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Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah

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Our Vision, Mission And Values

Hadassah Australia supports healthcare and collaborative medical research programs that connect the Australian community with Israel.

Hadassah Australia was established in 2003. We provide substantial and meaningful support for Hadassah Hospital and the Israeli community through a range of collaborative programs and activities.

Hadassah is an inspirational beacon of healing, friendship, and peace among all people.

Hadassah is an organisation that has created a shared space where people from diverse backgrounds – Israeli Jews, Christians, Muslims, Druze, orthodox and secular, new Olim, Palestinians and people from around the world – can safely come together.

Our Vision

Hadassah Australia creates sustainable social impact through healthcare and collaborative medical research to support a thriving, inclusive Israeli community and improve global health.

Our Mission

Inspired by the vision and values of Hadassah Founder, Henrietta Szold, Hadassah Australia is committed to creating a thriving, diverse, equal and inclusive Israel by supporting healthcare programs that:

- Provide undergraduate scholarships in health for young Ethiopian-Israelis
- Reinforce the excellence of treatment at Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem.
- Advance innovative medical research
- Improve the lives of young people facing trauma
- Support acute rehabilitation services
- Enhance early childhood development

Our Values

In striving to create positive social impact through healing programs in Israel, our guiding principles are commitment, respect, and trust. We celebrate the creativity, passion and teamwork that enhance our engagement with program partners and generous supporters.



SCHOLARSHIPS IN HEALTH



EQUALITY AND INCLUSIVITY



COLLABORATIVE MEDICAL
RESEARCH



TRAUMA SUPPORT



ACUTE REHABILITATION



IMPROVING GLOBAL HEALTH



POSITIVE SOCIAL IMPACT



TEAMWORK

RON FINKEL AM

From our President

The 2022 Hadassah Australia Year In Review reflects the ongoing and deep impact of our organisation in delivering better health outcomes in Israel.

This is happening on a significant scale with the construction of the game-changing Gandel Rehabilitation Center on the campus of Hadassah Mount Scopus. We worked closely with the Gandel family and the Gandel Foundation to secure their legacy support for this much needed addition to key health services in Jerusalem.

The City of Jerusalem and the surrounding area has grown a staggering four times over the past 50 years – from 325,000 in 1973 to over 1,250,000 in 2023. In 1973 Jerusalem's sole acute critical care rehabilitation facility was opened with 38 beds. That same department at Hadassah Mount Scopus remains the sole acute rehabilitation facility in the City of Jerusalem. Patient "39" has no alternative but to seek acute care far away, with all the consequent challenges of distance from family and familiar surroundings.

Today the Gandel Rehabilitation Center is offering practical hope to patient "39" with 132 patient beds at any one time and treatment options in a world-leading state of the art facility designed to meet the needs of the people of Jerusalem for the next fifty years. And all of this with the most modern facilities for the provision of chronic and ongoing rehabilitation for thousands of people annually in Jerusalem and the surrounding area.

While the Gandel Rehabilitation Center is "big scale" the Mission of Hadassah Australia is to seek various ways of making impactful contributions to Israeli society through health.

In this Year In Review, you will read about projects that reflect the spirit of the incredible Henrietta Szold, the Founder of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organisation of



America (HWZOA). In 1912 HWZOA sent the first team of nurses to Jerusalem to help the women of the city, Jews and Arabs alike, with assistance in lactation, sanitation and basic primary health services. One hundred and ten years later, Hadassah is still making a difference to better health outcomes in Israel. And no program exemplifies this commitment more than our Achotenu initiative which is simultaneously addressing Israel's chronic shortage of graduate nurses, while providing critically needed pathways for young, talented individuals from Israel's underprivileged Ethiopian community.

And there is much more, including the amazing progress that is being made in healthcare today, with research and artificial intelligence (AI) revolutionising the way healthcare professionals diagnose, treat and manage diseases with tools and devices used to improve patient outcomes. We look forward to sharing the progress of AI in medicine, and Hadassah's key global role in it, in the coming year.

As I write these words, I am mindful that it is twenty years since Hadassah Australia was launched. What is very clear is that all our programs would remain ideas only, if it were not for the ongoing generous support of our donor community, and for that we are deeply grateful. It has been a privilege to be of service and to have shared this journey with a dedicated team of people who, combined, have made our success possible. I extend my deep appreciation and thanks to my fellow Directors of Hadassah Australia and to our professional team. Their dedication has underpinned our success.

Ron Finkel AM
President

RUTH RAMONE ROSEN

From our Executive Director

Reflecting on 2022 brings a smile to my lips and a feeling of achievement. Working with enthusiastic, committed colleagues, board and committee, knowing that our efforts are having an impact, meeting with friends and colleagues at Hadassah in Jerusalem, meeting program recipients – it's truly amazing and heart-warming.

A delightful beginning to 2022 was meeting the newly arrived Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Amir Maimon, who told us he "relished the opportunity to serve in Australia – one of Israel's best friends".

