

Women's News

Shimon Peres Honors Hadassah Medical Organization

By Hadas Kasher, president, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

Hadassah was honored this past month when Israeli President Shimon Peres hosted Marci Natan, our new President of Hadassah, and immediate past President Nancy Falchuk. Marci and Nancy met with President Peres to receive a special blessing for our Centennial Year, a Birkat HaDerech. This "Blessing for the Road" is a recognition of the future of Hadassah in Israel. Peres praised Hadassah Medical



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Organization's "Medicine as a Bridge to Peace," equal treatment for all people- Jews, Moslems, Christians, Arabs and Israelis- as a model for peace in the world.

Hadassah's Pediatric Intensive Care unit is one example out of many - Hadassah's current eight-bed PICU on the fourth floor of the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Mother and Child Center functions at full capacity around the clock, treating between 450-500 patients annually. It is the principal center for medical care and post-surgical



(L-R) Hadassah National President, Marci Natan, Israel's President Shimon Peres and Hadassah's immediate past National President, Nancy Falchuk at a reception at Beit Hanassi. Photographer: Avi Hayun



whose liver tumor was recently removed.

These parents, from different walks of life, different religions, and different nationalities sit together in the PICU, experiencing similar concerns for the well being of their critically sick child. As they interact

respectfully with one another and with Hadassah's multicultural personnel, they discover each other's humanity and bridges to peace are built.

Together these parents share the hope that their children will soon recover and the knowledge that Hadassah's professional team is providing their child with the highest level of life-saving care available.

Thanks to the generosity of Hadassah supporters here in Charlotte and over the world, Hadassah will be able to double its Pediatric Intensive Care Unit to ensure that more children are treated with the highest quality acute care in a setting that matches the excellence of the treatment.

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intensive care for critically ill babies and children from the entire greater area of Jerusalem— which includes over one million people. Children are also referred to Hadassah's PICU from other parts of Israel and other countries as well.

In Hadassah's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, critically ill babies and young children lie in incubators and patient bays, con-

nected to sophisticated electronic instruments that save, sustain, and monitor their lives. An ultra-Orthodox Jewish woman sits with her unconscious eleven-year-old daughter. Nearby, a Muslim woman from Hebron sings quietly to her young baby who has just undergone cardiac surgery. Also nearby, a father - a new immigrant from the Former Soviet Union - strokes the hand of his daughter,

Now is the Time as Hadassah Celebrates Its Centennial

L'Chaim means "to life" and is a toast offered to celebrate a joyous time. We in Hadassah celebrate it in a very special way. We affirm our mission of tikkun olam, repairing the world, by choosing Life Membership. This commit-

ment links us forever to the ideals of our founder, Henrietta Szold, a brilliant visionary, inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2007. The success of Hadassah is directly connected to the relationships we build and the experiences we value.

For almost 100 years, Hadassah has been helping women enrich their lives and expand their potential.

Whether or not you actively participate in a chapter, your Life Membership strengthens and empowers Hadassah. If you have been thinking of joining this wonderful volunteer organization, now is the time because we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of



the founding of Hadassah with \$100 Lifetime enrollments. Normally, annual dues are \$36 and Life Memberships, \$360.

To take advantage of this Celebration Offer, the dues must be paid in calendar year 2011. To learn more about Hadassah or to join, please contact Penny Krieger, 704-542-9402 or pbk96@msn.com. ☆

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