thinking of ways to make Education Programming interesting.

If you're thinking of becoming a board member, don't think twice! Do it! You won't regret it; and you will make some wonderful friends along with knowing that you're contributing to that amazing medical center in Israel.

Hugs all around and best wishes for a Happy, Joyous Hannukah,  
See you in the (2<sup>nd</sup>) New Year!

**Sheila**



## “Fashion, Art and Fundraising Collide” by Iana

First, let me thank you for your very enthusiastic participation in our Esther Krinitz Hadassah Chapter Quilt Project. I was so thrilled to see so many of you at our meeting and the first of many quilt get-togethers. It was awesome for me to have you there. We have our first 2 blocks all ready to go from Ann Abeles. They are great. SEE PAGE 5 for photo.

Secondly, I am organizing with Ellen Saidman to have quilt workshops at her lovely basement for all of our quilters. I will send an e-mail with dates and times. To buy your quilt squares contact me at [iblove@comcast.net](mailto:iblove@comcast.net) Also, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Next, we set a date for our Fashion Show. It will be 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on May 17th, 2015 at Beth Sholom Synagogue. It is my hopes and dreams that many of you will help me, as I am a novice in this area. We will need models to wear and present the clothing.

I look forward to many FUN hours working on our quilt and Fashion Show. More details to follow.

Special thanks to Winnie. She will be busier with us than she probably thought. We truly appreciate her knowledge and her kindness. Again, thanks a million for your support. FYI, call me regarding the quilt and/or Fashion Show. Iana Love

## CH..CH..CH..CHANGES!!! from Micki

Change is sometimes hard. Sometimes scary. And sometimes not welcome.

Deciding to change offices was easy, and not scary at all! During a Spring Board meeting, our Recording Secretary Ina Wisner shared that she would be stepping down from her position at the end of the year. She explained that she and her family would be moving to Florida sometime in the future. While listening to Ina, I decided that stepping down sounded like a good idea for me too. I was in my second term as Programming V.P. and was ready for a change. However, after some discussion, I realized I wasn't going to be stepping too far, and agreed to take over the **Recording Secretary** position. So at our annual installation dinner on December 3rd, my position was officially changed!!

**Greeting cards on sale!** Contact for all occasion **Cards** and **Certificates**.

Whether it is a Birthday, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an Anniversary, or Memorial, consider making a purchase and earn our group 50% of the dollar amount.

Here is the link to view all our cards available:

Cards: <http://www.dc.hadassah.org/site/pp.asp?c=hjJWJcMPisE&b=5242919>

We also have several **Beautiful Certificates** to commemorate special events and exceptional people in your life. Prices are \$5, \$10, \$18, \$20, \$25, \$36 through \$180 depending on your desires. You can also view all the certificates on our website and download a form for certificate request that you can fax/mail to the Chapter office:

Certificates: <http://www.dc.hadassah.org/site/pp.asp?c=hjJWJcMPisE&b=4837859>

Order form: <http://www.dc.hadassah.org/site/pp.asp?c=hjJWJcMPisE&b=4837875>



## Membership Report from Joan

We are happy to report membership is up and participation in events is as well. Our chapter welcomes new annuals Thelma Davenhall, Judi Feldman, Phyllis Rosen, Robin Schnapper, Sandra Goldberg and Life member Ilana Love. We urge all to encourage others to join not only because of the wonderful work Hadassah does in Israel but because it is changing the lives of people across the globe.

### Membership Benefits:

- [Access to Hadassah Members' Insurance Program](#)
- Exclusive travel offers
- For 2014 New Life Members only-\$100 discount off any Hadassah mission
- Subscription to award winning Hadassah Magazine
- Advocacy, Health and Jewish education programs
- hNews—Hadassah's National eNewsletter
- Professional networking opportunities and Continuing Education Credits (CEU's )
- [Participate in local Hadassah activities](#)
- Life membership recognition pin (for Life Members only)

This year you can still join or upgrade a current membership to lifetime for \$212 or an annual for \$36. Please join the Esther Krinitz group by credit card at [www.dc.hadassah.org](http://www.dc.hadassah.org) or print out the form and mail a check made out to Hadassah to Member Services, Hadassah , 50 West 58th Street, POBox 746 New York, NY 10101-0746 This year we hope all members will help our membership grow by telling others about our great organization. Your membership COUNTS.