With his strong connection to the Ethiopian community in Israel, Ambassador Amir is particularly fond of our Hadassah-Achotenu Ethiopian-Israeli Scholarships in Health program. During his military career, he helped to coordinate Operation Solomon in 1991, in which more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in under 36 hours.

For us, meeting nurse graduate Inbal when she and Judy Lowy from La'Ofek, our Israeli partner organisation, visited Australia, was truly moving. She shared her family's Aliyah story and her own, and won the hearts of all those she met – adults and teenagers alike – who admired her tenacity and strength as well as the love she has for her country and profession, and her desire to 'give back'.

In March, we were horrified by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the devastation of the war. Watching and hearing first-hand about the Hadassah Ukraine Emergency Humanitarian Mission on the Polish-Ukraine border from doctors on the ground was very emotional and, through our supporters, we rose to the challenge of pivoting to support Hadassah's campaign.

After two years of Covid isolation, in November, a major personal highlight of 2022, was being able to travel and visit Israel for the Hadassah



International Retreat in Jerusalem. There was a thrill in finally meeting face-to-face with old friends, meeting new people whose warmth and enthusiasm were infectious, and sharing stories about how we work in our various countries. Experiencing the hospital itself, putting on full protective gear and going into a ward to see how state-of-the-art medical equipment is used for patients, as well as learning about the new research initiatives of Hadassah doctors, was truly awe-inspiring.

The high point was seeing the magnificent progress of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center and realising that its impact for the residents of the Jerusalem area is getting closer. The facilities and equipment, pools, rooms, gardens, spaces for families – the architect has clearly been very well briefed by the professionals. The centre is a dream coming true.

In short, 2022 was a year of highs and lows, of shocks and sadness combined with hope and inspiration. The work we do is inspirational, and I look forward to another year of challenges and achievements working with colleagues and partners – all of whom make the work worthwhile.

With warm thanks to our President Ron Finkel AM, the Board Directors, the Achotenu Development Committee and my excellent colleagues Dorit Jaffe, Sean Nochomovitz, Liora Keidar and Daniel Baise, as well as former teammates Rose Livingston and Shani Burnie, who recently resigned to take on a fulltime role with Project Rozana, Karen Teshuva from AUSiMED and all our Hadassah colleagues in Israel and around the globe who work tirelessly to make the world a better place.

Ruth Ramone Rosen
Executive Director



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Coming Soon

The Gandel Rehabilitation Center

For the Health and Benefit of the People of Jerusalem and Israel



ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

Our Wildest Dream is becoming a Reality: Gandel Rehabilitation Center

In 2022 we moved from dream to reality with the dedication of The Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah, on the heights of Mount Scopus overlooking the city of Jerusalem on one side and the distant mountains of Moab in Jordan on the other.

The magnificent 20,000 square metre Gandel Rehabilitation Center was dedicated in the presence of the Israeli Minister of Health, Nitzan Horowitz, and John Gandel AC, Pauline Gandel AC, their daughter Lisa Thurin and a large number of dignitaries from Israel, Australia and the USA, including Australian Ambassador to Israel, His Excellency Paul Griffiths.

The 132-bed Gandel Rehabilitation Center, which is being built with significant support from the State of Israel and generous additional funding from the Gandel Family and the Gandel Foundation, will provide a comprehensive solution to decades of lack of acute rehabilitation care in Jerusalem.

John Gandel AC declared, "We are here to celebrate the construction and development of a very important and badly needed piece of medical care infrastructure. It will be a facility that will help countless people needing rehabilitation". He further noted "(for me and my family) the need was absolutely clear. Jerusalem today is a city of some 1.2 million people, and it definitely deserves to have a first-class dedicated rehabilitation centre."

"We are confident that the centre will benefit not only the people of Jerusalem but the whole country and that this will materially improve the quality of life for many people and their families."

~ John Gandel AC

L-R: Pauline Gandel AC, John Gandel AC, Lisa Thurin daughter and Gandel Foundation Director



L-R: Gandel Foundation CEO Vedran Draculic OAM, Director Lisa Thurin, Australian Ambassador to Israel Paul Griffiths, Gandel Foundation Deputy Chair Graham Goldsmith AO

The dedication plaque underscored the Gandel family's passion, commitment, and dedication to the people of Israel, gifting an ultra-modern, patient-centric rehabilitation facility to help patients recovering from accidents, illness and disease to rebuild their lives and return to society and the workplace.

At a celebratory lunch following the dedication, Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Leon warmly thanked the Gandel family, stressing the importance of their support.

"I am here on behalf of all the residents, the people of Jerusalem, to thank you for your tremendous contribution. Jerusalem is the heart of all the Jewish people around the world. You are helping to keep this heart beating strongly."

The Gandel Rehabilitation Center is a milestone for medical care in Jerusalem."

~ Moshe Leon, Jerusalem Mayor

"Dare to Dream, and when you dream - dream big."

