

## WOMEN'S NEWS

### Lighting Our Way

By Heidi Rotberg, President,  
Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

The light of the menorah is more than a reminder of ancient miracles. It is intended to illuminate and inspire our lives today. At Hadassah, we have been kindling the light of hope for decades.

The flickering lights remind us of our awesome opportunities and responsibilities as partners with the

people of Israel and as partners in our communities. It is a reaffirmation of the power within each of us to make a difference in our own lives and in our work in Hadassah. As the hanukiah sits high atop Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, we are reminded of our mission of healing, research and unparalleled patient care. We acknowledge the inspiring light of educational

opportunity at the Hadassah College Jerusalem as our graduates contribute to a vibrant Israeli society. And at this time of year, we think of children and we remember those in Youth Aliyah who need a second chance. We are reminded how the work of our hands changes lives.

We model through word and deed and know that mitzvahs great and small make a difference. In our

communities, our members are involved in a kaleidoscope of activities and programs. We help children learn to read; we bring joy to the elderly in local nursing homes and senior residents; we bring gifts and hope to women and children in protective shelters; we knit for babies in hospitals and bring books to clinics; we educate our communities on issues of importance to us all. We let people

know that they are not forgotten and that Hadassah cares. 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 caring and the capacity within each of us to perform acts of kindness that change people's lives. We see the flames of the hanukiah and are reminded of the enormous potential from that light. ☆



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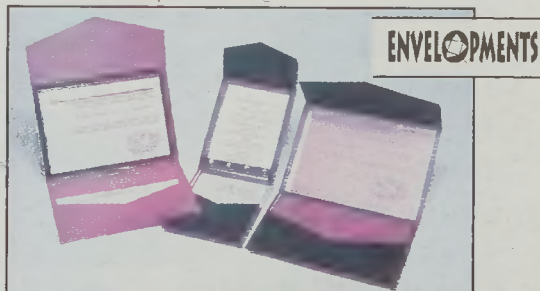
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### The Maj Marathon is Back

**Date: January 27**

**Time: 12 noon-5 PM**

**Location: Temple Beth El**

#### REGISTRATION STEPS:

1) Fill out this form. 2) Mail it, by January 15, along with your check, to Madeline Aron, 4940 Hardison Road, Charlotte 28226. 3) Questions: Call Sandy Hoagland 704-543-6338.

**Yes!** I want to play in Hadassah's 3rd annual Mah Jongg Marathon

Name .....

Phone .....

E-Mail .....

Level of Play: Novice (untimed):..... Experienced (timed):.....

Check Enclosed: \$20.00 (Hadassah member)/\$25.00 (non-member) payable to Hadassah

☐ I promise to bring my 2007 mah jongg card (extras will not be available)

☐ I will bring my mah jongg set labeled with my name (you will stay at the table with your set)

☐ I have 1 2 3 card tables Hadassah can borrow. I will label them with my name before Hadassah picks them up.

### Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter

#### Book Club

The Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter Book Club meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday night of each month at Barnes & Noble in Birkdale Village. The book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 PM to discuss

"Kaaterskill Falls" by Allegra Goodman. For more information please contact Robbie Damesek by email at [robbiedamesek@yahoo.com](mailto:robbiedamesek@yahoo.com).

#### General Meeting

The Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter is meeting on Monday,

December 10 at 7 PM with a Hanukkah Party and an Auto Bell Fundraiser to benefit Jewish Family Services. For more details and RSVP, please contact Robbie Damesek by email at [robbiedamesek@yahoo.com](mailto:robbiedamesek@yahoo.com). ☆

### Join Hadassah for A Day with the Chef!

**January 16, 8:45 AM-1:30 PM**

**Artisan Restaurant**

**2110 Water Ridge Parkway**



We will have cooking lessons, prepare a meal and then eat lunch. All with an Israeli chef. Join your friends for fabulous food and lots of fun.

RSVP by December 31 to Dana Kapustin  
[dkapustin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dkapustin@carolina.rr.com) or 704-364-8669.



### New Travel Club at LJCC

The Levine Jewish Community Center is pleased to announce a new Travel Club benefit to its members. In connection with Mann Travels, two exciting trips are planned for members in early 2008.

Historic Charleston is an exciting weekend getaway that's close to home. Travel January 25-28, 2008, and enjoy two nights accommodations at the Hampton Inn Historic District, daily breakfast at the hotel, a private tour of Charleston's Temple Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim and tickets for a horse-drawn carriage tour of the Historic District for only

\$209.00 per person, double occupancy or \$119.00 per person, quad occupancy, so take the kids. Payment is due by December 1, 2007 to reserve your room.

Pamper, refresh and renew yourself at the famed Canyon Ranch in Lenox, MA. Travel March 9-12, 2008 for three nights of luxury in the Berkshires. Package includes deluxe accommodations, roundtrip airport transfers, three gourmet balanced meals daily, guided hikes and daily fitness classes, a Personal Program Advisor and more. Airfare is additional. Our special Levine Jewish Community Center

Group Package cost is \$1,399.00 per person, double occupancy. First deposit of \$500.00 per person is due prior to January 3, 2008 to reserve your place, so grab a workout friend and join us.

For further exciting information on any of the Travel Club trips, or to request a reservation form, please contact Jodi Valenstein at the Levine JCC 704-944-6730 or [jodi.valenstein@charlottejcc.org](mailto:jodi.valenstein@charlottejcc.org). ☆

