

The Power of Women Who Do

By Sandra Goldman, president, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

You all know about Hadassah's fairly new tag line "Hadassah, the power of women who do." I want to talk to you about the real power of us women and Hadassah as an organization standing behind each and every member. As many of you know by now, my breast cancer has returned after just five years. Now I have a choice: I can pity myself, curl up into a fetal position, expect the worst and cry my eyes out; or I can once again look at this as a stumbling block, fight this ugly disease with all my might, educate along the way and go on with my life because it is beautiful. If you know me, you know my choice. Yes, you are correct, I do and move on. Life is too precious to be sorry, too much enjoyable than to ask "why me?" Henrietta Szold once said: "In the life of the spirit there is no ending that is not a beginning." How true is this and that is one of the reasons why I got involved with our Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser Celebrate the TaTas. I urge you this year to support all our efforts to raise funds for HMO but especially this one because it is obviously a cause dear and personal to me. Remember, it is important to have purpose and determination because effort is not enough to make a real life. It also is important to have a support system and how wonderful have all my Hadassah sisters been so far. It is obvious to me that no one

can or should do this journey by themselves.

As my son, Noah observed when he returned from his solidarity mission during Operation Protective Edge: "Hadassah is really there for everyone, including the little accidental guy around the corner." I too made this observation. I had to make a choice for my treatment plan and I decided

to contact Hadassah in Jerusalem to find out if there is a person who could help me understand the drugs better so that I could make a more educated decision. In the process, I found out that one of the suggested drugs was in fact developed at Hadassah. How incredible is that. Within twelve hours I received an email to call the Director of Ein Kerem Hospital and so

I did. As I explained my situation to him he pointed me in the direction of the treatment that the Levine Cancer Institute right here in Charlotte suggested. Even though this Israeli doctor was involved in developing the other drug, he told me it was not for me. I feel so humbled and at the same time blessed to be part of this amazing women's volunteer or-

ganization. How amazing to get such a response and help when you really need it and you receive it because you are one of Hadassah's women. That's where it all stems from: the power, the passion, and the purpose. So let's do and continue supporting this one of a kind organization who owns one of the biggest hearts I know. ☆

Mazel Tov & Congratulations

Barbara and Jerry Levin Honored by Israel Bonds

Charlotte residents Barbara and Jerry Levin received the Israel68 Award at the Israel Bonds International Prime Minister's Club Dinner held January 31 in Boca Raton, FL. The Levins were one of 13 honorees from across North America recognized by Israel Bonds for exemplary efforts on behalf of Israel and their respective Jewish communities. Over \$250 million in Israel bond investments were announced at the event. In a video message, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu congratulated Israel Bonds on its 65th anniversary and called the organization's feat of surpassing \$1 billion in U.S. sales for three consecutive years an "outstanding achievement." Fred Zeidman, chairman of the Israel Bonds National Campaign Ad-

sory Council, and actress Fran Drescher hosted the event. ☆



From left to right: Israel Bonds president and CEO Izzy Tapoohi, Actress Fran Drescher and Fred Zeidman, chairman of the Israel Bonds National Campaign Advisory Board. Barbara Levin, Jerry Levin and Fred Zeidman, chairman of the Israel Bonds National Campaign Advisory Council.



CJDS Parent Profile



Elissa Levine

Years at CJDS: 7

Husband: Josh

Children: Talia • 6th grade, Providence Day, Sasha, 4th grade

Temple Affiliation: Temple Israel

Why We Chose CJDS

My husband and I first looked at CJDS when our oldest daughter applied to kindergarten. I was familiar with the advantages of a day school education; whereas my husband was more circumspect about how this would benefit our child. What we discovered about CJDS was astounding. There were no leather couches or glossy brochures. Just Mariashi's unapologetic strength that she will draw forth the best from each child she was entrusted with and bring them to their full potential.

We met the teachers. Without exception, every teacher takes so much joy in teaching. From kindergarten through 5th grade, each teacher was genuinely enthusiastic to come to school every

morning and see 'their kids.' CJDS's core curriculum is second to none, either the same or surpassing other private schools' curricula.

But without doubt, meeting the 5th grade student ambassadors was the highlight of our introduction to the school. The students were poised and comfortable in their own skin. The fifth graders remarked about how the teachers met each student at their individual level for each subject.

CJDS teachers and administrators are truly invested in the personal and academic growth of each student.

What We Continue to Love About CJDS

What's not to love? Everything that we liked about the school has been demonstrated in a thousand ways over the years that our children have attended CJDS. The academics continue to be exceptional. The Judaic studies become a moral compass and a code of ethics that our girls internalize and use as a guide in their daily lives. Most of all, the teachers instilled our girls with a love of learning that continues to blossom. Choosing CJDS has been a fabulous decision for our children and our family, and I suspect we have not begun to realize the rewards.

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