

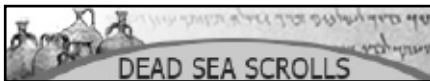
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Join Berkeley Hadassah with
Congregation Beth El's Adult Education Program
to review the Exciting Legion of Honor Exhibit.

Treasures from the Israel Museum The Dead Sea Scrolls

JEHON GRIST, Ph.D.
Executive Director of Lehrhaus Judaica

Sunday, March 30
1:00-4:15 PM • \$25
Congregation Beth El

*This visually rich preview course will give you historical
background, artistic and archaeological details that will
make your exhibit experience so much richer.*

BERKELEY HADASSAH
GENERAL MEETING
12-1PM, AT BETH EL
Prior to Dead Sea Scroll Lecture

GO WITH HADASSAH!
Visit the Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit!

April 8, 10am
Meet at the Main Entrance • Legion of Honor

RSVP by March 30 to Sandy Bacskai, 236.2196

Upcoming Events

HADASSAH FILM PREMIERE

“MY MOTHER’S DREAM”
A Hadassah Film School Production

Thursday, March 13 • 6:15 pm
Congregation Beth El

Discussion by Riva Gambert
Wine & Cheese
\$25/Family • \$18/Person

— And for the kids! —
Pizza, Popcorn & Ratatouille Movie

RSVP to Susie Marcus, 527.4811

SPRINGTIME FLOWERS! BAGELS & BOUQUETS

Floral Arrangement
Workshop
with Hadassah member & florist
MARCY SIMON

Sunday, April 13 • 10:30 am
At the home of Susan Berger
1009 Mariposa, Berkeley
RSVP to Susie Marcus, 527.4811



Membership News

We warmly welcome the following new

— ANNUAL MEMBERS —

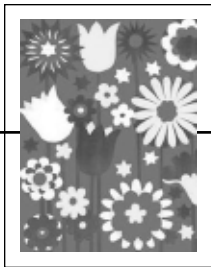
SUSAN CHARLIP
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— LIFE MEMBER —

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*May you derive much pleasure
from your association with Hadassah!*

*Membership Co-Chairs,
Sabrina Kabella & Sandy Bacskai*



**WE'D LOVE
TO MEET YOU!**

*Our local chapter consists
of women of all ages,
interests, and levels of involvement.*

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 27 • NOON



Join us for a lunch and a meeting at
THE JUNKET RESTAURANT

El Cerrito Plaza
Next to Trader Joe's

All are welcome!

Membership Form

- Yes, I want to join Hadassah (\$36)
- I want to give a Hadassah membership as a gift
 - (\$36) Annual
 - (\$360) Life
- (\$300) Associate (Men)
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Name of New Member _____

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Phone (if known) of New Member _____

e-mail(if known) of New Member _____

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*Or sign up online at www.hadassah.org
Be sure to designate Berkeley, CA as your local chapter.*

*An acknowledgement will be sent
to the new member.
Thank you!*



**THE
AMERICAN-ISRAEL
RELATIONSHIP IN THE POST-BVSH ERA**

SHMUEL ROSNER,
Chief U.S. Correspondent for the Israeli Daily Haaretz

Sunday, March 9, 2008 • 7:30 pm • Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford Street, Berkeley

Although raised and educated in Jerusalem, Rosner is a long-time American history buff. He frequently briefs the U.S. State Department diplomatic corps and is a guest lecturer at the Army War College. He lectures extensively on Israeli journalism and politics at a number of American campuses and think tanks. In addition he is a frequent guest on Israeli television and radio as an analyst of American policy.

The March 9th program is sponsored by Bridges to Israel-Berkeley, Berkeley Hillel, the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay and Berkeley Hadassah.

A contribution of \$10 will be requested and refreshments will be served after the talk. For further information, contact Seymour Kessler at 525.3582 .

MOONLIGHT KAYAK ON THE BAY WITH HADASSAH'S SANDY BACSKAI

Look for an upcoming date for this exciting event!



