

Women's News and Stories

Hadassah's Newest Keepers Chanukah Message from Hadassah of the Gate

Keepers of the Gate is an annual gift campaign that Hadassah established nationally. The minimum gift is \$1,000. The donor intends to give the gift annually for as long as he or she can.

Although the primary focus of Keepers of the Gate is Gene Therapy and Breast Cancer Research, we understand that there are Hadassah donors who, while supporting all of Hadassah's work, have special interests that are not necessarily medical. Therefore, donors may designate their annual Keepers of the Gate gift to an approved Hadassah project of their choice.

All first time donors will receive the beautiful "David's Harp" pin designed by famous Israeli artist Rachel Gera.

Keepers of the Gate was begun in Charlotte three years ago, and we are proud to have 17 "Keepers." We would like to thank those who have most recently made this commitment:

**Stacy & Todd Gorelick
Carol & Shelton Gorelick
Jeanne & Marshall Rauch
Heidi & Michael Rotberg
Faye & Gerald Sinko
Lori & Eric Sklut**

If you are interested in becoming a Keeper of the Gate or learning more about any of our other giving opportunities please contact Debby Rosenberger - 704-543-3148. ☆



Chanukah commemorates the victory of a small band of heroic Maccabees over the Greek army and celebrates the freedom we enjoy as Jews. We remember the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days when there was only enough for one day. In the glow of that light, our abiding faith is reflected. We are reminded of the individual courage of Judah Maccabee and his father, Mattathias, and of Judith's heroism and daring action, and of the power and passion of a people.

Chanukah 2001: With the unfolding events over these past weeks, our senses have been filled with images of human suffering and of moments of great courage. We have seen ordinary heroes, every day women and men whose bravery and inner strength rose beyond comprehension. We have watched, we have listened, we have read, and we have heard story after story of majestic valor.

Each individual act—whether large or small—is counted, and each has meaning. The heroes and

heroines of emergency services, fire, police and medical who fulfilled their mission to save lives, and in so doing, lost their own lives; the ordinary citizen who performed extraordinary acts of compassion; the individuals who responded generously by donating blood, time and money in support of the victims and their families—these are the heroes and heroines of September 11; these are the Maccabees of today.

We remember that life is fragile. The light of the menorah illuminates our world for eight days. It serves to remind us of the power of a passionate belief and of the

individual courage, grace and capacity within each of us to perform acts of greatness. May the glow of the Chanukah candles become an enduring light to guide us throughout the year and help us find the strength and spirit to prevail. ☆



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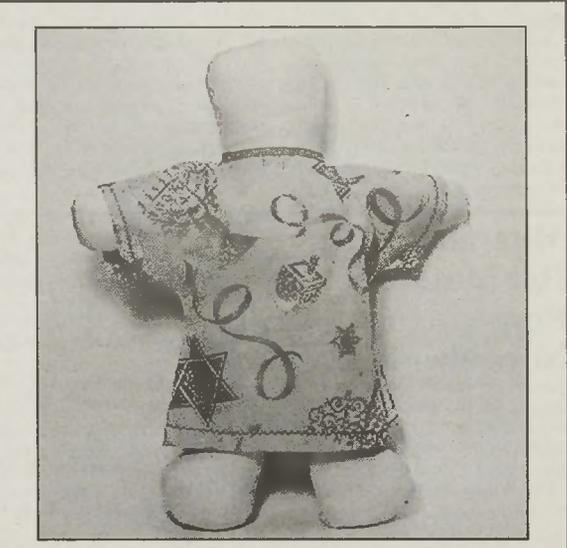
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TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Charlotte Jewish Community Center
5007 Providence Road
704-366-5007

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Hadassah Volunteers Bring Chanukah Cheer to Hospitalized Tots

Volunteers at chapters of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, help make hospital stays less stressful for young patients with hand-made cloth "medical model" dolls. At Chanukah, each is adorned with a festive holiday outfit. Depending on their age and situation, the children may use the dolls to talk with medical professionals about their illness and treat-

ment, to cope with fears and other emotions; or to take home as a memento of their experience — individualized with self-created faces and the signatures of new friends and loving family members. Hundreds of volunteers make and distribute the dolls year round, but says Hadassah member Shirley Schreiber, "children in the hospital during the holidays particularly need extra comfort." ☆

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