~ Henrietta Szold, Founder of the Hadassah



"With this transformative and legacy gift to Israel, the Gandel family is delivering on its vision and commitment to the people of Israel. Their gift, the largest single gift from the Australian Jewish community to Israel, is providing a 21st century expression of the spirit and values of Henrietta Szold, the Founder of the Hadassah movement. We are incredibly proud to be actively helping to deliver Australia's Gift to Jerusalem – the Gandel Rehabilitation Center."

~ Ron Finkel AM, Hadassah Australia President

Revolutionising Rehabilitation

“Rehabilitation goes beyond medicine. It is an emotional journey shared by our patients and our staff,” explains Prof. Isabella Schwartz, head of Rehabilitation at Hadassah Mount Scopus. Immensely grateful to the Gandel family for its generous support, she affirms the Gandel Rehabilitation Center will revolutionise rehabilitation services at Hadassah and nationwide.

“With the patient at the centre of everything we do, the new Gandel Rehabilitation Center has been thoughtfully crafted to provide every aspect of care required,” adds Schwartz. The magnificent eight-story edifice was designed for the diverse needs of Jerusalem’s patient population.

Examples of patient-centric care include on-site treatment for dialysis patients, and isolation rooms for immunodeficient patients. These convalescents will receive critical rehabilitation therapies without having to leave the facility and even their room.

In 2024, Phase I will be completed with partial opening of four floors, offering extensive outpatient rehabilitation services and 72 beds for inpatient care, more than doubling current capacity. Once funding is secured for the next phase, the centre will have a total of 132 beds, a fourfold increase in capacity, providing a dramatic improvement in rehabilitation services offered in the region.

The Gandel Rehabilitation Center will employ 274 staff members, including specialist rehabilitation physicians, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists; psychologists, social workers, dieticians, and administrators. They will work together to restore the independence of patients with complex physical and mental conditions resulting from trauma, disease, and injury. The department’s services comprise inpatient hospitalisation, outpatient care, specialised centres, and clinics.

The Gandel Center will offer two hydrotherapy pools; a robotic therapy center; a rooftop healing garden, and a technological incubator, setting a new standard in Israel.

“At the heart of our philosophy is the conviction that successful rehabilitation is the balance and synchronisation of therapies that coordination, intergration, and care are one and the same process,” says Schwartz.

Hadassah-Achotenu Ethiopian Israeli Scholarships in Health

We were thrilled to host the visit of Hadassah-Achotenu scholarship graduate, paediatric nurse Inbal, and our partner program director, Judy Lowy from La’Ofek.

Inbal is inspiring, a role model to her family and community and a true example of the program’s success. During the visit, Inbal’s story stirred B’nai Brith members, inspired students at four Jewish schools - Mt Scopus and Bialik in Melbourne and Moriah and Emanuel in Sydney, stimulated guests

at a casual falafel event in Melbourne, motivated Shabbat shul goers at Kiddush at Caulfield and at Central Synagogue in Sydney and, for themselves, were delighted to have the opportunity to meet individuals and community members in various forums, including appearing on The Shtick.



Photos Clockwise from top L: Bialik School Visit, Inbal, Inbal and Judy Lowy speaking to the B’nai Brith audience at Beth Weizmann, with The Shtick’s Henry Greener, Board Director Lynda Brest with Inbal, Judy Lowy-La’Ofek



Each individual Achotenu story is different, but each is a story of success.

And later in the year we met our Achotenu ‘family’ at Hadassah. Walking through the corridors to the Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing in November, noticing the day-to-day activities of a busy hospital, we truly understood that the Achotenu program is embedded in the real world of healthcare. Ruth Rosen and Dorit Jaffe enjoyed meeting two amazing students as well as Senior Nurse Etti, Judy and Sara from our partner, La’Ofek, and Achotenu Coordinator and student mentor Michal.

families who see them as role models, their hopes for the future and their strong desire to give back to the community.

Michal, as guide and mentor to the students, expresses the pride of someone who sees the success of the program, the wonderful way the support and strong bonds enhance the confidence of the individuals and the group as a whole. She sees the program as a model for success and all agree.

Senior Nurse Etti spoke in superlatives about the Achotenu students and graduates with whom she works closely. “They are high achievers, they lead the way with other students in the same cohort, and they are exemplary in their approach to studies and practical work with patients”.

Each individual Achotenu story is different, but each is a story of success. To hear from each of the highly motivated and engaged students was encouraging and then, meeting with two recent graduates, both working nurses at Hadassah was inspirational, the icing on the cake. Each in their own way told their stories and, most touchingly, expressed their sincere thanks to us all, their Australian supporters, for enabling their journeys and their futures.

The two students provided insights about their backgrounds, how and why they had chosen the Achotenu program, emphasising their commitment to the course, the pride felt by their

Top Photo L-R: Sara (La’Ofek) Senior Nurse Etti, Dorit Jaffe, Judy Lowy (La’Ofek), Ruth Rosen, Students and Michal (Achotenu Coordinator)
Bottom Photo L-R: Dorit Jaffe, Program Graduates Hadassah Nurses Sari and Yonatan, Ruth Rosen

UKRAINE

Emergency Mission Response



In March 2022, soon after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Hadassah Medical Organization established a refugee treatment centre on the Poland-Ukraine border. "Immediately when the hostility started, we felt that we needed to be part of the response," said Director General Prof. Yoram Weiss, MD.

