

## WOMEN'S NEWS

### The Price of Freedom

By Heidi Rotberg, President,  
Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah  
Each year as we sit at our Seder

table, we retell the story of the Exodus and relive our journey from slavery to freedom. It is a

story of bold faith in the future. In the retelling year after year, the story continues to resound with the history and the heritage of a people who never took freedom for granted. It is a story of a people who learned that freedom is earned; it is not an entitlement.

As American Jews, we enjoy the widest range of freedoms and thus are offered opportunities to act on behalf of ourselves and our community to insure, support and enrich those freedoms — opportunities that are both an obligation as well as a challenge for action.

Hadassah members have, for 95 years, accepted both this responsibility and this challenge. We act to change the landscape of Israel with education, healing and the promise of a better life. In the United States, we grow leaders and ensure the vitality of Jewish life for women and families. We educate ourselves and our families to ensure a strong and vibrant Jewish peoplehood. We act to



make our voices heard so all citizens have the freedom to live without fear and enjoy and respect the rights for individual and cultural autonomy.

In the retelling of the story of Passover, our past joins our present. Freedom does not come without effort. For us in Hadassah we know that what we give in time and effort is, in fact, our reward. We gain in knowing

that we have made a difference for others; we gain in personal competence, knowledge and individual skills; we gain in camaraderie and life long friendships. As Hadassah activists, we teach others and thus, we become empowered citizens.

We wish that your Passover holiday is shared in the warmth and peace of family and friends and that the freedom we all share, will one day be enjoyed by all the citizens of the world. ☆

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### EXPRESSIONS: A Walk through the Exhibit with Curator Itzhak Assour

Hadassah Lunch 'n' Learn is excited to present a special experience, open to all Hadassah members.

In cooperation with the "Expressions" art show, curator Izzy Assour will do a walk through the exhibit highlighting the life and work of some of the artists. Roz Cooper and Lorrie Klemons are the Lunch 'n'

Learn leaders. Any questions, call Roz 704-846-8315, or Lorrie 704-846-6790.

The walk through will be Friday, April 27 at 11:45 AM in rooms A110-111 at the Levine JCC. Cost \$10 (for lunch - reservations required). For reservations, call Vicki Cathcart, 704-944-6760. ☆

### Hadassah Kinneret Circle at the Lake

April 5 - "The Plot Against America" - Philip Roth

The Hadassah Kinneret Circle at the Lake Book Club will meet Thursday, 7 PM, April 5, at Barnes and Noble in Birkdale Village, Huntersville. The April 5 book for discussion will be "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth.

The Hadassah Kinneret Circle at the Lake next general meeting will be Monday, 7 PM, April 17. All are welcome. If you are attending, please RSVP

Billie Green by e-mail: bgreen2417@aol.com.

Hadassah Kinneret Circle at the Lake will hold its 2nd annual Fundraising event, a Spring Brunch Benefit and silent auction

on Sunday, 11 AM, April 29 at Dressler's in Birkdale Village, Huntersville. For more information or RSVP, email Kinneret co-chair, Robbie Damesek at robbiedamesek@yahoo.com. ☆

### Monthly Meetings for Women Chana and Meaningful Prayer

Chana suffered the excruciating pain of barrenness for almost 20 years. Hear how this brave woman became a great woman by invoking her tremendous spiritual understanding to convince God to grant her a child and became our role model, to harness the power of prayer in getting our prayers answered.

On Thursday, April 19, at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center, Shalom Park, at 10 AM. ☆



### TBE Sisterhood Book Study

WRI/Sisterhood's Book Group will meet Wednesday, April 18 at 7 PM at the The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center for discussion of our third selection this year, *Protective Custody: Prisoner 34042*, with its author, Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz.

Susan, a Temple Beth El member and Holocaust survivor, will present her memoir and address our questions and comments.

The Levine-Sklut Library and Resource Center looks forward to hosting us. All are welcome and no RSVP is necessary. For further questions please call Lynne Cojoc 704-541-3358. We hope you'll plan to join us.

Susan's book is available in the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library & Resource Center for your convenience. For the Center's hours please call 704-944-6783. ☆



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**"Weeping may stay through the night, but in the morning, comes joy."**

— Psalm 30:5