



**JEWISH WOMEN
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Formerly B'nai B'rith Women

NOTICE!

Due to lack of volunteers and active participation, the

**B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

will not be printed/distributed this year. We hope to be able to publish it in the future if circumstances permit. Thank you for your past support of this project.

Avodah Council B'nai B'rith Women

Free Kit Educates Rabbis About Family Violence

Jewish Women International (formerly B'nai B'rith Women) is now offering a free resource guide to help educate rabbis about domestic violence in the Jewish community. Known as the "Rabbi Kit," this guide provides information rabbis can draw upon for sermons and will help them understand and recognize the signs of abuse among their congregants.

"Jewish Women International has been the catalyst for opening discussion about domestic violence in the Jewish community," said Susan Bruck, Jewish Women International president. "With our Rabbi Kit, we call upon our religious leaders to put aside any reluctance they feel about discussing this sensitive issue and encourage them to confront this problem from the bimah and in their individual work with congregants."

The kit includes sample sermons about family violence from Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform rabbis, discussions of rel-

evant Halachah, and talking points for creating a sermon or leading a discussion. Rabbis will also find background materials including guidelines for recognizing abuse and helping survivors. A list of shelters and other resources is provided.

The free Rabbi kit is being released now in preparation for Shabbat Noah, October 27-28, which has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Shabbat by the Leadership Conference of Major Jewish Women's Organizations and Jewish Women International. To obtain a copy, write: Jewish Women International, Program Division, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20036, or call (202) 857-1300.

Jewish Women International takes pride in its century of commitment to innovative community programs, advocacy, and philanthropy benefiting women, children and families.



Hadassah Plans Gala Donor Luncheon

On Wednesday, October 18, the Charlotte chapter of Hadassah will celebrate its 62nd annual Donor luncheon. This year's event will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Israel. A fashion show, featuring exclusive designs from the Carlisle Collection of New York, will follow the luncheon. The fashion show will be coordinated by local Carlisle consultant Tonda Rifkin. The Carlisle Collection is a designer line of better ladies' clothing, and is not available in local department or women's apparel stores. Fashions can be purchased by attending showings which are held four times a year in private homes. Hadassah members are encouraged to get an exclusive preview of these elegant fashions, and acquaint themselves with the upscale, personalized wardrobe consulting service provided by Carlisle here in the Charlotte area. If you are interested in learning more about the Carlisle Collection, please contact Tonda Rifkin at 541-0819.

The focus of this year's Donor is the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), which operates two large hospitals in Jerusalem. This summer, during Hadassah's 81st convention celebrating "Jerusalem 3000," the new Maternity Pavilion was dedicated at Ein Karem. A facility that sets the standard in mother and child care in the Middle East, the dream of the Maternity Pavilion was realized through the generous support of Hadassah donors throughout the U.S. It is hoped that another successful Donor luncheon this year will enable the Charlotte chapter to continue as a significant supporter of the Maternity Pavilion, HMO, and Hadassah's other Israel Projects.

Chairperson for this year's luncheon is Berta Kaplan. Reservations are being coordinated by Vivian Mallins, 366-2633. Please be sure to RSVP no later than Thursday, October 12. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.50; this is in addition to a minimum Donor pledge of \$36.00. If you have questions about Donor contribution levels, please contact either of Hadassah's vice presidents of fundraising—Anne Brandt, 532-9685, or Marsha Smith, 366-5836.



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ORT Returns to Russia

After its birth in Russia 115 years ago, World ORT Union has returned. The inauguration of the ORT Technology Centre at International State School in St. Petersburg was attended by ORT leaders from around the world.

The high tech laboratories in St. Petersburg and Moscow will be used to teach computer skills and information technology and to enhance the teaching of all other subjects in the school curriculum. Professor Yevgeny Tkashenko, the Russian Minister of Education intends to use these two schools as a model for the entire Russian education system. Both centers have been equipped with state-of-the-art Information Technology Laboratories in which the students can study

technology, computers, computer programming, physics, communications, robotics, robotic technology, electronics, design and telecommunications.

The Charlotte Chapter of ORT helped to contribute to the re-establishment of the vocational programs in Russia, as it does to programs around the world. If you believe that people should be taught to be employable rather than just given charity, please join our efforts.

In October, the Charlotte Chapter of ORT will hold a paid up luncheon on October 8 and a progressive dinner at our members homes on October 21. To become a member of ORT or for more information, please call our president, Ellen Wismuller at 543-8844 or membership vice president Lori Danze at 841-8314.

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