Hadassah Australia pivoted from our usual programs to focus on the Hadassah Ukraine Emergency Mission. Hadassah staff - doctors, nurses, therapists, medical clowns and administrators - left their jobs and homes to work tirelessly on the ground, treating patients, bringing vital medical support, training local staff and bringing a feeling of joy and hope. This activity was part of Hadassah's commitment and long tradition of reaching out to support people when disaster strikes and there is a mass-casualty event somewhere around the world.

Hadassah provided treatment for patients, medication in coordination with the Ukrainian Ministry of Health; sent medical supplies of surgical equipment, devices and dressing materials; trained local staff about mass-casualty and serious trauma incidents, and assessed trauma and emergency equipment available in local hospitals.

With thanks to all those in our community who generously supported the Hadassah Ukraine Emergency Mission to meet the medical emergency, help saves lives at risk and treat refugees.

“We are truly proud that, once again, Hadassah Hospital has stepped up and has put itself at the forefront to help alleviate a humanitarian crisis. This is the tradition of Hadassah founder, Henrietta Szold. Over many decades Hadassah has been meeting humanitarian challenges in conflict zones and as a result of natural disasters globally. To Hadassah Hospital we say “thank you”.

~ Ron Finkel AM, Hadassah Australia President

In January 2023 we were honoured to share that Hadassah, Hadassah Hospital and Hadassah International were among the Jewish activists and NGOs awarded the 2023 Genesis Prize for their work to uphold Ukraine's independence and alleviate the suffering of the people of Ukraine in the wake of the humanitarian crisis caused by the war. (See pages 22-23 for more details of Hadassah recognition and awards).

We are immensely proud that our Australian community was able to play a significant part in this crucial campaign supporting the Hadassah's Ukraine Emergency Mission.



Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC)

“To be psychologically affected by trauma means horrible disability that doesn’t show up in physical scars. We would like to be able to say to everyone – if you need our help, we are here.”

~ Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub , Director of Hadassah Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Division

The mental health of children and adolescents has been a cornerstone passion for Hadassah Australia for many years. The Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC) is saving young lives in a city with an alarmingly high rate of youth trauma, the poorest city in the country.

In Dr Galili-Weisstub’s words: “The mission of the Child & Adolescent Services is to significantly improve the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents of Jerusalem. The JCIC is focused on evaluating and treating young clients in need of urgent professional help. Some may suffer from early stage post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other developed self-harming and suicidal behaviour as an expression of their deep and complex psychic pain.”



L-R Dorit Jaffe, Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub, Dr Fortunato Benarroch

The JCIC is a division of Hadassah’s Unit of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Director Dr Galili-Weisstub, an inspirational leader in her field, heads a team of dedicated professionals that are unsurpassed in Israel, including Dr Fortunato Benarroch, Director of the Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress. Thanks to generous donors, Hadassah Australia continued to support the work of Dr Galili-Weisstub and her team to significantly support young clients suffering from early-stage PTSD and psychological stress.

The workload increased significantly in 2022, particularly with the pressure generated by the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit handled a flood of new, difficult cases, including eating disorders and suicidal tendencies, as well as demanding cases of child abuse, depression, self-harm, sleep and eating disorders.



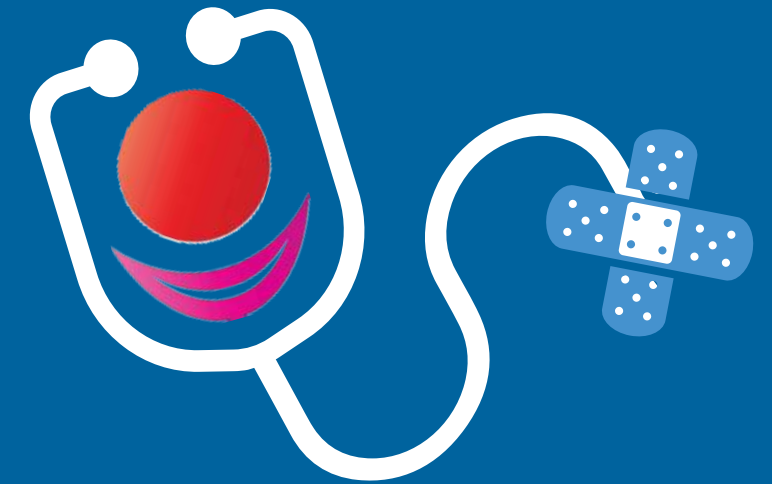
Medical Clown DuSH at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem

Medical Clowns

While Hadassah was an initiator of the Medical Clowns program, today there are medical clowns in many hospitals and aged care facilities in Israel.

Every dollar we raise buys one minute of medical clown's time at Hadassah. Each minute frees up about three and a half minutes of medical resources for its young patients.