Personals

CONDOLENCES TO

Dorothy Golner and family on the passing of her beloved brother, Norman Robinson

The family of Julius Magid, Hadassah Associate

Ann Murphy and family
on the passing of their beloved Maggie Sontag

Joel and Irene Resnikoff and family
on the passing of his beloved mother,
Lenore Resnikoff

Donna Weinberg and family
on the passing of her beloved mother,
Esther Eisenberg

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dorothy Golner and family
on the engagement of her daughter, Marcia

Lillian Rossman who celebrated
her 100th birthday on January 23rd

Sondra Markowitz and Joan Sopher
whose children, Daniel and Debbie
Markowitz were honored by the
Seattle Jewish Community School for
their service to the school

GET WELL TO

Earlene Ehrlich
Jan Fischer
Ruth Guthartz
Charlotte Grosman
Carol Shivel
Shirley Weiner

Secret Walks of Piedmont

Wednesday, February 13, 9:30 am

Meet at the home of Sara Engel
169 Requa Road, Piedmont

This walk is slightly strenuous with some steep stairs and paths.

*Call Sara morning of walk
if weather is questionable, 547.2975*



*Last month's walkers: Lois Marcus, Robin McMahon, Iris Sorokin,
Pamela Nudel, Edna Friedman, Heather Liebhauser, Susie Marcus (not shown).*

Perpetual Yartzheit

Berkeley Hadassah extends sincere condolences to Donna and David Mendelsohn and family on the passing of Donna's mother, Molly Dover, on December 10, 2007.

Donna and David have purchased a Perpetual Yartzheit in Israel in memory of Mrs. Dover. Their tzedakah tribute will not only memorialize their beloved mother in a meaningful way but will also contribute to the support of Hadassah's Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. May her memory be for a blessing.

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teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

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honors
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5:30pm
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HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

February 21, 1:00 pm

At the home of Sondra Markowitz

Our selection is *Betraying Spinoza* by Rebecca Goldstein. It's a short but deep insight into a man leading an isolated life, banished by his community, who still carried the heritage of his ancestors as part of his mental baggage. The dichotomy led Spinoza to consider that Europe's religions were under the thrall of a variety of man-made ideologies, dogmas and practices. The god, he declared, was all-pervasive and one with Nature. No human can know or assess another. Hence, Goldstein concedes she's "betraying Spinoza" by trying to determine the roots of his thinking.

Please invite your friends. We are fortunate to borrow copies in the "Book in a Box" series from the Jewish Library in San Francisco. If you would like to read the book, call 215.7672 or email teachme88@yahoo.com and we will drop one off at your convenience. We also welcome hosts. Our March selection is *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev. Call to confirm dates since Purim falls on March 21, and Passover is April 19.

Yvette Hoffer

Treasurer Information

You may have read last month's article by our terrific treasurer, Tammy Plotkin-Oren.

Here is Tammy's contact information:

Tammy Plotkin-Oren
 1553 Douglas Drive, El Cerrito CA 94530
 tplotkinoren@gmail.com
 510.237.1230



Tammy with her daughters, Nava, Dahlia, Ella and husband Arnon Oren.

Young Judaea Grant Money

Hadassah is pleased to announce that *Camp Young Judaea West*, its overnight camp for West Coast children ages 8-14, has received a one-time \$25,000 grant from The Foundation for Jewish Camping to provide scholarships to children who would like to attend Camp Young Judaea West this summer.

The grant will provide \$1000 credit to the first 25 new campers who register for the three-week session this summer. This is a non-need based grant, issued on a first come, first served basis.

For more information contact:
 Annie Goldstein, craigfactor@aol.com

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In honor of the marriage of Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristol

In honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Susie Marcus, Gary and Lois Marcus, Ruth Weiland, and all our dear friends at Beth El, who supplied us with food and care.

Bob and June Safran

In honor of the birth of grandson, Micah Gruber on November 11, 2007 in London, U.K.

The parents are Rowena and Craig Gruber
Howard and Alice Gruber

Trees In Israel:

Susie Marcus & Ross Libenson

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In honor of her aunt's Bat Mitzvah and 100th birthday
Linda Walker



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Professor Marc Dollinger
San Francisco State University

Sunday, March 16
3:00-5:00 pm
Berkeley Hillel
2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Breakout Session Leaders include:
David Bernstein, Executive Director, ADL
Yitzhak Santis, Director, Middle East Project, JCRC

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