

Creating an Heirloom: Needlepoint Tallis Bags and Matching Ataras for the Whole Family

Barbara Levin says she isn't even sure how she got started. But however it was, now grandchildren, sons-in-law, a son, and a husband all have them: needlepointed tallis bags with matching ataras on the tallisim.

"Truly it was just for the love of doing it," she says. "It's something that each of them will have forever."

She was ably assisted in selecting colors and designs by each recipient. The grandchild (or adult) who was to receive the gift accompanied her to Yours Truly Needlepoint and expressed him- or herself by choosing a design

and a color palette that was unique. And it was easy to do with Yours Truly's vast selection of designs and yarns.

And Lynn Edelstein, owner of Yours Truly, was happy to make it easy for Barbara or any of her other clients who have made tallis bags/ataras as gifts. "Florence Jaffa, Sandra Levine, Karen Ransenberg, even Eddie Goodman, have needlepointed Jewish themed articles," she says. "What could be nicer than when a parent places a tallis on a child that was made by someone they both love?"

Patty Gorelick, too, has made

tallis bags for her grandchildren. "It's a classic thing to do if you're lucky enough to have grandchildren. ... It's very meaningful to the children, it's something they'll have the rest of their lives; something made by their grandmother that they'll have even when she's gone." She's made them for four of her ten grandchildren, but the youngest is just two, so "I still have a long time till I'm done making them."

For those who don't needlepoint, lessons are available, or a "surrogate" needlepointer can be hired. For a small fee, which is then donated to various charities, Nancy Bernstein will needlepoint the tallis bags and ataras for Yours Truly clients.

Barbara was just happy that after she made the first one, she heard the rest of her family say, "I want one, too." So she eventually made one for each of the following: her husband, Jerry; her son,



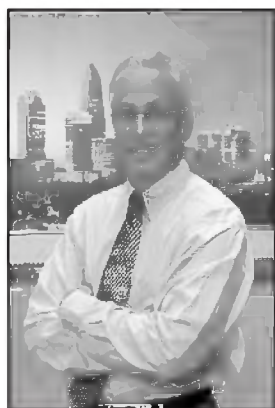
Each with his own tallis bag: Bob Kipnis, Josh Kipnis, Daniel Kipnis, Barbara Levin, who created each of the bags shown here, Michael Kipnis, Noah Kipnis, Jerry Levin.

Binyamin and his sons Tuvia and Moshe (daughter Malya had a picture needlepointed for her); her son-in-law Mark Goldsmith and his four children, Brian, Tracy, Jeffrey, and David; son-in-law Bob Kipnis, and his four sons, Michael, Joshua, Noah, and Daniel; and grandsons, Dylan and

Taylor Schwaber.

Both Barbara and Patty were happy to support Lynn's Yours Truly Needlepoint because 100% of the profits from Yours Truly goes to various charities. In so many ways, this is truly a beautiful mitzvah. ☆

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Women's News

Mayor Foxx Declares April 29 Hadassah Day in Queen City

By Hadas Kasher, President, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

The City of Charlotte honored Hadassah with a proclamation and declaration of Hadassah Day during the Regional Spring Conference April 27-29.

Mayor Foxx, via video, read the proclamation during the installation of our Region (NC and Virginia) President and officers, Sunday, April 29, 11 AM at

Temple Beth El.

Hadassah received this honor as a recognition of its 100 year anniversary.

Hadassah's achievements are known worldwide. Over 300,000 women choose to be part of this Women's Zionist volunteer based Organization, whose members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society.

Today Hadassah is known for its achievements in health care, cutting-edge medical research, education and youth programs. Hadassah provides hospital services to nearly one million people yearly from all over the Middle East at the two Hadassah Hospitals in Israel. These hospitals provide the best in modern health care to anyone regardless of religion, race or citizenship. Hadassah also manages three youth villages for kids at risk, and runs a four year Hadassah College in Jerusalem. In the USA and in Charlotte, Hadassah provides

community programs to promote health and wellbeing, lobbies for women's health issues, provides personal enrichment and growth for its members, and works to benefit the local community.

Hadassah started its activities in Charlotte 87 years ago and it is constantly growing. With over 1,000 members. Charlotte Hadassah activities include an annual free/open to the public Health Program, cooking for Jewish Family Services, founding the Charlotte Jewish film Festival, many adult education events, holiday celebrations, and much more. ☆



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women of Hadassah. This year's directory is available for purchase at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center and at the Gift Shops of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. Be sure to pick yours up soon. ☆