Research shows that medically trained clowns reduce the stress levels in children, making it easier for medical staff to provide their services, which results in a shorter hospital stay for the children.



No hospital in Israel has the resources to fund Medical Clowns out of its operating budget. It might seem ironic given that the clowns make a demonstrable difference to a hospital's bottom line, but this is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. So hospitals rely on donations. If these dry up, the program will be curtailed and, in the worst possible scenario, will be forced to close.

Healing with Happiness.



Bat Ami Center

Caring for victims of violence and sexual abuse

Our 2022 Rosh Hashana campaign aimed to raise awareness and give hope and strength to the victims of abuse and sexual assault in Jerusalem.

Hadassah Australia is no stranger to the Bat Ami (in Hebrew “daughter of my people”) Center, a facility dedicated to immediate response for victims of sexual assault. Back in 2018, thanks to the support of our Australian community, a much needed colposcope was donated to Bat Ami, located at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital.



As the only designated acute care facility for victims of sexual assault in all of Jerusalem, an area serving a population of over 1.2 million people, almost every other day, a victim of sexual assault reaches out to the centre. More than a third of the victims are minors.

“Many people think of Jerusalem as the dream city, the City of Gold. But the reality is that it is a city of significant stress from violence, arbitrary acts of terrorism, and sexual assault with its

accompanying physical and mental agony. These issues underpin the critical need for the services provided by Bat Ami,” said Ron Finkel AM, Hadassah Australia President. Dr Dvora Bauman, the Director of Bat Ami, described the challenges facing the centre and spoke about initiatives that could strengthen the support for survivors of sexual abuse and for those providing acute care.

“The immediate treatment is of paramount importance because prevention of unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections is time limited, and unfortunately ineffective after 3-5 days. In addition, the signs of violence that may be the only evidence of the crime – and play an essential role in the justice process – usually disappear after a few days.”

Beyond the colposcope that has proven to be so vital for the centre’s ongoing work, and in addition to providing immediate physical and emotional care to victims, Dr Bauman indicated that we could further help the centre by supporting two initiatives going forward:

A medical clowning program for young victims of sexual assault. Recent studies show that having a medical clown as part of the first responder team can be beneficial in helping children express their feelings and increase disclosure. The clown helps alleviate stress and tension, not only for the children and their families, but also for the treating team.

A support program for the Bat Ami team to reduce compassion fatigue and burnout. The negative cost of caring for survivors of sexual abuse and violence is known as compassion fatigue and burnout, leading to emotional and physical exhaustion which ultimately affects the quality of the medical therapy. We can help the professional team with ongoing relief through workshops and other research-based techniques.

“The term Bat Ami captures the special bond staff share with those coming for help and support. Bat Ami is synonymous with compassion and hope, indicating to victims that they are not alone. We stretch out our arms to say we are with you all the way.

~ Ruth Rosen, Executive Director Hadassah Australia

Rosen put it this way: Meeting Dvora again in person confirmed to us the reason for our support. Dr Bauman exudes warmth at the same time as she very professionally explains the details of how things happen when victims of sexual assault are welcomed to the Bat Ami Center at Hadassah Ein Kerem.

Dr Bauman explains: “Bat Ami is available 24/7 with our team of physicians, nurses and social workers, diverse in their backgrounds and cultures, able and willing to respond to the calls for immediate assistance”.

The statistics are horrifying; almost every other day, a victim of sexual assault reaches out to the centre and even more disturbing, more than a third of the victims are minors.

“Bat Ami is the only designated acute care facility for victims of sexual assault in all of greater Jerusalem, an area serving a population of over 1.2 million people”. ~ Dr Dvora Bauman

Meeting Dvora Bauman and her team reinforced our desire to support their work in providing acute care to victims, supporting victims with immediate treatment and empathy. Dorit Jaffe explained: “We sat in the office where interviews take place. We saw the private bathroom and shower facilities, and the colposcope that is used to ensure victims have access to evidence if they wish to pursue the criminal justice path”. At the same time, she noted that Dr Bauman explained the needs of the centre in its provision of immediate care and in giving back a sense of control to the survivors, emphasising that: “there is a need for augmented programs for victims, particularly children, as well as a program to combat burnout and compassion fatigue for the support team”.



L-R Dr Dvora Bauman and Dr Mushira Abu-Dia with the colposcope

Bat Ami staff (L-R), Social Worker Nurit Seidel Levy, Center Director Dr Dvora Bauman and Nurse Gitit Hadashi.

Goshen

Community Child Health & Well Being

Meeting the senior Goshen team in Jerusalem in November, Ruth Rosen and Dorit Jaffe were immersed in the vision of reimagined childhood healthcare to embrace the development and wellbeing of every child, with special focus on better health equity for vulnerable communities.

Goshen was established in 2014 by Israel's leading paediatricians and Australia's internationally renowned Professor Frank Oberklaid AM through Hadassah Australia. Investing in early childhood development is the best economic investment any country can make. It is the best way to address intergenerational poverty and increase the future prosperity of nations.

