

WOMEN'S NEWS

Every Vote Counts

By *Bunny Bramson, President, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah*

With the 2008 presidential elections right around the corner, our country is buzzing with election fever. We have already witnessed unprecedented voter turnout in state primaries and an impressive number of people becoming politically active all across the nation. Whether concerned with the economy, the war in Iraq, soaring health care costs, or a host of other domestic and foreign policy issues, Americans appear more vested in this election than any other in recent memory.

All elections are important and this is no exception. This fall we will be electing a President, the full U.S. House of Representatives, one-third of the U.S. Senate, eleven state governors, and many other local officials. With so much at stake, it is crucial that we are all engaged in the democratic process. Hadassah's VOICE, Voter Impact through Community Education, is a non-partisan voter education campaign designed to insure that you, your



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family and your community make informed decisions on this year's key issues: U.S.-Israel relations, countering the Iranian threat, health care reform, and energy and the environment.

Political activity is always critical to public policy gains. Today, we are increasingly

aware that women's voices do make a difference and women's participation in the voting process can and will have a significant impact. Brave women and men struggled to gain this precious freedom and our tradition teaches us that we are responsible for speaking out and helping others in need. When you cast your ballot, you advocate for all who seek justice.

Voting is both a cherished right and a vital obligation. Your vote is a powerful responsibility. Make your voice heard. ☆



Does Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah Know You Are Here?

If you have moved to Charlotte and changed your address to continue getting your *Hadassah Magazine*, your membership is not transferred and we are not even notified that you are in town. To get involved with our chapter, please contact Penny Krieger at 704-542-9402 or pbk96@msn.com. ☆

Mail In Your Hadassah Blue Form Now

Give thanks for the opportunity that Hadassah provides you in having immediate access to members of the Jewish community in the greater Charlotte area. Help us to include you in the 2009 Hadassah Directory of the Charlotte Area Jewish Community by returning your blue directory form this week. You will be thankful that you did. Last year we raised \$26,000 for medical research.

If you are new in town and haven't received your blue form or misplaced it, visit our website at www.charlottehadassah.org or pick one up at the JCC reception desk.

Hadassah thanks those of you who have mailed in your forms. We are grateful for our returning patrons and advertisers as well as our new supporters.

There are still a limited number of opportunities for firms who want to promote their goods and services to the Jewish community. In this challenging business environment, the Hadassah Directory provides you with a year of exposure at very reasonable rates.

If you have any questions, contact Tess Berger at 704-708-4857, Judy Kaufmann at 704-847-1022, or Ivy Saul at isaul@carolina.rr.com (put Hadassah in the subject line.) ☆

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Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter Events

The Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter Book Club generally meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday night of each month, free and open to all. The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 5 to discuss "The Red Sea" and on Wednesday,

December 3 to discuss "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. For more information please email robbiedamesek@yahoo.com.

The Hadassah Lake Norman Chapter's general meeting is on Monday, November 17 at 1 PM

and on Monday, December 15. This meeting will include a celebration of Hanukkah and a donation of gifts for a needy family. For more information please email robbiedamesek@yahoo.com. ☆

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Sponsored by Temple Israel and Jewish Family Services, this group is open to all members of the Jewish Community.

If you are seeking employment, considering a job or career change, you are invited to join this dynamic and supportive group. Pick up tips for resumes, inter-

views, effective networking and meet new friends.

Meetings are the third Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 PM in the Board Room of Temple Israel.

Next meeting is November 20. For more information, call JFS at 704-364-6594. ☆

A Jewish Group Home in Charlotte

A committee is being formed, chaired by Linda Roochvarg, in conjunction with Jewish Family Services, to work on the establishment of a Jewish group home here in Charlotte. There are currently several group homes in town, but none specifically for Jewish adults

with developmental disabilities. The committee will explore various avenues to bring that goal to fruition. If interested, please contact Linda Roochvarg at 704-845-1040, or lroochvarg@carolina.rr.com. ☆

Mitzvah Maker Cooks for September 2008

Emily Chatham, Adrienne Gossett, Betty Levin, Nancy Levine, Vera Mendel, Ollie Polk, Cindy Powell, Claire Putterman, Francie Serbin, Lynne Sheffer, Scott Simon, Julie Stein, Denise Sussman, Patti Weisman, Barbara Ziegler.

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