### Plans for Women's Seder

We will be having a Women's Seder on March 26, 2015 at the Delaplaine Arts Center, the same lovely location we used in 2013. All Women and girls 13 and older, are welcome to attend. Please save the date for this significant. Details to follow by email.

### Latest News from Hadassah Book Groups

Esther Krinitz Hadassah is pleased to announce the formation of two new book groups:

**A Women's Book group – meeting at Wegman's**

**A Couples' Book group – More Couples Needed!**

Hadassah Couples Book Club Launched in 2014 and met 4 times at member's homes. We are looking for a few more interested couples to continue this adventure in reading. If you would like to share a book with your significant other as part of a book group, please email Susan Dwyer at [susandwy@gmail.com](mailto:susandwy@gmail.com) If we can get a few more book club members than we will resume in 2015 for 4 meetings per year.

**For more information on the Women's Book group, contact Sylvia Haber at [shaber9227@comcast.net](mailto:shaber9227@comcast.net)**

**For more information on the Couples' Book group, contact Susan Dwyer .**

## President's Message cont'd

Thank you to the many ladies who are continuing in an office for another year! Please welcome the new Board of Esther Krinitz Hadassah.

Susan Dwyer-President  
Micki Cohen-Recording Secretary  
Sally Kravitz-Corresponding Secretary  
Shelia Blank-VP Education  
Sylvia Haber-VP Fundraising  
Ilana Love-VP Fundraising  
Joan Klein-VP Membership  
Cathy Reifman-Treasurer  
Judy Spungen-Face Book

Our new Board has streamlined its look with a focus on each event being tied to raising funds for Hadassah, thus the elimination of a Program VP. We remember the words of our dear late Carol Blum to have "Fun Raisers". Save the dates for these upcoming events:

1/11/15 GWAC Opening Meeting (register online at [www.dc.hadassahorg/opening\\_meeting.org](http://www.dc.hadassahorg/opening_meeting.org))  
3/15/15 "Woman of the Torah" (with ladies of Kol Ami)  
3/26/15 Women's Seder  
5/17/15 Hadassah fashion show  
We look forward to seeing you all there!



Quilt Squares from Ann Abeles! Get started on yours!

## **Fundraising Report from Sylvia**

**Hadassah has an incredible opportunity to complete and equip the Operating Rooms at Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in Jerusalem!**

**A group of generous donors has offered to match, dollar for dollar, ALL NEW CONTRIBUTIONS made by you to the Tower between now and the end of the year.**

**This is a one million dollar matching gift challenge. Please help support this campaign by sending your contribution to Hadassah TODAY!**

**You must specify this campaign when sending check to Hadassah or you can DONATE ONLINE at [www.hadassah.org/YearEnd](http://www.hadassah.org/YearEnd)**

**The Hadassah New York Office to donate is: 50 West 58 Street  
New York, NY 10019**

**What a wonderful gift you would be making to the WORLD!**

And in our corner...

The coupon books are awesome this year. Dick's, Party City, GIANT food and even Buca di Beppo restaurant are featured; a truly fabulous deal at \$20. What a great gift also! I have given these books as presents and they are easy, unique and truly appreciated.

Feel free to call me if you need some. I will work out a place to meet or just drop off at your house.

Also, the Mitzvah bracelets with the adorable charm are still available at the Hadassah office in Rockville. They are \$36 and one size fits all. Please let me know if you are interested in obtaining one or more. If I have enough interest, I will request another bulk order.

Please, visit Hadassah.org to learn about all the various giving campaigns.

Don't forget to fill those Tzedakah boxes or get new ones.

Wishes for a happy Hanukah and a happy New Year,

Sylvia Haber

Fund Raising VP

## **Good and Welfare Report from Sally**

Let me know about any event or occasion happening in our group or their family that I can acknowledge with a Hadassah card or certificate. Don't forget to plant flowers in the Esther Krinitz virtual garden.