The senior team at Goshen, many of whom were trained by Prof Oberklaid AM at the Centre for Community Child Health at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, lead the way in community paediatric research and in influencing policy at the macro level and behaviour at the level of paediatricians and parents on the ground.

The Goshen leadership team clarified that a combination of national budget limitations, an increasing lack of doctors and the structure of health care incentives means that doctors have limited time to explore with patients developmental and emotional challenges. Opportunities for timely interventions for infants and children, especially those from vulnerable populations, are often missed.

As Goshen Director, Yonit Levanon explained: "Community paediatricians are insufficiently integrated with therapists and educators in the community, and, at the same time, parents can get lost in the maze of information overload available today. They do not know where to turn to access user-friendly, evidence-based parenting resources that can help them understand and care for their children that results in healthy outcomes.



L-R Yonit Levanon (Organisation Director, Goshen) Dorit Jaffe, Ruth Rosen, Dr Hava Gadassi (Medical Director, Goshen), Noa Bronstein-Amon (Comms Director, Goshen)

Goshen is undoubtedly making a difference to Israel's perception of children's health and wellbeing.

Hadassah Australia was there from the outset in 2014, a dedicated supporter of the vision and mission of Goshen to radically change Israeli children's lives, especially the lives of those that are most vulnerable and marginalised. Goshen's mission to create a holistic community healthcare environment the education system, social services and the family in a pioneering approach to 21st century early child development, mental health and wellbeing.

The needs are great, and Goshen's impressive mission and re-imagining of a better future are summed up in the words of Goshen Chair, Prof Eitan Kerem.

"Children are 30% of the population but 100% of our future".

~ Professor Eitan Kerem, Goshen Chair



The number of children whose developmental needs are detected early.



The percentage of community pediatricians who have the knowledge and tools to promote optimal pediatric care.



The response of community pediatricians to developmental and behavioral issues.



The number of parents who have knowledge and information about child development, health and behavior

Medical Research



AUSiMED was launched by Hadassah Australia in 2013 as an independent entity. Since that time, Hadassah Australia and AUSiMED have been working together to foster innovative biomedical research collaborations between leading Australian and Israeli clinicians and scientists.



2022 was a particularly impactful example of the power of AUSiMED's bi-national model. AUSiMED delivered two major initiatives while continuing its commitment to world-leading Australia-Israel collaborative clinical research initiatives and Fellowships.

In September 2022, AUSiMED hosted the highly successful 2nd Jerusalem International Conference on Trauma and Mental Health in partnership with co-hosts Hadassah Australia, The Phoenix Institute and Hadassah Medical Center. The conference delivered a powerful program covering innovative approaches to the treatment of PTSD to over 250 participants from Europe, the Middle East, Australia, and North America and included keynote addresses from international PTSD experts – Richard Bryant, Barbara Rothbaum, Simon Wessely, Tine Jensen, Yair Bar Haim, Omer Bonne, Rick Doblin, Esti Galili-Weisstub and David Forbes. The conference facilitated regional partnerships and opportunities to introduce new Israeli PTSD treatments to Australia.

Keynote Speakers



L-R Top: Prof Richard Bryant, Prof Omer Bone, Prof Tine Jensen, Shafiq Masalha, Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub
L-R Bottom: Prof Sir Simon Wessely, Rick Doblin, Prof Yair Bar Haim, Prof David Forbes, Prof Barbara Rothbaum

Hadassah is proudly a leader in Israel's clinical medical research. Its two hospitals have about 300 scientists (doctors and researchers) and about 200 graduate and postgraduate students engaged in all levels of medical research - basic, translational and clinical.

The research laboratories at Hadassah are an integral part of the medical departments and in addition there are a number of interdepartmental research centres including: the Institute of Genetic Therapy, the Center for Embryonic Stem Cell Research, the Experimental Surgery Unit, the Cyclotron Unit for New Imaging Materials.

In addition, Hadassah's state-of-the-art biotechnology park is located in the heart of the Ein Kerem Hadassah campus and is tailored to the needs of biotech companies who partner with Hadassah's medical professionals to develop therapeutic life science technologies.

Working collaboratively, Hadassah Australia and AUSiMED have continued to introduce Australian and Israeli researchers to one another.

AUSiMED Mission 2022



The COVID-19 Australian Public Health and Research Delegation to Israel was another major AUSiMED achievement of 2022. Led by Prof Sharon Lewin AO, Director of the Doherty Institute and AUSiMED Board Director, a delegation of 15 eminent Australian public health officials and scientists met top Israeli health officials and practitioners to further deepen the person-to-person networks between Australia and Israel and inform ongoing management of the COVID-19 pandemic and potentially other infectious diseases in the future.

The delegation included Dr Kerry Chant, NSW chief health officer, Professor Allen Cheng – former co-chair of the ATAGI COVID-19 Working Group, vaccine expert Associate Professor Nigel Crawford and others who helped guide the Australian government's pandemic policy. Reported widely in the Australian Jewish media, the importance of the delegation's visit to Israel cannot be overestimated.

