WOMEN'S NEWS

Rosh Hashanah—the Birthday of the World

By Heidi Rotberg, President, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

Birthdays are times of great celebration and as we look to the year ahead, we see a bright future with a fresh list of new and improved hopes and plans to anticipate. First, however, let us savor the

sweetness of today.

* Enjoy the moment.

* Celebrate this season and all the bounty this Earth has to offer us.

* Delight in the love of family and friends.

* Rejoice in the success of programs and projects accomplished, exceeding expectations.

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affords us the chance to meet new friends, provides avenues for individual growth, education and enrichment, and offers us the chance to perform mitzvot of communal service as

we strive to improve the lives of others.

So as we reflect and anticipate bold new challenges ahead, let us:

* Share success; reward colleagues.
* Contemplate future projects;

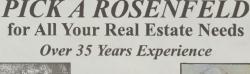
resolve to rethink old ideas.

* Remember at this season, we

are challenged to take a look at the past and contemplate how we can improve ourselves and seek ways to create a better future.

As the approaching New Year 5768 offers us a moment of reflection, it's also a time of celebration, for we are thankful to have

accomplished so much. As we dip apples in honey, we savor the sweetness of past successes and hope for an equally sweet year ahead. We reaffirm our commitment to Hadassah and we pray for peace for ourselves, for our families, our country and for peace and stability for our people in Israel. \$\Phi\$





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Hadassah 2008 "Directory Information Blue Sheet" Coming to Your Home Soon

Hadassah's is gearing up to mail out the 2008 Charlotte Region Jewish Coummunity

Directory Blue Form. Please fill in these blue forms with the appropriate information to be sure the 2008 directory will have your correct listing and mail it back by November 1. Extra forms will be available at the JCC reception desk.

There are opportunities for you to add to the Community Directory for this year.

* Add a personal and/or business advertisement

* List your children and/or grandchildren as Jewels

* Become a Patron and help support continued stem cell research

Questions? Please contact Directory Chairperson – Judy Kaufmann (704-847-1022) or Ivy Saul – personal/business advertisement Chairperson (isaul@carolina.rr.com). Put Hadassah in the subject line of the e-mail. ❖

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What's New at the Lake

Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter, formerly Hadassah Kinneret Circle at the Lake, has grown to become a fully qualified and recognized separate chapter by Hadassah.

Book Club

The Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter Book Club meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday night of each month at a member's home or Barnes & Noble in Birkdale Village. The first meeting, Wednesday, September 5 book discussion, will be "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen and led by a member at her home address. For more information please contact co-president Karen Marshall by email at ksmarshall@adel-phia.net.

General Meeting and Fund Raiser Event

Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter meetings will rotate between mornings and evenings on the third Monday of each month. Our first meeting will also have an Attraction Book Sales Fundraiser Kick off on September 17 at 7 PM at a member's home. If you are attending or need more information please contact Billie Green by e-mail at bgreen2417@aol.com. **