Celebrating with Rachel and Izzy



Towards the end of 2022 we heard that Rachel Feldman and Izzy Rubenstein, students at Mt Scopus College, were keen to donate to Hadassah. We asked why they chose the Medical Clowns program.

They were very clear. Before their Bat Mitzvah celebration, Rachel and Izzy knew that they wanted to request donations in lieu of gifts. They wanted funds raised to go towards supporting children in Israel.

After careful thought, they decided that Hadassah's Medical Clown Program was the perfect match. They loved the fact that medical clowns are able to reduce the stress levels in children, making it easier for doctors and nurses to manage which often means a shorter hospital stay for the children.

Rachel and Izzy were each presented with a Hadassah Certificate of Appreciation by Executive Director, Ruth Rosen, gratefully acknowledging their wonderful generosity in supporting the Hadassah Medical Clowns Program.

And Hadassah's senior medical clown, DuSH Barashi, was similarly touched by the gift and prepared a thank you video for the girls.

We honour and celebrate those generous donors who share their joyous occasions with friends and family by making a gift to our Medical Clowns program. We are enormously proud and grateful!

Mazal Tov Prof Frank Oberklaid AM

President Ron Finkel AM and Treasurer Philip Zajac presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Prof Frank Oberklaid AM, congratulating him on being named Victorian Senior Australian of the Year. Prof Oberklaid AM is a paediatrician and founding director of the Centre for Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital.



In Ron's words: "This is an outstanding recognition of Frank's significant contribution to children's health and wellbeing in Australia, Israel and around the world."

Frank is a founding member of Goshen, a key Hadassah Australia project which is transforming the world of Israeli paediatricians, nurses and associated healthcare professionals and parents. He is an internationally recognised authority and advocate for children's health focusing on helping children with developmental and behavioural problems through research-based programs. (refer to page 24)

Kol Hachavod



**בהדסה,
כולנו ביחד!**
צוות, חולים ומשפחות

**At Hadassah,
we are all together!**
Staff, patients and families

في هداسا، كلنا معاً!
طاقم العمل، المرضى والعائلات





HADASSAH RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Newsweek

The Cardiology Department and the Sharett Institute of Oncology at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem were both recognized for their excellence in the 2022 Newsweek magazine survey of the 250 best hospitals in the world. The rankings are based on surveys and recommendations from leading health professionals around the world.

Newsweek also included Hadassah Ein Kerem in its list of the world's best "smart" hospitals for 2023. According to the magazine, "The hospitals that appear on the list of the 'smartest' in the world are the ones that make the most correct and efficient use of the most advanced technologies. The world's best smart hospitals rank medical centres in 28 countries, leading in their use of artificial intelligence, digital imaging telemedicine, robotics, and electronic functions."

Hadassah Director General Prof. Yoram Weiss commented, "Hadassah has earned its name in Israel and around the world as

a leading centre of excellence, where first-class experts in the fields of medicine and science work, provide professional and humane medical care, leading in research and smart technological developments and training the next generation of physicians in Israel."

"The achievements that the magazine has chosen to honour vis-à-vis the great work at Hadassah—oncology, cardiology, and the use of advanced technological systems—are a huge source of pride and a spotlight directed at only a small part of what happens here every day by Hadassah staff in all departments, for the future of medicine."

Ministry of Health Score

The Israel Ministry of Health rated Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus first in the small hospital category and Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem second in the major hospital category. Both received the maximum score of 10.

The score sheet takes into account a vast array of services. Among them are the ability to perform heart catheterization in under 90 minutes from the moment a patient is admitted (Israel tops the world in this category), stroke treatment, prevention of in-hospital infections and detection of depression among its patients. Waiting times for a patient's triage in Hadassah Ein

Kerem's emergency room average just 5 minutes, according to the document.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduction in hospital activity, quality of treatment was not affected either in the COVID-19 outbreak units or in the regular departments.

In acknowledgement of Hadassah's amazing response at the onset of the Ukrainian humanitarian disaster in March 2022, the Genesis Prize — aka the "Jewish Nobel" — announced that Hadassah, the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) and Hadassah International had been awarded the 2023 Prize. The collective award, awarded to Jewish activists and NGOs for their work supporting the Ukrainian people in the wake of the humanitarian crisis and in responding to the extraordinary circumstances of the war in Ukraine and the outstanding response of the global Jewish community.



A statement from Stan Polovets, Chairman/ Founder of the Genesis Prize Foundation, and Trustee Natan Sharansky in early January 2023 noted that "The past eleven months have been unlike any

previous period in the 10-year history of the Genesis Prize, with war, destruction, and human suffering on a scale unseen since World War II. But there has also been human kindness, compassion, and activism on an unprecedented scale. Across the world, thousands of individuals and organizations

were moved to action – making a moral choice to volunteer, donate money, shelter refugees, and engage in political advocacy."

When the bombs first dropped on Ukraine, Hadassah, HMO and Hadassah International joined forces to get the first hospital shipment of humanitarian supplies to refugees. Over the next few months, Hadassah sent 15 medical delegations to help Ukrainians, bringing HMO expertise on mass casualties and trauma response where it was desperately needed. Hadassah set up and ran medical clinics on the Ukraine/Poland border, and collaborated with the World Health Organization, Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières, and others to treat over 35,000 Ukrainian refugees. In Israel, over 50 young refugees were given a new home at our Youth Aliyah villages.

Responding, Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow, CEO Naomi Adler, and Hadassah International Executive Director Jorge Diener noted "As an organization committed to healing, we are so grateful to everyone who made this work possible, including the generous donors who together raised nearly U\$1.7 million to make Hadassah's humanitarian efforts possible and the volunteers, medical professionals and staff who helped bring these efforts to life. We thank the Genesis Prize for taking this opportunity to recognize the humanitarian efforts of the Jewish community."

HI Leadership Retreat Jerusalem



In November Hadassah Australia participated in the awe-inspiring Hadassah International (HI) Leaders Retreat in Jerusalem. President Ron Finkel AM, Executive Director Ruth Rosen and Development Director Dorit Jaffe joined 40 participants from around the world in Jerusalem to learn and contribute to strategic discussions.

HI is an amazing organisation with people around the globe living the values of Hadassah Founder, Henrietta Szold, and working to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Jerusalem, Israel and the world.

The highlight was seeing the progress of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center – it is magnificent! And understanding the impact it will have for the 1.5 million residents of the Jerusalem area compared to the current situation, is astounding: state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, pools, rooms, gardens, spaces for families – the architect has truly been briefed by the professionals and the centre is a dream coming true!

Young Hadassah International

HA Development Director Dorit Jaffe joined the newly formed Young Hadassah Without Borders group. She was inspired and enthused to meet with 40 young leaders - what an experience it was!



Young Hadassah Without Borders is a Hadassah International (HI) program for young international leaders who become ambassadors of Hadassah in their country/region. The program allows its participants, 25–45-year-old men and women from different backgrounds, to develop an international network of like-minded people who meet regularly to and have access to exclusive innovative investing and partnership opportunities in Israel.

“It was one of the highlights of my career meeting with the amazing group of young, dynamic professionals whose common goal is to improve and heal the world through connecting with Hadassah.”

~ Dorit Jaffe.


The young leaders group consisted of 40 participants from countries as diverse as Chile, Argentina, Switzerland, Croatia, UK, Australia, France, New Zealand and more, with backgrounds in business leadership and management, health research, communication and technology.




GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIALS

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We acknowledge with sincere thanks our Board, President Ron Finkel AM, Lynda Brest, Julian Gillis and Philip Zajac and Hadassah International representative Robert Dorfman, for their ongoing encouragement and support.




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We thank the Achotenu Development Committee members whose passion and support are enabling us to reach more people and share our inspiration – Lynda Brest (Chair), Lee Ann Bassier, Dr Mark Suss, Harry Rosenberg, Philip Zajac and Ron Finkel AM.




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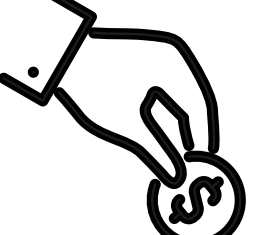
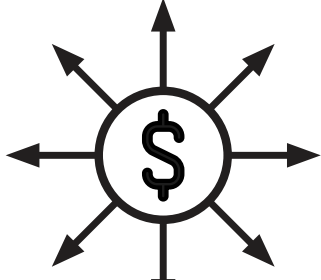


Our Team

Thank you to our dedicated and passionate staff – Ruth Rosen, Dorit Jaffe, Sean Nochomovitz, Liora Keidar and Daniel Baise. Warm thanks to former colleagues, Shani Burnie and Rose Livingston, for all their tireless efforts.



L-R Daniel Baise, Liora Keidar, Ruth Rosen, Ron Finkel AM, Sean Nochomovitz, Dorit Jaffe,

Financials 2022


Private Donors  10%	Foundations and Trusts  70%	Auspiced Donations  20%
Program Distributions  96%	Fundraising costs as % of total revenue  4%	Transfer of Auspiced donations  96%

Auditor's Independence Declaration
to the Directors of Hadassah Charity Limited (ABN: 63 612 863 064)

In accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Hadassah Charity Limited's financial report, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022, there have been:

- 1. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, or the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- 2. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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ASIC Registered Company Auditor Number: 323947

Signed in Melbourne this 24th day of May 2023.

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Toda Raba to our significant supporters, partners, sponsors and our community of generous donors.

2022 was an eventful year for Hadassah Australia and the global community and we thank all our supporters, large and small, for being with us on the journey.

Through love for Israel and its people, we live the values and vision of Hadassah’s founder, Henrietta Szold, to inspire excellence and innovation, provide the highest healthcare standards, scholarship and practices in Israel and be a bridge to peace, forging links between peoples of all nationalities, races, and religions.

We are proud of Hadassah Australia, an organisation whose passion for healing is the essence of its DNA. We look to what brings hope and a better future.



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